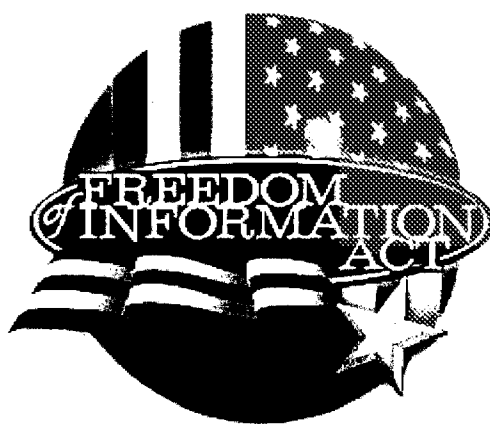


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<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: William Kerin presently residing at Shoreham Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, and investigation has failed to reveal he is contacting fugitives in this case. Information obtained that William and Lawrence Finerty, Calumet City, Illinois, were harboring subject Harrison. This angle checked through informant at Calumet City. Paul Croak, Calumet City, Illinois, denies he has seen Harrison for one year. Volney Davis called in person [redacted], Chicago, Illinois, 5/24/35, but has not returned as of 5/31/35. Helen Conliff advises Harrison in Havana, Cuba, in March and April of this year. F. M. Day, Jr., Chicago, Illinois, denies knowing contacts of fugitives in Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio. J. Nolte presently residing in Sterling, Illinois, not identified as being a subject of this case. E. V. Schulte observed in California is connected with Schulte Optical Company, Chicago, Illinois; reported recently been on vacation in Mexico.</p>			
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Ill., dated May 18, 1935; report of Special Agent O. C. Dewey, Omaha, dated 3/16/35; report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, Jacksonville, dated 3/28/35; report of Special Agent J. E. Thornton, Cincinnati, dated 3/21/35.</p>			
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This report covers activities of the various Agents who have conducted investigation concerning this case, the names of the investigating Agents being set forth hereinafter in the details of this report.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated May 18, 1935, wherein the investigation as conducted by Special Agent W. C. Ryan concerning the address of 4187-89 South Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois, is set forth on pages 20 and 21 thereof. As is noted in that report, the letter carrier, John C. Bonesh, 2619 South Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois, who is employed at the Stockyards Post Office sub-station, Chicago, Illinois, had delivered a letter addressed to John R. Moran to the gambling establishment located above 4187-89 South Halsted Street. On May 15th Special Agents W. C. Ryan and R. C. Suran interviewed Mr. Bonesh. Mr. Bonesh advised that on the afternoon of May 14, 1935, he obtained the letter which had been received at the Stockyards Post Office sub-station addressed to J. R. Moran, 4165 South Halsted Street, Chicago, and proceeded to the gambling establishment located above 4187-89 South Halsted Street, and there inquired of an individual as to a man named Moran. He was advised that Moran was sitting in the gambling room. The individual then indicated a man to him, which person stated that he was Moran and had been expecting a letter. Mr. Bonesh also furnished the description of this person, as he had previously furnished it to Mr. Newman, foreman of the Stockyards Post Office sub-station, and in addition stated that this man was slightly stooped.

Subsequent interviews were had with Assistant Superintendent Albert Priest and Superintendent C. P. M. Thomsen of the Stockyards Post Office sub-station, who advised that the gambling establishment above referred to was a "bookie" joint operated by one Tommy Touite, who had connections with the World Wide News Service, a service which operates the broadcasts of horse race results and over which there has been considerable publicity recently in Chicago, it being alleged that several prominent gamblers in Chicago had been assassinated by other gangsters relative to arguments growing out of the operation of the World Wide News Service. Mr. Thomsen advised that Mr. Davis who operates the hardware store on the lower floor at 4187 South Halsted Street, had been in business in the Stockyards neighborhood for many years; that the hardware store has been a family affair, handed down from father to son; that Davis had been in business at his present location for about two years and owns the building wherein the hardware store is located together with the Horn Palace, a tavern, the upstairs being occupied by the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Live Stock Handlers Union and a gambling establishment. Mr. Thomsen stated that it has been his past experience with investigations conducted by the Post Office Inspectors in the neighborhood that it would be highly inadvisable to make any open inquiries whatsoever concerning the individuals occupying or frequenting the gambling establishment. He stated that although Mr. Davis is considered a reliable businessman, he would not advise an interview with him inasmuch as he owns the building in which the gambling establishment is located and is known to frequent the place to place bets on horse races.

Agents also interviewed mail carriers A. I. Brown and Mr. Kelly, who deliver mail to the addresses in question. Mr. Bonesh is a substitute employee at the Post Office, but frequently delivers mail to the addresses in question in the afternoons, while either Mr. Brown or Mr. Kelly makes the deliveries in the forenoon. Photographs of Willie Harrison and John Russell Moran were furnished to each of the three carriers above mentioned and they were instructed by Mr. Thomsen to study these photographs and to be on a close lookout for the individuals in question. These carriers promised to give this matter careful consideration at the time mail deliveries are made.

Mr. Bonesh further advised that after he had delivered the letter to J. R. Moran at the gambling establishment he, Bonesh, made a mail delivery to the Stockyards Inn, located directly across the street from the address 4187-89 South Halsted Street, at which place he observed the individual who had accepted the letter.

On May 18, 1935, the Indianapolis office advised the Chicago office by telephone that William Kerin was leaving Indianapolis, Indiana, and proceeding to Chicago, Illinois, being followed by Special Agents Dill, Wynn, Buchanan and Kline, who were using two cars. At about noon on this date Special Agent Wynn communicated with the Chicago Bureau office from Lebanon, Indiana, advising that Kerin had been trailed to that point and it appeared that he would proceed to Chicago on Highway #41.

Special Agents M. J. Cassidy, M. Chaffetz, Lish Whitson and R. C. Suran, in two Bureau cars, proceeded to Munster, Indiana, which is South of Hammond, Indiana, on Highway #41, where the Special Agents trailing Kerin in a Graham Paige coupe bearing Florida license No. D 5088, were met. The Agents from the Indianapolis office then dropped behind the Agents from the Chicago office and William Kerin was trailed to Chicago, Illinois.

Kerin, upon arriving in the loop at Chicago, drove directly to the Quincy Garage located across the street, on Quincy Street, from the Great Northern Hotel. After parking his car in the garage, Special Agents Whitson and Buchanan observed him go into the Great Northern office building at 20 West Jackson Boulevard, which, it will be noted in the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, is the address at which previous investigation was conducted by Special Agents Chaffetz and Sullivan concerning a telegram which had been forwarded by Kerin to that place addressed to Frank Walsh.

It will be noted that at the time Kerin left Louisville, Kentucky he left a forwarding address, c/o J. Nolan, Box 872, Chicago, Illinois. It will be further noted that in the investigation conducted by Special Agents Chaffetz and Sullivan it was learned that James Nolan operates a high class bookmaking establishment in room 707 at 20 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. Special Agent Whitson, in an attempt to determine definitely that Kerin entered room 707, proceeded to that floor in the building. However, Agent Whitson found the door to room 707 closed and he was unable to observe any of the occupants therein.

Special Agents Cassidy and Chaffetz remained in the vicinity of the Quincy Garage in order to maintain surveillance in the event Kerin appeared for his automobile. Special Agents Suran and Whitson continued to maintain a surveillance at 20 West Jackson Boulevard, and at approximately 5:00 P.M. on that date the individual who had been pointed out as Kerin, who had been driving the Graham Paige car, left 20 West Jackson Boulevard and proceeded to the Horn Palace, a tavern located at 325 Plymouth Court, Chicago, Illinois. It will be noted that this tavern bears the same name as the one located at 4189 South Halsted Street. However, a definite connection between the two is not known at this time.

Special Agent Chaffetz then left his position at the Quincy Garage and proceeded to the Horn Palace and upon entering the place he observed Kerin at the bar drinking. Agent Chaffetz observed no individuals therein answering the description of any of the fugitive subjects in this case. Kerin left the Horn Palace at approximately 6:00 P.M. and walked to the Quincy Garage where he obtained his car. He was followed by Agents Chaffetz, Whitson, Cassidy and Suran, in two cars, to the Shoreham Hotel at 3318 Sheridan Road. Kerin was seen to drive in the driveway at this hotel and unload his bags.

At about 7:00 P.M. Agents Whitson and Chaffetz were temporarily relieved by Special Agent John L. Madala. Special Agents Cassidy and Suran, in one car, parked about half a block away from the entrance of the hotel on Sheridan Road, observed an individual leave the Shoreham Hotel by foot. It was believed at the time that it was William Kerin and these two Agents then drew up in front of the hotel and followed this individual until it was definitely established that it was not Kerin.

During the absence of these Agents, Agent Madala observed William Kerin leave the hotel, driving his car. Agent Madala then took up the surveillance of Kerin and followed him down Sheridan Road to Belmont Avenue, where Kerin turned from the road and proceeded down a street closed to traffic. Agent Madala considered it inadvisable to follow him

down this closed street, as it would then become obvious to Kerin that he was being trailed.

Special Agents Cassidy and Suran then proceeded to 20 West Jackson Boulevard, in an effort to pick up the trail again of William Kerin, but he could not be observed in the vicinity of that address. Investigation was likewise conducted at the Horn Palace, 325 Plymouth Court, the Rienzi Hotel, the Rienzi Recreation Parlor, the Stockyards Inn and the address of 4187-89 South Halsted Street, but Kerin could not be located. At 2:00 A.M. on May 19, 1935, Special Agent Madala observed that Kerin had returned to the Shoreham Hotel, still in possession of the Graham Paige coupe, which is registered in the State of Florida under the name of J. R. Moran.

It appearing that Kerin was living at the Shoreham Hotel, and pursuant to instructions received from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley telephonically by Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis that it was not desirable to maintain a constant surveillance on Kerin, it being only necessary to determine his permanent address in Chicago at which place an investigation should be conducted and an intermittent surveillance maintained, Special Agent Suran, on Sunday, May 19, 1935, proceeded to the Shoreham Hotel and observed the Graham Paige coupe which was in the possession of Kerin parked in the parking lot at the rear of the Shoreham Hotel at 11:00 A.M., 4:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M.

Information was furnished the Chicago office by the Agents who trailed Kerin from Louisville, Kentucky, and as will be noted in the report of Special Agent N. B. Klein, Indianapolis, dated 5/22/35, to the effect that Moran disappeared on the night of May 13, 1935, with Oldsmobile coach from Louisville, Kentucky. These Agents also advised that the description of Moran as was furnished by mail carrier Bonesh coincided with the description of John Russell Moran, who had been under surveillance at Louisville, Kentucky. In view of the above there is no doubt that it was Moran who accepted the letter on May 14, 1935, at the gambling establishment on South Halsted Street.

Special Agent Suran communicated with Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Cincinnati by telephone and advised him of the status of the investigation to date and Agent Suran suggested that someone be placed in the Stockyards Inn, under cover, in order that a surveillance could be maintained at that place, as well as at the gambling establishment across the street, to ascertain if Moran could again be located at that place or if Willie Harrison was frequenting that vicinity.

On the afternoon of May 20, 1935, Special Agent Val C. Zimmer assigned Special Agent M. J. Cassidy to maintain this surveillance and

on that date Agent Cassidy checked in at the Stockyards Inn, being registered there in room 282 under the name of Mike Ryan. The report of Agent Cassidy's activities will be incorporated hereinafter.

Special Agent R. C. Suran, in an effort to determine whether the management of the Shoreham Hotel, 3318 Sheridan Road, was reliable, interviewed Mr. R. L. Vanderslice, Secretary, North Shore Hotel Association, 520 North Michigan Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Vanderslice is favorably known to the Chicago office. Mr. Vanderslice advised that in the past the Shoreham Hotel had a very unfavorable reputation in that it was known to be the headquarters of what was known as "The Tim Murphy gang", who had strong political connections, and efforts by the other hotel operators in the vicinity to remove this gang from the neighborhood were unsuccessful due, as previously stated, to the gang's strong political connections. However, more than two years ago Tim Murphy was slain in typical gangland fashion in the vicinity of the hotel. Mr. Vanderslice stated that thereafter, to his information, no gambling games were operated in the hotel. He furnished the further information that the hotel is now in receivership and is leased by the Chicago Title and Trust Company to Solomon Harrison, an attorney, who has had the same since April 1, 1934. Mr. Vanderslice stated that he knows nothing about the reputation of Solomon Harrison, but understands that the Shoreham Hotel at the present time is not very particular as to the guests received there and that numerous gamblers and other individuals of the gangster type reside there at the present time. Mr. Vanderslice stated that he had found Captain James Sammis of the Lincoln Park Police to be very reliable and suggested that Captain Sammis might be able to furnish information concerning this building.

Captain Sammis was interviewed by Special Agent R. C. Suran and he advised Agent Suran that the building occupied by the Shoreham Hotel is under the jurisdiction of the Chicago City police, but that his officers have jurisdiction to the building line, the principal jurisdiction of the Lincoln Park Police being the boulevard, or Sheridan Road, and Lake Shore Drive and the intervening park. Captain Sammis stated that it was his information that at one time gambling operations were had in the Shoreham Hotel, but that he knows nothing of the present reputation of the building. He stated, however, that he had a reliable officer who patrolled the boulevard in the vicinity of the building by the name of V. Nelson, who possibly could furnish information of value.

On May 18, 19 and 20 it was observed that the Lincoln Park officers who patrolled the vicinity of the Shoreham Hotel frequently entered that building and for the most part remained constantly in the near vicinity of it. Agent ascertained that one of these officers who

had been seen frequenting the building was officer Nelson, but it was determined that these officers frequented the drug store located inside the building.

Officer Nelson was interviewed by Agent Suran and he advised that the Shoreham Hotel is now under the active management of Mrs. Solomon Harrison, the wife of Solomon Harrison, the attorney. Officer Nelson stated that he personally considered the management as unreliable. He stated, however, that there have been no gambling games in operation at the hotel since the Harrisons took over the building. He furnished the further information that the hotel tenants are ninety percent Jewish families, but others of poor reputation were permitted to live there. Officer Nelson was shown photographs of John Russell Moran and Willie Harrison and he advised that he had not observed anyone answering their descriptions in the vicinity of the hotel. He advised that he was acquainted with the bellhop in the hotel and he was confident that this individual would not reveal that an investigation is being conducted in connection with the hotel if he were properly approached. Officer Nelson stated that he would get in touch with this individual and report to Agent the following day.

On the morning of May 21, 1935, Special Agents Madala and Suran maintained a surveillance at the Shoreham Hotel and Kerin was observed leaving that place in his car at approximately 3:00 P.M. He proceeded down Sheridan Road and visited the Lincoln Park golf course, but remained there only a short while, after which he left and proceeded toward the east. Agents considered it advisable to discontinue the surveillance at that point and returned to the Shoreham Hotel, at which place officer Nelson was again contacted. Officer Nelson advised Agent Suran that he had not contacted the bellhop previously referred to because he had determined that one Irving Kushner, U. S. Narcotic Inspector, resided in the hotel and the assistant manager of the place was a good friend of Kushner's. Officer Nelson stated that he believed that the proper contact could be made with the assistant manager through Kushner, and it would not be necessary to contact the bellhop in the building.

Irving Kushner, U. S. Narcotic Inspector, was interviewed by Agent Suran on May 22, 1935, and he advised that he had resided at the Shoreham Hotel since February, 1935; that the hotel was occupied principally by Jewish families and in so far as he had been able to observe nothing irregular occurred at the hotel. Mr. Kushner stated that his wife is very friendly with Mrs. Solomon Harrison, the manager; that Mrs. Harrison is prominent in Jewish activities in the city of Chicago and he considered her to be a woman of good character. He stated, however, that he would not approach Mrs. Harrison because she was inclined to be excitable and talkative, and that while she would not deliberately aid a criminal, she might, through indiscretion, reveal that investigation was being conducted.

Mr. Kushner stated that Mr. C. Scott, assistant manager of the hotel was a young man who had formerly been connected with the Statler Hotel System and that he believed Mr. Scott could be relied upon to aid in the investigation in any way possible. Mr. Kushner proceeded to the Shoreham Hotel with Agent Suran and introduced the latter to Mr. Scott. Mr. Kushner advised Mr. Scott that he would consider it a personal favor if Mr. Scott would aid in any possible way in any investigation which would be conducted in connection with the tenants of the hotel. Mr. Scott stated that he would cooperate in every way possible. He was then shown the photographs of John Russell Moran and Willie Harrison. Mr. Scott immediately indicated the photograph of Harrison as an individual known to him and he stated that he could "put the finger" on him at any time he desired. He was advised that the apprehension of this individual was immediately desired. Mr. Scott was not furnished with the name of Kerin and after observing the photograph of Harrison he immediately left his office and returned with a notation of a license number, which he stated was the license number of the car driven by the individual who was identical with the likeness of Willie Harrison. He furnished this license number as being FLORIDA D 5088, which, it will be noted, is the license number appearing on the car driven by Kerin. Mr. Scott stated that the car was then parked in the parking space of the Shoreham Hotel, and that Mr. Kerin was then in his apartment.

Mr. Scott then checked his records and determined that Kerin checked in at the Shoreham Hotel on January 27, 1935 and continued to live there until April 26, 1935, at which time he checked out of the hotel and did not return until May 18, 1935. He stated that he had considerable conversation from time to time with Kerin and was very friendly with him; that Kerin, when he first appeared at the hotel on January 27, 1935, had stated that he had just come in from Florida. Mr. Scott further advised that Kerin had issued instructions that he did not care to receive any telephone calls through the hotel switchboard, because he was separated from his wife and did not want his wife to locate him. Mr. Scott stated that he had observed from time to time in Mr. Kerin's room various pieces of gambling paraphernalia. He advised that Kerin, to his knowledge, has had no visitors in his apartment subsequent to May 18, 1935, and that the only individual whom he knew of who had visited with Kerin prior to April 26, 1935, was an individual he definitely identified as John Russell Moran. He stated that this individual lived with Kerin for about one week prior to April 26, 1935; that he, Scott, upon discovery of this fact, was contemplating talking to Kerin and charging him a double rate for his room, but that Kerin and Moran checked out on April 26, 1935. In this connection, however, Mr. Scott stated that he did not know the name of the individual who had occupied the room with Kerin, but that he was positive, after viewing the photograph of Moran, that Moran was the person he had reference to.

Mr. Scott furnished a list of the telephone calls which had been made by Kerin since his return to the hotel on May 18, 1935, which are as follows:

May 18, 1935, at 7:01 P.M. called Longbeach 8400, which is the apartment house located at 5050 Sheridan Road.

May 19, 1935, at 5:24 P.M., Kerin again called this number.

May 20, 1935, at 1:10 P.M. called Bittersweet 4600, which is the Wellington Arms Hotel.

May 21, 1935, at 2:00 P.M. called Diversey 6565, which is the Commonwealth Hand Laundry and Valet Shop, located at 511 West Diversey Parkway, Chicago.

The registration card for William Kerin was secured for Agents Suran and Chaffetz by Mr. Scott, and an examination of the signature thereon appeared to be dissimilar to the signatures in possession of the Chicago Bureau office of William J. Harrison. A photostatic copy of this signature is attached to the copies of this report for the Bureau and the Cincinnati office.

Mr. Scott stated that he would permit Agents to use his personal apartment in the building for observation purposes, the same being apartment 210. Kerin occupies apartment 314 at the hotel, and both rooms 210 and 314 overlook the parking space of the Shoreham Hotel, where, at the time of Agent's investigation, Kerin's car was parked. In this connection, Mr. Scott stated that Kerin always insisted on having a room overlooking the parking space, stating that he desired to be in a position to watch his car at all times.

Agents Chaffetz and Suran took up a surveillance of Kerin's car from room 210 and at approximately 5:00 P.M. Kerin was observed leaving the hotel and proceeding to his car, at which time the best opportunity to date was afforded Agents to view Kerin's facial characteristics. Both Agents Chaffetz and Suran observed that there was a marked similarity in the physical description of Kerin and Willie Harrison, but both were of the opinion that Kerin was not identical with Harrison. However, Mr. Scott remains firm in his belief that they are identical. Mr. Scott was questioned further as to the activities of Kerin and he was unable to furnish any additional information with the exception that on one occasion about two years ago Kerin stayed at the Shoreham Hotel for one or two nights, but that he did not come in close contact with him at that time.

After Kerin left his apartment, Agents Suran and Chaffetz were given permission by Mr. Scott to enter Kerin's apartment. It was observed that his bags had not been unpacked, merely opened and lying about the room. On one of these bags was noted the initials "W.R.K." which appeared to have been on the bag for quite some time. Agent Chaffetz made an examination of the open bags and found nothing therein which would indicate any connection of Kerin with any subject of this case or anything which appeared to be of value in this investigation.

These Agents then removed two waterglasses and an alarm clock from Kerin's room and the same were examined by Agent Chaffetz for latent fingerprints. Several latents were found by Agent Chaffetz who lifted same and compared them with the fingerprints of William J. Harrison, none of which was identical. These latents were subsequently forwarded to the Bureau for comparison with the fingerprints of other subjects in this case and all individuals on file in the Identification Unit under the name of William Kerin, in an effort to locate a criminal record for this individual.

Special Agent Madala had previously attempted to locate a record of William Kerin at the Chicago Police Department, at which place he found an arrest record for William Kerin, 2756 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, under date of 5/6/33, on a charge of non support of wife. A description of Kerin is given as: Age, 36; height, 5' 8"; build, medium; complexion, light; eyes, brown; hair, brown; weight, 170 pounds. It will be noted that this description corresponds closely with the description of William Kerin at the Shoreham Hotel and is some corroboration of Kerin's story that he did not want his wife to get in touch with him as he is separated from her. There were no fingerprints or photographs on record of William Kerin, who had been arrested by the Chicago Police Department.

On May 22, 1935, Mr. Thomsen, Superintendent of the Stockyards Post Office sub-station, communicated with the Chicago Bureau office by telephone and advised that a letter with a meter postage, two cents first class, had been received at the postal station, bearing the return address of 110 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, addressed to John R. Morgan, 4165 South Halsted Street, Chicago. He stated that the carrier, upon observing the similarity of names, John R. Morgan and John R. Moran, and the address 4165 South Halsted Street, endeavored to deliver this letter to the gambling establishment above 4187-89 South Halsted Street, and that upon making inquiries at that place he was advised that Moran had gone back to St. Louis.

Interview was had with Mr. Kelly, the mail carrier, and he related the same information as given above, advising that he did not ask

for Morgan in the gambling establishment, but asked for John R. Moran and the individual of whom he inquired promptly replied that Moran had returned to St. Louis, and inasmuch as this individual indicated no hesitancy in advising of this fact, he was of the opinion that this person was telling the truth. Moran left no forwarding address.

The St. Louis office was advised by telephone of the above facts and was requested to contact [redacted] to ascertain if Moran had been in touch with her, and also obtain from [redacted] any information she may have concerning William Kerin. b7c b7d

Efforts were made on May 22 and 23, 1935, to locate informant [redacted] in order that he might be placed in a position to observe the individual registered at the Shoreham Hotel under the name of W. R. Kerin, so that it might be definitely established if this was the individual known to [redacted] as Kerin and to eliminate the possibility that he was subject Harrison, as a possibility existed that Willie Harrison might be staying in Kerin's apartment. Efforts to locate [redacted] through the usual channels were unsuccessful and it was therefore decided to get in touch with Clara Gibson and request her assistance in identifying the individual in question.

Clara Gibson was located on May 23, 1935, and she expressed her willingness to cooperate. However, she was not advised as to the name of the individual whom she was to view. Agents Suran and Madala advised her that there was an individual whom they wished her to observe in order to see whether she knew him. Clara Gibson was taken to the vicinity of the Shoreham Hotel and an interview was had with Mr. Scott about 2:00 P.M. on May 23, 1935. Mr. Scott advised that Kerin had left the hotel at approximately 1:00 P.M. on that date and it was later learned that Kerin did not return to the hotel until 5:00 A.M. on Friday, May 24, 1935. Clara Gibson was again contacted on the latter date, but efforts to place her in a position to view Kerin were unsuccessful.

[redacted] was located on the night of May 24, 1935, and agreed to call on Kerin at the Shoreham Hotel and determine definitely the latter's identity.

Agents Suran and Madala in maintaining a surveillance of the Shoreham Hotel on May 25, 1935, observed that Kerin left the hotel at about 11:00 A.M. and proceeded to the Horn Palace, 325 Plymouth Court, Chicago, Illinois, at which place he remained for only a few minutes and then proceeded to the address of 20 West Jackson Boulevard. He had not left this place at 2:00 P.M. on that date and Agent Suran observed his car parked where he had left it at 11:00 A.M. from time to time until 11:00 P.M. on May 25, 1935.

Mr. C. Scott advised that after Kerin left the hotel on May 23, 1935, he called back to the hotel and inquired as to whether any messages had been left for him. Mr. Scott further advised on this date that Sam Eisenstein at one time operated a laundry establishment on Diversey Parkway and now probably operates the Commonwealth Hand Laundry and Valet Shop located at 511 West Diversey Parkway, to which place Kerin placed a telephone call on May 21, 1935. Scott stated that Kerin had left him \$5.00 to give to this individual for laundry; that at this time Eisenstein advised him, Scott, that he had been taking care of the laundry for Kerin for the past few years and that he was still doing laundry "for the few of the gang that are left". At this time Mr. Scott further advised that he had come across a telephone call which had been received for Kerin on May 15, 1935, which was prior to the time Kerin returned from Louisville, Kentucky. He stated that for some reason this message had not been given to Kerin. The message requested that Kerin call Max L. Ray, Triangle 8400. It was determined that this telephone number is listed to James E. McElroy, 8005 South Paulina Street, in connection with which reference is made to report of R. H. Klett, dated Jacksonville, Florida, May 18, 1935, wherein it is stated that John R. Moran can probably be located through Danny McFarland's sister, Mrs. McElroy, 8005 South Paulina Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Subsequent to the return of Kerin to Chicago Agent Suran from time to time has visited the vicinity of 8005 South Paulina Street, in an effort to observe, if possible, the Oldsmobile car bearing Florida license No. D 9350, but at no time was this car seen in that vicinity.

