

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
AND  
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG  
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

**FILE NUMBER: 7-576**

**SECTION : 112**



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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SANFORD BATES  
DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
BUREAU OF PRISONS  
WASHINGTON

June 6, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

I am enclosing herewith for such action  
as you deem appropriate a letter received at  
the United States Detention Farm addressed to  
Wynona Burdette and signed "Hy". We have no  
knowledge as to who "Hy" may be but it occurs  
to us that he may be Harry Campbell.

*Sanford Bates*  
Director.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
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Mr. Edwards .....  
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Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

*Letter to Burdette  
not orig letter 6/12/35  
REN*

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ENCLOSURE

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Ponca City, Okla.  
May 25, 1935.

Wynona Dear,

How are you to-day? Received your letter and wondered why you hadn't answered the three others I wrote to you recently. I sent one a week or so ago. Jimmy & Ellen are getting along just fine, Ellen's school will be out this week.

Darling are you ill, or why aren't you doing so well?

Do hope you pep up & get to feeling better. I suppose you didn't get the two long letters I wrote to you. I wish you would write me a long letter & tell me the news, & leave me know if you get this money. It isn't much but it is just something.

I will write more next time honey, so answer real soon & often.

Much Love

/s/ Ry.

(Penciled notation - \$2.00 enclosed held at institution for credit to trust funds - GNB)

(Address appearing on back of envelope - Public Market Co.,  
108-110 So. 4th St., Ponca City, Okla.)

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June 12, 1935.

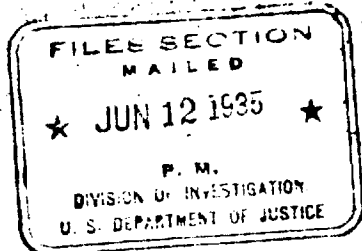
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,  
BUREAU OF PRISONS

There is returned herewith the original letter received at the United States Detention Farm addressed to Wynona Burdette and signed "Hy", which you forwarded to this Bureau with your memorandum dated June 6, 1935. The contents of this letter will be given appropriate investigative attention and your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #319274.



TELETYPE.

(COPY)

Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. E. A. Tamm .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Harbo .....  
Mr. Keith .....  
Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Schilder .....  
Mr. Smith .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Miss Gandy .....

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DIRECTOR

BREKID WITH REFERENCE TO TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION FROM GILBERT KAPLAN TO GEORGE

BROWN NEW YORK CITY IN WHICH NAME OF KARPIS WAS MENTIONED THIS OFFICE IS

MAINTAINING A SURVEILLANCE OF THE \*GDEN GRILL ONE HUNDRED NINETY TWO NORTH

CLARK STREET OPERATED BY GILBERT KAPLAN AT WHICH PLACE TELEPHONE CALL ORIGINATED.

SURVEILLANCE BEING MADE FROM SECOND FLOOR OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE NORTH

CLARK BY AGENTS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

POSTAL AFE MAINTAINING COVER ON TELEGRAMS ADDRESSED TO KAPLAN

MAIL. COVER ALSO PLACED.

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CC CINCINNATI

CC NEW YORK

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JUN 7 1935

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DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

# WESTERN UNION

R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

1206-A

CHECK
ACCT'S INFMN.
TIME FILED

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

LOSANGELES CALIFORNIA  
JUNE 3 1935 3:00 PM

R H COLVIN  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1331 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
ELPASO TEXAS

BREKID ADVISE COMPLETE REGISTRATION OF CHRYSLER SEDAN NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE  
NEW MEXICO LICENSE SIXTEEN NOUGHT SIX ONE INCLUDING DESCRIPTION OF OWNER  
AND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF CAR AND OWNER

Chgo., Gov. Rate, Off. Bus.  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
617 Federal Building  
HJK/KL  
cc/ Bureau

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUN 7 1935 P.M.
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THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

*Geo. Bremer*



CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED		 <b>Postal Telegraph</b> THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM Commercial Cables All America Cables Radio	RECEIVER'S NUMBER
DOMESTIC	FOREIGN		CHECK
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE CABLE	 TIME FILED	STANDARD TIME
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE		
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE		
NIGHT LETTER	LETTER		
SHIP RADIOGRAM	RADIOGRAM		

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which are hereby agreed to

St Paul Minnesota  
June 5 1935

R E VETTERLI  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
801 TITLE GUARANTY BUILDING  
ST LOUIS MISSOURI

BREKID DAVIS RELATES HE PICKED UP PROSTITUTE NAMED PATSY AGE TWENTY FIVE TO THIRTY WRIGHT ONE TWENTY FIVE HAIR BLACK AT MADISON WISCONSIN SHORTLY BEFORE HIS ARREST IN CHICAGO STAYED WITH HER TWO NIGHTS STOP CLAIMS SHE IS NOT CONNECTED WITH BUT FOLLOWED SOLS LIBERTY CARNIVAL AND WAS TO MEET HIM AT GALESBURG BUT PREVENTED BY ARREST INFORMATION FURNISHED AT REQUEST CHICAGO OFFICE

*Geo Brenner*

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OFF. BUS. GOVT RATE  
CHG. FED BUR INVEST  
232 FED COURTS BLDG  
ST PAUL MINN  
HKA:IM CC BUREAU CINCINNATI

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
JUN 7 1935 .M/  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
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DAY LETTER	<input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED CABLE
NIGHT MESSAGE	<input type="checkbox"/> NIGHT CABLE
NIGHT LETTER	<input type="checkbox"/> LETTER
SHIP RADIOGRAM	<input type="checkbox"/> RADIOGRAM

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# Postal Telegraph

THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

Commercial  
Cables



All America  
Cables

Hawaii

Radio

RECEIVER'S NUMBER

Govt ☒ pa

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STANDARD TIME

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof,

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KL PASO TEX JUNE 3, 1935 4:45 PM

J E P DUNN

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION US DEPT. JUSTICE  
617 FEDERAL BLDG. LOS ANGELES CALIF.

BREKID RETEL CHRYSLER SEDAN NEWMEXICO LICENSE SIXTEEN NAUGHT SIX ONE IS REGISTERED  
TO P R DROLET SHIPROCK NEWMEXICO DROLET IS REPUTABLE PERSON RESIDING SHIPROCK  
FOR NUMBER OF YEARS EMPLOYED AS CLERK IN STORE THERE DESCRIPTION AGE THIRTY EIGHT  
TO FORTY EIGHT FIVE TEN WEIGHT ABOUT HUNDRED FORTY BUILD SLENDER DARK COMPLEXION  
PROBABLY FRENCH DESCENT DROLET PROBABLY NOW IN CALIFORNIA

OB GOVT RATE CHG FED. BUREAU INVEST.

RHC:bgs  
cc Bureau.

COLVIN

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
JUN 6 1935 A.M.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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*Sco. Branner*



F B OF I CHICAGO 6-4-35 10-00 AM MWC

S A C

NEW YORK CITY

BREKID. J R MORAN, 4187 SOUTH HALSTED STREET, CHICAGO,  
RECEIVED LETTER BEARING RETURN ADDRESS HOTEL ALAMAR, BROADWAY  
AND 71ST STREET NEW YORK CITY. SUPERINTENDENT OF MAILS ADVISES  
~~COULD SEE ADDRESS 131 W. 70TH STREET INSIDE ENVELOPE. CITY~~  
NOT KNOWN. MORAN CONTACT FOR SUBJECT WILLIAM J. HARRISON. IT  
IS REQUESTED YOU CONDUCT IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION AT ALAMAR  
HOTEL TO ASCERTAIN IF HARRISON THERE. IF SUCH AN ADDRESS AS  
131 W. 70TH STREET IN NEW YORK CITY ALSO CONDUCT APPROPRIATE  
INVESTIGATION AT THAT PLACE

PURVIS

CC BUREAU ✓

CC CINCINNATI

CC ST PAUL

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CHIEF OF INVESTIGATION	
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POSTAL TELEGRAPH

U. S.  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

CHARGE

JUNE 6, 1935

J. M. KEITH  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
5745 U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON D. C.

BREKID CAR BEARING NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE MARYLAND LICENSE TWO NAUGHT FIVE ONE  
NAUGHT SIX OBSERVED BENSENVILLE ILLINOIS AT ONE OF KNOWN HANGOUTS FUGITIVES THIS  
CASE CONDUCT THOROUGH INVESTIGATION RE LICENSEE

PURVIS

RGS:MK  
cc-Bureau  
cc-St. Paul  
cc-Cincinnati  
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*Edward L. Quinn*

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U. S.  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO, ILL.

CHARGE

June 6, 1935

J. E. P. DUNN  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUILDING  
LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA

BREKID ASCERTAIN IF LOS ANGELES TELEPHONE NUMBER TRINITY EIGHT  
THREE FOUR THREE HAS CONNECTION WITH FUGITIVES THIS CASE

PURVIS

RCS:RP  
cc Bureau  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

June 6, 1935

Hon. Michael L. Igoe,  
United States Attorney  
U. S. Court House  
Chicago, Illinois

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

Dear Sir: ATTN: A. W. Bosworth, Assistant United States Attorney

There is enclosed herewith a copy of an affidavit submitted  
by Allison C. Newquist, relative to the sale of Ford Automobile, bear-  
ing motor number 1142463, which is the subject matter of your case,  
entitled, United States of America versus one Ford V-8 coupe, etc.,  
docket number 44223.

The copy of this affidavit is submitted for your information  
in connection with petition filed by the attorney of Clara Gibson.  
The original of this affidavit is available to you if you desire it.

Very truly yours,

RCS:RP  
Enc.  
cc Bureau

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
June 6, 1935

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

Mr. John J. Ryan  
Superintendent  
Federal Detention Farm  
Milan, Michigan

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is letter, postmarked  
June 2, 1935, addressed to Dolores Delaney by her  
sister, Margaret Delaney, 6545 Kimbark Street,  
Chicago, Illinois. This letter has been carefully  
scrutinized by this office and has been found to con-  
tain no information of value.

Thanking you for your kind assistance,  
I am,

Very truly yours

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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Enclosure  
cc-Bureau

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
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Post Office Box 512  
Chicago, Illinois

June 6, 1935.

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

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

Dear Sirs-

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office it will be appreciated if you will place a mail cover for a period of thirty days on all first-class mail addressed to Gilbert Kaplan, care of the Ogden Grill, 192 North Clark Street, and furnish tracings of the same to this office, referring to our file #7-82.

Please accept my thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

M. E. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC: Bureau

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
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Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

June 6, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1218, FUGITIVE, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING, HARBORING AND  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT  
St. Paul File 7-30

In reply to your letter of May 31, 1935, concerning a petition filed in the United States District Court in Chicago, Illinois by Leo Klein, attorney for Clara Gibson, relating to Ford Victoria, engine #1,142,463, BRYAN BOLTON has been interviewed in the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, and has stated that he has communicated with his wife at Chicago suggesting that she retain counsel in an endeavor to secure possession of this car. He was informed of the filing of the petition above referred to and stated that he would immediately communicate with his wife and ask that she call at the Chicago Bureau Office so that the facts related in the letter from the Chicago Office might be obtained by her. BOLTON stated that this car was purchased by RUSSELL GIBSON with money furnished GIBSON by BOLTON; that BOLTON and WILLIE HARRISON took a trip in this car to Florida and while there HARRISON received information from GIBSON to the effect that Newquist, a salesman for the Vrba Motor Company, Cicero, Illinois, had informed GIBSON that Government agents had made inquiries at the Vrba Motor Company regarding this automobile. BOLTON stated that upon receiving this information he and HARRISON returned to Chicago and the car was kept in a garage near GIBSON's home and arrangements were made with Newquist to sell the car and a new one was to have been purchased, but that GIBSON was killed and BOLTON arrested before this could be done.

Very truly yours,

JEB:IM  
CC Bureau  
Cincinnati

H. E. ANDERSEN, JUN 7 1935 A.M.  
Special Agent in Charge.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
ONE FILE

Los Angeles, California  
June 1, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

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

Due to the reallocation of the territory of the Los Angeles Bureau office, there are transmitted herewith the following serials for investigation at the Arizona Industrial School for Women at Phoenix, Arizona:

Copy Letter, Little Rock to Los Angeles, April 17, 1935.

