

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
AND
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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

FILE NUMBER: 7-576

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P. O. Box 515
St. Paul, Minnesota

May 18, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. 1218, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file No. 7-30

A confidential informant advised Special Agent R. C. Coulter of this office during the afternoon of May 17, 1935, that he was in Coffeyville, Kansas, during November, 1934, at which time Volney Davis appeared and later excused himself and returned, after which he advised that he had sent \$300.00 by Postal Money Orders to an individual confined in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma.

According to the informant, this individual is an Indian who is serving a sentence of possibly twenty-five years on a charge of murder, and is rather wealthy on account of his interest in oil lands. However, his wife and brother are more or less assisting in keeping him in the penitentiary in order that they may benefit more from the property.

He stated that after Davis returned, Davis informed him that they had to get the man out before the change of the administration and had only approximately sixty days left; that Weaver had put up, or agreed to put up, \$1,000.00 to help get him out and that he had learned at that time that Weaver had purchased a farm and was living in the state of Arkansas on this farm, which is possibly near a river; at least, where there is good fishing, and it is only a short way from the Oklahoma line.

The informant stated that from his own knowledge, he knows that there is a regularly employed Postmaster within the penitentiary at McAlester who is not an inmate and that there is a separate record made as to each incoming money order; and by checking the inmate who received \$300.00 in money orders from South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, during November, 1934, it can be

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determined that other funds were furnished him from the state of Arkansas and that Weaver is the individual who supplied the money.

He stated also that while Weaver and Davis apparently were not on very good terms with the other members of the "mob", there is quite a possibility that they will all be associating together, and that he would not be surprised to learn that they were all at Weaver's farm, or at least making their headquarters there, and that Myrtle Eaton is still living with Weaver.

The informant further advised that he had known the name of the prisoner in question and that he will concentrate on this matter in an effort to refresh his memory; and in the event he recalls the name, he will supply same.

This informant stated that he had never furnished the foregoing information to anyone else and it is desired that no one be apprised of the source from which it came. The name of the informant is being forwarded to the Director by personal and confidential letter; and while the facts supplied do indicate the identity of the informant, every possible effort should be made in order to conceal the fact that this informant has given such information.

It is requested that immediate steps be taken to conduct the desired investigation at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester.

Further conferences will be had in the immediate future with the informant in question, and a complete report will be submitted within the next few days.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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Cc Cincinnati
Cc Kansas City
Cc Little Rock

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

RAA:MFS

May 17, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN⁰ KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. O. 1218; ET AL
Edward George Bremer, Victim,
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL
FIREARMS ACT.

In reply to the Bureau's letter of May 15, 1935, requesting to be notified immediately whether the bodies of Fred and Kate Barker have been disposed of and, if so, what disposition was made, please be advised that Chief of Police John H. Spencer of Ocala, Florida, has informed that the two bodies are still being held by the undertaker in Ocala, Florida. He has them upstairs in sealed caskets.

Chief Spencer also advised that last week a lawyer from some town in Missouri appeared in Ocala, endeavoring to have the bodies shipped to Missouri for burial, but the papers he had in his possession did not appear to be complete enough to satisfy County Judge L. E. Futch, who is also the coroner at Ocala.

It is believed that this attorney will return within a few days and will make satisfactory arrangements with Judge Futch and the undertaker to have the bodies forwarded to Missouri for burial.

Very truly yours,

R. A. ALT
R. A. ALT,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Cincinnati
St. Paul

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U. S. Department of Justice
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
May 17th, 1935

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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
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; MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O.
1241; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
Victim - KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OB-
STRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE-
ARMS ACT.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated March 26, 1935, wherein
it is requested that the temporary wanted notices be withdrawn from the files of
the Police Departments of the cities of Muskogee and Okmulgee, Oklahoma for Fred
Barker, Jess Doyle, Edna Murray, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis, William Weaver,
Harry Sawyer and Myrtle Eaton.

In accordance with the instructions contained in reference letter
Special Agent R. B. Graham of this office, while in Muskogee, Oklahoma on other
business, on May 11, 1935 interviewed Mr. J. H. Allbright, fingerprint man of
the Muskogee Police Department. In the presence of Agent Graham Mr. Allbright
withdrew the temporary wanted notices on the above named individuals.

While in Okmulgee, Oklahoma on other business Special Agent R. B.
Graham interviewed Captain W. O. Greenhall of the Okmulgee Police Department.
He also, in the presence of Agent Graham, withdrew the temporary wanted notices
from his files as to the above named individuals.

These offices were, of course, informed that the Bureau still wants
Harry Campbell, Volney Davis, William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Mr. Connelley at
Cincinnati

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515,
Saint Paul, Minnesota

May 17, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

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

In compliance with instructions contained in
Bureau letter dated May 11, 1935, referring to correspondence
of Mr. John C. DeCourcy, attorney for Arthur "Doc" Barker, with
the Chicago Office, Mr. DeCourcy has been referred to the United
States Attorney at St. Paul, who has been informed of the issuance
of District Court Order, Docket No. 44224, involving Ford V-8
Coach, motor No. 1130843.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

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REPORT MADE AT: San Francisco, Cal.	DATE WHEN MADE: 5/14/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4/22/35	REPORT MADE BY: V.E. CRISS - NY
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218 Et Al Edward George Bremer - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Frank Foster arrested for investigation only
in San Francisco, California. Disposition
sheet submitted.

REFERENCE:

Bureau letter dated March 29, 1935.

DETAILS:

At San Francisco, California.

The records of the San Francisco Police Department re-
flect that Frank Foster, San Francisco Police Department No. 47908,
was arrested April 9, 1932, and held for investigation and released.

DETAILS:

Disposition sheet is submitted.

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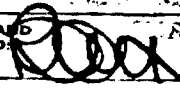
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REPORT MADE AT Jacksonville, Florida	DATE WHEN MADE May 18, 1935	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE May 8, 1935	REPORT MADE BY R. H. KLETT
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218 - FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. #1235; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O. #1237 - FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232;			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. #1236; 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.			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: John R. Moran, 323 N. E. 17th Street, Miami, Florida, employed this season Biscayne Dog Track, left Miami about April 1st, 1935. Attended Kentucky Derby last Saturday. Will be located at the Dog Track Jeffersonville, Indiana, after May 28, 1935.			
REFERENCE: Telegram from Indianapolis Office, dated May 8th, 1935.			
DETAILS: John R. Moran, 323 N. E. 17th Street, Miami, Florida, unknown to the local police. Agent checked with Mr. Deas, Detective Bureau, who made a search of their records and find no record of any arrest. A further search was made of stolen automobiles and stolen license plates and no report has been made covering 1935 Florida License D-5068. A further check of their records indicate that this license was issued to John P. Moran, 323 N. E. 17th Street, Miami, Florida, for Graham Coupe, Motor No. 1807523.			
At 323 N. E. 17th Street, Miami, Florida, Agent W. B. Moran and the writer contacted Dan McFarland, who states that he has known Moran several years, and has worked with him at various dog tracks during this period; states that Moran was employed during the season this year at the Biscayne dog track and left Miami about April 1st, 1935; that he was going to take in the Kentucky Derby, which took			
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place last Saturday at Louisville, and that it is his opinion that Moran will either go to Chicago or to St. Louis from there.

In and around St. Louis, Moran can be located at the Broadview Hotel, East St. Louis, Ill., and can probably be located through Mr. McFarland's sister, Mrs. McElroy, 8005 South Paulina Street, in Chicago. He further states that they will open a dog track in Jeffersonville, Ind., on the 28th of May, and that he knows definitely that Moran can be located there at that time.

He cannot definitely state that the car Moran is driving is a Graham, although he knows it to be a Coupe, and that the Florida license for 1934, as well as 1935, was purchased for this automobile by Moran, and it is his opinion that Moran purchased this car from a dealer in Chicago.

He described Moran as being 36 years of age; 5'11" in height; weighs 160 pounds, ruddy complexion and a neat dresser. He is of the opinion that Moran may have been arrested sometime or other, but he does not believe that he has ever been convicted of any crime.

In addition to residing at the above address, Moran also stopped part of the season at the El Comodoro Hotel. No effort was made to check the records of the El Comodoro at this time, due to other matters pending there.

McFarland states that he has worked with Special Agent S. K. McKee and Special Agent J. H. Hanson, previously, and when shown a photograph of Doc Moran states that he knows definitely that he is not the same party as McKee had previously exhibited photographs of Doc Moran to him.

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Above information furnished Indianapolis Office on May 8, 1935, by wire.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

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May 18, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:-

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

Reference is made to my letter of May 9, 1935, with which I transmitted to the Bureau motions and demurrers filed by the Florida subjects in this case in Federal Court at Miami, Florida.

Six of the twelve indictments were dismissed by the Court on May 15, 1935. Demurrers to the remaining six indictments were denied.

Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons obtained from the Clerk of the Court at Miami, Florida, certified copies of orders issued by Federal Judge Halsted L. Ritter, as of May 15, 1935, dismissing the six aforementioned indictments. These papers are enclosed. Additional pertinent Court rulings will be forwarded to the Bureau.

The indictments with reference to the concealment of Karpis were held valid; also the indictments of Adams and Stern charging violation of the National Firearms Act. The dismissed indictments were with reference to misprisionment of a felony, and conspiracy to misprisionment of a felony.

Mr. Barlow, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, indicated when he was in Florida, that he might possibly present new indictments to the Federal Grand Jury at Miami, Florida, when it convenes on May 27, 1935.

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Very truly yours,

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R. A. ALT,
Special Agent

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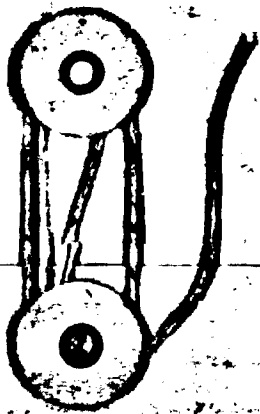
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
IN AND FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
FLORIDA

No. 1610-M-crim.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

-vs-

Joseph H. Adams alias
Joe H. Adams alias Joe Adams;
Nathan H. Heller alias Nathaniel
H. Heller alias
Nate Heller;
E. G. McDonald, alias Cassius
McDonald alias Cash McDonald;
Hendry Randall alias Henry Randall
alias Duke Randall alias Henry Stern

ORDER DISMISSING INDICTMENT
AS TO CERTAIN DEFENDANTS

Upon motion of the United States that the indictment in
the above entitled cause be dismissed as to the defendants Joseph
H. Adams alias Joe H. Adams alias Joe Adams; Nathan H. Heller alias
Nathaniel H. Heller alias Nate Heller; E. G. McDonald alias Cassius
McDonald alias Cash McDonald and Hendry Randall alias Henry Randall
alias Duke Randall alias Henry Stern, it is therefore

CONSIDERED, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the indictment in the
above entitled cause be and the same is hereby dismissed as to the de-
fendants Joseph H. Adams alias Joe H. Adams alias Joe Adams; Nathan H.
Heller alias Nathaniel H. Heller alias Nate Heller; E. G. McDonald
alias Cassius McDonald alias Cash McDonald, and Hendry Randall alias
Henry Randall alias Duke Randall alias Henry Stern.

DONE AND ORDERED at Miami, Florida, this 15th day of May,

A.D. 1935.
ATTEST A TRUE COPY
ERWIN R. WILLIAMS, Clerk
U. S. DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

/s/ Halsted L. Ritter
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
IN AND FOR THE SO^{UTHERN} DISTRICT OF
FLORIDA

No. 4613-M Crim.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

-VS-

ORDER DISMISSING INDICTMENT
AS TO CERTAIN DEFENDANTS

Joseph H. Adams alias Joe H. Adams
alias Joe Adams;
Nathan H. Heller alias Nathaniel H.
Heller alias Nate Heller;
E. G. McDonald alias Cassius McDonald
alias Cash McDonald;
Hendry Randall alias Henry Randall alias
Duke Randall alias Henry Stern.

Upon motion of the United States that the indictment
in the above entitled cause be dismissed as to the defendants Joseph
H. Adams alias Joe H. Adams alias Joe Adams; Nathan H. Heller alias
Nathaniel H. Heller alias Nate Heller; E. G. McDonald alias Cassius
McDonald alias Cash McDonald and Hendry Randall alias Henry Randall
alias Duke Randall alias Henry Stern, it is therefore

CONSIDERED, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the indictment in
the above entitled cause be and the same is hereby dismissed as to the
defendants Joseph H. Adams alias Joe H. Adams alias Joe Adams; Nathan H.
Heller alias Nathaniel H. Heller alias Nate Heller; E. G. McDonald alias
Cassius McDonald alias Cash McDonald, and Hendry Randall alias Henry
Randall alias Duke Randall alias Henry Stern.

DONE AND ORDERED at Miami, Florida, this 15th day of May,

A.D.1935.

/s/ Halsted L. Ritter
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

ATTEST A TRUE COPY
E. W. R. WILLIAMS, Clerk
U. S. DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
[Signature]
Clerk

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
IN AND FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
FLORIDA.

No. 4658-N Crim.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

-vs-

ORDER DISMISSING INDICTMENT

E. G. McDonald alias)
Cassius McDonald alias)
Cash McDonald)

Upon motion of the United States that the
indictment in the above entitled cause be dismissed as to
the defendant E. G. McDonald alias Cassius McDonald alias
Cash McDonald, it is therefore

CONSIDERED, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the
indictment in the above entitled cause be and the same is
hereby dismissed as to the above-named defendant.

DONE AND ORDERED at Miami, Florida, this

15th day of May, A.D. 1935.

ATTEST A TRUE COPY
EDWIN R. WILLIAMS, Clerk
U. S. DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

15th Walter B. Foster
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
IN AND FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
FLORIDA.

No. 4043-H C.R.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

-vs-)
Nathan H. Heller alias)
Nathaniel H. Heller alias)
Nate Heller)

ORDER DISMISSING INDICTMENT

Upon motion of the United States that the indictment in the above entitled cause be dismissed as to the defendant Nathan H. Heller alias Nathaniel H. Heller alias Nate Heller, it is therefore

CONSIDERED, ORDERED and ADJUDGED that the indictment in the above entitled cause be and the same is hereby dismissed as to the defendant Nathan H. Heller alias Nathaniel H. Heller alias Nate Heller.

DONE AND ORDERED at Miami, Florida, this

15th day of May, A.D. 1935.

ATTEST A TRUE COPY
EDWIN R. WILLIAMS, Clerk
U. S. DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

15/ H. J. Taylor, Jr.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
IN AND FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
FLORIDA.

No. 4572-M C.M.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

-VS-

Henry Randall alias
Henry Randall alias
Duke Randall alias
Henry Stern.

ORDER DISMISSING INDICTMENT

Upon motion of the United States that the
indictment in the above entitled cause be dismissed as to
the defendant Henry Randall alias Henry Randall alias
Duke Randall alias Henry Stern, it is therefore

CONSIDERED, ORDERED and ADJUDGED that the
indictment in the above entitled cause be and the same is
hereby dismissed as to the defendant Henry Randall alias
Henry Randall alias Duke Randall alias Henry Stern.

DONE AND ORDERED at Miami, Florida, this

15th day of May, A.D. 1935.

Halsted A. Pittman
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

ATTEST A TRUE COPY
EDWIN R. WILLIAMS, Clerk
U. S. DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
IN AND FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
FLORIDA.

No. 4611-N Crim

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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ORDER DISMISSING INDICTMENT

Joseph H. Adams alias
Joe H. Adams alias Joe Adams

Upon motion of the United States that the indictment in the above entitled cause be dismissed as to the defendant Joseph H. Adams alias Joe H. Adams alias Joe Adams, it is therefore

CONSIDERED, ORDERED and ADJUDGED that the indictment in the above entitled cause be and the same is hereby dismissed as to the above-named defendants.

DONE AND ORDERED at Miami, Florida, this

15th day of May, A.D. 1938.

ATTEST A TRUE COPY
EDWIN R. WILLIAMS, Clerk
U. S. DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

May 16, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

This office has now assigned to it two Hudson
Sedans.

In view of the assignment to this district of
three additional agents, it is respectfully requested
that this office be furnished with two more cars.

In possible, in view of the number of leads
existing here in the Karpis-Barker case, a Ford car
should be furnished to this office for use in that in-
vestigation, in that it is believed that such a car
would be less conspicuous and would not be as readily
identified by the gang as a Bureau car as would a Hudson,
it being within the knowledge of the gang that the Bureau
is equipped with such cars.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE 5-18-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/18 through 5/17/35	REPORT MADE BY E. R. Molitor
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TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218 - FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. #1234; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. #1237 - FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. #1238;	CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: **HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. #1240 - FUG.;
WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. #1239;
MYRTLE KATON, with aliases, I.O. #1241;
BRUNO PUTAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.**

Synopsis: **LOUISE DEMMER, 115 South Lexington Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, states party strongly resembling WILLIAM WEAVER threatened her regarding any identification she might make of kidnapers. CLARA GIBSON states she has known JOE GALLICHO and wife VIOLET for past four years; that GALLICHO never was associated with the KARPIS-BARKER gang; that she will point out to agents the residence of JOE GALLICHO. Investigation conducted regarding strange car seen loitering in vicinity of Victim Bremer's home recently.**

REFERENCE: **Report by Special Agent W. E. Walsh, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 5-8-35.**

DETAILS: **During the course of this trial at St. Paul, Minnesota, the reporting agent had occasion to interview LOUISE DEMMER, 115 South Lexington Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. It will be remembered that she witnessed the abduction of**

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. E. Anderson</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7-576-6050	RECORDED AND INDEXED MAY 20 1935
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EDWARD GEORGE BREMER at the intersection of Lexington Avenue and Goodrich Avenue on the morning of January 17, 1934. It was anticipated that she would be used as a witness in view of the fact that she was quite certain in her statements that she would be able to identify ALVIN KARPIS as one of the actual abductors. It became inadvisable, however, to use her as a witness in view of the fact that she declared that she would hesitate to identify him on the witness stand. She advised, however, that approximately one month after the kidnaping, a man whom she stated strongly resembled the photograph of WILLIAM WEAVER, came to her home at 115 South Lexington Avenue at about 2:30 p.m.; that he pretended to be an oil burner salesman and insisted upon getting into the house; that when she declined to permit him to enter, he thereupon asked her if she had seen the kidnaping about a month prior to this time, and she replied that she had. This stranger who resembled WEAVER then advised her, "Well, be careful. Take my warning and don't go near the Federal Building." At the time of this interview, she declared a willingness to take the witness stand at this trial or any later trial and positively identify the photograph of WILLIAM WEAVER. However, when it came time to use her, as a witness, she declared that she could be mistaken in her identification, and it was believed that she would injure the case more than help it.

During the time that CLARA GIBSON was in St. Paul under subpoena as a witness in this case, she was interviewed by the reporting agent, particularly with regard to JOE GALLICHIO. She advised that approximately four years ago, she and RUSSELL GIBSON lived at 4322 Clarendon Avenue, Chicago; that at that time she became acquainted with VIOLET GALLICHIO, who is known to her now as "Vi" (pronounced Vee); that at that time, the GALLICHIOS were living under the maiden name of VIOLET GALLICHIO, which is PERRY; that she (CLARA GIBSON) introduced RUSSELL GIBSON to JOE and VIOLET GALLICHIO, and thereafter JOE GALLICHIO became known to the GALLICHIOS as "MIERS". CLARA advised that at that time, JOE GALLICHIO was in the alcohol business and had three stills. He possessed quite a sum of money and RUSSELL GIBSON interested him in gambling; that JOE GALLICHIO and GIBSON always gambled at one of three gambling joints owned by BILL JOHNSON, who is well known in Chicago as a prominent gambling house operator. She stated that one of these gambling houses is located at Kedzie and Lawrence Avenues; another is located at Ogden and 22nd Avenue; and another is located on the South Side of Chicago, exact address not known. She stated, however, that these are considered to be the best gambling houses in Chicago. CLARA GIBSON advised that JOE GALLICHIO lost all of his money in this gambling venture; that the GALLICHIOS continued to live at 4322 Clarendon for some time, after which the GALLICHIOS went to live with JOE GALLICHIO'S sister, CAROLINE _____, last name unknown. At this point, CLARA GIBSON advised that she will be able to secure the last name and address of CAROLINE and will be glad to furnish the same to agents.

CLARA GIBSON also advised that VIOLET GALLICHIO from time to time lived with her sister, ROSE PERRY, who is now married and living on the West Side of Chicago. CLARA also stated that she would be glad to learn the last name of ROSE and would point out the residence of this woman to agents of the Chicago office. CLARA stated that she has visited VIOLET GALLICHIO at ROSE PERRY'S home on numerous occasions. She further stated that the GALLICHIOS have an eighteen-month-old boy called BOBBY. CLARA declared that she has never known JOE GALLICHIO to be a member of the BARKER-KARPIS gang although he did visit the GIBSONS quite frequently at 432 Surf Street.

CLARA advised that she always understood that JOE GALLICHIO was a member of the "42 gang", a gang of young auto thieves operating on the West Side of Chicago. She could furnish no information as to the identity of other members of the "42 gang" although she declared that most of the persons comprising this gang are men under thirty years of age. She stated that it is her understanding that this gang has been practically broken up by the Police Department of Chicago.

CLARA GIBSON further stated that she has visited VIOLET GALLICHIO at the home of VIOLET'S cousin, ANNETTE PERRY, who resides in the 1900 block on Roosevelt Road. This is understood to be an Italian neighborhood. At this point, mention should be made of the fact that CLARA GIBSON is eager to be co-operative with the Government and speaks Italian fluently. It is suggested that in the event the Chicago office has occasion to conduct investigation with regard to JOE GALLICHIO and persons of Italian extraction, CLARA GIBSON would be of some value.

CLARA GIBSON further informed that JOE GALLICHIO usually hangs out around a drug store located at the intersection of Taylor and Ashland Avenues in Chicago.

It was suggested to CLARA that she and her husband, RUSSELL GIBSON, had been closely connected with the GALLICHIO "mob" in a shop lifting way, and by virtue of this fact, she should have considerable information as to the activities of the GALLICHIO "mob". She declared that though she has done some shop lifting in her time, JOE GALLICHIO was never interested in shop lifting; that he was not clever and would not be successful as a shop lifter. She declared that her association with the GALLICHIOS had never been in a criminal way.

CLARA GIBSON further declared that she had no information with regard to members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang purchasing guns and ammunition through the GALLICHIO gang. She alleged that no criminal transactions were ever discussed between JOE GALLICHIO and RUSSELL GIBSON in her presence.

The best personal description CLARA GIBSON could furnish of JOE GALLICCHIO is as follows:

Name:	JOE GALLICCHIO alias NIBBS
Age:	25 or 27 years
Height:	5 feet, 3 inches
Weight:	155 or 160 pounds
Hair:	Straight and black, bald in front
Eyes:	Black
Speech:	Uses West Side slang; talks very little

CLARA GIBSON furnished the following personal description of VIOLET GALLICCHIO:

Name:	VIOLET GALLICCHIO
Age:	24 years
Height:	5 feet, 3 inches
Weight:	112 pounds
Hair:	Black, died dark red
Build:	Small
Appearance:	Very good looking

CLARA GIBSON could furnish no information of value with regard to SAM MANNO. She advised that MANNO is known to her and she believed him to be a member of the "42 gang" but she declared that GIBSON had no dealings with MANNO to her knowledge. She furnished the following personal description of SAM MANNO:

Name:	SAM MANNO
Age:	22 or 23 years
Height:	5 feet, 10 or 11 inches
Weight:	135 pounds
Build:	Very slender
Hair:	Black
Complexion:	Dark

It will be remembered that the apartment of RUSSELL GIBSON at 626 Waveland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was raided by agents of the Chicago Bureau office on May 2, 1934, as reflected in the report of Special Agent E. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, dated 6-20-34. The above report also shows that on May 4, 1934, SIDNEY LEWIS, SIMON D. McDONKILL, MATTHEW McNAMARA were taken into custody at 626 Waveland at the time they attempted to procure the clothing of RUSSELL and CLARA GIBSON. In connection with this matter, CLARA GIBSON advised that MATTHEW McNAMARA had been known to her and RUSSELL GIBSON for some time prior to this incident. She advised

that RUSSELL GIBSON got MATTHEW McNAMARA to contact SIDNEY LEWIS to get the clothing from 626 Waveland. She declared that attorney SIMON D. McDONNELL was unknown to her but undoubtedly known to RUSSELL GIBSON. She declared, however, that she did not believe that any of these persons who tried to secure the clothing had knowledge of the fact that RUSSELL GIBSON was wanted in connection with the Bremer case. She stated that GIBSON arranged through McNAMARA and LEWIS to have the rent paid at the above apartment and that the only way in which GIBSON learned that McNAMARA, LEWIS, and McDONNELL had been apprehended was by virtue of the fact that he (GIBSON) observed McDONNELL'S automobile near the Bankers' Building and concluded that the above mentioned parties had been taken into custody when attempting to get the clothing.