Mr. Scott now states that he has a recollection that at one time he saw Kerin in the gambling place known as the Michigan Ohio Club, which is operated by Johnny O'Connors, a local ward politician; that this gambling establishment is located across the street from the St. Clair Hotel on Ohio Street. Mr. Scott furnished the further information that about 11:00 P.M. on May 24, 1935, an individual about six feet in height and weighing in the neighborhood of two hundred pounds, called in person at the hotel and inquired as to whether Bill Kerin was in; that this individual appeared to be gruff in his manner and was impatient at the service he received at the hotel. Mr. Scott stated that this individual, upon receiving information that Kerin was not in the hotel, immediately left the building and that he, Scott, proceeded to the front of the hotel and observed him entering a car which was believed to be a Graham Paige sedan bearing a Florida license No. D 12712. By telegraphic inquiry of the Jacksonville Bureau office, it was learned that this license number was issued to William T. Seymour, 229 Northeast First Street, Miami, Florida, for a Graham sedan engine No. 1016340.

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On Monday, May 27, 1935, informant [redacted] called at the Chicago Bureau office and advised that he had called at the Shoreham Hotel on May 26, 1935, and visited the W. R. Kerin registered there. He stated that this individual was not Willie Harrison, but was the Bill Kerin who was known to him and about whom he had previously furnished information to the Chicago Bureau office. [redacted] further stated that about 3:00 A.M. on the morning of May 27, 1935, he had seen Bill Kerin leave the Homewood Apartments located across the street from the Rienzi Hotel and that he saw Kerin make a meet with an individual whom he believes was William Harrison. He stated that at this time Kerin was driving the Graham Paige bearing Florida license No. 5088. [redacted] was asked why he did not communicate with this office upon seeing Harrison, and he stated that he had been unsuccessful in the past in communicating with the Chicago office after 1:00 A.M. This is not true inasmuch as a clerk is on duty all night long at the Chicago Bureau office and this is the second occasion upon which [redacted] has claimed he saw Harrison and was unable to get in touch with the Chicago office after the midnight hour. For this reason not much reliability is placed in [redacted] information that he did in fact see Willie Harrison.

On May 29, 1935, Mr. C. Scott advised that he had talked to William Kerin, at which time Kerin advised him that he planned on leaving the Shoreham Hotel on June 1, 1935. Mr. Scott stated to Agent that Kerin in renting his room by the week, if he paid no more money, would be entitled to remain at the hotel the night of May 31, 1935. Mr. Scott further advised that he would make an effort to obtain a forwarding address for Kerin at the time of the latter's departure. It is contemplated that Agents of the Chicago office will cover the Shoreham Hotel on June 1, 1935, in an effort to definitely determine where Kerin goes after leaving said hotel.

Under date of May 16, 1935, a letter dated May 14, 1935, was received by Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis from Mr. A. R. Kennedy, 618 East 8th Avenue, apartment 5, Gary, Indiana, which letter advised that Mr. Kennedy on the night of May 13, 1935, had received the information that William J. Harrison was being harbored by William and Lawrence Finerty of Calumet City, Illinois. It will be remembered that William Finerty is presently under indictment for harboring Homer Van Meter at Calumet City, Illinois.

Special Agent R. C. Suran interviewed Mr. Kennedy on May 17, 1935, at which time Mr. Kennedy stated that he, at the present time, is a deputy sheriff commissioned in Lake County, Indiana; that his informant was an individual who had recently held a political office in Lake County, Illinois, and was acquainted with subject William Harrison. Mr. Kennedy advised that he was in company with this informant, whose name he did not care to reveal, in a tavern at Gary, Indiana, and a discussion of the Bremer kidnaping case arose, at which time this informant stated that Harrison was

being harbored or was in communication with William and Lawrence Finerty of Calumet City, Illinois. Mr. Kennedy stated that he would keep in touch with his informant in an effort to obtain more definite information concerning the matter and if any was secured he would promptly notify the Chicago Bureau office.

Special Agent Suran interviewed "Pop" Schneider, Savoy Hotel, Hammond, Indiana, who has been frequently contacted in connection with this matter, and who is believed to be entirely reliable in so far as the apprehension of William Harrison is concerned. "Pop" Schneider stated that William Harrison was acquainted with William and Lawrence Finerty at Calumet City, Illinois, and that he likewise knew these individuals. He stated that he was confident that Harrison was not being harbored by them; that he had no indication that Harrison had been in Calumet City, and that he, Schneider, is confident that should Harrison appear he will know of this fact.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida, dated April 23, 1935, wherein it is noted that information was obtained from Billie Sandlin of Miami, Florida, that one Dorothy Johnson, Boulevard Hotel, Gary, Indiana, was an acquaintance of William Harrison. Dorothy Johnson was located at the above hotel and interviewed by Special Agent R. C. Suran. She stated that she was acquainted with Billie and Vonna Sandlin and was at one time employed at Johnnie Nickels place at Calumet City, Illinois. She, however, denied that she knew Willie Harrison. She was shown a photograph of this individual, which she stated she could not recognize as being a likeness of anyone she had seen. This woman is no doubt not telling the truth in this matter, but she continued to insist that Harrison was unknown to her. It was remembered that Vonna Sandlin, sister of Billie Sandlin is presently residing at 424 Washington Avenue, Gary, Indiana, but she to date has not been interviewed. On several visits to the hotel by Agent Suran she was found to be absent. However Vonna Sandlin will be interviewed at the earliest possible date.

In a memorandum submitted by Special Agent V. I. Parry, Kansas City, Missouri, dated April 22, 1935, a copy of which was furnished the Chicago office, mention is made of one Paul Croak, who operates the State Cigar Store at Hammond, Indiana. It further states that Croak is well known in Calumet City and that he has good connections there and might be of assistance in locating Willie Harrison.

Agent Suran interviewed Paul Croak at the State Cigar Store, 140 State Street, Hammond, Indiana. Croak is engaged in a bookmaking business at this address. He advised Agent Suran that Willie Harrison is well known to him and that he, Croak, frequented the saloon formerly operated by Willie Harrison in Calumet City, but that he has not seen Harrison for more than a

year. He stated that the last information he had was that Willie Harrison intended to go to Hot Springs, Arkansas. Croak stated that he would be willing to cooperate in this matter and he will be interviewed from time to time in an effort to develop him into a reliable informant.

The following section of this report concerns investigation conducted by Special Agent M. J. Cassidy at the Horn Palace Tavern, 4189 South Halsted Street, and other places in that immediate vicinity.

It will be noted that Agent Cassidy engaged room 282 at the Stockyard Inn, which is directly across the street from the Horn Palace Tavern, on the afternoon of May 20, 1935. Room 282 is located directly opposite the above address and afforded Agent Cassidy an opportunity to observe the activity of patrons of the saloon and the persons who frequented the Union headquarters and the gambling establishment, both of which are located upstairs of the building occupied by the Horn Palace tavern. This surveillance was continued from the hours of about 1:00 P. M. until 12:00 midnight from May 20 until May 24, 1935, the surveillance being discontinued on the latter date at about 6:00 P.M., for the reason that it was believed that John Russell Moran was no longer in the vicinity, it appearing that he had probably gone to St. Louis, Missouri.

During the entire course of the surveillance maintained by Agent Cassidy neither the Graham Paige coupe bearing Florida license No. D 5088 nor the gray Oldsmobile coach bearing Florida license No. D 9350 was seen in the vicinity of the Stockyard Inn, the Horn Palace tavern, or the Dakota Hotel, which is now located at 741 Root Street, the latter address being located near Halsted Street on Root. However, there was observed a maroon colored 1932 Chevrolet coach bearing Florida license No. 219-912. This car was parked for a short period of time in front of the Horn Palace tavern and thereafter was observed to have been driven to the saloon located at 4127 South Halsted, where it remained for several hours. Information concerning the above listed license number was forwarded to the Chicago office by the Jacksonville office and was to the effect that that license was issued to William J. Brodericke, 322 Northeast 36th Street, Miami, Florida, for Chevrolet coach motor No. 3272003, title No. 985021.

Following receipt of the foregoing information, Agent Cassidy again observed the above described car bearing Florida license No. 219912 parked in front of the saloon at 4127 South Halsted Street, and in order to obtain a better view of the individual who was seen operating the automobile on the previous occasion, Agent Cassidy went into the saloon and noted that there were three or four individuals drinking at the bar and one of these individuals was overheard to make a remark in which the name Brodericke was used, the remark apparently being directed to the bartender, who it appears is the Brodericke to whom the Florida license is issued. Neither the bartender nor any of the patrons in any way resembled the subjects in this case or John Russell Moran who is indicated as being friendly with certain subjects.

During the course of the investigation set out Agent Cassidy was driving a 1932 Ford coupe, which is a confiscated car in possession of the Chicago Bureau office, and on successive nights this automobile was parked in garages located in the vicinity of the Horn Palace Tavern, one being the Drivers Garage, 4156 Emerald Avenue, and the other a public garage located at 4138 South Halsted Street. It was observed that neither the Graham Paige coupe with Florida license No. D 5088, nor the Oldsmobile coach bearing Florida license No. D 9350 was stored in either of these garages.

It should be noted that during the period of this observation Agent Cassidy mingled with the other guests at the Stockyard Inn and the bar operated in connection with the Inn, and also mingled with the patrons of the Horn Palace Tavern, but that no one of the appearance of John Russell Moran, William J. Harrison, or any of the known members of the Karpis-Barker gang was seen in the vicinity under surveillance. No opportunity presented itself to allow Agent to gain entrance to the gambling room located above the Horn Palace Tavern. However, in view of the fact that it is necessary to proceed through the Horn Palace Tavern in order to enter this room, it was possible for Agent Cassidy to observe all persons frequenting this establishment during the period of surveillance and no one resembling any of the above individuals was seen. b7c b7d

In response to a telephone call made by confidential informant [redacted] to the Chicago Bureau office on the morning of May 25, 1935, Special Agent M. Chaffetz, at her request, went to her home to determine what information she had to furnish.

[redacted] informed Agent Chaffetz that "Everett" (Volney Davis is known to her under the name of Everett) had called at her house at 1:00 o'clock on the afternoon of May 24, 1935, but she, at this time, was not at home being on duty at the hospital. However, her mother talked to Davis at this time and he stated that he had lost [redacted] telephone number and at his request [redacted] gave the telephone number to him. He indicated that he might get in touch with [redacted] also stated that although she did not question her mother in detail as she did not want to arouse any suspicion, she did determine that Davis was not wearing a topcoat and upon leaving the house had walked North, making it appear as if he did not come to the house in a car, although it may have been parked around the corner. [redacted] further stated that her mother had seen Davis once before and indicated that this was the same party.

Agent Chaffetz informed [redacted] that arrangements would be made to have Agents planted again at [redacted] and upon this arrangement being made Agent would call her to inform her concerning this.

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All of this information was furnished to Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis and arrangements were made for Special Agents J. L. Madala, M. J. Cassidy and Lish Whitson to immediately proceed to [REDACTED]. Agent Suran telephonically communicated with [REDACTED] at that address to inform her that the Agents would be out at her home and she stated that the rooms were still available and that she would be glad to have them back again. Agent Chaffetz thereupon telephonically communicated with [REDACTED] and informed her that Agents would be located at [REDACTED] in approximately one-half hour, this call being placed by Agent Chaffetz at 12:15 P.M. Agent Chaffetz informed [REDACTED] at this time that the arrangement which had existed previously when this plant was being maintained would be in effect again and that she should communicate with Agents at [REDACTED] as previously arranged, the telephone number there being [REDACTED].

As of May 31, 1935, Davis has not again communicated with [REDACTED]. Two Agents are stationed at [REDACTED] and will remain there for a reasonable period of time, awaiting further communication from [REDACTED].

At the Town Club, Alton Hotel, Cermak Road, Cicero, Illinois, Special Agent D. P. Sullivan ascertained that Joe Kirby was the Master of Ceremonies. Special Agent Sullivan entered into casual conversation with Kirby on several occasions while he was keeping this place under surveillance for the possible apprehension of Harrison and Kirby, an old time vaudeville trouper, appeared to be the man who might be able to provide valuable information regarding persons who frequented Cicero, Illinois, and especially persons who might be responsible for willfully hiding out Harrison at the Hy-Ho Club.

Later investigation developed that Kirby was no longer employed at the Town Club, but was presently employed at the Sixteen Club, 123 North Crawford Avenue. On May 10, 1935, Special Agents R. H. Hicks and D. P. Sullivan called at the Town Club and interviewed Kirby. It is to be noted that Agent Hicks formerly was in the theatrical business and during a casual conversation had with Kirby he had stated that he was acquainted with Agent Hicks. Kirby, upon interview, stated that he has been master of ceremonies and entertainer at night clubs in Chicago for several years. He was questioned as to the identity of the persons operating the Hy-Ho Club, and he advised that he did not know who was operating it at the present time; that the Town Club, which is reported to be still owned by Al and Ralph Capone, is presently operated by a man named Harry Kersh; that Kersh is reported to be a legitimate business man, but because of his connections with the lessee of the premises from the Capone syndicate, Kirby stated that he did not believe Kersh would provide any information regarding the possible connections of Harrison and other members of the Karpis-Barker gang at Cicero, Illinois. Kirby was shown photographs of all members of the Karpis-Barker gang, which he stated he failed to recognize. From the conversation had with Kirby it appeared that he was reluctant to provide any information that he might have.

Kirby's wife was likewise shown photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang, which she failed to recognize, she being employed at the Sixteen Club as a piano player. She confidentially advised, out of the hearing of her husband, that Frank Furlett, a piano player who formerly played in an orchestra at the Hy-Ho Club and is well acquainted in Cicero, might be able to provide information regarding persons who might be connected with Harrison or other members of the Karpis-Barker gang at Cicero. She stated that Furlett undoubtedly was a member of the Musicians Union and that his address could be obtained through this union.

While Agent John L. Madala was in St. Paul, Minnesota as a witness in the trial of Arthur "Doc" Barker et al, for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, he became acquainted with one HELEN CONLIFF, niece of Elmer Farmer. Miss Conliff it was learned is a stepdaughter of Jim Farmer, brother of Elmer Farmer, who at the present time operates Elmer's Tavern at Bensenville, Illinois.

Miss Conliff indicated that she could be of assistance in locating subject William J. Harrison and other fugitive members of the gang if Agent Madala would contact her after his return to Chicago, Ill.

On May 21, 1934, Miss Conliff called the Chicago Bureau office and talked with Agent Madala. At that time she suggested that Agent Madala meet her at the corner of Madison St. and Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, at 4 P.M. Agent Madala appeared at this intersection at the designated time but Miss Conliff did not put in an appearance. On the same evening Miss Conliff again called Agent Madala and advised that she had missed her train but that she would be in Chicago Friday May 24, 1935, and that she could be reached by calling telephone Republic 10440. On the latter date Agent Madala talked with Miss Conliff by calling the above mentioned phone number, and it was arranged that Agent Madala should pick her up at 7004 Artesian Street, Chicago at 3 P.M.

Agent Madala accordingly met Miss Conliff, at which time she advised that she has definite information that William J. Harrison was in Havana, Cuba in March and April of this year; that he is working on a golf course in Cuba as a golf professional. She would not furnish any other information in this regard except to state that she met Harrison in front of the Green House Cafe in Bensenville, Illinois on one occasion during the time Edward Bremer was being held captive at Bensenville; that on this occasion Harrison had just emerged from the above mentioned restaurant when she and Elmer Farmer drove by; that Elmer stopped his automobile and talked with Harrison, after which he introduced Harrison to Miss Conliff; that she talked with Willie Harrison for about five minutes during which time he stated that he had just returned from Arizona. According to Miss Conliff he also talked about other things which are irrelevant to this case. At that time Miss Conliff described Harrison as having reddish brown hair and stated that he constantly wears octagon shaped glasses.

Miss Conliff further stated that Edward G. Bremer could have identified Doc. Barker and Fred Goetz as two of his kidnapers, but that he was afraid to do so, inasmuch as he had previously negotiated with them in the buying of stolen bonds from them through a third party in St. Paul whom Miss Conliff believes to be Harry Sawyer. She also stated that she

has definite information that while Bremer was held at Allderson's home in Bensenville, Doc Barker sold \$75,000.00 worth of stolen bonds to him with the promise that Bremer turn the currency over to the third party in St. Paul upon his release. She does not know whether the proceeds of these bonds were ultimately given to Doc Barker. She also stated that the reason the Barker-Karpis gang kidnaped Bremer was because he had double-crossed them on his deal and that the kidnaping was merely retaliation for his action in this regard. Miss Conliff also stated that she had very definite information that Byron Bolton alias Monty Carter wrote a letter for the attention of the syndicate in Chicago, requesting that the syndicate secure an attorney for him to represent him in the trial just completed; that this note was delivered to a man named ROCKY, who operates a tavern in Cicero, Illinois on Ogden Avenue, and who is a member of the syndicate; that Rocky after reading Bolton's note immediately called Mike Marino, who is also a member of the syndicate, and who resides in Maywood, Illinois, and asked his advice concerning Bolton's request; that Mike Marino told him not to have anything to do with Bolton as he is a "squeeler". Miss Conliff further stated that Rocky took the matter up with the syndicate a few weeks later and the syndicate refused to help Bolton in any way; that this information was subsequently furnished to Mrs. Bolton and Miss Conliff believes that in view of the fact that the syndicate refused to help Bolton in any manner, he thought best to enter a plea of guilty and testify in behalf of the Government, thinking that his action in this respect would gain him leniency.

Miss Conliff further stated that at the time Mrs. Bolton delivered the note to Rocky at Cicero, she asked Rocky if he knew where Willie Harrison could be located; that Mrs. Bolton was told by Rocky that he did not know, and he asked why she inquired concerning him; that Mrs. Bolton stated that her husband believed that Harrison would help him in obtaining an attorney as they were always very friendly. Miss Conliff further stated that this man Rocky is the member of the syndicate who hides out fugitives from justice for the syndicate; that she has definite information that he has heretofore provided a place of refuge for Harrison and she is certain that if anyone knows where Harrison is at the present time, Rocky would know. She also indicated that Rocky may know the present whereabouts of Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis and other members of the gang who are still at large; that she will talk with Mike Marino within the next few days and get him to contact Rocky in an effort to ascertain the present whereabouts of Willie Harrison and other members of the gang. She stated that in the event Marino fails to obtain this information from Rocky she will secure the exact location of Rocky's place in Cicero, Illinois, and also his last name, and furnish same to Agent Madala.

Miss Conliff further stated that if Karpis or others put in an appearance at Elmer's Tavern in Bensenville she will surely learn of this because Jim Farmer usually gets very excited when such type of person comes there, after which he will come home and tell them all about it. She stated that should she receive any information in this connection she will immediately advise Agent Madala.

Miss Conliff also advised Agent Madala that prior to Elmer Farmer's arrest he owned forty-eight slot machines which he had in operation in Dupage County, Illinois; that he was paying as protection for the maintenance of these machines in the county one hundred dollars a week to the State Attorney's office, one hundred dollars a week to former Sheriff John Hesterman, and fifty dollars a week to four Deputies Sheriff, two of whom were Smoky Lang and Jim Venner. She could not recall the names of the other two deputies who were receiving this money. Agent Madala questioned her as to whether she believed that Elmer Farmer paid any money to Arthur Bennets, who is presently the Sheriff of Dupage County, and who was formerly Chief Deputy Sheriff under John Hesterman. She advised that to her knowledge no money was paid to Bennets. It might be stated that John Hesterman is now Chief Deputy under Arthur Bennets and that Smoky Lang and Jim Venner above mentioned are still connected with the Sheriff's office in Dupage County.

Agent Madala will keep in constant touch with Miss Conliff for any information that she may have in her possession concerning the activities and present whereabouts of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. E. Thornton, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated March 21, 1935, wherein are listed certain telephone calls emanating from the Harvard Club to the Desher-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio. It is noted in the report that F. M. Day, Jr., 164 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, was the possible recipient of one of these calls. It is also noted in this report that F. M. Day, Jr., called Sheldrake 4356, Chicago, Illinois.

Special Agent C. R. LaFrance determined that Mr. Day is an adjuster for the firm of Marsh & McLennan, insurance brokers, room 1060, 164 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois, telephone Wabash 0640. Agent LaFrance learned that Mr. Day was out of the city at the time he was conducting his investigation. However, he was subsequently interviewed by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, the results of which interview is set forth hereinafter in a memorandum submitted by Agent Sullivan.

On March 29, 1935, Special Agent G. A. Callahan interviewed Norman A. Nickel with reference to the file entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, ESSEX COACH, motor No. 60893 - NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT", with Indianapolis as the office of origin. During the course of the interview Nickel stated that the before mentioned Essex coach was stolen from him on February 7, 1935, at Blue Island, Illinois. He had previously been interviewed and shown photographs, and tentatively identified the photograph of Volney Davis as being similar in appearance to one of the four men who had stolen the above mentioned car from him at the point of guns.

On May 7, 1935, Mr. Nickel, upon being again interviewed by Agent Callahan and Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, who is the reporting Agent, was shown pictures of various members of the Karpis-Barker gang and he selected the photograph of Volney Davis, stating that he could not definitely identify Davis as being one of the men who stole his Essex coach, inasmuch as it was dark at the time of the theft, but that they were slender in appearance and he noted that one of the men's face was shaped somewhat similar to Volney Davis' face. He stated that this man was approximately thirty years of age, adding that all of the men appeared to be about that age. It is to be here noted that three of the suspects who are believed to have stolen Mr. Nickel's car are in custody and they range from 21 to 25 years of age. Mr. Nickel was asked the writer's and two other Agent's ages, who happened to be in the office, and he approximated all three agent's ages to be 37 and 38 years, while all three are 29 or under. When Mr. Nickel stated that the men who robbed him are approximately 30 years of age, he undoubtedly referred to men who were probably under 22 or 23 years of age. There is no other information indicating that Volney Davis was one of the four men who stole Nickel's car, three of whom are already in custody.

On May 8, 1935, Special Agent D. P. Sullivan interviewed Mr. F. M. Day, Jr., at 164 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, care of Marsh & McLennan, insurance brokers. Mr. Day stated that he was the Ohio representative for the firm of Marsh & McLennan, which firm has offices all over the United States, and that he is the manager of the Cleveland office. He stated that during the first part of January, 1935, he was at the Deshler Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio; that during the course of his business he meets a great number of men whose names he does not remember; that his business consists primarily of the examination of factories and industrial plants to ascertain the valuation for insurance purposes. He was questioned as to whether he was acquainted with James "Shimmy" Patton, Bert and Ted Angus, Nig Cousins and Joe Roscoe, the Harvard and Casino Clubs, or persons and places located at Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, but he denied that he knew of any such persons or places. Mr. Day appeared to be a substantial business man, holding a representative and important position with his firm. He could not recall any telephone calls received by him at the Deshler Wallick Hotel from Cleveland during the time he was in Columbus the past January. Mr. Day was questioned as to whether he knew anybody else

in Columbus by the name of Day, but he stated that he did not know any other person by that name.

With reference to Bureau letter dated April 12, 1935, advising that Mrs. Edward A. Crompton alias Jean Delaney, sister of Dolores Delaney, was released from the Federal Industrial Institution for Women at Alderson, West Virginia, on March 21, 1935, on parole, United States Probation Officer McGrath, on April 5, 1935, telephoned Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd and advised that Jean Delaney was presently residing at 6045 Kimbark Avenue. McGrath stated that he had received information to the effect that she had been out to the home of John Karpavicz, father of Alvin Karpis, since her return to Chicago.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan:

Henry Robinson, carrier delivering mail to 6045 Kimbark Avenue, was interviewed and shown photographs of all members of the Karpis-Barker gang, which he failed to recognize, including the photograph of Jean Delaney. He stated that he knew no one residing at 6045 Kimbark Avenue by the name of Delaney. By discreet inquiry, Agent ascertained that the manager at 6049 South Kimbark Avenue was an old lady who is highly respectable, by the name of Mrs. McFarland.

Mrs. McFarland, 6049 South Kimbark Avenue, was interviewed and shown the photograph of Jean Delaney, which she failed to recognize. She was likewise shown photographs of the various members of the Karpis-Barker gang, which she failed to recognize. She stated that 6045 South Kimbark was occupied by a large rooming house that is owned and operated by Mr. Joechle. She stated that Joechle ran a very orderly house and appeared to be a respectable person who would cooperate should he be approached openly.

James Raknik, Janitor for Mrs. McFarland, was likewise interviewed and shown photographs of members of the Karpis-Barker gang, which he failed to recognize. He likewise could not identify the photograph of Jean Delaney.

At 6045 South Kimbark Avenue, Mrs. Joechle and her grown son were interviewed and questioned as to whether Jean Delaney was residing at this address. They denied knowing any such person and when shown photograph of Jean Delaney stated that they had never seen anyone of that likeness before. They stated that there was a Robert Delaney living at this address, but that he was living alone and they knew of no visitors he might have.

Probation officer McGrath was thereupon interviewed and he stated that he felt certain Jean Delaney was residing at 6045 South Kimbark Avenue; that he had called on the telephone on several occasions and had delivered a message to someone for her; that he understood that Jean was

residing at the above address with Edna Webster, a girl friend, but that, because she had little money, he understood that she was staying with the Webster woman without the knowledge of the landlady, although the landlady generally answered the telephone when he called for Jean Delaney. He thought it possible that Jean Delaney had informed the landlady not to advise anyone that she was living at this address. McGrath further stated that Jean Delaney was still keeping company with Ralph Conroyd, 4844 North Ridgeway Avenue, and expected to marry him and that Conroyd was a likeable and dependable young man. He stated that the Delaney girl had been conferring with Father Curry of the National Council of Catholic Women in an effort to obtain a position.

