

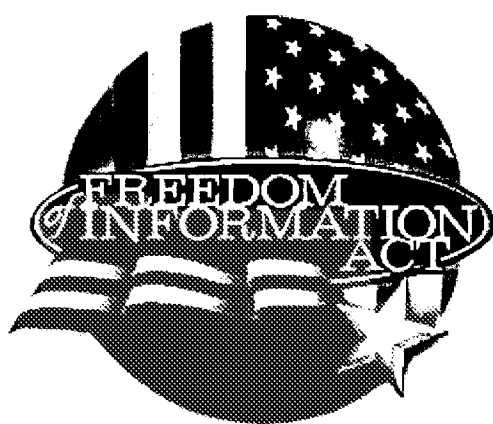
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SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT: Omaha, Nebraska	DATE WHEN MADE: 5-13-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5-2, 6, 9 & 10-35	REPORT MADE BY: J. H. FRANZ
TITLE: 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; SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. 1240; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241, - et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p><u>Synopsis of Facts:</u> No correspondence received as result of her listing with Get Acquainted Club by Miss Imogene E. Short, Mrs. Muriel Cramer or Mrs. Stella Kosmicki.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p><u>REFERENCE:</u> Circular letter from Chicago Office to all field offices, dated 2-14-35.</p> <p><u>DETAILS:</u> The following individuals were interviewed relative to any communications they may have received due to their listing with the Get Acquainted Club from Mr. George Lawrence Harper. None of these persons have received any communications bearing this signature, but all of them expressed a desire to cooperate with the Bureau and said that they would forward to us any information or communication they received from a George Lawrence Harper:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Miss Imogene E. Short, Indianola, Nebraska; Mrs. Muriel Cramer, Route #1, Box #16, Smithfield, Nebraska; Mrs. Stella Kosmicki, Richfield, Nebraska.</p> <p>An investigation at Benedict, Nebraska revealed that Miss Louise Harms has moved to Shenandoah, Iowa where she can be reached in care of General Delivery.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Werner Hamme</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7-576-6002 MAY 15 1935 MAY 15 A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <i>ONE</i> FILE	
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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OMAHA OFFICE at Shenandoah, Iowa will interview Miss Louise Harms relative to any communication she may have received from George Lawrence Harper.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

May 14, 1935.

AIR MAIL

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218, FUGITIVE;
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;
WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239;
MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to the teletype message from this office
dated May 13, 1935, at 5:40 P.M., in the above-entitled case.

Mr. W. Jarva, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer of the
Edison General Electric Appliance Company, 5600 West Taylor Street,
Chicago, communicated with the Chicago Bureau Office on May 14, 1935
and advised that his company had received a special delivery letter
postmarked at Charleston, West Virginia, 3:30 P.M., May 13, 1935, from
Mrs. Bertha J. Mairs, Station B, Charleston, West Virginia, advising
that she had noticed in a newspaper article that their company had been
robbed of \$3800.00. She indicated that she could be of assistance to
the company in locating the perpetrators of the robbery and might be
able to regain the money stolen in the robbery. She further inferred
that she would expect to be paid in the event she was successful. She
advised that this would be a dangerous undertaking on her part and
that there was a great probability that she might lose her life if it
became known that she was aiding the company in determining the iden-
tity of the robbers and assisting in regaining the money which was
stolen.

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A day letter has been transmitted to the Pittsburgh Bureau Office on this date requesting that appropriate investigation be conducted to ascertain if this individual has any information concerning the identity of the individuals who perpetrated the robbery of the Edison General Electric Appliance Company.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

APB/ehc
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CC: St. Paul
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 13, 1935

Time - 12:10 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

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Mr. Connelley telephoned from Louisville, Kentucky, in regard to the surveillance and investigation being conducted there in the above case. He stated that Agent Dill, in an undercover conversation with Kerr, one of the men under surveillance, had ascertained that Kerr and the others had not been successful in their negotiations to open a dog track, and that the only reason for their remaining in Louisville was the fact that they have their room rent paid in advance on the apartment in which they are residing. Kerr indicated that he and his partners would leave Louisville possibly within the next day or two, and would return to Chicago.

Mr. Connelley said that the last address they have on these men in Chicago is an address written on an old insurance receipt, and he understands that the building at this address has been destroyed by fire; that in view of this, we do not know the address to which these men are going in Chicago. However, he said that he is going to leave four or five men down there to take care of the situation in case the men leave, and ascertain on what highway they are traveling; that as soon as this information is ascertained, it will be transmitted to the Chicago Office; that if it appears impossible for the Chicago Office to pick the men up on the outskirts of Chicago, the men from Louisville will follow them on into Chicago. He said that the men will be traveling in two cars, and the Agents also will be in two cars.

Mr. Connelley said that he has called the Indianapolis Office, and they are going to get their equipment out of Louisville; that he will leave with Agents Bickley and Johnson this afternoon at 1:00 o'clock for Cincinnati.

Respectfully,

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E. A. TAMM

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

FILE NO. 7-4

REPORT MADE AT: Omaha, Nebraska	DATE WHEN MADE: 5-14-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-15 & 5-11-35	REPORT MADE BY: J. R. GREEN dr
TITLE: 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 HARPER, with aliases, I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HAMILSON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. 1240; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -- Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>Synopsis of Facts:</p> <p>Investigation at Lincoln, Nebraska disclosed that Postoffice Box #1008 was rented in the name of Ellen E. Vavak, giving her address as 1412 R. Street. Ellen E. Vavak now residing in Wisconsin, having married a Bohemian, Anna A. Clause, 1435 S. Street, stated that neither she nor Ellen Vavak had received any correspondence from George Lawrence Harper, the alias of Volney Davis, used by him when joining the Get Acquainted Correspondence Club of Denver, Colorado.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter of SAC, E. J. Connelley, dated at Chicago 2-14-35.</p> <p>DETAILS: Under date of March 15, 1935 the following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent J. R. Green at Omaha, Nebraska:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*In connection with an investigation made by Agent in the above entitled matter under date of March 7th, Agent was not able to complete same concerning interviews with Anna A. Clause and Ellen E. Warwick, Box 1008, Lincoln, Nebraska, mentioned in the letter of</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Werner Hanni</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: 7-576-6006 MAY 16 1935 CHECKED OFF: MAY 23 1935 JACKETED:	
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SAC E. J. Connelley to this office, dated 2-14-35, as members of The Get Acquainted Correspondence Club of Denver, Colorado. An examination of the city telephone directory did not include their names, while the 1934 Lincoln City Directory disclosed an Anna Clause at 1435 S. Street, a student, but name of Ellen E. Warwick was not listed.

"E. G. Bivens, Superintendent of Mails, Postoffice, Lincoln, Nebraska, advised that their Postoffice Box #1008 was rented in the name of Ellen E. Vavak, 1412 R. Street, Lincoln, October 6, 1934; that they had no records on Anna A. Clause or Ellen E. Warwick, however, it is presumed that Ellen E. Vavak and Ellen E. Warwick is the one and same person. This investigation will be continued at the earliest possible date."

This matter not having been followed up during Agent's absence, while at Lincoln, Nebraska, he reinterviewed Superintendent of Mails E. G. Bivens at the Lincoln Postoffice, who advised that aforesaid Postoffice Box was still held in the name of Ellen E. Vavak, 1412 R. Street.

Mrs. Nelson, landlady, 1412 R. Street, stated that Miss Ellen E. Vavak had resided at her place until the forepart of February when she married a Bohemian and removed to some place in Wisconsin; that Miss Vavak had been a student at the Nebraska University School of Music and had come from Prague, Nebraska; that she was a friend of Anna A. Clause who was presently rooming at 1435 S. Street.

Anna Clause, 1435 S. Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, stated that she was a student at the University School of Music, Lincoln, Nebraska and had been a close associate of Ellen E. Vavak, whose home had been at Prague, Nebraska; that early in the spring of this year, Ellen Vavak married a Bohemian, and she was now living some place in Wisconsin, the name of the town not being known to her; that she had become acquainted with this party through notices placed in a Bohemian paper; that she had joined the Get Acquainted Correspondence Club of Denver, Colorado at the solicitation of Ellen Vavak who had used the name of Ellen Warwick in listing herself as a member of the aforesaid Get Acquainted Correspondence Club of Denver, Colorado, but that neither of them had secured any communication or correspondence from anyone by the name of Harper. She stated that if she did so she would communicate immediately with the Omaha Bureau Office. She further stated that she and Ellen Vavak had shown each other the letters received through their membership in this club, and that she positively knew that Ellen Vavak had not received any correspondence from subject Davis.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 7-26

REPORT MADE AT: DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE: 5/14/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/6/35	REPORT MADE BY: A. A. MUZZEY
TITLE: 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 SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. 1240; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

Bureau of Records, Detroit Police Department, reflect the arrest of William Stevens and George King on 11/10/17, charge Fugitive. Both men turned over to Detective James A. Weare, Minneapolis Police Department. Not fingerprinted at the time of their arrest. William Heeney had no criminal record in Detroit. Same determined through Bureau of Records and Bureau of Identification.

REFERENCE:

Bureau letter to Chicago office dated 4/12/35.

DETAILS:

At the Bureau of Records, Detroit Police Department, Detroit, Michigan, it was ascertained that the records

there reflect the arrest of William Stevens and George King on November 10, 1917, but do not reflect the arrest of William Heeney at any time. William Stevens gave his address as the Sarah Apartments, Detroit, Michigan, at the time of his arrest and was booked on the charge of being a fugitive. The following is a description of Stevens as obtained from the record card in the Record Bureau:

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>D. L. Nicholson</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-6007	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAY 16 1935
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Name: William Stevens
Nationality: American Jew
Age: 33 years
Sex: Male
Color: White
Height: 5 feet 5 inches
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown
Build: Slim
Complexion: Dark
Occupation: Hotel Keeper

George King arrested on November 10, 1917, with Stevens gave his address as Chicago, Illinois, and the following is a description of him:

Name: George King
Nationality: American
Age: 26 years
Sex: Male
Color: White
Height: 5 feet 11 inches
Weight: 160 pounds
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown
Build: Slim
Occupation: Taxi Driver

Stevens and King, as indicated, were arrested on November 10, 1917, and not on November 12, 1917; were booked as fugitives and on the same day were turned over to Detective James A. Weare of the Minneapolis Police Department and returned to that City. Stevens and King were not fingerprinted at the time of their arrest and there is nothing to indicate on their record cards that William Heeney was connected or was an accomplice at the time of their arrest. No record of William Heeney having been arrested was found at the Bureau of Records.

At the Bureau of Identification, Detroit Police Department, the files do not indicate that anyone of the three-above-mentioned were on record as having been arrested by the Detroit Police Department.

The fingerprint files of the Bureau were checked with the photostatic copy of the fingerprint card of William Heeney which was forwarded to this office by the Bureau, and no identification was made.

The name index file was also searched and did not reflect the name of William Heeney, Haney, Heaney as having ever been arrested and fingerprinted by the Detroit Police Department.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

326¹ Post Office Building,

New Orleans, La.

May 13, 1935.

DM:cw.

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

Dear Sir:

Kindly be advised that Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, of the Cincinnati Bureau Office, arrived at New Orleans, Louisiana, 7:55 a.m., May 5, 1935, from Cincinnati, Ohio, on special assignment on the Bremer kidnaping case.

He departed from New Orleans at 8:20 p.m. on May 7, 1935, for Louisville, Kentucky.

Very truly yours,

D. W. Magee

D. W. Magee,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cincinnati
Indianapolis

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owner Ford Coupe Missouri license six five eight eleven wire results

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Missouri Please handle and wire Indianapolis

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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PITTSBURGH PENNSYLVANIA

BREKID EDISON GENERAL ELECTRIC APPLIANCE COMPANY CHICAGO ROBBED BY FIVE
INDIVIDUALS THREE IN POLICE UNIFORM AND TWO IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES MAY NINE
NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE SUBJECTS HARRY CAMPBELL AND VOLNEY DAVIS IDENTIFIED
BY GUARDS AS PARTICIPANTS SPECIAL DELIVERY LETTER RECEIVED ABOVE COMPANY
FROM BERTHA J MAIRS STATION B CHARLESTON WEST VIRGINIA ADVISING SHE MIGHT
BE ABLE TO LOCATE INDIVIDUALS WHO COMMITTED ROBBERY AND REGAIN MONEY FOR
COMPANY DETERMINE IF THIS INDIVIDUAL HAS INFORMATION CONCERNING IDENTITY
OF ROBBERS

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

Jax FILE NO. 7-24

REPORT MADE AT: Jacksonville, Fla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 5/14/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/7/35	REPORT MADE BY: S. K. McKee
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, IO #1218 - FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, IO #1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, IO #1237 - FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, IO #1232; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, IO #1238; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, IO #1240; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, IO #1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, IO #1241; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: H. G. Frazer, Federal Reserve Bank, Havana, Cuba, stated no records of serial numbers of bills, either received or distributed, are maintained. L. S. Rosenthal of Chase National Bank and J. F. Dawson of National City Bank, both of Havana, stated their respective banks do not keep records of serial numbers of bills received from Federal Reserve or other banks, or distributed to individual customers.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from SAC E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, to Birmingham Office, dated April 20, 1935, and report of Special Agent John E. Lunsford, Birmingham, Alabama, April 30, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS: At Havana, Cuba:</p> <p>H. G. Frazer, Federal Reserve Bank, Havana, Cuba, was interviewed for information concerning the possibility of tracing the intact package of fifty one thousand dollar bills which were received by Cassius McDonald from the Havana Branch of the Chase National Bank on September 10, 1934, and which are thought to have gone into the hands of members of the Karpis-Barker gang. Mr. Frazer stated that absolutely no records are kept of the currency received from the parent bank in Atlanta, Georgia, that is of the serial numbers of such currency, or of currency sold to member banks in Cuba. He advised that the banking situation in Havana is peculiar in that all of the clearing-house operations are carried on through the medium of currency rather than checks; that the banks use large bills for their clearing house negotiations, and for that</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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reason the banks charge each other premiums for exchanging small bills for large bills, the premium being on the large bills. He stated that because of the use of large bills in clearing house operations, there is an extremely large quantity of bills of large denominations in circulation in Havana. He said he estimated that at least eighty per cent of the five hundred and one thousand dollar bills issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta are shipped to Havana for distribution.

Mr. Frazer's attention was called to the fact that the one thousand dollar bills bearing serial numbers F00022457A, F00022463A, and F00022464A were shipped to Havana under date of May 26, 1934. He examined the records of the bank relating to sales of one thousand dollar bills to the Chase National Bank and ascertained that a sale of \$100,000, in thousands was made on June 6, 1934, and another in the amount of \$75,000 under date of June 8, 1934. The last sale of such bills prior to the above sales was in January, 1934, while the next sale was on December 28, 1934. Such bills are packed in packages of one hundred each by the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank. Mr. Frazer said the Chase National Bank might have split a package in two, so as to make what appeared like an unbroken package of fifty one thousand dollar bills. He said that it might be reasonable to presume that the unbroken package in question, which was secured from the Chase National Bank by McDonald, was made up of bills numbered from F00022451A to F00022500A, but that such a presumption would come under the head of a guess as no record to the sale of these particular bills to the bank existed. He called attention to the fact that the Chase National Bank might, also, have received any of the thousand dollar bills in its possession from some other local bank through exchanges.