It will be remembered that on the night of January 8, 1935, when CLARA GIBSON and RUTH HEIDT were taken into custody at 3912 Park Grover Avenue, RUTH HEIDT had in her possession a Chow dog called "Smokie". For a time, the ownership of this dog was claimed by both RUTH HEIDT and CLARA GIBSON, but at a later time, in a signed statement, RUTH HEIDT claimed that she got this dog from WILLIAM HARRISON, her former husband.

At the time of this interview, with CLARA GIBSON, the latter informed that the true facts are as follows: "Smokie" was once the property of FRED BARKER and that undoubtedly, on one of FRED BARKER'S visits to Hammond, Indiana, and vicinity, he gave this dog to RUTH HEIDT. CLARA declared that no one had ever told her this fact directly, but that on several occasions she had heard DOC BARKER and RUTH HEIDT engage in a joking argument as to the ownership of this dog and on several occasions heard it said by these two parties that the dog had been given to RUTH HEIDT by FRED BARKER. The Bureau will note that reference is made to this dog "Smokie" in several letters which have surreptitiously been sent out of the County Jail by DOC BARKER to MILDRED KUHLMAN alias CLARK.

CLARA GIBSON also furnished the interesting information that WILLIAM HARRISON has the following initials on all of his baggage, "E.H.E.", which undoubtedly indicates ELMER H. HOWE, which is one of the known aliases of HARRISON.

The following memorandum was dictated by Special Agent J. H. Rice:

On April 18, 1935 Mr. George F. Sullivan, United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, furnished this office a letter from Ed Kroening, Letter Carrier No. 65, Como Sub-Post Office, St. Paul, which states that he can furnish the name of a person who saw either KARPIS or BARKER loitering near the BREMER home previous to the kidnaping.

ED KROENING was contacted by the writer and Agent Scott. KROENING stated that a man by the name of CHARLES DRULENSKI had furnished him the information on which he based his letter to Mr. Sullivan.

CHARLES DRULENSKI was located at the car repair shops of the Western Food Express Company, St. Paul, Minnesota. DRULENSKI advised that he is also known by the name of CHARLES DREW and that he resides at 1514 Sherburne Street, the telephone of his residence being Midway 4208. DRULENSKI advised that his wife is employed as a maid by Mr. John Peyton, who resides at 175 Woodlawn, and that EDWARD BREMER formerly resided at 182 Woodlawn; that one or two Sundays prior to the kidnaping of BREMER, while he was waiting for his wife and while parked near the residence of John Peyton, he observed a medium-sized dark colored tan coupe drive slowly past the former residence of BREMER; that there were two occupants in the car, both being men; that one of the occupants appeared to glance towards the former BREMER residence and make a notation on a piece of paper; that the actions of these parties appeared somewhat suspicious, and that after the kidnaping of BREMER and noticing the newspaper photographs of BARKER and KARPIS, he had come to the conclusion that the two men he had previously seen prior to the kidnaping might have been the actual kidnapers. DRULENSKI advised that he was able to observe these men from about thirty feet, and described the driver of the car as being 35 years of age; about 5 feet, 7 inches tall; weighing about 150 pounds; dark complected; wearing a brown hat, and the other being about 35 years of age; about 5 feet, 9 inches; dark complected. DRULENSKI stated that these men did not get out of the car while he observed them, nor did they stop. Neither is he able to state as to the make of the car or as to what license plates were on same.

On the evening of April 19, 1935 DRULENSKI was given an opportunity to observe the defendants in this case at the County Jail. DRULENSKI was unable to identify any of the subjects now in custody as being the parties who were in the car he had reference to just prior to the kidnaping. The photographs of the subjects of this case were also exhibited to DRULENSKI but he was unable to identify any of these parties as resembling the man he saw in the car.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Robert Tonia on April 26, 1935 relative to a report that a strange car had been seen parked in back of the BREMER residence at 92 North River Boulevard.

Agent interviewed MR. ED A. REICHOW, a driver for the Minnesota Milk Company, 307 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. MR. REICHOW stated that at about 12:00 o'clock on that day, April 26, 1935, when he was delivering milk at the BREMER residence, a car bearing four men and having no number plates on it, came past his truck in the alley behind the BREMER home, stopped, and then drove on. The reason MR. REICHOW took notice of this car was that it had no license plates on it. MR. REICHOW was unable to give the exact make or type of a car, but thought it was probably a 1933 or 1934 Chevrolet Sedan. He was unable to give any description whatever of the occupants of said car.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

Chicago Office

At Chicago, Illinois, if it is deemed advisable, will re-interview CLARA GIBSON, care of MRS. GEORGE GUYMON, 4322 Clarendon Avenue, for the purpose of having her point out to agents of the Chicago office the present residence of JOE GALLICHO and other members of his family or his wife's family, who it may be felt may have some connection with the members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang who are now fugitives.

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Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

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May 18, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:-

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

Reference is made to your letter of March 8, 1935,
concerning the receipt of a letter dated February 26, 1935,
from Mrs. Carson Bradford of Ocklawaha, Florida, requesting
information as to whether the Bureau would be able to pay for
the damage suffered her residence while effecting the apprehen-
sion of the Barkers during January of this year.

Please be advised that Special Agent E. F. Fitzsimons
called on Mrs. Bradford at her home, 3158 North Bay Road, Miami
Beach, Florida, on May 16, 1935, and suggested the course she
may desire to pursue in this matter, such as was outlined in
the Bureau letter above mentioned.

Mrs. Bradford expressed appreciation of the thought-
fulness of the Bureau, and indicated that she may pursue the
course suggested in an endeavor to have a special bill introduced
before the Congress to cover the damage she suffered in this in-
stance.

Very truly yours,

cc - Cincinnati
St. Paul

E. A. ALT,
Special Agent in Charge.

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BREKID WILLIAM KERIN LEFT LOUISVILLE THIS AFTERNOON

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515
St. Paul, Minnesota

May 17, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218 -FUG.;
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236;
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. 1237-FUG.;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232;
WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238;
HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. 1240-FUG.;
WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239;
MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241;
BRUNO PUTAS, with aliases - FUG., et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES -
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATL. FIREARMS ACT.
St. Paul file No. 7-30

Reference is made to my telephonic conversation with you this morning, at which time I advised you that the jury, at about 12:00 o'clock noon today, returned its verdict in the above entitled case; that the jury found the following parties guilty as charged in the indictment of conspiring to kidnap and transport Victim Bremer in interstate commerce and to hold him for ransom:

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Arthur R. (Doc) Barker
Harold V. Allderton
James J. Wilson
Oliver A. Berg
John Joseph (Boss) McLaughlin

I further advised you at that time that the court immediately imposed a sentence of life imprisonment upon Barker and Berg. It is interesting to note that at the time the court pronounced sentence upon Barker, the court stated to Barker, "You have had no defense in this case. The evidence is convincing that you are guilty of the crime charged. Kidnaping can not go unpunished." The court then imposed the life sentence, with a few closing remarks.

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It is also interesting to note that at the time a life sentence was imposed upon Berg, the court stated to Berg, "You have told a fantastic tale. You have given a story which would have fooled simpler minds than those of the jury." The court further indicated that the story given by Berg had been completely discredited and was not capable of being believed. With a few closing remarks, he then imposed a life sentence upon Oliver A. Berg.

The United States Attorney has advised that the Federal sentence imposed upon Berg today will not take effect until such time as Berg is released by the state of Illinois.

Federal Judge M. M. Joyce has indicated to the United States Attorney that the sentencing of McLaughlin and Wilson will probably take place during the week of May 26, 1935; that the disposition as to McLaughlin is pending advice from the Attorney General's office at Washington, in view of the condition of the health of McLaughlin. The court further indicated that the sentencing of Wilson has been held in abeyance pending the procurement of information from Wilson as to his attitude as a witness if, as and when Dr. Moran is brought to trial.

The sentencing of Allderton and Farmer has been held in abeyance to determine what their attitude will be as witnesses in the case against Harry Sawyer and such other subjects as might be apprehended between now and the November term of the Federal Court sitting at St. Paul.

As you were advised today, William E. Vidler and Phillip Delaney were found not guilty.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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FIVE MEN, THREE DRESSED AS POLICEMEN, TWO DRESSED AS CIVILIANS
 HELD UP AND ROBBED THE EDISON APPLIANCE COMPANY, CHICAGO, MAY 9.

THIS COMPANY HAD PREVIOUSLY PLANNED MAKING BONUS PAYMENT TO ALL
 EMPLOYEES WHICH WOULD HAVE AMOUNTED TO ABOUT \$80,000. PLANS CHANGED
 AND ROBBERS ONLY OBTAINED ABOUT \$3800. CAPTAIN SULLIVAN, CHIEF OF
 DETECTIVES, CHICAGO POLICE, ADVISES THIS MORNING GUARDS AT EDISON
 APPLIANCE COMPANY HAVE IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPHS OF HARRY CAMPBELL
 AND VOLNEY DAVIS AS PARTICIPANTS IN ROBBERY. ROBBERS USED BLACK
 FORD V-8 SEDAN WITH POLICE NUMBER 14 PAINTED ON OUTSIDE. POLICE CAR
 NUMBER 14 BEARS NO NUMBER AND IS USED FOR UNDER COVER WORK. THIS
 OFFICE NOW CHECKING IDENTIFICATIONS BY PHOTOGRAPHS WITH EMPLOYEES
 OF EDISON APPLIANCE COMPANY AND ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE SHOWN TO
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BREKID REFERENCE PREVIOUS TELETYPE AND TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH MR. NATHAN. TWO GUARDS, GEORGE RAPATA AND JOSEPH DEIRBAUM, AT EDISON APPLIANCE COMPANY POSITIVELY IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECTS HARRY CAMPBELL AND VOLNEY DAVIS AS HAVING PARTICIPATED IN ROBBERY MAY 9. CAPTAIN SULLIVAN, CHIEF OF DETECTIVES, ADVISED AGENTS CHAFFETZ AND SULLIVAN THAT HE WAS INFORMED THAT THE FORD V-8 SEDAN WITH POLICE NUMBER 14 PAINTED ON OUSIDE PULLED UP IN FRONT OF AN APARTMENT BUILDING AFTER THE ROBBERY. HE STATES HE IS COVERING THE APARTMENT AND INTENDS TO PLANT SAME AND ALSO TAP TELEPHONE WIRES. CAPTAIN SULLIVAN STATES HE WILL INFORM THIS OFFICE OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS. CLOSE CONTACT WILL BE MAINTAINED WITH CAPTAIN SULLIVAN IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN SUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE

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BREKID . REFERENCE TELETYPE DATED 1- PM, MAY 11, 1935. MARY MONAHAN, ASSISTANT PAYMASTER, EDISON APPLIANCE COMPANY, PRESENT DURING ROBBERY, ADVISED PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECTS HARRY CAMPBELL AND VOLNEY DAVIS FAILED TO RESEMBLE ANY OF PARTICIPANTS. MISS MONAHAN GUARDED BY ROBBERS DURING ROBBERY AND FORCED TO ACCOMPANY THEM TO ENTRANCE OF BUILDING IN MAKING ESCAPE. CAPTAIN SULLIVAN DESCRIBES YELLOW BRICK APARTMENT HOUSE WITH COURTYARD AT OR NEAR 5538 JACKSON BLVE. AS APARTMENT WHERE POLICE CAR 14 USED BY ROBBERS WAS PARKEC. POLICE CHECKING THIS ADDRESS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. CLOSE CONTACT BEING KETP WITH CAPTAIN SULLIVAN FOR RESULTS OF INQUIRY. DO NOT BELIEVE IT ADVISABLE TO MAKE INDEPENDENT INQUIRY AT ABOVE ADDRESS AT THIS TIME.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Reference is made to the attached clipping from The Washington Times, dated May 8, 1935, entitled "Bremer Abuse Tactics Cited". This story refers to the allegations that James Wilson, defendant in the trial of the Barker-Karpis gang was mistreated by Special Agents of the Bureau.

In connection with this article and as a matter of appropriate record, the following two paragraphs are quoted from a memorandum submitted by Special Agent K. R. McIntire under date of May 9, 1935, at St. Paul, Minnesota, addressed to the Director. These quoted paragraphs apparently answer the matter of these allegations in full.

"JIMMIE WILSON was the second witness called by the defense. He likewise admitted practically everything which had been charged against him by the Government, except that he insisted that he had no guilty knowledge at any time. The testimony of Wilson will not be set out at length in view of the fact that it was very similar to the signed statement introduced through the testimony of Agent John L. Madala. On cross examination, however, the Government made efforts to use two other signed statements which had been submitted to agents of this Bureau by JAMES WILSON in order to show inconsistencies in his direct testimony. At this point the defense objected to the use of such statements for impeachment purposes and it further objected to the introduction in evidence in view of the fact that they contended that the statements had been obtained under force and duress. The defense then called for a collateral inquiry to determine the voluntary character of the statements. During the collateral inquiry, WILSON assumed a very arrogant attitude and made innumerable sweeping statements alleging that agents Brown and Madala of the Chicago Office had brutally mistreated him for which reason he was in such dire fear that he was willing to sign anything in order to avoid further punishment. This inquiry was gone into at length and WILSON was cross-examined very severely. The Judge obviously sensing the false character of the allegations of WILSON took upon himself to cross-examine WILSON and showed the latter to be very inconsistent in his statements.

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Special Agents W. C. Ryan, John L. Madala and R. D. Brown were called by the Government at which time they completely discredited the testimony of WILSON. In order to be certain of his ground, the court also examined agents Ryan, Madala and Brown. At the close of this inquiry the court ruled that he was not convinced that WILSON had been mistreated and the court stated that the testimony of Agent Madala had been admirable insofar as he had had opportunity

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to cinch the story of Agent Brown if he had wished to corroborate Brown in every detail. The court stated further that Madala honestly refrained from perjuring his testimony in order to cinch the story of Agent Brown and after taking all the facts into consideration he concluded that WILSON had not been mistreated in any way and further that the statements sought to be introduced by the Government could be introduced."

Respectfully,


Clyde Tolson.

BREMER ABUSE TACTICS CITED

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 8 (I.N.S.)—An amazing story of third-degree methods allegedly used by Chicago Federal agents today was told by James Wilson, defendant in the trial of Barker-Karpis mobsters charged with the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul bank president.

The jury was excluded from the courtroom while Wilson testified and defense attorneys tried to explain to trial judge M. M. Joyce why a signed statement by Wilson should not be admitted as Government evidence.

On September 4, 1934, at the Chicago office of the Federal division the youthful chauffeur for the fugitive Dr. J. P. Moran, was fingerprinted and photographed, he said; then was shown pictures of John J. "Boss" McLaughlin and Oliver "Izzy" Berg. The witness said:

"I couldn't recognize Berg. Agent Ralph D. Brown told me they would give me another chance to recognize the picture. John L. Madala, another agent, also was there.

"Out of a clear sky they started to beat me. Brown on one side and Madala on the other. They did that twice, and then I said I would identify any picture to avoid a beating. Blood was running from my nose, mouth and ears."

*Memo Dir.
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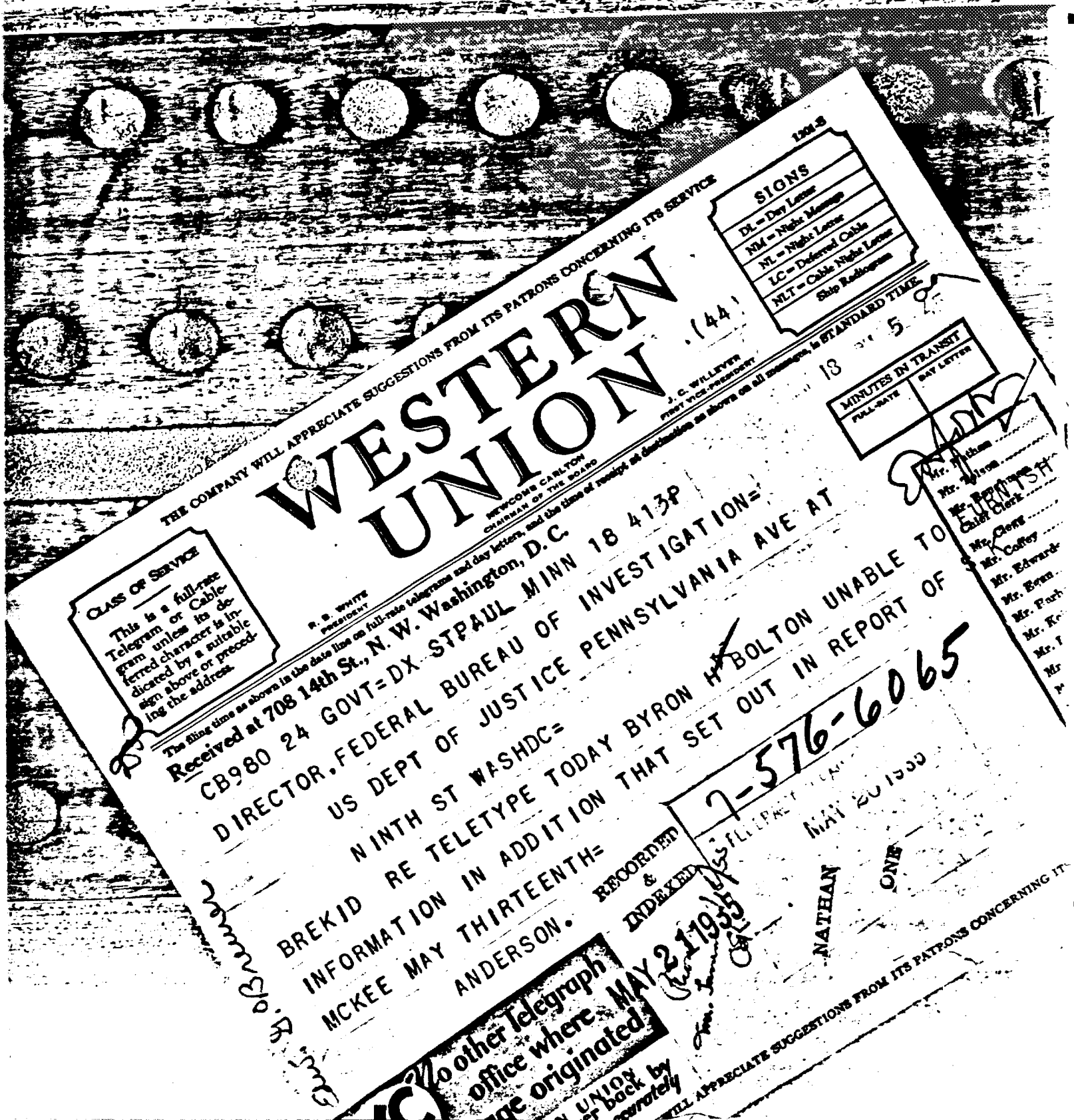
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BREKID ALL ATTORNEYS GRANTED UNLIMITED TIME FOR ARGUMENT. GOVT COMPLETED ITS ARGUMENT AT FOUR TODAY. DE COURCEY ATTORNEY FOR BARKER COMPLETED ARGUMENT TODAY. HE REMARKED THAT CASE AS TO BARKER PREJUDICED BECAUSE BARKER FORCED TO WEAR HANDCUFS. THE COURT WARNED DECOURCEY STATING THAT SUCH ARGUMENT WAS HIGHLY PREJUDICIAL AND THAT THE HANDCUFFING WAS ORDERED BY THE COURT AND THAT THE COURT WOULD TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY. DE COURCY ALSO ARGUED THAT BOLTON FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON HAD NOT AS YET BEEN SENTENCED. THE COURT AGAIN ORDERED SUCH ARGUMENT TO CEASE DECLARING THE ARGUMENT TO BE HIGHLY IMPROPER.

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

FILE NO. **7-45 APG**

REPORT MADE AT Philadelphia, Pa.	DATE WHEN MADE 5-19-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-10-35	REPORT MADE BY C. J. Martin
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS w.a. I. O. #1218-FUGITIVE et al			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Gregory Codomo accompanied Duke Randall when the latter removed Ford Coupe from parking space at the Biscayne Kennel Club to the parking lot in the rear of the El Comodoro Hotel. Car repaired behind grandstand at Kennel Club was that owned by Codomo and repaired by him.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Jacksonville to Philadelphia, dated April 27, 1935.

DETAILS: AT NEWARK, N. J.

Upon his return to Newark to spend the week-end Gregory Codomo communicated with the writer and was interviewed in the place of business of his brother, Leonard Codomo, at 373 Central Ave. The Ford Coupe mentioned in the letter of reference was removed from where it was parked between the first and second cottages at the Biscayne Kennel Club by Duke Randall who then took it to the parking lot at the El Comodoro Hotel. Randall was driven to the Kennel Club by Codomo in the latter's car. This car had Ohio license plates on it at this time the number of which Codomo did not remember. Codomo repaired the car owned by him behind the grandstand during a period of three days around the 5th, 6th and 7th of November, 1934. Randall used Joe Adams' Lincoln car to exchange some parts that he had bought at the Penney Stores when he found that they were not what he needed. To his knowledge the car taken by Randall was not repaired as it was considered by Codomo to be in very good condition.

Codomo is at present and for the next six weeks will be in Dover, N.H. where he is residing at 24 Kirkland Street and receiving his mail at the General Delivery window at the Post Office at that place. If during that time

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it is necessary to ascertain anything further from him it is suggested that leads be set out for the Boston Office. After the expiration of the stated time he may be located through his brother Leonard Codomo, operator of the Select Used Car Co., 373 Central Ave., Newark, N. J.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO.**

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE: 5/18/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4/11-12 & 4/20 to 5/15/35	REPORT MADE BY: R. C. SURAN
TITLE: 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, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Photographs of Harry Campbell and Volney Davis identified as being likenesses of individuals who participated in robbery of Edison Appliance Company, May 9, 1935. Mary Monahan, Assistant Paymaster of Edison Company, disputes above identification made by guards. Informant at Bensenville, Illinois, observing Elmer's Tavern and reporting license numbers of cars appearing there. Kahn family of Elmhurst, Illinois, have departed from that place for Germany. Information obtained John Russell Moran located at Louisville, Kentucky; surveillance being maintained on Moran at that place. Alleged Chicago address of J. R. Moran, 4165 South Halsted Street, fictitious. Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Live Stock Union occupies address of 4187-89 South Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois. J. R. Moran apparently receiving mail at that address. Surveillance of Hy-Ho Club, to 4/12/35 failed to reveal whereabouts of subject Harrison. Investigation at Mankato, Minnesota, unproductive. Charles Stratton and others in St. Joseph, Michigan, and Benton Harbor, Michigan, unable to furnish information of value. Volney Davis alleged to have contacted R. A. Milroy, Aurora, Illinois, after escape from Agents at Yorkville, Illinois. Report Karpis living at Harvey, Illinois, erroneous. Investigation conducted relative to Mrs. E. Frost, 6252 North Magnolia Avenue, Chicago, and Harry Williams, Maryland Hotel, Chicago, both of whom were in communication with Frankie Foster at New York City.</p>			
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_____ reports information obtained concerning activities of family of Elmer Farmer and defense attorney in connection with the trial of the case now in progress at St. Paul, Minnesota.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, 4/20/35; report of Special Agent W. F. Seery, New York City 4/13/35 and report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, 4/12/35.