May 15, 1935.

Identification Order #1238 - WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

BES:FT  
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cc Bureau  
cc Chicago  
cc Cincinnati  
cc Little Rock  
cc St Paul

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DEPT. OF INVESTIGATION	
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KANSAS CITY BUREAU OFFICE  
(Name and address of Contributor)

Date March 30, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:-

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

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
S.O. Wichita, Ks. #2394	<i>8 0721c</i> HARRY C. STANLEY	3-12-35, 6 months Sedgwick County Jail, Wichita, Ks. and fined \$1000.00; charge - harboring fugitive Jess Doyle.
S.O. Wichita, Ks. #2395	<i>8 5/23 921201</i> MARY STANLEY	3-12-35 sentence suspended 5 years; charge - harboring Federal fugitive Jess Doyle.

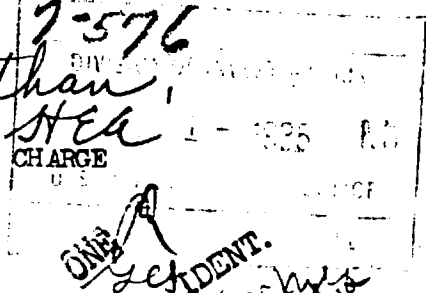
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*Posted by 6-5-35*

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

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*  
R. B. NATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
(Official Title)

REN:os  
62-909-



POST OFFICE BOX 812,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

June 4, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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

Reference is made to your letter of May 31, 1935,  
making inquiry concerning whether stop notices have been  
placed in the State of Wisconsin for Chevrolet sedan, motor  
No. 4543656, serial No. 1 DA 07-49267. I have to advise  
that the files of the Chicago Bureau office reflect that  
the St. Paul Bureau office placed a stop notice against  
this car at the Motor Vehicle Bureau at Madison, Wisconsin,  
on December 13, 1934.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

RCS:MS

cc-Bureau  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
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ONE	FILE

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

NEW YORK  
7-120

June 5, 1935

Mr. J. J. Doran,  
Postal Inspector in Charge,  
33rd Street & 8th Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with Aliases,  
I.O. 1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM;  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation  
being conducted by this office, it will be appreciated if you will  
cause a record to be maintained covering the return addresses,  
postmarks and addressees of all mail addressed to:

131 West 70th Street,  
New York, N. Y.

mailed from Chicago, Illinois.

Will you kindly inform this office by reference to  
File #7-120 of the results of this surveillance? It is requested  
that this service be maintained for a period of thirty days.

Thanking you for past courtesies, I am,

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Bureau

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
JUN 6 1935 A.M.	
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
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Post Office Drawer 1457  
Saint Louis, Missouri  
June 4, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1212;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. 1232;  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I. O. 1234;  
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1237;  
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I. O. 1238;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I. O. 1239;  
MYRTLE KATON with aliases, I. O. 1241; ET AL.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
Kidnaping; Harboring and Obstruction of Justice;  
National Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter addressed to this office by the Birmingham Bureau Office, dated May 26, 1935, transmitting several pieces of mail addressed to Mrs. Mary Ford, 55 N. Lawrence Street, Mobile, Alabama, and John R. Moran, c/o Catherine Clyatt, 55 N. Lawrence Street, Mobile, Alabama.

Investigation at Kobush and Cornwall, Home Furnishers, Inc., Grand Blvd. and Florissant Ave., St. Louis, Missouri, revealed that Mrs. Mary Ford is an aunt of John R. Moran. The letter mailed to her was merely a statement for some furniture which she had purchased at that store.

A further investigation was made at the St. Louis address of Mrs. Mary Ford, 3544 North Grand Ave., St. Louis, at which address Mrs. Harriet Busch, Manager of the apartment house, stated that Mrs. Mary Ford lived alone there in one room, and left for Alabama about July, 1934. Mrs. Busch stated that she knew John R. Moran very well, but she was aware of his character and never permitted him to enter the apartment house. She further stated that Mrs. Ford in conversation with her indicated that she never knew where John Moran lived, but received support from him and his mother through money sent from the Mobile, Alabama, address. 7-576

In this connection, it is stated that Mrs. Harriet Busch is the mother of Lieut. Busch of the St. Louis Police Department, and she has from time to time tried to elicit information about Moran from Mrs. Ford for the St. Louis Police Department, without success.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FILE

A check at the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, St. Louis, Missouri, was made, but all records pertaining to policy holders are maintained by policy numbers, and the officials there were unwilling to make the extended search through the records to locate a copy of the communication sent to Moran at 25 N. Lawrence Street, Mobile, Alabama.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CMT:M  
cc Bureau ✓  
cc Cincinnati  
cc St. Paul  
cc Birmingham

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

June 3, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter, dated May 23, 1935,  
requesting that investigation be conducted in regard to the telegram  
quoted therein.

Mr. E. J. Pfeiffer, Assistant Manager, Western Union  
Telegraph Company, Cleveland, Ohio was interviewed, and he advised  
that the above referred to telegram had been delivered by Carl  
Andexler, Messenger #199.

Carl Andexler, 13602 Wolf Avenue, was interviewed, and  
he advised the said telegram had been delivered by him to one of the  
guards in a booth at the Harvard Club, who had taken same, gone into  
the club, and later returned and handed him (Andexler) the signed  
delivery slip, saying "O.K." According to Andexler, messengers never  
enter the club, the telegrams being picked up by the guard at the  
door, who delivers same and returns with the signed delivery slip.  
Andexler was unable to advise who had signed for this telegram, nor  
did he know the identity of the guard who had taken the same into the  
club.

A tracing of the signature appearing on the delivery  
slip is being forwarded with this letter to the Jacksonville office.

Very truly yours,

CES:LK

cc - Bureau  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul

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J. P. MAG FARLAND, Special Agent in Charge

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J. P. MAG FARLAND, Special Agent in Charge	
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Washington Field Office, Room 5745,  
Washington, D. C.

June 4, 1935.

Mr. John Q. Rhodes, Jr.,  
Director,  
Division of Motor Vehicles,  
Richmond, Virginia.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUG.  
I.O. 1218; VOLNEY DAVIS, w.a., I.O.  
1237, FUG.; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE  
BREMER, VICTIM. KIDNAPING; HARBORING  
and OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to the letter from this Office  
dated March 26, 1935 in which you were requested to place  
a stop order in your file against Chevrolet Sedan, motor  
number 4843656, serial #1-DA07-49267.

This automobile has been located and stop orders  
outstanding may be withdrawn immediately.

Your assistance and cooperation are appreciated and I  
take this opportunity to thank you for the splendid assistance  
afforded this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

FMH:TEL

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cc-Bureau

cc-E.J. Connelley,

Cincinnati, Ohio.

J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Washington Field Office, Room 5745,  
Washington, D. C.

June 4, 1935.

Mr. W. A. Van Duzer,  
Director of Traffic,  
District Building,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUG.,  
I.O. 1218; VOLNEY DAVIS, w.a., I.O.  
1237, FUG.; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE  
BREMER, VICTIM. KIDNAPING; HARBORING  
and OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT.

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dated March 26, 1935 in which you were requested to place  
a stop order in your file against Chevrolet Sedan, motor  
number 4543656, serial #1-DA07-49267.

This automobile has been located and stop orders  
outstanding may be withdrawn immediately.

Your assistance and cooperation are appreciated  
and I take this opportunity to thank you for the splendid  
assistance afforded this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

FMH:MBL

J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Bureau  
cc-E. J. Connelley,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Washington Field Office, Room 5745,  
Washington, D. C.

June 4, 1935.

Mr. E. A. Baughman,  
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles,  
Guilford Avenue and 21st. Street,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUG.  
I.O. 1218; VOLNEY DAVIS, w.a., I.O.  
1237, FUG.; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE  
BREMER, VICTIM, KIDNAPING; HARBORING  
and OBSTRUCTION of JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to the letter from this Office  
dated March 26, 1935 in which you were requested to place  
a stop order in your file against Chevrolet Sedan, motor  
number 4543556, serial number 1-DA07-49287.

This automobile has been located and stop  
orders outstanding may be withdrawn immediately.

Your assistance and cooperation are appreciated  
and I take this opportunity to thank you for the splendid  
assistance afforded this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

FMH:MBL

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cc-Bureau

cc-E. J. Connelley,

Cincinnati, Ohio

J. M. KEITH,

Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 636  
Los Angeles, California.  
May 31st, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Portland, Oregon.

In re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases  
Fugitive & O. 1218, et al  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping LA File 7-42

Dear Sir:

Confirming telegram sent to you in the above entitled matter, please be informed that investigation at the Blackstone Hotel, 330 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California, disclosed that Harry Campbell has been a guest at this hotel intermittently for the past four years where he has been residing with his wife, who is about sixty years of age.

Mr. Charles C. Kinne, manager of the Blackstone Hotel, and William Boyle, Clerk, advised that Harry Campbell, the guest of this hotel, bears an excellent reputation and is a retired hotel operator, still having an interest in the Campbell Inn at Roscoe, New York. When shown a photograph of Subject Harry Campbell of the above entitled case, they declared that their guest, Harry Campbell, in no way resembled Subject Campbell. They described Harry Campbell, guest of the Blackstone Hotel, as follows:

60-65 years of age; about 6' tall; 130 lbs.; very slender build; dark hair, long and stringy; dark eyes; medium complexion; married. Is very frail and of the Ichabod Crane type, and has the appearance of being tubercular.

Mr. Kinne further informed that Mr. and Mrs. Harry Campbell departed from the Blackstone Hotel on April 15, 1935, for a trip up the Pacific Coast in their 1929 Cadillac Coupe, bearing 1935 California license No. 1Y171 and that he received a letter from Mr. Campbell dated Portland, Oregon, May 17th, 1935, advising that his address then was General Delivery, Portland, Oregon, and that he and his wife expected to return to the Blackstone Hotel approximately July 15, 1935.

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It is quite evident from the information furnished by Mr. Kinne and Mr. Boyle of the Blackstone Hotel that their guest, HARRY CAMPBELL, is not the same individual as the Harry Campbell of the above entitled matter.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN  
Special Agent in Charge.

AM:ED

cc-Bureau

cc Cincinnati

cc St. Paul

POST OFFICE BOX 812,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

June 4, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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

Reference is made to Bureau letter addressed to  
your office under date of May 31, 1935, authorizing an in-  
vestigation in Marmora, Ontario, Canada. Volney Davis has  
advised that William Weaver consistently discussed the pos-  
sibility of securing a large tract of land in Canada where  
he could spend his time hunting and fishing, of which sports  
he is very fond. Volney Davis stated that he knows of no  
specific place where William Weaver intended to purchase  
farm, but stated that he intended to do so as soon as he  
secured sufficient funds. He stated that it was Weaver's  
idea to purchase a wooded tract of land consisting of some-  
where in the vicinity of one hundred acres if possible.

He was unable to furnish further information concern-  
ing this matter and this information is being furnished to you  
in light of suggestions made by your office.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. PURVIS, OF INVESTIGATION  
Special Agent in Charge

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.

June 6, 1935

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CHICAGO

BREKID IMMEDIATELY FORWARD PHOTOGRAPH OF VOLNEY DAVIS  
TAKEN SUBSEQUENT HIS ARREST JUNE 1, 1935

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Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....

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FED BUR OF INVEST NYC 6-7-35 11-36 AM RP

DIRECTOR

SAC CGO

BREDID GEORGE E BROWNE NOW STOPPING GOVERNOR CLINTON HOTEL NYC

2-10 AM TODAY HE ATTEMPTED MAKE TELEPHONE CALL TO CHICAGO CENT. 2131

ASKING FOR ROOM 1838 AND FOR A T BRENNAN. NO ANSWER RECEIVED.

THEN ASKED FOR BERGMAN IN ROOM NEXT ~~DOOR~~ DOOR. NO ANSWER.