Messrs. J. F. Dawson of the National City Bank and L. S. Rosenthal of the Chase National Bank were interviewed and they both informed that their banks do not maintain records as to the serial numbers of any currency, either received from the Federal Reserve Bank or from any other bank. They both stated that such a practice was out of the question in Havana because of the large use of bills of large denominations in the way of clearing house operations.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD: THE CINCINNATI OFFICE will consider the advisability of circularizing banks with the serial numbers of one thousand dollar bills beginning with F00022451A and ending with F00022500A, the selection of these numbers being on the presumption that they are the numbers of the bills which comprised the unbroken package received by Cassius McDonald from the Chase National Bank, the idea of such circularization being to secure information as to where the bills are presently located or where they might be changed, which data might be of value in effecting the apprehension of subjects Karpis, Campbell, Harrison and other fugitive subjects.

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June 4, 1935

Mr. J. P. MacFarland,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

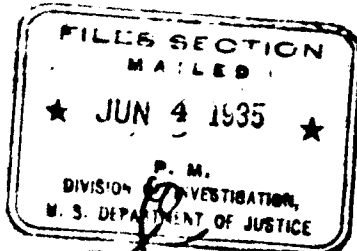
Dear Mr. MacFarland:

This will acknowledge your communication dated May 14, 1935, wherein you advised me that the Cleveland office is functioning in a fairly satisfactory manner at the present time.

It is noted that the Cleveland office has at the present time four Agents assigned to it and that Agents B. M. Birch and J. K. Collins are under transfer to that office. I am of the opinion that with the arrival of these two additional Agents the personnel situation in Cleveland will be well taken care of. If at any time in your opinion you believe that it is necessary that additional stenographic help be secured, it is requested that you immediately advise the Bureau so that appropriate steps can be taken to authorize the employment of such an employee so that the stenographic work in the Cleveland office will not become congested and delinquent.

With reference to the fourth paragraph of your communication wherein you advise that a contact was recently had with an individual in the Harvard Club at Cleveland, you are aware of the fact that the Bureau relies upon its Special Agents in Charge to make appropriate contacts such as this in the various field districts. This matter must, of course, be left to your judgment.

I am glad to hear that the Bureau enjoys the good will of the various business organizations and other Governmental departments, and I am sure that this good will can be enlarged upon through proper cooperation and contacts made by you.



Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio.

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May 14, 1935.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The writer is happy to report that at last the Cleveland office is functioning in a fairly satisfactory manner, considering the limited personnel available at this time to carry on the pending investigative work in this district.

As you undoubtedly know, there are numerous leads in the Barker-Karpis case in this district, which require attention, especially in the vicinity of Toledo. As the writer anticipated the early arrival of Special Agent R. D. Brown, the matter of giving attention to these leads has been held more or less in abeyance in that the writer felt that because of the intimate knowledge of the facts in this case by said special agent that it might be handled more efficiently and expeditiously by him than an agent who possibly is not as familiar with the situation in that case.

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It now looks as though Special Agent Brown will not be available for assignment in this district much before June, and the writer anticipates assigning these leads to another agent. The writer feels, however, that in the handling of the Karpis-Barker matter in this district the full time of the agent might be very effectively utilized in developing the leads existing here and feels that if it is at all possible to assign Special Agent Brown here at an earlier date the matter will be held in waiting his arrival.

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It might be indicated that a contact was recently had with an individual in the Harvard Club here, who is alleged to know the various members of this gang. This individual voluntarily offered Special Agent C. E. Smith of this office to identify himself with this organization for a compensation in the matter of the development of leads looking toward the apprehension of these desperate criminals. The young man involved is nineteen years of age, and while the writer feels a little bit skeptical at this time as to the desirability of openly approaching him with an offer of compensation for the furnishing of information which would be helpful in this case, in view of his age and in the light of the lack of knowledge as to his antecedents and motives, if they be of other than a compensatory nature, that provokes him to seek employment with the Bureau, it might be that the persons in control of the Harvard Club seek to foist this individual on the Bureau with a view to securing knowledge as to what the Bureau

Let Mr. MacFarland
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is endeavoring to learn in connection with the investigation of this case.

The work in this district is somewhat delinquent, and every effort is being made to assign the most delinquent cases for early investigative attention.

The office personnel at Cleveland appear to have some enthusiasm about their work, and it is the writer's belief that from the office personnel standpoint the Cleveland office has an efficient stenographic force.

When additional agents are assigned to this office the writer feels that it will be necessary to employ an additional stenographer. Serious consideration will be given to this matter before a definite request is made for authority to secure an additional stenographer.

The writer is very happy to report that since the advent of the opening of the Cleveland office no indications of intervention by outside forces or individuals has manifested itself, the general feeling in official circles being that everyone is happy again to see the Federal Bureau of Investigation again established in this city.

The other day Mr. H. K. Bruner, a former agent, and who is in charge of investigative personnel for the Alcohol Tax Unit, called on the writer and proffered his services in any way should the use thereof become necessary. He strikes me as being a pretty high-type individual; is more or less of the aggressive type and, in my opinion, by reason of his open and frank countenance strikes me as being a person who might be trusted.

I believe I mentioned to you in my letter of two or three days ago, covering the appearance of the writer at the banquet of the Brotherhood of Ohio State Police Officers of the exceptionally laudatory remarks made by Secretary of State George Myers of Ohio, who succeeded the writer as a speaker at the said banquet. The officers who attended the Banquet were quite cordial and friendly and seem to have good will for the Bureau, its Director and administrative officials.

The physical appearance of the Cleveland office has developed the maturity of a pleasing appearance, and the writer trusts that when and if you do take a jaunt to Chicago in the near future you will stop off here and look through the spacious offices, which are so well equipped and of which we, in Cleveland, feel very proud.

Sincerely,

(s) J. P. Mac Farland
Special Agent in Charge

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POST OFFICE BOX 812,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

May 14, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

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 LEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238;
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O.
1239; MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O.
2141; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
Victim - KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE-
ARMS ACT - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

With reference to your letter dated May 10, 1935, attached to which was a cable addressed to C. McDonald, Havana, Cuba, dated January 25, 1934, and signed "Shortall", investigation was conducted at the Western Union Telegraph Company, Chicago, Illinois. Information was there received that copies of all cables are destroyed after one year and that the copies of the above cable dated January 25, 1934, were destroyed on January 31, 1935. Mr. F. K. Butterfield, Special Agent of the Western Union Telegraph Company, advised that there was no possible way of ascertaining the identity of the sender of the above cable. He checked his record of cable addresses and stated that no individual or firm in Chicago used the cable address "Shortall".

The Chicago telephone directory lists ten different persons by the name of "Shortall" and inasmuch as reference is made to Gilfoyle, undoubtedly referring to Marty Gilfoyle, it is probable that the sender of the above cable is a gambler or a racketeer, and it is not believed that investigation of the above mentioned persons listed in the directory is justifiable unless the Jacksonville office advises to the contrary.

Very truly yours,

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Cincinnati
St. Paul

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M. H. FURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

Dear Sir:-

Special Agents J. S. Johnson and G. F. Bickley and
myself returned to Cincinnati, Ohio, at 5:00 P. M., on May 13, 1935
from Louisville, Kentucky.

Special Agents N. B. Klein and W. L. Buchanan remained
in Louisville to assist in the further surveillance of John Russell
Moran and William Kerin, together with Special Agents Dill, E. J. Wynn
and H. W. Costello of the Indianapolis Office. Agents Klein and
Buchanan are registered at the Tyler Hotel with the other Agents from
the Indianapolis Office.

Very truly yours,

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

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FILE NO. 7-25

REPORT MADE AT: DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE: 5-13-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5-6-35	REPORT MADE BY: A. A. MUZZEY
TITLE: 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.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Interview with Joseph Bell, Narcotic Agent, relative to outings at Cassius M. McDonald's hunting lodge at Watersmeet, Michigan, resulted in information of little value concerning identity of persons present. Further investigation regarding Cassius M. McDonald discloses possible acquaintance with Richard Galatas of the Kansas City Massacre case and one William Dale presently held at Rochester, New York in connection with a mail fraud case. No indication McDonald ever connected with Roundout mail robbery in 1924. Atlanta office of the Intelligence Unit, Bureau of Internal Revenue, conducting investigation relative to possible income tax violation; Detroit office of that unit conducting no investigation in this regard. McDonald never investigated as a subject in any case by Postal Inspectors.			
REFERENCE: Bureau letter to the Detroit Office dated April 24, 1935. Letter from the Jacksonville Office to the Detroit Office dated April 19, 1935.			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>D. S. Nicholson</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-6014	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAY 16 1935
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DETAILS:

Under date of May 6, 1935, Joseph Bell, Narcotic Agent stationed at the Detroit office of the Narcotic Bureau, was interviewed relative to Cassius M. McDonald. Mr. Bell expressed his willingness to cooperate with this office and stated that he would present all the information in his possession concerning this individual, he having previously conferred with Mr. Wm. Larson, former Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit Bureau Office relative to McDonald.

Mr. Bell advised that he became acquainted with Cassius McDonald about five or six years ago through some mutual acquaintances of his and McDonald's; that McDonald, upon learning that he had a position with the United States Government, told him of his wide acquaintance with prominent persons high in Governmental circles, mentioning particularly the names of Senators J. Lewis, Vandenberg and Couzens and that if he (Bell) ever desired his aid in bettering himself, he (McDonald) would exert his influence in that direction. McDonald further told him that he was well acquainted with Mr. J. Edgar Hoover and that if Mr. Bell ever desired to become affiliated with the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, he (McDonald) would personally see Mr. Hoover relative thereto. At first, Mr. Bell thought when McDonald spoke of Mr. Hoover that he had reference to former President of the United States Herbert Hoover but through later conversation with McDonald, he was informed by McDonald that the Mr. Hoover referred to as being an acquaintance of his was the Director of this Bureau.

Mr. Bell further advised that McDonald was originally from Chicago; that he was a graduate of Notre Dame University and was a forestry engineer. During the late World War it was his understanding that McDonald was employed by the Packard Motor Car Company and in his capacity of employment with that company passed upon the quality of timber used in fulfilling Government war-time contracts. At one time McDonald was reputed to own about 40,000 shares of Packard Motor Car Company stock, but it was Mr. Bell's understanding that McDonald lost possession of same in the financial crash. Mr. Bell further advised that McDonald's father was a prominent politician and contractor in the City of Chicago and owned extensive timber tracts in the northern section of Michigan; that upon his father's death, Cassius McDonald inherited these timber tracts and a sum of money estimated by him to be approximately \$2,000,000. It was Mr. Bell's understanding that the major portion of the inheritance left to him by his father was lost through McDonald's stock market manipulations. According to Mr. Bell, McDonald's wife is wealthy in her own right and comes from a very prominent family in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He further advised that he understood, through conversations with McDonald, that McDonald was in the Service during the late World War and had risen to the rank of Major.

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Mr. Bell further stated that during the past four or five years, McDonald has made frequent trips to Florida and to Cuba, often telling him that he was well acquainted with Honorable Jefferson Caffery, United States Ambassador to Cuba. In this connection, Mr. Bell stated that in speaking of Mr. Caffery, McDonald referred to him as "Jeff." Mr. Bell stated that he was particularly interested in McDonald's connections in Cuba inasmuch as he had heard that quite a large amount of narcotics was being smuggled into the States from Cuba and that he had asked McDonald to ascertain any possible sources through which this dope smuggling was being carried on, inasmuch as it would aid him in his position as a narcotic agent and that McDonald had told him if he learned anything about the dope smuggling angle, he would notify him.

For further information regarding McDonald's connections in Cuba, Mr. Bell referred Agent to Mert Wortheimer who he thinks now operates the Beach and Tennis Club at Miami, Florida, stating that Wortheimer was originally from Detroit and undoubtedly knows McDonald inasmuch as he has heard McDonald speak of Wortheimer.

Mr. Bell further advised that a few years ago when Charles A. Stoneham, owner of the New York Giants baseball team, and the late John McGraw, manager of the team, opened up the Casino in Havana, Cuba, they employed John MacFarland, brother of "Packy" MacFarland, old-time boxing champion, to be in charge of the Casino. MacFarland was also connected with the Hialeah Race Track and the Roney-Plaza Hotel in Miami and inasmuch as McDonald has been interested in gambling concessions, it was Mr. Bell's opinion that MacFarland would know a great deal about McDonald's connections. MacFarland, according to Mr. Bell, is now the head of the Davis Department Store in Chicago, Illinois. He suggested that MacFarland be interviewed relative to his acquaintance with McDonald as a possible source of information concerning McDonald.

Mr. Bell further stated that McDonald had told him that his purpose in going to Cuba was to form a gambling syndicate there and that the reason he had used the alias of McDaniel was because he did not want the gambling faction opposed to his activities along this line to know his true identity for fear of being placed "on the spot."

McDonald further told Mr. Bell that former President Michado of Cuba was a personal friend of his and through President Michado he expected to make his connections in Cuba. At the time of the beginning of the revolution in Cuba, Mr. Stoneham and Mr. McGraw sold out their interest in the Casino at Havana to two gamblers from Philadelphia who were brothers and whose name as remembered by Mr. Bell was either Kessling or Kessler and undoubtedly McDonald is known to both these men.

Mr. Bell was questioned as to just how wide an acquaintance McDonald had among people in Michigan and particularly as to the names of some of the persons who had visited his hunting lodge located just eight miles West of Watersmeet, Michigan. Mr. Bell stated that visitors are frequent to this lodge in spite of the fact that McDonald may or may not be present; that the hunting lodge is more or less regarded as an open house to friends of McDonald. Mr. Bell stated that he has been a guest at the lodge on several occasions and has met people of prominence there, mentioning particularly Senator Vandenberg; A. A. Carroll, Superintendent of Police at Grand Rapids, Michigan; Fred Frahm, Chief of Detectives of the Detroit Police Department; former Judge Charles Bartlett; executives of the Packard Motor Car Company and General Motors Corporation as well as others whose names he could not recall.

He further stated that at the time the late former President Calvin Coolidge was considering a place to fish and hunt in the north woods section of Michigan or Wisconsin, his choice lay between the lodge upon which he finally decided and McDonald's hunting lodge — McDonald having tendered the use of his lodge at Watersmeet to the President as a summer home.