DETAILS:

The following report covers the various investigative activities of the Agents assigned to this work at Chicago, whose identities are indicated in the report of their investigative activities contained hereinafter.

On May 11, 1935, Special Agent A. P. Barber, while at the Chicago Police Department on other business, was advised by Chief of Detectives John L. Sullivan, that on May 9, 1935, five men, three of whom were dressed as policemen and two dressed as civilians, held up and robbed the Edison Appliance Company, Chicago, Illinois, at which time the robbers obtained approximately \$3,800 in cash. Captain Sullivan advised that guards at the Edison Appliance Company identified photographs of Harry Campbell and Volney Davis as being the likenesses of the participants in this robbery; that the perpetrators of the crime used a black Ford V-8 sedan with police number "14" painted on the outside. Captain Sullivan further advised that the regular police department Car No. 14 bears no number and is used for undercover work only. Captain Sullivan further advised Agent Barber that he had "a location" and would advise the Chicago Bureau office concerning his investigation of this place before any raid was conducted. Captain Sullivan would furnish no more information to Agent Barber, but advised that if he developed any information concerning the whereabouts of the robbers he would immediately communicate with the Chicago Bureau office.

Special Agent A. P. Barber interviewed Mr. W. Jarva, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer of the Edison General Electric Appliance Company, 5600 West Taylor Street, Chicago, Illinois, relative to the information which had been furnished by Chief of Detectives John L. Sullivan of the Chicago Police Department. Mr. Jarva advised that the robbery occurred about 7:00 A.M. on May 9, 1935, and at the time of the robbery guards George Repata, 1911 South 56th Avenue, Cicero, Illinois, Frank Sterba, 2955 South Karlov Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Joseph Beirbaum, 5316 West 13th Street, Cicero, Illinois, and Charles Mix, 124 North Pine Street, Chicago, Illinois, were

present, together with Miss Mary Monahan, Assistant Paymaster, 1614 South 61st Avenue, Cicero, Illinois, Casper Meyers, 1614 South 61st Avenue, Cicero, Illinois, and Joseph Lantvit, the latter named individuals being janitors. Mr. Jarva advised that the robbers obtained the sum of about \$3,800 in money. He stated that as a general rule the paydays fall on Wednesdays and that the payments were made as the different shifts go off duty, and as a result most of the employees' wages had been paid prior to the time of the robbery. He further stated that as a general rule while the paydays fall on Wednesdays, in months containing five weeks the paydays fall on Thursdays, and that the sum of between \$50,000 and \$90,000 is paid out to the employees; that this sum includes a bonus which is paid once a month. He further advised that the robbers obtained four .38 calibre Special Smith and Wesson revolvers with five inch barrels which his company had purchased from the Smith and Wesson factory on January 19, 1932. He advised that the company had purchased five such guns and obtained the invoice showing the guns with the following numbers: 635612, 635521, 635549, 635566, and 636829. Mr. Jarva was unable to identify the four guns taken by the robbers, advising that one of the guns was at the time of the interview located in the safe and he would not have access to it until a later date and that he would be able to advise at that time which gun was still in the possession of the company.

Mr. Jarva advised that Detective Freedman of the Chicago Police Department had exhibited photographs of Volney Davis and Harry Campbell to the guards who were present during the robbery and that these individuals had been identified by the guards as having participated in the robbery. Mr. Jarva was questioned to determine if any of the robbers had touched anything for the purpose of ascertaining if it would be possible to find any latent fingerprints of any of the robbers. He advised that the Chicago police had not made any efforts to discover any latent fingerprints left by the robbers and that the door to the vault and to the safe had been handled by various employees of the office during the past few days.

Guards George Repata, Frank Sterba, Joseph Beirbaum and Charles Mix were interviewed in the office of the above company. Photographs of Harry Campbell, Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis and William Weaver were shown to the guards. Repata and Beirbaum positively identified the photograph of Campbell as being one of the robbers, while Sterba positively identified Volney Davis as being another.

Beirbaum stated that he was stationed on the sidewalk in front of the door at the office of the above company at about 7:00 A.M. on the date of the robbery and observed a 1930 Ford sedan, painted black, with "Police No. 14" painted on the side of it, swing into Taylor Street from Central Avenue and stop in front of the office. He stated that upon stopping three police officers, dressed in full police uniform, identical with that worn

by Chicago policemen, got out of the back seat of the car and informed him "we got a report there is a stickup here". At this time two individuals in plain clothes got out of the front seat of the car and all five surrounded him and upon entering the door of the offices asked him if he was a police officer and upon showing them his badge which was fastened to his holster, one of the men removed his gun and said that they would take care of that for him and that they would find out if he was a police officer or not at a later time. The men then entered the lobby of the building on the ground floor and obtained guard Repata's gun under the same pretext. They then continued up the stairs to the second floor where they accosted guard Sterba. Upon approaching Sterba one of the men asked where the stickup was and then asked where is your badge and your gun, whereupon they questioned Sterba if he was a police officer or not and took his gun and advised him to the effect that they would find out whether he was a police officer or not. They then continued on to the vault, which is located on the second floor and accosted guard Charles Mix and Miss Monahan. They then entered the vault, being preceded by the four guards and Miss Monahan and after taking the money, which was contained in a cash box, out of a safe within the vault, locked the four guards in the vault and commanded Miss Monahan to accompany them to the ground floor. Upon reaching the ground floor they advised Miss Monahan that everything was all right and left the building.

The guards advised that Miss Monahan did not realize that the robbery had taken place until all of the robbers had fled from the building.

The following are composite descriptions of the participants of the robbery as received from the four guards mentioned above:

Number One man - Who is described as being the leader:

Age - 43 to 45 years
Height - 5' 7" or 8"
Weight - 225 pounds
Build - Heavy
Hair - Dark brown
Pimpled, pock-marked face, pimpled pocked nose
Wore heavy dark rimmed glasses
Was dressed in civilian clothes, wearing tan suit, speckled grey topcoat and brown hat. The general consensus of opinion among the guards was that this individual was of Polish extraction but advised that he spoke clear and distinct English.

Number Two man - who the guards identified from a photograph as being Harry Campbell:

Dressed in regulation Chicago Police Department uniform - long trousers, blue stripe on trousers, regular regulation police shoes. Hat insignia and badge were identical with those used by Chicago Police Department.

Age - 35 years

Height - 5' 7"

Weight - 145 lbs.

Hair - Dark

Blotches on face

Twisted his mouth to one side while talking to them.

Number Three man:

Age - 45 years

Height - 5' 7"

Weight - 230 pounds

Spoke clear, distinct English and was believed by guards to be of Polish extraction.

Dressed in a uniform similar to that worn by Number Two man. Was wearing the summer style police hat and regulation police shoes.

Number Four man: (Identified from photograph as being Volney Davis)

Dressed in regulation Chicago Police Department uniform, long trousers and regulation police shoes.

None of the guards would advance any description of the Fifth man. They advised that he acted as a rear guard during the progress of the robbery and that no opportunity was had to determine his description.

All of the robbers were armed with pistols and no other type of weapon was noticed during the robbery.

All of the guards agreed with the information concerning the robbery as given by guard Beirbaum, which is set forth in preceding paragraphs.

Nick Folgers, 1340 57th Court, Cicero, Illinois, another employee of the above company advised that he observed the bandits as they were fleeing from the scene of the robbery in the Ford sedan. He stated that these men made their escape by proceeding west on Taylor Street for one block, then left on Waller Street and west on Fillmore Street. He further advised that he did not have sufficient time to observe the men very closely but noted at the time they passed him that all of the men were in the act of changing their uniform hats for soft felt hats. He advised that the automobile passed so rapidly that he was unable to make any observation of it other than to note that it had "Police No. 14" painted on the side; that the word "police" was spelled out and painted in a slightly curved manner with the number "14" placed directly under it.

Mary Monahan, Assistant Paymaster, was interviewed by Special Agent Barber. Miss Monahan advised that the photographs of subjects Harry Campbell and Volney Davis failed to resemble any of the participants. Miss Monahan advised that she was guarded by the robbers during the robbery and forced to accompany them to the entrance of the building in making their escape.

Captain Sullivan advised on May 13, 1935, that a yellow brick apartment house with a large courtyard located at or near 5538 Jackson Boulevard was the apartment where police car No. 14 was seen parked half an hour after the robbery occurred. Captain Sullivan stated that he had at that time two men checking this address to ascertain the owner and manager thereof for further information regarding the identity of the robbers. He stated that he would immediately advise the Chicago Bureau office should he obtain any information indicating that any members of the Karpis-Barker gang were residing at this address or should he obtain further information indicating they were the perpetrators of the above robbery. From Captain Sullivan's conversation, Agent gathered that he did not desire the Chicago Bureau office to conduct an investigation at the above apartment house at this time. He was advised that this office would at any time be glad to assist in any investigation he might be making in this matter.

This matter was discussed with Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, who did not deem it advisable at this time to make an independent inquiry at the above mentioned apartment house. Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and M. Chaffetz made a surveillance of the neighborhood in the 5500 block on Jackson Boulevard and ascertained that there was a large yellow building with a large courtyard located at 5556 Jackson, which undoubtedly is the apartment house referred to by Chief Sullivan. Close contact is being maintained with Chief Sullivan for further developments in this matter.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent
A. P. Barber:

Mr. W. Jarva, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of the Edison General Electric Appliance Company, 5600 West Taylor Street, Chicago, called the Chicago Bureau Office on May 14, 1935 and advised that his company had received a special delivery letter from Mrs. Bertha J. Mairs, Station B, Charleston, West Virginia, postmarked at Charleston, West Virginia, at 3:00 P.M., May 13, 1935. Mr. Jarva read the letter over the telephone to Agent, and it is quoted below:

May 11th/1935

Mrs. Bertha J. Mairs
Station B. Charleston
West Va.

Dear Sir:

I have noticed in the newspapper where Edison Electric Appliance Company were robed of Three Thousand and Eight hundred Dollars.

Now if you wish for me to help you to locate those people and get you money back let me know. Of course I would expect you all to pay me after my wourk was finished.

Because it will cost me money to catch them and mabey I will live to finish my work and mabey I wont.

Because I take a awful responceability upon my selve to do work like that.

Let me know at once what about it. I beleive I can help you. Answer soon. Yous very Respectifuly

/s/ Mrs. Bertha J. Mairs
Station B, Charleston, West Va."

Mr. Jarva advised that he would send instant letter to the Chicago Bureau Office by messenger, inasmuch as one of his messengers had to make a trip to the Loop on other company business. Upon its receipt this letter will be retained in the Chicago Bureau Office file of this case.

A telegram was directed to the Pittsburgh Bureau Office on May 14, 1935 requesting that office to conduct an investigation at Charleston, West Virginia for the purpose of interviewing Mrs. Bertha J. Mairs to ascertain if she has any information of value concerning the identity of the individuals who robbed the above company.

A letter was also transmitted to the Director, together with copies to the St. Paul, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh offices, confirming the information set forth in the above telegram, on May 14, 1935.

Under date of May 14, 1935, the Pittsburgh Bureau office advised that Bertha J. Mairs had no information concerning the above robbery and was considered to be mentally deranged.

On April 29, 1935, Mr. C. L. Oswald, who is employed at the roundhouse at Bensenville, Illinois, and who is residing at 459 Washburn Street, Elgin, Illinois, called this office. Mr. Oswald is one of the individuals contacted by Special Agent W. C. Ryan, who agreed to maintain a surveillance of the tavern of Jim Farmer at Bensenville, Illinois, and furnish this office with any information concerning people calling at this tavern in whom this office might have an interest. The tavern referred to is commonly known as "Elmer's Tavern". Mr. Oswald called at the office in order to obtain photographs of various women connected with this gang, stating that a number of women had been calling at the tavern operated by Jim Farmer. He was furnished photographs of Myrtle Eaton, Madeline Snyder and Gladys Sawyer, as well as those of other fugitives in this case.

Mr. Oswald advised Special Agent Chaffetz that he had seen several cars at the above tavern, but that he had checked the same and determined that they were owned by parties residing in Bensenville, Illinois, or parties with whom he was acquainted. He further advised Agent Chaffetz that he is keeping a very close lookout on all persons calling at the tavern and will immediately report any information of value to this office. He added that the tavern is running a "book"

taking bets on races, and for this reason a large number of cars are frequenting that place.

Mr. Oswald on May 10, 1935, advised Agent Sullivan that he saw cars bearing the following license plates in front of Elmer's Tavern:

1935 Illinois license no. 585-520, which he stated were issued to John Keller, 754 North Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for a De Soto Sedan;

1935 Illinois license No. 62-172, which were issued to P. D. Little, 4834 Henderson Street, Chicago, Illinois, for a Dodge Sedan.

On May 11, 1935, Mr. Oswald called from Elgin, Illinois, and advised that the following license numbers had been observed at Elmer's Tavern:

1935 Illinois license No. 422-720, issued to Jesse J. Reid, 3102 North 78th Avenue, Elmwood Park, Illinois, for a Plymouth sedan;

1935 Illinois license No. 986-575, two men were seen in this car which is either a De Soto or a Chrysler; no descriptions of the occupants were secured.

Mention has been made in previous reports that Deputy Sheriff Lang at Wheaton, Illinois, commonly known as "Smoky", frequently traveled about with Elmer Farmer. Deputy Sheriff Lang was interviewed by Special Agents J. L. Madala and D. P. Sullivan. He stated that he has known Elmer Farmer at Bensenville for some time; that he and Farmer went about together frequently; that Farmer appeared to be a likeable good-natured fellow, who made a living from slot machines, and from the tavern he operated at Bensenville. Deputy Sheriff Lang stated that he did not know during the time he went around with Elmer Farmer that Farmer aided hoodlums in obtaining places to hide out. He was shown photographs of all members of the Karpis-Barker gang, which he failed to recognize.

Deputy Sheriff Lang, however, stated that some time approximately in August of 1934, he noticed a young man fixing a spare tire on a Ford sedan, which was parked in the vicinity of Elmer Farmer's tavern; that he stopped and looked at the man and he stated that this man appeared to be similar in appearance to the photograph of Alvin Karpis, which was shown him. Lang stated he did not question this young man, but he obtained the license plates on the car, which bore at that time 1934 Illinois plates No. 996-646, which were issued to Mrs. Grace Tait, 2641 Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, for an Oakland coupe. Lang stated that he never checked the above address; that he has not seen this young fellow before or since the above incident. Deputy Sheriff Lang likewise stated that the photograph of Dr. Joseph P. Moran appeared familiar and that he believed he had seen a man of similar appearance to Moran either at Joliet or Aurora, Illinois, or the vicinity of these two towns.

Lang further stated that Mike Moreno, a hoodlum located at Melrose Park, frequently visited Elmer's Tavern; that Moreno apparently provided Farmer with tips on horse races.

Lang further stated that Farmer frequently visited Kahn's Stand, a barbecue place located on North Avenue near Melrose Park, and that he and Farmer frequently went out with the two young daughters of Mr. Kahn, who operated the above barbecue stand. It is to be noted that the daughters of Kahn are young girls, approximately 17 and 19 years of age. Helen Kahn especially appears to have gone about with Farmer frequently.

Lang further stated that he had no information indicating that any hoodlums ever visited Kahn's Barbecue Stand; that there were two or three tourist cabins located in the back of the stand; that he cannot recall at any time seeing any members of the Karpis Barker gang or other hoodlums visiting this stand. However, he stated that some months ago, he recollected seeing a tall thin fellow standing outside of Kahn's Barbecue Stand, and when shown the photograph of Russell Gibson, Lang stated that this photograph appeared to be a likeness of this man. Lang did not obtain the license plates on the car driven by this man, nor was he able to provide any further information. Lang stated that the Kahn family

had a lease on the barbecue stand for the sum of \$3000.00 for a period unknown, but undoubtedly for a year or more because of the large sum involved, and that the whole family intended leaving for Germany approximately May 10th for an indefinite stay. Lang stated that he frequently dropped in to visit the Kahns with friends of his, and at his suggestion, Agents accompanied Deputy Sheriff Lang to Kahn's stand, where a casual conversation was had with Helen Kahn. Deputy Sheriff Lang stated that he had received some information indicating that some members of the Karpis-Barker gang had been seen in the county and exhibited to Helen Kahn photographs of all members of the Karpis-Barker gang. She stated that she had never seen any of these persons. However, from her conversation, it appeared that she was withholding information. Lang further stated that Elmer Farmer for the past 10 years had been living with a woman named Helen, who formerly was married to a man named Conliff at Bensenville; that she is presently living with her mother, a Mrs. Wynn on Addison Street, Bensenville; that Helen's uncle formerly ran a drug store, which is now closed, at Bensenville. Lang said that he did not believe that Helen would provide any information she might have in locating members of the Karpis-Barker gang not yet apprehended.

On May 6, 1935, the Chicago Bureau office received information from the Sheriff at Wheaton, Illinois, that the Chicago Tribune had made inquiry concerning one Kahn and family, who were said to have been arrested in New York on May 6, 1935, while boarding a ship for Germany, and that Bremer ransom money had been found in possession of Kahn.

Investigation by the Chicago Bureau office indicated that Kahn called John Snyder, the present operator of Kahn's Grove at Elmhurst, Illinois, a barbecue stand formerly operated by Kahn, by long distance telephone on the Thursday prior to May 6, 1935, informing him that he was leaving Chicago that day.

Mr. John Snyder was interviewed by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan and stated that the Kahn family left Elmhurst approximately three weeks ago, returning about two days after they left, and again departed, stating that they were going to visit various relatives in Wisconsin, Indiana and Michigan, but did not give the names or the addresses of these relatives. Mr. Snyder stated that Kahn had recently purchased a new Ford V-8 sedan in which the family were to drive to New York, the car to be shipped to Germany. He further stated that the only relative he knew of Kahn's was a Dr. Kahn, a chiropodist located at Tulsa, Oklahoma, whom Mr. Kahn visited during the past January past; that he understood that the Kahn family was to leave either on the steamship Bremen or Europa

on either May 11th or May 17th. Snyder was shown photographs of all members of the Karpis-Barker gang, which he failed to recognize. He stated he leased the premises from Kahn on April 1, 1935. Snyder was questioned concerning the report that the Kahn family had been arrested in New York City, and he stated that he had no definite information in this regard but had heard from a number of persons living in the vicinity that Kahn had been arrested; that because it was well known that Kahn and his daughters were well acquainted with Elmer Farmer, some persons had stated that Kahn had been in possession of Bremer ransom money. He stated he had been unable to locate the source of this report, but expressed the opinion that it was mere scandal.

The Oklahoma City office was telegraphically requested to interview Dr. Kahn, chiropodist at Tulsa, Oklahoma, to ascertain all information concerning the present whereabouts of Kahn and his family and the names and addresses of relatives he might be likely to visit.

On May 6, 1935, the New York City office was requested by teletype to locate and interview the Kahn family and the Washington Field office was requested to furnish the New York City office with information concerning the name of the boat and the date of sailing which possibly could be obtained from the application for the passport.

The New York City office advised by teletype on May 7, 1935, that the Kahn family was booked as third class on the steamship Bremen, sailing at midnight May 10, 1935. The New York City office advised that no local New York address could be found for the Kahns and it would be necessary to interview them on the Bremen or detain their departure. It was believed that an interview aboard the steamship Bremen would be unsatisfactory. Special Agent in Charge Purvis communicated with Assistant Director Harold Nathan at Washington and informed him fully as to the details in this matter. Mr. Nathan was of the opinion that Kahn could not be prevented from sailing and advised that he would immediately inform the New York City office by telephone.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents G. C. Woltz and M. Chaffetz, Agent Woltz being the reporting agent:

The above-named agents conducted an extensive investigation at 1102 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, in an effort to locate John Moran or Tommy Wilder, the latter being an associate and contact of Moran. These men were supposedly meeting at Schultz' Restaurant at this address and might be contacting Harrison.

The letter of Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, St. Louis, Missouri, of April 8, 1935, sets out this lead, which was based upon information furnished by Deputy Sheriff H. D. Newbold of Clayton, Missouri.

Agents Woltz and Chaffetz established the fact that the restaurant formerly operated by Schultz and Joebel at 1102 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, had been sold several months ago and was at this time operated by a person named Pilat, and that this restaurant was a cheap restaurant which had a large patronage at mealtimes. However, very seldom was there anyone hanging around or loafing within the place other than at mealtime. For a period of several days Agents could not observe anyone resembling either Moran or Wilder or Harrison in or near this place.

The letter carrier, Mr. J. M. Smith, whose number is #704, Main Post Office, Section 7, and who carries the mail at this address was interviewed and shown photographs of Moran, Wilder, Harrison and also other members of the Karpis-Barker gang, but he could not identify anyone as having been seen by him near this address. Mr. Smith also stated that no mail of a personal nature was received at any addresses near this place and that nearly all mail which was received seemed to be circulars and papers.

It was established that the only person living over the restaurant or near it was a Mr. Coopy and his wife, who had lived there for the past twenty years and who were regarded as being reliable and honest and, according to Mr. Smith, had no connection with hoodlums and did not have any visitors at times when he delivered mail at this place. Mr. Smith advised that the local police were checking on this same matter about two months ago and questioned him about the same address and the same people that we were asking about.

It was established that the Coopy's phone number was Seeley 9809, and that the phone number of the restaurant at 1102 West Madison Street was Canal 9869. These phone numbers were checked through the records of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company for incoming and outgoing calls. The address at 1104 West Madison Street, which is an adjoining store and at which the Paragon Wholesale Liquor Store is operated, was checked through the records, as well as a hotel directly over this store with the entrance at 1104 West Madison, with negative results as to all phones.

A letter was written to the St. Louis Office requesting that Mr. H. D. Newbold, the deputy sheriff of Clayton, Missouri, be contacted to determine just what period of time the information which he had received covered, as apparently many changes had taken place at this address in recent months, and since the local police were checking this same place two months ago it is possible that the information received by Mr. Newbold originated from the local police in Chicago after negative information was obtained by them upon checking this address.

The following memorandum was submitted by Acting Special Agent in Charge D.M. Ladd:

April 22, 1935

On Sunday, April 21st, 1935, Mr. E.J. Connelley received a call from [redacted] to the effect that Willie Harrison had been seen by him in the company of one Babs Moran, a hoodlum from St. Louis. b7c b7d

In accordance with this information, Mr. Connelley and the writer immediately proceeded to the vicinity of the Rianzi Hotel and contacted [redacted]. He advised that he had seen Willie Harrison make a contact with Moran, at which time Moran walked by him and handed him a slip of paper or some bills, he was not sure as to the nature of the package handed between the two. He stated that Moran was with another unknown individual who was driving a car bearing a 1935 Florida license, No. 45251, the make of the car being unknown; that Willie Harrison walked around the corner from this place and took a blue Publix cab; that he was unable to obtain the number of this cab.

In accordance with the above information, a telegram was forwarded to the Jacksonville office requesting them to advise as to the name of the owner of the license number above referred to."