Father Curry, National Council of Catholic Women, 51 East Congress Street, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed. Father Curry stated that he had talked to Jean Delaney several times and had been making efforts to obtain a position for her. He confidentially informed Agent that he had been able to have an application for employment for Jean Delaney placed on file at the Commonwealth Edison Company, where she hoped to obtain employment as a clerk. He further advised that Jean Delaney was presently employed at a restaurant, name and address unknown, on the near North side, adding that he felt certain that Mr. McGrath, probation officer, could provide information as to the correct address of this restaurant.

He stated that Jean Delaney had told him that she intended to "turn over a new leaf" and that she sounded convincing. He said that she had visited the Karpavicz family because she was interested in the baby whose parents are her sister Dolores and Alvin Karpis. Father Curry stated he had advised Jean Delaney to stay away from the Karpavicz family for her own good.

It was not deemed advisable to question probation officer McGrath as to the business address of Jean Delaney, inasmuch as it was thought that any inquiry for definite information made of McGrath might become public knowledge.

At about 1:45 A.M. on May 29, 1935, Mr. Buck Kempster, Prophetstown, Illinois, a former Illinois State policeman, communicated by long distance telephone with Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, at which time he stated that a party by the name of J. Nolte was at that time residing at the Colonial Inn, Sterling, Illinois, and that this party had been acting in a very suspicious manner and every action of his indicated that he was very "hot". Kempster furnished the information that this individual very seldom left his room and that when he did so he wore dark colored glasses. Mr. Kempster furnished the further information that this individual had received visitors from Chicago and Marshalltown, Iowa, and that on the date of the call at the Chicago office there were two men and one woman with him; that Nolte receives financial assistance from Chicago apparently about three times

a week, and that he received a letter on May 28, 1935, from room 92, thought to be the Crayton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. It was believed that this individual might possibly be connected with the instant investigation, inasmuch as information was obtained that Volney Davis was in Chicago on May 24, 1935, and it was considered advisable to immediately check this information.

Accordingly, on May 29, 1935, Special Agents Lish Whitson and R. C. Suran interviewed Mr. Kempster at Sterling, Illinois, and he furnished the information which he had previously related to Mr. Purvis. Mr. Kempster advised that the management of the Colonial Inn at Sterling, Illinois, was reliable and that they were good friends of his and would cooperate in this matter.

Mr. Kempster then introduced Agents Whitson and Suran to Mr. F. D. Briggs, the proprietor of the Colonial Inn, and his son, James Briggs. These individuals advised that Nolte registered in at the hotel on May 4, 1935, and had resided continuously since that date; that in addition he keeps rented an extra room to accommodate any visitors who might visit him. They advised that he has had several male visitors. Mr. F. D. Briggs stated that he, Briggs, has poor eyesight and could furnish no descriptions of any of the visitors of Nolte with the exception of one individual whom he described as being about 65 years of age, six feet in height, weighing between 180 and 190 pounds, with a ruddy complexion. He was shown the photographs of the various individuals connected with this case, and he stated that the photograph of Charles J. Fitzgerald could be that of the individual above described, but that he could not make a positive identification. He stated that he did not note whether this individual limped or not.

At the time of this interview Agents were advised that Nolte was then in his room with an individual who had on previous occasions registered at the hotel under the name of W. E. Winter, Cleveland, Ohio. Messrs. Briggs further advised that there was also a woman with these two men. Agents Whitson and Suran observed these persons leave the hotel and they were followed to a restaurant in Sterling, Illinois, where they were closely observed by the Agents. It was determined that the men did not answer the descriptions of any individuals wanted in this case.

Nolte was observed to be about 50 years of age, height 5' 10", weight about 175 pounds, hair dark with gray and partially bald. The individual known as W. E. Winter appeared to be about 24 years of age, five feet six inches in height, weight about 120 pounds, with dark hair parted on the side. The woman appeared to be about five feet eight inches in height, about 30 years of age, weight 120 pounds, hair dark, slender build, having a large mouth.

After it was determined that these individuals were dining in the restaurant, Agents Whitson and Suran returned to the Colonial Inn and entered the room occupied by J. Nolte, at which time Agents were accompanied by the proprietor of the hotel. It was noted that the laundry mark on the clothes in this room was "J.H.H."; also, in one of the bags in this room were found several letters addressed to Miss Dorothy Omart, 19 East Bellevue, Chicago, Illinois, and bore the return address Box 117, Breda, Iowa. Another letter bore the return address "M. Jones, D. A. Box 117, Breda, Iowa". Mr. Briggs furnished the further information that Nolte received two long distance telephone calls since he has registered there from Marshalltown, Iowa; that these calls were made to the telephone number at the Colonial Inn, No. 416; that he had made outgoing telephone calls from the telephone booth in the hotel, telephone No. 1388. Some stationery of the Croydon Hotel, Chicago, was found in one of the bags in this room and apparently this is the hotel from which he had received the letter from room 92 on May 28, 1935. The letters in this room were not read by Agents, inasmuch as Mr. Briggs did not desire that Agents remain in the room long enough for that purpose.

On May 28, 1935, the Chicago office received a telegram from the San Francisco office advising that three men driving a grey LaSalle roadster with Illinois license plates No. 359-793 were observed at Auburn California, on May 27, 1935, headed East; that one of these individuals resembled subject Davis; that one man approximately fifty years of age, was the driver of the car, gave the name of Edward V. Schulte, address 17 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis determined that Illinois license 359-793 was issued to the National Portrait Company by E. V. Schulte, 17 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois, for Auburn car, factory No. 8109; engine No. GC 2045; that E. V. Schulte resided at 3000 North Sheridan Road Chicago, telephone Lakewood 2470, and operated the Schulte Optical Company at 17 North State Street, telephone Dearborn 2700.

Special Agent M. Chaffetz called the numbers Lakewood 2470 and Dearborn 2700, under pretext, and was informed that Mr. Schulte was out of the city; that he had gone to Mexico for a vacation and did not expect to return for a month. It appears that the only possibility is that Schulte may have picked up Davis, although in view of the identification of Davis at the home of [redacted] on May 24, 1935, it does not appear reasonable that he would be in California on the 27th. However, it would be possible and Schulte will be interviewed concerning this matter upon his arrival in Chicago. The San Francisco office was advised by wire of the above information.

Prior to the apprehension of subject Sawyer, the Omaha Bureau office requested information concerning Frank Nitto and Sam Cusick. Special Agent C. B. Winstead submitted a memorandum in connection with this matter, which is set forth hereinafter, and photographs of Frank Nitto are attached to the copies of this report for the Omaha Bureau office for possible use in future investigations, although Sawyer is now in custody.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. B. Winstead.

Inquiry of Mr. John Kelly of the Investigative Department of the State's Attorney's Office at Chicago, Illinois, developed that there is nothing contained in their file indicating that Frank Nitto, alias Nitti, has any connection with or engaged in any activities around Omaha, Nebraska and Creston, Iowa. Kelly did not know Sam Cusick or Cusack.

A search of the files of the Chicago Bureau Office discloses that during 1930 an investigation was conducted for the purpose of locating Frank Nitto, who was then a fugitive under indictment in the Federal Court at Chicago, Illinois, wherein he was charged with income tax evasion. A photograph of Nitto was located in this file and copies thereof are herewith submitted to the Omaha Bureau Office.

In this file, which is No. 5-6, FRANK RALPH NITTO, alias Frank Nitti, alias Frank Novelli, the Chicago Bureau Office sets out Nitto's description as follows:

Age	41 years
Height	5'4 ¹ / ₂ "
Weight	145 lbs.
Build	medium
Hair	black
Eyes	dark
Complexion	dark
Clean shaven	
Occupation	liquor dealer
Race	white
Nationality	Italian
F.P.C.	<u>31</u> <u>MM</u> <u>14</u> <u>28</u> <u>OI</u>

Under date of February 9, 1934, the Bureau furnished the Chicago Office with the following criminal record of Frank Nitto:

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In Chicago Bureau office file no. 7-81, entitled AUGUST GUS KAHN, with aliases, et al; HARRY D. WOLF, Victim, there appears a letter from the Bureau dated June 16, 1931, setting out the known criminal record of one Sam Guzik, whose fingerprints were furnished June 15, 1931, by the United States Marshal at Chicago, Illinois, which discloses that Sam Guzik was arrested September 26, 1930, for violation of Sections 1265 and 1266, Title 26, Internal Revenue, and as Sam Guzik, #39045, received at U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, June 6, 1931, from Chicago, Illinois, violation of Income Tax Law, sentence one year and one day.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent M. Chaffetz on May 4, 1935, at Chicago, Illinois.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent O. C. Dewey, Omaha, dated 3/15/35, in which a lead is set out for the Chicago Bureau office to locate Harry Burch, who is supposed to be a connection of Harry Sawyer. Agent called Mr. J. H. Harrington, Superintendent, Uptown Post Office Sub-station, and requested him to make a check with all his carriers who cover Magnolia Avenue in order to determine whether this party is presently residing on that street and if so at what particular number. Mr. Harrington stated he would contact his carriers for this purpose, but informed Agent that he personally knew about the party concerning whom Agent was inquiring. He stated that Harry Burch is quite a well known hoodlum in Chicago and that this party had a reputation for going to the front for a large number of hoodlums and gangsters after their apprehension. At this time Mr. Harrington stated that this party was residing at 5829 Magnolia Avenue, but he was not sure that this was his present address. Mr. Harrington made a check with the carrier that covers this particular section of Magnolia Avenue and it was determined that Harry Burch was presently residing at 5908 Magnolia Avenue with a party named Quinlan. This was the extent of the information furnished by Mr. Harrington.

No further investigation is being conducted concerning this party as it will be noted that the information furnished this office was to the effect that Burch was a contact of Harry Sawyer, who has been taken into custody. However, should it be deemed advisable at a later date to investigate this party on the belief that he may be a contact for other members of this gang, a thorough investigation will be conducted.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE JACKSONVILLE BUREAU OFFICE is requested to refer to the information furnished by Helen Conliff concerning the possibility of William Harrison's being in Havana, Cuba. It is suggested that such investigation as is possible be made to determine if Harrison is frequenting the golf courses at that place.

THE OMAHA BUREAU OFFICE is requested to conduct appropriate investigation at Breda, Iowa, in compliance with the letter from the Chicago office under date of June 1, 1935. If it appears likely that any person communicating with Miss Dorothy Omat, Chicago, Illinois, return address, 117 Breda, Iowa, is in any way connected with this case, it is requested that investigation be conducted at Marshalltown, Iowa, in an effort to trace two telephone calls made to Sterling, Illinois, to J. Nolte, telephone No. 416.

THE CHICAGO BUREAU OFFICE, at Gary, Indiana, will interview Vonna Sandlin, 424 Washington Avenue, and solicit her assistance in locating William Harrison.

Paul Croak, 140 State Street, Hammond, Indiana, should be interviewed from time to time in an effort to develop him into a reliable informant in connection with Willie Harrison.

This office will also conduct appropriate investigation at 19 East Bellevue, apparently the address of Miss Dorothy Omart, in an effort to determine whether any of her associates have a connection with this case.

This office will determine when Mr. E. V. Schulte returns to Chicago, Illinois, and interview him in connection with the identification of Volney Davis being with him in Auburn, California, on May 27, 1935. If Mr. Schulte can identify the photograph of Davis, the exact route that Mr. Schulte took should be determined in order that it can be ascertained at what point the individual identified as Davis and Mr. Schulte parted.

PENDING

REN:TD

June 24, 1935

7-576-6241

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al,
Edward George Bremer, Victim,
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. G. Suran, dated at Chicago, June 3, 1935, in the above entitled case, reflecting on page twenty-six the results of an investigation conducted at Sterling, Illinois.

Your attention is directed to Bureau letter addressed to the Detroit Office under date of September 15, 1934, in connection with the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (deceased), Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner, a copy of which letter was furnished your office, together with copies of the criminal record and a photograph of one Charles Carroll, alias Charles E. Winterhalter. Copies of this same photograph are transmitted herewith and to each of the offices indicated below, with the suggestion that the photograph be exhibited to persons at Sterling, Illinois, with a view to possibly identifying it as resembling the individual who registered at the Colonial Inn as E.E. Winter, Cleveland, Ohio.

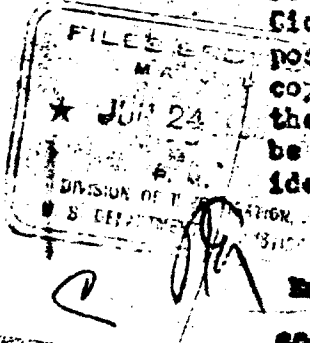
On page twenty-one of the report of Special Agent Suran, reflecting the results of an interview had by Special Agent J. L. Madala with informant Helen Conliff, it is noted that she makes reference to an individual named "Rocky", who operates a tavern in Cicero, Illinois and who is a member of the Syndicate. It is possible that this individual is identical with Rocco DeGrazia, copies of whose photograph are transmitted herewith and to each of the offices indicated below. It is suggested that this photograph be exhibited to Mrs. Byron Bolton and Helen Conliff, with a view to identifying the individual referred to as "Rocky".

Very truly yours,

Enclosure No. 307774

cc-Cincinnati
St. Paul

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



7-576-6241



K-2180

Rocco De Grazia



Charles Carroll

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: Brekid

Number: 7-576-6241

Specimens: Photostatic copy of a hotel registration card, Number 7667, signed
W. R. Kerin.

Examination requested by: Mr. Newby. Answer to Chicago. CC St. Paul & Cincinnati.

Date received: 6-21-35

EXAMINATION REQUESTED: Handwriting

RESULT OF EXAMINATION:

6/25

Examination by: Appel

SPECIMEN SUBMITTED WITH INVESTIGATIVE REPORT BEARING BUREAU FILE NUMBER 7-576-6241.

6/25
for W. R. Kerin Chicago

M. J. Harrison
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mailed 6/24

June 3, 1935.

(Time 11:47)

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: Bremer Kidnaping Case.

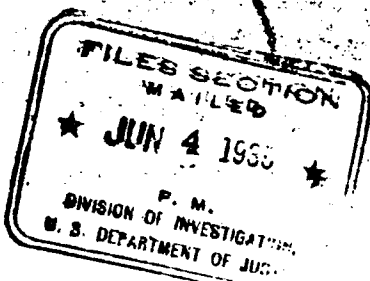
In a telephonic conversation with Mr. Schechter of the National Broadcasting Company at New York City I advised him Volney Davis who is in custody in St. Paul, just pleaded guilty to the Bremer kidnaping and will be sentenced on Saturday.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
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 Mr. Baughman
 Chief Clerk
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 Mr. Coffey
 Mr. Edwards
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June 3, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT M. GATES

I am attaching hereto, for your information,
a copy of a memorandum relative to the arrest of
Volney Davis by Agents of this Bureau at Chicago
on last Saturday afternoon.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Inclosure #667456

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Baughman...
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Coffey.....
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For approval. To be dated on
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MEMORANDUM

On January 17, 1934 Edward George Bremer, President of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, was kidnaped immediately after he had driven his daughter to the Summit School in St. Paul and was taken to a hide-out at Bensenville, Illinois. A ransom of \$200,000 was demanded and, upon payment, Bremer was released on February 7, 1934 near Rochester, Minnesota.

Volney Davis and Arthur R. Barker were among those indicted for this crime on January 22, 1935. Arthur R. Barker has since been found guilty and sentenced to a term of life imprisonment. Davis and Barker had been previously convicted of the murder of Thomas J. Sherrill of Tulsa, Oklahoma, on August 26, 1921. They both received life sentences in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Barker was paroled from that institution on September 10, 1932 and Davis was granted a leave of absence on November 3, 1932 which was subsequently extended to July 1, 1934. Failing to report on the latter date, the leave of absence was cancelled and Davis became a fugitive from that penitentiary.

Nation-wide search for Volney Davis culminated on February 6, 1935 with his arrest by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, at Kansas City, Missouri. While being removed by airplane to Chicago, Illinois, he escaped after a forced landing had been made by the plane near Yorkville, Illinois.

Volney Davis was again apprehended by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Chicago, Illinois, June 1, 1935. The complete criminal record of Volney Davis is as follows:

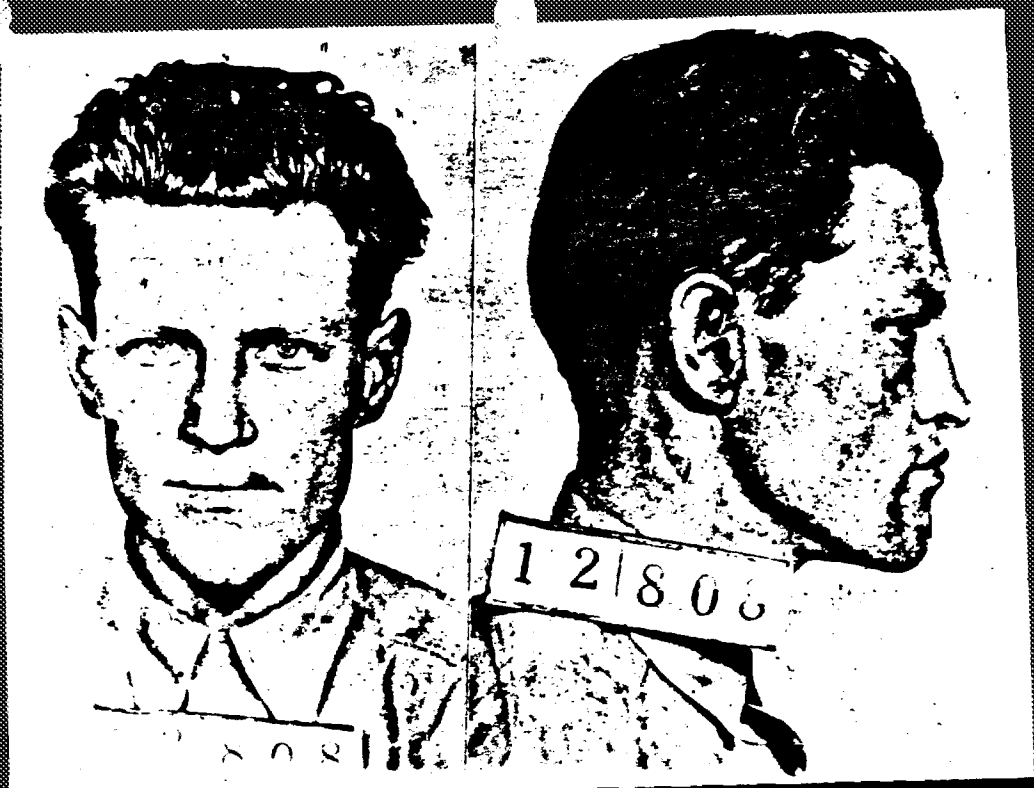
According to the records of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Davis was first arrested on February 5, 1919 by the Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, #1025, on charges of grand larceny. He was turned over to the authorities of Tulsa County, Oklahoma for prosecution; was tried, convicted and sentenced to serve three years and one year, the sentences to run concurrently. Pursuant to these sentences, Davis was received at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma on September 28, 1919 and was assigned #9849. On February 3, 1923 Davis was again received at the McAlester, Oklahoma Institution as Volney Davis, #12808, to serve a life sentence having been convicted with Arthur R. Barker of the crime of murder as above related. On January 8, 1925 Davis escaped from the penitentiary. He was apprehended on January 21, 1925 by the Police Department of Kansas City, Missouri as Roy Green, #13404 and returned to the penitentiary. On November 3, 1932 he was granted a leave of absence which was cancelled.

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VOLNEY DAVIS #K4214

IDENTIFICATION
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January 28, 1935.

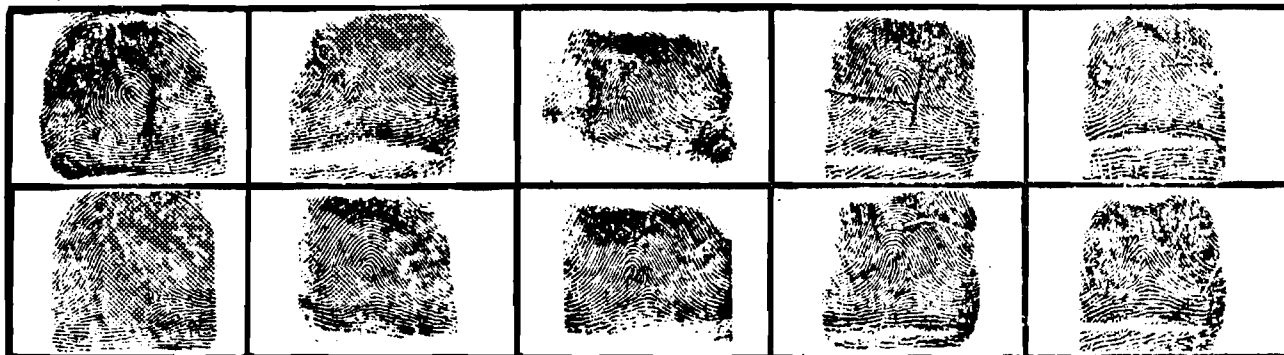
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases: "CURLEY" DAVIS, "COTTON" DAVIS,
E. V. DAVIS, I. H. LOCKWOOD, S. E. LOCKWOOD, C. E. MOORE,
MIMIE, CURLEY MOORE, EVERETT DAVIS, CURLEY HANSEN, CURLEY
HANSON, J. E. HANSEN, ROY GREEN.

KIDNAPING



DESCRIPTION

Photograph taken January 25, 1925.

CRIMINAL RECORD

Age, 33 years; Born, Jan. 29, 1902 at
Tahlequah, Okla.; Height, 5 feet, 8 1/2
inches; Weight, 123 pounds; Build,
slender; Hair, light chestnut; Eyes,
blue; Complexion, fair; Scar, verti-
cal cut scar 1/2 inch above eyebrow.

RELATIVES:

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney E. Davis, parents,
Route #2, Neosho, Missouri.
Mrs. John (Mildred) Harness, sister,
Route #2, Neosho, Missouri.
Mrs. John G. (Bertha) Williams, sister,
436 East Oklahoma Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Mrs. Glenn (Ruby) Lamberson, sister,
1019 1/2 South Rockford Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Mrs. Luther B. (Irene) Hoffman, sister,
416 East Oklahoma Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Mrs. Charles (Beulah) Porter, sister,
Oklahoma State Hospital for the Insane,
Vinita, Oklahoma.



Volney Davis

As Volney Davis, #1025, arrested Po-
lice Department, Tulsa, Okla., Feb.
5, 1919; charge, grand larceny; turn-
ed over to Tulsa County.
As Volney Davis, alias V. E. Davis,
#9849, received State Penitentiary,
McAlester, Okla., Sept. 28, 1919.
from Tulsa County; crime, grand lar-
ceny; sentence, three years.
As Volney Davis, #12808, received State
Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla., Feb.
3, 1923, from Tulsa, Okla.; crime,
murder; sentence, life; escaped Jan.
8, 1925.
As Roy Green alias Volney Davis, #13404,
arrested Police Department, Kansas
City, Mo., Jan. 21, 1925; charge, in-
vestigation - fugitive; returned.
As Volney Davis, #12808, returned State
Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla., Jan.
25, 1925; Nov. 3, 1932 granted leave
of absence to July 1, 1933; leave of
absence extended to July 1, 1934; leave
cancelled, now a fugitive.

Volney Davis is wanted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934. An indictment was returned by the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 22, 1935, charging Davis and others with the kidnaping.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

If apprehended, please notify the Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Division of Investigation listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.

Issued by: JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR

(over)

RECORDED

June 8, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Birmingham, Ala.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, W.L.-FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218,
et al -EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-VICTIM,
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you, please be advised that an examination of the fingerprint records of the Division of Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning the following:

—, Esther May Page

Copy to:
Bul. Off., Cincinnati, Ohio
Bul. Off., St. Louis, Mo.
Bul. Off., Los Angeles, Calif.
Bul. Off., St. Paul, Minn.
Bul. Off., Chicago, Ill.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Postoffice Box 314,
Birmingham, Alabama,
June 4, 1935.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, W.A.-FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218,
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER- VICTIM.
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a personal identification card with the fingerprints of Esther May Page, with aliases: Lucretia Cordoz, Lucretia Cardoz, Mrs. Robert James Burns.

This person, while being questioned about her movements about the United States since her unannounced departure from her home at 1063 West Macon Street, Decatur, Illinois, indicated that she had been traveling at the direction of Annette Davidson and Oram George Johnson, the former purporting to be a private detective and the latter a St. Louis, Mo. attorney.

Several bills of \$100 denomination were seen in Johnson's possession, and he always had an abundance of money, as did Robert James Burns, Page's purported husband.

While in St. Louis Davidson pointed out to Page a person named "Lefty" Lewis, who was about 5' 5" in height, weighed approximately 140 pounds, and walked with a distinct limp in the right leg. Page recognizes the likeness of subject HARRY CAMPBELL, I.O. 1236, to Lefty Lewis, whom she saw on or about March 8, 1935, near the Postoffice in St. Louis.

It is requested that the Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Paul, Los Angeles, St. Louis and Birmingham offices be notified if Page is known to be an associate of underworld characters, or if she has a criminal record.

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Very truly yours,

JUN 13 1935

R. B. Nathan
R. B. NATHAN, *Det.*
Special Agent in Charge

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(Encl. 2) cc- Cincinnati, St. Louis, Los Angeles, St. Paul.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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Washington, D. C.