AT 2-12 AM BROWNE CALLED CHICAGO EUCLID 5341. NO ANSWER

WHITLEY

CC E J CONELLEY CINCINNATI

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Edw. G. Bremer

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## UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

REPORT MADE AT <b>Omaha, Nebraska</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6-2-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4-3-35 to 4-3-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. A. DOWD</b>
TITLES <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1210, FUGITIVE;          EDWARD BREMER with aliases, I.O. 1236;          VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O. 1237, FUGITIVE;          DR. JOE B. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;          WALTER J. RAY with aliases, I.O. 1238;          HARRY J. HARRIS with aliases, I.O. 1239;          KENNY RAY with aliases, I.O. 1241;          BRUNO RUTIS with aliases, ET AL;          EDELL J. BROWN - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF          FUGITIVES - OBSTRUCTION OF          JUSTICE - VIOL. FEDERAL LAWS.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Elmer Miller, Detective, Department of Police, Ames, Iowa, informs that he learned from confidential informant that subjects William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton are either at El Paso, Texas or in Mexico just over the line from El Paso. [redacted] Myrtle Eaton in which she stated that they were having a lot of fun gam- bling, and that they went back and forth over the American-Mexican Boarder quite often. Con- fidential informant of Omaha Bureau Office, claiming [redacted] informs that Ray, Larson, Raymond Bell and Jim Frost of Topeka, Kansas were close friends and associates of Karpis in the past. Larson and Bell are said to have been inmates of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, and Jim Frost is said to have four fingers missing from one of his hands as a result of injuries suffered from the explosion of a dynamite cap. Informant states he has not seen Karpis for ten years.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>John A. Dowd</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE			
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 2 - Bureau 2 - St. Paul 2 - Kansas City 2 - Omaha		UNITED STATES <b>JUN - 8 AM</b> BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <i>ONE</i> FILE	
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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent Kenneth Logan, Omaha, dated 5-21-35.

DETAILS:

On June 4, 1935, a memorandum dated at Des Moines, Iowa 6-1-35 was received from Agent Kenneth Logan, Omaha, Bureau Office, informing that Detective Lorn Miller of the Des Moines, Iowa Department of Police informed Agent Logan on the evening of June 1, 1935 that he, Miller, had obtained information from a confidential informant, name not given, whom he has every reason to believe, that subject William Weaver and subject Myrtle Eaton are either presently in El Paso, Texas or at a point in Mexico just over the American-Mexican border from El Paso; that [REDACTED] Myrtle Eaton [REDACTED] stated that they, presumably meaning Weaver and herself, were having a lot of fun gambling, and that they went back and forth across the American-Mexican border quite often. Detective Miller further informed that information had come to him from a party who, while intoxicated at the time, boasted that while the dumb coppers were looking for Weaver and Eaton in Des Moines, they were having a hell of a lot of fun in El Paso and across the border in Mexico. Agent Logan in his memorandum advises that Detective Miller reported this information to Agent O. C. Dewey on June 1, 1935. b7c b7d

On the night of June 3, 1935, a confidential informant of the Omaha Bureau Office called at the Omaha Bureau Office and reported to the writer that [REDACTED]

that he personally knows Karpis, and while he has not seen Karpis for practically ten years he would recognize him if he saw him. He stated that Ray Larson, who is a brother of one Bill Larson, a teamster and residing at Topeka, Kansas, is a close friend of Karpis; that Ray Larson is presently, or has been in the past an inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary; that Raymond Peil, presently or in the past an inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, and possibly of the Kansas Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas, is also a close friend of Karpis, and Peil may now be at Topeka, Kansas; informant further stated that Jim Frost of Topeka, Kansas, a person formerly and probably presently located at Topeka, Kansas is a close associate of Karpis, and that Frost is said to have suffered the loss of four fingers from one of his hands, probably the right, as a result of an explosion of a dynamite cap. While it is not known, it is believed that Frost is also a shady character and has a past criminal record.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE EL PASO OFFICE at El Paso, Texas and Juarez, Mexico or other points in Mexico and that vicinity will contact sources available for the purpose of determining if subjects Weaver and Eaton are at El Paso or Juarez or some other point adjacent thereto.



THE CINCINNATI BUREAU OFFICE will consider the value of the information concerning Ray Larson, Raymond Peil and Jim Frost, and if one or all of these persons have not come to the attention of the office of origin in the past as friends of subject Karpis, will consider the advisability of requesting the Kansas City Bureau Office to determine their present whereabouts and make them the subject of attention for the purpose of effecting, if possible, the location of subject Karpis.

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

BREKID ALL MIAMI CASES POSTPONED OCTOBER TERM STOP BARLOW  
SUBMITTING MEMORANDUM TO KEENAN ON SITUATION STOP AGENT MCKEE  
LEAVING MIAMI TEN THIRTY TONIGHT FOR CINCINNATI=  
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Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

Martinsburg, W. Va.

5/30/93

The Honors

Wash. DC

Dear Sir

4-571-6287

Through a conversation  
with a very reliable origin  
of information Co. N.Y.

He said that Alvin Karpis  
was born in that County.

This mother was Mollie's Sister  
She married a man by name  
of B. Bates. He died  
and she moved to  
Missouri. She has 7 Siblings  
that lives in Jaffarabad  
now. This boy is about 26 yrs  
as a Citizen I thought  
that it was my duty to  
inform you about this

ack.  
cc: P. L.  
St. Chrysom.  
R. L. P. L.  
R. L. P. L.

And I desire to say that  
if you want to investigate  
it I will be very glad  
to go with you to  
investigate this I am most  
of the people in this County  
My wife, any Bank or  
Trust Co. Mr Maurice Traub.  
one of your agents. Mr  
The Sheldon Fairchild with  
the Detective Bureau of Wash D.C.  
Jenings Randolph Congress  
of our Dist.

My Wife, any reliable Citizens  
of Martinsburg W. Va  
Phone No 227.24

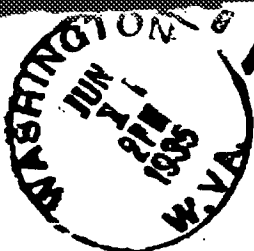
yours

M d Little

I will assure you that  
I shall not mention this to  
any one.



Return in five days to  
M. A. LITTLE  
207 E. King St.  
MARTINSBURG, W. VA.



Mr. Hoover:  
U. S. Department of Justice

Address corrected by  
Washington, N. Va. P.O.

Washington  
D.C. (N. Va.)

June 7, 1935.

7-576-6287

Mr. H. A. Little,  
207 East King Street,  
Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 30, 1935 advising of a conversation had by you with a reliable citizen of Jefferson County, West Virginia, wherein you were furnished with information relative to Alvin Karpis and his antecedents.

Please be advised that I have referred a copy of your letter to Mr. C. K. Fierstone, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 620 New Federal Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, who will assign an Agent to interview you concerning this matter in the very near future.

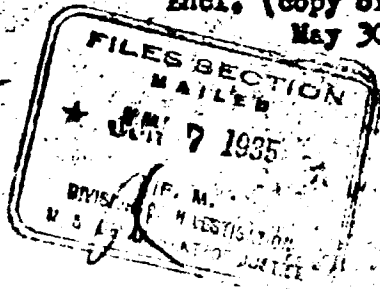
Thanking you for your interest and cooperation, I

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC - Pittsburgh  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul

Encl. (copy of letter from Mr. Little, dated  
May 30, 1935 to all offices listed)



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July 18, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Under date of June 7, 1935, a communication was addressed to Mr. M. A. Little, 207 East King Street, Martinsburg, West Virginia, a copy of which was furnished to your office, wherein it was indicated that an Agent would be assigned to interview him concerning the information which he had furnished the Bureau relative to Alvin Karpis and his antecedents.

The Bureau desires that the interview with Mr. Little be expedited and a report submitted at the earliest practicable date.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Cincinnati  
cc-St. Paul

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 7-4

REPORT MADE AT <b>OMAHA, NEBRASKA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/6/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/21/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. N. FRANZ TME</b>
TITLE <b>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. 1238; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. #1238; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases; 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</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NAT'L. FIREARMS ACT</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  Mr. L. J. Brown, proprietress of the Bacon Hotel, Corning, Iowa, is the "L.J.B." on return address of letters to JOHN HAMILTON, Urbana, Illinois. This John Hamilton is about 60 years old, stately and greying.			
REFERENCE:  Report of Special Agent R. H. Simons, Saint Louis, dated May 6, 1935.			
DETAILS:  At Corning, Iowa  Mrs. L. J. Brown, proprietress of the Bacon Hotel, stated she is the party, who wrote several letters to a JOHN HAMILTON, addressed, "General Delivery, Urbana, Illinois" and bearing a return address of "L.J.B., Bacon Hotel, Corning, Iowa." Mrs. Brown is an elderly woman of about sixty years, friendly appearing, and bearing a good reputation in Corning, Iowa. She stated that this John Hamilton is really John Hamilton Boland, who is a very old friend of the family. He is a traveling man, with the Kansas City Milling Company, with offices in Champaign, Illinois, where			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>John Dowd</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-6288	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>JUN 10 1935</b>
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he can be reached if more information is desired. He covers Urbana, Illinois when on the road and that is why she sends his letters there. At times, he is not there for a month or longer, and that is why the instant letters were at Urbana for such a long time.

Mrs. Brown described this John Hamilton Boland as being about sixty years of age, large, tall and stately. His hair was formerly black and curly but now there is a grey streak running through it. She showed Agent a picture signed "John", which she stated was of John Hamilton Boland. She added that she has always written to him as John Hamilton, because, although they are merely very old friends, his wife is very jealous of other women, especially her. She, therefore, sends his mail to Urbana and addresses it, leaving off his surname.

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June 6, 1935.

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8/22/35  
Per  
HCB

My dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 10, 1935, wherein you refer to the cases of Volney Davis and three other individuals whose fingerprints were dispatched to you recently by the Bureau. I desire to thank you for the information you have furnished relative to these matters.

I would like to convey to you also my deep appreciation for your kind offer to publish the descriptions with the photographs and fingerprints of these persons.

In compliance with the suggestion contained in your letter, I am transmitting to you under separate cover 40 additional photographs of William J. Harrison, Harry Sawyer and Harry Campbell, Davis now being in custody. I am appending duplicate original photographic copies of our fugitive circulars or Identification Orders concerning these persons in the belief that the glossy finish of these photographic copies possibly would enable better reproductions to be obtained in your periodical.

You may be assured that if any of these persons is arrested, appropriate steps will be taken.

Would you kindly advise me whether photographic reproductions of our fugitive circulars would be required in the future to enable the publication of their fingerprints, photographs and descriptive data in your periodical. I definitely concur in the impression that it is highly advisable to give this fugitive information widespread circularization and I assure you of my intention to afford you the best information available in these cases.

With expressions of my appreciation of your valued assistance and with my kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #313568.

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no rec. sent to file 9-30-35  
no rec. sent to file 8-22-35  
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~~7-13-35~~

TLA:A

May 25, 1935

49605

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS.

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It is desired that appropriate steps be taken to accept the offer received [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] information concerning badly wanted Bureau fugitives.

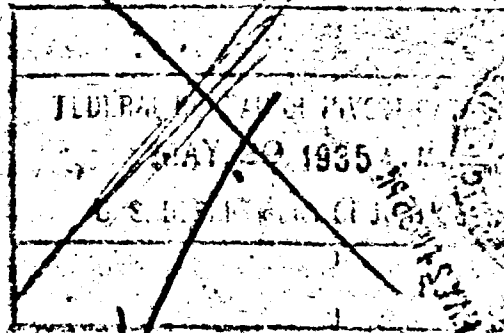
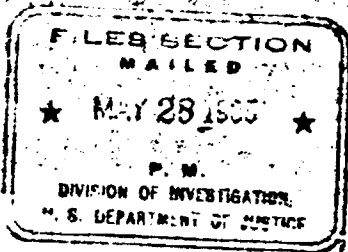
In the future will you kindly furnish the above Bureau information concerning the most badly wanted and notorious Bureau fugitives for insertion in the said organ, including the necessary description, photographs, and fingerprints.