On the same date, the Jacksonville office telegraphically advised that 1935 license plates 45251 were issued to J.D. Finnegan, Ambassador Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida for Dodge broughm; that his car bore motor No. SDR-5894. The Jacksonville office later on the same date advised that investigation at Miami Beach, Florida disclosed that Finnegan was a Chicago gambler who resided at the Ambassador Hotel, Miami Beach from November, 1934 to January of 1935; that he had been employed as a dealer at George Carter's Gambling Place and Bar at Miami Beach; that Finnegan had returned to Chicago three weeks ago; that his Chicago address could not be obtained; that Finnegan bears a good reputation among gamblers and has no police record. The telegram further stated that Finnegan is reputed to be acquainted with William J. Harrison and other hoodlums but not believed to be associated with Harrison or other members of the Karpis-Barker gang; that Finnegan has a wife and one child in Chicago.

Upon orders of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, who is reporting the following investigation, checked into the Rienzi Hotel, 600 Diversey Parkway, on April 22, 1935, and checked out late on the afternoon of April 24, 1935. It was believed advisable to have an Agent in the vicinity of the Rienzi Hotel, where [redacted] had stated Moran frequented almost nightly. b7c b7d

Agent spent some little time at Isbell's Restaurant located on the ground floor of the Rienzi Hotel. John Russell Moran is reported to have frequently visited this restaurant. Agent likewise frequented the Rienzi Arcade Bar located at the Rienzi Arcade, Diversey and Broadway. This place, according to [redacted] likewise is frequented by John Russell Moran. However, Moran was not seen.

Early in the morning of April 24, 1935, informant [redacted] stated that he had seen William Kern, alias Curran, an intimate associate of Moran in the neighborhood of the Rienzi Hotel; that Kern was drunk and had stated that he and Babs, referring to Moran, and Willie were going to the races at Louisville. [redacted] stated that he could not definitely state who Willie was but that the only Willie he knew was William J. Harrison, who was known to many of his friends as Willie Harrison. [redacted] stated that Kern was driving a late model Oldsmobile sedan, bearing 1935 Florida license 9350. [redacted] stated that he felt certain that Kern was the owner of the above-mentioned car. The Jacksonville office was telegraphically requested to ascertain all possible information concerning the party to whom the above plates were issued. In answer thereto the Jacksonville office on April 25, 1935, telegraphically advised that the above-mentioned plates were issued to Dr. E. H. Ruge, Apalachicola, Florida for a Ford coach; that the Chief of Police at Apalachicola, had advised that Ruge was born and reared in that town; that Ruge was a dentist bearing a good reputation; that he had left the city several years ago, and his present whereabouts were unknown, although he is believed to be located someplace in the State of Georgia.

[redacted] advised that should Kern and Moran proceed to the races at Louisville, he felt absolutely certain that they would not stay at Louisville, but would stop with a former Chicago hoodlum by the name of Patty Hogan, who operates a tavern called the Log Cabin at Jeffersonville, Indiana near Louisville, Kentucky. Later on during the day [redacted] stated that he had obtained

information from an acquaintance of Moran that Moran and Kern had left for Louisville that day. A letter was directed to the Indianapolis office requesting that office to make appropriate investigation at Jeffersonville, Indiana to ascertain whether Moran or Kern could be located at the above mentioned tavern operated by Patty Hogan.

On April 25, 1935, [REDACTED] telephonically communicated with Special Agent V.W. Peterson and advised that he had been mistaken; that Patty Hogan's place was not located at Jeffersonville, Indiana, but at Newport, Kentucky. A letter was directed to Special Agent in Charge E.J. Connelley at Cincinnati advising him of the above information, a carbon copy of which was forwarded to the Indianapolis office for its information. A photograph had been previously forwarded the Indianapolis office with a letter from the Chicago office dated April 24, 1935.

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On May 11, 1935 Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Louisville, Kentucky telephonically communicated with Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis and stated that Bill Kiern, companion of John Russell Moran, had just sent a telegram via Postal Telegraph, to Frank Walsh, 20 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, Room 707, reading as follows:

"Please send fifty to 4540 West Broadway thanks".

Mr. Connelley requested that investigation be made to determine the identity of the addressee of the telegram.

Agents M. Chaffetz and D. P. Sullivan, the latter being the reporting Agent, made the following investigation:

Mr. Gordon Smith, manager of the Great Northern Office Building, 20 West Jackson Boulevard, was interviewed and he stated that James P. Nolan had rented Room 707 since October, 1932. Mr. Smith stated that Nolan was engaged in operating some sort of a bookmaking establishment, the great bulk of his business being done by telephone. He stated that Nolan, at the time he rented the above office suite, gave his residence address as 6048 North Washington Avenue, telephone Rogers Park 4140; that Nolan did his banking at the Amalgamated Trust & Savings Bank; that Nolan had a brother named J. J. Nolan who was a member of the Chicago Board of Trade. Mr. Smith stated that he had made inquiry of several references given by Nolan at the time he rented the above office suite and had ascertained that Nolan was considered highly reputable; that he ran an ordinary and apparently legitimate bookmaking establishment, which he believed was frequented by stock brokers and business men of some little wealth. He stated that there were approximate 20 people employed by Nolan, most of them acting as commission brokers for him at various places in the city. Mr. Smith further stated that he did not know any of the persons working for Nolan but suggested that Agents interview Henry Coens, a barber who has his place of business immediately across the hall from the suite occupied by Nolan. Mr. Smith stated Coens was an intelligent, family man who minded his own business and who could be relied upon.

Henry Coens, barber on the seventh floor of the Great Northern Office Building, was interviewed in the presence of Mr. Smith, and he stated that he has been operating his barber shop in this office building for 25 years; that James P. Nolan and other persons employed at room 707 frequented his barber shop; that Nolan was a highly reputable man with a fine type of clientele. He stated that very few persons

personally called at room 707; that apparently most of the business was done by telephone. He stated that Charles Burns, an ex-prize fighter is a porter employed by Nolan.

Coens further stated that Frank Walsh is employed by Nolan as a bookkeeper. Walsh was described as follows:

Age: 40 years
Height: 5 feet 10 inches
Weight: 140 pounds
Hair: Sandy, partially bald

Coens stated that Walsh is a bachelor and lives somewhere on the south side of Chicago. Coens further stated that Walsh was a man of very fine character and further stated that Nolan and the people working under him appeared to be a fine type of people.

Coens appeared to Agents to be a dependable, intelligent person. He was shown photographs of John R. Moran, William J. Harrison and other members of the Karpis-Barker gang, which he failed to recognize, adding that he has an excellent memory for faces and that he felt certain that he would have recalled it if any of the persons represented in the photographs shown him had visited Nolan's place or his own barber shop.

The above information was telephonically communicated to Special Agent Z. J. Van Landingham, Tyler Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky in the absence of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley.

On May 10, 1935, Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley advised the Chicago Bureau office by telephone that John R. Moran and Bill Kierns were in Louisville, driving Oldsmobile sedan bearing 1935 Florida license No. D-9350, and a Graham Paige bearing 1935 Florida license No. D-5088, which were issued to John R. Moran at Miami, Florida. Mr. Connelley further advised that Moran was staying at 4540 West Broadway in Louisville, Kentucky, and that his Chicago residence was 4165 South Halsted Street, where he was living under the name of John R. Moran. Mr. Connelley suggested a check be made at this address.

On this date Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and M. Chaffetz checked the address of 4165 South Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois, and ascertained that this address was formerly occupied by a tavern which was destroyed in the Stockyards fire last May. Inquiry of the carrier delivering mail at the above address failed to disclose any information concerning Moran, Harrison, or other members of the Karpis-Barker gang as having frequented this neighborhood, although the carrier stated that the photographs of Harrison and Moran appeared somewhat familiar. The carrier stated that the address of 4165 Halsted Street, before its destruction, was occupied on the ground floor by the Horn Palace Tavern, which was frequented by James "High Pockets" O'Brien. This tavern is now located at 4189 South Halsted Street and is managed by Tony Polcus. The second floor up until the time of the fire at the address 4165 South Halsted had been occupied by the Dakota Hotel with John Pappas as manager. The above hotel is now located at 741 Root Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Reference is made to the telegram from the Cincinnati Bureau office to the Chicago Bureau office, dated May 14, 1935, in which it was stated that it had been ascertained that John Russell Moran received a telegram from his mother, Catherine Clyatt, on April 1st at 4187 South Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois.

On May 15, 1935, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. C. Ryan with reference to the address 4187 South Halsted Street. It was observed by Agent that the address 4187 South Halsted is occupied by the Stockyards Hardware and Paint Company; that this address is located in a two story building, which also contains the address 4189 South Halsted. Between the two above mentioned addresses is the entrance to the second floor of this building, no address being noted on the door of this middle entrance. The address 4189 South Halsted is occupied by the Horn Palace Tavern.

At the Stockyards Post Office Substation, 700 West Root Street, Agent was advised by Assistant Superintendent Al Priest that the Stockyards Hardware and Paint Company is operated by a party by the name of

Davis who has conducted business there for approximately two years and that he is generally known to be a very reputable citizen. Mr. Priest had no definite information as to the occupants of the upstairs part of the building at 4187-89 South Halsted; however, at the time of Agent's interview with him he received a phone call from the regular carrier who serves this district and it was ascertained from the carrier by telephone that there was a letter in the Post Office at that time addressed to J. R. Moran. It was also ascertained from the carrier that the upstairs portion of the address in question is occupied by the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Live Stock Handlers Union, local No. 517. The carrier also advised that the Horn Palace Tavern is operated by one Tony Tulcas (not Polcus). The carrier stated that the address which was on the letter addressed to J. R. Moran was 4165 South Halsted Street, but that this address was formerly occupied by a hotel operated by one Pappas, which hotel has been destroyed by fire, and that Pappas is now operating a hotel at 741 Root Street. The carrier stated that he had made inquiries at 741 Root Street and at the Horn Palace Tavern, 4189 South Halsted, for John R. Moran, but that he was unknown at both of these places. He stated that he had not made inquiry at the headquarters of the labor union located on the second floor of the building, nor had he inquired at the hardware store at 4187 South Halsted.

Mr. Priest obtained the letter, which was at the time in the Post Office, addressed to John R. Moran, and it was noted that this letter was postmarked at Chicago, Illinois, May 14, 1935, and addressed to Mr. J. R. Moran, 4165 South Halsted Street. The letter bore the return address of the Bergl Chevrolet Sales Company, 5342 West Cermak Road, Cicero, Illinois. It was ascertained by holding this letter to the light that it contained a statement dated May 10, 1935, showing that on April 23, 1935, there was a balance due on the account of J. R. Moran of \$5.00. Arrangements were made with Mr. Priest whereby another attempt would be made to deliver this letter to J. R. Moran on the same afternoon of the interview. Mr. Priest stated that if Agent would communicate with him by telephone later the same afternoon he would advise of the results of the further attempt to locate Mr. Moran.

Later the same afternoon Agent contacted Mr. Newman, foreman of the Stockyards Post Office substation, telephonically and was advised by him that the letter to Mr. Moran had been delivered and accepted that afternoon. He stated that carrier John C. Bonesh, 2619 South Wells Street, telephone Victory 8717, had made inquiries at 4187 South Halsted Street in the upstairs portion of that building, and that upon inquiring in a rear room of the second floor, where a gambling establishment is operated, an individual there pointed out to him a party as being J. R. Moran. Mr. Newman stated that the carrier delivered the letter to the individual

pointed out to him and that he accepted the same; that the carrier described the party who accepted the letter as being 5' 8" in height, weight 200 pounds, stocky build, reddish hair, and florid complexion, and that he wore gold rimmed glasses and a grey suit. Mr. Newman also stated that after the carrier had delivered the letter to the above individual he noticed that this party left the gambling establishment and proceeded across Halsted Street to the Stockyards Inn located at about 4178 South Halsted Street. Mr. Newman advised that there are two entrances to the Stockyards Inn, one of which is located on Halsted Street and the other on Exchange Street.

At the time of the dictation of this report, active investigation is being conducted to determine the identity of the individual who accepted the letter.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, accompanied on the various evenings by Special Agents F. G. Tillman, A. A. Muzzey and W. C. Ryan, from April 8 to 12, 1935, this memorandum being dictated by Agent Sullivan:

The Hy-Ho Club, at 2242 South Cicero Avenue, Cicero, Illinois, was kept under surveillance nightly from 11 P.M. to 1 A.M., and the following license plates, with the listings given thereof, were noted:

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- 820-714 - Chevrolet Sedan -
- 383-662 - Oldsmobile Sedan, license issued to Alta A. Silverman, 608 Huron Street, Maywood, Illinois.
- 543-381 - Ford coupe, 1935 model, license issued to Bernard M. Connelley, 1829 N. Keeler Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
- 323-888 - Pontiac Sedan, license issued to Commerical Tire and Supply Co. (S. J. Eberhardt), 49 Washington Boulevard, Oak Park, Illinois.

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- 158-432 - Packard automobile - license issued to Daniel C. Donaldson, 811 N. 5th Avenue, Maywood, Illinois.
- 184-302 - Chevrolet automobile - license issued to Howard A. Ward, 1301 S. 49th Avenue, Cicero, Illinois.
- 356-582 - Ford automobile - license issued to John Dwyer, 1635 W. 69th St. Chicago, Illinois.
- 483-511 - Chrysler automobile - license issued to James Bambula, 5741 W. 22nd St. Cicero, Illinois.
- 581-187 - Plymouth automobile, license issued to Benton Mauzy, 2634 Oak Park Avenue, Berwyn, Illinois.
- 582-884 - Essex automobile - license issued to Kenneth A. Hedrick, 5450 N. Paulina St. Chicago, Illinois.
- 637-487 - DeSoto automobile - license issued to Earl J. Miller, 1010 Marengo Avenue, Forest Park, Illinois.

647-637 - Chevrolet automobile, - license issued to George Raush, Newton, Ill.

759-436 - Plymouth automobile - license issued to Elbert Panno, 130 N. 20th Avenue, Melrose Park, Illinois.

The above information regarding cars seen in the neighborhood of the Hy-Ho Club does not appear to have any particular significance as to any connection with the subjects involved in this case. However, the information is herein listed for possible future use.

Each night between midnight and one o'clock one or more of the above mentioned Agents entered the Hy-Ho Club for the purpose of ascertaining whether WILLIAM J. HARRISON or other members of the Karpis-Barker gang were frequenting this tavern. No persons answering these descriptions were seen, nor was any person answering the description of TONY CAPEZIO, reported contact for Harrison, seen in this place.

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With further reference to efforts to identify the individual known as "Duke", referred to in previous reports as being the individual who at the present time was harboring some individual wanted in the present case, Special Agent D. P. Sullivan on April 30, 1935, interviewed [redacted], who advised that for the past ten years he, [redacted], had known a man named Duke, who is presently employed as a porter at the Grand Hotel, located over the Hy-Ho Club, Cicero, Illinois. He described this "Duke" as being approximately 35 years of age, 5' 8" in height, of medium build, having light brown hair and a fair complexion. He stated that "Duke" formerly was employed as a bartender at the Hy-Ho Club when it was operated by the Pizzo brothers. He stated that at that time the club was called the Cinema Club; that it was while the club was operated by the Pizzo brothers that it advertised the fact that no refreshments and sandwiches would cost more than twenty-five cents.

[redacted] referred to in the report of reference of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated April 12, 1935, undoubtedly had reference to the Hy-Ho Club when it was operated under the name of the Cinema Club. [redacted] advised that he is well acquainted with this man named "Duke", and he believes he can ascertain whether any persons considered by the criminal element as being "hot" have been frequenting the Hy-Ho Club or living upstairs in the Grand Hotel. Agent Sullivan did not deem it advisable to specifically inform [redacted] as to the persons wanted, but he stated that he believed he could ascertain in general whether any badly wanted criminals had been frequenting the Hy-Ho Club or the Grand Hotel.

[redacted] on April 27, 1935, advised that he likewise was acquainted with another man named "Duke" and pointed this man out to Special Agent D. P. Sullivan in front of 7117 Roosevelt Road, Berwyn, Illinois, where "Duke" is supposed to be operating a bookmaking establishment.

James A. Howe, real estate, 7118 Roosevelt Road, President of the Oak Park Village Board, stated he was a rental agent for 7117 Roosevelt Road, located directly across the street from his office. He advised that this place is owned by Leon Edidin, 3108 Lyndale Avenue, telephone No. Spaulding 7009. He stated that Edidin is employed by the Cook County Sanitary District and appears to be legitimate. The address 7117 Roosevelt Road was rented on February 22, 1935, to Joseph Paulson by the owner. Howe stated that he knows nothing concerning Paulson, but that the place is frequented by the best people in Berwyn and is orderly. He stated that he never heard of any individual named "Duke" employed at this bookie place. He stated that the address 7117 Roosevelt Road had been vacant for about six months prior to the time Paulson leased it, in February of 1935; that prior to that time it had been operated by a man who gave his

name as Ryan from Cicero, Illinois. Howe said that the name of Ryan may have been fictitious. Howe was shown photographs of Harrison, Babs Moran and all other members of the gang, which he failed to recognize. Howe stated that the barber who operates the barber shop next door to 7117 Roosevelt Road, was a reliable and dependable person, who, although he did not play the races, would undoubtedly be acquainted with anyone frequenting the bookie place next door.

[redacted] further advised Agent Sullivan that on or about November 1, 1934, while he was visiting at Gallichios, Russell Gibson was present and gave to one of the Gallichios some money to pay for repairs done on his Ford sedan which he had that day left at Dempsey's Ford Sales Agency located at Madison and Oakley Streets, Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] further stated that Joe Gallichio had mentioned on one occasion that he had met members of the Karpis-Barker gang at or after midnight at the Triangle Restaurant located at Dearborn and Randolph Streets, Chicago. [redacted] under questioning stated that the Gallichios spoke as though this had been the custom in the past, but that he did not know the Triangle Restaurant was a meeting place at the present time should the Gallichios be in touch with any members of the Karpis-Barker gang. [redacted] further advised that neither the Gallichios nor Sam Mano had made any mention in the past month of having contacted any members of the Karpis-Barker gang. [redacted] pointed out the address of 838 South Winchester Street as the address where Joe and Frank Gallichio with their wives are presently residing. This house is located in a squalid and apparently disreputable residential neighborhood, inhabited apparently almost wholly by Italians. From examination of the neighborhood it does not appear that a surveillance of this house could be made.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents G. C. Woltz, C. G. Campbell, C. B. Winstead and R. L. Jones, Agent Woltz being the reporting agent:

Following instructions from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley the above-named agents left Mankato, Minnesota at about 9:30 P.M. on the night of April 11, 1935 and proceeded to a point about three miles south of Mankato city limits and on Highway 169, for the purpose of keeping under surveillance the house purported to belong to Belle Born, and endeavored to establish the identities of occupants of the house and the identities of any persons who might visit or call at the house, also the identity of any cars which might make an appearance at this location.

Agents Winstead and Jones proceeded to the house from the main highway while Agents Woltz and Campbell remained in a Bureau automobile near the highway. Agents Woltz and Campbell remained at the highway for the purpose of following any automobile which might drive out from the residence abovementioned.

Agents Jones and Winstead observed that only one woman was in the house at this time and only one room seemed to be occupied since there was only one illuminated, and while returning to the highway Agents Jones and Winstead observed an automobile which turned in the driveway and proceeded towards the house from off the highway. The car was driven by a man, who was the only occupant, and the license number was observed to be Minnesota 1934 #B197545, and just as the car turned into the front yard at the house a floodlight or large arc light, which was fastened at the top of the telephone pole directly in front of the house, was turned on. After the light was turned on the man entered the house. Several minutes later the arc light or floodlight, as well as the lights inside the house, were all turned off. Then a dim red floor light was turned on in the front room of the house.

Agents at this time secured another automobile, and Agents Campbell and Winstead parked along the highway south of the entrance to Belle Born's house, and Agents Woltz and Jones parked along the highway north of the entrance. At about 1:00 A.M. a man came out, entered the car and drove off in the direction of Mankato, or north

on Highway 169. Agents Woltz and Jones followed the car and determined that it was an Oldsmobile Coupe, about a 1927 year model, and had license number B197545, 1934, Minnesota, and was driven to 1329 - 3rd Avenue, Mankato, Minnesota. Subsequently it was established by Agents Murphy and Lawrence of the St. Paul Office that the car belonged to a person named Lamani, which is set out in code in a memorandum submitted by these agents and further referred to in reports in this case.

On the night of April 11, 1935, Special Agents R. L. Jones, C. B. Winstead, G. C. Woltz, and C. G. Campbell, on instructions from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, went to the home of Belle Born located three miles outside of Mankato, Minnesota, to attempt to learn who the occupants were.

Agents Jones and Winstead walked to the house from the highway. The lights in the front room of the house were burning and the interior could be seen very plainly from the positions Agent's took in front of the house. It was observed there was only one woman in the house. Agents then went back to the highway and observed a car bearing 1934 Minnesota license number Bl97545. This car turned into the road leading to Belle Born's house. It was driven by a man unaccompanied. This man drove to the front of Belle Born's house and parked. The flood light was turned on in the front yard, and after the man entered the house the flood light was turned off. The lights inside the house were also turned off except one red floor lamp in the front room.

Agents Jones and Winstead then joined Agents Woltz and Campbell and returned to Mankato and got another Bureau automobile. Agents Winstead and Campbell then parked on the highway South of the Born home, and Agents Jones and Winstead parked North of the Born home, and remained parked in these positions part of the time and paroled the highway part of the time, never going far enough away so that this car could leave the Born home without being seen by Agents.

At about 12:45 a. m. a light was turned on in the basement, but didn't stay on long. Then the man left, this being about 1:00 a. m. He left in the above described automobile. Agents in both cars trailed this car and man to a house in Mankato, which it was later learned was 1329-3d Avenue.

After Agents watched this man put his car up again, they then proceeded to the Belle Born home and all lights were turned off and remained turned off while the Agents kept surveillance.

Mention has been made in previous reports from the Jacksonville office that one Danny McFarland, a gambler at Miami, Florida had been interviewed and he had stated that he had been acquainted with William J. Harrison for some years; that Harrison was well known at Benton Harbor, Michigan and at the Whitcomb Hotel, St. Joseph, Michigan.

The following investigation was made at Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, Michigan, by Special Agent D.P. Sullivan:

Charles Stratton, attorney-at-law mentioned by the Jacksonville office as a personal friend of Special Agent L.B. Nichols was interviewed, and he stated that he represented Fred "Killer" Burke at St. Joseph, Michigan during the year 1929; that Burke and other hoodlums from Chicago frequented St. Joseph and Benton Harbor, Michigan at that time. Stratton stated that he was never retained by any one definite person; that all his legal work done by him for Burke and his followers was done through intermediaries. However, Stratton stated when questioned as to the possibility of any one hiding out at St. Joseph or Benton Harbor, that Phil DeAndrea was a former hoodlum residing in Chicago, who had been living in St. Joseph for approximately 7 years; that De Andrea is connected with the Teamsters and Truckers Union, and the Hod Carriers Union at Chicago; that he has a large home which he recently built across from the Berrian Hills Golf Course at St. Joseph, Michigan.

Stratton was shown photographs of members of the Karpis Barker gang, all of which he failed to recognize.