June 8, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM *RM*

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby, I have caused a search of the files of the Identification Division to be made for a possible record of Esther May Page, a copy of whose fingerprints accompanied Mr. Newby's request. Please be advised that a search of these fingerprints against the files of the Identification Division fails to disclose any record. As suggested in the letter from the Birmingham Bureau Office the Bureau Offices at Cincinnati, Chicago, Saint Paul, Los Angeles, Saint Louis and Birmingham have been notified the result of this search.

This fingerprint card is being entered in the criminal files of this Division.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

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June 4, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sirs

There are forwarded herewith and to each of the offices indicated below, copies of a letter dated May 26, 1935 addressed to the Bureau by Mr. Henry D. Green, Attorney at Law, West Plains Bank Building, West Plains, Missouri, setting forth information relative to the association of Fred Barker and his gang with one Asa Pendleton, who is now serving sentence in the Missouri State Penitentiary on a charge of burglary. Mr. Green also sets forth in his letter information concerning relatives of Pendleton.

In this connection it is recalled that a confidential informant of the St. Paul Office has furnished information to the effect that William Weaver maintains a hideout somewhere in Arkansas, and that members of the gang are possibly in hiding on this farm. The informant also indicated that funds were being supplied to a prisoner believed to be incarcerated in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Investigation already conducted in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary has been without results so far as establishing the identity of a prisoner receiving funds from some source in Arkansas. It is possible that the prisoner referred to by the informant is Pendleton, who is confined in the Missouri State Penitentiary, inasmuch as Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and William Weaver were together at the time Sheriff Charles R. Kelly of West Plains, Missouri was killed by these individuals.

You should conduct a discreet investigation at the Missouri State Penitentiary with a view to ascertaining whether Pendleton is receiving correspondence from some point in Arkansas, which will serve as a lead to the whereabouts of the farm reported to be owned by Weaver. It is also suggested that further contact be had with Attorney Henry D. Green for the purpose of developing any additional information which he may have bearing on this matter.

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Very truly yours,

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cc-St. Louis Little Rock
St. Paul Oklahoma City
Chicago Los Angeles
Cincinnati

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July 16, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1218; ET AL;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Under date of June 4, 1935, the Bureau addressed a communication to your office, with which there were transmitted copies of a letter dated May 26, 1935, addressed to the Bureau by Mr. Henry B. Green, Attorney at Law, West Plains Bank Building, West Plains, Missouri, setting forth information relative to the association of Fred Barker and his gang with one Asa Pendleton, who is now serving a sentence in the Missouri State Penitentiary on a charge of burglary. The Bureau instructed that a discreet investigation be made at the Missouri State Penitentiary, with a view to ascertaining whether Pendleton is receiving correspondence from some point in Arkansas, which will serve as a lead to the whereabouts of the farm reported to be owned by Weaver.

The Bureau desires that this matter be given immediate and preferred attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Cincinnati
St. Paul
Chicago
St. Louis

Little Rock
Oklahoma City
Los Angeles

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 3, 1935.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Coffey.....
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Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Keith.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Scheldt.....
Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Smith.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

Time - 2:55 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis.

Mr. Peterson telephoned me from the Milwaukee Office and advised that Mr. Brandon of the Associated Press in Milwaukee had just telephoned the Milwaukee Office stating that they had an unconfirmed report from St. Paul to the effect that Alvin Karpis had been apprehended in Madison, Wisconsin.

Mr. Peterson said that since there was a possibility that the Bureau Agents could have made such an arrest without his being advised of it, he wanted to communicate with the Bureau before making any inquiries at Madison.

I told Mr. Peterson that the Bureau has received no such report. I instructed him to check on this matter at Madison at once, and to advise the Bureau in the premises.

Time - 3:20 P.M.

Mr. Peterson called back relative to the above matter, and advised that through the United States Marshal at Madison, who is very reliable, he learned from the Chief of Police at Madison that this is merely a rumor which has been persistent in Madison all day; that it appears to be the outgrowth of the fact that the airplane bearing Volney Davis to St. Paul was grounded there en route.

However, Mr. Peterson is sending an Agent to Madison at once to see if this rumor can be traced; that if anything develops, he will immediately advise the Bureau.

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Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

JUN 6 1935

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 31, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

Mr. Suydam telephoned on this date and inquired as to whether any reward was outstanding by the Bureau for the apprehension of Karpis and Volney Davis.

He was informed that there had been no Federal reward offered to date relative to the apprehension of these individuals.

Respectfully,

T. D. Quinn
T. D. Quinn.

Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Baughman
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WITH WHOM HE STAYED IN MADISON WISCONSIN AT SOLS-LIBERTY CARNIVAL AND
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POST OFFICE BOX 812,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

June 4, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with
aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL
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
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE-
ARMS ACT - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Volney Davis has recently furnished Agents of the Chicago Bureau office with additional descriptive data as to Alvin Karpis, and this information is being furnished to all field offices as of possible assistance in identifying Karpis.

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Davis has advised that when he last saw Alvin Karpis he had large scars extending downward below his ears, which scars were the result of an attempted facial operation on Karpis by Dr. Joseph P. Moran. He stated that the scars on the face of Karpis were much more visible than those on the face of Doc Barker. It is known that the scars on Doc Barker are still prominent and it is believed that those on the face of Karpis will still be an aid in identifying him. Volney Davis further stated that the ears of Alvin Karpis originally were without lobes, and that a portion of the flesh was cut on the lower part of the ear, forming lobes. He stated that no doubt scars will show underneath the lobes. Volney Davis had the same operation performed on him and the scars on his ears are still visible. Davis further advised that Alvin Karpis is left-handed and does everything lefthanded with the exception of writing, of which he is not sure. He furnished the further information that an attempt was made by Dr. Moran to lift one of the eyebrows of Alvin Karpis and in doing so he cut the flesh on the hairline of Karpis' head, and that as a result of this cut a scar is now visible under the hairline. Davis does not recall over which eyebrow this scar appears. Davis stated that during the time the cuts on Karpis' face were healing there was a slight change in his facial appearance, but since the threads were removed no visible change in his facial appearance could be noticed with the exception of the scars which resulted therefrom. He also stated that Karpis has

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a very distinct stoop in his shoulders.

In connection with Willie Harrison, Davis stated that Harrison has reddish brown hair with considerable gray in it. It will be noted in the description appearing on Identification Order No. 1239 that Harrison's hair is given as light brown. Davis stated that Willie Harrison has a very ruddy complexion and that the photograph appearing on the Identification Order for Harrison is a good likeness of him with the exception that Harrison was seldom seen without a smile; that he was at all times very jovial; that Harrison wears octagon shaped glasses and is known to be a heavy user of intoxicating liquors. Identical information concerning William Harrison has also been furnished by Clara Gibson.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

RCS:MG

cc-All Field Offices

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

From: Chief Clerk's Office Room 5232

6/8 1935.

To: _____ Director
_____ Mr. Nathan
_____ Mr. Tolson
_____ Mr. Edwards
_____ Mr. Clegg
_____ Mr. Quinn
_____ Miss Gandy
_____ Mr. Egan
_____ Mr. Tamm
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_____ Mr. Tracy
_____ Mr. L. H. Richmond
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_____ Mr. Swenson
_____ Mr. Baughman
_____ Mr. Schilder
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_____ Personnel Files
_____ Washington Field Office
_____ Supply Division
_____ Division of Accounts
_____ Miss Sheaffer
_____ *Mr. Healy*

See Me _____

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W. R. Glavin.

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

6-6-1935.

TO: ☐ Director
☐ Mr. Nathan
☐ Mr. Tolson
☐ Mr. Edwards
☐ Mr. Quinn
☐ Mr. Tamm
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Has St Louis and Cincinnati been
equipped with teletype?

Supervisor.

Room 1103
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

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June 5, 1935

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my telephone conversation of June 4, 1935, with you concerning long distance telephone call made by Gilbert Kaplan from telephone Dearborn 6229, Chicago, to George Brown, a possible contact for the Karpis gang, at telephone number Circle 7-2700, New York City.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent F. J. Kilmartin and me last night, and information set forth was obtained from Mr. Albert F. Miller, Manager; John S. Kloss, Assistant Manager; and E. J. Belleau, Clerk, of the Warwick Hotel. The Warwick has a good reputation and is a rather expensive hotel. It is not a commercial hotel but is more the residential type place. Previous contacts have indicated that the officials and employees are entirely reliable and cooperative.

It was ascertained that George Brown has been stopping at the Warwick since last September or October. He is usually accompanied by Nick Dean who, on one occasion, also registered as Deoni, and William Bioff. One of the group usually registers for the entire party and they merely give Chicago as their address.

Brown, accompanied by either or both of the above named parties, has been stopping at the Warwick for once or twice a month since last fall. He usually stays about a week, although on occasions he has stayed as long as ten days or two weeks. It is believed that he arrives in New York by plane inasmuch as he and his party usually get in late in the afternoon, and most of the good trains from Chicago arrive in New York City in the morning.

The management has been rather curious concerning these parties inasmuch as they are seldom seen and practically nothing is known of their activities, local contacts or associates. The management states they have tried to secure credit cards from these parties

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for the purpose of ascertaining their addresses, references and business connections; that they have declined to furnish the information for a credit card, and always pay their bills promptly in cash. They seem to have a large amount of money and are free spenders; they are never accompanied or seen associating with women. They never receive any mail but receive and make a great many long distance telephone calls. They also send and receive a few telegrams. The only outgoing messages of this nature which the management has noticed or can recall is one addressed by Brown, supposedly to his wife, at some address which is believed to be Oak Park, Illinois.

Assistant Manager Kloss stated that some time ago, due to his curiosity concerning these parties, he went through their apartment while they were out. He stated that there was absolutely nothing in their baggage which might help to identify them. There were no letters, envelopes, scraps of paper, bills, etc., and, according to Mr. Kloss, even identifying marks such as labels had been removed from their clothing and from medicine bottles in the room. Mr. Kloss stated that the only marks of any kind which he found which might help to identify the parties in question were the laundry marks on their shirts.

Brown registered at the Warwick Hotel Sunday, June 2, 1935, with a party who the management does not recall having seen with him before. This party registered for both himself and Brown, using the name Harland Holmden, of Chicago, and they were assigned to Suite 23K.

Desk Clerk Belleau, who seemed to have more information concerning these parties than any of the other members of the management staff, furnished the following description of Brown:

Height:	5' 7" or 8"
Weight:	170 pounds
Build:	Stocky
Complexion:	Dark
Hair:	Dark
Eyes:	Unknown
Age:	40 to 45
Peculiarities:	Dresses conservatively, wears dark clothes Although dresses nicely and acts in a quiet, orderly manner, is a rather tough-looking individual.

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The description of Dean or Deoni, furnished by the clerk, was almost identical with the description of Brown, with the exception that he stated Dean appears to be an Italian.

Clerk Belleau furnished the following information on Holmden:

Height:	5' 9"
Weight:	160
Build:	Slender
Complexion:	Fair
Hair:	Light
Age:	32

Wears small blond mustache; rather a sporty dresser.

Photographs of the various members of the Karpis mob were exhibited to the hotel employees and they were unable to identify any of them.

Mr. Miller, the Manager of the hotel, stated at the time he was interviewed last evening, that all of the records of prior registrations of Brown and his associates, their telephone calls, etc., were locked up in the auditor's office and would not be available until this morning. Arrangements will be made to secure any information from the hotel records which might be useful. Arrangements will also be made to have the hotel management keep representatives of this office fully advised concerning current telephone calls, telegrams, etc.

On the occasion of my investigation at the hotel last evening, it was impossible to examine the effects of Brown and Holmden in their room since they remained in their room during the evening. At the earliest possible moment an examination of their baggage and effects will be made, in their absence, and if deemed advisable, latent fingerprints will be developed from various articles in the room.

An effort is also being made to work out an arrangement whereby an Agent can listen in on any telephone conversations received by or emanating from the room, and, if possible, a dictaphone will be planted in the room.

Arrangements are also being made whereby the hotel management will point out Brown and his associate in order that they might be tailed, for the purpose of ascertaining where they go and who their contacts are.

Very truly yours,

cc: Bureau
cc: Mr. E. J. Connelley, Cincinnati
cc: St. Paul (3)

R. WHITLEY
Special Agent in Charge

Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York City

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June 8, 1935.

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
5745 U. S. Dep't of Justice Building,
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

JUN 8 1935

7-576-6250

This is to confirm telephonic conversation between Mr. Ladd of your office and Mr. Hanson of this office today, at which time Mr. Ladd was advised that an inquiry had been made by the New York office concerning one George Brown, who is stopping at the Warwick Hotel, New York City, and who, in a telephonic conversation on June 4, 1935, with Gilbert Kaplan of Chicago, had mentioned the name of Karpis. FILE

For your information, there is attached hereto a copy of a memorandum prepared for the New York file by myself, recording the telephonic conversation with Special Agent in Charge Purvis of the Chicago office on June 4, 1935; also, a copy of the letter directed from this office to the Chicago office concerning the inquiry that had been made by me last night at the Warwick Hotel. With reference to my memorandum for the file, it might be mentioned that the telephone number mentioned in the second paragraph of the memorandum, namely, Circle 7-2700, is the Warwick Hotel, 65 West 54th Street, New York City. The telephone number mentioned in the penultimate paragraph of this memorandum, namely, Pennsylvania 6-0943, is the number of the International Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Operators Union, 1450 Broadway, New York City.

As Mr. Ladd was advised telephonically by Mr. Hanson, Special Agents George J. Starr and F. J. Kilmartin of the New York office were at the Warwick Hotel today, endeavoring to make arrangements to cover Brown at that Hotel, but it was learned that Brown was checking out at that time for the Hamilton Hotel in Washington, D.C., he having left this address in order that some clothing could be forwarded to him. In view of Brown's leaving for Washington, Mr. Ladd was telephonically advised of that fact, being further informed that inquiry at the Warwick Hotel today resulted in learning that Brown is possibly 6' tall, instead of 5'7" or 5'8" as is mentioned in my letter to the Chicago office of

Wash. field.

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June 5, 1935.

Special Agents Starr and Kilmartin proceeded to the Airport at Newark, N. J. in an effort to determine if Brown was leaving for Washington by airplane, and as Mr. Hanson advised Mr. Ladd, you will be immediately notified if the mode of Brown's transportation is determined, in order that you may be governed accordingly.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Bureau (encl)

E. J. Connelley (Cincinnati) (encl.)

Chicago (encl)

St. Paul (encl)

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New York, N. Y.

June 4, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
Kidnaping

The following information was furnished by SAC Purvis of Chicago by telephone at 5:45 P. M. today:

At 1:30 P. M. a long distance call was made from pay station D-ABORN 6229 to CIRCLE 7-2700, New York City. A party by the name of Gilbert Kaplan was calling a man by the name of George Brown in New York City. The conversation between Kaplan and Brown was mostly in code, in the English language. They seemed to be well acquainted with each other and each understood what the other was saying, although they both used the code. During the conversation, the name Karpis was mentioned, although the person overhearing the conversation could not tell what the connection was. The conversation seemed to indicate the party in Chicago wanted to know what to do about disposing of a "hot" car.

The telephone number in Chicago is listed to the Ogden Grill, 192 North Clarke St. Gilbert Kaplan is the lessee appearing on the records of the telephone company. Gilbert Kaplan runs the Ogden Grill at this address.

In April, 1934, William J. Graham of Reno, Nevada, who is one of the underworld characters in Reno, while passing through Chicago, telephoned to Kaplan. In this connection, reference should be made to report of Agent A. Rosen, New York City, dated April 4, 1934. The telephone call made by Graham while he was in Chicago indicated that they visited the Ogden Grill while they were in Chicago on April 15, 1934.

On January 17, 1935, Tom Falloy, who is now deceased and who was a known contact of the Karpis-Barker gang, called George Brown at New York City at Pennsylvania 0213. On March 5, 1935, a telephone call was made from the Moving Picture Operators' Union, of which Falloy was the head, to George Brown at Circle 7-2700, New York City.

Frank Foster called the same number in New York City from Miami on January 14, 1935. Foster's connection will be noted from the report of Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Jacksonville, dated April 4, 1935.

R. WHITLEY
SAC

7-576-6250

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.

CODE

RAJ:GJ JUNE 1 1935

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CHICAGO

BREKID VOLNEY DAVIS APPREHENDED BUREAU AGENTS CHICAGO TODAY STOP NO
ANNOUNCEMENT BEING MADE PRESENT TIME CONSEQUENTLY TREAT INFORMATION
ABSOLUTELY CONFIDENTIAL STOP NO APPARENT CONNECTION WITH WEYERHAEUSER
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Edward G. Bremer

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
501 Healey Building,
Atlanta, Georgia,
June 4, 1935.

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

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; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases,
I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON,
with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE
EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241;
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
Victim - KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL
FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

In confirmation of my telephonic conversation with
Mr. E. A. Tamm of the Bureau on June 3, 1935, this is to
advise you that Western Union Telegraph Company advised me
that when their Agent at Valdosta, Georgia opened the Valdosta
Office of the Western Union Company at 6 A. M. on the morning
of June 3rd, he found an ink written note under the door which
carried the following message with the request that it be sent
collect: "To ALVIN KARPIS care WESTERN UNION Sacramento Calif
four five eight twelve sundown ELIZABETH MONTGOMERY/SNOWBALL
freight train (Sgd) DON".

In accordance with the suggestion of Mr. Tamm, I
immediately advised the San Francisco Bureau Office of this
information with the request that it arrange to give the
matter immediate attention at Sacramento.

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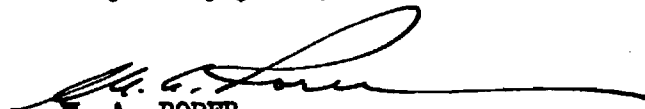
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Special Agent C. A. Whitten is conducting an investigation at Valdosta and will submit a report at an early date.

Very truly yours,


W. A. RORER,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Chicago
St. Paul
Cincinnati
San Francisco

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT ST PAUL.

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT NEW YORK CITY

BREKID VOLNEY DAVIS APPREHENDED BUREAU AGENTS CHICAGO TODAY STOP NO
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Mr. Nathan...
Mr. Tolson...
Mr. Baughman...
Chief Clerk...
Mr. Clegg...
Mr. Coffey...
Mr. Edwards...
Mr. Egan...
Mr. Harbo...
Mr. Keith...
Mr. Lester...
Mr. Quinn...
Mr. Scheidt...
Mr. Schilder...
Mr. Smith...
Mr. Tamm...
Mr. Tracy...
Miss Gandy...

F B OF I CHICAGO 6-5-35 4-25 PM MWC

DIRECTOR

EREKID. FORD COUPE BEARING CHANGED MOTOR NUMBER 1643348 RECOVERED FROM VOLNEY DAVIS IDENTIFIED [REDACTED] AS HAVING MOTOR NUMBER 1618818, 1618818, STOLEN FROM DIXON FRIEDMAN, INC, 124 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET PEORIA ILLINOIS MARCH 26, 1935. UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED BY 4-00 PM TOMORROW CAR WILL BE RELEASED TO THE WESTERN ADJUSTMENT AND INSPECTION COMPANY, REPRESENTATIVES OF SPRINGFIELD FIRE MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR RETURN TO OWNER

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
June 3, 1935.

Time 10:28

MEMORANDUM

Re: Story of activities
of the Barker-Karpis
gang.

Mr. Nathan ✓
Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Baughman ✓
Chief Clerk ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Coffey ✓
Mr. Edwards ✓
Mr. Egan ✓
Mr. Harbo ✓
Mr. Keith ✓
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Mr. Schilder ✓
Mr. Smith ✓
Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Tracy ✓

Mr. Suydam telephoned and stated Mr. George of the A. P. Feature Service wants to write a sort of a summary of the activities of the Barker-Karpis gang; he advised that his data was rather fragmentary and wondered if I could help Mr. George.

I told Mr. Suydam I could give Mr. George a list of those convicted and those for whom we are still looking and if he would come to the office I would be glad to help him.

J. E. H.

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DIRECTOR

SAC ST PAUL

BREKID

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Sharpsburg, Md.

June 4, 1935.

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I desire to thank you for copy recently received
of Uniform Crime Reports which I have read with con-
siderable interest.

I also want to take this opportunity to congrat-
ulate you and your Department upon the arrest of
Volney Davis.

The great work your Department is doing in crime
eradication is certainly showing wonderful results.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jno Kyd Beckenbaugh,
Superintendent,

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Mr. John K. Beckenbaugh,
Superintendent,
Antietam National Battlefield Site,
Sharpsburg, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Beckenbaugh:

Your letter of June 4, 1935, commending the work of this Bureau in connection with the arrest of Volney Davis, was very gratifying and I want to express my appreciation for your kindness in writing me.

I was glad to learn that this Bureau's publication "Uniform Crime Reports" proved to be of interest to you.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

33-1-7384

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO.

FILE NO. 7-22 T.

REPORT MADE AT Birmingham, Ala.	DATE WHEN MADE 6-4-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/28-29-30-31 & 6/1-2-3/35	REPORT MADE BY M. W. MEEKINS
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218-FUGITIVE et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>30 day mail cover placed on all mail and telegrams to 55 N. Lawrence St., Mobile, Ala. Owner of Legion Park Inn, Athens, Ala. not identified as Alvin Karpis. Mail cover 55 N. Lawrence, Mobile shows mail from Birmingham, Ala., Clinton, S. C. and Union, S. C. Victim in WSTA case states she saw Harry Campbell in St. Louis 3-8-35 under name of "Lefty Lewis". She indicated Oram G. Johnson, et al, are kidnapers operating in Chicago, Ill. and Los Angeles, Cal. Dr. William Moran, Chicago, Ill. was contacted by Annette Davidson, suspect, on 3-3-35. Stop order removed on Chevrolet Sedan, motor No. 4543656.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>Report of Sp. Agt. J. S. Kavanaugh, Birmingham, Ala. 5-20-35; Letter from Chicago to Cincinnati office 5-23-35; Report of Sp. Agt. Wm. T. Morton, Nashville, Tenn. 5-29-35; Report of Sp. Agt. V. E. Criss, San Francisco, Cal. 5-22-35.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>Through W. D. Wojohn, Assistant Superintendent of Mails, Mobile, Alabama, arrangements were made to place a 30-day mail cover on all mails, including registered, special delivery, etc., received for delivery at 55 North Lawrence Street, Mobile, Alabama, the same to be forwarded to the Birmingham office as received, suitable addresses for that purpose being left with Mr. Wojohn.</p> <p>Through D. C. Harris, Manager, Western Union, and E. R.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. B. Nathan</i> COPIES OF THIS REPORT		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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Auter, Manager of the Postal Telegraph Companies, Mobile, Ala. arrangements were made to cover the receipt of all messages for delivery to 55 North Lawrence St., Mobile, Alabama, until further advised. In this connection, it appears that Catherine Clyatt, mother of John Russell Moran, 55 North Lawrence Street, Ala. sent by Western Union money order service, and the ransom notes in the instant matter has been forwarded to the Birmingham office. In both of the above arrangements, the appropriate address of the Birmingham office was left with the managers in question.

AT MOBILE, ALA.

Mail tracings on the cover at 55 North Lawrence Street, are as follows:

1. From sister "Gladys" a postcard postmarked Birmingham, Ala. 5-29-35, 9 P.M. to Mr. G. H. Clyatt, 55 North Lawrence St., Mobile, Ala.

2. Letter, without return address, postmarked Union, S.C. 5-28-35, 2 P.M. addressed to Mrs. W. A. Gregory, 55 N. Lawrence St., Mobile, Ala.

3. Letter with return address, postmarked Union, S.C. 5-28-35, 2 P.M. addressed to Mrs. W. A. Gregory, 55 N. Lawrence St., Mobile, Ala.

4. Letter with return address, postmarked dated 5-27-35 addressed to Mrs. W. A. Gregory, 55 N. Lawrence St., Mobile, Ala., and bearing no return address.

For the information of the Charlotte, N. C. office, one John Russell Moran, who is a St. Louis gangster, presently under \$20,000.00 bond in connection with the murder of a witness in the Kelly kidnaping case, is a known contact of Willie Harrison and has recently visited Harrison's girl friend in Chicago. Moran has been under surveillance by Bureau agents and recently sent a telegram to Catherine Clyatt, 55 N. Lawrence Street, Mobile, Ala., requesting that she wire him some money. Subsequent investigation at Mobile, Ala. developed that Catherine Clyatt is the mother of John Russell Moran, and that she was known at one time to have operated a house of prostitution in Mobile. There are living with Catherine Clyatt at the present time three other women all about middle age and none have been identified as being friends of members of the Karpis gang. Investigation conducted as to the identity of senders of mail to that address should be discreet.

The 1934 edition of the Birmingham, Alabama City Directory lists a David and Bertha Clyatt residing at 3119 7th Avenue, and while the sender of the card postmarked Birmingham, Ala. signed the card "Gladys", it is

Catherine Clyatt, and that Gladys was visiting there.

A letter was addressed to the Auto and License Department of the State Tax Commission, Montgomery, Ala. on May 29, 1935, advising that the stop order previously placed on Chevrolet Sedan, motor No. 4543656, serial 1DAC7-49267, be removed, inasmuch as the car had been located.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents F. T. McIntyre, Jr., P. C. Dunne and J. S. Kavanaugh, in accordance with the lead set out in the Nashville report of reference:

AT ATHENS, ALA.

About one-quarter mile north of Athens, Ala. on the Nashville Highway, the Legion Park Inn was located. It was observed by agents that the place was an ordinary combination sandwich shop and gasoline filling station; that it was well kept, neat in appearance, and had been recently painted. Special Agents P. C. Dunne and F. T. McIntyre, Jr., entered the place for the purpose of purchasing a soft drink and candy. While in there they engaged the woman proprietor, who was previously identified as being Karpis, in conversation. She stated that they had been open about three weeks and were having some trouble in getting their place cleaned properly, but that they were enjoying a good business. This woman bore absolutely no resemblance to Alvin Karpis. Her description is as follows:

Age:	33
Height:	5' 5"
Weight:	140 Lbs.
Build:	Heavy
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Dark
Hair:	Dark brown bobbed and combed straight.
Voice:	Slightly masculine.