All of this information Mr. Bell stated was gained by him through conversations had with McDonald and acquaintances of McDonald and Mr. Bell gathered that McDonald was really prominent in political and business circles and advised that he had a great deal of respect for McDonald. He further stated that at the time the newspapers carried the story of McDonald's arrest in Florida in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case, this was a shock and surprise to those who have known McDonald.

As to the possibility of the hunting lodge ever having been used as a hideout by subjects in instant case, Mr. Bell advised that this would be unlikely, even though the lodge itself in its secluded location would be a desirable hideout inasmuch as so many people visited it that no suspicion would attach to it as a hideout for fugitives. Mr. Bell further advised that if McDonald was in any way connected with the Bremer kidnaping gang, this connection probably came through the man who owns a hotel in Miami (evidently meaning Joe Adams, manager of the El Comodora Hotel).

Mr. Bell further advised that Richard Galatas, a subject in the Kansas City Massacre case, formerly operated a burlesque house at Detroit and was interested in various gambling enterprises in Detroit and it is Mr. Bell's impression that Galatas is known to McDonald and that Galatas could disclose some information about McDonald.

A few years ago, Charles Heintz (spelling by Bell) was McDonald's chauffeur and was investigated by the Narcotic Unit as a possible narcotic violator. It is Mr. Bell's understanding that Heintz is now doing time at either London or Toronto, Canada, for operating a confidence game. Heintz was very close to McDonald in his capacity as chauffeur and Mr. Bell has learned that Heintz is rather unfriendly to McDonald at the present time for the reason that McDonald would not "go to the front" for him.

Mr. Bell stated that undoubtedly McDonald has been associated with "big time" gamblers and confidence men but has kept so much in the background that very few people have ever suspected this and because of the fact that McDonald has circulated in the best circles, his acquaintance with confidence men and the underworld in general is not known to most people. Furthermore, Mr. Bell is of the opinion that McDonald is acquainted with Art Heberbrand and one Patton who operate the Harvard Club in Cleveland but he has never seen McDonald at this club and would have seen him if McDonald had been there for the reason that a narcotic case which Mr. Bell has under investigation has involved the Harvard Club and at the present time, according to Mr. Bell, narcotic agents are planted in the Harvard Club for the purpose of securing evidence.

Mr. Bell stated that he would attempt to ascertain any further connections McDonald might have with the underworld in general and would be happy to transmit this information to this office. However, during the course of the interview had with Mr. Bell, it was ascertained that he and McDonald are very friendly and although Mr. Bell seems quite sincere in his assurance that he will aid this office, it is also evident that he has not given all the information he possesses concerning McDonald's activities.

At the Detroit office of the Intelligence Unit of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Mr. W. J. Lefler, in charge of the office, stated that the Atlanta office of their unit has been conducting an investigation in Florida relative to any possible income tax violation on the part of McDonald and that a letter was addressed to him by the Atlanta office requesting that information be secured in Detroit relative thereto and that he had assigned one of the men in his office to do this and that the person assigned had been able to gain no information concerning any tax violation; that the only investigation conducted by him resulted in ascertaining that McDonald lived in Grosse Pointe and that his home was unoccupied except by the caretaker. Until Mr. Lefler is in receipt of leads from the Atlanta office relative to McDonald, no further investigation is being conducted by the Detroit office. Mr. Lefler referred Agent to the Atlanta office of the Intelligence Unit for any information regarding the investigation being conducted, stating that that office was the office primarily interested and that all information secured from investigations would be in the files of that office.

Agent ascertained from Postal Inspector Dale Peterson, Detroit, Michigan, that Cassius M. McDonald has never been investigated by the Post Office Department; that he (Inspector Peterson) had worked on the Roundout mail robbery which occurred in 1924; that this case had been handled out of Chicago but that he had been assigned to it and in the course of its investigation, the name of McDonald had not appeared nor was there any indication that McDonald was connected with it. However, Mr. Peterson advised that in an effort to apprehend one William Dale, in a case handled by the Postal Inspectors, he had learned from an outside source that Dale could be located through Cassius McDonald and that efforts had been made in this direction, it being reported that Dale was personally acquainted with McDonald. However, Dale was not located through McDonald but was apprehended in California about six weeks ago and was returned to Rochester, New York to answer charges of using the mails to defraud one William Click of Rochester. Mr. Peterson advised that Postal Inspector C. L. Booth of Rochester handled this case and that he would be in a position to give information concerning Dale and any possible connection between him and McDonald. Mr. Peterson had no further information to give concerning McDonald.

It should be stated here that it was ascertained from the Detroit Police Department that Charles Heintz, mentioned above as having been employed by McDonald as a chauffeur, has no criminal record at Detroit, Michigan. No effort is being made to contact Heintz at this time unless it is deemed advisable to do so.

In a letter from the Jacksonville Office to the Detroit Office dated April 19, 1935, it is indicated that in a letter addressed to Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, dated April 11, 1935, by the Bureau, that Cassius M. McDonald was interviewed by the Detroit Office on January 11, 1934 in connection with the case entitled "JOHN H. HOWARD et al - White Slave Traffic Act." A search of the card index files of the Detroit Office reveals no record of this case nor is there any indication that the Detroit Office is in possession of a case involving John H. Howard in connection with a violation of the White Slave Traffic Act.

In a memorandum submitted by former Special Agent J. L. Murphy of the Detroit Bureau Office, dated February 18, 1935, it is indicated that Mr. Tom McIntyre of the Detroit News called the Detroit Office and advised former Special Agent in Charge Wm. Larson that his paper had received information to the effect that Cassius McDonald had been picked up in Miami, Florida and, in going over their file on Cassius McDonald, he found several items which he thought the Detroit Office might be interested in. One article taken from the Detroit News of September 16, 1921 bears the caption, "Law Student Arrested." This article recites that Cassius McDonald, age 36, had been arrested at Detroit, Michigan, on a charge of larceny by trick; that he had re-

presented himself at a Grand River roadhouse as a friend of Governor Groesbeck's and promised immunity from arrest for selling liquor; that he had received a check for \$1,000 from the operator of this roadhouse. The second article was taken from the Detroit News of September 17, 1921 and bears the headline, "Sold Protection for \$1,000 a Year." This article states that Cassius M. McDonald, posing as a friend of Governor Groesbeck's and Charles Campau of the Department of Public Safety, agreed to sell protection to keepers of roadhouses; that he had obtained \$1,000 from a Grand River roadhouse for one year's protection and at the time of his arrest had this check in his possession. It appears that he promised the roadhouse proprietor that he could operate a faro game and roulette game as well as other gambling devices without interference from the State Police. The article states that investigation developed that McDonald was the son of a former saloonkeeper in Chicago and that his father was also a well known politician in Chicago. This memorandum further indicated that the records of the Detroit Police Department show that McDonald was released on \$2,000 bond, issued by Judge Wilkins and signed by Peter F. Wynn to appear on September 19, 1921. On that date, the case was discharged at the request of Assistant Prosecutor Speed.

The above information as set forth in memorandum of former Special Agent Murphy is being incorporated in this report for the reason that a perusal of the reports in the file does not show that same has ever been contained in reports and it is being shown here for whatever value it may have at the trial of Cassius McDonald.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The KANSAS CITY OFFICE will interview Richard Galatas, a subject in the Kansas City Massacre case, relative to any information he may possess concerning Cassius McDonald's association with the underworld.

The BUFFALO OFFICE at Rochester, New York, will contact Postal Inspector C. L. Booth regarding the case of William Dale in the use of the mails to defraud one William Click and obtain all information in his possession concerning Dale's association with McDonald. If Dale is presently held at Rochester, will interview him for any information he may have concerning McDonald.

The CHICAGO OFFICE at Chicago, Illinois, will interview John MacFarland at the Davis Department Store in regard to McDonald's connections with gambling concessions at Miami, Florida and Havana, Cuba.

The ATLANTA OFFICE at Atlanta, Georgia, will secure whatever information the Atlanta office of the Intelligence Unit of the Bureau of Internal Revenue has relative to the investigation conducted by that office of possible income tax violations on the part of McDonald.

The DETROIT OFFICE, at Watersmeet, Michigan, will conduct appropriate investigation to ascertain if any of the Subjects in this case have visited or are at the hunting lodge of Cassius McDonald.

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~~in~~ Detroit file # W 561

Case entitled:

John Dobbins

Tom Robinson

Mr. Dwing or De Wing and
Miss Land Conspiracy to
Violate White Slave T A.

F. H. Hessler dated Detroit 1-24-23

See Serial 31-2996-8

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June 22, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. 1215, et al.
Edward George Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
A. A. Hussey dated at Detroit, Michigan, May 13, 1935 in
the above entitled case, wherein on page six, third paragraph
there is contained a statement that a search of the card index
files of the Detroit Office reveals no record of the case en-
titled "John E. Howard, et al - White Slave Traffic Act". It
is noted that Cassius M. McDonald is reported to have been
interviewed at the Detroit Office on January 11, 1934 in connec-
tion with this latter case.

The files of the Bureau contain a report submitted by
Special Agent F. E. Hessler dated at Detroit, Michigan, January
24, 1935 in the case entitled, "John Dobbins, et al; Conspiracy
to Violate White Slave Traffic Act", Detroit File #2561. This
report reflects that Cassius McDonald, then 33 years of age, was
brought to the Detroit Office by Patrick O'Grady of the Detroit
Police Department and questioned concerning his knowledge of
John Dobbins and others who were implicated in the case under
investigation.

McDonald furnished no information of value on that
occasion. He is described in the report of Special Agent Hessler
as age 33 years; height 5 feet 10 3/4 inches; weight 160 pounds;
build tall; hair mixed gray; eyes blue; smooth shaven; residence
90 Stinson Place, Apartment 201; remarks, came to Detroit in 1917
and was employed during the war as Chief of the U. S. Government
Engineers with a Detroit Aircraft concern.

Officer O'Grady of the Detroit Police Department advised
that he had known McDonald for some time as a bondsman for confidence
men.

cc Cincinnati
St. Paul
Chicago
Jacksonville

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-63

REPORT MADE AT: WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE: 5-14-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5-14-35	REPORT MADE BY: F. M. HICKEY
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I. O. 1237 - FUGITIVE; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I. O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239; HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240; MYRTLE PRATON with aliases, I.O. 1241, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Synopsis of Facts: Office of Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., has no record of bank ever having existed by name of NATIONAL CORN EXCHANGE BANK. Proper person to subpoena is Comptroller of the Currency.

REFERENCE:

Report of H. Ranstad, Washington, D. C., dated 4-25-35, and letter from the Chicago Office, dated 5-7-35.

DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. J. P. Yeatman, Assistant Chief, Examining Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department, caused a check to be made of the records of that office which failed to show that there exists or ever has existed a bank known as NATIONAL CORN EXCHANGE BANK. Mr. Yeatman stated that when necessary to have a designated person appear in Court, the Comptroller of the Currency designates this particular person to take in Court a book listing the names of all banks in the United States.

In this particular case should it become necessary to issue a subpoena to produce such records, the subpoena should be directed to Honorable J. F. T. O'Connor, Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C. who will designate the proper person to appear in Court with the necessary documentary evidence to show that no such bank ever existed as NATIONAL CORN EXCHANGE BANK.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. M. Keith</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-6015	RECORDED AND INDEXED MAY 16 1935
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 7, 1935

Time - 4:05 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Connelley telephoned from the New Orleans Office and advised that the plans now are for Harry Sawyer to leave New Orleans with two Deputy United States Marshals at 8:30 o'clock in the morning, which will put them in Chicago about 8:30 o'clock Thursday morning. They will then leave Chicago at 10:00 o'clock on the Chicago-Northwestern, and arrive in St. Paul at 8:25 o'clock, P.M. Mr. Connelley said that he would have Agents of the New Orleans Office check Sawyer and the Deputies on the train at New Orleans; that he will call the Chicago Office and have Agents of that office check them from the Illinois-Central Station to the Chicago-Northwestern Station, after which he will call the United States Marshal at St. Paul and request him to meet the train with the patrol wagon and take Sawyer to the jail in St. Paul. In this manner, Mr. Connelley said that it will not be necessary for any of the Agents to accompany the party. I said that this is not necessary, particularly in view of the fact that Sawyer is now technically out of our hands.

Mr. Connelley said that he has been unable to get any information from Sawyer other than that he previously furnished to the Bureau.

At this point, I informed Mr. Connelley of the information previously furnished to me by Agent Morton of the Indianapolis Office concerning the location by that office of the Oldsmobile automobile operated by Babs Moran in which Willie Harrison is supposed to be riding. I told him that the Agents of the Indianapolis Office have made an identification of Babs Moran, and at the present time are keeping an apartment in Louisville, Kentucky, under surveillance. I told him that while they have developed nothing positive on Harrison as yet, the situation looks pretty good.

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Mr. Connelley said that he plans to leave New Orleans at 8:20 tonight, which will put him in Indianapolis about 9:20 tomorrow night. I told him that it might be a good idea for him to stop off at Louisville and look the situation over there, and lend his assistance in the matter. He concurred in this, and said that he would stop off at Louisville and make a survey of the set-up. Mr. Connelley said that he would wire the Bureau his train reservations so that we might communicate with him en route if necessary.

MAY 17 1935

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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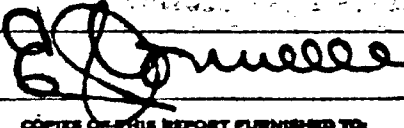
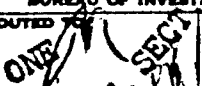
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-45

REPORT MADE AT: Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE: 5-14-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5-6 to 13-35	REPORT MADE BY: E. J. CONNELLEY
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 H. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1238 WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239 SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: MYRTLE EATON with aliases I.O. 1241 et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>More detailed statement as to certain situations obtained from HARRY SAWYER as to his contact with Fred Barker at Cleveland, St. Paul and others connected with the gang. Surveillance maintained as to the activities of JOHN HUSKILL MORAN and WILLIAM KERIN at Louisville, Ky., where they are living at 4540 W. Broadway, having rented an apartment, paying in advance to May 27, 1935. Contacts indicate visits to Kentucky Hotel in downtown Louisville, to the Municipal Bar, Jeffersonville, Indiana; also that they worked for about one week at the Greyhound Roadhouse, Jeffersonville, Ind., week of April 29; they apparently are not contacting anyone wanted in connection with this case. Moran is in communication with party, apparently his Mother at Mobile, Ala., Kerin has been in communication with Frank Walsh, Chicago to obtain funds. These parties evidently unsuccessful in their venture at Louisville and are now planning to return to Chicago where surveillance being continued and effort will be made to trail them into Chicago where they will be turned over to</p>			
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Chicago office Agents in an effort
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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent D. W. Magee, New Orleans, La., dated May 10, 1935 and letter of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, New Orleans, La., to Bureau dated May 7, 1935.