Chief of Police Phairas, St. Joseph, Michigan, was interviewed, and he stated that at the time Fred "Killer" Burke was arrested for the murder of a policeman at St. Joseph, Michigan in 1929, he had in his possession a card bearing the name Willie Harrison, 403 State Street, Calumet City, Illinois; that at that time Chief Phairas proceeded to Calumet City and interviewed Harrison, who stated he had only met Burke occasionally on the golf course and was not well acquainted with Burke. Chief Phairas stated that the Whitcomb Hotel formerly was frequented by hoodlums from Chicago, but that it was presently operated by respectable people; that the Vincent Hotel in Benton Harbor, Michigan, up until the past year, had been operated for some years by Danny O'Connor, who came to Benton Harbor about 1928 from Chicago. Chief Phairas stated that O'Connor became a political boss at Benton Harbor, but was deposed about a year ago; that he left Benton Harbor, Michigan, and is now operating the Great Lakes Brewery at Calumet City, Illinois. It is to be noted here that the

Great Lakes Brewery is reported to be owned by John Patton, Mayor of Burnham, Illinois, and is reputed to be a Capone syndicate brewery. Patton is reported to be a close friend of William J. Harrison. Chief Phairas stated that Al and Ralph Capone, and other members of the Capone syndicate frequented the Vincent Hotel at Benton Harbor some years ago; that Phil DeAndrea is closely connected with the Capone syndicate, and has a cottage a short distance out of Benton Harbor, Michigan, which was used by Gus Winkler, Fred Goetz and others as a hideout during the year 1929.

Chief Phairas stated that Richard Ren, clerk of the Vincent Hotel was reliable; that this hotel had changed hands about a year ago, but was now considered a reputable hostelry.

At the Whitcomb Hotel, Agent interviewed Irving Hallit and Earle Ankli, room clerks, and Etta Cohan, who operates a cigar stand, and showed them photographs of all members of the Karpis-Barker gang, including photograph of Harrison, which they failed to recognize. Mrs. Katharine Thompson, house keeper, when shown photograph of Harrison stated that Harrison, a year or more ago, had stayed at the hotel for a few days under the name of Harris. She recalled having played bridge with him on one occasion. The registry records of the hotel were checked from January 1, 1934 up until the present time, but no registration of Harrison could be found. Identification orders of Karpis, Campbell, and Harrison were left at the hotel, and Mr. Harris, manager of the hotel advised that he would immediately notify the Chicago Bureau office should Harrison or other members of the gang register at the hotel.

Agent drove by the DeAndrea home, and noted that it is located in an isolated place overlooking the river just on the outskirts of St. Joseph. It is a house that would be difficult to be kept under surveillance, and it is immediately across from the Berrien Hills Golf Course. Lee Dustin, greens keeper of the Berrien Hills Golf Course was interviewed, and shown photographs of all members of the Karpis-Barker gang. Dustin could not recognize any of these photographs as representing anybody he had ever seen.

At Benton Harbor, Michigan, Deputy Sheriff Miller was interviewed, and he stated he would make it a point to keep the De Andrea home under surveillance, and would make note of any suspicious appearing cars or persons at the DeAndrea home, and would notify the Chicago Bureau office should they obtain any information indicating that Harrison or other members of the

Karpis-Barker gang were frequenting Benton Harbor, St. Joseph or vicinity.

Richard Ren, clerk at the Vincent Hotel, Benton Harbor, Michigan, was interviewed and shown photographs of the members of the Karpis-Barker gang which he failed to recognize. When questioned as to any possible places of hideout, he stated that Danny McFarland and Bill Conner formerly had a place on route 31, about 10 miles north of Benton Harbor, which was visited by hoodlums from Chicago; that McFarland was a gambler who had gone to Miami, Florida and had attempted to open up a dog track, but was unsuccessful in obtaining a license. Ren had reference, undoubtedly to Danny McFarland, who has been previously interviewed on several occasions by the Jacksonville office.

Deputy Sheriff Miller and Agent inspected the DeAndrea cottage located on Riverside Road next to the school house at Riverside, Michigan, near Benton Harbor, and noted that this cottage apparently was vacant, the windows having been boarded up. This is the cottage that Winkler and Goetz are reported to have formerly used as a hideout.

Postmaster M. Kittell was interviewed, and shown photographs of all members of the Karpis-Barker gang, which he failed to recognize. He stated that the DeAndrea cottage had been vacant for the past seven months. Identification orders of Karpis, Campbell and Harrison were left with Postmaster Kittell, and he stated he would immediately notify the Chicago Bureau office should any of these men appear in the vicinity.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents J.L. Madala and D.P. Sullivan at Aurora, Illinois:

Pete DeKing, mentioned in previous reports as having been acquainted with Volney Davis and Edna Murray during the time they resided at Aurora, was interviewed. He stated that on the morning that the Chicago Bureau office Agents raided the Rex Cafe following the escape of Volney Davis at Yorkville, Illinois, he, Biff Weber, Bill Grady and John "Bubbles" Barbo, a bartender at the Rex Cafe, were engaged in a card game at the time of the raid. DeKing stated that Biff Weber is the owner of the Rex Cafe, and that Bill Grady owns the Mill Tavern at Montgomery, Illinois. As mentioned in previous reports Bill Grady was acquainted with Volney Davis, Edna Murray, Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, during the time they were located in Aurora. During the course of the above mentioned card game, a remark was passed by someone of the aforementioned persons, whose identity DeKing cannot now recall, that Volney Davis had visited Ted Smith's Tavern shortly after his escape at Yorkville, had unsuccessfully attempted to obtain some money from Ted Smith, and had thereupon left that tavern and proceeded to the Ridgeway Tavern on Ridgeway Avenue. DeKing stated that this tavern is jointly owned by Richard Graham and a man named Twilliger; that at this tavern Volney Davis either left the car which he was driving, or obtained the car.

DeKing further stated that when Davis was in Ted Smith's Tavern, R.A. Milroy, former U.S. Attorney at Chicago, now a practicing attorney at Aurora, was likewise in the tavern, and that Volney Davis asked Milroy to accompany him to the Ridgeway Tavern. DeKing stated that Milroy is a reputable lawyer, and is reliable, and he expressed his opinion that Milroy would provide any information he might have concerning this matter.

DeKing further stated that John Grady, son of Bill Grady above mentioned, who operates the Mill Tavern at Montgomery, Illinois, kept company with Edna Murray, unknown to Volney Davis, during the time that Davis and the Murray woman resided at Aurora. DeKing stated that John Grady is a young fellow who considers himself somewhat tough; that he does not believe that Grady would provide any information if interviewed by an Agent.

On May 8, 1935, Mr. Schiffman, Sinclair Filling Station, 15808 Park Avenue, Harvey, Illinois, telephonically communicated with Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis. He stated that a customer of his named Robinson, residence 15221 Lexington Avenue, Harvey, Illinois, had a tenant in his house whom he believed to be Karpis. Robinson advised Mr. Schiffman that there were two men and two women living at his place and that the man he believed to be Karpis runs into the house every time anyone approaches. Mr. Schiffman stated he would have Mr. Robinson at his filling station for interview.

Special Agents M. Chaffetz and D. P. Sullivan straightway proceeded to Harvey, Illinois, where the following investigation was conducted and is reported by the latter Agent:

Mr. Howard Robinson, residence 15221 Lexington Avenue, Harvey, Illinois, was introduced to Agents by Mr. Schiffman. He stated that his mother-in-law owns the house adjoining his residence at 15223 Lexington Avenue, and that approximately a month ago, through the rental agency of Horace Holmes, 172 East 54th Street, Harvey, this house was rented to a man named Hartman and his wife. Hartman at that time stated that he was a lineman for the telephone company and that he had previously lived in Gary, Indiana.

About nine days ago another man, whom he described as being approximately 27 or 28 years of age, height five feet eight inches, of medium build, dark hair, dark complexion, and well dressed, moved into the Hartman residence with his wife. He stated that Hartman was approximately 40 years of age, about 5' 10" in height, weight about 200 pounds, light brown hair, light complexion, of stout build, and having hazel eyes; that Hartman's wife was approximately 22 years of age, height 5' 8", slender build, brown hair and dark complexion, and that the other man's wife looked as though she might be a sister of the above woman and is described in a similar manner. He stated that the dark haired man who moved in nine days ago was wearing a mustache and that he had acted very suspiciously; that he occasionally played baseball with Robinson in the back alley, but that this man would hurry into the house whenever anyone passed and appeared to take great pains not to be seen on the street. He stated that this man apparently had no occupation and spent most of his time about the house; that Hartman and this dark complexioned man had two automobiles, one a large type of car and the other a panel bodied Ford truck of a late model. Robinson did not know the license plates on these cars. Robinson stated he frequently had visitors and that he did not believe it would arouse any suspicion for an Agent to enter his house. Thereupon Agent Chaffetz accompanied Robinson to his home.

At this time Mr. Robinson sat down to eat his lunch and Agent remained in the living room with Mrs. Robinson, who was questioned by Agent concerning these people living next door. Concerning the party of whom her

husband was suspicious, Mrs. Robinson stated he was at that time in the back yard hanging out the family wash, and that he could be seen by Agent. She also stated that his name was Chevalier and that it was her information that he was employed at the soda fountain at the Sherman Hotel in this city. Directly contrary to the story given by her husband, Mrs. Robinson stated that these people were just the average type of persons, very quiet, and did not seem to be in the least bit suspicious to her; that the Hartman family and the Chevalier family each have two children, and that it was her impression that the Chevalier man was having quite a difficult time in making both ends meet, in that he did not have a position, or very much money, and for that reason was living with Hartman.

Agent Chaffetz closely viewed Mr. Chevalier and it was determined that he did not resemble in any way photographs of the subjects wanted in this case.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents M. Chaffetz and L. Whitson, and same was dictated by Agent Chaffetz:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. L. Jones containing information about a party named Harry Williams registered at the Maryland Hotel in this city on March 14, 1935, and to the memorandum of the same Agent, dated April 19, 1935, which sets out information to the effect that this same party had checked back into the Maryland Hotel, Room 914, on April 18, 1935. It will be recalled that this is the party who was called telephonically from the apartment of Frank Foster in New York City, which information is set up in the report of Special Agent W. F. Swary, dated April 13, 1935, at New York City.

Following the receipt of this information to the effect that this party was at the Maryland Hotel, arrangements were made whereby Special Agent W. L. Buchanan of this Office to keep in touch with the manager of the above hotel, and to obtain any information possible concerning this party. It will be noted that Special Agent Buchanan was shortly thereafter transferred to another Office, therefore, Special Agent L. Whitson was to continue the investigation at the above hotel.

Agent Whitson was informed by John A. Dressen, a Clerk of the above hotel, that Harry Williams had checked out of the hotel on April 25, 1935, leaving his baggage there, and stating that he would be gone for a period of one week or ten days. On this same date Agent Chaffetz, accompanied by Special Agent Whitson, went to the Maryland Hotel in order to make a survey of the room occupied by this party. It should be noted here that Williams had checked out of the Maryland Hotel before Agent Whitson had an opportunity to have him pointed out by the management of the hotel.

Agents Chaffetz and Whitson thoroughly search the room occupied by this party for latent fingerprints but none of any value could be located. There was located, however, a letter addressed to H. Williams, Hotel Maurice, Room 100 - 145 West 58th Street, New York City, bearing the return address "Mrs. B. Gottlieb, 3934 West 19th Street, Chicago, Illinois. The envelop also carried a registered stamp bearing #551487. This letter clearly indicated that Harry Williams was the son of Mrs. Gottlieb, and also indicated that Mr. Gottlieb, the husband of Mrs. B. Gottlieb,

had recently died. The letter contained no further information of value.

There was also located in the room a memorial booklet printed by Weinstein Bros., 3600 - 10 Roosevelt Road, Chicago. This memorial booklet was made out in the name of Gootlieb, and apparently was for the father of Harry Williams.

There was also located a membership card, bearing #6625, for the Club Balboa, 1204 South Hill Street. No city was indicated on the card, but it was apparently for Los Angeles, California, and the telephone number Prospect 7676 was also listed on said card.

There was also located a business card for Benjamin Blank, M.D., Suite 1016 Taft Building, Hollywood, and Vine Street, telephone Gladstone 1166. No other information of value could be obtained as a result of the search of this room.

The baggage of this party still remains at the hotel and arrangements have been made whereby Agent Whitson will be immediately notified as soon as this party checks back into the hotel.

A list of the telephone numbers called by this party at the time he was at the hotel, from April 18 to April 25, 1935, is as follows:

Longbeach 7812 listed for Eastwood Towers, 922 Eastwood Ave., Chicago;
Delaware 8976 " Ruth Miller, 114 East Walton Place, "
Lakeview 3226 unpublished telephone

In reference to letter from Special Agent in Charge F. I. Fay of the New York Office dated April 10, 1935, and to report of William F. Seery, Special Agent of the same office dated April 13, 1935, Special Agent R. L. Jones obtained the following information:

On April 16th Agent made a discreet investigation at 6252 North Magnolia Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and learned that Mrs. E. Frost lives on the second floor in a five-room flat. After talking to the janitor in regard to renting an apartment, Agent does not think it advisable at this time to disclose his identity to this janitor in regard to this matter because the janitor seems to be very "cagey" and talked with a very broken dialect that could hardly be understood. However, Agent did learn that George F. Sivore and Company of 30 North Dearborn Street, telephone number Harrison 6300 were in charge of the apartment at this address. Mr. George Sivore states that Mrs. Frost occupied this apartment when his company took the apartment building over. He advised they had had this building in their charge for about eight months. Due to this fact, Mrs. Frost was not required to make out an application sheet, which would of course furnish information in regard to how they made their living, etc. He also states that he does not know her as she always mailed the rent money to his office and that Arthur Kruggell Company of 4865 Broadway, telephone number Longbeach 5531 had charge of this apartment because his company took it over and that he might have an application for rental filled out by her.

Mr. Daniel A. Bullard, Mail Carrier at the Uptown Post Office, Chicago, states that he knows Mrs. E. Frost, who is an old lady about sixty years old that lives in Apt. #2 at 6252 North Magnolia with a young daughter about twenty years old and that Mrs. Frost has a married daughter who lives in New York. Mr. Bullard met this married daughter last summer while she was here visiting her mother. Bullard also recalled that this daughter got several registered air-mail letters while here, but he does not remember her name; that he has never delivered any mail to Mrs. Frost's apartment for any one except Mrs. Frost and her daughters with the exception of some mail that came to a party named Kaplan, which was received by Mrs. Frost up to approximately six months ago. At this time Mrs. Frost told him not to leave any more of the Kaplan mail there. Bullard never has seen Kaplan and does not know whether this party is a man or woman.

Agent exhibited photographs of all women suspects in the Brekid Case to Bullard, but he failed to recognize any of them as being any person he had ever seen at the Frost apartment.

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On April 17, 1935 Special Agent R. L. Jones learned from Charlie Kruggell of the Arthur Kruggell Realty Company, 4865 North Broadway, telephone Longbeach 5531 that the Arthur Kruggell Realty Company had supervision of the apartment located at 6252 North Magnolia Avenue from November, 1932 to August, 1934; that Mrs. E. Frost and her daughters lived in Apt. #2 at this address during this time and were the occupants of this apartment at the time they took charge of the building; that one of the daughters, Miss Sadie Frost, signed the lease of the apartment, a tracing of the signature of Miss Sadie Frost attached to this report.

In February, 1933 and January, 1933, Mrs. Frost received two Western Union money telegrams from the married daughter in New York for payment of rent on the apartment. The following is a copy of these telegrams which Mr. Kruggell has in his file:

February 2, 1933 - 6447 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sheridan Road

No. AW93

to Mrs. E. Frost
6252 N. Magnolia Ave.

from Mrs. Dorothy Frost,
at J. H. New York, N. Y.

No message

J458799

\$100.00

January 4, 1933

6447 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sheridan Road

No. AW93

to Mrs. E. Frost
6252 Magnolia Ave.

from Frank Frost
C. P. New York, N.Y.

J420598

\$100.00"

Mr. Kruggell also states that the Steinbach Rental Company, located at 6150 North Broadway, telephone number Rogers Park 2737, had charge of this apartment at 6252 North Magnolia before the Kruggell Company took it over and that they could probably furnish more detailed information as to who these people are than he could and possibly would have references, etc.

Mr. Carl Steinbach, Jr. of 6150 Broadway, states that he had charge of apartment at 6252 North Magnolia in 1931 and part of 1932; that he leased the apartment number 2 to Mrs. Frost in 1931 and that Sadie Frost, a daughter, signed the lease. Mr. Steinbach

made a diligent search for the application that was filled out by the Frosts, but was unable to locate it, it having been misplaced. However, from memory Mr. Steinbach states that Mrs. Frost and her daughters, Esther and Sadie, lived there alone at that time and at the time he leased them the apartment, the married daughter who lived in New York was visiting them and remained with them several weeks, however, he does not recall her name. On Mr. Steinbach's suggestion, this Agent with Steinbach, interviewed the janitor, George Hutter, who lives in the basement at 6252 North Magnolia Avenue, who Mr. Steinbach has known for a long time and knows to be a dependable person. Mr. Hutter states that Mrs. Frost has lived at this address for several years; that she has several daughters and one son; that one daughter is married and lives in New York, and that about a year ago this daughter and her husband visited Mrs. Frost. He further states that her son is married and lived in New York, however, he does not know his first name or any of the girls' first names. One daughter lives with Mrs. Frost at the present time and works at the Beauty Salon, located at 1219 Devon Avenue, Chicago, and the other daughter moved from 6252 North Magnolia Avenue, about three months ago, to somewhere on the North side of Chicago, but does not know where. All pictures of Subjects in the Brekid Case were exhibited to Mr. Hutter, but he failed to recognize any of them. A picture of Frank Foster, alias Frank Frost was among these pictures, and Hutter readily identified it as an exact likeness of the husband of Mrs. Frost's daughter who lives in New York. Hutter further states that he has never noticed anything unusual about these people. They were always very quiet, very nice, and no men ever visited the apartment with the exception of this son-in-law, Foster. Mr. Hutter agreed to get in touch with the Chicago Bureau Office through Mr. Steinbach in the event Foster or his wife or any one else shows up at Mrs. Frost's apartment.

It will be noted by this report that Mr. Steinbach does not have charge of this apartment at Magnolia Avenue at this time, however, he is very cooperative and wishes to assist the Bureau in this or any other investigation in which he might be of some help. Mr. Steinbach was furnished the address and telephone number of the Chicago Bureau Office, and he promised to call the Bureau in the event any one shows up there and the janitor gets in touch with him. Mr. Steinbach gives the following description of Mrs. Dorothy Foster, alias Mrs. Dorothy Frost:

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Age:	31 yrs.
Height:	5' 2 1/2"
Weight:	120 lbs.
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Auburn
Looks:	Very attractive
Manner:	Talks like she had plenty of money, well-dressed.
Marital status:	Married, has baby boy about 3 1/2 yrs. old.

Mr. Johnny Dressen, room clerk at the Maryland Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, states that Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams registered in Room 1314 Maryland Hotel on March 14, 1935. They checked out April 5, 1935, giving the address Los Angeles, California. They left a forwarding address, this being Mr. H. Williams and Mrs. Blanche Williams, 145 West 58th Street, Apt. #10D, New York City. He also states that during their stay at the Maryland Hotel they received several letters from California, but he does not recall what city. In the event any other mail arrives for them, he will get in touch with the Chicago Bureau Office. Pictures of all the Subjects in the Brekid Case were exhibited to Mr. Dressen, but he failed to identify them as the exact likeness of Mr. Williams or Mrs. Williams, however, he states that the pictures of Harry Campbell resemble the man Williams.

The following is a list of telephone calls made by Williams and Mrs. Williams during their stay in the Maryland Hotel:

March 14	-	Crawford 8021
(Location)	-	Hyman Gottlieb, 3934 W. 19th St. Chi.
" 15	"	Delaware 8976
"	"	Ruth Miller, 114 E. Walton Pl., 1st Apt. West.
" 16	-	Crawford 8021
"	"	Franklin 9600
"	"	Morrison Hotel, 79 W. Madison St.
"	"	Brigate 8283
" 17	-	Esther Frost, 6252 Magnolia Ave.
" 18	-	Crawford 8021
" 19	-	Franklin 9600
"	"	Victor 8484
" 21	-	Hotel Dalton, 1234 S. Wabash Ave.
	-	Crawford 8021

March 26

(Location)

Franklin 2100

Sherman Hotel, Chicago

Crawford 8021

Nevada 10118

Senator Apts., 3845 Washington.

Ravenwood 1015

(Non-list telephone)

Franklin 5400

Washington Hotel, 167 W. Wash-
ington.

April 2

A tracing of Williams' registration at the Maryland Hotel
is attached to this report.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. Dickstein on April 27, 1935 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Lane Maloney, Investigator in Charge, Internal Revenue Department of the Alcohol Tax Unit, advised agent that a friend of his by the name of Walter R. Boyd, who is connected with the Hiram Walker Whiskey Distributors at Detroit, Michigan, advised him that on April 20, 1935 he had overheard a conversation in a cafe at which place he was having a drink, and this conversation pertained to the distribution of the Bremer kidnap money during the time that Bremer was kidnaped; that he was unable to get the full details of the conversation and he referred agent to Mr. Walter R. Boyd.

Walter R. Boyd was contacted at the Abbott Crest Hotel, 1226 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, and he advised as follows:

On April 20, 1935, he had been in a certain cafe, the name of which he does not remember, and while sitting in the adjoining booth he overheard a conversation between two persons, and the following is what was said:

"After Bremer was released Aiello received a telephone call from Minneapolis the night before Bremer was released. Aiello left immediately for Minneapolis".

This person in this booth further stated that he was the bartender at that place at the time and he was the one who received this call; that after Aiello proceeded to Minneapolis and returned, he came with a little hand bag full of money, and in a secret room of this cafe he assorted the denominations, fives, tens and twenties, and Aiello remarked that this was "hot" money from the Bremer "snatch".

From further conversation Mr. Boyd gathered that the person speaking was the bartender of this cafe at the time this took place and because of mistreatment to him by the owner of that cafe he felt rather prejudiced in his remarks. That is all the conversation Mr. Boyd related to agent that he had overheard from the next booth. However, he was unable to advise agent the name of this cafe or the description of the person who had been talking.

At the Milwaukee Police Department agent contacted Detective Sergeant Louis Dieden, who is thoroughly familiar with all Italians in Milwaukee. Upon interview agent was advised by Detective Dieden that during the Bremer kidnaping Sam Aiello and Al Tusa were partners in the Vanity Cafe at 639 North Third Street, Milwaukee; that they had operated this place together as partners up until February, 1935, and are presently partners in the alcohol and booze business and have an office in the

Warner Building on Wisconsin Avenue; that during the latter part of February the Vanity Cafe was sold by Tusa and Aiello to George Turgelonis and that he runs this Vanity Cafe with his sister, Marie Turgelonis, who heads the Government list of known bootleggers at Milwaukee. Sergeant Dieden also advised that Tusa and Aiello were always in the booze and alcohol business and he is very doubtful as to their connections with the Bremer kidnap money. If such were the case, he would know it inasmuch as he is acquainted with every Italian in town and is also familiar with their background.

For the information of agent Detective Dieden furnished the following set-up of Al Tusa.

Al Tusa, bootlegger and alcohol dealer, with offices in the Warner Building, Wisconsin Avenue, resides in his own home valued at \$25,000.00 at Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin, a suburb of Milwaukee. His first wife died about eight years ago and he came from Chicago, his original place of residence. There is no criminal record on file with the Milwaukee Police Department of this person, since he and Aiello have always done business with illegal methods; however, they have both kept within the law.

As to Sam Aiello, Detective Sergeant Dieden advised that he is married to an Italian woman from Chicago and has two or three small children, is about 50 years old and owns his own home, worth \$50,000.00 at Whitefish Bay in the same vicinity as that of Al Tusa; that Al Tusa and Sam Aiello have always been in partnership in the alcohol and booze business at Milwaukee and are to this day connected as such partners.

Neighborhood investigation of the Vanity Cafe disclosed that Tusa and Aiello have operated this cafe for a number of years and have sold same to George Turgelonis and presently this place is run by him. The Criminal Identification Unit did not disclose any criminal records against Aiello and Tusa, and as stated by Detective Dieden, these two persons have always been very cautious in their dealings at Milwaukee, since they know that if they would step beyond their bounds they would be driven out of the city by the Police Department.