Other employees and "hangers-on" around the place were observed by agents but none bore any resemblance to any fugitive wanted by the Bureau.

The following information was procured by Special Agent A. J. Lemaire, while questioning Miss Esther May Page, with aliases: Lucretia Cordoz, Lucretia Cardoz, Mrs. Robert J. Burnns, concerning a possible violation of the White Slave Traffic Act. Page stated that while she was walking near the Postoffice in St. Louis, Mo., on or about March 9, 1935, accompanied by one Annette Davidson who purported to be a private detective of that city, a person was pointed out to Page by Davidson named "Lefty Lewis". Page described Lewis as being about 5' 5" in height and weighing approximately 140 pounds. He walked with a distinct limp in his right foot and generally answered the description of subject Harry Campbell. The picture of the subject was shown her and she

stated that Harry Campbell's picture was a very good likeness of Lefty Lewis, who, according to Davidson, was a person who could not be trusted.

Page further stated that Oram George Johnson, who represented himself to be an attorney of St. Louis, Mo., was closely associated with Davidson in his relations to the White Slave Traffic Act violations mentioned above, and that on several occasions she noticed that he had large sums of money on his person. On one occasion in Los Angeles, California, he attempted to cash a \$100 bill at a ticket window in that city. He is believed to own an airplane having twin motors, painted black and white with the stripes running diagonally across the fusilage. Page stated that Johnson also operated a LaSalle Cabriolet with six wheels, and the car was painted a maroon color. This car might have been an Auburn, because it was described by Page as having exhaust pipes projecting out of the sides of the hood.

While in Los Angeles Page stated that Johnson procured some cash at a bank which she believed to be a branch of the State of California Bank located on the corner in the 1700 block either at 48th or 49th Street. She further stated that said branch bank adjoins a curio shop and that there is another bank across the street with a ladies' dress shop on the diagonal corner from the said branch bank. Page believed he cashed a check or might have procured the money from a safety deposit vault box. This occurred during the period March 13-23, 1935.

The following are descriptions of Johnson and Davidson as furnished by Miss Page:

Name:	ANNETTE DAVIDSON
Age:	27-30
Height:	5' 6"
Weight:	130-135 Lbs.
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Blond
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Light - porous
Teeth:	Good
Scars:	Scar on left eyelid
Teeth:	Left upper eye tooth gold capped
Criminal Record:	None known
Last address:	General Delivery, Los Angeles, Cal., and 525 West 20th St.
Name:	Oram George Johnson
Age:	35
Height:	6'
Weight:	160-165 Lbs.
Build:	Slender
Hair:	Brown, turning grey at temples- thin in front.
Eyes:	Blue.

Glasses	Pinch nose type
Complexion	Light
Scars	1" scar recently healed under left eye near cheek bone
Peculiarities	Slightly hunch-backed. Left foot believed to be injured for he walks by throwing toes on this foot outward at nearly a right angle to line of travel.
Criminal record	none known
Last address	General delivery at Los Angeles, Cal. and St. Louis, Mo.

Upon reinterview Page stated that she had thought of a few additional facts which may be helpful in the investigation in instant case. While at Chicago, Illinois on March 3, 1935, she stated that Davidson called a person whom Davidson addressed as Dr. William Moran for an appointment for a treatment, the nature of which she did not know. Davidson told Page that this doctor lived on the North Side of Chicago and had been her family physician for some time. A photograph of subject Joseph P. Moran was displayed to Page but she claimed to have never seen anyone resembling the photo. She never met said Dr. Moran.

Page further stated that she believes that Johnson resides in Des Plaines, Ill. on the southern outskirts thereof, in a large two-story house painted white, which is a gang hideout. No better description or address of the house could be procured.

She also stated that Johnson and Davidson would most likely be found either in Chicago, Des Plaines or Decatur, Illinois. No definite address other than that of E. L. Campbell, 817 West Macou Street, Decatur, Illinois could be procured from her. She believes that Lefty Lewis was at the above address on or about March 2, 1935, and she had reason to believe that E. L. Campbell and Lewis are brothers. No reason could be obtained from Page to substantiate her belief.

Page also informed Agent Lemaire that she is convinced that Robert James Burns is somehow connected with Johnson and Davidson, all of which she believes to be kidnapers or extortionists. She is visibly distracted about something which agent believes she is withholding, and she left Birmingham for her home at Decatur, Illinois for the avowed purpose of proceeding to Chicago and vicinity to procure additional information which will be valuable to the Bureau, and for the further purpose of clearing her name in instant case. She plans to contact the Chicago office, where she will report her whereabouts in that city.

While in Los Angeles on the day Johnson pointed out the place he purported to own, Page stated Johnson and Davidson questioned her concerning her experience as a nurse. She was asked if she knew how to care for children and sick persons. She replied in the affirmative. The reason for these questions

was not disclosed, so Page stated, but she is now of the opinion that Johnson intended for her to attend to kidnapped victims. She believes this for the stated reason that Johnson indicated he would be in the state of Washington until June 1, 1935 on some business, the nature of which she did not know. She surmises that he was referring to the George Weyerhaeuser kidnaping. In the statement of Page taken from her on May 29, 1935, it is significant to note that she informed agent that Johnson intended for her proposed work (contacting prospective white slave victims in Mexico City) to have been completed on or before June 1, 1935.

The airport where Johnson landed, as described by Page, is a small landing field approximately 15 miles from Los Angeles. She stated that they traveled over a paved road to within a short distance of the field. She claims to have perceived a Goodyear Blimp moored at a municipal airport on or about March 21, 1935, which she believes to be situated near the private landing field in a westerly direction from Los Angeles.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

BIRMINGHAM OFFICE at Mobile, Ala. will report the results of the mail cover placed on 55 North Lawrence Street; will keep in touch with D. C. Harris, Manager, Western Union Telegraph Company, and E. R. Auter, Manager, Postal Telegraph Company, for possible information of value.

At Birmingham, Ala. will make a discreet investigation as to the identity and reputation of Charles and Bertha Clyatt, who live at 3119 7th Avenue North.

CHICAGO OFFICE at Des Plaines, Ill., will discreetly determine whether Johnson, Davidson and Burnns are known to the police of that city. It should also be ascertained whether there is a Dr. William Moran living in this city.

At Chicago, Ill., a discreet inquiry should be made among confidential informants, and a search of the police records should be made to determine whether Lefty Lewis, Oram G. Johnson, Annette Davidson, Robert J. Burnns and Dr. William Moran are known in that city.

ST. LOUIS OFFICE at St. Louis, Mo. will make a discreet investigation at the Police Department and through confidential informants to determine the true identity of Lefty Lewis, Oram George Johnson and Annette Davidson. If either of the latter named persons are located it is desired that they be questioned concerning Lefty Lewis if he is identified as Harry Campbell. It should be borne in mind that these two persons are prospective subjects in the white slave case, with Birmingham the office of origin.

It should be discreetly determined whether there is an airport answering the description of the landing field mentioned by Page, and also whether

Johnson or Burnns is known to the officials or attendants of said field.

At Decatur, Illinois, a discreet investigation should be made to learn whether Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Campbell, 817 West Macon Street are related to or acquainted with "Lefty" Lewis, Johnson or Burnns. At the home of Page, at 1063, West Macon Street, a discreet investigation should be made by interviewing Ruth Page, the mother of Esther Page, who has disapproved of her daughter's actions and relations with Burnns and E. L. Campbell. Dr. Magill, the Page family physician, should be contacted to learn from him a history of Esther Page and Burnns and their families. Dr. Magill, according to Esther Page, is a confidential advisor to her mother relating to suitors of Mrs. Page's daughters.

LOS ANGELES OFFICE, at Los Angeles, Cal., will discreetly determine the identity of Oram George Johnson at the branch of the State of California Bank located in the 1700 Block on 48th or 49th street; at the Police Department, and the Rosslyn Hotel where Johnson is believed to have stayed during March 13 to 25, 1935.

CHARLOTTE OFFICE, at Union S.C., will make a discreet investigation as to the sender of the letter to Mrs. W. A. Gregory, 55 North Lawrence Street, Mobile, Ala.

At Clinton, S.C., Postoffice Box 239, will make discreet inquiry as to the sender of the letter to Mrs. W. A. Gregory, 55 North Lawrence Street, Mobile, Ala.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 2118
Detroit, Michigan
June 4, 1935

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telephone communication between Mr. R. E. Newby of the Bureau and Acting Special Agent in Charge J. D. Cunningham of the Detroit office on 6/1/35, and to letter emanating from the Chicago office to the Detroit office under date of May 31, 1935, concerning the unidentified body recovered from the Detroit River which it is thought might possibly be that of Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

On 6/3/35 Special Agent A. A. Muzzey interviewed Dr. Paul A. Klebba, coroner's physician, relative to the teeth of the unidentified body. Dr. Klebba advised, after an examination, that there are present in the mouth of the body a total number of nine teeth, seven in the upper jaw and two in the lower jaw. On the right side of the upper jaw the teeth present were the first and second molars, the right canine and the adjacent incisor. On the left side of the upper jaw there were present the second molar, left canine and left incisor. In the lower jaw there were present the second incisor on the right side and the right lower canine. He further stated that none of these teeth had any fillings or crowns, nor was he able to detect any cavities. He further stated that there was only a slight calculus deposit on these teeth. Dr. Klebba stated that it is not the practice to prepare a dental chart inasmuch as the information as set out above is just as informative.

On 6/4/35 Dr. Klebba was again interviewed by Special Agent A. A. Muzzey relative to fractures of the body. Dr. Klebba stated that it would be almost impossible to determine from the body any fractures of the bones if same were sustained more than three years ago. He further stated that an X-ray examination would not be as good in revealing any fractures of the bones as would a post mortem of the body.

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Dr. Klebba stated that he would very gladly perform a post mortem for the purpose of ascertaining if fractures of the bones were present. However, he stated that before performing this post mortem, he would necessarily have to possess the following information so that he would specifically have something to look for in the post mortem: The date and the nature of the accident involving the fractures of the ribs in the left chest and the fractures of the three fingers on the right hand; a complete medical examination at that time stating how extensive the injuries were. Relative to the bullet wounds, Dr. Klebba stated that he would like to have in his possession the following information: The date of the bullet wounds and the approximate position of same, that is, whether the bullet wounds were in the upper or lower parts of the leg; also, whether the bullets went through the body or were removed from the body.

Dr. Klebba further confidentially advised that he had disarticulated the index and large fingers from the left hand of the body and had transmitted same to Lieutenant Stevens of the scientific laboratory of the Detroit Police Department, and that Lieutenant Stevens had advised him that he was unable to bring out any fingerprint impressions from these digits. However, Dr. Klebba is of the opinion that fingerprints could be brought out in the Scientific Laboratory of the Bureau because of its wonderful facilities and its capable personnel. He frankly stated that Lieutenant Stevens was not a capable person.

Dr. Klebba will gladly disarticulate the remaining fingers and will transmit same to the Scientific Laboratory of the Bureau, providing he is advised as to in what preservative the Laboratory would like them shipped. He further stated that he would gladly perform a post mortem on the body when he was in receipt of the information requested by him, and will also disarticulate any other portion of the body requested of him and transmit same to the Scientific Laboratory.

Detective George Branton of the Homicide Squad, Detroit Police Department, stated that his department has almost given up hope of identifying the body and that no further investigation is being conducted by the Homicide Squad relative to it.

Very truly yours,

D. L. Nicholson
D. L. Nicholson
Special Agent in Charge

AAM:vss
cc Chicago
Cincinnati
St. Paul

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June 13, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases -
Fugitive, I.O. #1218, Et Al.
Edward George Bremer - Victim
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 6,
1935, advising of an interview had by Special Agent A. A.
Murray with Dr. Paul A. Klebba, coroner's physician,
relative to the possible identification of the body which
was recovered from the Detroit River.

The Bureau desires that every effort should be
made to identify this body and, to that end, you are re-
quested to arrange with Dr. Klebba to forward to the Bureau
the remaining fingers of the body preserved in 40% formalde-
hyde.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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June 3d, 1935.

Dept. of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen;---

I would like to have a folder showing the picture of one Alvin Karpis, and his description.

I am a traveling salesman, covering the most of the northern part of the State of Arkansas, and the western end of my territory is in the Ozark Mountains, and on part of my territory, some of the bad men have hid out for some time, and the thought came to me that Karpis might have slipped through the lines, and hiding here.

I am a trusted employe of the J. I. Case Co., an International known Corporation, and my superior officer is Mr. C. C. Lampman, if you wish to write about me, before sending this folder--his address is St. Louis, Mo., % J. I. Case Co., 4260 Forrest Park Blvd.

In case I should happen to find this man, tell me to whom I should report, as I do not believe it best to report to these Sheriff's or Police, for the time being at least.

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Yours very truly,

L. N. FRAZIER,
c/o NOBLE HOTEL,
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June 11, 1935

Mr. L. W. Frazier,
c/o Noble Hotel,
Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 3, 1935, requesting to be furnished with a photograph and description of Alvin Karpis to assist you in identifying this individual should he be found during your travels.

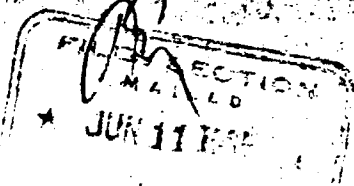
A copy of your letter has been forwarded to Mr. R. L. Shivers, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 500 Rector Building, Little Rock, Arkansas, who will assign an Agent to interview you concerning this matter, and to furnish you with the data requested.

Your offer to assist this Bureau in the location of Karpis is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Little Rock
Cincinnati
Chicago
St. Paul



A large, stylized handwritten signature, possibly "E. A. Tamm", written in dark ink.

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Laboratory Report

June 3, 1935.

Case: Alvin Karpis with aliases -
Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al.;
Edward G. Bremer - Victim;
Kidnaping

Number: 7-576-6120

Specimens: A - 2 pages of sample handwriting of Joe Adams.

B - 8 small slips of yellow paper with blue lines containing
the sample handwriting of Henry Randall.

Examination requested by: Jacksonville Bureau Office.

Date received: May 28, 1935.

Examination requested: Handwriting.

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel

There are differences between the writings of Adams and Randall and the questioned writings of the signature of Leroy Morrison on the certificates of Charles M. Bronson and of Duke Randall which prevent an identification of either of these individuals. They could have written certain of the signatures, but evidence to prove this is lacking and in some instances the writing habits appear to be contrary.

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7-576-6264
Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases -
Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al.;
Edward G. Bremer - Victim;
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

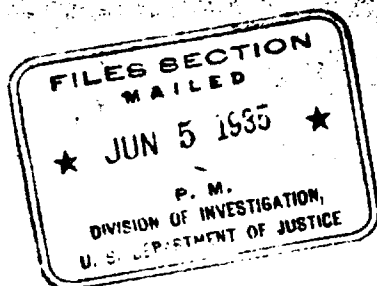
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in
the Division May 28, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure: #589037.

cc-Cincinnati
cc-St. Paul
cc-Chicago



[Handwritten signatures and initials]

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Baughman	
Chief Clerk	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Edwards	✓
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BREKID VON VOLNEY DAVIS ADMITS IN SIGNED STATEMENT CONSTANT ASSOCIATION WITH DOC BARKER FRED BARKER HARRY CAMPBELL, WILLIAM WEAVER, ALVIN KARPIS, SINCE HIS LEAVE OF ABSENCE WAS GRANTED FROM OKLAHOMA STATE PEN. NOVEMBER 3, 1932, UNTIL AUGUST 1934, WHEN HE SEPARATED FROM THE GANG AT SANDUSKY OHIO-ALSO ADMITS ASSOCIATING WITH HARRY SAWYER AND WILLIE HARRISON AND STATES BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH RUSSELL GIBSON, JIMMIE WILSON, OLLIE BERG AND DOCTOR JOSEPH MORAN IN CHICAGO IN SPRING 1934. ADMITS HE WAS LIVING AT 180 LEXINGTON AVENUE ST PAUL ON DATE OF BREMER KIDNAPING BUT STATES HE LEFT THERE JANUARY 18 OR 19, 1934, AT THE INSTANCE OF FRED BARKER AND FRED GOETZ WHO TOLD HIM THE TOWN WOULD BE TURNED UP SIDE DOWN ON ACCOUNT OF THE KIDNAPING WHICH HE KNEW WAS THE BREMER KIDNAPING-THAT AFFTER LEAVING ST PAUL HE CAME TO CHICAGO BY GREYHOUND

BUS AND WENT TO THE APARTMENT AT 6212 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WHERE EDNA MURRAY PAUL HARMON AND WYNONA BURDETT WERE LIVING AND AT WHICH PLACE HARRY CAMPBELL, BILL WEAVER, FRED BARKER AND WILLIE HARRISON VISITED DURING THE THREE WEEKS HE LIVED THERE WITH THE WOMEN. ON JANUARY 18 OR 19 DAVIS CALIMS GOETZ OBTAINED HIS, DAVIS, FORD COUPE IN ST PAUL AND DROVE EDNA MURRAY TO CHICAGO-THAT HE DID NOT SEE HIS FORD COUPE AGAIN UNTIL LATE IN FEBRUARY WHEN HE OBTAINED IT FROM GOETZ AT BERWYN ILLINOIS-THAT HE WAS ADVISED BY FRED BARKER TO GET RID OF THE CAR BECAUSE THERE WAS A LOT OF HEAT ON IT-THAT HE TURNED SAME OVER TO WILLIE HARRISON WHO DISPOSED OF IT FOR HIM AT CALUMET CITY ILLINOIS. STATES HE AND EDNA MURRAY MOVED TO AURORA ILLINOIS IN FEBRUARY 1934-THAT WEAVER AND MYRTLE EATON ALSO MOVED TO AURORA ABOUT THIS TIME-THAT AFTER THE DEATH OF GOETZ HE ACCOMPANIED KATE BARKER AND IRENE DORSEY FROM AURORA TO WILMINGTON ILLINOIS AT REQUEST OF KATE BARKER FOR PURPOSE OF SECURING SOME STUFF WHICH BELONGED TO THE BARKER BOYS AND WHICH HAD BEEN

IN THE POSSESSION OF GETZ AT WILMINGTON-THAT AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL AT WILMINGTON HE AND UNCLE SI IRENE DORSEYS UNCLE REMOVED FROM A CONCRRTTE BOX BURIED IN UNCLE SIS GARAGE ABOUT A 3 GALLON LARD CAN AND A BOX 14 INCHES SQUARE TIED WITH HEAVY CORD-THAT HE, KATE BARKER AND IRENE DORSEY RETURNED TO WILMINGTON AND KATE BARKER AND IRENE DORSEY LEFT WITH THE PACKAGES. HE DENIES KNOWING CONTENTS OF THESE PACKAGES. PRIOR TO HIS MOVING TO AURORA DAVIS STATES FRED BARKER GAVE HIM \$200 IN SMALL DENOMINATIONS PROBABLY FIVES TENS AND TWENTIES-THAT DURING THE TIME HE LIVED IN AURORA FRED BARKER GAVE HIM ON ONE OCCASION \$1500 IN THREE \$500 BILLS- THAT IN AUGUST 1934 FRED BARKER GAVE HIM \$3000 AND ENOUGH MONEY TO BUY A FORD CAR WHICH HE STATES WOULD MAKE A TOTAL OF ABOUT \$5000 WHICH HE RECEIVED FROM TIME TO TIME FROM FRED BARKER. HE STATES THAT FRED TOLD HIM THIS MONEY WAS FOR USE OF HIS CAR MEANING THE FORD COUPE AND HIS TAKING CARE OF THE WOMEN. CLAIMS FRED DID NOT TELL HIM THIS WAS BREKID RANSOM MONEY BUT THAT HE FIGURED IT WAS. ALSO ADMITS SEEING JIMMIE WILSON, OLLIE BERG AND RUSSELL GIBSON AT WEAVERS APARTMENT IN AURORA-ALSO ADMITS VISITING HOME OF OLLIE BERG IN CHICAGO AND SEEING FRED BARKER AND ALVIN KARPIS IN UPSTAIRS ROOM WITH FINGERS BANDAGED-THAT KARPIS ALSO HAD HIS FACE BANDAGED-THAT HE KNEW DOCTOR MORAN HAD MADE AN ATTEMPT TO CHANGE THEIR PRINTS AND HAD OPERATED ON KARPIS FACE-THAT BY ARRANGEMENT MADE WITH DOCTOR MORAN BY HIM, DAVIS, AND DOC BARKER, -DOCTOR MORAN WENT TO TOLEDO HXXX OHIO AND AT HOUSE IN WHICH HARRY CAMPBELL WAS LIVING WITH WYNONA BURDETT OPERATED ON FACES AND FINGERS OF HARRY CAMPBELL AND DOC BARKER AND HIMSELF.

ORRALLY STATES HAS NOT SEEN HARRY CAMPBELL, BILL WEAVER, ALVIN KARPIS AND FRED BARKER SINCE AUGUST 1934. FURNISHES INFORMATION THAT KARPIS THE LAST TIME HE SAW HIM HAD PROMINENT SCARS ON HIS FACE EXTENDING BELOW EARS AS RESULT OF OPERATION-THAT KARPIS IS LEFTHANDED EXCEPT WHEN WRITING-THAT DOCTOR MORAN OPERATED ON KARPIS EARS FOR PURPOSE OF MAKING PROMINENT LOBES-THAT KARPIS HAS A SCAR ON ONE SIDE OF HIS HEAD IN THE HAIR WHICH WAS CAUSED BY EFFORT TO RAISE EYEBROWS. STATES HARRY CAMPBELL LIVED AT CASPER WYOMING AND OPERATED BUS LINE THERE IN ABOUT 1923 AND SERVED TWO YEARS FOR BURGLARY IN WYOMING STATE PEN. BETWEEN 1923 AND 1928. STATES HE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM DOC BARKER ABOUT OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER 1934 THAT CHARLES FITZGERALD HAD DIED IN HOSPITAL IN CALIF. JUST PRIOR TO TIME OF CONVERSATION WITH BARKER-THAT THIS HOSPITAL WAS LOCATED NEAR SAN FRANCISCO AND WAS PROBABLY AT VALLEJO-THAT FITZGERALD APPEARED TO BE OVER 70 YEARS OLD, WAS BALDHEADED, WORE BRACE ON HIS LEFT LEG AND A BUILT-UP SHOE ON LEFT FOOT TO EXTENT OF ABOUT 4 INCHES. STATES THAT DURING SUMMER OF 1933 FRED BARKER, DOC BARKER AND ALVIN KARPIS SPLIT SOME MONEY AT HIS COTTAGE IN LONG LAKE ILLINOIS WHICH HE PRESUMED WAS HAMM KIDNAPING MONEY-THAT THESE MEN ADVISED HIM THAT AFTER MAKING AN EVEN SPLIT THERE WAS \$750 EXTRA WHICH AMOUNT FRED BARKER GAVE HIM. FURTHER STATES IMMEDIATELY AFTER KANSAS CITY MASSACRE VERN MILLER CAME TO HIS HOME AT 219 2ND AVENUE MAYWOOD ILLINOIS PRESUMABLE SENT THERE BY DOC STACEY AS STACEY WAS ONLY ONE WHO KNEW WHERE HE LIVED-THAT T MILLER TOLD HIM AN ATTEMPT HAD BEEN MADE TO DELIVER FRANK NASH FROM OFFICERS AT KANSAS CITY AND THAT HE HAD SECURED HELP OF A GOOD MAN AND ADMITTED THIS MAN WAS PRETTY BOY FLOYD. DAVIS STATES NAME OF ADAM RICCHETTI WAS NOT MENTIONED-THAT HE BELIEVES THE CHEVROLET USED IN

THE MASSACRE WAS DISPOSED OF BY MILLER THROUGH THE ROSE GARAGE AT LAGRANGE ILLINOIS-THAT HE BELIEVES THE CAR WAS TORN UP AND SOLD PIECE BY PIECE. STATES AFTER ESCAPE FROM AGENTS AT YORKVILLE HE LIVED AT PALM APARTMENTS ~~ROCKXXX~~ ROCKFORD ILLINOIS FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 DAYS- THAT HE ALSO VISITED HIS MOTHER AT NEOSHO MISSOURI IN APRIL BUT THAT SHE WOULD NOT PERMIT HIM TO STAY-STATES A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO HIS APPREHENSION HE WAS WITH SOLS-LIBERTY CARNIVAL AT MADISON WISCONSIN LIVING WITH A CARNIVAL WOMAN THERE IN A TENT. STATES CAR HE WAS DRIVING AT TIME OF APPREHENSION IS PROBABLY A STOLEN CAR WHICH HE PURCHASED FROM TONY MARINO FOR \$125. IN VIEW OF INQUIRIES BY NEWSPAPERS DAVIS WILL BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE SECRETLY TO PLANE WHICH WILL LEAVE WITHIN THE HOUR- AGENTS SURAN, WILLIAMS, STEWART, KUHNEL, HEADLEY AND CASSIDY ARE TAKING DAVIS ON PLANE TO ST PAUL. ST PAUL BEING ADVISED. TELEPHONIC INQUIRY OF [REDACTED] INFORMANT, INDICATES POLICE MADE INQUIRY IN NEIGHBORHOOD REGARDING SHOOTING-AM CHECKING THIS FURTHER AND WILL ADVISE. .

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PLEASE INITIAL RECEIPT OF MESSAGE

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW **Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 3, 1935.

Time - 10:50 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis.

Mr. Rorer telephoned from the Atlanta Office and stated that the Western Union at Valdosta, Georgia, this morning found an ink written telegram stuck under the door of the Western Union Office, addressed to Alvin Karpis, care of Western Union, Sacramento, California. This telegram reads as follows: "Four five eight twelve sundown Elizabeth Montgomery snowball freight train". This telegram is signed "Don".