DETAILS:

AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Supplementing the information contained in my memorandum attached to letter directed to the Bureau on May 7, 1935 from New Orleans, La., HARRY SAWYER was interviewed further at the Federal Detention Headquarters, New Orleans, La., on May 7, 1935 in the presence of Special Agent C. H. Olson, at which time he elaborated upon certain situations previously covered in statement obtained from him. At all times Harry Sawyer indicated definitely that he would not consider signing any statement of any kind in connection with any remarks he might make.

With further reference to the supposed telephone call which was received from Kansas City on the night of June 16, 1933 at which time a party apparently tried to contact him, as related in the previous statements of his wife, Gladys Sawyer, he, Harry Sawyer advises that he does recall that someone on this occasion made reference to the fact that Kansas City was calling him, but that he had no idea as to who it was who was calling; that the call was never completed; that he does not know of anyone being in or about his place at this time who had been associated with Verne C. Miller.

He advised that he recalls Fred Barker and Paula Harmon were living in St. Paul before the time of the Hamm Kidnaping June, 1933 and that Paula would come to his place to buy beer, but that he recalls that Paula and Fred did not "hang around" his place much; that possibly Ray Karpis was around St. Paul at this time, however he is not positive as to this. He indicates that he was not aware of the definite address where Fred and Paula were living and did not know they were living at 204 Vernon Ave., St. Paul.

He advised that possibly two years ago on Thanksgiving, he recalls he was at the place of Zeigler and his wife, they then living at Haywood, Wisconsin; that he and his wife were with Zeigler and his wife for about two days; that he recalls meeting

this party who was in fact GEORGE GOETZ at the Hollyhocks Inn together with JACK PFIEFFER and Pfeiffer's woman VI. He indicated that he did not know that Goetz was a member of the so-called syndicate in Chicago.

He advised that on the occasion he and Jack Pfeiffer were called in by the Police for interview about April 1, 1934 or earlier, the only thing they asked him as to the Bremer kidnaping was as to whether or not he knew of any suspicious parties being in town and then let him go.

As to the statement of his wife to the effect that he, Harry Sawyer, had said "The boys got along pretty good", he indicates that he does not remember this statement, that he is sure he did not say anything about Freddy and Ray being in on the job, referring to the Bremer kidnaping; that he did not know who was in on this job.

With reference to Verne C. Miller he advised that he does not believe Miller spent much time in St. Paul and that the only occasions he met Miller were when he was with Vi Mathis; that he recalls he, together with his wife, Gladys visited Lake Geneva in 1932 with Miller and Vi and that he understood Miller was then in the alcohol racket; that his wife was more intimate with Miller's wife, Vi than he was with Miller; that Miller played considerable golf; that he knows of a party by the name of DAVENPORT in St. Paul who was removed to Wisconsin and acquitted, he being an associate of Charles J. Fitzgerald as reflected in the file, however he says he does not know Fitzgerald. He advises that he never made any statement as to the fact that the ransom money had not as yet been changed for good money and he also advised he did not know that Volney Davis and William Weaver had obtained their share of the ransom money before it was exchanged for good money.

In connection with his flight from St. Paul on or about April 1, 1934, he advises that he communicated with his brother, Ray Sandlovich at Fremont, Nebraska and had him get the Plymouth Coach under the name of Frank James for him and bring it out to Fremont at which time he turned over the Plymouth Coupe he was driving to his brother of Lincoln, Nebraska and that Ray did not know that he was then in flight as a fugitive. Thereafter, as previously related he proceeded to Las Vegas; that on this trip out he stopped off in Reno only to get a glass of beer and denies that he made any inquiry of anyone as to Fred or Ray; that he recalls Gladys returned to St. Paul in May, 1934 but that he does not know whom she contacted in Sioux City as to the arranging for the forwarding of their mail; that when she received a letter from Ray Karpis or Ray Hunter as he insists he knew him he just went along with his wife for the trip; that the \$2,000.00 he obtained from Fred Barker in Cleveland, Ohio was in \$20.00, \$50.00 and \$100.00 bills; that he does not recall receiving any \$5.00 or \$10.00 bills at this time.

The Plymouth Coach previously above referred to, he advised he sold at Las Vegas for \$350.00 to a fellow who hung around the saloon there; that the trip to Cleveland was made by train.

With reference to the time the three women were arrested in Cleveland September 5, 1934 he advised he does not know just how much money he had at that time; that he now recalls that Fred and Paula were living under the name of J. Earl Matterson rather than Tulverson; that he may have seen Wynona and Campbell at Cleveland; that he does not recall Karpis driving him and his wife to Sandusky to visit Curley and Rabbits, referring to Volney Davis and Edna Murray. He at this time indicated a change in his story to the effect that he had not seen Weaver since they left St. Paul on the first trip about April 1, 1934.

AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Based upon information furnished by confidential informant, Chicago, Illinois, that John Russell Moran, who had previously contacted ██████████ in St. Louis, Missouri as to the fact that Willie Harrison was located in Chicago, Illinois, and William Karin were to proceed from Chicago to the vicinity of Louisville, Kentucky, where they would be associated with Paddy Hogan, who was to open the Log Cabin Gambling place just outside of Jeffersonville, Indiana, the following investigation was made at Louisville, Kentucky, as is reflected in the following memorandum by Special Agent E. J. Wynn of the Indianapolis Office:

Special Agent E. J. Wynn on the afternoon of April 30 visited the Greyhound, a gambling and dancing resort near Jeffersonville, Indiana. This place is operated by "Greaser" Gavin, a native of Jeffersonville, Indiana and on the whole has a reputation of being a square gambling place. It is a large establishment and enjoys a good patronage. The afternoons are devoted to horse race betting and various other forms of gambling. The evenings and nights provide dancing and entertainment in addition to various forms of gambling. None of the subjects of this case or John Russell Moran were observed.

Mr. William Kriel, Lincoln Garage, 444 S. 5th St., Louisville, Ky., is an old time gambler and is a "tout" for the Greyhound. He is in charge of the fleet of automobiles which convey patrons to the Greyhound from Louisville, Ky. Agent Wynn was advised by Mr. John Malley, Secret Service, Louisville, Ky., that Kriel could be approached. Kriel advised that the Log Cabin, located near Jeffersonville, Indiana, near the Greyhound was open for Derby Week; that little was known concerning all the persons connected therewith inasmuch as they were from out of town; that Frankie Merritt of Cleveland, Ohio, and Pat Hogan alias Harrington of St. Louis, Mo., and Newport and Covington, Ky., were very active in the operation

thereof; that Hogan alias Harrington lived at the Thelma Apartments, Jeffersonville, Ind., and Merritt lived at the Kentucky Hotel, Louisville, Ky.

The Log Cabin was covered on the night of April 30, 1935. There was a very small crowd in attendance and very little activity in the gambling casino. None of the subjects were observed. From the description of Hogan provided by Kriel, Agent observed a person thought to be Hogan in the gambling casino. He is described as follows:

Age 32-35
Height 5'9"
Weight 164#
Build Slender, well developed shoulders with slim waist line;
Complexion - Sallow; flat nose.

This individual was subsequently observed in the Kentucky Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky and pointed out by Kriel as being Hogan.

The Log Cabin was covered on the night of May 2, 1935 by Special Agents E. J. Wynn, G. B. O'Connell and Z. J. Van Landingham from about 9:00 P.M. until 2:00 A.M., on the morning of May 3, 1935, and by the same Agents and Agent H. W. Costello from about 11:00 P.M. on the night of May 3, 1935 until 5:00 A.M., on May 4, 1935 (Derby Eve). None of the subjects of this case were observed.

All first and second class hotels in Louisville, Ky., were checked prior to the Kentucky Derby by Agents E. J. Wynn, H. W. Costello and also all the downtown garages were checked by Agents E. J. Wynn and G. B. O'Connell. No trace of any of the subjects was found and no information developed as to the location of the Oldsmobile Sedan bearing Florida license D 9350. In connection with this car, the Louisville, Kentucky Police Department were instructed to be on the lookout for this car, but never located it.

Agents H. W. Costello, G. B. O'Connell, Z. J. Van Landingham and E. J. Wynn covered the Churchill Downs Race Track on May 3, 1935, and also on May 4, 1935, the running of the Kentucky Derby. Photographs of various subjects in this case on which Identification Orders have been issued were distributed to members of the Louisville, Kentucky Detective Bureau covering the Churchill Downs Track and also to the private detectives covering the track under James W. Kinnarney. No information was developed from this endeavor.

On the night of May 6, 1935 at about 11:30 P.M. Special Agents G. B. O'Connell and E. J. Wynn while cruising in Jeffersonville, Indiana spotted Oldsmobile Sedan, Florida license D9350 at the Municipal Bar, Jeffersonville, Indiana, a gambling resort. At that time it was parked and occupied by two men who were talking with another man. This car was followed to Louisville, Ky., one of the men got out of the car in downtown Louisville, Kentucky. The car was then followed to the Shawnee View Apartments, 4540 W. Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky, where the driver was observed to carry a golf bag out and enter the apartment. It developed that John Russell Moran and William Kerin live in Apartment 18. Investigation developed that they moved into this apartment on April 27, 1935 paying \$50.00 for one month's rent in advance.

A Graham Coupe was observed in front of this apartment bearing Florida license D 5088. Subsequent check developed this car to be that of John R. Moran.

Contact was made with Mrs. Dupree, resident manager of the Shawnee View Apartments. On the afternoon of May 8, 1935, Special Agent H. B. Dill was informed by her that two strange men in Apartment 18 resembled subjects Karpis and Weaver. Agent Dill waited in the apartment of Mrs. Dupree, while Agents Van Landingham, M. B. Klein, O'Connell, Costello and Wynn covered the apartment. However, the two men left the apartment and were observed by Agent Dill who reported that they did not resemble subjects Karpis and Weaver. Agent Dill followed them to the Log Cabin, Jeffersonville, Indiana and to further satisfy himself talked with them for a few minutes under pretext.

Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley arrived at Louisville, Kentucky, on May 8, 1935, at 5:00 P.M.

From the time of first spotting the Florida license D 9350 it was kept under observation. Moran and Kerin frequented the Kentucky Hotel on numerous occasions and appeared to be living an easy and carefree life. Bill Kriel stated that the Log Cabin crowd were staying in town in an effort to chisel in on gambling in Louisville, Kentucky and also in an effort to open the dog racing track at Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Special Agent Z. J. Van Landingham, during the course of the investigation, and prior to locating Moran and Kerin talked with Sheriff Al Hughes, Jeffersonville, Indiana. Subsequent information developed that the son of Al Hughes is Clerk of the Circuit Court, Jeffersonville, Indiana and has been friendly with Pat Hogan, in fact, he aided Pat Hogan open the Log Cabin and has often been observed riding around in the car of Pat Hogan. Hogan is driving a 1935 Ford tan coupe, Indiana license 284 701 issued in

the name of Pat Harrington. It is possible that Sheriff Hughes or his son tipped the Log Cabin crowd off to this investigation.

During the entire investigation effort was made to observe all persons connected with the Log Cabin. A man driving Ford Coupe, Mo. license 65811 was observed on several occasions at the Log Cabin and at Churchill Downs Track and the lobby of the Kentucky Hotel associating with various persons connected with the Log Cabin. However, he was never noted associating particularly with Pat Hogan nor was he ever observed associating with Moran or Kerin. He was called "Charley" by his associates. Special Agent G. B. O'Connell at the Churchill Downs Race Track and at the Log Cabin engaged him in conversation. He stated his name was Charles Riordan from St. Louis, Mo., and that he was or had been Democratic National Committeeman from St. Louis. Report of Special Agent Redmond, St. Louis, 5-10-35 indicates the owner of Ford Coupe Mo. license is Robert B. Prout. It was at first thought that this person resembled subject Harrison, but after conversation with him by Special Agent O'Connell and close observation by Special Agents Z. J. Van Landingham, Costello and Wynn it was apparent that he was not identical with subject Harrison.

Inquiry was made by Special Agent G. B. O'Connell at the Thelma Apartments, Jeffersonville, Indiana, which resulted in the information that Pat Harrington lived in Apartment #9 and that no person resembling any of the subjects was frequenting this apartment.

Frankie Merritt is driving a Graham Roadster or convertible Coupe, Georgia license 8692 A.

May 7, 1935, Al Feeney, State Director of Safety, Indianapolis, Indiana closed all gambling at the resorts in Jeffersonville, Indiana and vicinity.

For future information, the Kentucky Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky, although outwardly a first class hotel, has the reputation of harboring shady characters. The hotel is reported to be operated by St. Louis capital and the Manager, Ben Friedman is from St. Louis, Mo. No cooperation can be expected from the hotel. The hotel is the congregating place for all "punks" and gamblers in Louisville, Ky., and the manager, Friedman has the reputation of putting up "hot" boys. Just how true this is is not known. The Louisville, Kentucky Police Department has been very unsuccessful in securing any cooperation from the hotel.

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Upon arrival in Louisville, Kentucky on the night of May 8, 1935, the general activity above referred to was continued and surveillance maintained of John Russell Moran and William Kerin,

who are residing at 4540 W. Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky, at the Shawnee View Apartments, there being engaged on this work at this time to maintain surveillance Agents Wynn, O'Connell, Costello, Van Lendingham and Dill of the Indianapolis office and Agents Klein, Buchanan, Johnson, and Bickley of the Cincinnati office.

These parties at the present time are using two automobiles, John Russell Moran apparently being in the possession of and the owner of a Graham Paige Coupe, dark blue in color bearing Florida license 1935 D 5088 and Kerin using a gray Oldsmobile Sedan bearing Florida 1935 license D 9350.

Observation of the movements of these two parties indicated that they spent considerable time around the Kentucky Hotel, Louisville and also visited the Municipal Bar in Jeffersonville, Indiana, which is just across the river in Indiana; that they also had taken women to their apartment from time to time and also one one occasion they visited the dog track just outside of Jeffersonville and which they had expected to open for operation, but as to which they were unsuccessful apparently by reason of certain recent legislation in Indiana as to gambling.

When the investigation was initiated as to this situation at Louisville, Kentucky and Jeffersonville, Indiana, Special Agent Van Lendingham approached Sheriff Al Hughes of Jeffersonville and advised him as to the inquiry which was being made to locate Patty Hogan, who was supposed to open for operation the Log Cabin and also that we were endeavoring to locate the automobile with Florida 1935 license D 9350 and that these parties were being searched for in connection with the possibility that Willie Harrison would contact them when they arrived at Louisville and located there and apparently the Sheriff was fully aware of the purpose of the inquiry being made. Later, one Ted Hughes, who is the County Clerk at Jeffersonville, Ind., was observed in intimate association with Patty Hogan, whose correct name is apparently Harrington and the Sheriff was advised of this situation and he indicated that if Ted Hughes knew anything as to this situation he, the Sheriff, would be able to learn the information. The Sheriff however did not furnish any information after this time and did not volunteer the information until he was asked to do so that Ted Hughes was his son, all of which would indicate that apparently the subjects were possibly advised of the investigation and the nature of the investigation being conducted, as it was noted in endeavoring to trail these parties in their automobiles, that they were apparently watching for someone to be following; also in this connection previously the Agents at Louisville upon instructions had maintained a close continuous surveillance and tailing of these parties which probably verified in their minds that they were being followed.