The attached letter [REDACTED] should be acknowledged and the required data furnished to the authorities [REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #833044



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C/o U.S. Attorney's Office,  
Tucson, Arizona.

June 8, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
El Paso, Texas.

Re: Alvin Karpis, w.a. et al.  
Edward G. Bremer-victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Information has just been received by me from sources in Des Moines, Iowa, that Myrtle Eaton and Bill Weaver with other members of this gang are now staying in El Paso, Texas, and make frequent trips across the border.

Before coming to Tucson, Arizona, I was resident Agent at Des Moines and conducted considerable investigation there in effort to locate Myrtle Eaton. Des Moines was her home town and she and Bill Weaver dropped in there on several occasions. This information is supposed to come from a very reliable source. Myrtle Eaton is a shop-lifter by profession, and she and Weaver will probably be found in some small bungalow, and playing around medium class night clubs and gambling places.

Additional information was received here the other day that one George Pratt, a used car salesman at Phoenix, Arizona, had talked with Harry Campbell on the streets of Phoenix about two weeks ago. Pratt formerly came from Muskogee, Oklahoma, and knew Campbell there. This information has been sent to the new Phoenix Office.

It would appear from the fact that information is received from two different sources that the remaining members of the Karpis-Barker gang are now making their headquarters in the Southwest.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent.

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U. S. Department of Justice

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

May 9, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1218, FUG. et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING. HARBORING and  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.  
St. Paul File 7-30

Reference is made to your teletype message of  
May 8, 1935, in which you request that this office prepare  
a summary of the pertinent and interesting evidence intro-  
duced in the trial in this case suitable for press release  
be forwarded and with the further request that same be  
forwarded airmail special delivery to the Bureau.

In keeping with your request, I am transmitting  
herewith a memorandum submitted in this matter by Special  
Agent K. R. McIntire at St. Paul, Minnesota, May 9, 1935.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
May 9, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

On April 15, 1935 the trial of the following defendants commenced at the Federal Courts Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, in the court of Federal Judge M. M. Joyce: ARTHUR "DOC" BARKER, OLIVER BERG, KIMBER FARMER, HAROLD ALDERTON, JESS DOYLE, EDNA MURRAY, PHILIP DELANEY, "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, WILLIAM VIDLER, JAMES WILSON, and WILLIAM BYRON BOLTON.

Immediately after court convened on the morning of April 15, 1935 Judge Joyce made the statement that all defendants with the exception of BOLTON were represented by counsel, and asked BOLTON if he desired counsel, to which BOLTON replied: "Your Honor, I do not desire counsel. I wish to plead guilty". This plea of guilty on the part of BOLTON was made in open court and in the presence of the prospective jurors. BOLTON'S plea of guilty was accordingly accepted by the court and he was thereupon removed to the Ramsey County Jail. The remainder of April 15, 1935 and the morning of April 16, 1935 was consumed in choosing a jury, on which two alternates were selected to sit pending the completion of the trial, in the event of the sickness or the removal of any of the jurors so chosen.

Counsel actively participating in the case for the Government are George F. Sullivan, United States District Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, and his first assistant, George A. Heisey. Acting in an advisory capacity is John Y. Brown, a Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

The first witness to be called on behalf of the Government was EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, the kidnaped victim. MR. BREMER is Vice-president of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, and has been a life long resident

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of this city. He testified with modesty but with clarity that on the morning of January 17, 1934 he drove his young daughter to the Summit School; that after leaving her he proceeded to the intersection of Lexington and Goodrich Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, where he stopped for a semaphore; that at this intersection two men whom he is unable to identify entered his car from each side of the driver's seat; that he was held up at the point of a gun and that he was severely beaten over the head, causing blood to flow freely from the wounds; that thereupon an obstruction, believed to be a pair of padded goggles, was placed over his eyes; that one of his abductors forced him to start the engine of his, BREMER'S, car; that the abductors then drove BREMER in the latter's car to a point which has now been identified as a point near the Snelling Water Tower on Edgumbe Road; that at this point he was forced to place his signature on three or four sheets of paper, the purpose of the signature not being known to him at that time; that he was then removed from his own automobile to another car, which appeared to be a large sedan; that he was forced to sit on the floor of the back seat with his back leaning against the back of the front seat; that he was transported for several hours in this position; that during the course of the day a chicken sandwich was given to him; that late in the afternoon he passed through a town having street cars.

MR. BREMER also testified that after dusk on the day of the abduction he was permitted to sit on the back seat of the car, but that when he proceeded through the town having street cars he was forced again to sit on the floor of the rear of the car; that two or three hours thereafter he and his abductors arrived at their destination; that he was removed from the car and taken into a house where he was confined in a bedroom; that at this point he complained about the wound on his head; that his abductors washed his head with warm water and at BREMER'S request his abductors cut the hair surrounding the wounded portion of his head, placing mercurochrome on the wounded portion and bandaging the head.

MR. BREMER testified that the goggles or bandages were maintained over his eyes for a period of two or three days after his arrival at the hideout house; that one of the abductors, realizing that the victim's vision might be impaired as a result of continued obstruction of vision, suggested that the goggles could be removed provided BREMER maintained a certain sitting position in his room from which he could observe no one entering the room. The victim testify that he agreed to this; that the obstruction was removed from his eyes and that he was forced to sit in a small chair with his back to the door entering his room; that when his abductors entered his room for the purpose of providing food or papers for his signature, they always approached him from the rear and immediately



placed a towel over his, BREMER'S, eyes, then setting the objects for BREMER'S attention in the latter's lap. BREMER testified that by virtue of this procedure he was unable to see any of his abductors.

He stated further that whenever he wished to go to the bathroom he would notify his abductors by hollering, "Oh, pardner"; that thereupon the goggles would again be placed over his eyes and that they would be left over his eyes as he returned from the bathroom. The victim testified that he learned, therefore, never to ask to go to the bathroom except at night time since he desired clear vision during the daylight hours.

The victim testified as to the particular design contained on the wall paper in his hideout room and the fact that there was a long crack in the wall paper from the ceiling down toward the floor on the southwest corner of the room; that there was a large coal stove in the living room immediately adjacent to his hideout bedroom; that there was a kitchen immediately adjacent to the living room to the right upon leaving the hideout bedroom; that there was a bedroom adjacent to the living room to the left of the hideout bedroom, and that there was a bathroom immediately adjacent to the bedroom but to the left on entering the bedroom. He also testified that he recalled that the enamel portion of the flush knob on the toilet was broken off and that only a steel screw remained. He testified that on numerous occasions he heard dogs barking outside of the hideout house; that he heard persons walking on the floor above him; that he heard small children, and undoubtedly a baby playing on the floor above him; that he heard a toilet flush above him on numerous occasions; that he heard coal being taken from a bin located near the kitchen; that he heard this coal being placed in both the kitchen stove and the heating stove in the living room; that he heard fire sirens, factory whistles, and church bells; that he was furnished with food which had been seasoned highly, and which he presumed was cooked by a man; that on one occasion he was furnished with fresh strawberries and on another occasion was furnished with fish.

MR. BREMER also testified as to signing various sheets of paper, and stated that the only writing contained on those papers at the time he signed them were words to this effect: "You are responsible for my safety, I am responsible for the full amount of the money", advising further that any messages in addition to this contained on such letters were inserted after he had placed his signature on such papers.

He further testified to writing certain personal letters to his father, ADOLPH BREMER, and to his wife and little daughter; that on the last day of his captivity he was furnished with a suit of underwear, a pair of socks, and a shirt, all identifying data on such articles having

been removed by his abductors; that on that day he was awakened earlier in the morning than he was accustomed to arising; that one of his abductors made preparations to shave him, the victim not having been shaved during the three weeks captivity; that he was shaved by a party who has now been identified as FRED GOETZ alias GEORGE ZIEGLER; that at approximately 10 or 11 o'clock on the morning of his release he was taken from the house by one man who was considerably shorter than the victim; that this man lead the victim by holding the latter's right arm; that when the victim emerged from the hideout house he was wearing the goggles and was told by the party leading him that he should place his handkerchief up to his face; that he complied with this instruction and was lead by this abductor to a small coupe automobile; that he was placed therein and the man leading him occupied the portion of the seat opposite the driver; that soon thereafter another party assumed the driver's position; that the three parties drove a short distance, when the victim was removed from the coupe automobile and placed in a large sedan similar to the one which had been used on the day of the abduction; that the victim again was forced to sit on the bottom of the rear portion of the car with his back leaning against the back portion of the front seat; that he was driven for a considerable distance in this position; that from this position he was able to rest his right arm against what appeared to be a square five-gallon gasoline can with rounded corners, and that his left hand often touched the butt of what appeared to be a shot gun or a rifle; that there were at least two or more such gasoline cans in the portion of the car occupied by the victim and said cans were filled with gasoline; that one abductor sat on the rear seat while two others occupied the front seat; that when approximately half of the return journey had been completed the car in which he was riding was driven off the main highway on to what appeared to be an ordinary county road; that after driving on this road for perhaps ten minutes, the car stopped and the three abductors got out of the car; that they then removed the gasoline cans from the rear portion of the car and also took one can from the front portion of the car; that he heard his abductors pour the gasoline from these cans into the gasoline tank of the car in which he was riding; that these cans were left at the scene of the re-filling; that he and his abductors proceeded on for several hours, then making another stop, at which time he and two of his abductors got out of the car and walked along a ditch, at which time a train passed in the direction in which he and his abductors had been driving. The other abductor drove the car away, explaining that he was going to see whether the money had been marked, but it has been shown that undoubtedly the other abductor went to a gasoline station to have the car replenished with gasoline; that after perhaps ten or fifteen minutes the car again returned and the victim and his abductors again proceeded in the same direction in which they had been travelling before the car stopped; that approximately an hour after resuming the journey they reached a town which later proved to be Rochester, Minnesota; that the victim was driven to a dark street in the vicinity of a river where he was told to get out of the

car and take a bus to St. Paul. It was explained to him that he should count to ten before removing the bandage from his eyes. The victim explained that after the kidnap car had disappeared he did remove the goggles from his eyes, throwing the same in a clump of weeds, and then proceeded to St. Paul. This release was on the night of February 7, 1934.

While MR. BREMER was on the stand he also testified that on January 19, 1935 he visited a house in Bensenville, Illinois, which he positively identified as the house in which he was held a kidnap victim for twenty-two days. At this point photographs were shown Victim BREMER of the hideout house in Bensenville, Illinois, which he positively identified.

MR. BREMER also testified that on January 26, 1935 he, together with Special Agent John E. Brennan of the St. Paul Office, interviewed HAROLD ALDERTON and ELMER FARMER at the Ramsey County Jail at St. Paul, Minnesota, at which time ALDERTON admitted that his home in Bensenville, Illinois, had been used as the BREMER hideout, and FARMER admitted that he had accompanied FRED GOETZ and FRED BARKER to the hideout house on numerous occasions during the time BREMER was held there; further, that FARMER admitted that ALDERTON told him that BREMER was being held a kidnap victim at ALDERTON'S house; that ALDERTON admitted to BREMER that he, ALDERTON, had purchased strawberries and fish for BREMER; that ALDERTON admitted having purchased groceries and newspapers, and admitted having done all of the cooking for the gang and for BREMER.

During his testimony BREMER identified letters written in his own handwriting which he directed to Dr. H. T. Nippert, Lowry Building, St. Paul, Minnesota; Walter Magee, and to his daughter, whom he termed "Dearest Patz". He also identified a letter written to his father, ADOLPH BREMER, in his own handwriting, in which he implored his father to carry out all of the details contained in the letters of the kidnapers demanding the payment of ransom. He further identified a letter to Miss Lillian Dickman, written in his own handwriting, addressed to her as "My Dear Lil". This letter enclosed a letter to his father, and directed Miss Dickman to use every precaution in delivering said letter to the victim's father. The victim further identified his signature on all of the ransom notes.

No effort was made on the part of the defense counsel to cross-examine MR. BREMER.