Mr. Rorer said that he is sending a man to Valdosta to get the original of this telegram so that it might be processed for fingerprints, and also to conduct any investigation which might be deemed advisable under the circumstances. He said that he will also telephone the San Francisco Office and give them this information.

I told him that while this appears to be a "crank", the above steps should be taken in any event.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm
E. A. TAMM.

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JUN 7 1935

7-5-1-6266
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUN 6 1935
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Baughman	✓
Chief Clerk	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Edwards	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Keith	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Scheidt	✓
Mr. Schilder	✓
Mr. Smith	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

FILE NO. 7-52

REPORT MADE AT: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE: 6/5/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/22/35	REPORT MADE BY: W. R. LORRY
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Frank G. Trinoski has been acting Postmaster at LaCrosse, Indiana, since 7/18/34. He has lived in LaCrosse for about 20 years and has been chairman of the county Democratic Committee for 16 years. He was formerly a barber. Bears very slight, if any, resemblance to photographs of Dr. Joseph P. Moran.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from St. Louis office, dated May 8, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS: AT LACROSSE, INDIANA</p> <p>LaCrosse is a small town of about 570 people. As a result of discreet inquiries made about the town regarding one Konoski (phonetic spelling of the LaCrosse barber suspected of being "Doc" Moran), Agent ascertained that this former barber's correct name was Frank G. Trinoski. He is acting postmaster at LaCrosse, Indiana, having occupied that position since July 18, 1934. He has lived in LaCrosse for about 20 years, during 16 of which he chairmanned the County Democratic Committee. He is married and lives with his family. Agent spoke to Mr. Trinoski and observed that he bears a very slight resemblance to the photographs of Dr. Joseph P. Moran. He appears to be about 50 years of age and wears gold rimmed glasses. He owns his home in LaCrosse, Indiana.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PENDING</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. A. Quinn</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: Bureau-3 Cincinnati-2 St. Paul-2 St. Louis-2 Chicago-2		<p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">7-576-6267</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JUN - 7 A.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</p> <p>ROUTED TO: ONE STAT SECT. FILE</p>	
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 2, 1935.

Time-6:05 P.M.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Keith.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Scheidt.....
Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Smith.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....
MR

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: Volney Davis

Mr. Purvis telephoned from Chicago and advised that Volney Davis has told them just about everything that he going to tell and that he has a signed statement from Davis.

Mr. Purvis stated that he has already made plans to get Davis out on a plane tonight at one o'clock for St. Paul. Mr. Purvis further stated that he has been successful in keeping it out of the newspapers so far, but just a moment ago, he received a telephone call from the City Press to the effect that there are persistent rumors that Volney Davis is in custody there. Mr. Purvis stated that he thought it would be a good idea to get Davis on a plane within the next hour. In accordance with your instructions to advise Mr. Purvis to use his own judgment in the matter, Mr. Purvis stated that he would get Davis out within the next hour and that it could be done without it becoming known.

An attempt was made to connect Mr. Purvis to Mr. Nathan and Mr. Tamm, but Mr. Nathan was out and Mr. Tamm's telephone was busy.

Respectfully,

C. E. Kleinkauf
C. E. Kleinkauf, *per [signature]*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
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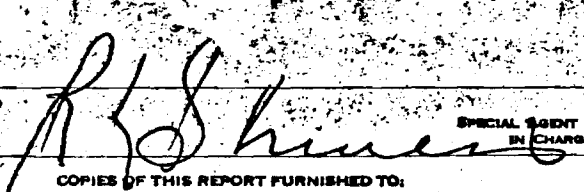

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-2

REPORT MADE AT: Little Rock, Ark.	DATE WHEN MADE: 6/5/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/29/35	REPORT MADE BY: J. R. Calhoun AJM
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218, FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I. O. 1237, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I. O. 1238; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases;			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I. O. 1241; BRUNO PUTAS, with aliases; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Miss Irma Marshall, cashier of Hale Bath House, Hot Springs, Arkansas, was unable to identify photographs of any members of the Barker-Karpis gang as persons who had frequented the place.			
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REFERENCE: Letter from the Chicago office dated May 6, 1935. Report of Special Agent I. W. Duffy, Little Rock, Arkansas, May 2, 1935.			
DETAILS: Photographs of all the members of the Barker-Karpis gang were exhibited to Miss Irma Marshall, cashier of the Hale Bath House, Hot Springs, Arkansas, but she was unable to identify any of the group as being that of a person who had frequented the Hale Bath House.			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-6269	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JUN 7 1935
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JEL:RLM

June 4, 1935.

Time-4:51 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

RE: Alvin Karpis

Mr. Suydam telephoned and stated that he has received several inquiries relative to the story that Alvin Karpis had been apprehended. I advised Mr. Suydam that we could make no comment. I stated that it would be very unwise to start denying every story that comes in because it will be done every day; that we only have a few men left like Karpis, Campbell and Robinson and some of these days we will get one of them that we will want to hold for two or three days; that if we make no comment then, the newspapers will draw their conclusions.

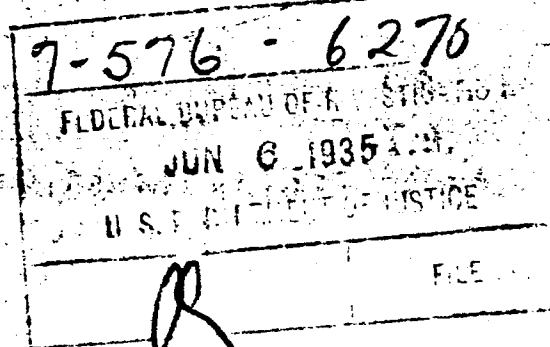
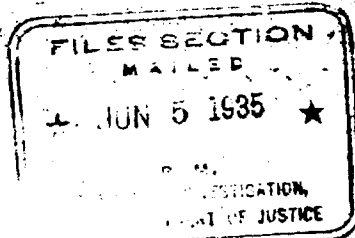
I stated that the story was the result of the newspapers' discovery that a plane landed in Madison two days ago, the plane which was used to take Volney Davis to St. Paul; that they did not know who was in the plane, and as a result this story came out about Karpis.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
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Miss Gandy

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To all SAC

BREKID VOLNEY DAVIS APPREHENDED BUREAU AGENTS CHICAGO TODAY STOP NO
ANNOUNCEMENT BEING MADE PRESENT TIME CONSEQUENTLY TREAT INFORMATION
ABSOLUTELY CONFIDENTIAL STOP NO APPARENT CONNECTION WITH WEYERHAEUSER
CASE

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7-576-6271
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUN 6 1935 A.M.
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

6:25 P
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[Signature]

DATE: JUNE 1, 1935.

The attached telegram is to be sent to the following offices:

Werner Hanni - Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
610 Alameda Ward Hotel Building, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

W. A. Rorer - Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
501 Healey Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

R. B. Nathan - Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
320 Federal Building, Birmingham, Alabama.

C. D. McKean - Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
1002 Post Office and Court House Building, Boston, Massachusetts.

W. L. Listerman - Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
612 Marine Trust Building, Buffalo, New York.

D. H. Dickason, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
302 Federal Building, Butte, Montana.

G. M. Lowdon, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
254 Federal Building, Charlotte, North Carolina.

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

E. J. Connelley - Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
426 U. S. Custom House and Post Office Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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

F. J. Blake - Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
420 Post Office Building, Dallas, Texas.

E. P. Guinane - Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
722 Midland Savings Building, Denver, Colorado.

D. L. Nicholson - Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
907 Federal Building, Detroit, Michigan.

R. H. Colvin, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
1351 First National Bank Building, El Paso, Texas.

H. H. Reinecke - Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
506 Fletcher Savings and Trust Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

R. A. Alt - Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
412 U. S. Court House and Post Office Building, Jacksonville, Florida.

E. E. Conroy, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building, Kansas City, Missouri.

R. L. Shivers, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
500 Rector Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

J. E. P. Dunn, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
617 Federal Building, Los Angeles, California.

V. W. Peterson - Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
1021 Bankers Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

W. A. Smith - Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
508 Medical Arts Building, Nashville, Tennessee.

D. W. Magee - Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
326 1/2 Post Office Building, New Orleans, Louisiana.

R. Whitley - Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403, New York, New York.

D. Brantley - Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

J. A. Dowd - Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
629 First National Bank Building, Omaha, Nebraska.

R. G. Harvey - Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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C. K. Fierstone, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
620 New Federal Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
Chapman Fletcher - Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
518 Securities Building, Phoenix, Arizona.
L. D. Wine - Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
505-a U. S. Court House and Post Office Building, Salt Lake City, Utah.
C. C. Spears, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
411 U. S. Court House Building, Portland, Oregon.
Gus T. Jones, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
1218 Smith-Young Tower Building, San Antonio, Texas.
J. C. Newman - Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
405 Post Office Building, San Francisco, California.
R. E. Vetterli, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
801 Title Guaranty Building, St. Louis, Missouri.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1887
Charlotte, North Carolina

June 6, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

It is requested that this office be furnished with two hundred fifty additional copies of I. O. #1218 on Alvin Karpis.

Very truly yours,

G. N. London

G. N. London,
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. Department of Justice
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
JUNE 5, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

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

There is being transmitted herewith copy of a letter dated June 5, 1935, addressed to Mr. John C. DeCourcy, Attorney-at-Law, Commerce Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, in reference to 1934 Pontiac Sedan, Motor number 1058715, which was formerly the property of Volney Davis, Subject in the above entitled case.

There is also being enclosed a copy of a letter dated May 28, 1935, addressed to Mr. DeCourcy by Mr. Randall Wilson, Assistant United States Attorney, Kansas City, Missouri, advising the former that title to this car has been vested in the United States Government by virtue of an order of the United States District Court at Kansas City, Missouri.

This information is being furnished the Bureau at this time in the event subsequent inquiries are made in regard to the disposition of this automobile.

Copies of the above mentioned letters are being furnished the St. Paul and Cincinnati Offices with copy of this letter.

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Very truly yours,

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

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cc - St. Paul (Encls.)
cc - Cincinnati (Encls.)

JUN 27 1935

copy

Kansas City, Mo.
May 28, 1935

Mr. John C. DeCourcy
Attorney at Law
Commerce Building
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 6th.

The car referred to therein was under and by virtue of an order of court, turned over to the United States Government. Of course this office would be compelled to resist any court action to divest the government of possession of title to this car.

Yours truly,

MAURICE M. MITCHELL
United States Attorney

By-
Randall Wilson, Assistant

RM:DLC

7-576-6273

1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
JUNE 5, 1935.

Mr. John C. DeCoursey
Attorney-at-Law
Commerce Building
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 3, 1935,
in regard to one 1934 Pontiac Sedan, Motor number 1058715.

You are advised that this matter has been placed en-
tirely in the hands of the United States Attorney at Kansas City,
Missouri, as you will note from a letter dated May 28, 1935,
addressed to you by Mr. Randall Wilson, Assistant United States
Attorney, Kansas City, Missouri, at which time you were advised
that the car in question had been turned over to the United States
Government by virtue of an order of the United States District
Court, Kansas City, Missouri.

Accordingly, it is suggested that in the event you desire
any further information in this matter that you communicate
directly with the United States Attorney's Office at Kansas City,
Missouri.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

RPS:os
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cc - Bureau
cc - Cincinnati
cc - St. Paul

REGISTERED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED.

7-576-6273

ELR:ER
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June 6, 1935

**MEMORANDUM FOR DIVISION FOUR
MECHANICAL SECTION**

Transmitted herewith is a memorandum containing data for Apprehension Order No. 343 on Volney Davis, with aliases, Identification Order No. 1237.

The identification data concerning Davis should be withdrawn from the Pocket Identification Orders.

Very truly yours,

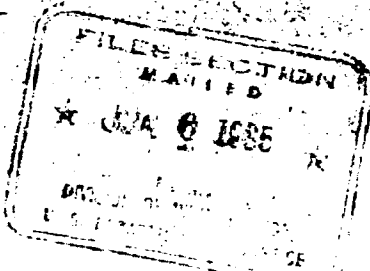
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 6, 1935

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APPREHENSION ORDER
NO. 1237-343

Dear Sir:

Re: VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases: "Curley"
Davis, "Cotton" Davis, E. V. Davis,
J. H. Lockwood, E. E. Lockwood, C. E.
Moore, Jimmie, Curley Moore, Everett
Davis, Curley Hansen, Curley Hanson,
J. E. Hansen, Roy Green; KIDNAPING

Identification Order No. 1237 on the above named subject
is hereby canceled inasmuch as he was taken into custody at Chicago,
Illinois, on June 1, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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June 5th 1935

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W. H. * Jones

Ack 4/15/35
cc - Boston. H. Paul & University
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June 15, 1935.

Mrs. John Downes,
Meredith Neck Road,
Meredith, New Hampshire.

Dear Madam:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 5, 1935, wherein you advise that an individual named William Weaver who is personally known to you might possibly be identical with the William Weaver who is wanted in connection with the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer.

Please be advised that I have referred a copy of your letter to Mr. C. D. McKean, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1002 Post Office and Court House Building, Boston, Massachusetts, who will assign an Agent to interview you concerning this matter.

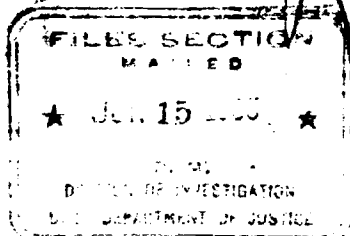
Thanking you for your interest and cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Boston
Cincinnati
St. Paul

(Copy of letter dated June 5, 1935, enclosed with copy of this letter to each field office listed)



A handwritten signature, likely of John Edgar Hoover, written in dark ink.

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FILE NO.

9-37

REPORT MADE AT: KANSAS CITY, MO.	DATE WHEN MADE: 6-5-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4-25-35 to 5-23-35	REPORT MADE BY: J. J. WATERS B
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<p style="text-align: center;">Further inquiries through members of Get Acquainted Correspondence Club and investigation this district relative to former associates of Volney Davis unproductive of information concerning present whereabouts of the latter. Reports of presence in vicinity Topeka, Kansas, of Alvin Karpis apparently unfounded. Stop card on 1934 Buick Sedan, motor #2875177, withdrawn Missouri and Kansas. Temporary wanted notices withdrawn in part, same to be completed. Surveillance of movements of Gladys Sawyer maintained by Bureau Agents, 5-7-35, while en route Omaha. Frances Taylor, former woman companion of Jack Langdon, associate of Volney Davis, interviewed at Federal Institution for Women, Alderson, West Virginia, submits written statement relative to assault on her by Doris O'Connor on 2-5-35, says she will testify against latter on state charges.</p>			
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 4-25-35.

DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent N. O. Scott of the Kansas City office in response to the circular letter forwarded to the various Postmasters throughout the Kansas City district with I.O. #1237 pertaining to any information they may have regarding Volney Davis:

In reply to the above mentioned letter, on 4-1-35 a letter was received at the Kansas City office from Postmaster John A. Jordan of Montrose, Kansas, advising that a man about the age of thirty to thirty-five years had rented a lock box there on 3-8-35 and had given his name as Lee Mallory; that he had never been back since renting said box and that he had received but one letter.

Agent Scott interviewed Postmaster J. A. Jordan at Montrose, Kansas, who advised that Lee Mallory had been in a few days previously and paid twenty-five cents for the rent of a Post Office box until 6-1-35.

Postmaster Jordan stated that he had information that Lee Montrose was working around Jewell, Kansas.

Accordingly, at Jewell, Kansas, Agent Scott interviewed Lee Mallory, who was working on a relief project at Jewell and Mallory readily advised that he was the individual who had rented the said box in Montrose, Kansas, stating that he had rented the box for the reason that he desired to correspond with "an old girl friend," and had used this means in order that his wife would not know of the correspondence.

It was very evident to the Agent that Lee Mallory does not resemble Subject Volney Davis in any way and Mallory was not able to give any information whatsoever regarding Subject Davis.

On 4-15-1935, Special Agent N. O. Scott interviewed Miss Dorene Mayo, 636 Johnstown Street, Salina, Kansas, and was advised that Miss Mayo is a member of the Get Acquainted Club with its headquarters in Denver. Miss Mayo stated that she had received many letters from different people throughout the United States and also numerous photographs. She allowed Agent Scott to examine all the letters and photographs, and it was very evident that she has not been corresponding with Subject Volney Davis under any of his known aliases, especially the alias George Harper, or the alias G. L. Harper. All known aliases of Subject Davis and his complete description were given to Miss Mayo; and she was instructed that should she receive any mail from individuals using any of these names to immediately advise the Kansas City Bureau office. The telephone number and address of the Kansas City office were left with Miss Mayo and she stated she would be very glad to cooperate with the Bureau and would immediately get in touch with this office should she ever receive any information of value in this connection.

On April 25, 1935, Miss Mildred Dixon of Agra, Kansas, advised Special Agent N. O. Scott, that she had not received any letters pertaining to the Get Acquainted Club for several years; that due to the fact she had known Mr. and Mrs. Simpson when she resided in Denver about three years ago, her name had been placed on the list of those sent out as members of this club. All known aliases of Subject Volney Davis were given to Miss Dixon, with Davis' complete description, and she advised that she would be very glad to cooperate with the Kansas City Bureau office, stating that should she receive any mail from any individuals using any of these aliases, she would contact this office. Accordingly, the telephone number and the address of the Kansas City office were left with Miss Dixon by Agent Scott.

Miss Stella J. Blackwell, whose address was given as Delvale, Kansas, but who resides at Clayton, Kansas, she being employed at teaching school in Delvale, was interviewed by Special Agent N. O. Scott. She stated that she had only received two letters in the last four months from members of the Get Acquainted Club, and she was quite positive that neither one of these letters was from Subject Davis under any of his aliases. Miss Blackwell advised that she had destroyed these letters; that, in fact, she had decided to not correspond further with members of this club. All known aliases of Subject Davis and his complete description were given to Miss Blackwell, as were the address and telephone number of the Kansas City office. She advised Agent Scott that should she receive any mail from any of the names as shown by these aliases, she would immediately get in touch with the Kansas City office.

Reference is made to memorandum submitted by Special Agent R. P. Shanahan dated 3-21-35, listing names of various women residing throughout the Kansas City territory recently furnished to Subject Volney Davis under the alias of George Lawrence Harper by a matrimonial agency in Denver, Colorado, known as the Get Acquainted Correspondence Club.

On April 22, 1935, Special Agent A. J. Norstrom contacted Miss Evelyn L. Melton, Meriden, Kansas, who advised that she had never received mail from anyone by the name of George L. Harper, and, as a matter of fact, had only received two letters through the Correspondence Club, both of them from parties residing on the West Coast. Miss Melton, however, advised that in the event she received any communications she would advise the Kansas City Bureau Office immediately, by telephone.

Mrs. Etta R. Lash, 523 North 14th Street, Sabetha, Kansas, was likewise contacted, and she advised she had never received any communication from George L. Harper, Raytown, Missouri, and had not corresponded with anyone through the Correspondence Club since last Fall. Mrs. Lash stated in the event any communication is received by her from George L. Harper she will immediately telephone the Kansas City Bureau Office.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. A. Dietz:

On 4-23-35 by long distance telephone Agent was contacted by Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan, who advised that [REDACTED] had contacted him by telephone and stated that Volney Davis was at the present time driving into Wichita, Kansas, in a Ford V-8 Coupe with Missouri license tags on it. Mr. Nathan had no further information that he could give on this matter and requested Agent to contact the Wichita, Kansas, Police Department through Chief of Police O. W. Wilson and make a check on all V-8 Ford Coupes with Missouri license tags on them. Mr. Nathan specifically stated that the name of the informant was not to be given and that under no circumstances was the identity of the person involved to be disclosed to those other than Chief Wilson and those whom he felt it would be necessary in order to carry out the request. He advised that he wished all V-8 Ford Coupes carrying Missouri tags, in Wichita, be located and that these license numbers be transmitted to him to be checked through the office at Kansas City, and that under no circumstances was anyone to be trailed or any suspicion aroused. b7c b7d

Agent contacted Chief of Police O. W. Wilson and advised him of the facts, requesting that the license numbers on all V-8 Ford Coupes with Missouri license tags be noted and reported to him. Chief Wilson was advised of the fact that it was suspected that Volney Davis was driving a car answering this description and that all that was wished were the license numbers on these cars and that no party should be trailed nor any person picked up for suspicion. Chief Wilson advised that in order to carry out this request he felt that Captain Ray Ashword, Lieutenant DeWitt and Lieutenant Murrell should be advised of the facts. The aforementioned persons were advised of the facts and instructed their officers to get the license numbers and did not divulge the purpose of the mission nor the identity of the person being sought.

The following 1935 Missouri license were noted by the officers of the Wichita, Kansas, Police Department, and were checked as to the identity of the owners at the Kansas City Bureau office by Special Agent W. E. Miller:

174-700	Owner - C. G. Wilson, Geiger Apartments, St. Joseph, Missouri.
365-216	Owner - Robert C. Chattin, 5049 Wyandotte Street, Kansas City, Missouri.
40-776	Owner - Employers Liability Insurance Company, Federal Reserve Bank Building, Kansas City, Missouri.

410-669 Owner - Simmons Saw and Steel Company, St. Louis,
Missouri.

385-989 Owner - Alice Salmons, Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

28-703 Owner - Otto Leasing and Holding Company, 3540 Washington
Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

39-978 Owner - Atlantic Commission Company, 305 Produce Exchange,
Kansas City, Missouri.

147-757 Owner - E. M. DeMaree, Route #4, Nevada, Missouri.

The check made revealed no reason to believe that Volney Davis was driving any of the aforementioned case and on 4-29-35 Agent was requested by Special Agent in Charge Nathan to cease further check on automobil licenses. This request was in turn communicated to Chief of Police O. W. Wilson by Agent.

On 4-29-35 Special Agent H. A. Dietz contacted Postmaster Arthur G. Long; Mr. Smith, Assistant Postmaster, and Miss Nellie Frisbie, postal clerk, at Kingman, Kansas, in response to an answer they had forwarded to the Kansas City office on its mimeographed letter of 3-26-35 pertaining to Volney Davis. They advised that George Berrymore and Orville Shrepel had rented Post Office Boxes #74 and #82 from 1-1-35 to 3-30-35, neither of them having renewed their subscription after that time. Berrymore later proved to be a local man who had been in the community for a good number of years. Shrepel turned out to be a salesman for an unknown motor company dealing in tractors. His description was given as twenty-five years old, five feet eleven inches, brown hair and medium complexion, slender build. This description obviously does not answer that of Volney Davis, and upon showing them photographs of this Subject they said there was no resemblance whatsoever.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent F. L. Welch:

On 3-5-35 the Kansas City Bureau office received a letter from H. D. Poe, Commander, Reserve Police Corps, Excelsior Springs, Missouri, to the effect that a "cooling off spot" was believed discovered a short distance outside of Excelsior Springs and wanting to know if the Kansas City Bureau office missed catching a woman in Kansas City about a week prior to 3-4-35, inasmuch as this woman, accompanied by an Italian, got off a bus at Excelsior Springs, Missouri, and was overheard to say that she had to scam out of that place, meaning Kansas City, Missouri.

On 5-7-35 Mr. Poe informed the writer that this "cooling off place" was about one-half mile south of Excelsior Springs on highway #10 and is merely a small stucco house owned by a party named Blackburn. He stated that his reason for believing that this residence was used as a "cooling off spot" was twofold: First, because he had heard that Blackburn had some time prior lost a large sum of money to some "con" men at the Royal Hotel, Excelsior Springs; that these "con" men were later caught, but he refused to prosecute them, which made him appear suspicious. His second reason was because the woman and Italian, referred to in his letter of 3-4-35, after getting off the bus at Excelsior Springs, went to this residence.

Mr. Poe stated that some of the local officers and himself had made several trips past this house, but have seen nothing else to make them suspicious of the place and that if he obtained any additional information concerning the place which he thinks would be of interest to the Bureau, he will send the same to the Kansas City office. Mr. Poe was unable to furnish any description of the woman seen to get off the bus at Excelsior Springs about one week prior to 3-4-35.

Mrs. Elizabeth Anne Langsen, Box #418, Excelsior Springs, Missouri, whose name was furnished to Subject Volney Davis under the alias of George Lawrence Harper by a matrimonial agency in Denver, Colorado, as shown by the memorandum of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, dated 3-21-35, could not be located at Excelsior Springs, Missouri. Inquiry was made at the Post Office, the Police Department and some of the hotels but no one contacted knew her. The name Langsen is not listed in the Excelsior Springs telephone directory.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent N. O. Scott, Kansas City, Missouri, on May 8, 9, 10 and 13, 1935.

Reference is being made to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Kansas, City, dated 5/20/35. b7c b7d

Detective Phillips of the Independence, Missouri, police Department was contacted by this Agent who advised that his informant, [redacted] had been to Joplin with Agent Bryce and Agent Brightman only a few days prior to this Agent's interview with him. He further stated that he had not seen [redacted] for several days, but the last time he did see him, [redacted] advised him that he understood I told Jackson and Blackie Doyle were alleged to be in St. Joseph, Missouri. Phillips stated that he would contact [redacted] in the near future and obtain all the information possible regarding these two parties, especially to ascertain if Subject Volney Davis has been visiting with them, and that he would advise this office as soon as possible whereby he and [redacted] with Agents from the Kansas City Bureau office might proceed to St. Joseph, Missouri, in order to ascertain if any of Subjects were in that city.

It will be noted in the last paragraph of page 35 of reference report that [redacted] had advised that Mitchell, which is an alias of Spike Lane, had been running around with a girl by the name of Doris, last name unknown, who is alleged to have been living at the Chase Hotel.