On the night of May 8, about 11:40 P.M., apparently Kerin took a woman into the apartment and later he returned this woman apparently to her home in the vicinity of Campbell and East Broadway, this woman being about 30-32 years of age, 5'6", weighing 135-140#, full face and probably a blonde.

Telegraphic information received through the Indianapolis Office from Jacksonville Office to the effect that the Florida 1935 license D 5088 was issued to John R. Moran, 323 N.E. 17th St., Miami for Graham Coupe Motor 1807523 and that Moran had been employed during the past season as an attendant at the Biscayne Dog Track at Miami, having left there about April 1. It was indicated he might be located after May 28, 1935 at the dog track at Jeffersonville, Indiana and that his usual permanent address was the Broadview Hotel, E. St. Louis; that he had resided at one time at Miami at the El Comodoro Hotel; that due to the connections of the El Comodoro Hotel no contact had been made at this place as to Moran. It was indicated that Moran was described as 36 years of age, 5'11", ruddy complexion; 160#; that the information obtained had been furnished by [redacted] informant, who as previously indicated will supply information as to the location of William Harrison when he, [redacted] returns to Chicago, if he can ascertain same by inquiry there. b7c b7d

On May 9, 1935 inquiry by Agent J. S. Johnson in the vicinity of the place where Kerin left the girl on the previous night indicated that this woman was probably Elfreda Glaser, 745 Vine St., who was possibly a beauty parlor operator.

Buick Coupe, Ohio License 1935 8398 A was noted in the vicinity of the apartment at 4540 W. Broadway and inquiry was made as to the owner of this car by the Cleveland Office and it was indicated that this license was issued in the name of Jack Berg. With reference to Jack Berg, Agent H. B. Dill made the following inquiry at Louisville, as to his residence in the apartment indicated:

"Jack Berg was accompanied to the Shawnee View Apts., 4540 Broadway by a Tischendorf girl who lives at 4148 W. Broadway; the first visit made to the Shawnee View Apts., was about 2½ months ago when they came there and asked Mrs. Dupree, the apartment manager, if she had an apartment for rent. Mrs. Dupree told them she did not have one at that time. About a month later Berg and the Tischendorf girl came back to Mrs. Dupree and rented Apartment #10. This Apartment is directly under the Apartment occupied by Moran and Kerin. The Tischendorf girl told Mrs. Dupree that Berg was a retired millionaire; that he had been disappointed in love and that his father had told him to go away, have a good time and try to forget.

"Mrs. Dupree stated that she did not know where Berg's home is, that he has Ohio plates on his car. He told her that he lived in New York and that he visited in St. Louis.

Description of Berg, as given by Mrs. Dupree is,
as follows:

Name	JACK BERG
Age	40-45
Height	5'4"
Weight	165#
Complexion	Red
Build	Medium
Hair	Yellow

The Tischendorf girl has lived in the vicinity of Mrs. Dupree's Apartment all her life, according to Mrs. Dupree. She enjoys a good reputation. Her father is a coal dealer. Berg had apparently been living in a hotel when he moved to the Shawnee View Apartments, because he told Mrs. Dupree that he was tired of living in hotels and wanted to get an Apartment.

The Tischendorf girl has been to Berg's Apartment on a number of occasions and Mrs. Dupree states that she has seen her accompanied by Berg quite often lately.

Apparently Berg had nothing to do with the subjects of this investigation.

Late on the night of May 9, 1935, Moran proceeded to a Western Union Telegraph Office at Louisville, at Fourth and Market Sts., where he sent the following night letter:

"Mrs. Catherine Clyatt,
55 N. Lawrence St.,
Mobile, Ala.

Dear Mother it does not look very favorable for the track here at the present time Can use a little money if you have it
Address 4540 N Broadway. Love, Russell."

The morning of May 10, 1935 the above information was telephoned to the Birmingham Office in order that suitable inquiry might be made as to who this party Clyatt might be and particularly as to whether or not this might be some contact from whom information might be learned as to Harrison or other members of the Karpis-Barker gang.

On this date also there was received through the Post Office at Louisville, Kentucky, tracing as the result of mail cover placed on the mail at 4540 Broadway, of a letter addressed to J. R. Moran, 4540 W. Broadway, postmarked, Mobile, Alabama May 8, 1935 with return address of G. E. Clyatt, 55 N. Lawrence St., Mobile. There was also received tracing of a letter addressed to Mr. William Kerin, 4540 W. Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky, the same being sent air mail, postmarked Miami, Fla., May 8, 1935, with return address of 323 N.E. 17th St.

Special Agent H. D. Harris of the Cincinnati Office in connection with the Buick Coupe previously above mentioned, ascertained that Ohio License 8398 A had been issued to Jack Berg, 1427 Allerton Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, for 1932 Buick Coupe, Motor #2628568. Inquiry by the Indianapolis Office through the Cleveland Office indicated that this license was apparently issued to one Jack Berg, who was a liquor salesman and had stopped at the New Secour Hotel, Toledo, November 26, 1934 giving his address as 1635 Broadway, New York City; that he had also registered at the same hotel on January 10, 1935 giving his address as 3550 Broadway, New York City; that he had registered at this same hotel again on January 22, 1935 giving as his address 1350 Estes St., Chicago, Illinois; that in making application for this license tag on January 11, 1935 at Toledo at the Court House, he was unable to produce his Bill of Sale and was not given a license; that later, through the Automobile Club in Toledo he claimed to have been issued his Bill of Sale in Cleveland, Ohio and that it was registered under #2,100,920; that inquiry by the Cleveland Office indicated that this car was formerly owned by Margaret Burke, wife of Billy Burke, a golf professional; that her Bill of Sale was from Conn., and gave the address of 72 Valley Wood Rd., Greenwich, Conn; that the Margaret Burke referred to now lives at 2822 E. 132nd St., Cleveland, Ohio, and that she had sold the car to the Ohio Buick Co., Cleveland, Ohio, from whom Berg purchased it.

Memorandum of what is apparently an old insurance receipt from the apartment at 4540 W. Broadway indicated that John Russell Moran had given the address of 4165 S. Halsted St., Chicago and this information was given to the Chicago office for the necessary check.

It was also ascertained that Kerin had sent the following wire on May 10, 1935, via Postal Telegraph:

"Frank Walsh,
20 W. Jackson Blvd., Room 707,
Chicago, Ill.

Please send fifty to forty five forty West Broadway Thanks,
(Signed) Bill Kerin".

This information was telephoned to the Chicago Office in order that suitable check might be made as to who and what connection Frank Walsh might have with the case.

On May 11, 1935, dictaphone was installed in the apartment at 4540 W. Broadway, being placed through the wall at the telephone connection from the adjoining apartment of B. E. MacNeill. Apartment #20, however in listening in on this no conversation of any value was picked up indicating the activities of Kerin and Moran.

Subjects apparently received money by telegraph on the morning of May 11, 1935 and thereafter spent the afternoon at the race track and the evening of Saturday, May 11 around town at the Seelbach Hotel and the Kentucky Hotel, having picked up a girl companion in the meantime, however at this time and at other times while they were being covered, they apparently contacted no one resembling William J. Harrison or others connected with this case.

The Chicago Office telephoned to Louisville on May 11, 1935 that they had checked Room 707 at 20 W. Jackson Blvd., which is the Great Northern Office Building, and Room 707 is a high class gambling and book making place, which is run by James P. Nolan, who is considered a respectable man and who has a brother on the Board of Trade in Chicago; that Frank Walsh referred to, works in the book making establishment, is about 40 years of age, 5'10", medium build, partially bald and a bachelor, living somewhere on the South Side. However, through confidential inquiry none of the subjects could be identified as frequenting this place. It was also indicated at this time that the address given by Moran, 4165 S. Halsted St., was formerly run by Italians and was called "The Horn Palace", the proprietor possibly being James "Highpockets" O'Brien; that the second floor was used as the Dakota Hotel, run by Tony Polcus; that this building had burned down in May, 1935; that Tony Polcus is now running a tavern at 4189 S. Halsted Street and that the Dakota Hotel has moved to 741 Root St., and John Pottas is presently the manager.

On Sunday night, May 12, 1935, Agent Dill, who had been working around the apartment house at 4540 W. Broadway, under cover and who had picked up a speaking acquaintance with Kerin met him in front of the Seelbach Hotel and in general conversation with Mr. Kerin, he indicated that their efforts to open the dog track at Jeffersonville, Indiana had been a failure; that they were planning to return to Chicago, Ill.; that the only reason they were remaining in Louisville at this time was because of the fact that they had their rent paid in advance at this place; that upon arriving at first in Louisville, Ky., the week of the Derby, the Derby being run on Saturday, May 4, 1935, he and his friend had been working for a gambler who had a concession for the week in question at the Greyhound Roadhouse, which is located just outside of Jeffersonville and about 3 miles South of the location of the Log Cabin Roadhouse, both of which are located on Highway 31 E. On Sunday night about 11:00 P.M. Agent Van Landingham followed the woman who had been seen previously with Moran, to room 1701 in the Kentucky Hotel, where she joined apparently a number of men in the room.

On Monday, May 13, 1935, telephonic communication had with the Indianapolis Office and Acting S.A.C. Morton was advised of the general set-up and arrangements made by which Special Agents Klein and Wynn, Buchanan and Dill would continue the surveillance of Moran and Kerin, assisted by Agent Costello, and that arrangements would be made

to follow these parties when they leave for Chicago, in order to locate where they are living there; that Agents Johnson, Bickley and Special Agent in Charge Connelley were returning to Cincinnati; that Agents Van Landingham and O'Connell were discontinuing investigation in this matter.

The above information was telephoned to the Chicago Office on May 13, 1935, at which time they were furnished with a description and license numbers of the cars being used by Kerin and Moran and that the Agents would follow them out of Louisville into Chicago and would telephone when they leave, together with the route being taken by subjects to Chicago, in order that the Chicago Office could have suitable Agents in automobiles meet these parties on the Highway in order to trail them into Chicago to their destination and location. The five Agents at Louisville are continuing their surveillance for the purpose above indicated under the immediate supervision of Special Agent N. B. Klein.

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

W. J. Harrison
5/15/35
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Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUG. I.O. 1218; ET AL
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236;
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, FUG. I.O. 1237;
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238;
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
KIDNAPING - HARBORING - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE -
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, April 25, 1935, in the above entitled case, and to the letter from this office dated May 8, 1935, in the case entitled "Vinita Stacey with aliases; Kidnaping - Harboring Jess Doyle".

In connection therewith, the Bureau is advised that Assistant Prosecutor Gilwee, at Kansas City, Missouri, advised Special Agent Waters, of this office, that Mr. Graves, the Prosecutor of Jackson County, desires to know whether Mrs. Helen Rush, alias Frances Taylor, presently incarcerated in the Federal Industrial Institution for Women at Alderson, West Virginia, can identify the photograph of Vinita Stacey and would be willing to testify against her with reference to the felonious assault which was the outgrowth of Vinita Stacey's firing five shots from an automatic and wounding Helen Rush.

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It will be noted from Agent Shanahan's report previously referred to that Vinita Stacey identified the person referred to as "Leo", residing at 4915 Troost Street, Kansas City, Missouri, as being identical with Irish O'Malley, subject of Identification

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Order 1200, who is a subject in the Luer kidnaping case. It is also noted that Irish O'Malley and Lloyd Doyle, subject of Identification Order 1208, according to Vinita Stacey, participated in the robbery of the First National Bank at Okemah, Oklahoma, and the Okemah National Bank of the same city, in December 1934.

Conroy

It is believed, from a review of the file, that Mrs. Helen Rush, alias Frances Taylor, if she felt inclined to do so, could furnish considerable valuable information relative to the hangouts and associates of Irish O'Malley and Blackie Doyle, and it is the opinion of the undersigned that an interview with her at Alderson might be productive of favorable results. Inasmuch as Special Agent Waters is now on subpoena at Wheeling, West Virginia, and in view of his familiarity with the Bremer case, the Luer kidnaping case and the robbery of the national banks at Okemah, all of which cases are presently assigned to him, it is suggested that if there is sufficient time while waiting to testify at Wheeling, he should proceed to Alderson to interview Helen Rush.

In the event this suggestion is approved by the Bureau it is suggested that the Pittsburgh Office be advised telegraphically to that effect.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. O. 1218; ET AL;
Edward George Bremer, Victim, KIDNAPING;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF
FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

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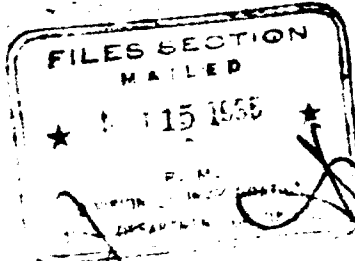
The Bureau desires to be notified immediately whether the bodies of Fred Barker and Kate Barker have as yet been disposed of and, if so, what disposition was made. In the event these bodies are still being held by the undertaker, your office is requested to so advise the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, Fugitive,
I.O. 1218; Harry Campbell, with aliases,
I.O. 1235; Volney Davis, with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O. 1237; 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; Obstruc-
tion of Justice; National Firearms Act.

I am transmitting, under separate cover, by Railway Express, one un-
loaded 6.35 mm automatic pistol #140007, made in Germany, a manufacture of
Deutsche Werke - Werkerfurt. The clip to this gun is also enclosed therewith,
together with fifteen kleanbore .25 calibre or 6.35 mm automatic central fire
smokeless cartridges. The bullets contain 50 grains of powder and are metal
cased.

The bullets were found in the residence of Subject Harry Sawyer at
Long Beach, Mississippi. At first, he denied that he owned any firearms but,
upon being confronted with the knowledge of the cartridges, advised Special
Agent C. H. Olson that he owned the instant pistol, and Special Agent M. W.
Meekins was instructed to secure this gun from the negro saloon and lottery
establishment owned by Subject Sawyer at Pass Christian, Mississippi, where it
was located. Agent Meekins secured the gun from Sam Myers, an employee of
Subject Sawyer. He informed Agent Meekins that when Sawyer first arrived in
that vicinity he carried the gun constantly, but that of recent dates he has
left the gun in the barroom.

No test shots were fired from this gun and it is suggested that the
Bureau make any tests deemed advisable.

The purpose of the transmission of this gun is for the exhibit of the
Bureau.