With reference to the report of Special Agent O. C. Dewey, Omaha, Nebraska, March 15, 1935, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. Dickstein at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Agent located Morris and Charles Giesenfield, Attorneys at 536 West Wisconsin Avenue, alleged cousins of Subject Harry Sawyer. Upon interview, Charles advised that Harry Sawyer was seen by him in 1917 during the war; that since that time he had not had any information about him. Morris Giesenfield at no time had seen Subject Sawyer and would not recognize him if he were to meet him on the street. The Giesenfield brothers were unable to furnish any valuable information which would assist in locating Subject Sawyer.

Benjamin Sandlo, an uncle of Subject Sawyer, is unknown to him except that he is somewhat of a relation to him; that although this Subject is related to him, he at no time had occasion to ever meet him since his family all resided at Lincoln, Nebraska. He was unable to furnish agent with any information.

Mr. Morey Sandlo, a son of Benjamin Sandlo, operating the Pioneer Auto Sales at 920 North 27th Street, was contacted by agent, and he advised that he had never met Subject Sawyer. He stated that about one year ago Subject Sawyer's mother passed away and Charles Giesenfield, his father Benjamin and himself had driven down to Lincoln, Nebraska to attend the funeral; that at the funeral he had no occasion to meet Subject Sawyer other than to know that the family had another son who was considered a black sheep, referring, of course, to Subject Sawyer; that he is most positive that Subject did not attend his mother's funeral and therefore he had not the occasion to meet him. Mr. Sandlo was unable to furnish agent with any information or leads which would tend to locate the present whereabouts of Subject Harry Sawyer.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. F. Enrich on April 23, 1935. b7c b7d

Pursuant to a telephone call received at the Chicago Bureau office from one [redacted] agent proceeded to the southwest corner of Jackson and Clark Streets, Chicago, at which place he received the following information from that party:

At the present time in St. Paul, Minnesota an attorney, Meakin, has a direct connection with the United States District Attorney in that district, and through this connection he has obtained information as to the exact evidence which the United States is to present in the case entitled "United States versus Arthur "Doc" Barker, et al." Pursuant to the information so obtained the defense is procuring from Bensenville, Illinois a party by the name of Franz, a banker, a judge and a certain man who is at the head of a very large lumber company in that town, which parties they anticipate placing upon the stand as alibi witnesses to prove that various defendants were not at the places alleged by the prosecution at the times designated.

In addition [redacted] stated that one Tony Capezio has recently sent \$300.00 to Jim Farmer, which money is to be used for expenses in transporting the above mentioned parties to St. Paul, Minnesota. Further [redacted] stated that Tom Gibbons, who is the sheriff in St. Paul, Minnesota, has been "going along with the boys", meaning that he has been permitting the various defendants in the above entitled case, while incarcerated in the county jail in St. Paul, Minnesota, to communicate with one another, and that through this method Monty Carter has been reached by them and is expected to plead not guilty and to testify differently than the prosecution had anticipated.

[redacted] stated that Helen Farmer, the wife of Elmer Farmer, defendant in the above case, was in Chicago, Illinois last Saturday and Sunday (April 20 and 21), and that this information has been obtained partially through her.

Based upon the above information, a teletype was sent to the Bureau on April 23, 1935, containing information to the effect that a discreet investigation was being conducted by this office to determine who the above parties may be. Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Cincinnati, Ohio, and the St. Paul Bureau office were advised concerning the above information. The above teletype also contained information to the effect that a conversation between agent Brennan and Monty Carter on April 23, 1935, indicated that there was no change of attitude on the part of the latter party. Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley suggested

that agent Brennan again see Carter to see if any effort had been made by anyone to have him change his plea or statement. This suggestion was given to Special Agent R. D. Brown at St. Paul, who was requested to have this done.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent M. Chaffetz on April 24, 1935, to determine who the parties referred to above might be, and the possibility of their acting in the capacity as furnished by confidential informant Cook.

Agent interviewed Mr. Heim of the Western Union Company, Chicago, who is a resident of the city of Bensenville, Illinois, and who has in the past furnished the Chicago Bureau office with reliable information. Mr. Heim stated that there is no family in the city of Bensenville by the name of Franz who could be the party mentioned by informant [redacted] He did state, however, that there is a family in Bensenville by the name of Franzen, which is in all probability the one involved. Concerning this family Mr. Heim furnished the following information: b7c
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It consists of numerous members, all of whom were and are now associated in some manner with the State Bank of Bensenville, which had closed about a week before the moratorium, at which time all of its assets and affairs were transferred to the bank located at Lombard, Illinois. However, the bank was subsequently reopened by some of the members of the family who had been previously connected with it. Before the bank closed, it was operated by Albert Franzen, who was Cashier; Chester Franzen, who was Assistant Cashier; George Franzen, Vice President, all of which three are brothers, and also by William Franzen, Vice President, who is an uncle of the above, and who is a brother of C. A. Franzen, the original organizer of the bank, who was the father of Albert, Chester and George. G. A. Franzen died about four or five years ago. The bank is presently operated by a corporation consisting of George Franzen and his wife, Louise, and their son, Eugene Franzen. However, George Franzen, although his name is connected with the bank, takes no active part in its operation since he is at present mentally unbalanced and is now residing at a sanitarium near Ottawa, Illinois and has not been in Bensenville for a great length of time. This family also operates the Building Material Company, which is the largest lumber concern in the city of Bensenville. George Franzen is the designated head of this concern but as it is noted he no longer takes any active part in the business affairs of this family, his son, Eugene, is actively running this lumber company and has been doing so for a period of two or three years.

Mr. Heim informed agent that the member of the family who, in all probability, is the party who may appear for the defense in this case is Eugene Franzen, who is presently operating the lumber company and is also taking an active part in the State Bank of Bensenville. Concerning him, Mr. Heim stated that he has always associated with the element in Bensenville of which Elmer Farmer is a member. He also stated that he is the type of person who would appear for the defense. It is therefore believed that Eugene Franzen is the banker and head of the lumber company mentioned by Helen Farmer to confidential informant [REDACTED] b7c b7d

Agent discreetly questioned Mr. Heim concerning the various other members of the family, in order to determine whether any other member of the family could be approached if it were deemed advisable in order to determine what the attitude of any of the members of the family would be toward any of the defendants in this case. It was determined that William Franzen, who is a gentleman about 75 years of age, now retired, is considered to be a party who is absolutely beyond reproach; that he bears an excellent reputation in the city of Bensenville and could be relied upon to cooperate with this office if it were found necessary to interview him.

In addition, it was determined that Mr. William Franzen has a son, Herbert, who is presently connected in some manner with the Federal Farm Bureau, the exact nature of his position being unknown.

Mr. Heim furnished agent with the following information concerning persons who may possibly be the judge mentioned by Helen Farmer.

He stated that at the present time one Julius Frey is the City Magistrate, having been elected by the popular vote of the village. This party also occupies a position with the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad, and is not the type of person who would become involved in this case.

Mr. Heim also stated that there are a large number of justices of the peace in the city of Bensenville, and in his opinion there are only two who would possibly be the persons who might appear for the defense. One of these parties is named Korthauer, whose first name or initials are unknown to Mr. Heim, this party being 70 years of age, and the reason Mr. Heim believed that this may be the party involved is the fact that he lives within one block of the home of Elmer Farmer. Mr. Korthauer was at one time Mayor and Judge in the city of Bensenville, and it was Mr. Heim's belief that he might possibly appear for the defense.

The other justice of the peace who might be the party involved is one George A. Giles, who resides on Orchard Street near Irving Street, Bensenville. Concerning him, Mr. Heim stated that he was the type of person who would appear as a character witness for anybody in order to get the publicity resulting from such an appearance. He is the braggadocio type of person who is known to associate with the class of people connected with Elmer Farmer, and he is in all probability the party mentioned by Helen Farmer.

Mr. Heim was requested by agent to keep this inquiry absolutely confidential.

Since Mr. Heim in the past has proven to be a very valuable source of information concerning activities in the city of Bensenville, as it has been determined that he can be relied upon to keep such inquiry as might be made of him confidential, he was requested by agent to make discreet inquiry at Bensenville to determine definitely, if possible, who the parties mentioned by Helen Farmer might be.

The information obtained concerning Eugene Franzen and the two justices of the peace who might be the people involved in this case was transmitted to the Bureau by teletype April 23, 1935. All of the above information was transmitted to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Cincinnati, and also to the St. Paul office.

At the suggestion of Mr. Connelley, agent telephonically communicated with Mr. Eugene Franzen under the pretext that agent was employed by the Equitable Life Insurance Company, and that a party applying for a position with that company had given Mr. Franzen as a reference. The purpose of this telephone call was to determine whether Mr. Franzen was going to be in Bensenville for the next few days. As a result of this call, agent determined that Mr. Franzen was to be at his office every day for the next several days.

No further investigation was conducted at this time, pending receipt of additional advice from the St. Paul office.

PENDING

Post Office Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
May 18, 1935

DB:VC
7-18

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to your telegram of May 7th, requesting that a Doctor Kahn, a chiroprapist of Tulsa, Oklahoma, brother of Reinhold Kahn, be interviewed concerning the names and addresses of relatives said Reinhold might contact prior to sailing for Germany.

You were advised on May 8th, telegraphically, that Doctor Herbert Kahn of Tulsa has been interviewed and that no valuable information had been obtained from him.

In confirmation of my wire, I beg to submit the following, obtained by Special Agent Paul Hansen in this respect at Tulsa, Oklahoma:

"Dr. Herbert Kahn is a chiroprapist or quack foot doctor and operates from a fourth rate hotel at 108 1/2 North Main Street in Tulsa. Dr. Kahn advised Agent Smith and me that he has one brother, Wilhelm Kahn, a machinist, who works for some factory on the south side of Chicago and also apparently lives on the south side. He has another brother, Gottlieb Kahn, who is a "skipper" on some boat or in the ship yards in Berlin, Germany. Dr. Kahn said that he understands that this brother, Gottlieb, is probably employed on some river boat that goes out and in of Berlin. Kahn said that he did not keep in close communication with any of his relatives and he has not been in Germany since several years before the World War. He does not know of any person his brother Reinhold would visit in Germany except their only brother there.

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"Kahn said that his brother, Reinhold, visited him in Tulsa about a year ago last January and told him of his business in Chicago and said that 'several of the boys' had been at his place in Chicago and that he has personally seen Dillinger and sold him sandwiches and drinks."

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Cincinnati
Bureau

Room 1408
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N.Y.

May 17, 1935

RU-9

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

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herein voucher, in favor of
the New York Telephone Company, in the amount of \$28.12,
covering telephone service over Circle 7-1045, which
telephone was installed at 145 West 58th Street, New
York, N.Y. at our request in order that Frank Foster,
residing at said address, might be kept under surveillance;
this in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis,
with aliases, et al. - Edward George Bremer, Victim -
Kidnaping.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

Encls.

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May 17, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM

RE: Bremer Trial Verdicts

Mr. Suydam telephoned and advised that he was giving to the press the report which I sent around to the Attorney General's office together with the comments of the Attorney General. The reference made to the Deputy Chief is being omitted.

Mr. Suydam inquired if there were any other members of the gang still at large. I stated that Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis, and Harry Campbell were still at large. Mr. Suydam also inquired if Harry Sawyer would go on trial shortly and I stated that I thought he would.

J. E. H.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO.**

FILE NO. **7-50**

REPORT MADE AT CHARLOTTE, N.C.	DATE WHEN MADE 5/20/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/18/35	REPORT MADE BY T.M. McDade
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, w.a., FUGITIVE, et al			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Stop orders placed with Motor Vehicle
Bureaus of North and South Carolina
on Chevrolet coupe motor #4,135,550;
Chevrolet sedan motor #4,543,856;
Pontiac Sedan, motor #936,155.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent T. M. McDade, Chicago,
Illinois, dated April 29, 1935.

DETAILS:

On May 9, 1935, letter was received from Benj.
R. Stroup, Director, Motor Vehicle Division,
South Carolina, State Highway Department, Columbia, South
Carolina, stating that an examination of the records in
his office failed to disclose any registry on the follow-
ing automobiles:

Pontiac Sedan,
Motor #935,155
Serial #815,227.

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-6073	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAY 21 1935
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Chevrolet Coupe
Motor #4,135,550
Serial #1DAO-513,359.

Chevrolet Sedan
Motor #4,543,656
Serial #1DAO-49,867.

Stop cards were placed in the files of the
Motor Vehicle Division, at Columbia, South Carolina.

On May 14, 1935 a letter was received from Mr.
L. S. Harris, Director, Motor Vehicle Bureau, Department
of Revenue, Raleigh, North Carolina, in reference to the
same automobiles, in which he stated that these cars
had not been registered in North Carolina, and that stop
cards had been placed on their files.

No further investigation now being outstanding
in the Charlotte District, this case is being Referred
Upon Completion to the Office of Origin.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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N.Y. FILE NO. 7-120

REPORT MADE AT: NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE: 5/20/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/3-15/35	REPORT MADE BY: LEE F. MALONE
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1818 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 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:

Alice Conrad left NYC 11:30 P.M. 5/3/35 and arrived Cleveland, O. 9:05 P.M. 5/4/35, where surveillance was turned over to agents of Cleveland office. Mail cover removed as to Alice Conrad at NYC. Mrs. Dorothy Frost's notebook reveals addresses from the following individuals: Moe Sedway; Meyer Lansky; Louis Lepkey, and others. Mrs. Frost discovered the secret phone in her apartment on the evening of 5/6/35. Telephone tap and secret phone system removed and surveillance terminated with reference to Frank Frost. Dorothy Frost received mail from Mrs. Louis Dolin, 3602 Grosvenor Road, Cleveland, O. Rienhold Kahn advised that Farmer was not well known to him and that Karpis, Davis and Campbell were unknown to him. Ann Kahn was never out with Farmer unless accompanied by her mother. Kahn will return to United States about August 1st and will return to his home. Motor Vehicle Bureau, State of Connecticut, advises no registration of Chevrolet coupe, Motor #4135550 and Ford V-8, Motor #18-493080. Business phone of Harry Schneeweiss reflects no toll calls.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

R. White

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent Lee F. Malone, New York,
N. Y., 5/9/35.

Telatype of Chicago office, dated May 6, 1935, 3 P.M.

DETAILS:

AT NEW YORK CITY.

On May 3, 1935, the writer and Special Agent W. S. Harzenstein proceeded to the West 36th Street Station of the Great Eastern Bus Line for the purpose of conducting a surveillance of Alice Conrad during her trip from New York City to Cleveland, Ohio. Alice Conrad, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Moratti, arrived at the bus station at about 11:20. Special Agent Harzenstein took a description of Alice Conrad. Alice Conrad boarded a Great Eastern bus at about 11:28 and the writer followed, taking the seat just in the rear of the one occupied by Alice Conrad. The bus left the West 36th Street station at approximately 11:30 P.M. and arrived in Cleveland, Ohio at 9:05 P.M. May 4, 1935. During the trip Alice Conrad did not hold a conversation with any of the passengers on the bus nor did she contact any individuals at the several stops made during the trip. The Cleveland Bureau office was advised by telephone as to the particular bus on which Alice Conrad was proceeding to Cleveland and the writer noticed, as the bus came within the city limits of Cleveland, Ohio, that a Hudson sedan drew up along the right side of the Great Eastern bus but did not note particularly the individuals in the car. The bus driver suddenly put on his brakes and forced the Hudson sedan to draw ahead of the bus. The writer, a short time after this incident, again noticed the same Hudson sedan pull up on the right hand side of the bus and this time the writer took particular note to observe who was driving the car and it was observed that Special Agent Clyde E. Smith was driving the Hudson sedan, and Agent Smith gave a signal recognition and the writer discreetly indicated that Alice Conrad was the party in the seat directly ahead. Agent Smith then drew away from the bus and proceeded in the direction of the Cleveland business section. The Great Eastern bus stopped at the Great Eastern Bus Station in Cleveland, Ohio, near the Hotel Cleveland, and Alice Conrad got off the bus and was followed by the writer. It was observed that she was met by a man who was driving an automobile bearing Michigan license. Special Agent W. E. Hopton of the Cleveland office contacted the writer and the surveillance of Alice Conrad was turned over to Agent Hopton and Agent Smith.

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On May 8, 1935, a letter was directed to Mr. Albert Goldman, Postmaster of the General Post Office, and requested that the mail copy on all first class mail addressed to Alice Conrad and Mr. [redacted] at 84 West 36th Street and 32 West 37th Street be removed.

On May 4, 1935, Special Agents A. T. Deere and J. H. Farley entered the apartment of Frank Frost at the Hotel Maurice and located a notebook belonging to Mrs. Dorothy Frost, which contained the following names and addresses:

H. Goldstone;
415 Aldine,
Lake View 4456

Clarence Gleason, 66-3800-E-26
1202 No. Pine Ave. 82-193
Austin 8797.

D. Kay,
Pantages Theatre,
Hollywood Boulevard, 62-10823-4
Hollywood, California

Louis Lepkey, See card
Susquehanna 0193.

Harold Levy, 62-47106 87-338-1
1 No. LaSalle Street, 7-2099-1966
State 3566-1380, Hyde Park.

Moe - Tom Weber,
Barbizon Plaza Hotel - 2342. See card

Wm. Andleman,
The Cardinal, No record
243 West End Ave.

Brownie Cramer,
Dupont 3745, Mpls. No record

Charles Brennan, Lawyer, 26-4694
315 Montgomery, 31-6346
San Francisco, Calif. 45-725

9-3218
7-576-12057

*get Ref in
funders or
Bulkin*

B. Miller,
Jenney Hotel, *See card*
New Orleans, La.

Jack Doyle, *See card*
Locust 4559.

Dutch Louis,
Connie's Tavern, *No record*
2524 Broadway
Riverside 9-8926.

Max Greenberg, *83-2130 62-4773 62-2177 (See card)*
4th Avenue Hotel, *84-12-1466 62-2416-12*
429-4th Avenue, *26-15553 7-1-4042*
Ashland 0977, *26-617 7-404-17*
37-1645 52-1602-1
62-11628-14 62-28403 46-2875
1-1501-111 47-1-621

H. A. Walters,
142 So. Maine Street, *No record*
Las Cruces, N.M. *29-5342-271X*
62-0-2877
62-19938

Wm. Weller,
Palace Hotel, *OG 29-4891*
132 West 45th Street,
Bryant 0816.

Freda Weisberger,
1834 Caton Ave., Apt. 10, *No record*
Brooklyn, N. Y.

George Hatfield, *60-1501-1585 1631X*
c/o Sam Pass *62-26841 77-6832-8*
Sherry-Netherland *62-24212 51-245-6*

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or Bulkin*

Roland Brown,
BKO *No record*

Max Fox,
256 W. 97th Street, *See cards (25 references)*

Meyer - Penn 6-0837,
1440 Broadway, R. 568. ?
Home - Riverside 0488.

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54-4104 25-753
Meyer Lansky, 7-576-674 36-1835
233 W. 99th Street, 62-2181-833 62-28915-1586
62-38107-2 62-1501-1588, No. 152

(note: Agent Tracy of the New York Bureau office advised the writer that Meyer Lansky was a former partner of "Bugs" Siegel and that his N. Y. police number is B70258.)

Bert McGrath,
Off. Frank, 1177. No record
Home - Irving 3154.

Bank Mayfair,
Pensacola 1100.

Ben Siegal,
Apt. 16D, 201 W. 85th St.,
New York City. 62-2181-833
Susquehanna 8920.
Off. Columbus 5-2921-2.

Moe Sedway, 7-576-674 80-607-466
Piccadilly Hotel, 62-5285-19 30, 32 62-29980-201
Off., Bryant 9-6154 and 24-5892-1309 7-2152-29
Bryant 9-5882, 62-12114-873 66-7542-19-4

Robert Steinhardt, 76-585 7-576-2929 62-30930-302
3900-1st Avenue South, Mpls. 7-27-32 7-52-154 7-113
520, 647, 823

Two postcards were also found by the agents and are as follows:

* Dorothy Frost,

Hose, Lingerie, Accessories

Col. 5-8846 40 W. 57th St.
New York City *

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Monroe Catering Company,
179 W. Monroe Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dearborn 5320
Dearborn 4352.

While in the apartment, the agents located several snapshots of both Frank Frost and his wife, Dorothy Frost, which are very good likenesses and were evidently taken in Miami, Florida, this year. Six copies of each of these photographs are now in the New York Bureau office file. A photograph of Frank Frost taken by a street photographer and the receipt for which was picked up by Special Agent M. W. McFarlin, while following Frost, was obtained by the New York Bureau office and is a very good likeness of Frank Frost. There are six copies of this photograph in the New York Bureau office file.

The surveillance of Frank Frost from May 2 to May 6, 1935 reveals the following information:

Frost frequented the following places:

The Chicken Coop Restaurant,
37 West 58th Street.

Ziegfeld Theatre,
6th Avenue and 54th Street.

Waldorf Theatre,
50th Street.

Subway barber shop on the southeast corner
of 47th Street and 7th Avenue.

Paramount Theatre,
Broadway and 43rd Street.

Dave's Restaurant,
50th Street and Broadway.

Lindy's Restaurant,
Broadway and 49th Street.

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Gallagher's Restaurant,
228 West 52nd Street.

Playhouse Theatre,
West 48th Street.

Luxor Hotel and Baths,
121 West 46th Street.

Hollywood Barber Shop,
47th Street and Times Square.

Longchamps Restaurant,
57th Street, between 5th and 6th Avenues.

Radio City Music Hall,
50th Street and 6th Avenue.

It was ascertained that New York license Y 6904 which appeared on the 1934 Buick automobile in which Frank Frost was seen on May 2nd was issued to Philip Katz, 210 Avenue "N", Brooklyn, N. Y.

The telephone tap and secret phone in Apartment 13D, occupied by Frank Frost, for the period of May 3 to May 6, 1935, revealed the following information:

On May 3, 1935, at 2:35 P.M., Dorothy Frost received a telephone call from Molly, who stated that she was coming to Apartment 13D.

[REDACTED] b7c

At 5:22 P.M. Molly called Atwater 9-3182, and a man named Phil answered the phone; Molly asked for Lou. Lou was not in but a message was left for him to call at the Frosts.

b7c

[REDACTED]

On May 5, 1935, Special Agent Deere, while listening over the secret phone, heard the following conversation between Dorothy Frost and Blanche Williams:

[REDACTED]

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At 4:40 P.M. Agent Deere heard Dorothy Frost mention

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[REDACTED]

The conversation was short and was soon dropped with no after discussion. Dorothy started this conversation when she evidently saw an article in the paper

[REDACTED]

On May 6, 1935, at about 3:50 P.M., Dorothy called room service in the hotel over the telephone and ordered some writing paper and also complained of the fact that it was cold and drafty in their apartment. About 4:10 P.M. Agent W. S. Devereaux, who was listening over the secret phone system, heard Dorothy

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[REDACTED] b7c

At this point, Agent Devereaux proceeded to the roof of the Maurice Hotel and cut the wires along the parapet at the south end of the roof which led to the microphone and took the loose end of the lead wire and threw the wire down the chimney to Apartment 13C occupied by agents of the New York Bureau office. On returning to Apartment 13C, Agent Devereaux found that he had locked himself out and proceeded to the corner drug store and called the New York Bureau office. Agents Deere and R. H. Emory proceeded from the New York Bureau office to Apartment 13C and pulled the lead wire out of the chimney to Apartment 13D occupied by Frank Frost, and found that the microphone had been removed from the wire.