This Agent ascertained the information that a party by the name of Doris Hulse was residing at the above hotel. Miss Hulse was interviewed by Agents Shanahan, Norstrom and the writer. She advised that she had only been in Kansas City for two weeks and had been living at the Chase Hotel since her arrival. She further stated that her home was in Wichita, Kansas, and she had proceeded to Kansas City, Missouri, from St. Joseph, Missouri. All photographs of Subjects in instant case were exhibited to Miss Hulse and it was very evident that she was unable to identify any of them. It was also very evident that she was not acquainted in any way with any Subjects or their aliases in the above case and was unable to give any information regarding Subjects in this case.

Miss Margaret Schroeder who is a waitress in the Pickwick Hotel Coffee Shop, and who resides at the Cortez Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, and who is known very well by this Agent, advised that she had lived for six months at the Chase Hotel, from October, 1934, to March, 1935, and although she was not very well acquainted with the occupants of the hotel, she did state that she had never heard of anyone by the name of Doris. All photographs of instant case were exhibited to Miss Schroeder with negative results. For the information of the Kansas City Bureau office, it will be noted here that Miss Schroeder would probably make an excellent informant as to parties living at the Cortez Hotel and also at the Chase Hotel at present, as she has always been very cooperative with this Agent and is very reliable. Further, that she has a girl friend who is at present living at the Chase Hotel and it is this Agent's belief that she will furnish any information possible to the Kansas City Bureau office regarding Subjects in this case.

L. G. Wetzel, Manager of the Chase Hotel and Mrs. Carmel Miller, switchboard operator, were interviewed by this Agent who exhibited all photographs of Subjects in instant case and also inquired from them as to any of

Subject's aliases. Mrs. Miller advised this Agent that the only Doris that was registered at the hotel was Miss Doris Hulse, who came in along about April 20, 1935. Miss Miller further stated that she knew very little about Miss Hulse, nor did she know anything about any parties that she was keeping company with. She further advised this Agent that Miss Hulse had been ill in bed for the past few days and was being attended by Dr. C. A. McCormick. It was very evident that neither Mr. Wetzel nor Mrs. Miller could identify any photographs exhibited to them, nor were they able to give any information of value.

Dr. C. A. McCormick, 1306 Bryant Building, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that he was called to see Miss Hulse on two occasions; that she stated to him she had hurt her back, but it was very evident to him that she had been out on a couple of drunks and was just recuperating from them. He further advised that he knew very little about Miss Hulse or her associates. Photographs of Subjects in instant case were exhibited to Dr. McCormick with negative results.

In regard to the last paragraph on Page 27 of reference report, it will be noted that Spike Lane had purchased an automobile in the name of Jess B. Swearingen and further that he had purchased this car from the Hillard Motor Company through their salesman Mr. Miller.

Mr. H. E. Miller, who is Manager of the Hillard Motor Company, located at 6813 Independence Road, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that he had been connected with this organization for the past eight years and that he had lead the field in this section selling Chrysler and Plymouth cars.

It was very evident to this Agent that the following information obtained from Mr. Miller was given in a very cooperative manner as he showed his desire to cooperate with the Bureau 100%, advising that he had been stuck up twice himself and was very anxious to cause the apprehension of any Subjects in instant case.

All photographs of Subjects were exhibited to Mr. Miller and he immediately identified Otto Jackson, #22596, stating to this Agent that Jackson had visited his place of business a number of times last winter. He further advised that he especially remembers Jackson on one occasion when he came into his office and used the phone for about five or ten minutes. Mr. Miller stated that he did not know who Jackson was, as the only name he had ever heard him called was Johnnie. Mr. Miller further advised that he was positive Jackson was an associate of Spike Lane and he had seen them together at the Van Horn Inn. He further advised this Agent that since Spike Lane had been picked up by the Bureau, which was along the first of February, 1935, that he has not seen anything of Jackson. Mr. Miller stated that Spike Lane had purchased these cars from him in the name of Jess Swearingen, due to the fact that Swearingen was a brother-in-law and had a very good credit rating, but that Lane's credit was no good. He further advised that outside of this reason, he could not say why Swearingen allowed Lane to purchase the cars in his name. Mr. Miller further stated that he only knew Lane in a casual way, having seen him around that section of the City quite a few times and knew that he was no good and was always getting into some kind of trouble.

As to Lloyd Doyle, alias Blackie Doyle, #25010, Miller advised that his photograph is very familiar and he is most positive that he has seen this person

in company with Lane and Jackson at different times, but that he could not positively identify the photograph of Doyle. Mr. Miller further advised this Agent that he would be only too glad to keep a strict lookout for Jackson and Doyle and should he see them that he would advise the Kansas City Bureau office immediately.

As to Subject Volney Davis, Mr. Miller stated that he is positive he has never seen this party in company with Lane, Jackson or Doyle.

This Agent called at the residence of James B. Swearingen, who is located at 3519 Fremont Street, Kansas City, Missouri, which is really in Leeds, Missouri, and Swearingen was not at home. However, his oldest daughter, Anna Swearingen, was interviewed by this Agent who advised that her father, James B. Swearingen, was married to Spike Lane's sister; that Lane's sister, however, was not her original mother, but was her stepmother. She further advised that Spike Lane has a daughter about three or four years old who stays at her father's home, advising that she has not seen Spike Lane for about six months, due to the fact that she works from five o'clock in the afternoon until midnight, but she does know that he has been out to her father's home on numerous occasions in order to visit his daughter. Miss Swearingen further advised that she had never seen anyone in company with Subject Lane and was unable to identify any photographs of Subjects in instant case. This Agent called several times later in order to interview Swearingen, but he could never be found at home.

With reference to the memorandum of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, dated 3-21-35, Miss Helen Cobrook, Excelsior Springs, Missouri, on 5-13-35, informed Special Agent F. L. Welch that the name Mrs. Elizabeth Anne Langsen was a fictitious name sent to the Get Acquainted Club, Denver, Colorado, by Anna Belle Netherow over a year ago when Miss Netherow was living with Miss Cobrook at Excelsior Springs, Missouri; that Anna Belle Netherow left Excelsior Springs, Missouri, more than a year ago; that she is now married to Robert Brass and resides at Palmer, Massachusetts.

Miss Cobrook stated that there was no reason for Mrs. Brass to send the fictitious name to the correspondence club other than to keep from using her real name in this type of correspondence; that she had seen practically every letter Mrs. Brass had received while living at Excelsior Springs, Missouri, and was sure that none had been received from anyone named George Lawrence Harper. Miss Cobrook stated that some letters still come to Mrs. Brass at Excelsior Springs, Missouri, under the name of Elizabeth Anne Langsen, which she immediately forwards to Palmer, Massachusetts; that Mrs. Brass was a very good friend of hers and that she would write her to the effect that if she ever received any letter signed George Lawrence Harper to immediately get in touch with the Boston Bureau office.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent V. I. Parry, Kansas City, Missouri, on 5-6;7;11-1935:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Kansas City, 3-20-35, wherein is set out several telephone numbers and addresses found on cards in the apartment of Spike Lane. Previous investigation has been made with reference to some of these numbers, and results thereof set out in the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, dated 4-25-35; with particular reference to the telephone number, Harrison 4656, followed by the name "Gertie." The Reverse Telephone Directory in the Kansas City office disclosed that this number was issued to Charles Zehn Company, 521 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri. This company is the manufacturer of sheet metal products and only employs two men. Mr. Zehn, the owner, was interviewed and stated that he had hired no girls at his place for over four or five years, and that none of his employees went by the nick-name of Gertie. To the best of his knowledge, there has been no one receiving telephone calls at his office, other than the workmen employed by him, and he was unable to account for the fact that his telephone number had been found on a card in anyone's possession. He stated that he very frequently received telephone calls for the Kansas City Bird Store, whose telephone number is Harrison 4657; and note should be taken of the fact that another card found in the apartment of Spike Lane contained the number Harrison 4657 followed by the name Gertie.

With reference to the latter telephone number, it was found that it belonged to the Kansas City Bird Store, 1323 Main Street, Kansas City, Mo., which business is owned by Ralph Harding, an attorney, who has his office in the store. Harding is a criminal and divorce lawyer, and when contacted advised that he had a girl by the name of Gertrude Clark employed in his bird store and that she has been employed by him for the past five or six years. He described this girl as being reliable and trustworthy in her work about the store, but stated that for the past four or five months, she had been running around at night clubs and had even taken to bringing liquor into the store to drink; that he was very much against this practise and two or three times had cautioned this girl about her drinking and running around at night. Mr. Harding stated that he would be very willing to have Agent interview Gertrude Clark at his office.

Accordingly, the following day, Special Agent Parry, accompanied by Special Agent W. John McNulty, interviewed Gertrude Clark in the office of Ralph Harding. Miss Clark was at first very unwilling to answer any questions concerning any of the parties she had been running around with at night, and when shown the pictures of the Bremer suspects and their local Kansas City connections, namely - Spike Lane, Otto Jackson,

John Langdon and "Blackie" Doyle, advised that she could not identify any of them in any way. However, she stated that she had frequently visited the night club at 3407 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, which place has previously been shown as a hangout for Spike Lane, Otto Jackson and "Blackie" Doyle. In spite of the fact that she had frequented this night club, she still denied ever having seen any of the above mentioned parties at that place. Miss Clark finally admitted, however, that she had visited the Three Little Pigs Night Club sometime last fall, and while there had been introduced to Spike Lane and had had several dances with him. She also stated that she believed that she had met Otto Jackson at this time and at that place. Further, she would give no reason why she had not identified the pictures of these men when first shown to her, and it was evident that her reason in not identifying them was that she was afraid her connection with these parties would be brought to the attention of Mr. Hardind and result in her dismissal. She stated that she could not even remember having given Spike Lane her phone number, but admitted that she was frequently under the influence of intoxicating liquor and to such an extent that she might have done so and forgotten about it, and it is undoubtedly in such a manner that the phone number Harrison 4657 and the name of Gertie came into possession of Spike Lane.

With reference to telephone number Grand 2846 and the name Roland found on one of the cards mentioned above, it was ascertained from Bert Haycock, Special Agent of the Bell Telephone Company in Kansas City, Missouri, that this number was an unlisted one and was issued to 1318 Admiral Boulevard, the apartment on the first floor, east; that it was under the name of the Rinard Rental Company. Investigation at that address by Special Agent Parry and Special Agent R. P. Shanahan disclosed the fact that this was the apartment of the building manager, Rolla Wade. The similarity between the name Roland and Rolla was noted, and it was decided that inasmuch as Wade was the apartment manager to openly interview him in regard to his telephone number and name being found in the apartment of Spike Lane.

Wade upon being interviewed advised that he was working in the Parts Department of the Ford Assembly Plant, Kansas City, Missouri, and had been working there for approximately eighteen months; that he had been married about three years and has a baby about three months old. He also advised that he was an ex-convict from Jefferson City, Missouri, having been sent up two times; once, for manslaughter, for which he had received a sentence of 1-10 years, and the second time for assault with intent to kill, for which he had received a sentence of two years, and had served a year and a day before being released. He stated that both these convictions were due to his association with other parties and were in no way a result of any of his own acts other than the association. He stated that he did not

know any of the parties previously mentioned as being connections of the Bremer suspects in Kansas City, other than having read in the paper of the arrest of Spike Lane and having seen him about town on several occasions at various night clubs.

Reference is at this time made to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Kansas City, Missouri, dated April 25, 1935, and particularly to page 26 of that report, wherein Agent D. A. Bryce of the Kansas City office interviewed Mrs. Jeannette C. Nelson of 2636 Paseo, Kansas City, Missouri, and found that one Leota Winsatt had been living with one Charles Enoch. Wade advised that he was a friend of Charles Enoch and had known him for sometime previous to his sentence to the penitentiary, and that since Enoch's sentence to the penitentiary, he had called on Enoch's wife in company with his own wife. He advised that his connection with Enoch was the only possible way he could conceive of his telephone number and name having been in the possession of Spike Lane.

Mr. Wade could furnish no other information, but advised that inasmuch as he frequently visits various night clubs, he might be in a position to inform the Kansas City office if he saw any of the men whose pictures had been shown to him. He was furnished the address of the Kansas City Bureau office, in the event he is in position to furnish such information.

On Sunday morning, May 5, 1935, the Indianapolis Bureau office by telegram requested a check of the name, reputation, owner Ford Coupe Missouri License 65811.

Special Agent V. I. Parry, who was in the office at that time, endeavored to contact the Missouri State Auto License Bureau at Jefferson City, Missouri, by telephone but because of the fact that it was Sunday, the office was closed. However, the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, Auto Theft Division, informed Agent Parry that the above mentioned license had been issued at Clayton, Missouri. Accordingly, under instructions of Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy, the St. Louis office was informed by telegram of the contents of the wire from the Indianapolis office and requested to handle the investigation, inasmuch as Clayton, Missouri, is in the territory of the St. Louis office; copy of the telegram sent the St. Louis office was forwarded to the St. Paul and Indianapolis offices and Mr. Connelley at Cincinnati and the Bureau.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent N. O. Scott:

J. V. Andicott, clerk, Veterans Hospital, Excelsior Springs, Missouri, called at this office on 5-15-35 and advised that on 3-23-35 a Veteran was discharged from the hospital in Excelsior Springs, Missouri, by the name of Vollie L. Davis; that this party gave his forwarding address as R.F.D. #5, Fulton, Missouri.

Andicott stated that he had recently noticed that the Government wanted Subject Volney Davis and as this name was very similar to Volney Davis, he thought he would give this information to the Bureau for whatever value that it may be.

On 4-18-35 an article appeared in the Kansas City Times indicating that a search was being made by local police for Alvin Karpis, it having been reported that a man resembling him had been seen driving a motor car eastward from Topeka, Kansas. Special Agent A. J. Norstrom of this office made the following investigation in connection therewith:

Upon telephonic instructions from Special Agent R. B. Nathan, the writer contacted Chief of Detectives Wayne Horning, Topeka, Kansas, Police Department on 4-18-35 with reference to the report that Alvin Karpis had been seen in Topeka on 4-17-35.

Mr. Horning advised that a driver for the Yellow Taxi Company, Topeka, Kansas, had reported that he had picked up a man about 9:30 A.M., 4-17-35, at 6th and Quincy Streets, Topeka, Kansas, and had driven him five miles south on U. S. Highway #75, where he was met by another man in a light blue 1935 Buick Sedan with foreign license plates. The cab driver had stated that his passenger had stopped at a filling station on 6th and Monroe Streets and picked up a black satchel before starting on the drive. He was poorly dressed, extremely nervous, and looked like Alvin Karpis, according to the cab driver. Horning said, Squads from the State Highway Patrol, Sheriff's office and Police Department were sent out highway #75 but were unable to find this car. It was reported later at Emporia, Kansas, but was lost again.

William Gaynor, driver for the Yellow Cab Company, was contacted and he advised that he was the person Horning spoke of as the cab driver. He advised he picked up this passenger on 6th and Quincy Streets, Topeka, Kansas, and drove him to 6th and Monroe Streets where he picked up a black bag at a filling station. He instructed Gaynor to drive out U. S. Highway #75 south about five miles. They came upon a side road off the highway where a 1935 blue Buick 40 Sedan

was parked. The meter registered a fare of 65 cents, but the cab company asks a double fare for trips outside the city. The passenger refused to pay the \$1.30 demanded but gave Gaynor 65¢ and then drove off south on highway #75, alone. There was no one in the car, either when Gaynor drove up to it. Gaynor reported the matter to the cab starter, who reported the incident to the Police Department. He was then shown five photographs by the detectives and picked out one photograph more nearly resembling his passenger than the rest. This photograph proved to be of Alvin Karpis.

He described his passenger as about 40 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches in height, weighing 135 pounds, thin face, extremely dark complexioned, possessing a deep gruff voice, well dressed and wearing smoked glasses.

Gaynor said at no time did he get a good look at the passenger.

R. L. Purdy, filling station attendant at the Fairbanks-Mills Company, 6th and Monroe Streets, advised that he had been approached by the stranger who asked to leave his black satchel and overnight bag at the station. He talked with him for ten or fifteen minutes and the stranger left, reappearing a few moments later in Gaynor's cab. Purdy said that no one had approached him for an identification, but he did not believe the cab passenger resembled Karpis in any detail. He stated he weighed at least 185 pounds, was about 6 feet 1 inch in height, spoke with a deep gruff voice and was about 40 years of age, dark complexioned, with black hair and graying temples. Purdy said that he was exceedingly well dressed and very polite. He was shown a strip photograph of Karpis and was at a loss as to how members of the Police Department could believe this man to be Karpis as there was no resemblance he said. Purdy said he was quite sure of his description in that the passenger was much taller and heavier than he and he advised he weighs 160 pounds and is 5 feet 9 inches in height.

Gaynor also failed to recognize a strip photograph of Karpis as resembling his passenger.

On the night of 4-24-35 Sheriff Dean Rogers of Topeka, Kansas, called this office and requested assistance in the apprehension of one Andy Yocum, a former bootlegger and resident of Topeka, Kansas. Yocum had been taken into custody by State authorities at Topeka, but had been released on bond. Sheriff Rogers advised that steps were being taken by Major Wint Smith of the Kansas State Highway Patrol to examine a safety deposit box of Yocum, said examination to be made on the morning of 4-25-35. Sheriff Rogers and Major Wint Smith seemed to be of the opinion that Yocum was a contact for Karpis, it being noted that Karpis spent considerable portion of his youth at Topeka.

Previous to the above referred to telephone call Mr. Nathan had talked with Rogers and latter to Special Agent B. P. Baldwin of this office who at the time was conducting an investigation at the National Bank at Topeka. Agent Baldwin advised Special Agent in Charge Nathan that it was probable that the opinion of Sheriff Rogers and Major Smith relative to Yocum being a contact man for Karpis was groundless.

On 4-25-35 Sheriff Rogers again called Mr. Nathan stating that an additional warrant had been issued for Yocum; that he had been taken into custody at which time he had in his possession approximately \$6,000.00, including three bills of \$1,000.00 denomination. The numbers of these bills were furnished by Sheriff Rogers and are as follows:

J-00010666 A
J-00000505 A
J-00010667 A

Inquiry by Special Agent M. Kramer of this office at the Federal Reserve Bank at Kansas City showed that bills J-00010666 A and J-00010667 A were shipped 1-3-35 to the Central National Bank, Topeka, Kansas.

On 4-25-35 there was received at the Kansas City office a letter from Frank Stone, Jr., Assistant Director of the State Highway Patrol of Kansas, with which was transmitted a list of the numbers on the bills found on Yocum when he was taken into custody. These bills were of \$1,000.00, \$100.00, \$50.00, \$10.00 and \$20.00 denominations and were compared by this Agent with the ransom lists in the Urschel, Bremer, Lindbergh, Hamm and Stoll kidnaping cases, as well as the recent kidnaping at Havana with negative results.

A wire was received from the Bureau on 4-26-35 confirming the information previously in possession of this office, requesting that Yocum be interviewed. Accordingly, this Agent proceeded to Topeka and with Special Agent R. P. Baldwin requested Andy Yocum to voluntarily accompany the Agents to Agent Baldwin's room at the Kansan Hotel at Topeka for questioning. Yocum, who was unarmed, readily volunteered and this Agent submitted the following memorandum in connection therewith. It is the opinion of this Agent and Agent Baldwin that Yocum has no underworld contacts of importance and that he is a petty bootlegger operating in and about Topeka.

With reference to the information furnished by Major Wint Smith concerning Anderson Yocum, alias Andy Yocum, who, Major Smith alleged, was a contact of Karpis, the above official was interviewed by Agents Baldwin and Waters on 5-1-35. At that time he had no definite information tending to show any connection between Karpis and the others wanted in the Bremer case with Andy Yocum.

He stated he was convinced that Yocum was engaged in disposing of "hot" money or bonds, or was receiving money for providing hideouts or contacts for hoodlums.

Major Smith further advised that a close friend of Andy Yocum is E. Ross Price, who is in the automobile business at Topeka. It was through Price that one O'Brien, who was a fugitive as a result of the investigation in the National Bank of Topeka, communicated with Yocum. This information was later substantiated by Agent Baldwin. Mr. Smith was particularly interested in determining the source of Yocum's income. He advised that at various times employees of the State Highway Commission have tapped Yocum's telephone and on April 8, 1935, as a result of such tap, a call was made from Yocum's place of business to the Western Union at Topeka, Kansas, during which an inquiry was made at the Western Union as to whether a telegram had been received for Ace Castle. The Western Union employee replied in the affirmative, whereupon State Highway Patrolmen proceeded to the Western Union Office and obtained a copy of the following telegram, which telegram was delivered to an individual who called at the Western Union. It was dated 4-8-35, addressed to Ace Castle, care Western Union, Topeka, Kansas, "MEMBERSHIP QUOTA PRACTICALLY IN THE BAG STOP PRACTICALLY ASSURED STOP SENDER VISITED A DOZEN FARMERS TODAY (Signed) BLEVINS S. BROOKS, NORTON, KANSAS. Major Smith expressed the opinion that the above telegram was a code of some sort, which opinion, however, was not in any way strengthened as the result of the interview with Yocum by the undersigned and Agent Baldwin.

Arrangements were effected whereby Andy Yocum would be pointed out to the undersigned and Agent Baldwin, at which time he could be picked up for questioning. Accordingly, Trooper Stone of the State Highway Commission observed Yocum talking to his attorney on a street in Topeka, and Baldwin and myself, with Frank Stone, awaited the termination of the conversation between Yocum and his attorney, after which Yocum was requested to proceed to Agent Baldwin's room at the Hotel Kansan for questioning, Officer Stone returning to his office.

Yocum was questioned by Special Agent Baldwin in connection with the investigation now being conducted by him and Agent Clary at the National Bank of Topeka, after which he was questioned by the undersigned relative to the source of his income, and any contacts he may have had with Karpis or other members of his mob. Yocum impresses me as being a small town bootlegger, and it is highly improbable that he has been contacted by Karpis or anyone else of his type. However, in the event Karpis or any of

his associates should return to Topeka it is not impossible that he might contact Yocum. The latter stated, however, that in the event such contact were made he would immediately telephone this office, but under no circumstances would he convey any information to the local police officials, citing one instance where information was confidentially furnished the Sheriff who uncovered his informant. Yocum expressed the opinion that in dealing with men of the Karpis type he would be afraid to furnish information to the local officials because he felt they were not reliable or competent. He did state, however, that he would furnish any information received to this office. Whether he will cooperate in that regard is problematical.

Major Smith based his contention that Karpis might contact Yocum principally on the theory that they were schoolmates in Topeka and in this respect Yocum informed the undersigned that he attended the Branner School in Topeka up until 1913. He is now 37 years of age, considerably older than Karpis, and advised that Karpis may have been at the school at that time but he was so much younger than Yocum that it is very probable that Yocum did not even know him at the school. He stated that at no time has he seen Karpis nor any other of his associates; that during the prohibition era he was a bootlegger and has continued to be one in Kansas.

In connection with the \$6,000.00 which was found on his person when he was arrested he advised that that was the accumulation resulting from saving his money over a period of years. When requested to explain how he could save money without a bank account, maintaining his savings in a safety deposit box, he replied that a man in his business naturally cannot have a bank account. He informed that he recently purchased a farm containing approximately 230 acres, making a down payment of \$3,000.00, leaving a balance due of approximately \$7,400.00. This farm is 22 miles southwest of Topeka and about five miles from West Auburn, Kansas. He was shown photographs of all subjects and contacts of importance in the Bremer file but failed to identify any of them, including Karpis.

The only incident which indicated Yocum was possibly being untruthful occurred when a strip photograph of Campbell, Davis, Karpis and the two Barkers was shown him with the names covered. He failed to identify any of them and it is believed that he was not truthful in this regard in view of the wide distribution given in the press and other ways of photographs of the above individuals.

He was discreetly questioned concerning Ace Castle without revealing to him that a telegram had been received or without revealing to him the source of the information. He denied knowing anyone by the name of Castle and denied vehemently that he had ever used the alias Ace Castle. It is very possible that someone at his place of business may have called the Western Union and obtained the telegram. From an examination of the telegram it is almost inconceivable to state that it is a code telegram. It is suggested, however, that the next time an Agent is at Norton, Kansas, some inquiry be made as to the identity of Elvins S. Brooks.

Yocum was questioned at length concerning his alleged contacts in Chicago and he advised that he does not know any of the so-called "big shots" in Chicago; that he has only been there on several occasions and at the time that he did visit Chicago he resided at the Blair Hotel. I do not believe that this angle warrants any further investigative attention with the exception that the State's Attorney at Topeka should be interviewed. He was out of the city on the day the undersigned was in Topeka and it was stated he would not return until Friday, 5-3-35. The State's Attorney is alleged to have stated that one of his informants told him that he had definite information that Yocum was a contact man for Karpis. I believe the State's Attorney should be requested to disclose the identity of his informant so that the latter might be interviewed.

Yocum is married and has two children, but lives with his paramour whose name is Myrtle McPeak, who is described as follows:

Age - 35 years
Height - 5 feet 6 inches
Build - medium
Eyes - brown
Hair - reddish
Freckles around eyes.

A photograph of Myrtle McPeak, Topeka, Kansas, Police Department #3292 is attached hereto.

The following is a description of Yocum:

Name - Anderson Yocum alias Andy Yocum
Born - Harveyville, Webaunsee County, Kansas,
10-15-1897
Height - 6 feet

Weight - 160 or 164 pounds
 Build - medium
 Hair - dark brown
 Glasses - wears rimless glasses
 Marks - pock marks on face
 Hair parted on left side, wears sideburns
 Eyes - brown
 Teeth - gold fillings in upper right and left sides
 Little finger on left hand amputated.
 Residence - 2027 West Street, Topeka, Kansas
 Occupation - bootlegger, liquor runner, maintains
 speakeasy named Green Nook at 1016½
 East 6th Street, Topeka, Kansas
 Marital status - married, two children, not living
 with his wife.
 Topeka, Kansas, Police Department #3293

There is also attached hereto in addition to Yocum's photograph a group camera photograph containing Yocum's full length picture.