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The Honorable,
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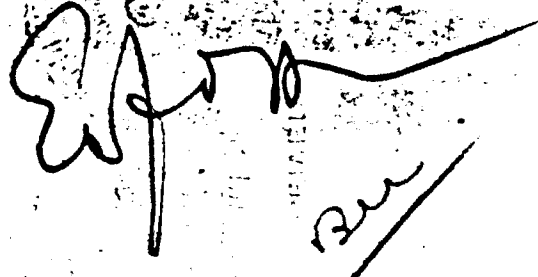
My dear Mr. Secretary:

During the course of an official investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of this Department, there has been recovered from an individual, recently taken into custody in connection with a kidnaping case, an automatic pistol which was apparently manufactured in Germany. This pistol is of 6.35 millimeter calibre, bears serial number 140007 and reflects the manufacturer's name, which appears to be the Deutsche Werke, A. G., Erfurt, Germany.

It is desired that appropriate inquiry be made by the Consular Officers in Germany of the manufacturer with a view to possibly tracing this weapon into the possession of the individual from whom it has been recovered. Any information developed by the representatives of the Department of State will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Homer Cummings
Attorney General.



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812,
Chicago, Illinois.

May 15, 1935

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

Dear Sir,

Due to the fact that Special Agents R. C. Suran and J. L. Madala have returned to the Chicago Office from St. Paul, they are being assigned to the Bremer kidnaping case. This assignment was made after telephonic communication with Mr. E. J. Connelley at Cincinnati.

The Jodil case will also be assigned to Special Agent Suran, there being very little work to be done on this case at the present time.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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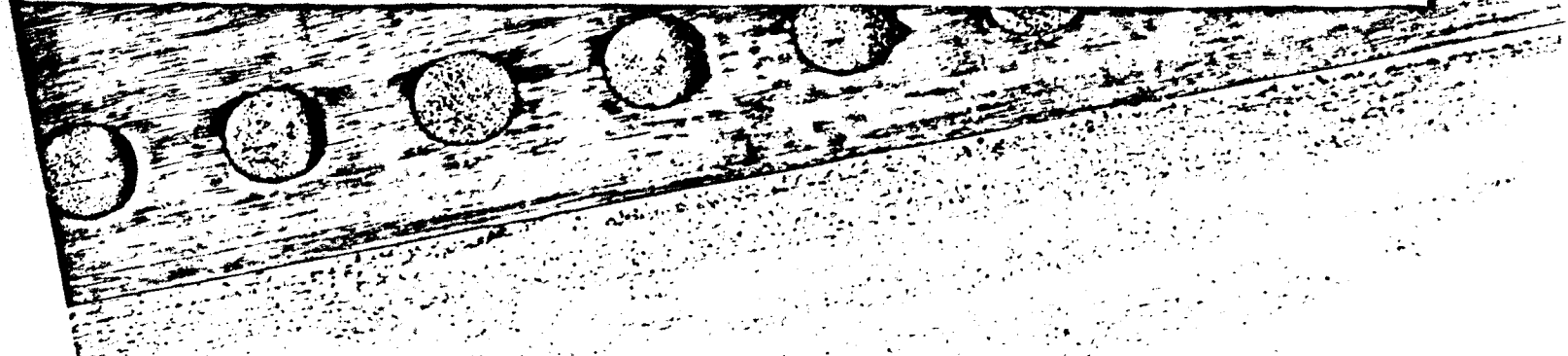
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REPORT MADE AT: NEW ORLEANS, LA.	DATE WHEN MADE: 5/15/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/6-11/35	REPORT MADE BY: M. W. MEEKINS
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1235; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237; 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. SYNOPSIS: FACTS: EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>Further investigation at Gulfport and Pass Christian, Miss., and vicinity, failed to disclose information indicating Harry Sawyer, with aliases, or his wife, in communication or contact with other members of gang.</p>			
REFERENCE:		Report of Special Agent in Charge D. W. Magee, New Orleans, La., 5/10/35.	
DETAILS:		<p>Following the apprehension of Subject Harry Sawyer at Pass Christian, Mississippi, on May 3, 1935, where he was engaged in the operation of a local negro beer joint, and the subsequent location of Mrs. Gladys Sawyer at their home at Long Beach, Mississippi, a few miles distant from Pass Christian, extensive investigations were made at Bay St. Louis, West Pass Christian, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, Long Beach, Gulfport and Biloxi, Mississippi, in efforts to develop information of other members of the instant matter and especially with reference to the possibility that Subject Doctor Moran might be in the vicinity of Biloxi, all with negative results, and in each of the cities named, all drug stores and either all or a majority of the physicians thereof were interviewed with particular reference to Dr. James Moran, Fugitive. Numerous filling station operators, cafe managers and beach amusement centers were contacted likewise. The results of the above investigations being of negative results, the investigation above is summarized herein, while the names and addresses are retained in the New Orleans file in memorandum form.</p>	
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-6023 UNITED STATES MAY 17 A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: ONE STAT. SECT. FILE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAY 17 1935 CHECKED OFF: MAY 21 1935 JACKETED:
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Reference is made to page 12 of the reference report, relating to information furnished by one Howard Rowe, of New Orleans, Louisiana, concerning which Special Agent in Charge Connelley is familiar, to the effect that a nephew of his, one Fred Bentz, of Clarke Street, Pass Christian, Mississippi, had sold Subject Sawyer a radio and that he, Rowe, thought he had seen Sawyer contact two men near the Bay St. Louis Bridge, under suspicious circumstances. In that connection, Fred Bentz, 353 Clarke Street, previously reported 352 Clarke Street, Pass Christian, Mississippi, was interviewed and he informed that he is an electrician of that place and has lived there all his life, and so far as was known, had no relatives by the names of George or Theodore Bentz, or other relatives living in the North; that about four or five weeks ago, one Sam Myers, a local boy, drove out to his home at the above address, introducing one Charles Wright, his boss. Wright then rented two "gas lights" to be used in Wright's Beer Saloon, pending installation of electric lights within the next few days; that, at the same time, Wright took a small radio for trial to be used in the beer parlor; that a few days later, he went over to Wright's Saloon and obtained one of the lights, at which time Wright told him he did not like the tone of the radio and it was returned; that other than this, he knew nothing about Wright and was surprised to later hear he was a "hot" customer. Further, that he frequently goes fishing over the week-ends with his uncle, Howard Rowe, of New Orleans, but has never seen anything unusual. Fred Bentz failed to identify the photographs of any of the suspects or Subjects in the instant matter as persons he had seen in that section, other than a photograph of Subject Sawyer. It was ascertained that he reads Detective stories and that he and his parents, as well as his other brothers, cut out photographs of "Wanted Men" and retain them in loose leaf form, frequently discussing among themselves what a great place Pass Christian would be for crooks to hang out.

In view of the name Bentz, discreet inquiries were made of Deputy Sheriff William Simpson, who also lives in Pass Christian, and he informed that the Pass Christian Bentz family had lived there all their lives and were strictly local people, never being known to have strangers or unknown relatives visit them.

Subsequently, according to previous arrangements, agent met Howard Rowe, uncle of Fred and Stanford Bentz, at the Bentz home, and on interview, he informed that about one month ago he was fishing on the canal near the foot of the Bay St. Louis bridge, just off of Henderson's Point, with Stanford Bentz, at which time he noticed two men sitting in a large sedan near-by, as if waiting for someone; that finally one man came over and asked what luck he was having, following which a short conversation was had in which he asked the stranger what he was doing in that section and was advised that he and his partner were just roaming over the country spending all the money they could, at which moment he exhibited a large roll of bills about the size of a man's double fist, which he took from his right front pants pocket, but which, on being returned to the pocket, could hardly be seen; that shortly thereafter, a large fellow drove up in a large coupe or sedan and stopped near the first car, following which the three strangers got together about one hundred yards away and held a short conversation, later departing; that about two weeks later, while fishing from the banks, about the same spot, he saw the first stranger with a woman out in a boat fishing. In a few minutes, the large fellow drove past and called to the man in the boat to meet him at the bridge, and

were then last seen on that occasion; that within the past week, he saw one of the strangers drive past him on the streets of Pass Christian.

In this connection, the photographs of all the Subjects and suspects, including women, in the instant file, were exhibited to Rowe, including the latest photograph of Sawyer taken at New Orleans, La., which he failed to identify. He did, however, indicate that the photograph of Jess Doyle resembled one of the strangers but that he did not think that Doyle was the man he had seen, other than his sunken jaws were also a characteristic of one of the strangers.

Stanford Bentz was interviewed at this time, and after viewing the several photographs of the Subjects in this case, failed to identify any thereof as the likeness of the three men referred to by his uncle, Howard Rowe. Following this, Stanford Bentz and Howard Rowe engaged in somewhat of an argument over when and where the three men had been seen, as related by Howard Rowe, and it was apparent that Howard Rowe was either confused or thinking of some other incident.

In this connection, it may be stated that Pass Christian is located on Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi Bay, which flows into the Gulf of Mexico, and numerous canals and bayous, and is a popular summer and winter resort, it not being infrequent that large foreign state cars are seen and groups vacation there, especially during the winter months.

However, in view of the fact that one of the strangers was seen in a boat with a woman, J. W. Lizana and Sylvester Mallini, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, Miss., boating agents, were interviewed and it was determined from them that they were the only persons renting boats in that vicinity for the past six months. They both failed to identify interested photographs exhibited to them.

In agreement with instructions, agent endeavored to obtain permission to examine all long distance records since November, 1934, from officials of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, at Gulfport, Miss., district headquarters for the section of interest in this investigation, but same was refused pending instructions from their legal department at Jackson, Miss. This matter to be given further attention.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS OFFICE, will continue investigation at the Gulf Coast cities.

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May 15, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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ALL FIELD OFFICES
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from your office dated April 23, 1935, relative to the BREKID case wherein you suggest that it would be preferable for offices sending out reports on this and other cases of unusual length and importance to set forth specific leads for the benefit of offices receiving copies of the report. It is observed that you indicated it would be your opinion this would be preferable to the method presently employed of merely indicating that all offices should review the report and conduct such investigations as appear necessary in their respective districts.

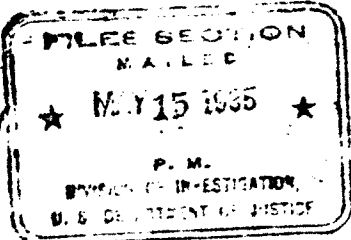
In this connection, you are advised that the policy of the Bureau with respect to setting forth undeveloped leads may be summarized as follows:

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The offices receiving reports and other communications are responsible for the proper conduct of all the appropriate investigations in their respective districts. There may be times when some of the suggested leads should not be pursued due to conditions or circumstances known to the Special Agent in Charge of the office covering the territory where the investigation was requested. At other times, the suggested undeveloped leads might not, and frequently do not, cover the full scope of the inquiry which properly should be conducted in the district. Therefore, the responsibility for

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the appropriate development of all leads arising in a Field Office territory rests with the Special Agent in Charge of that particular territory.

The Bureau further believes that it is proper for any office preparing a report or sending forth a letter or other communication requesting an investigation to suggest specific undeveloped leads and these suggested leads are for the purpose of being helpful to the offices which receive copies of the reports or other communications; however, they are suggestive and not mandatory. In the event the suggested leads should not be pursued, the responsibility for failure to follow out these leads without satisfactory explanation rests with the Special Agent in Charge of the office covering the territory where the investigation was requested. The office of origin has the responsibility of seeing that all leads are appropriately developed.

The Bureau, therefore, desires that in transmitting reports or letters requesting investigation, the reporting office set forth as a suggestion all undeveloped leads for each of the respective offices where investigation is indicated. The responsibility for the development of all leads, both those suggested and those that were not specifically suggested but which appear necessary from the reading of the report or communication, rests with the office or offices receiving the report.

The Bureau, therefore, agrees with your suggestion that undeveloped leads should be specifically set forth, and further requires that auxiliary offices assume full responsibility for all investigations, both suggested and implied, in their respective territories.

cc - To all Field Offices

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

May 15, 1935.

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

Dear Sir: In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with
aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL
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1241; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
Victim - KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE-
ARMS ACT - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

There are enclosed copies of a memorandum submitted by
Special Agent R. D. Brown at the request of Special Agent in
Charge D. M. Ladd, formerly of the St. Paul Bureau office,
relative to the submission in evidence of certain notes taken
by Agent Brown during an interview with subject John J. McLaughlin,
Sr., at the Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois, on April 28, 1934,
which notes were introduced in evidence at the recent trial of
this case at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE M. H. PURVIS

In re: BREKID

The following memorandum is being submitted to you at the request of Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, St. Paul, Minnesota, in order that this information may be a matter of record.

Shortly after my arrival in St. Paul, Minnesota, on April 16, 1935, where I was subpoenaed to appear as a witness in the Bremer kidnaping case, I had occasion to discuss the testimony I was supposed to give at this trial with Assistant United States Attorney George Heisey. During this discussion I informed Mr. Heisey that I had my original notes taken during the interview with subject John J. McLaughlin, Sr., at the Cook County Jail on the late afternoon of April 28, 1934. Mr. Heisey examined these notes and suggested that I have them with me when called upon to testify relative to the verbal admissions made to me by subject McLaughlin at that time.

He did not indicate to me at that time that these notes might be produced in evidence. The notes were contained in a stenographic notebook which I had with me at the time of this interview with subject McLaughlin and appeared on six separate pages. There were also contained in this notebook other notes made by me on previous investigations. After interviewing McLaughlin on this occasion, he informed me to return the following day at which time he would furnish further and more complete information, he having advised me that he was very tired at the time of the interview.

On the following day Special Agent M. C. Falkner and I returned to the County Jail expecting to obtain further valuable information from McLaughlin, at which time he declined to give further information although he went over some of the information he had given me on the previous day in the presence of Agent Falkner.

On the afternoon of April 28, 1935, while on the witness stand, Assistant United States Attorney Heisey asked me if I had taken notes at the time of my interview with McLaughlin and I stated that I had. He then asked me several questions relative to the verbal admissions made by McLaughlin, and on one occasion asked me to refer to my notes, which I did. The defense attorneys immediately requested permission to ask questions. Mr. Heisey did not object and it was necessary

for me to show these notes to McLaughlin's attorney, Mr. French, a former Assistant United States Attorney at St. Paul. During cross examination Mr. French asked me if I wrote down in a notebook word for word the information given me by McLaughlin. I stated that I had not and explained that after McLaughlin had given me several bits of information I then wrote this information in my notebook in my own words, with the exception of cases wherein he used terms which I thought should be noted in the book as given me by McLaughlin.

During my interview with McLaughlin on the occasion above mentioned, he explained that he on one occasion met a party from whom he obtained the ransom money at a point near the Irving hotel, and drew a diagram showing the location of this point. I tore a page from my notebook on which Mr. McLaughlin drew the diagram. This diagram was also admitted in evidence.

There was a great deal of cross examination with reference to these notes and I fully realize that same should not have been turned over to the defense counsel for use in their cross examination, as notes of this kind taken under the circumstances above indicated are open to much criticism on the part of the defense counsel. Mr. Heisey, while I was on the witness stand finally offered the notes in evidence. I complained that there were other notes in this notebook which should not be made a part of the evidence, and Mr. Heisey then cut from the stenographer's notebook the pages relating to my interview with McLaughlin on that occasion and same were admitted in evidence.