At 5:25 P.M. a call was made to the Frost apartment, and Agent Deere listened in on the same through the telephone tap. b7c

[REDACTED]

On instructions from the New York Bureau office, the telephone tap was removed from the phone in Apartment 13D and the surveillance was discontinued. The Bureau was advised of these developments by telephone and, in the absence of instructions to reinstitute the surveillance, the same was not continued.

Manager Conlon of the Maurice Hotel was advised that the surveillance was not being continued and also advised of the developments in the matter, and was requested to notify the New York Bureau office if the Frosts mentioned the fact of the discovery of the microphone to him. To date no mention has been made by the Frosts of this incident to Mr. Conlon.

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The following is a record of the phone calls made from the Frost apartment since those set out in the report of reference, to May 7, 1935:

Circle 7-7000

The Barbizon-Plaza Hotel,
West 58th Street and 5th Ave.

Columbus 5-2100

The Windsor Hotel,
100 West 58th Street.

Algonquin 4-7974

Mrs. Betty W. Smith,
128 East 10th Street.

Lackawanna 4-2520

Morosco Theatre,
217 West 45th Street.

Circle 7-5384

Joe's Delicatessen,
900 Seventh Avenue.

Michigan 2-2967

Mrs. Mary A. Cotter,
88-30 74th Place,
Woodhaven, L.I., N.Y.

Bryant 9-3182

Milbank Leman & Co.,
2 West 45th Street.

Circle 7-7000

The Barbizon-Plaza Hotel

Walker 5-1500

The American Machine & Metal Co.,
100 Sixth Avenue.

Circle 7-5384

Joe's Delicatessen,
900 Seventh Avenue.

A mail tracing was received on May 9, 1935, which indicated that Mrs. Frost had received the following letter:

Air Mail letter postmarked

Addressed to:

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Mrs. Frank Frost
Hotel Maurice
145 W. 58th St.,
New York City, N. Y.

Apt. 13 D.

Return address:

Mrs. Louis Dolin
3602 Grosvenor Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

This mail tracing is being forwarded with copies of this report to the office of origin.

The following additional names and addresses were located in the Frost apartment:

Dr. L. Stanley Barnett,
514 West End Avenue,
Susquehanna 7-1116.

The following name and address appeared in a notebook of Frank Frost:

Louis S. Zenaty
#3653 - 25th District
2116 Naraganset

This is evidently the name and address of a policeman on the Chicago police force.

The following name and address appeared on a business card:

Bert, Irving 3139.

It appeared on the business card of the Norbert Unverzagt, Chrysler and Plymouth West City Motor Company, 2926 North Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Ave. 8-100.

On May 6, 1935, the New York Bureau office received a teletype from the Chicago Bureau office which indicated that Rienhold Kahn, a former operator of Kahn's Tavern, North Avenue, Elmhurst, Illinois, was sailing with his family on either the Bremen or the Europa on the 7th, 11th, or 18th of this month.

On May 7, 1935, Mr. Edwards, the Assistant Passenger Traffic Manager of the North German Lloyd Lines, stated that the Bremen sailed on May 10, 1935 at midnight. He was requested to ascertain if Rienhold Kahn and family had booked passage on the Bremen for that date. A search of his records revealed that Rienhold Kahn was sailing on the Bremen on May 10, 1935, as a third class passenger, and that staterooms 902 and 904 were reserved for him and his family. Kahn had been booked through the Chicago office of the North German Lloyd Lines and Mr. Edwards advised that the tickets had all been issued and further information could be traced through the Chicago office of the North German Lloyd. Edwards was instructed to place a stop order as to inquiries that might be received from Kahn with reference to his reservations and that Kahn's New York address be secured at this time and this information immediately forwarded to the New York Bureau office.

The telephone operator of the New York Bureau office called 35 of the leading hotels in New York City but was unable to locate Rienhold Kahn as being registered at any of these hotels.

The Chicago Bureau office was advised of developments and requested to trace the booking of Rienhold Kahn at Chicago, Illinois. The Chicago Bureau office advised by teletype that reservations were made for Rienhold Kahn and his family March 21, 1935 and at that time he stated that he expected to drive to New York to arrive on the date of embarkation. No hotel reservations were made and the car will be shipped to Germany.

On May 10, 1935, the general office of the North German Lloyd directed the writer to Mr. Friedrichs, baggage master of Pier 86, for the purpose of securing information with reference to Rienhold Kahn's automobile. Mr. Friedrichs directed the writer to automobile checker Turner, who ascertained that Rienhold Kahn's automobile was on the list to be shipped to Germany on the Bremen which sailed at midnight that day. The record also indicated that the car had been delivered on the pier at 11:30 A.M. the same day, and Turner and the writer went out on the pier and inspected Kahn's car and it was found to be a Ford V-8 sedan, Illinois license 152752. In the lower right hand corner of the windshield appeared the seal of the Chicago Motor Club bearing in the center "AAA". The seats in the car were covered with seat covers which were made of a matted material light in color and bordered by a four inch border of blue checked material. On the rear window of the car appeared a seal which indicated that the car was protected by the Pinkerton National Detective Agency and the seal bore the name of the Chicago Motor Club. On the spare tire cover appeared "Purnell and Wilson, Inc., Des Plaines, Illinois".

Baggage master Friedrichs advised that the usual time for embarkation of third class passengers was 7:00 P. M. but as there was quite a large crowd for this trip the embarkation would probably start an hour earlier.

At 5:30 P.M. Assistant Special Agent in Charge Hanson and the writer proceeded to Pier 86 and there contacted the embarkation clerk who had already received notice through his general office that inquiry would be made with reference to Rienhold Kahn. He agreed to call the agents' attention to the party who presented his papers for a reservation in the name of Rienhold Kahn. Agent Hanson and the writer stood in the vicinity of the embarkation booth of the third class passengers and spotted a group of people answering the description of Rienhold Kahn and his family. When Rienhold Kahn, in his position in the line of passengers, passed Agent Hanson, he was asked if he were Rienhold Kahn and he admitted that he was. Kahn was informed that Agents Hanson and Malone were Government men and wished to talk to him after he had boarded the Bremen. For an instant Kahn appeared rather excited and asked if it were important and if it were in connection with Farmer, and he was advised by Agent Hanson that it was. He readily agreed to be interviewed in his stateroom aboard the Bremen and, after the necessary procedure with reference to passengers and other papers was completed, Agent Hanson and the writer

accompanied Rienhold Kahn and his family which consisted of his wife, Elizabeth, his daughters Ann, Elizabeth and Clara, and son Rienhold, Jr., to their staterooms, 902 and 904, third class. Kahn advised that he was acquainted with Elmer Farmer but only in a business way as Elmer Farmer operated a similar business and had installed slot machines in Kahn's Tavern. Farmer came to Kahn's Tavern quite frequently and usually ate his meals there. Farmer had previously taken his meals at a Mrs. Ames' in Bensonville, Illinois, and in about March, 1934, had begun to take his meals at Kahn's Tavern, and had continued this habit off and on through 1934 and part of 1935. Kahn advised that his camp had not been opened during the winter of 1934-1935 and that Davis, Karpis, Barker or Campbell had never stayed at his camp to his knowledge. He further advised that he did not know anyone by the name of Whitey and that none of these individuals had ever been introduced to him by Elmer Farmer. On two occasions Elmer Farmer and Smokey Lang had taken Kahn and his family to a picture show but that was the only social relationship he had had with Elmer Farmer.

Ann Kahn advised that she had never been out with Elmer Farmer except in the company of her mother and that on these occasions, which were few, Farmer had taken Ann and her mother to a picture show. Mrs. Kahn advised that this was correct and that she had always gone out with her daughters when they had accompanied a young man to a picture show or other places.

Kahn advised that the only people he had seen in the company of Elmer Farmer were his helpers who assisted him in the installation of his slot machines and a friend of Farmer by the name of Smokey Lang.

At the time of boarding the Bremen, Kahn was carrying a black briefbag and when asked by the agents as to what was in the briefbag he readily opened the same and exhibited a bottle of medicine, his passport papers and a book of Reiseschecks in the amount of 400 marks. Checks B No. 1654756 to 59 were in the amount of R.M. 50 and checks C No. 2335039 to 40 were in the amount of R.M. 100.

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Kahn advised that when he left Chicago he stopped at Bridgman, Michigan, and visited his cousin, Ferdinand Schultz, and from there proceeded to Gettysburg, Pa. and looked over the Gettysburg battlefield. From there he went to Washington, D. C. and took in the sights there and came to New York about May 8, 1935 and stayed at the Langwell Hotel. He stated that he was going to visit his brother, Goetlieb Kanwischer at Strasburg, Germany, which is just outside of Berlin and the street address was Backsmann St. Kahn advised that he lived on Route 64 just outside of Elmhurst, Illinois, and that he had rented his tavern and road camp for a period of five years at a rental of \$100.00 per month. When asked how he had secured the money to make this trip, he advised that he had sold a piece of property on Highway 54 in Du Page County, Illinois, to the County as they desired it in connection with constructing a highway. He stated that this information could be readily checked through the County authorities.

Kahn advised that he had been in this country about thirty years and that he had secured his first papers in 1916 in the United States Court for the Northern District of Illinois and had been naturalized and is now a citizen of the United States. He stated that for several years he was a chiropodist in the State of Illinois and that for the last six years he had operated Kahn's Tavern which is on the outskirts of Elmhurst, Illinois. Kahn advised that he will return to the United States about August 1st and will proceed to his home on the outskirts of Elmhurst, Illinois.

On May 9, 1935, a letter was addressed to Michael J. Connor, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles in the State of Connecticut, and a request was made that stop orders be placed against Chevrolet Coupe, Motor #4135550 and, Ford V-8, Motor #18-493080. It was also requested that any stop orders outstanding for the New York Bureau office on the following listed cars be removed:

Buick sedan	-	Motor #2797868
Buick sedan	•	#2858090
Ford Coupe, 1933 Model	•	#40-304794
Graham Paige sedan	•	#1024021
Packard Club sedan	•	#189533
Auburn sedan	•	#BB1527
Buick Club sedan	-	#2875177

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Chevrolet coupe	•	Motor #2029084
Chevrolet sedan	•	#3554674
Dodge sedan	•	#DP 65846
Ford DeLuxe coupe, V-8	•	#18-328420
Ford DeLuxe sedan, V-8	•	#899365
Ford V-8 Coupe	•	#18-1037486
Ford V-8 sedan	•	#1130843
Ford V-8 Victoria coupe	•	#1142463
Plymouth sedan	•	#81821
Pontiac sedan	•	#885160
Pontiac sedan	•	#1058715

On May 15, 1935, there was received from the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Hartford, Conn., a letter dated May 13, 1935, which advised that to date their records failed to reveal any of the above mentioned automobiles registered in the State of Connecticut.

On May 9, 1935, Mr. William T. Knight of the Legal Department of the New York Telephone Company, in response to a letter directed to him by the New York office, contacted the writer by telephone and stated that there had been no suburban calls made from Drydock 4-0040, which appears to be the business address of Harry Schneeweiss and which is listed in the name of Raphael J. Koch, 82 Bowery, New York City.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

NEW YORK OFFICE

Determine connection between Frank Frost and Sally Phillips, 115 Central Park West, New York City. Will ascertain the telephone listing for Endicott 2-5263.

Will ascertain the identity and reputation of Moe Krichman, 436 Beach 27th Street, Arverne, L.I., N. Y.

Will ascertain the reputation of Thomas J. Malloy & Co., 444 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

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Will contact Mr. Ainsworth, Chief of Detectives, Park Central Hotel, New York City, with reference to Max Yudelwitz, Room 818, who registered April 12, 1935.

Will ascertain the identity and reputation of Philip Katz, 210 Avenue "N", Brooklyn, N. Y., to whom New York State license Y6904 was issued.

Will ascertain the listing of Atwater 9-3182, and the identity and reputation of this party.

Will ascertain the exact title of the bank as printed on the blank cashier's check found among the effects of subject McDonald. It is noted that there is no National bank in New York City using the exact corporate title "National Savings and Trust Company of New York". There is, however, a bank called the "National Safety Bank and Trust Company of New York", charter #13260. If this title agrees with that on the blank check, inquiry should be made at that bank to determine the manner in which subject McDonald acquired possession of the blank cashier's check of that bank. It is also suggested that there may be a State bank using the exact corporate title "National Savings and Trust Company of New York". If necessary, it should be determined whether there is such a bank and if there is, inquiry should be made at that bank for the same purpose. In the event that the exact title of the bank printed on the blank cashier's check in the New York office differs from any of the titles given above, consideration should be given the practicability of having further information developed by the Washington Field office. This lead is set out in the report of Special Agent H. Ranstad, Washington, D. C., dated April 25, 1935.

The above investigation should be expedited inasmuch as the cases at Miami are set for trial on June 17, 1935. The Jacksonville office desires to prepare a summary at the earliest opportunity.

The Chicago office, in letter dated April 24, 1935, suggests that investigation be made at New York City at the Claridge Hotel for the purpose of obtaining information regarding the whereabouts of members of the Karpis-Barker gang. Further information was set out by the Chicago office in letter dated March 16, 1935.

The New York office will ascertain to whom telephones Defender 3-1636, Pennsylvania 6-0943 over which George E. Brown received a call from Tom Malloy, Wisconsin 7-3808 and Circle 7-2700 call to George Brown, are listed, and ascertain the identity and

reputation of these individuals and also if they may possibly be contacts of the fugitives in this case.

Will interview Peggy O'Neill, 460-45th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., for such information as she may have concerning "Duke" Randall. Martin Conroy, a renting contractor with offices in the Empire State Building, has on several occasions employed Randall. He also may have information concerning Randall. Randall's trial is set for June 17, 1935 at Miami, Florida. This lead is set out in report of Special Agent C. J. Martin, Philadelphia, Pa., April 10, 1935.

Will remove the temporary Wanted notices of Fred Barker with aliases, Bureau No. 59163; Jess Doyle, Bureau No. 99402; Edna Murray with aliases, Bureau No. 9397; Harry Campbell with aliases, Bureau No. 419856; Volney Davis with aliases, Bureau No. 400441; William Weaver with aliases, Bureau No. 17920; Harry Sawyer with aliases, Bureau No. 421335 and Myrtle Eaton with aliases, Bureau No. 337474. Inspection of the file indicates that the Wanted notices were placed with the New York Police Department and the White Plains Police Department. There should be left on file with the various Police Departments the temporary Wanted notices issued by the Bureau for Clyde Nimerick with aliases, Bureau No. 77961, and Charles J. Fitzgerald with aliases, Bureau #95780. This matter was set out in Bureau letter dated March 26, 1935.

Will communicate with Post Office Inspector Frank Shea at New York City for further information relative to J. A. Scott, 236 West 55th Street, New York City, Scott being in the postage stamp business.

Will contact Inspector Michael F. McDermott, Third Detective District, 150 West 68th Street, Manhattan, telephone Trafalgar 7-7274, for any information he may have relative to the identity of Lewis Brooks alias Louis Brooks, and further to establish if Louis Buchhalter alias "Lepke" is at this time in New York City. McDermott has a contact who advises from time to time as to the movements of the "Lepke" mob.

Will conduct an investigation of Harry Schneeweiss, residing at 1852 East Fourth Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., telephone Esplanade 5-7792, to determine if he is a possible contact for the St. Paul gangsters.

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At Bethel, Conn., will interview Lillian Beatrice Beach,
R.D.#2, Box 23, for the purpose of ascertaining whether she has
corresponded with Volney Davis under the name of George Lawrence
Harper, as a member of the Get-Acquainted Correspondence Club.

PENDING

1331 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,
El Paso, Texas,
May 16, 1935.

Mr. M. H. Purvis,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Ill.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.

Dear Sir:

RE: MAUREY NIEMS, alias MAUREY SHAPIRO,
Possible Informant.

One Maurey Niems, alias Maurey Shapiro, has just been released from jail here where he was held on a charge of forgery. After being released he came to this office and reported what he thought was possibly some information of value in regard to the Bremer kidnaping case which he had received from [redacted] presently confined in jail on a counterfeiting charge. It will be recalled that [redacted] was employed for a time under the Oklahoma City office as an undercover informant on his own representations that he could put the finger on Karpis, Barker, et al. Knowing as I did, it was considered that the information furnished by Niems was of no value. However, Niems is down and out and claims to be anxious to secure some sort of undercover work by which he can make a living and, having been born and reared in Chicago, I advised him that his best chance to secure such employment would possibly be through the Chicago office.

His background, as related to me, is about as follows: He is a Jew, born and reared in Chicago; formerly employed by Koe Rosenbaum, political leader, doubtless known to you. Niems was employed first by Rosenbaum in the capacity of a truck driver at \$192.00 per month during which time he was attending law school at night. He later was admitted to the bar, married and finally apparently became involved in some of Rosenbaum's unlawful activities, resulting in his becoming embroiled in a ballot box stuffing case about three years ago. He was arrested and through the influence of his father-in-law got out of that scrape by having the charge reduced to obtaining money under false pretenses and was sentenced to sixty days in jail. He states that the others who were caught in the ballot stuffing affair were sent to Joliet. Niems was then disbarred from the practice of law and, according to his intimations, began flirting with various sorts of unlawful

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activities. He finally drifted to El Paso, lost his money gambling, forged a check and was arrested. He then, through some means, raised enough money to pay off the check and was released from jail here on May 14, 1935.

He avers that he has learned his lesson and has concluded that he would rather have any sort of a job which is honest than to live as he has been living; that he does not expect to be able to hold down any good job in a commercial line on account of his record and that he thought he might perhaps be of service to this Bureau as an undercover informant. He states that he is particularly well acquainted among crooks and crooked politicians in Chicago where he has numerous relatives and, furthermore, that he would be content with any sort of small job if he could earn even as much as eighteen or twenty dollars per week, if it was not crooked money.

Niema is a good looking Jew of fine physique and he impressed me as being very intelligent and fairly well educated. He is now endeavoring to get back to Chicago and I suggested that he might call to see you upon arrival there and advised him to lay before you his whole background so you might decide as to whether he could be of service as an undercover informant in Chicago or vicinity. He is absolutely broke at present and I gave him a couple of dollars with which to buy food. I imagine he will leave here tomorrow or next day. Incidentally, Niema advised he had at one time done some work for former States Attorney Crowe of Chicago.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

RHC:bgs
cc Bureau.

LWB:GJ

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June 20, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: MAUREY HIEANSKY -

Investigation

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 7, 1935 with respect to the letter from the El Paso office dated May 16, 1935, concerning one Maurey Hieans alias Maurey Shapiro who called at the El Paso office and at your office, endeavoring to secure employment as a confidential informant.

Your attention is called to your letter to the Los Angeles office, dated April 17, 1935, in the above captioned matter, inasmuch as it appears that Maurey Hieansky may be the same person as Maurey Hieans alias Maurey Shapiro. The Bureau file in the above captioned matter indicates that the Phoenix, Arizona office is now the office of origin, the file of the Los Angeles office having been transferred to the Phoenix office on May 31, 1935, due to the re-allocation of territory.

Since it appears that Maurey Hieans alias Maurey Shapiro may still be in Chicago, Illinois, he should be interviewed promptly with reference to the above captioned matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

RE: Bremer Case

Mr. Suydam telephonically inquired if it wouldn't be a good idea if the Attorney General got out a press statement regarding the convictions in the Bremer Case. I stated it was a very good idea, and I advised that I had sent around a memorandum setting forth the facts in the case together with the convictions.

I stated that the press statement might express the Attorney General's gratification at the outcome of the case, also, indicate the perseverance of keeping after this case since January 1934, and commend the Jury for its courage, et cetera.

I remarked to Mr. Suydam that one interesting angle of the case was that the Deputy Police Commissioner of Chicago testified as a defense character witness, which was a rather unusual picture, but McLaughlin happened to be the political boss in Chicago.

Very truly yours,

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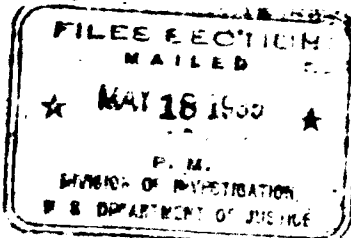
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N.Y.

May 17, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herein voucher, in favor of the New York Telephone Company, in the amount of \$29.81, covering telephone service over Circle 7-1253, which telephone was installed at 150 West 58th Street, New York, N.Y. at our request in order that Frank Foster, residing at 145 West 58th Street (directly across the street) might be kept under surveillance; this in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al - Edward George Bremer, Victim - Kidnaping.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley
R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MONEY TO MORAN NEAR THE RAILROAD TRACKS, AS TESTIFIED BY AGENT BROWN.
DECLARED HE WAS QUESTIONED BY AT LEAST 30 DIFFERENT AGENTS THE NIGHT
OF HIS ARREST. ADMITTED DRAWING TWO DIAGRAMS FOR AGENT BROWN, BUT
DENIED PRACTICALLY ALL PRINCIPAL POINTS TESTIFIED TO BY BROWN.
MC LAUGHLIN STATED HE TOLD AGENT BROWN ALL ABOUT DOC MORAN BUT DENIED
EVER KNOWING A *SLIM OR AN *IZZY. WHEN HAMM KIDNAP MONEY WAS MENTIONED
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VIOLENTLY WHEN IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT MORAN CHOSE HIM BECAUSE HE HAD
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P. O. Box #766
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May 13, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

MAY 22 1935

Reference is made to Bureau letter of May 10, 1935, enclosing copy of a letter received from [redacted] in which he makes application for the reward for information leading to the capture of Mrs. Kate Barker and her son, Fred Barker.

This party, [redacted] was offered no reward by me, but was employed by me as an informant on the basis of \$10.00 per day, as to which authority was requested of the Bureau to pay him not to exceed \$60.00 to cover a period of six days, however he was only employed for two days and was paid accordingly \$20.00 for such two days' work, January 14 and 15, 1935.

The work of this party as covered in my report of February 3, 1935, page 3 in the matter of "ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218 - FUGITIVE et al., EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim; KIDNAPING, HARBORING OF FUGITIVES, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT", [redacted]

[redacted] and immediately thereafter I had Agent Jones and this party [redacted] discontinue any further efforts, by directing them to proceed immediately to Ocala [redacted]

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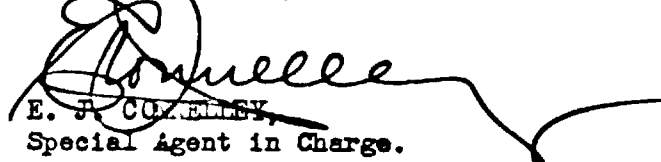
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As no reward was outstanding for these parties and none was offered to him by me, he being employed on a per diem basis, for which he was fully paid, to determine certain information, he having obtained nothing on January 14, 1935 and was only engaged with Agent R. L. Jones on January 15, 1935 and did not locate and identify these parties in the house in question, he would therefore not be entitled to any reward even if one had been offered or if one had been outstanding for information leading to the location and capture of these persons.

It is therefore suggested that this party be advised that as far as this Bureau is concerned, there was no reward outstanding for the information leading to the capture of either Kate or Fred Barker and that as far as this Bureau is concerned, he was paid in full for the services rendered to us; that we had no agreement with him to pay him any reward and provided further that if such an agreement had existed, he did not furnish us with the information which he claims to have furnished us, namely information leading to the capture of Fred and Kate Barker.

This party also gave information to the papers as to what his activity had been although it was definitely understood the matter was to be treated as confidential.

Very truly yours,


E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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May 18, 1935

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Dear Sirs

Reference is made to your letter of May 9, 1935 in which you make application for the reward for information leading to the capture of Mrs. Kate Barker and her son, Fred Barker, and state that as a result of your work you obtained information relative to the location of Kate and Fred Barker. You further state that inasmuch as there was a large reward offered for these parties, you feel that you should be considered.