For purposes of record it is recorded here that under date of 4-25-35 a letter was received at this office from Leon C. Delamaide, Sheriff of Crawford County, Girard, Kansas, in which he advised that the Chevrolet Coupe, which was abandoned by Jess Doyle shortly after his eluding Agents of this office, had been turned over to Doris O'Connor, alias Vinita Stacey, on 4-24-35, she having presented a bill of sale and defrayed all charges in connection therewith.

On 4-24-35 a letter was forwarded to the Commissioners of Motor Vehicles at Jefferson City, Missouri, and Topeka, Kansas, respectively, advising them that a 1934 Buick Club Sedan, motor #2875177, serial #2716681, had been located and, accordingly, stop card placed in their files could be withdrawn.

On 4-27-35 Special Agent R. J. Brandt of this office contacted the Jefferson City, Missouri, Police Department and the Sheriff's office of Cole County, Jefferson City, Missouri, and caused the following wanted notices to be withdrawn:

Fred Barker, with aliases	Division #59163
Jess Doyle	Division #99402
Edna Murray, with aliases	Division #9397
Harry Campbell, with aliases	Division #419856
Volney Davis, with aliases	Division #400441
William Weaver, with aliases	Division #17920
Harry Sawyer, with aliases	Division #421335
Myrtle Eaton, with aliases	Division #337474

There were already in the files of the Sheriff's office and the Chief of Police wanted notices on

Clyde Nimerick, with aliases Division #77961
Charles J. Fitzgerald, with aliases Division #95780.

On 4-29-35 Special Agent Peterson called this office from Chicago and requested this office to obtain information at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, relative to an individual who appeared at the Chicago office refusing to reveal his identity, but claiming to have some information of value relative to the whereabouts of Karpis. Inquiries were made by this Agent at Leavenworth, the Chicago office was advised by letter and that office also informed the Bureau by letter of the developments and, accordingly, to avoid repetition the details are not repeated here.

On the afternoon of 5-6-35 Special Agent in Charge Connelley telephoned this office from New Orleans and informed this Agent that Gladys Sawyer would be in Kansas City on the following morning and requested that she be placed under surveillance until her departure for Omaha. Agents from this office, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Conroy, covered the Union Station on the morning of 5-7-35, placed Mrs. Sawyer under surveillance and Special Agent E. M. Heavrin accompanied her to Omaha, all of the details of which have been covered in letters to the Omaha and Cincinnati offices and will not be repeated here.

On 5-9-35 Bert Haycock, Special Agent of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Kansas City, Missouri, called this office and advised Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, who was in this city on subpoena, that a recent check of long distance telephone records disclosed several calls made from the Chesterfield Club in Kansas City to Ada, Oklahoma. In this connection it may be stated that the Chesterfield Club is a cheap cabaret and bar room in Kansas City and is known as a hoodlum hideout. The number called on fifteen different occasions at Ada being "9500F234", in each instance either Louise Walker or Lillian Walker was the party called. The last call was made on 5-6-35. Haycock informed Agent Shanahan that he will make inquiries at Ada, Oklahoma, and will advise this office of the results thereof.

While on subpoena at Wheeling, West Virginia, this Agent was instructed to proceed to Alderson, West Virginia, and interview Frances Taylor, who it will be recalled was the victim of a shooting escapade at Kansas City on 2-5-35 in which Doris O'Connor, alias Vinita Stacey, was her assailant. Frances Taylor was the reported paramour of Johnny Rush alias Johnny Langdon, the latter a reputed associate of "Irish" O'Malley and "Blackie" Doyle, wanted in the Luer kidnaping and suspected of several

bank robberies in this region. It was thought that Frances Taylor might be in a position to furnish valuable information relative to the hangouts and associates of these and other individuals. Accordingly, this Agent proceeded to Alderson, West Virginia, and on Friday, May 17, 1935, made arrangements to interview Frances Taylor. It may be stated here that at the time of Agent's visit she was at the hospital and was in a rather weakened condition. She is still suffering from the effects of the wounds inflicted by Doris O'Connor and, accordingly, the interview was not conducted under the most favorable circumstances, it being deemed inadvisable to press Frances Taylor too strongly at that time in view of her condition. She was interviewed in the presence of Valma Patterson, Record Clerk of the Federal Industrial Institution for Women at Alderson and at the outset of the interview seemed disinclined to furnish any information. It is this Agent's opinion that she possesses much information of value which was not disclosed at the time of the interview.

It may be stated here that the shooting had previously been discussed by this Agent with Assistant Prosecutor Gilwee of Kansas City, Missouri, with reference to the possible prosecution of Doris O'Connor on a charge of assault with intent to kill. Gilwee turned over his file in the matter to this Agent so that any information of value might be extracted therefrom and there is recorded here a summary of the information contained therein.

Leon Biederman, age 13, of 3340 Gillham Road, Kansas City, Missouri, in a signed statement advised that he witnessed the shooting as did Charles Smith, age 12, residing at 3350 Gillham Road, 2nd floor west, Kansas City, Missouri. In connection with these two boys Frances Taylor informed this Agent that they frequently ran errands for her and it is believed they should be interviewed and photographs exhibited to them for any information in their possession relative to the various fugitives in the Bremer, Luer and bank robbery cases being investigated by the Kansas City office.

Elmer J. McDaniel, taxicab driver, employed by the American Cab Company, 318 East 9th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, who resides at the Troost Arms Apartments, 26th and Troost, Apartment 322, Kansas City, advised that he also witnessed the shooting and that he drove Frances Taylor, alias Helen Rush, to the St. Joseph's Hospital, Kansas City.

Mary McCormick, 3409 Gillham Road, Kansas City, Missouri, wife of Dr. Clarence McCormick, in a written statement also admitted witnessing the shooting as did Georgia Buell, 3411 Gillham Road, Apartment 202, Kansas City.

John Nuckels, age 37, Apartment 302, 3417 Gillham Road, Kansas City, likewise furnished a statement in which he advised that he

witnessed the shooting.

There was also contained in Mr. Gilwee's file a statement given by Frances Taylor, alias Frances Rush, which is as follows:

"My name is Frances Taylor. Realizing that I am in the immediate presence of death all hope of life having vanished and that I cannot recover from my wounds (a line was drawn through the words underscored indicating that they were stricken from the statement) and desiring to make a full and complete statement of the facts surrounding the shooting which occurred under date of February 5th, do declare this to be my last and dying statement:

"The evening of February 5, 1935, at about 4:45 P.M., I was on my way to the grocery store when I heard some one hollar at me from behind and as I turned I was shot by someone in the stomach and hand. I do not know why any person should shoot me. I do not know Vinita Stacey or a person by the name of Doris O'Connor.

"The above and foregoing statement has been read to me and it is true.

"Witnessed: Robert Berry
John V. Hill
H. L. Cohernow, M.D."

The case record on Vinita Stacey indicates there have been various continuances by mutual consent by the prosecution and defense and Special Agent Welch of this office ascertained that on 5-21-35 the hearing in State Court has been continued until 6-18-35.

On being interviewed Frances Taylor advised that she was a widow and that her husband was one Dr. E. H. Tyson, 1905 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri. She stated that her residence was 3411 Gilham Road, Kansas City, and that she met Johnny Rush at a night club in Kansas City some time in 1928, having proceeded to that night club to bring her husband home who at the time was intoxicated, her husband then being Dr. Tyson. She had engagements with Rush and after her husband's death associated with him constantly. She advised that some time ago she sent a letter to Dr. J. G. Hayden of Kansas City, Missouri, demanding \$25.00, said letter having been mailed at Topeka, Kansas. She stated that the purpose of forwarding this letter to Hayden was to obtain funds from him as he had performed an illegal operation upon

her younger sister with harmful results. The sister required hospitalization and she felt that Dr. Hayden should assist in defraying the expenses. She was indicted prior to the time the extortion cases were handled exclusively by the Bureau and after the shooting at Kansas City, Missouri, was moved to Topeka where she entered a plea to an indictment based on the extortion charges and was sentenced to five years at Alderson. She advised that she first met Doris O'Connor, alias Vinita Stacey, in the winter of 1932 in a night club known as The Cave at 12th and Central Streets, Kansas City, Missouri. Doris was at that time with a blonde girl. She denied meeting Doris again until the summer of 1934 when she, Frances, was released at Topeka, having been picked up for questioning concerning the Osawatomie mail robbery. At the time she met Doris last summer in Topeka the latter was alone and they proceeded to Kansas City in a green Buick Sedan. At that time Doris took her to an apartment located at 1006 East 26th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, where she resided for some time with one Eileen Akers, who lives with her aunt. Frances Taylor advised that Eileen Akers and she have been very closely associated, but that Eileen does not know of her connection with hoodlums and she declined to furnish much information concerning Eileen, obviously attempting to protect her. Shortly after arriving in Kansas City last summer Doris and Mott Stanley went to Oklahoma and returned about a month later. At that time Jess Doyle was introduced to her as E. A. Conley, returning with Doris, and Doyle stated that he was a salesman for the Capper Publications at Topeka and the car he was driving bore Topeka city license. She denied knowing Jess Doyle by his real name and although she suspected he was "hot" she refused to state that she knew he had any connection with the Bremer kidnaping, stating that the first indication she had of an alleged connection therewith was when she read it in the newspapers subsequent to his apprehension and during the period of her recovery. When Jess and Doris came to Kansas City then rented an apartment on Harrison Street, the exact number which she could not recall but stated it was in the 3000 block and the first three numbers were 304. She stated she first met Volney Davis and Edna Murray, both of whom she knew by the name of Hanson, at the apartment of Doris when she and Johnny Rush were visiting Doris and Jess. Edna and Volney drove up to the apartment in a Ford V-8 which was in very bad condition. She stated she knew that Doris O'Connor's name was not Conley. She also knew that Edna and Doris were sisters, but denied knowing Volney Davis' real identity. In connection with Volney Davis she was rather emphatic in her statements that it is the opinion of all the persons who associate with him that he is practically insane for that reason none of the mob want to associate with him. She advised that on several instances while they were playing cards or engaged in some ordinary conversation Volney Davis would spontaneously jump up out of the chair, grab his hat and leave the premises and would be gone for two or three weeks and it was the opinion of all of them that he was crazy. She stated that one Curly, a brother of

Don Woodring, who conducts either a filling station or auto repair shop called the A. B. C., is a close friend of Johnny Rush. She was questioned relative to the whereabouts of Johnny Rush and others in December with a view of determining, if possible, whether he was implicated in the robberies of the national banks at Okemah, Oklahoma, but she denied that he had left the city, stating that on Christmas Eve, 12-24-34, she and Johnny were at a party at her sister's, Mrs. Strohl, 1115 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, and that Johnny Rush arrived there at approximately 9 P.M. that night. She advised further that she is rather positive that Volney Davis, "Irish" O'Malley, "Blackie" Doyle and Vivian Chase frequent the night clubs in Kansas City, particularly the 85 Club, Paramount Club and the White Swan Cafe, and stated that Jimmie Drew, bar tender, in the White Swan Cafe, might be a good source of information in this connection. With reference to Russell "Spike" Lane she advised that she knows him only casually and stated that she believes him to be in contact for the various mobs. She stated she met him at the Three Little Pigs. Although she was questioned at length the information obtained from her was rather meager and it is believed that she should be questioned again after the lapse of approximately one month when her condition may have improved.

With reference to the shooting she stated she will return to Kansas City and testify against Doris O'Connor in the event she is subpoenaed and in connection therewith gave this Agent the following statement:

May 17, 1935

"I, Frances Taylor hereby make the following voluntary statement in connection with the shooting which occurred February 5, 1935, on the corner of Gillham Plaza and 34th Street, Kansas City, Mo.

"I left my apartment which was at 3411 Gillham St. that day at about 4:30 in the afternoon. On reaching the curb on the corner of Gillham Plaza and 34th St. I heard someone calling to me from behind. On turning around I saw Doris O'Connor, who I also know as Vinita Stacey and Doris Stuchlick. She was wearing a brown fur coat and brown hat. As she approached me she was mumbling something which I could not understand. I took two steps toward her and she immediately pulled a gun, which she held in her right hand and began firing at me. She shot me three times in the stomach, and once in the right hand which I had placed over my heart. The bullet which struck me in the right hand ricocheted, struck me in the mouth and broke one of my teeth. After firing five or six shots at me she proceeded East on 34th St. In the meantime a man came by and I asked him to call an ambulance. He was unknown to me.

"I have been shown a photo bearing number 22790 by Mrs. Velma Patterson, Record Clerk, Federal Institution, Alderson, W. Va., which I identify as Doris O'Connor, alias Doris Stuchlick, alias Vinita Stacey, the woman who shot me. In the event she is prosecuted at Kansas City I am willing to testify in accordance with the above.

(Signed) Frances Taylor

"Velma Patterson (witness)
Record Clerk
Fed. Ind. Institution for Women
Alderson, West Virginia."

The original and one copy of the above statement is retained in the file of the Kansas City office.

Frances Taylor advised that on the night of 2-4-35, that is the night preceding the shooting, she was very much intoxicated and had gone to several night clubs in Kansas City. She stated she positively refused, however, to reveal the identity of her companion and stated that she felt so badly on the morning of 2-5-35 that she went to the baths in Kansas City for the purpose of sobering up and returned to her apartment in the afternoon. She stated that about four o'clock in the afternoon Volney Davis visited her and left her apartment just about fifteen minutes before the shooting. Photographs of all Subjects wanted in the Bremer case were exhibited to her, as well as those in the Luer case and she identified the following: Doris O'Connor whom she has known as Vinita Stacey, Doris Stuchlick and Mrs. E. A. Conley. She also identified Vivian Chase whom she stated she saw last summer many times at the Three Little Pigs with "Irish" O'Malley. She advised that Vivian Chase is now in Kansas City and that she is toothless. She identified "Irish" O'Malley whom she stated she knows as Floyd, advising that she has seen him in various night clubs in Kansas City. She also identified "Blackie" Doyle whom she stated likewise hangs out in Kansas City and associates with a prostitute from Kansas City whose name is Pauline, last name unknown, age 25, 5 feet 4 inches, dark complexion, with brown hair, brown eyes, has a boyish bob. She advised that Pauline may be located in the vicinity of 50th and Troost Avenue, in the neighborhood where the apartment was raided is located. She likewise identified Volney Davis, stating that the picture of him in the strip photo resembles him more closely than the other photographs. She also identified Jess Doyle, stating that the photograph of him was not very good and stated that she knew Edna Murray as Grace Hanson.

With particular reference to Preston Paden, the nephew of Doris O'Connor and the son of Edna Murray, she advised that she knew him as Preston Price although she realized that Price was not his right name and stated that he had been associating occasionally with Jess Doyle and Volney Davis. She was questioned specifically concerning the possibility of

Preston Paden having been implicated in the robbery of the State Bank at Drexel, Missouri, and denied any knowledge thereof. She advised that her mother's name is Mrs. Ida Ballard, whose present address is 1317 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, and who previously resided at 1205 Troost Avenue. As stated heretofore it is believed that when the condition of Frances Taylor improves she should be again interviewed and the Pittsburgh office has been requested by letter to conduct this interview. Arrangements were made with Dr. Harris, Superintendent of the Federal Industrial Institution for Women at Alderson to furnish the Pittsburgh office with copies of incoming and outgoing correspondence of Frances Taylor in the event said correspondence contains anything which may appear to be of value. It is requested that the Pittsburgh office confirm this arrangement with Dr. Harris by letter. Thus far Frances Taylor has received letters from the following:

Bob Coffman, 1205 Troost, Kansas City, Missouri
Mrs. L. D. Jones, 1205 Troost, Kansas City, Missouri
Marie Strohl, 918 East 27th Street, Kansas City, Missouri

She has written to the following persons:

Mrs. Bob Kauffman (and Coffman) and
Mrs. L. D. Jones whose addresses are given above.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The offices receiving copies of this report will examine it for any leads in their respective districts.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE will give immediate attention to the leads in Kansas City based on the information furnished by Frances Taylor and will conduct such other investigation as the contents of this report warrant.

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June 6, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

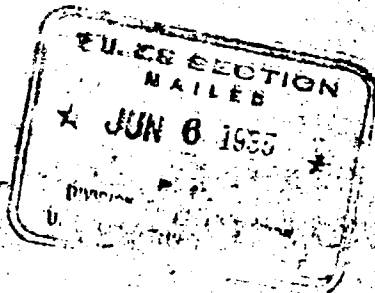
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Information has been received to the effect
that subject 0
VOLNEY DAVIS, with alias
FUGITIVE, Index No. 5972, was located at
Chicago, Illinois on June 1, 1935.
Kindly cancel wanted notice in Fugitive bulletin.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

May 22, 1935.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218;
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237; ET AL.
Edward George Bremer - Victim.
KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE -
NATL. FIREARMS ACT
St. Paul File 7-30.

Dear Sir:

In connection with captioned case, please be advised that Jess Doyle has been interviewed several times recently by Special Agent R. C. Coulter, the most recent being during the afternoon of May 20, 1935, at which time he stated he absolutely had nothing to do with the robbery of the Okemah, National Bank, as he was receiving treatment for skin cancer on his left leg, and gave complete information as to where he was living in Kansas City, and the name of the doctor who was treating him at that time. He stated it was true that he had one of the bonds stolen from the bank in his apartment at Kansas City at the time of his arrest, which had been given to him by Volney Davis. He stated that he had previously denied any connection with the robbery of the before mentioned bank, and that no one could truthfully identify him as a participant in the robbery. He stated it is perfectly agreeable to him that he be indicted, but he feels positive that he will be acquitted unless he is framed, however, he stated he did not believe anyone connected with this organization would willingly

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be a party to any such action. He further stated no one could identify him in connection with the robbery of any of the other banks he is accused of robbing, and the only way he could be convicted would be for the Agents of this Bureau to go into State court and testify against him. He does not claim that he has not been guilty of law violations, but does claim he has not violated any Federal laws, and that he has no intention of doing so in the future. Doyle does not claim he was in any way mistreated at the time of his arrest, but stated he was under a terrific mental strain, and made some statements which he would not have made under ordinary circumstances.

As indicated in the letter from this office to the Oklahoma City office in captioned case, dated May 1, 1935, Doyle has furnished some information regarding the possible whereabouts of Weaver and other fugitives in captioned case. During the most recent interview, Doyle stated if he were acquitted in connection with the Okemah National Bank robbery, or if it is sufficiently established that he was not guilty and he is subsequently released, he would willingly make the necessary inquiry with a view to definitely establishing the exact whereabouts of Weaver and the other members of the mob insofar as it is possible for him to do so. He stated if the wrong thing is done at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, prior to his release, he would not know where to go to look for information regarding Weaver or Davis. Agent Coulter suggested to him that he could safely talk to Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley of the Oklahoma City office, which he agreed to do on his arrival there, but on second thought, he stated he had no doubt but that it would be just as satisfactory to deal with Mr. Brantley, but to discuss such matters is embarrassing to him, and that he did not wish to deal with anyone other than Agent Coulter. He stated that he certainly would be killed if he were suspected of furnishing information to law enforcement officials, and that he had never done such a thing before. He further stated that he was reasonably sure that any of the members of the mob, other than Davis and Weaver would attempt to kill him on sight anyway, and in the

event he located any of them he would like to handle them in such a manner that it would be unnecessary for the Government to take any action; however, he advised that such action on his part was unthinkable insofar as this Bureau was concerned, and that the only thing desired of him was definite information as to the location of the fugitives in this case. Agent Coulter explained to him that he personally would be on the spot if he were released and did not cooperate to the fullest extent, and he replied that he certainly would if he were released, and if he were not willing to do that he would not have given the information he had been supplying in the past few days.

Doyle is rather dejected and feels that owing to the amount of publicity he has received in the Bremer case some charge will be placed against him somewhere, and that he will receive a life sentence regardless of his innocence or guilt. He stated that a large number of thieves with whom he has been associating think he has a lot of money, but he in fact had exactly \$294 at the time of his arrest, \$200 of which he gave to his girl friend, Doris Connell, and that he has spent most of the remainder since being confined in the Ramsey County Jail. He does not make any denial as to his association with the Barker-Karpis mob, explaining that he had grown up with Fred Barker, and that they were as close as brothers, however, he had been attempting to break away from them since his release from the penitentiary, but owing to his long acquaintance with the mob, and the fact that his girl friend is a sister of Edna Murray, the girl friend of Volney Davis, he had found it impossible to stay clear of them.

Notwithstanding Doyle's criminal record, he has at all times been honest in his statements to Agents of this office, and I am inclined to believe that he is in a better position than anyone else known at present to assist in bringing about the capture of some of the remaining fugitives in captioned case, and I would respectfully suggest that the Bureau consider using him as a confidential informant at the conclusion of the bank robbery case against him, if he is acquitted. He made no mention of financial remuneration for his services, however it would undoubtedly be necessary to finance him in a small way.

A copy of this letter is being furnished to Special Agent in Charge Brantley for his confidential information in supervising the investigation of the information previously furnished by Doyle, however, it is not desired that this letter be made a part of the investigative files of the Oklahoma City Bureau office. A full report of all the information furnished by Doyle is being prepared at this time in captioned case, however, in most part, it only enlarges on the information set out in the letter referred to in paragraph two of this letter.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

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

Dear Sirs:

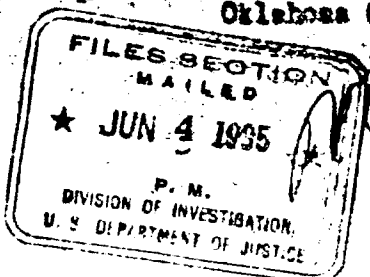
Reference is made to your personal and confidential letter dated May 22, 1935 in the above entitled case, wherein you discuss the possibility of using Jess Doyle as a confidential informant of the Bureau.

The Bureau can not, of course, intercede on behalf of Doyle to the extent of having any State prosecution that might be pending against him dismissed. However, should the State prosecution be dismissed the Bureau has no objection to the services of Doyle being utilized as a confidential informant, to be paid such sums of money commensurate with the information furnished by him, which, upon investigation, proves to be reliable and helpful.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CHICAGO

BREKID REFERENCE YOUR TELETYPE SECOND INSTANT REFLECTING INFORMATION
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Field Office, Room
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June 6, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE;
I. O. 1218; Volney Davis, with aliases,
I. O. 1237, Fugitive; et al; EDWARD
GEORGE BREMER, Victim - Kidnaping;
Harboring and Obstruction of Justice;
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

Dear Sir:

This office, acting upon telephone information received from Mr. Hanson, of the New York Office, to the effect that George E. Brown, a possible contact of the Karpis gang, left the Newark Air Port at 3:50 P.M., June 5, 1935, with his destination as the Hamilton Hotel, Washington, D. C., had Agents watch the Air Port at Washington, D. C., and Brown was picked up there and followed to the Hamilton Hotel. He was met at the Air Port by a man, whose name was later learned to be Louis Krause, whose room was No. 540 in the Hamilton Hotel, and who, it was stated at the hotel, has given his employment as Vice President of the Moving Pictures Operators Union at New York, with offices at possibly 1450 Broadway, New York City. It was ascertained that Krause was known to be a friend of Mr. Green, of the American Federation of Labor and that both he and Mr. Brown later joined Mr. Green and several other gentlemen in the Cocktail Room of the hotel, where they talked for about two hours.

During this time one of the Agents, capable to get close enough to the party to hear a good deal of the conversation, and it was ascertained that the conversation was largely about labor unions, A. R. A., and strikes, and that at no time was mention made of any gang or Alvin Karpis. However, at one time a man came in and was introduced as Mr. Carpenter, which may account for the telephonic conversation concerning Karpis. It may have been that the name of "Carpenter" was misunderstood and believed to have been "Karpis".

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Arrangements were made with the hotel to place two Agents in the hotel near the room secured by Brown, which was Room No. 1042, and arrangements were made to cover all long distance telephone calls.

Brown made no attempt to keep his actions and movements secret, but openly conferred with different men who seemed to be high officials in the labor organizations at Washington, and was frequently seen in the lobby during the night of June 8. No long distance telephone calls were recorded by the Agents there.

At about 1:30 P.M. on June 8, George E. Brown checked out of the hotel in the company of Louis Krause, stating to the hotel clerk that they could be reached at the Governor Clinton Hotel in New York City. They were followed by an Agent to the Union Station where they were observed to enter Pennsylvania Railway Train No. 43, which left Washington at 2:00 P.M. and was scheduled to arrive in New York City at 6:15 P.M. This information was immediately telephoned to the New York Office.

The description of George E. Brown, as observed by Agents in the Washington Field Office, is as follows:

Age:	About 40
Height:	6 feet
Weight:	200 pounds, or more
Build:	Stocky, strong looking
Hair:	Dark
Eyes:	Dark
Complexion:	Ruddy, and red nose
Dress:	Banker gray suit, light tan shoes, straw hat with dark band with stripes. Carrying a zipper handbag.

Distinguishing characteristics: Has a tough look and a very heavy beard, and after a few drinks his face and nose become very red.

The description of Louis Krause is as follows:

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Age:	About 37
Height:	5 feet 9 inches
Weight:	About 165 pounds
Build:	Stocky but short
Hair:	Dark
Eyes:	Dark
Complexion:	Dark
Dress:	Wearing bankers gray suit and two-toned tan shoes, brown felt hat, dark blue or gray checked shirt
Distinguishing characteristics:	Always has a big cigar in mouth and has a race track appearance, although his dress is very conventional
Mustache:	None

It was understood at the hotel that Brown was Krause's boss, and Krause attempted to get a suite of rooms for Brown referring to him in that manner.

Very truly yours,

J. M. KEITH,
Special Agent in Charge.

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