Immediately after MR. BREMER left the stand HERMAN C. BAUCKE of Bensenville, Illinois, was called. MR. BAUCKE testified that he is the owner of the home occupied by ALDERTON between January 17 and February 7, 1934 at Bensenville; that this home was located at 180 May Street, Bensenville, Illinois. He corroborated the testimony of Victim BREMER as

to the layout of the rooms occupied by the Defendant ALDERTON, the presence of the cook stove in the kitchen, and the heating stove in the living room, both of which used coal, the presence of a large coal bin immediately adjacent to the kitchen on the south side of the hideout house. He further testified that all of the rooms in the ALDERTON portion of the house had been re-wall papered with the exception of the room occupied by Victim BREMER; that fortunately enough he had refrained from re-papering this room because of a leak in the ceiling which he intended to repair before re-papering the room. He testified that the same wall paper was on the walls of the hideout bedroom on January 19, 1935, the date of Victim BREMER'S visit to the hideout house, and positive identification of the same, as was on the room during the period January 17 to February 7, 1934. He also introduced the flush lever from the toilet on the floor occupied by the ALDERTON family, which lever disclosed that the enamel portion of the flush knob had been broken off and only the steel screw remained, as had been testified to by Victim BREMER.

MR. BAUCKE also testified as to the presence of dogs, stating that he himself owned a mongrel chow dog called Jack, and that ALDERTON personally owned several dogs during the period January 17 to February 7, 1934.

BAUCKE further testified as to the presence of children on the floor above the bedroom occupied by BREMER, stating that his daughter, MRS. EDWARD R. MOCHEL, and her husband occupied the portion above the BREMER bedroom and that MRS. MOCHEL often had her sister's children visiting during that period, and that one occupying BREMER'S bedroom could easily hear the children playing on the floor above.

During this portion of the trial Special Agent R. C. Soren of the Chicago Office introduced a wall paper exhibit, the same being a piece of wall paper which he had taken from the BREMER bedroom at the Bensenville hideout on the morning of January 16, 1935.

At this point MR. EDWARD R. MOCHEL of Bensenville, Illinois, also testified to facts in corroboration of the story of Victim BREMER. MOCHEL testified that he occupied the upstairs rooms of the hideout house during the kidnap period, and he likewise explained the layout of the rooms occupied by HAROLD ALDERTON. He also testified as to the suspicious circumstances existing during the kidnap period; that all of the window shades were pulled down during the entire period; that on one occasion he made an effort to visit ALDERTON but that ALDERTON kept him entirely outside of the ALDERTON portion of the house during the visit.

Special Agent John E. Brennan at this point testified that on January 26, 1935 he, together with Victim BREMER, interviewed HAROLD ALDERTON and ELMER FARMER at the Ramsey County Jail in St. Paul, Minnesota; that at this time ALDERTON admitted that members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang rented his, ALDERTON'S, house for the purpose of holding Victim BREMER; that he observed BREMER sitting in a bedroom at a small table in the corner of the room; that at this time BREMER had his head covered with a bandage and tape; that ALDERTON admitted having cooked fish for BREMER and also admitted that he purchased strawberries, which were served to BREMER, admitting further that he did all the cooking. ALDERTON admitted at this time that one of the members of the mob treated BREMER with more kindness than the others and that this undoubtedly was DOC BARKER, and that DOC BARKER had guaranteed BREMER that the latter was going to be taken home all right; that ALDERTON stated that during BREMER'S confinement DOC BARKER had in his conversations with BREMER attempted to imitate a Mexican in order to give BREMER the impression that he was being held by either Mexicans or foreigners.

Agent Brennan testified that during this interview ELMER FARMER stated that ALDERTON told him that BREMER was being held at the hideout house; that ALDERTON admitted that on the day of BREMER'S release he assisted DOC BARKER in getting the Buick Sedan of DOC BARKER started; that after this car was in running order BREMER was placed in the 1932 Chevrolet Coupe of FRED GOETZ alias ZIEGLER and that BREMER was removed some distance from the hideout house into the Buick Sedan of DOC BARKER, whereupon FRED GOETZ returned in the 1932 Chevrolet Coupe alone.

It is interesting to note that Brennan testified that ALDERTON admitted to him that BREMER was removed at approximately 10 o'clock on the morning of February 7, 1934, and that at the time of the removal children were playing at recess near a school across the street from the hideout house. It should be noted that BREMER had testified that on numerous occasions he had heard the sound of children playing outside the hideout house.

Brennan also testified that ALDERTON admitted to him that a man named "HEAVY", whom ALDERTON partially identified as WILLIAM WEAVER, cleansed and bandaged the head of BREMER upon his arrival at the hideout house. Brennan also testified that ALDERTON admitted to him that during the last few days of BREMER'S captivity it appeared that the gang was not going to be able to collect the ransom money, and that the gang requested ALDERTON'S services in returning BREMER to St. Paul without obtaining the ransom money.

Brennan also testified that FARMER admitted to him that WILLIE HARRISON, one of the subjects in this case, frequently visited his, FARMER'S, tavern in Bensenville during the time that BREMER was being held there, and that numerous members of the gang, including ALVIN KARPIS, HARRY SAWYER, VOLNEY DAVIS, DOC BARKER, FRED BARKER, KATE BARKER, and RUSSELL GIBSON, visited his tavern in Bensenville on numerous occasions after the kidnaping, always inquiring as to whether any investigation had been made by officers in Bensenville with regard to the kidnaping. Agent Brennan also testified that FARMER told him that after the release of BREMER, ALVIN KARPIS and a party whom FARMER referred to as "HEAVY" (WILLIAM WEAVER) visited FARMER'S tavern at Bensenville, at which time KARPIS' fingers were bandaged. Full information as to the operations on KARPIS' fingers was brought out at a later time in the trial.

At this point of the trial, ADOLPH BREMER, the father of the Victim, was called as a witness for the Government. ADOLPH BREMER was very deeply moved over his son's abduction and found his emotions overcoming him on numerous occasions when he testified with regard to the abduction and his frantic efforts to communicate with the kidnapers. This witness testified that he first secured his information with regard to the kidnaping from a friend of long standing, WALTER MAGEE, which information was brought to his attention on the morning of January 17, 1934. He then identified numerous ransom letters directed to him by his son's abductors, each letter containing the signature of his son. He told of the preparation of the \$200,000.00 ransom money and related that the money was placed in the American National Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, under a time lock; that he was very eager to meet the demands of the abductors and that one of the earlier arrangements made by the abductors for the payment of the ransom money would have been met except for the fact that the money was under a time lock in the American National Bank and that it was impossible to get the money in time to follow the instructions of the abductors. He testified that arrangements were made through him for the payment of the ransom by WALTER MAGEE on the night of February 6, 1934, and that after the payment of the ransom, he anxiously awaited the return of his son. He testified that he was horror stricken when his son returned home late on the night of February 7, 1934; that his son looked like a wild man, and at this point ADOLPH BREMER was overcome by his emotions. ADOLPH BREMER also related the frenzied efforts made by him to comply with all the requests made by the kidnapers; that he insisted that all officers be withdrawn from the case in order that contact could be made with the abductors; that he had published in the newspapers, notice of the fact that he had made arrangements that all investigators would be drawn off the case for a period of at least seventy-two hours so that proper contact could be made with the abductors for the return of his son.

At this point DR. H. T. NIPPERT was called to the stand by the Government to identify a ransom letter which he received on January 20, 1934. He testified that this note had been deposited in a bottle; that the bottle had been thrown through the glass in his front door on the night of January 19, 1934, and that the same was not observed until the morning of January 20, 1934. He further testified that this note was not found by him until he had received a telephone call from an anonymous source advising him that this note had been left in his vestibule, and that he should go down there and get it immediately. He testified that in this bottle he found a note addressed to him by Edward Bremer, the Victim, and that he also found therein two envelopes, one addressed to WALTER MAGEE and the other to MRS. EDWARD BREMER, the wife of Victim, and that he delivered these letters to ADOLPH BREMER.



At this point MR. C. A. STAHLMAN and W. P. BEHRENS were called to the stand by the Government to identify a ransom letter which was left at the office of the Behrens-Wittman Coal Company in St. Paul during the night of January 22, 1934; that this letter was addressed to WALTER MAGEE or ADOLPH BREMER. This letter demanded that all police officers, newspapers and radio stations be drawn off the case and that from now on the family of the Victim would receive the "silent treatment". This letter was delivered to MR. ADOLPH BREMER.

GEORGE MURRAY and ARTHUR MURRAY of Faribault, Minnesota were next called by the Government to identify a ransom note which was delivered to them by an unidentified party on January 24, 1934. ARTHUR MURRAY testified that his family is the owner of the New Brunswick Hotel at Faribault, Minnesota; that on or about January 24, 1934, a man dressed in overalls and rough clothing came to him advising that his father would arrive in Faribault, Minnesota on the 10:30 P.M. bus from the Twin Cities; that his father was ill and had forgotten to bring his medicine; that this stranger gave him (ARTHUR MURRAY) a package, which supposedly contained the medicine and asked MURRAY to give this package to the stranger's father, whose name would be JOHN B. BRAKERHAM. ARTHUR MURRAY testified that this strange individual immediately left the hotel following this conversation but returned a short time before the bus arrived and stated that his father had telephoned that he had missed the bus and this strange individual requested ARTHUR MURRAY to hold the package until someone called for it. MURRAY also testified that this package was later opened and found to be a corn meal box containing a ransom letter. GEORGE MURRAY, the father of ARTHUR MURRAY, testified that he forwarded this ransom note to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension at St. Paul, Minnesota. MRS. GEORGE MURRAY, the mother of ARTHUR MURRAY, testified that she personally opened the package which had been left in the New Brunswick Hotel and found in the corn meal box, a ransom letter directed to CHARLES MAGEE or Pay-Off Man (John B. Brakesham). She testified that this letter directed the party to whom it was sent to take the money and get off a bus at the next town called "Owatunna"; that the letter further stated that about fifty feet west of the place where the bus stops there would be a 1933 Chevrolet Coupe; that the pay-off man should place the money in this car and that he would find his next instructions on the steering post of the car. The signature of E. G. Bremer on this letter was identified both by Victim Bremer and by his father ADOLPH BREMER.

The next witnesses called by the Government were JOHN MILLER and MRS. JOHN MILLER. They testified that on the evening of January 25, 1934, a Hills Bros. Coffee can was left on the back porch of their home in St. Paul, Minnesota; that shortly after this note was left there, Mr. John Miller received a telephone call from an anonymous source directing his attention



to this can and advising him to take this can immediately to ADOLPH BREMER's home. MR. MILLER testified that the can had already been discovered by his wife and that he did deliver a letter contained therein to ADOLPH BREMER. This letter contained a baggage check drawn on the Union Bus Station in St. Paul and the letter directed CHARLES MAGEE, the pay-off man, to take the money to the bus station, present this baggage check and he would thereupon receive a hand bag which would contain further instructions as to the pay-off of the money.

LILLIAN DICKMAN was then called by the Government to identify a letter written in the handwriting of EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, which was signed by the Victim as "Ed". She testified that this letter also contained a letter addressed to ADOLPH BREMER, the father of the Victim, and requested her to deliver the letter to ADOLPH BREMER unopened.