When I had finished my testimony and after the Court had adjourned on that date I inquired of Mr. Heisey as to his reason for his failure to object when the defense counsel requested the notes before referred to. He stated the notes were a valuable piece of evidence, and that he thought they should be made a part of the evidence in the Government's case, although he admitted to me that notes taken under such circumstances placed the witness in an embarrassing position, due to the fact that much criticism relative to the terms used and the form of the notes would result from the defense counsel.

I am submitting this information to you in order that same may be made a part of the file and in order that the Bureau may also be informed of this particular angle of the trial.

Respectfully submitted,

RDB:MC

R. D. BROWN,
Special Agent.

cc-Bureau (2)
Cincinnati
St. Paul

LFM:KB
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Room 1103
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUG. I.O. 1218
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases - FUG. I.O. 1236
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases - FUG. I.O. 1237, et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;
KIDNAPING, HARBORING OF FUGITIVE, OBSTRUCTION
OF JUSTICE, NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

On May 10, 1935 Special Agent J. J. Keating submitted the following information in a confidential memorandum to Special Agent in Charge E. Whitley:

"On May 7, 1935, I received a letter from [redacted] who is one of my confidential informants, and who resides at [redacted] this time.

[redacted] informed that he is now residing [redacted] but that in the event I should write him, to address the letter to [redacted]

"He stated that Agent White of the Los Angeles Office had called on him and used my name in order to obtain, if possible, information as to the whereabouts of Karpis and Campbell and other members of the old mob with whom [redacted] is acquainted. He stated that, due to the fact that I had sent Agent White to him, he gave him the following information, which he received from a friend of his, named John Bolch, who is now serving time in a penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma. Bolch is friendly with Karpis and Campbell as well as with [redacted] stated that Bolch told him that Karpis and Campbell and others have a plant near Shamrock, Texas, that they send into Shamrock for their groceries; that they also have a plant in Oklahoma back in the hills, and that the Oklahoma plant is a tough one to get to. [redacted] stated he does not remember the name of the spot in Oklahoma; however, he stated it is a spot where one must stop at a grocery store

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and park one's car, and then ride a horse into the hills to the hideout, which is operated and owned by an old lady and her husband. He stated that if he could contact Belch at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, Belch would send him to these people and in this manner he would be able to get some information relative to the whereabouts of Karpis and his associates.

"He also stated that he gave Agent White information relative to Tommy Foughy of Chicago, who is reported to be connected in Frisco with a one-armed gambler by the name of Consuere.

██████████ stated that if the Bureau would put him on the payroll as an informant, he feels sure that he could put Karpis and Campbell and others on the spot in about thirty days. He also stated that he is now on the relief rolls at North Long Beach, California, and it is quite difficult for him to get into the Los Angeles Office due to the fact that it costs 54¢ carfare. He also stated that if anything matured from the information he gave Agent White, that White informed him he would be taken care of as to rewards.

██████████ is a very good informant. He has solved many major crimes throughout the country. The Bureau records indicate that a week after the Kansas City Massacre, he informed the Kansas City Office as to the names of the perpetrators of this crime. This agent has known him since the year 1931, has done him favors from time to time, and classes him as a very valuable informant.

"In a recent report which was made by the writer in the Bremer case, agent suggested that the Los Angeles Office contact ██████████ for information relative to Sawyer and others, using this agent's name, as the writer knew that he was well acquainted with the Nash-Miller-Karpis and Barker outfits.

"This information is being submitted to you for any action deemed appropriate. It is suggested that the Bureau keep this man in tow, as he knows many of the major criminals throughout the country."

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This information is being directed to the office of
origin for appropriate consideration.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Bureau
St. Paul

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio.**

FILE NO. **7-9**

REPORT MADE AT: Indianapolis, Indiana	DATE WHEN MADE: 5/15/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/15/35	REPORT MADE BY: Nelson Perry, CJO
TITLE: 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 BATON, with aliases, I. O. #1241, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Synopsis of Facts: Stop order placed with Ind. St. Motor Vehicle Reg. Bureau, Indianapolis, on Packard Club sedan motor 189533, serial 476-273A. Pontiac sedan motor 935155 serial 815227 found to have been registered in Indiana in 1933 and notice of Illinois title issued in 1934 upon surrender of Indiana title.			
References: Summary report of Special Agent T. M. McDade, Chicago, Ill., 4/29/35.			
Details: <u>at INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA</u>			
DETAILS: MR. SOL HOFFMAN, clerk, Indiana State Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau, Indianapolis, Indiana, who has previously been contacted by this office in placing stop orders on motor number files, searched the motor number file for registration of Packard Club Sedan motor number 189533, serial number 476-273A, and determined that no Indiana registration had been filed on this car. A stop order for this car was placed in the motor number file at the Registration Bureau requesting that the Indianapolis Bureau Office be notified at once if application is made for registration of this car.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. H. Reinecke</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7-576-6027 RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAY 17 1935 CHECKED OFF: MAY 21 1935 JACKETED:	
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In checking the motor number file for registration of Pontiac sedan motor number 935155, serial number 815227, Mr. Hoffman found that a stop order had been placed on this motor number by the Indianapolis Office. In the report of Special Agent W. G. Banister, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated April 26, 1935, it is to be noted that stop order was placed March 27, 1935, and at this time the motor number files of the State Registration Bureau were searched and no registration was found. Mr. Hoffman determined that this car had been registered in Indiana in 1933, and Indiana title 1889664 had been issued. Upon determining that the Indiana title had been surrendered for Illinois title the stop order was left in the motor number file for possible subsequent registration of this car in Indiana. Mr. Hoffman stated he had no explanation of why the information that this car had been previously registered in Indiana was not determined at the previous search of the files.

At the Title Division of the State Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau, MR. OTTO ROBESON, clerk, produced the file on title number 1889664. This file contained the application for registration for the instant car dated June 16, 1933. The car was sold new to CARL QUICK, whose address is given as Macy, Indiana, by the firm of the name Fred McKown, whose address is given as Warsaw, Indiana. On June 14, 1934, the Indiana State Bureau received from the Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois, a notice of receipt of out-of-state title, which indicated that Indiana title number 1889664 had been surrendered on this date with application for Illinois title and filed with the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois.

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CHICAGO OFFICE at Warsaw and Macy, Indiana

Will conduct appropriate investigation in view of the information set out in the above report if this information has not previously been obtained by the Chicago Office.

ST. LOUIS OFFICE at Springfield, Illinois

Will conduct appropriate investigation with view to location of the Pontiac sedan, motor number 935155, serial number 815227, which was registered June 14, 1934.

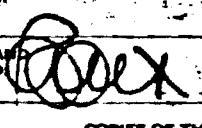
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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio.**

J&J FILE NO. **7-24**

REPORT MADE AT: Jacksonville, Florida.	DATE WHEN MADE: May 15, 1935.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: May 14, 1935.	REPORT MADE BY: R. A. Alt
TITLE: 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; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, 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.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Pursuant to request in report of Special Agent T. M. McDade, Chicago, Illinois, April 29, 1935, action has been taken with the Motor Vehicle Commissioner at Tallahassee, Fla. concerning the cars mentioned in said report.			
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent T. M. McDade, Chicago, Illinois, dated April 29, 1935.			
DETAILS: Appropriate action has been taken with the Motor Vehicle Commissioner in Tallahassee, Florida, concerning all automobiles recorded in report of reference. Appropriate stop cards have been placed where necessary; and stop cards which had been placed against certain automobiles for reasons mentioned in reference report were withdrawn.			
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- Mr. Edwards
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Keith
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Scheidt
- Mr. Schilder
- Mr. Smith
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

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DIRECTOR

MAY 16, 1935

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May 15, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

RE: Bremer Case

Mr. Suydam inquired telephonically if the people, who are presently on trial in St. Paul in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping Case, were not charged with conspiracy instead of the actual kidnaping. I stated that they were charged with conspiracy. Mr. Suydam said he understood there were two indictments, the small group charged under one indictment with the actual kidnaping, and the larger group combined with the smaller group were charged under another indictment with conspiracy. I remarked that I did not know about this, but that Mr. Keenan could tell him.

Very truly yours,

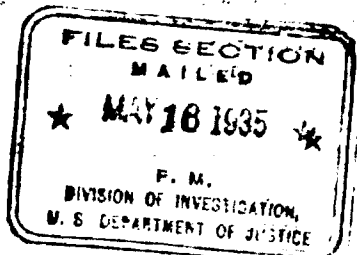
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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BREKID VERDICT REACHED AT 11 OCLOCK WILL BE RETURNED AS SOON AS
PRISONERS CAN BE BROUGHT FROM COUNTY JAIL WHICH WILL BE IN ABOUT
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Post Office Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
May 15, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that Special
Agent J. H. Rice returned to Oklahoma City at 7:30
A. M., May 15, 1935, from St. Paul, Minnesota, where
he has been in attendance at Court in the trial of
the Brekid case.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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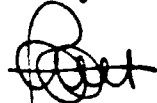
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim. KIDNAPING.

Special Agent S. K. McKee now in Cuba conducting investigation in above entitled matter has advised that on May 16, 1935, he was proceeding from Havana to Varadero, returning to Havana on May 17th, and that he contemplates returning with Agent Peters to Miami on May 18th, 1935.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

RAA:E

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Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C. Date March 20, 1935

Dear Sir:

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been
mailed to the United States Bureau of Investigation:

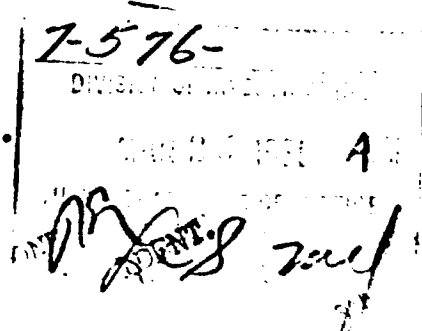
Bureau File Number	Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
SO, Miami, Fla. #24458		ALBERT J. MURRELL 5/10/2 6897845	Released 3/6/35 Posted 5-8-35

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge.
(Official Title)

Jax #7-24

(For instructions see reverse side)



CHICAGO BUREAU OFFICE
(Name and address of Contributor)

Date April 12, 1935

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

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which
fingerprints have been mailed to the U. S. Bureau of Investiga-
tion:

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
Oak Park, Ill. Police Depart- ment No. 1218 2/17/30.	JOSEPH GALLICCHIO alias Joe Gilichio alias Joe Galeicchio	Released.
Chicago, Illinois Police Depart- ment No. C-51065 8/13/33.	SAL PANO	Discharged.

This form to be submitted to the U. S. Bureau of
Investigation to report dispositions of cases in which prints
were forwarded previously. Dispositions include such informa-
tion as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines, discharges
from custody, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
E. J. CONNELLEY
(Official Title)

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
MAY 14, 1935.

W. M. Milligan
United States Attorney
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 7, 1935, and its enclosures, being a letter forwarded to you from John C. DeCourcy, attorney at law, St. Paul, Minnesota, who represented Edna Murray, and an affidavit executed by Edna Murray, stating in substance that the Pontiac Sedan which was purchased by Doris O'Connor, alias Vinita Stacey, under the name of Grace Hanson, was in reality the property of Edna Murray.

In reply to your letter and in confirmation of conversation between Assistant United States Attorney Wilson and Special Agent Waters of this office, it is understood that you plan to reply to Mr. DeCourcy informing him that the above automobile is now legally in possession of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by virtue of an order issued in the Federal Court, and that any effort on DeCourcy's part to obtain possession thereof will of necessity have to be made along the lines of usual legal procedure.

It is noted that title to this car was issued to George L. Harper, an alias of Volney Davis, and that at no time does it appear that it was the bona fide property of Edna Murray.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Bureau (Encls.)
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JOHN C. DeCOURCY
Attorney at Law
Commerce Building
St. Paul, Minn.

May 6th, 1935

United States District Attorney
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

I am herewith enclosing an affidavit of Edna Murray who is on trial here in St. Paul in what is known as the Bremer kidnapping case.

She is the true owner of the Pontiac car that the United States Bureau of Investigation attached and I am desirous of having the same transferred to me as Edna Murray is without funds and I have acted as her attorney during her trial which has lasted over three weeks and will undoubtedly take another week to finish.

Mr. Sullivan, our district attorney in St. Paul, has intimated, and I am of the opinion that when the government rests its case, Edna Murray will be exonerated as there has been no testimony connecting her with this crime.

I have a Bill of Sale for this car and you can further verify this claim by examining the registration card which is in one of the pockets of the car.

I would appreciate very much if you would assist me in getting possession of this car without having to hire an attorney at Kansas City as I am reasonable sure that I can convince any tribunal that the facts are as I have stated and that the accompanying affidavit is true.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

John C. DeCourcy

JCD:M

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STATE OF MINNESOTA)

) SS

COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

EDNA MURRAY, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on or about the month of October, 1934, she gave to her sister, Doris Stanley, the sum of Eight Hundred Ninety (\$890.00) Dollars for the purpose of purchasing a Pontiac Sedan.

Affiant further states that in accordance with the arrangement with her, Doris Stanley did so purchase said automobile from Noel and Woods, Kansas City, Missouri, for which there was paid the sum of \$890.00. Said car being purchased in the name of Grace Hanson, and subsequently the car was transferred from the name of Grace Hanson to George L. Harper at the request of the affiant herein.

Affiant states that she is the true owner of said automobile having paid for same out of her own funds, but was unable to take the title in her true name, Edna Murray.

Affiant further states that this affidavit is made for the purpose of showing that Edna Murray is the true owner of said automobile, and for the further purpose of transferring said automobile to John C. DeCoursey, attorney for affiant herein, as your affiant is indebted to him for funds for her defense in the so-called Bremer kidnapping case, and this is the only property available to her for payment of such defense.

Affiant further states this transaction may be verified by inquiring of the salesman who sold the car and was in the employ of Noel and Woods of Kansas City.

(Signed) Edna Murray

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 6th day of May, 1935.

(Signed) John C. DeCoursey
Notary Public, Ramsey County, Minn.

My Commission expires Feb. 22, 1942.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FROM: DIVISION #1 & DIVISION #3

5-20-1935.

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Harry Sawyer



Harry Sawyer and Gladys Sawyer

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May 13, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I.O. #1218 - FUGITIVE, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to our telephone conversation of May 11,
1935.