Please be advised that there was no Federal reward offered for the apprehension of Kate or Fred Barker, nor was there any reward for information leading to the capture of these persons.

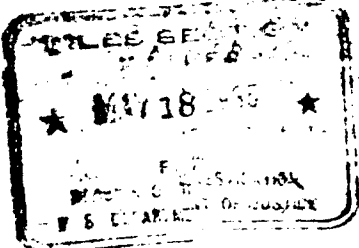
I have been informed by Mr. E. J. Connelley who was in charge of the Agents at Ocala, Florida that there was no agreement with you to pay a reward for any information leading to the apprehension of these individuals. I have been further advised that you were employed by Mr. Connelley as an informant on the basis of \$10.00 per day; that you were employed for two days and were accordingly paid \$20.00 for the work which you performed on January 14 and 15, 1935.

I wish to thank you for the offer of assistance which you extended to the Agents of this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.
May 14, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

11:45 A.M.

Mr. Purvis called on the telephone and said that the Agents from the Chicago Office who were at St. Paul testifying in the Bremer kidnaping case have returned, and have received information that Gladys Sawyer is writing a letter either to the Attorney General or to the President, and an attorney named O'Sullivan, of Omaha, is also writing a letter, complaining of the treatment that she, Gladys Sawyer, received while in the Chicago Office last summer in voluntary custody. It seems that Gladys Sawyer alleges that Paula Harmon, Winona Burdette and herself were given a truth serum there.

I told Mr. Purvis this was absurd, but that I, of course, was glad to have any information along these lines.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 17, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In any release concerning the Bremer Kidnaping, I would suggest that the Attorney General might desire to mention the fact that Deputy Commissioner Alcock of the Chicago Police Department testified as a character witness in behalf of Boss McLaughlin, one of those convicted at St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

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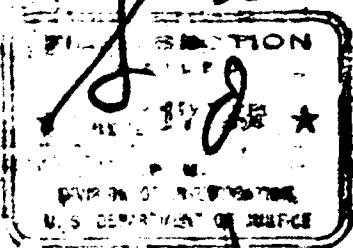
MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

For your information I am attaching hereto a memorandum which summarizes the facts, investigative and prosecutive results to date in connection with the case involving the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. I thought you would be particularly interested in knowing the identity of the persons who have today been found guilty to charges preferred against them in the Federal Court for the District of Minnesota.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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MEMORANDUM

May 17, 1935

On January 17, 1934, Edward G. Bremer, President of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, was kidnaped between 8:15 and 8:45 A.M., immediately after he had driven his daughter to the Summit School. He was taken to a hideout, which has since been located by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in Bensenville, Illinois, where he was held until February 7, 1934, when he was released near Rochester, Minnesota, after the payment of \$200,000 in ransom money by Walter McGee, who was named by Bremer as the contact man.

In effecting the payment of ransom, the kidnapers used four flashlights as signals. A member of the so-called Barker-Karpis Gang was identified as the purchaser of three flashlights similar to the ones used in connection with the ransom payoff.

Information was received from the victim in this case, Edward Bremer, relative to the refueling of gasoline tanks from gasoline cans enroute when victim Bremer was returned from the hideout in which he was held, to Rochester, Minnesota, where he was released. Four gasoline cans were found shortly thereafter and from one of these cans, there was developed in the Technical Laboratory of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a latent fingerprint, found to be identical with that of Arthur "Doc" Barker. On March 22, 1934, the Attorney General announced that Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. Barker, alias "Doc" Barker had been definitely identified by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice as one of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer. Subsequent investigative inquiry, continuing over the course of practically a year, tended to establish the complicity in this kidnaping of other members of this gang, including Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, Elmer Farmer, Harold Alderton, William Weaver, Harry Sawyer, William J. Harrison, Byron Bolton, Joseph P. Moran, Oliver A. Berg, John J. McLaughlin, William Vidlar, Philip J. Delaney, James J. Wilson and Myrtle Eaton. Indictments were returned at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 22, 1935 in the cases of these individuals.

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Harry Sawyer, one of those indicted, was apprehended at Pass Christian, Mississippi, where he had been located for a number of months, operating a negro lottery, by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, during the course of the trial at St. Paul, Minnesota.

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May 17, 1935.

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

For your information, I am attaching hereto a copy of a memorandum which I have today addressed to the Attorney General, together with the enclosure referred to therein, which pertains to the status of the investigation into the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
508 Medical Arts Building
Nashville, Tennessee
May 20, 1935

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

Re: ALVIN^D KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with
aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL
with aliases, I.O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS
with aliases, I.O. 1237, FUGITIVE;
WILLIAM KEAVER 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 FIRE-
ARMS ACT -

Dear Sir:

Please forward to this office twelve (12) addi-
tional copies of the Identification Order # 1239 of William J.
Harrison, alias Willie Harrison; alias W. J. Harrison; alias J.
B. Bolton; alias W. J. Ryan.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith
W. A. SMITH
Special Agent in Charge

CC Cincinnati
St. Paul

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TO: ☐ Director
☐ Mr. Nathan
☐ Mr. Tolson
☐ Mr. Edwards
☐ Mr. Quinn
☐ Mr. Tamm
☐ Division Three

Division Four

☐ Files Section
☐ Personnel Files
☒ Mechanical Section
☐ Chief Clerk's Office

Division Five

☐ Identification Division
☐ Statistical Section
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From: Mechanical Section

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To: Director
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R. C. Renneberger.

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May 23, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Nashville, Tennessee.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. No. 1218, et al,
Edward George Bremer, Victim,
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

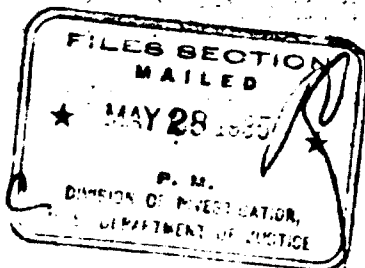
In accordance with the request contained in your letter
of May 20, 1935, there are transmitted herewith twelve additional
copies of Identification Order No. 1239 issued by the Bureau on
subject William J. Harrison, with aliases.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure No. 307532

cc-Cincinnati
St. Paul



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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

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May 21, 1935.

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY:

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

Dear Sir:-

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

There is transmitted herewith one copy of an original letter addressed to the Clerk, United States District Court, Miami, Florida, dated Dayton, Ohio, May 17, 1935, over the signature of one John Egan - Attorney-at-law, in which inquiry is made concerning the sentence imposed on Dolores Delaney, former subject in this matter at Miami. The original of the above-mentioned communication was exhibited to Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Resident Agent at Miami, on the afternoon of May 20, 1935, by Mr. Palmer Rosemond, Clerk of the United States District Court.

It is possible the attorney who is interested in the sentence imposed on Dolores Delaney contemplates legal proceedings in her behalf, and it is presumed that the Bureau, may desire to ascertain the identity of Mr. Egan and his connections in this matter.

Copies of this letter and the referred to communication are herewith supplied Offices indicated below.

Very truly yours,

R. A. ALT,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Cincinnati
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C O P Y

John E. Egan, Attorney at Law,
Twelfth Floor; Third National Building,
Dayton, Ohio
May 17, 1935.

FRED M. KERR

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Clerk of the United States District Court,
Federal Building,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Would you kindly let me know by return mail the date sentence was passed in your District Court at Miami, if it was done there, upon one Dolores Delaney, who, I understand, was committed to the Woman's Penitentiary at Milan, Michigan?

Also let me know when the Spring Term of your Court is concluded there, and when your next term will open there?

It is my opinion that Judge Ritter presided in this case.

Very truly yours,

(Signed)

John Egan

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515,
Saint Paul, Minnesota

May 20, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; ET AL;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING. OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES. NATIONAL
FIREARMS ACT.

During the afternoon of May 17, 1935, Assistant United States Attorney George A. Halsey, St. Paul, Minnesota, sent word that the sentences of HAROLD V. ALLDERTON, ELMER FARMER and JAMES WILSON had been deferred by the Court at the request of his office. The reason therefor he said is that consideration will be taken of their attitude toward the Government in subsequent trials of defendants in this case who have not, as yet, been apprehended or prosecuted.

In connection with possible cooperation of these defendants, it should be noted that HAROLD ALLDERTON and ELMER FARMER would make valuable witnesses as to the fugitive defendants being in ALLDERTON's house in Bensenville during the time that Victim Bremer was held there. This would corroborate the testimony of BYRON BOLTON, who is yet to be sentenced.

With reference to DOCTOR MORAN, a fugitive defendant, it may be noted that JAMES WILSON could testify relative to the part played by the Doctor in this case.

Inasmuch as Special Agent J. E. Brennan is well acquainted with the defendants mentioned above and has talked with them several times a week during the past four months, it occurred to me that in the interest of this case, Agent Brennan should remain in St. Paul for the present time. Accordingly, on May 18th, I telephoned Mr. Tamm in Washington and suggested that the Bureau consider rescinding the order for Agent Brennan to

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report for retraining purposes in Washington on May 20th in order that he might further tie-up this case. Mr. Tamm was furnished with a brief of the information set forth above.

During the afternoon of May 18th, Mr. Tolson telephoned from Washington and authorized me to retain Agent Brennan in St. Paul for the time being to develop the evidence in this case through the defendants here. I have instructed Agent Brennan to give this case his full time attention in order that all evidence available may be at hand when defendants not tried are brought to trial. The Bureau will be kept advised.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Cincinnati

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515
St. Paul, Minnesota

May 20, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - I.O. #1218,
FUGITIVE; ET AL.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES -
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL
FIREARMS ACT. St. Paul File No. 7-30.

On May 7, 1935 Post Office Inspector Adolph A. Weicht called at the St. Paul Bureau Office and advised that he had received a letter from his superior, The Post Office Inspector in Charge, Washington, D. C., advising that a complaint had been made to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the effect that the Postmaster at St. Paul, Minnesota, had failed to cooperate with the Special Agent in Charge of the St. Paul Bureau Office in placing a cover on all mail received by ANDREW ROTHMEYER, address 949 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Special Agent R. D. Brown interviewed Mr. Weicht at his office, New Post Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Mr. Weicht produced his correspondence file on this matter, which included a letter signed by the Director, dated April 5, 1935, reading to the effect that the Postmaster at St. Paul, Minnesota, had refused to place a cover on mail received at 949 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. His file also included a letter, dated April 8, 1935 from the Postmaster at St. Paul, Minnesota, to Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd which made reference to a letter from Special Agent in Charge Ladd dated April 6, 1935, which letter requested a cover placed on mail received by ROTHMEYER for a period of thirty (30) days. The letter to Mr. Ladd dated April 8, 1935, from the Postmaster at St. Paul, Minnesota, was to the effect that the mail cover would be placed.

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Mr. Weicht stated that the Postmaster at St. Paul, Minnesota, would like to be advised wherein he had failed to cooperate when requested; that subordinate employees of the Postmaster at St. Paul, Minnesota, may have on occasion failed to comply strictly with the Postmaster's instructions, but that he does not believe the Postmaster at St. Paul has at any time

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time refused to cooperate. He further stated that should employees working under the Postmaster at St. Paul fail to comply with any such instructions, the office of the Post Office Inspector would then be utilized in requesting that the various sub-post office employees strictly comply with orders of the Postmaster in carrying out requests of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He stated he would greatly appreciate being advised as to wherein the Postmaster at St. Paul had refused or declined to cooperate at any time.

Special Agent R. D. Brown has carefully reviewed the file with reference to this matter to determine if there is any correspondence contained therein wherein the Postmaster at St. Paul has refused to cooperate. There is a Western Union telegram from the St. Paul Bureau Office to the Nashville Bureau Office dated April 5, 1935 advising of the receipt of information to the effect that ROTHMEYER had received a postal card from MYRTLE RATON, dated on or about March 18, 1935, from Chattanooga, Tennessee. There is a teletype message, bearing the same date, to the Bureau furnishing this same information. There is a letter to the Postmaster at St. Paul, Minnesota, dated April 6, 1935 requesting tracings on all mail delivered to ANDREW ROTHMEYER at 949 West 7th Street. There is a letter from the Postmaster at St. Paul, Arthur A. Van Dyke, dated April 8, 1935, acknowledging receipt of the request of April 6, 1935 for tracings and advising that the request would be complied with. No correspondence or report could be located indicating that Postmaster Van Dyke had refused to place a mail cover on mail received at the before mentioned address.

Post Office Inspector Weicht has been assigned to investigate this matter and would appreciate being advised as to the exact nature of the complaint relative to Postmaster Van Dyke's failure or refusal to cooperate in this instance.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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CC Cincinnati
CC Chicago

COPY OF COPY

The Postmaster's Office

UNITED STATES POST OFFICE
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

August 30, 1934.

Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 515,
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Attention - D. M. Ladd
Special Agent in Charge

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the request made in your letter of August 27, 1934, (St. Paul file No. 52-144), the carrier serving the Augsburg College, 8th St. and Elst Avenue So., this city, was instructed to take tracings of address, return card and postmark on all first-class mail received for Miss Margaret Hulbert, s/o Augsburg College, for a period of 20 days, sending tracings each day as received to the Superintendent of Mails who will in turn transmit them to your office.

The following is quoted in part from GENERAL LETTER NO. 501, Office of the Chief Inspector, Washington, D. C., to Inspectors in Charge, all Divisions, dated April 16, 1934.

"The practice of postmasters furnishing tracings of mail direct to others than post office inspectors is incompatible with the control which the inspection service should exercise over postal service relationships toward criminal law enforcement as contemplated in the regulation quoted. The practice should therefore be discontinued. General Letter 158 is hereby rescinded.

Requests for tracings made by others than post office inspectors should be handled by postmasters as follows: the person desiring tracings should be advised to communicate with the Inspector in Charge informing him of the identity of the fugitive, the nature of the charges, whether an indictment has been returned or a warrant for arrest issued, whether the tracings are expected to disclose the point from which a fugitive is writing and if not what connection the tracings have with the problem of apprehension. In his discretion, the Inspector in Charge may direct the postmaster to take tracings or supply information for such limited periods as may be deemed warranted.

In cases where an emergency is alleged it will be proper for the postmaster to consult the local inspector, and if an inspector is not available, the postmaster may make the tracings and deliver them to

responsible officers in advance of permission from the Inspection Service provided the applicant furnishes the postmaster with the prescribed statement of facts; in such an event the postmaster should forward the statement of facts to the Inspector in Charge with a report of his own action.

It is requested that each Inspector in Charge advise every postmaster in his division of the substance of the preceding paragraphs.

The subject should be administered in such a way as to further the ends of justice, preserve cordial relations with local and Federal law enforcement agencies, protect the privacy of mail matter, and at the same time maintain the required control by the Inspection Service of all investigations of postal law violations and use of postal facilities in criminal law enforcement.

I would appreciate your being governed thereby when tracing is desired on mail for patrons of this office in the future.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) W. C. ROBERTSON
Postmaster

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May 3, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

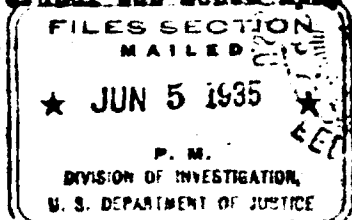
Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
I. O. 1218, FUGITIVE; ET AL;
Edward George Bremer, Victim,
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 20, 1935 advising that Post Office Inspector Adolph A. Weicht had called at your office advising that a complaint had been received by the Post Office Inspector in Charge, Washington, D. C., from the Bureau to the effect that the Postmaster at St. Paul, Minnesota, had failed to cooperate with the Special Agent in Charge of the St. Paul Office in placing a cover on all mail received by Andrew Rothmeyer, 949 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

It is noted from your letter that Special Agent E. M. Brown interviewed Mr. Weicht and examined his file, which purported to include a letter signed by the Director, dated April 5, 1935, reading to the effect that the Postmaster at St. Paul, Minnesota, had refused to place a cover on mail received at 949 West 7th Street, St. Paul.

A complete and thorough search has been made of the Bureau files and it has been ascertained that no such letter was sent to the Post Office Department by this Bureau. However, on April 2, 1935 there was referred to the Post Office Department by the Department a complaint as to the lack of cooperation upon the part of Postmasters. There was included in this letter a statement to the effect that the Postmasters at St. Paul, Minnesota, Norwich, Connecticut, and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, had refused to place mail covers. The statement as to the refusal of the Postmaster at St. Paul, Minnesota, to cooperate, was erroneous. The refusal to cooperate was made by W. C. Robertson, the Postmaster of the Minneapolis, Minnesota, Post Office, whose refusal was based upon the instructions issued by the Post Office



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Department in General Letter No. 501, dated April 16, 1935, which prohibited Postmasters from furnishing tracings of mail without the authority of the Post Office Inspector in Charge. A copy of the letter of the Postmaster at Minneapolis, dated August 30, 1934, in which he refused to place a mail cover on all mail addressed to Miss Margaret Hulbert, c/o Augsburg College, is inclosed herewith for your information.

It is desired that you again contact Mr. Weicht and verify the fact that his file does include a letter signed by the Director dated April 8, 1935, reading to the effect that the Postmaster at St. Paul, Minnesota, had refused to place a cover on mail received at 949 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. In the event his file does contain such a letter, it is desired that you secure a copy thereof and forward it to the Bureau in order that a further search may be made of the Bureau files in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Inclosure No. 519718

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May 21 1935

*to
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 N.B. Radio Broadcast
 Kate Barker*

Mr J Edgar Hoover
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 U S Department of Justice
 Washington D C

Dear Mr Hoover:

Here is a copy of the Barker Case story
 from Lowell Thomas' broadcast Friday
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Cordially yours

A.A. Schechter

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Excerpt from Lowell Thomas'

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May 17, 1935. NBC-WJZ Network

St. Paul, Minnesota: Another case - the verdict guilty - the sentence life imprisonment. With those pronouncements by the jury and the judge, we come to the end of another crime trail. After the killing of Dillinger the black mark of crime public enemies was awarded to the Barker-Karpis Mob and violent things proceeded to happen. One after the other gang members were eliminated - Ma Barker and her son Fred were killed, her other son Arthur was captured. Only one mobster remained untouched, Alvin Karpis. He's still alive, free, the only survivor at large of that list of widely advertised enemies, but Arthur Barker, known as Doc, got his today in St. Paul. It was, or rather that gang was, perhaps the most murderous desperate of them all. Its leader in brains and will was the machine-gunning old woman Ma Barker; that was the flaring headline at the time. Was it just so much lurid sensationalism? Well, I asked the question some weeks ago of the Number 1 of the Federal Agents, J Edgar Hoover, and he told me it was literally and precisely true - he described the motherly and murderous Ma Barker as having reared her two sons to the profession of crime. She recruited the members of their gang, planned the robberies, assigning roles to her bandit sons and to their pals. Chief Agent Hoover related how Ma on occasions would even procure the release of a crook from prison, appearing before a Parole Board, more motherly than ever. She would promise to look after the boy, but she would procure the release because she knew the kill of that particular gangster for the next holdup or kidnapping she was planning. The center of crime in the whole series of outlaw terror was the

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Bremer kidnapping. The Barker-Karpis mob snatched Edward Bremer, the St Paul banker, collected \$200,000 in ransom and in doing so left a clue. In the getaway after receiving the money they tossed away a gasoline can, Federal men recovered the can and developed the fingerprints and those fingerprints put the finger on the mob. Then followed a hunt by the army of Federal agents. The heat grew intense, the mob split, Ma Barker and her son Fred went South to Florida. Arthur Barker and a couple of his pals hid out in Chicago. The two sections of the mob kept in close touch with each other by telegraph and telephones. Courtney Ryley Cooper in his book tells of the intensely dramatic catastrophe that befell them. Ma Barker and Fred in their Florida cottage read in the newspaper one morning how the Federal Agents had raided the Chicago hideaway of the Barker-Karpis mob. One gangster killed, another captured. But there was no mention of Doc Barker. The fierce old woman knew that her son had been keeping himself concealed in that hideaway so she scanned the news line by line and still no mention of Doc Barker. She believed her son Doc somehow had escaped. That's why Ma Barker and Fred stayed put in their little cottage in Oklawaha, Florida, instead of taking to the trail again. Well, the Federal Agents were keeping their secret; that was what was happening. They captured Doc all right but they gave out not a word about him. They kept him hidden, isolated, questioning him, and in his belongings they found the scrap of paper and on it scribbled the word "Oklawaha" and that gave them the steer to the little Florida resort town. The next thing was that machine gun battle in which Ma and her bandit son were killed, the relentless old woman with a machine gun in her hand at the time. Now the criminal drama of Ma, the master mind, who raised her sons to be bandits has played out. The Federal men have put the surviving son Doc Barker on trial for the Bremer kidnapping and today came the verdict - guilty, the sentence - life imprisonment.

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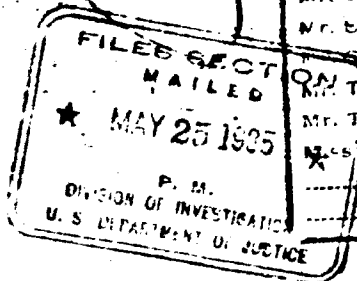
Mr. A. A. Schochter,
News Editor,
National Broadcasting Company, Inc.,
R. C. A. Building,
30 Rockefeller Plaza,
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Schochter:

Thank you for your letter of
May 21, 1935, enclosing excerpts from Mr.
Lowell Thomas' broadcast of May 17, 1935,
dealing with the Barker-Karpis gang.

With best wishes and kind re-
gards, I am,

Sincerely yours,



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St. Paul FILE NO. **7-30**

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TITLE

**ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1818 - FUGITIVE;
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1836;
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. 1838;
WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1838;
HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. 1840;**

CHARACTER OF CASE

**KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF
FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.**

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

**WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1839;
MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1841; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.**

BYRON BOLTON unable to recall any conversation with subjects indicating that they were known to the manager of the Hotel El Comodoro, Miami, Florida, or that he knew they, or any of them, were wanted for the BREMER kidnaping.

REFERENCES:

Report of Special Agent **E. K. McKee**, Jacksonville, Florida, dated 5-13-35; and teletype message from the Bureau dated 5-15-35.

DETAILS:

Agent interviewed **BYRON BOLTON**, who is confined in the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, pending disposition of his plea of guilty to the charge of conspiracy to kidnaping, with reference to a conversation he had previously had with Special Agent McKee, particularly with reference to the knowledge he may have obtained from any members of the Karpis-Barker "mob" through conversations with them, or in any manner, which would indicate that the manager of the El Comodoro Hotel at Miami, Florida, had knowledge that Alvin Karpis, or any others of the "mob" were wanted at St. Paul for the Bremer kidnaping. **BOLTON** stated that since conversing with Agent McKee in this regard, he has endeavored

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to recall anything any one of the "mob" may have told him but was unable to recall anything in this regard.

BELTON was again interviewed by Special Agent E. C. Coulter and agent on May 20, 1935, and stated that while he was sure that this information must have come to him through conversation with someone of the "mob", he was unable to recall any conversation he had with anyone about it.

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JER:HM

May 17, 1935.

Time-3:28 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

RE: Bremer Case

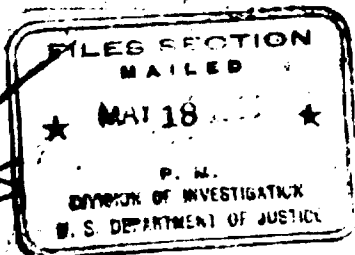
Mr. Schechter, News Editor, National Broadcasting Company, New York City, advised by telephone they were giving the verdict in the Bremer Case quite a place in Lowell Thomas' broadcast tonight, and he hoped I would have time to listen in. I stated that we were very happy over the outcome as it had been a long, drawn-out case, starting in January 1934. Mr. Schechter said their broadcast would include the story of "Ma" Barker also. He further advised the broadcast would be at 5:45 P.M.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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