At this point WALTER MAGEE was called as a witness for the Government. He testified that on the morning of January 17, 1934, he received a telephone call from an unknown source advising him of the kidnaping of ED BREMER, and the demand for \$200,000.00 ransom; that he thereafter found under a side door of his office building, a ransom note addressed to him as CHAS. MCGEE. MAGEE identified this letter and testified that the same advised him that he was to take care of the pay-off; that \$200,000.00 was being demanded and that the payment must be made in five and ten dollar bills, no new money, no consecutive numbers and a large variety of issues; that the money should be placed in two large suit boxes tied with heavy cord; that no contact would be made until MAGEE notified the kidnapers that he (MAGEE) was ready to pay, and that he (MAGEE) should place an ad in the Minneapolis Tribune as soon as the money was ready, the ad to read "We are ready, Alice"; and that thereupon he (MAGEE) would receive final instructions. MAGEE also testified that on January 25, 1934, he delivered claim check for baggage at the Union Bus Depot in St. Paul and he obtained a black zipper bag which bag contained a pillow and an additional letter. He testified that this letter directed him to assume the name of JOHN B. BRAKEEHAM; that he was to take the money and get on the bus leaving that station at 8:40 P.M., on the night of January 25th for Des Moines; that he was to register at the Fort Des Moines Hotel under the above name. It is observed earlier in this memorandum that it was impossible for the BREMER family and MAGEE to comply with this request in view of the fact that the ransom money had been placed in a vault in the American National Bank at St. Paul, which vault contained a time lock, which would not permit of entry into the vault until after the above mentioned bus had departed from St. Paul. This witness also testified that in keeping with another ransom letter, he did on the night of February 6, 1934, secure from ADOLPH BREMER, Jr., the \$200,000.00 ransom

money contained in two suit boxes; that they drove to 969 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota in keeping with instructions contained in a ransom letter arriving at this point at approximately 8:00 P.M., where he found parked in front of this address a 1933 Chevrolet Coupe bearing Shell Oil Company signs on each door; that he removed the ransom money from the car in which he was riding to this 1933 Chevrolet Coupe, and that, as previously instructed, he found the keys to this car in the side pocket and also an additional note which instructed him to drive to Farmington, Minnesota; that the Rochester bus would leave Farmington at 9:25 P.M.; that he was to follow this bus until he came to four red lights on the left side of the road; that he was then to turn on the first road to the left and proceed at about fifteen miles per hour until he should see five flashes of light; then stop and deposit the packages of money on the right side of the road; that he was then to drive straight ahead. MAGKE testified that he followed these instructions; that he found the four red lights on the left side of the road and further following instructions he observed five flashes of lights from an automobile, whereupon he deposited on the road the two suit boxes containing the \$200,000.00 and proceeded straight ahead. He further testified that the point at which he made the pay-off was in the vicinity of the little town of Mazeppa, Minnesota; that on February 8, 1934, he together with Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni and Special Agent in Charge Frank J. Blake, proceeded to a point where he had observed the four red lights and there he, together with the above named parties, found three flash lights and a Light Master Pocket Lantern, all being equipped with a red lens known as Filmo lens. This witness further testified that in the 1933 Chevrolet Coupe provided for him by the kidnapers, he observed a dark blue storm cap. (It will be later shown that Alvin Karpis wore a cap identical with this cap when he purchased the flash lights in St. Paul.)

WALTER MAGKE further testified that on January 17, 1934, he accompanied ADOLPH BREMER, the father of the Victim, to a point in the vicinity of the Snelling Water Tower in St. Paul, where he located the Lincoln Sedan of Victim BREMER on Edgumbe Road near the Water Tower; that he found what appeared to be blood on the steering wheel, gear shift lever, the left door sill, the front seat and the back of the front seat.

At this point Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni of the Omaha Bureau Office testified that on February 8, 1934 he, together with WALTER MAGKE and FRANK J. BLAKE, recovered three flash lights and a Light Master Pocket Lantern at a point near the little town of Zumbrota, Minnesota. The continuity of these flash lights was traced by various agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after which the flash lights were introduced over very strenuous objections on the part of the defense.

The staff of defense counsel sensed the importance of the flash light evidence and compelled the Government to trace continuously the possession of these flash lights in order to identify them as the same flash lights as those found at a point indicated by WALTER MAGEE.

MRS. FLORENCE HUMPHREY of St. Paul, Minnesota testified that during January and February of 1934 she was an employee of the F. & W. Grand and Silver Store; that at about 11:30 A.M. on January 27, 1934, a man whom she positively identified as ALVIN KARPIS purchased from her three flash lights of large reflector type, the flash lights bearing the name "Merit Product"; that two of these flash lights had a black painted shaft and one of them a nickel plated shaft; that at this time KARPIS had in his hand a red disk lantern, identified as a Filmo lens and made efforts to buy additional red lenses from this witness. KARPIS purchased some Arrow batteries and also some Eveready batteries. She testified that KARPIS was particularly anxious to know which was the better battery of the two and wanted to be very sure that the flash lights would work. In this respect she testified that KARPIS showed considerable anxiety. She testified that KARPIS was dressed in high top leather boots with wool stockings turned down over the tops; that he wore riding breeches and a dark zipper woolen jacket; that he also had on a cap of wool which are known as storm caps or blizzard caps. During the testimony of this woman, she was very positive in all of her assertions and made a splendid witness. There was no doubt in her mind that ALVIN KARPIS is identical with the purchaser of the flash lights. It should be noted that efforts were made on the part of the defense counsel to break down her story and discredit her as a witness and every effort made her that much a stronger witness in behalf of the Government. The cross-examination was with no avail.

At this point J. C. DUNCAN, who is in charge of the State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, State Capital Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, introduced the photograph and fingerprints of ARTHUR (DOC) BARKER. He made a very strong witness for the Government in view of the fact that he was able to show in his testimony that he had fingerprinted ARTHUR (DOC) BARKER at the time the latter was received at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary under sentence of life for the murder of a night watchman at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Every effort was made on the part of the defense counsel to obliterate and delete from the photograph of "DOC" BARKER information tending to show that he was incarcerated in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, Although the deletions were permitted by the court, the information as to his incarceration was clearly brought out by J.C.DUNCAN.

MR. DUNCAN also brought out in his testimony that at the time he fingerprinted "DOC" BARKER, no effort had been made on the part of the

latter to obliterate his fingerprints. At the time that MR. DUNCAN identified "DOC" BARKER, the latter was forced by the court to stand up to be identified. BARKER gave a very unfavorable impression to parties sitting in the court room and displayed every anxiety of being forced to stand up for identification.

At this point in the trial the photographs of VOLNEY DAVIS, RUSSELL GIBSON, WILLIAM WEAVER, WILLIAM HARRISON, HARRY SAWYER, ALVIN KARPIS and FRED BARKER were introduced and identified. Again, vigorous efforts were made on the part of defense counsel to have portions of the photographs showing incarcerations in penitentiaries deleted from the various photographs. This was to no effect, however, in view of the fact that each person introducing and identifying various photographs testified that said photographs were taken in various penitentiaries. The jury, therefore, was well apprised of the criminal character of all the associates of "DOC" BARKER and the others on trial.

In order to show the interstate character of the kidnaping, the road maps of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois were introduced at this point in the trial by highway engineers from each of the above noted states.

FRED J. GODE, comptroller of the American National Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, testified that upon instructions from ADOLPH BREMER, Sr., he collected together \$200,000.00 in five and ten dollar bills and with the assistance of MR. P. A. SMITH, cashier, of the American National Bank, each of the serial numbers were noted and a ransom list prepared therefrom. He further testified that this money was kept in the possession of the American National Bank until February 5, 1934, at which time it was turned over to ADOLPH BREMER, Jr.; that the original of the list of the ransom money was delivered to an agent to be delivered to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, D. C. MR. P. A. SMITH also testified to similar data.

The Government then undertook to show that ransom lists were prepared by this Bureau at Washington, D. C. from the original list which had been furnished by MR. GODE. It was shown that the serial numbers were arranged in numerical order and after the work had been accurately compiled, thousands of copies were made and sent to the various banks throughout the country. The Government traced the preparation and the distribution of the ransom lists prepared by the Bureau at Washington, which were later sent to various banks in Chicago, Illinois, from which identification was made of BREMER ransom money which was being passed by WILLIAM E. VIDLER. It is to be noted that this work of the Bureau in preparing and distributing these lists led directly to the apprehension of WILLIAM E. VIDLER and also the apprehension of "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN and PHILIP DELANEY.

Every effort was made on the part of the defense particularly its counsel representing McLAUGHLIN, VIDLER and DELANEY to show the incompetence of the ransom money evidence on the part of the Government. This, however, was to no avail.

At this point in the trial the Government introduced the testimony of EARNEST MILISCH who testified that on February 7, 1934, he observed an automobile drive past his farm which is located in the vicinity of Portage, Wisconsin and stop at a point where four gasoline cans were later found. The Government then introduced the testimony of RUEBEN GROSSMAN, who testified that he lives on a farm about seven miles northwest of Portage, Wisconsin; that at about 6:00 o'clock PM on February 7, 1934 when returning to his home, he found four empty gasoline cans located about five feet from the left side of a county dirt road, which is located about three-fourths of a mile from highway #16; that the ground around the spot where these gasoline cans were lying happened to be damp and that he smelled of these spots and noted that they smelled of gasoline, and that he examined each can and found that they had contained gasoline. He testified that he took these cans and a funnel which was lying near by to his home where he placed them in a garage; that he then notified the Sheriff's office at Portage, Wisconsin of the finding of these cans, and that on February 10, 1934, Deputy Sheriff Harry Hibner came to his home and took the four cans and the funnel away. This witness positively identified in the court room the four gasoline cans as being identical with those which he had recovered near his home on February 7, 1934.

The Government then produced HARRY HIBNER, Deputy Sheriff, Portage, Wisconsin, who testified to securing the four gasoline cans and the tin funnel at the home of RUEBEN GROSSMAN. He also testified that he later, on February 12, 1934, delivered these four gasoline cans to Special Agent S. K. McKee. While on the witness stand, HARRY HIBNER positively identified the four gasoline cans and the funnel in the court room as being identical with those which he had secured at the GROSSMAN home on February 10, 1934. MILISCH, GROSSMAN and HIBNER are country folks and not accustomed to testifying. Their demeanor was splendid at all times and they made good witnesses for the Government.

The Government then produced Special Agent S. K. McKee, who testified that on February 12, 1934, he secured from HARRY HIBNER, deputy sheriff at Portage, Wisconsin, the four gasoline cans mentioned above. He further testified that immediately upon returning with said cans to the St. Paul Bureau Office, he inscribed his initials "S.K.M." thereon with blue pencil and was, therefore, able to positively identify the four gasoline cans in the court room with those he had secured at Portage, Wisconsin on February 12, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni testified that these cans were packed under his personal supervision and shipped to the laboratory of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, D. C. for scientific analysis. The staff of defense counsel had at all times vigorously opposed the introduction of the gasoline cans in evidence and, therefore, it was necessary to trace the continuity of their possession from the time they were found at Portage, Wisconsin to the date of their introduction in the court room. It was, therefore, necessary to use the testimony of Bureau experts, C. A. APPEL and AARON KOHN, to show the continuity of possession of these identical gasoline cans and funnel at the Bureau. They were able to testify that the cans then in the court room were the identical cans which had been received at Washington for scientific treatment. They were further able to state that at no time in their experience had any cans similar to the cans in question been received by the Bureau in the course of any investigation. They were then able to show that two of the cans in question were shipped to the St. Paul Office and that two of the cans were shipped to the Chicago Bureau Office for investigative purposes, after scientific analysis had been made. The Bureau was then able to establish through HARRY WILD, clerk at the Chicago Bureau Office, and Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni and Special Agents John E. Brennan and K. R. McIntire that all of the cans in question were ultimately received at the St. Paul Bureau Office for purposes of trial. In establishing this chain of continuous possession on the part of representatives of the Bureau, the Government encountered no difficulty in introducing the expert testimony of AARON KOHN as to his identification of the latent print of ARTHUR (DOC) BARKER found on one of the gasoline cans.

At this point the Government introduced the testimony of AARON KOHN, fingerprint expert, from the Bureau at Washington. He testified as to the receipt of the gasoline cans and their scientific treatment for latent fingerprints. He testified that he found one latent fingerprint, which was capable of being identified, as the right index finger of "DOC" BARKER. He explained to the court and jury very clearly the manner in which the latent fingerprint was photographically reproduced and the manner in which it was compared with the fingerprints of "DOC" BARKER then on file at the Bureau. He introduced a photographic re-production of the right index finger of ARTHUR (DOC) BARKER taken from the official records at Washington. He then introduced a photographic enlargement of the latent fingerprint found on the gasoline can and each of the enlargements contained points of identity which were established by the witness. In establishing the identity of the fingerprint as that of "DOC" BARKER, the witness had used a fingerprint record of BARKER which was furnished the Bureau by the Police Department at Muskogee, Oklahoma.