[redacted] came to this office on May 11th, and
stated that he had been, for the past two years, intimately associated
with [redacted] and
identified himself to us as a friend of Special Agent Clarence Hurt,
and also other employees of the Bureau office at Oklahoma City, with
whom he had worked on the Underhill case, and had been the chief in-
formant. [redacted]

[redacted] came to San Francisco from Reno, Nevada, where he had
been on a short visit, having left Los Angeles on May 2, 1935, and had
made plans [redacted]

He said that he had received a letter from Mamie
Ramsey, which was sent from her home address, which is 8017 Wadsworth
Avenue, Los Angeles, stating that she "would have her business cleaned
up there by the 16th", which [redacted] stated meant that she would have
seen Davis, and would then proceed to San Francisco.

He further stated that she had been corresponding with Volney
Davis during the last four months, and to his knowledge she had re-
ceived one letter from him in December, 1934, postmarked St. Louis,
Missouri, in which he enclosed her some money. The only other letter
he had actual personal knowledge she received, was the one she received
on May 1, 1935, in which Volney Davis enclosed \$50.00 for her. [redacted]
stated that he was unable to find out where the letter was postmarked
from.

Mamie Ramsey stated to [redacted] that she had known Volney Davis
for sometime, having first met him in Kansas City about 1921. She was

S.A.C., Los Angeles--2.

later married to a man by the name of Ramsey, from whom she has now received a divorce. She has one child that is living with her former husband in Kansas City, and she is at the present time living with her mother and step-father at 8017 Wadsworth Avenue, Los Angeles. [REDACTED] did not know the first name of her parents, but her step-father's name is Stine, and he is in the produce business in Los Angeles. b7c b7d

[REDACTED] further stated that Mamie Ramsey was very "leary" of everyone, since she knew that her friend, Volney Davis, was wanted by the authorities all over the United States, and her parents had no knowledge of the fact that she had known, or gone with a man of his character.

[REDACTED] also thought that if Mamie Ramsey was contacted openly in any way by Agents of the Department of Justice, they would ruin any chances they would have to apprehend Volney Davis, if he should attempt to call upon her at that particular place. He also said that he would proceed from San Francisco on the 11th to Los Angeles, and upon his arrival there, would come directly to the Bureau office, and would work with them in an attempt to apprehend Volney Davis, when he tried to contact Mamie Ramsey, at her home in Los Angeles.

[REDACTED] stated that he thought Volney Davis would come West by the southern route, over highway No. 66, if he came by car, and that he was almost positive that he would travel in this manner.

[REDACTED] gave the description of Mamie Ramsey as follows:

Age	30 years.
Height	5'4".
Weight	130 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown or auburn.
Eyes	Blue.
Build	Heavy.

The description of the informant [REDACTED] observed by Special Agent Angus M. Taylor, Jr., is as follows:

Height	[REDACTED]
Weight	[REDACTED]
Build	[REDACTED]
Hair	[REDACTED]

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Peculiarities

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The unreliability of [redacted] as an informant, as mentioned by you, is being made a matter of record in this office.

Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT: OMAHA, NEBRASKA	DATE WHEN MADE: 5/16/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/10,13/35	REPORT MADE BY: KENNETH LOGAN TME
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1235; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases... FUGITIVE... I.O. 1237; 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 KATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241: ... et al... EDWARD GEORGE BREMER Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING: HARBORING OF FUGITIVES: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE: NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p><u>Synopsis of Facts:</u></p> <p>Gladys Sawyer, as Ann Wright, visited Mrs. Della Hutter, Omaha, Nebraska, the last of January or first of February, 1935. Mrs. Hutter states Mrs. Sawyer brought letter of introduction from W. C. Stephenson and she denies knowing Mrs. Sawyer prior to that time. R. L. Stephenson, Gulfport, Miss., son of W. C. Stephenson, may have been party who introduced SAWYER to W. C. Stephenson.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p><u>REFERENCE:</u> Telegram from New Orleans Office, 5/8/35; report of Special Agent in Charge D. W. Magee, New Orleans, May 10, 1935.</p> <p><u>DETAILS:</u> <u>At Omaha, Nebraska</u></p> <p>Investigation disclosed that William Hutter has been employed by the Douglas County Hospital, at Omaha, since 1931, as a fireman and has worked continuously since that time, and is living with his wife, Della Hutter, at 5418 South 23rd Street, in Omaha. In view of the fact William Hutter has been continuously employed for the past four years, without having any time</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. H. H. H.</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES		<p>7-576-6035</p> <p>RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAY 18 1935</p> <p>CHECKED OFF: MAY 21 1935</p> <p>JACKETED:</p> <p>ROUTED TO: ONE STAT. SECT.</p> <p>FILE</p>	

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off and that his record has been very satisfactory at the hospital, it seemed advisable to interview him at his home.

Agent interviewed William Hutter and his wife, Della, at their home, with reference to any knowledge they might have of Gladys Sawyer, alias Ann Wright. Both denied having any knowledge whatever of SAWYER and his wife. When shown a photograph of Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Hutter stated it was a likeness of "Ann Wright", who had been to visit her sometime around the latter part of January or the first of February, this year. She then explained to Agent that her sister, Mrs. W. C. Stephenson, along about the latter part of January, 1935, had written her from Gulfport, Mississippi, stating that a Mrs. Ann Wright, of Gulfport was coming to Omaha in the near future and would visit at her home in Omaha. Mrs. Hutter stated that Mrs. Stephenson wanted her to accompany this Mrs. Ann Wright back to Gulfport, Mississippi for a visit.

Continuing, Mrs. Hutter stated that about the first of February, 1935, a woman came to her home and introduced herself as Ann Wright and produced a letter, which Mrs. W. C. Stephenson had sent along with this party, as a letter of introduction. In this letter, was enclosed a photograph of Mrs. Hutter's mother, which was for the purpose of further proving Mrs. Wright was the party Mrs. Hutter was expecting. Mrs. Hutter stated this woman stayed at her home only about two hours, during which time she asked Mrs. Hutter to accompany her back to Gulfport, as had been suggested by Mrs. Stephenson. Mrs. Hutter stated it was impossible for her to make the trip at that time and when Ann Wright left the Hutter home, she told Mrs. Hutter she would see her on Sunday, provided she did not go back to Gulfport in the meantime. Mrs. Hutter stated that this woman did not come back and she has not heard from her since that time.

Mrs. Hutter was questioned as to her knowledge of the manner in which the Stephensons in Gulfport, Mississippi became acquainted with the Wrights (Sawyers). She explained that to the best of her knowledge, R. L. Stephenson, a son of W. C. Stephenson, had been employed in Omaha, Nebraska, about a year ago at the Twenty Club, located on the Platte River, about fifteen miles south of Omaha. This club is a "hangout" for gamblers and politicians and she was under the impression that R. L. Stephenson had probably met SAWYER at this club and when SAWYER came to Gulfport, he was introduced to W. C. Stephenson by his son, R. L. Stephenson.

Further investigation of the Hutter family disclosed that all are known bootleggers in and around Omaha. Charles Hutter, a brother of William Hutter, is associated with the leading gamblers in the vicinity of Omaha. He at one time owned a farm about seven miles northwest of Gulfport, Mississippi and it is thought that perhaps Charles Hutter has been a contact of HARRY SAWYER's here in Omaha and is probably the party who directed SAWYER to Gulfport, Mississippi for the purpose of hiding out, although no evidence has been developed to date, to verify this. Further investigation along this line will be conducted by the Omaha Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS OFFICE: At Gulfport, Mississippi will interview R. L. Stephenson, son of W. C. Stephenson, relative to his employment at the Twenty Club, near Omaha, Nebraska, ascertaining, if possible, if he met Sawyer at this Club and if he is the party who introduced Sawyer to W. C. Stephenson.

OMAHA OFFICE: At Omaha, Nebraska, will continue investigation in an effort to develop the connection between the Hutters of Omaha and Subject Harry Sawyer.

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Post Office Box 1278
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May 18, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGI-
TIVE, I. O. 1218; ET AL: Edward
George Bremer, Victim - Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 18, 1935, in which
it is stated that parents of Alvin Karpis have received mail
bearing the return address of "D. Karpis, Keifer, Oklahoma,
General Delivery," please be advised that this is Dorothy Kar-
pis, the wife of Alvin. This office has been directly in
touch with her on various occasions and informants of this of-
fice have from time to time contacted her.

Very truly yours,

DAUGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

RE: Bremer Case

Mr. H. E. Andersen, Special Agent in Charge St. Paul, Minnesota, telephoned in regard to the Bremer Case, and he stated that a verdict had just been returned as follows: Barker, Allderton, Wilson, and McLaughlin were found guilty as charged in the indictment. Delaney and Vidler were acquitted, while Barker and Berg received life sentences. The remainder of the defendants will be sentenced later.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Post Office Box 314,
Birmingham, Alabama,
May 17, 1935.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218, et al,
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

It is noted that the Bureau has previously furnished the field offices with strip photographs of various subjects and suspects in this case, and dispositions have been made of part of the subjects and suspects heretofore.

Inasmuch as there are several new agents assigned to the Birmingham office, who have never received copies of the photographs, it is suggested that the Bureau furnish this office with appropriate strip photographs of subjects and suspects, for issuance to fifteen agents.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOSEPH P. MORAN
 Age: 38 (1934)
 Height: 5' 10"
 Weight: 155
 Build: Medium
 Hair: Chestnut Sandy
 Eyes: Yellow Dark
 Slate
 Complexion: Light



WILLIAM WEAVER
 Age: 33 (1932)
 Height: 5' 9 1/8"
 Weight: 162
 Build: Medium
 Hair: Black
 Eyes: Blue
 Complexion: Medium



C. J. Fitzgerald
 Age: 42 (1919)
 Height: 5' 11"
 Weight: 177
 Build: Slender
 Hair: Dark Brown
 Eyes: Light Brown
 Complexion: Medium
 Dark



Myrtle Eaton
 Age: 29 (1930)
 Height: 5' 4 7/8"
 Weight: 126
 Build: Medium
 Hair: Black
 Eyes: Grey
 Complexion: Medium



HARRY SAWYER
 Age: 30 (1920)
 Height: 5' 10"
 Weight: 190
 Build: Heavy
 Hair: Dark Brown
 Eyes: Light Brown
 Complexion: Dark



VOLNEY DAVIS
 Age: 30
 Height: 5' 8 1/2"
 Weight: 125
 Build: Slender
 Hair: Light Chestnut
 Eyes: Blue
 Complexion: Fair



FRED BARKER
 Age: 32
 Height: 5' 4"
 Weight: 120
 Build: Slender
 Hair: Sandy
 Eyes: Blue
 Complexion: Medium
 Fair



ALVIN KARPIS
 Age: 25
 Height: 5' 8 1/2"
 Weight: 120
 Build: Slender
 Hair: Brown
 Eyes: Blue
 Complexion: Fair



ARTHUR R. BARKER
 Age: 34
 Height: 5' 8 1/2"
 Weight: 119
 Build: Short
 Hair: Black
 Eyes: Brown
 Complexion: Medium



HARRY CAMPBELL
 Age: 30
 Height: 5' 5"
 Weight: 140
 Build: Medium
 Hair: Brown
 Eyes: Blue
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May 25, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. 1218, et al;
Edward George Bremer - Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

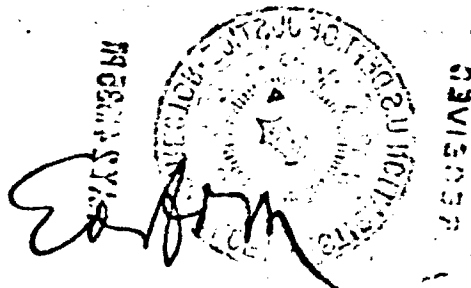
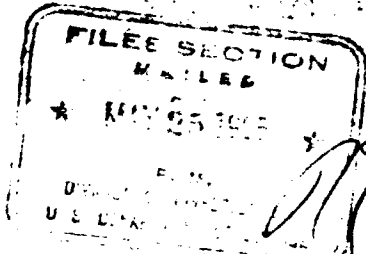
In response to the request contained in your letter dated May 17, 1935, there are transmitted herewith 15 copies each of strip photographs, reflecting the names and descriptions of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker and Harry Campbell in one, and Joseph P. Moran, William Weaver, C. J. Fitzgerald, Myrtle Eaton, and Harry Sawyer in the other, for distribution to agents not having been previously furnished with these photographs.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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cc - Cincinnati



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
506 Fletcher Trust Building
Indianapolis, Indiana
May 18, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

Special Agents E. J. Wynn and H. B. Dill of the Indianapolis Office and N. B. Klein and W. L. Buchanan of the Cincinnati Office left Indianapolis by automobile approximately 10:30 A.M. today, proceeding toward Chicago, Illinois.

This travel was necessitated in shadowing WILLIAM
*KERIN who is mentioned in connection with the Bremer
Kidnaping case.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Reinecke,
H. H. REINECKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, IO #1232;
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, IO #1236;
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1237;
WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, IO #1238;
WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, IO #1239;
MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, IO #1241; et al;
Edward George Bremer - Victim - KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Yesterday evening Agents N. B. Klein, E. J. Wynn,
H. B. Dill and F. L. Buchanan arrived in Indianapolis at approxi-
mately 7:30 P.M., having followed WILLIAM KERIN from Louisville,
Kentucky. They stated he registered in at the Severin Hotel, and
had all of his baggage taken into his room. Kerin put his car
in the Meridian Garage for the night.

Agents Klein, Buchanan and Wynn remained at that
hotel overnight. Agent McGrath is permanently registered there,
also.

About 9:50 P.M., Agent Costello telephoned from
Louisville that he had been out at the apartment house where
Kerin had been staying in Louisville, and talked with Mrs. Du-
Free, who was in charge of the apartments where Kerin had been
staying, and she stated that Kerin had taken all of his baggage
and the apartment was empty, and that he had informed her that
he might possibly return in July to endeavor to open up a dog
race track. He gave a forwarding address for mail care of J.
NOLAN, P. O. Box 872, Chicago, Illinois.

The day's activities in this case were given to
Special Agent in Charge Connelley by Agent Klein over the tele-
phone and a telegram was forwarded to the Bureau. MAY 20 1935 A.M.

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The Agents expected to follow Kerin when he left Indianapolis, presumably for Chicago. They would use two cars, to wit: The Bureau's blue Hudson sedan, bearing Indiana 1935 license number 14-861, and Agent Dill's maroon-colored Victoria coupe bearing 1935 Alabama license number 65-923B. Agents stated Kerin was using the blue Graham-Paige coupe bearing Florida license number D-5088.

At approximately 10:30 A.M. May 18, 1935, Agent Dill called from the hotel and stated that Kerin was getting ready to leave and that they would follow him out of Indianapolis and if possible would try to communicate by telephone en route to Chicago by telephone either with the Indianapolis or Chicago Office.

Agent Morton immediately got in touch with Special Agent in Charge Purvis at Chicago by long distance and gave him this information. A telegram to the effect that Kerin was leaving Indianapolis was directed to the Bureau and to the Cincinnati Office, to Special Agent in Charge Connelley.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Reinecke
H. H. REINECKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc St. Paul
Chicago
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