At this point defense counsel raised a strenuous objection to the competence of the evidence in view of the fact that the Government had produced no witness to identify the fingerprints which were taken of BARKER at Muskogee, Oklahoma. At this point Government counsel pointed out that under a law of Congress the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice was empowered to collect criminal records and fingerprint data and so long as the witness was able to testify that the fingerprint record which he had used for purposes of comparison was an official record of the Department of Justice, the court was compelled to take judicial notice and no proof of identity was necessary under the law. Efforts were then made on the part of defense counsel to have stricken from the record the testimony of J. C. DUNCAN, fingerprint expert from Oklahoma City, and also to strike from the record the fingerprints of "DOC" BARKER introduced by DUNCAN, the same having been taken at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in 1928. The Government successfully contended that the introduction of the fingerprints on the part of J. C. DUNCAN was a very material step in establishing the identity of the fingerprints of "DOC" BARKER found on the gasoline can. These efforts were made on the part of defense counsel to eliminate the evidence introduced by DUNCAN in view of the fact that the fingerprint record from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary contained very damaging information insofar as "DOC" BARKER was concerned. The court held that the record did contain damaging information against BARKER in spite of deletions which were granted but held that there was no remedy at law and it was one of those unfortunate circumstances in which a defendant places himself by virtue of violation of the law.

AARON KOHN in simple language which was capable of being understood by everyone, explained briefly the science of fingerprinting and declared that the possibility of the fingerprint found on the gasoline can being that of any one other than "DOC" BARKER would only be one chance in several billion and declared emphatically that the possibility of there being a duplication of fingerprints was so remote as to be out of the question entirely. On cross-examination, defense counsel, who obviously were untutored in the science of fingerprinting, made no effort to get at the real questions involved in the fingerprint evidence, there being made every effort to seize upon the ridiculous in an effort to confuse the minds of the jurors. These questions were very capably explained away by the witness and left no question in the minds of the jurors as to the true identity of the fingerprint.

During the course of the fingerprint testimony the Government produced Special Agent M. Chaffetz who introduced the fingerprints of "DOC" BARKER taken in Chicago, Illinois on January 8, 1935 and both Special Agent Chaffetz and Fingerprint Expert Aaron Kohn were able to testify that the fingerprint of "DOC" BARKER had been deliberately mutilated since his



fingerprints were taken in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. This was considered especially damaging testimony and no effort was made on the part of the defense counsel to keep out the testimony as to wilful mutilation.



At this point Fingerprint Expert JOHN TIERNEY of the St. Paul Police Department was called upon to corroborate the testimony of AARON KOHN. He testified that the fingerprint found on the gasoline can was identical with the impression on the right index finger of DOC BARKER. He also testified that the possibility of there being a duplication in fingerprints was so utterly remote as to be out of the question.

The Government at this point deemed it wise to introduce evidence showing the exchange of ransom money at various Chicago banks by WILLIAM E. VIDLER and PHILIP DELANEY.

BRUNO ALTHAUS, Paying Teller, Lakeview Trust & Savings Bank, 3201 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, testified that on April 20, 1934 VIDLER exchanged \$1000.00 in five and ten dollar bills at his window.

CHESTER HOOKER, Teller, Howard Trust & Savings Bank, 1737 Howard Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, testified that a man fitting the description of VIDLER, on Monday, April 22, 1934, exchanged at his bank two packs of bills containing four hundred \$5.00 bills.

Special Agent A. E. SWENNEY testified that on April 23, 1934 he was called to the Howard Trust & Savings Bank upon advice that the money exchanged at that point by VIDLER was BREMER ransom money; that \$1,500.00 of the money exchanged by VIDLER was given to him, SWENNEY, for the purposes of examination; that all of this money proved to be BREMER ransom money.

WILLIAM H. BLESCHKE, Teller and Assistant Cashier, Lakeview Trust & Savings Bank, 3201 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, testified that on Monday, April 23, 1934, WILLIAM E. VIDLER exchanged at his bank \$3,000.00 in five and ten dollar bills; that an examination of several of these bills showed them to be BREMER ransom money.

Special Agent J. R. WELLES, testified that thirty-one \$5.00 bills which were held out for examination by WILLIAM H. BLESCHKE were examined by him and were found to be BREMER ransom bills.

LEONARD RABIN, Teller, Main State Bank, 1965 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised that about ten o'clock A.M. on April 23, 1934 VIDLER exchanged at his bank something over \$1000.00 of BREMER ransom money.

Special Agent CHARLES JENKINS testified that on April 24, 1934 he examined thirty \$10.00 bills at the Main State Bank which had been exchanged at that bank by VIDLER, and the same proved to be BREMER ransom money.

JOHN GESKEWICH, Uptown State Bank, 1050 Wilson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, testified that on April 23, 1934 WILLIAM VIDLER exchanged at his bank \$1000.00 in small bills, which proved to be BREMER ransom money.

Special Agent J. A. MURPHY testified that on the morning of April 23, 1934 he examined \$900.00 of the money which had been exchanged at the Uptown State Bank by WILLIAM E. VIDLER and he found the same to be BREMER ransom money.

WILLIAM ZOCH, Teller, City National Bank & Trust Company, 206 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, testified that on April 26, 1934 WILLIAM E. VIDLER had exchanged ten \$10.00 bills at his window, at which time VIDLER explained that he was a "Bookie" and was located at 226 South Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois.

It is also observed that at the Uptown State Bank VIDLER explained to GESKEWICH that he did not have an account at the bank but that he would open up a checking account; that at the Main State Bank VIDLER explained that he did not have an account at that bank but explained that he was in the liquor business and that he received five and ten dollar bills in exchange for his wares, wherefore he had such a large number of five and ten dollar bills. It is also noted that at the Lakeview Trust & Savings Bank VIDLER explained that he occasionally delivered alcohol up in Wisconsin and that they always paid him in small bills up there, for which reason he had so many five and ten dollar bills. It should also be noted that at the First National Bank VIDLER explained that he had a safety deposit box downstairs where he had been hoarding large quantities of money, and that he desired to have these smaller bills changed into larger denominations.

WILLIAM ZOCH testified that after ascertaining that the bills exchanged by VIDLER at the City National Bank & Trust Company constituted a portion of the BREMER ransom money, he arranged to have the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Chicago, Illinois, notified and that soon thereafter he, together with Special Agents H. L. Scott, L. D. Nichols, and J. H. Rice went to the "Bookie" located at 226 South Wells Street, where he pointed out to the agents a party later identified as WILLIAM E. VIDLER, and declared that that was the man who had made the exchange of BREMER ransom money at the City National Bank & Trust Company.

Special Agents H. L. SCOTT and J. H. RICE testified that on April 26, 1934 they took WILLIAM E. VIDLER into custody at 226 South Wells Street; that he accompanied Agents to the Chicago Office, where he admitted his identity and admitted having changed some money at the City National Bank & Trust Company; that at this point VIDLER threw out of his pockets monies amounting to \$3,185.00, of which \$2,625.00 proved to be BREMER ransom money; that when he

threw the money on the desk he made the remark, "I did not know it was counterfeit", later giving the explanation that as he was coming over the Michigan Avenue Bridge that morning someone had thrown this package of money in his automobile.

Agents RICE and SCOTT also testified that the \$3,185.00 found on the person of VIDLER was immediately turned over to Special Agents R. A. Knittle and A. H. Crowl, who examined the same determining that \$2,635.00 of this money was BREMER ransom money. Agent RICE testified that among the personal effects found upon VIDLER was a small yellow piece of paper on which numerous addresses were found. This will be treated in greater detail hereafter.

Special Agent R. A. Knittle testified that he received from Special Agents Rice and Scott \$3,185.00, the same having been found on the person of VIDLER; that he examined this money and found \$2,625.00 thereof to be BREMER kidnap money.

Special Agent K. R. McINTIRE introduced a yellow piece of paper which was taken from the person of VIDLER by Special Agent Rice at the time of VIDLER'S apprehension, said paper containing numerous addresses. Agent McINTIRE testified that VIDLER admitted to him that these addresses were places of business where he intended to exchange more of the money, and made the remark at this time, "That's just some more evidence against me". Agent McINTIRE also testified that VIDLER admitted to him that prior to his, VIDLER'S, arrest he, VIDLER, had had some difficulty in exchanging money at the Chicago banks and that it had been agreed between him and "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN that he, VIDLER, should go to Louisville, Kentucky, where he had a banker friend where he would make efforts to exchange \$5,000.00 of the money. McINTIRE testified that VIDLER advised that he was unable to make this trip to Louisville due to his arrest by the Agents.

Defense counsel made every effort to keep out the testimony of Agent McINTIRE in this respect, however they were forced to withdraw objections and the testimony was accepted without further objection.

Former Special Agent L. D. NICHOLS introduced a signed statement which he secured from VIDLER on April 27, 1934 at Chicago, Illinois, which statement shows that VIDLER exchanged approximately \$28,000.00 at various Chicago banks, the statement further indicating that McLAUGHLIN had told VIDLER that the money was good money but that it was "hot" money, but that he, VIDLER, need not be afraid of it, and that VIDLER was to receive one per cent commission on all the money he changed.

During the testimony of Agent H. L. SCOTT and former Agent L. D. NICHOLS, defense counsel made every effort to show that VIDLER at no time made any admission of knowledge of the fact that the money he was exchanging

was BREMER ransom money, and also made strenuous efforts to show that the fabrications of VIDLER as to the money being counterfeit, and also as to the money being thrown in his car on crossing the Michigan Avenue Bridge on the morning of his apprehension, were the stories of the witnesses rather than those of VIDLER.

This evidence was followed by the testimony of Special Agent R. D. BROWN, who introduced a signed statement secured by the witness from PHILIP DELANEY at Chicago, Illinois, on April 27, 1934, in which statement DELANEY admitted exchanging \$24,000.00 at the Mutual National Bank located in the 7800 block on South Halsted Street; that he received this money from "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, and that he accompanied "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN and VIDLER during the time that VIDLER exchanged thousands of dollars worth of "hot" money at various banks in Chicago. In his statement DELANEY admitted that McLAUGHLIN had told him that the money he and VIDLER were changing was "hot" money but that McLAUGHLIN did not state where he, McLAUGHLIN, had obtained it, DELANEY advising Agent BROWN that he had an idea the money was coming from some mob who had robbed a bank.

Agent BROWN was followed on the witness stand by Special Agent M. F. GLYNN, who testified that he also interviewed DELANEY and made efforts to have DELANEY accompany him, GLYNN, to the Mutual National Bank to point out the teller through whom DELANEY had exchanged the money; that DELANEY stated that he did not wish to put anyone in the middle, and when asked why he went to this particular bank for the purpose of exchanging the money he advised Agent GLYNN that he thought that the bank was "fixed". It is noted that he also told Agent BROWN that he thought the Mutual National Bank was "fixed".

Again during the testimony against DELANEY defense counsel made every effort to show that DELANEY had never admitted to Agents that the money exchanged by him was known to him to be BREMER ransom money.

At this point Special Agent M. C. FALKNER testified that on April 27, 1934 he took into custody JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR., at the Chicago Board of Trade Building, Chicago, Illinois, and found in his hat band two envelopes containing money in the sum of \$315.00; that this money was turned over to Special Agent A. H. Crowl, who compared same with the BREMER ransom lists, determining that \$85.00 of this money was BREMER ransom money. Agent FALKNER testified that McLAUGHLIN, JR. admitted to him that some of this money had been given to him by his father, "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, and that he, McLAUGHLIN, Jr., had no knowledge of the character of the money.

At this point Special Agent R. C. COULTER introduced a signed statement which he secured from "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN on November 2, 1934 at St. Paul, Minnesota, declaring that all of the money which his son, McLAUGHLIN, Jr.,

had in his possession on April 27, 1934, with the exception of his salary money, had been given to him by "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN.

This testimony was followed by that of Special Agent R. D. BROWN, who testified relative to the oral admissions made to him by "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN at the Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois, on April 28, 1934. Agent BROWN testified that he advised McLAUGHLIN that his, McLAUGHLIN'S, son was in custody, BREMER ransom money having been found in his possession; that "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN advised, "Jimmie is not guilty of anything and he did not know that the money I gave him was 'hot'. If he was found with some 'hot' money in his possession I must have given it to him, but I did not realize I gave him any of the 'hot' five or ten dollar bills". Agent BROWN further stated that McLAUGHLIN told him that he, McLAUGHLIN, has known for a long time a confidence man known to him as FRANKIE WRIGHT; that he, McLAUGHLIN, met WRIGHT about three months prior to the date of McLAUGHLIN'S apprehension in the lobby of the Sherman Hotel in Chicago, at which time WRIGHT advised him that he, WRIGHT, expected to have some "hot" money in town in a few days and would like to have McLAUGHLIN handle some of it; that about three weeks thereafter WRIGHT advised McLAUGHLIN that the money was in town; that WRIGHT and McLAUGHLIN then proceeded to a hotel near the corner of Irving Park Boulevard and Cicero Avenue, in Room 209 of which hotel (now known to be the Irving Hotel) McLAUGHLIN was introduced to two men as MR. JONES and MR. SMITH; that these men informed McLAUGHLIN that they had some "hot" money which they wished to unload in Chicago and that an agreement was made whereby McLAUGHLIN was to change the money, which was in the form of five and ten dollar bills, into bills of larger denominations and McLAUGHLIN was to receive a 5% commission on all money thus changed.

Agent BROWN further testified that McLAUGHLIN admitted that he, McLAUGHLIN, secured the services of PHILIP DELANEY and WILLIAM E. VIDLER in disposing of this "hot" money; that McLAUGHLIN commenced handling this money about April 18, 1934; that VIDLER and DELANEY did all of the changing at various banks while McLAUGHLIN sat in the car; that McLAUGHLIN would sometimes deliver the good money to the hotel (Irving Hotel) and at other times he would call the two men at the hotel and would meet them outside and would follow the younger of the two men (RUSSELL GIBSON) to a point located about two and one-half blocks from the hotel, where he would pay over the good money.

Agent BROWN also introduced a diagram showing the location of the hotel, drawn by "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, and also showing the approximate location of the point to which he and one of the men would drive when he turned over the good money at the close of the day. Agent BROWN further stated that McLAUGHLIN admitted to him that one of the men with whom he treated at the hotel was a tall slender man who was known as SLIM (RUSSELL GIBSON) and the other man was a short man known as IZZY (OLIVER BERG). BROWN also testified as to personal descriptions of SLIM and IZZY given to him voluntarily by

"BOSS" McLAUGHLIN; further, that from the conversations of SLIM and IZZY, McLAUGHLIN gathered that they were from Toledo, Ohio; that McLAUGHLIN inquired of SLIM and IZZY whether the money he was handling was from the kidnaping of HAMM in St. Paul; that SLIM either replied "Yes" or indicated in some way that it was; that SLIM stated that they had \$100,000.00 they wanted to get rid of as soon as possible; that after this was gone they would be able to get \$200,000.00 more; that McLAUGHLIN then asked if the \$200,000.00 would be BREMER money; that no answer was given to him as to this question but somehow or other McLAUGHLIN gained the impression that the \$200,000.00 would be BREMER money; that at this point McLAUGHLIN advised Agent BROWN that he believed that he was handling money obtained for the release of WILLIAM HAMM, JR., and McLAUGHLIN estimated that he had exchanged in the neighborhood of \$50,000.00 prior to his apprehension.

Special Agent M. C. FALKNER then followed Special Agent BROWN on the witness stand and testified that on April 29, 1934 he, together with Special Agent BROWN, again interviewed "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN at the Cook County Jail, at which time McLAUGHLIN admitted to FALKNER that he had obtained money from a man he knew as SLIM and another man known to him as IZZY. Agent FALKNER testified to substantially the same information as is noted above under the testimony of Special Agent BROWN.

During the testimony of Agent BROWN with regard to the oral admissions of "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN the staff of defense counsel made every effort to break down BROWN'S testimony by showing that the original notes prepared by BROWN at the time of the interview were made up of words chosen by Agent BROWN rather than the exact words used by "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN. Every effort was made by the defense to confuse the real issues and to discredit the testimony of the witness. This, however, was to no effect.

At this point the Government introduced the testimony of JAMES FRANKLIN, a colored bell boy who worked at the Irving Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, during January, February, March, and April 1934, and also the testimony of MRS. ALVINA RICHMAN, who worked as a housekeeper at the Irving Hotel during January, February, March, and April of 1934. These witnesses positively identified JIMMIE WILSON, "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, and OLIVER BERG in the court room and positively identified the photographs of DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN and RUSSELL GIBSON. They testified as to the close association of these parties in the rooms occupied by MORAN and WILSON at the Irving Hotel during April 1934 and further testified as to the occasional association of these parties prior to April 1934.

Special Agent MADALA was at this point called to testify relative to the oral admissions made to him by the Defendant OLIVER BERG. MADALA testified that BERG admitted to him that he had first become acquainted with DR. MORAN

while both parties were incarcerated in the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois; that after the release of MORAN and BERG the latter assisted MORAN in establishing himself once more in the medical profession by furnishing him money, and also using certain political pressure to have the license of MORAN returned to him.

Agent MADALA testified that BERG admitted to him that on about March 15, 1934 ALVIN KARPIS and FRED BARKER were brought to BERG'S home in Chicago after a fingerprint obliteration operation had been performed on their fingers by DR. MORAN; that these two parties remained at BERG'S home for a week or ten days recuperating; that BERG admitted knowing and associating with "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN and HUSSELL GIBSON; that during the time FRED BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS were at BERG'S home they were visited by ARTHUR "DOC" BARKER; that during this time both of the BARKERS advised BERG that they had considerable amounts of money to be exchanged in larger denominations, and that they would pay BERG well for his services in exchanging such money. MADALA advised that BERG admitted to him that the money changing proposition was suggested to DR. MORAN also by DOC BARKER; that MORAN immediately seized upon the opportunity and advised BERG that he, MORAN, had a friend who was in that kind of a racket who might be interested in assisting in changing the money; that sometime thereafter DOC BARKER called BERG by telephone from Gary, Indiana, advising BERG to have DR. MORAN and HUSSELL GIBSON at his, BERG'S, home within thirty minutes; that shortly after this DOC BARKER and HARRY CAMPBELL came to BERG'S home, DOC BARKER having with him a suitcase containing three packages of money, each package aggregating \$10,000.00; that at this time DOC BARKER made it plain to GIBSON and BERG that he did not trust DR. MORAN because MORAN appeared to be too anxious to handle the money; that therefore GIBSON and BERG were to act as guards, and that MORAN would be compelled to pay GIBSON and BERG each 2% of his, MORAN'S, commission, which was understood to be 12 1/2%, of all the money which MORAN caused to be changed.

Agent MADALA then testified that BERG admitted to him that arrangements were made whereby all of the money transactions would be handled in DR. MORAN'S room in the Irving Hotel; that on numerous occasions thereafter "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN came to Room 211 of the Irving Hotel, which was being used by GIBSON, MORAN, BERG and McLAUGHLIN for the purpose of money transactions; that numerous packages of money were delivered to "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN from time to time until approximately April 26, 1934, on which date WILLIAM E. VIDLER was arrested.

MADALA testified that BERG advised him that out of each \$10,000.00 exchanged by McLAUGHLIN he, BERG, would receive \$200 as his commission; that "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN received 6 1/4% commission on all the money he exchanged; that BERG further advised that as a result of all of the money exchanges he, BERG, received something over \$900 as his total commission.



MADALA testified that BERG admitted to him that JIMMIE WILSON had on occasions accompanied HUSKILL GIBSON from Chicago, Illinois, to Aurora, Illinois, for the purpose of securing more of the "hot" money; that at this time JIMMIE WILSON insisted that he receive an equal share of the commission inasmuch as he was taking a greater risk than the others in travelling around with GIBSON when he went to get the money.

MADALA further stated that BERG advised him that after several days of exchanging the money in Chicago, McLAUGHLIN'S chauffeur, who is now known to be WILLIAM E. VIDLER, had some difficulty in exchanging money and it was agreed that VIDLER would go to Louisville, Kentucky, where he had a banker friend through whom he expected to exchange at least \$3,000.00 of this money; that BERG admitted to MADALA that on about April 26, 1934 all of the parties interested in the exchange of the money became very much concerned over the failure of "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN'S chauffeur to return; that they then secured information that he had been arrested by the Government; that BERG further admitted that on the following day the conspirators observed in the newspapers that "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN had been arrested by the Government; that at this time HUSKILL GIBSON stated to MORAN, WILSON and BERG, "It looks like the jig is up", and GIBSON further stated that he was going to tip off the boys and get out of town.

MADALA further testified that BERG admitted to him that on the night of the apprehension of "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, which was April 27, 1934, JIMMIE WILSON and DR. MORAN went to stay at BERG'S home at 5248 North Winthrop Avenue, Chicago; that at this time JIMMIE WILSON was induced to proceed by bus to Toledo, Ohio, where other members of the gang were located, MORAN stating that he would join WILSON in Toledo within a few days. MADALA further stated that BERG admitted to him that at a later date, after DR. MORAN had departed from Chicago, he, BERG, also joined members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang at Toledo, Ohio.

At this point defense counsel objected to the introduction of any evidence beyond May 1, 1934 in view of the fact that the indictment in this case had limited the period of the conspiracy to the date May 1, 1934.

Strenuous efforts were made on the part of the defense counsel to discredit the witness MADALA and to break down his story. On numerous occasions efforts were made to trip MADALA on the numerous dates that he had suggested during the course of his testimony but no appreciable results were obtained by such cross-examination and it was generally believed that MADALA'S statements became the more convincing as cross-examination progressed.

It is interesting to note that John DeCourcy, counsel for DOC BARKER and EDNA MURRAY, advised Agent McIntire that the whole story as given by Agent Madala was undoubtedly correct; that it rang so true that it would have been impossible for Madala to have picked the story out of the clear air.

At this point in the trial the Government introduced the statement made by Defendant JIMMIE WILSON to Agent MADALA. This statement was read by Government counsel to the jury and contained substantially the following information:

That WILSON had commenced living with DR. MORAN at Maywood, Illinois, in February or March of 1932; that in July 1933 MORAN opened a medical office at 4861 Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, and commenced living at the Irving Hotel, 4849 Irving Park Boulevard; that WILSON met OLIVER BERG and RUSSELL GIBSON during the early part of 1933 in the office of DR. MORAN; that he knew GIBSON in the name of SLIM EVANS and BERG in the name of OLLIE BERG; that WILSON observed "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN in DR. MORAN'S office on numerous occasions; that McLAUGHLIN first began frequenting MORAN'S office in the Fall of 1933; that McLAUGHLIN was first introduced to GIBSON and BERG by DR. MORAN around the first part of April 1934; that WILSON first saw McLAUGHLIN in company with GIBSON and BERG in Room 210 at the Irving Hotel on or about April 10, 1934; that a few days thereafter WILSON again observed McLAUGHLIN, BERG, MORAN and GIBSON in Room 211 of the Irving Hotel; that on this occasion as WILSON peered through the open door he observed McLAUGHLIN, BERG and GIBSON bending over the bed, on which was spread out a large quantity of money; that it appeared that there were several thousand dollars of this money on the bed; that at this time "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN called out, "Close that door, close that door"; that this attracted WILSON'S attention and that he then noticed on the dresser a regular sized brief case, on the top of which was a package wrapped in newspaper; that at this time he heard BERG ask McLAUGHLIN "How much more do you want?"; that on about April 20, 1934 McLAUGHLIN came to MORAN'S room at the Irving Hotel, at which time BERG handed "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN a package wrapped in newspaper and observed BERG to remark, "Don't bother about counting it, it is all there"; that during the week of April 22, 1934 WILSON accompanied RUSSELL GIBSON to Aurora, Illinois, where WILSON observed WILLIAM WEAVER; that on about April 25, 1934 WILSON and GIBSON again drove to Aurora where WILSON met a man known as GURLY, later identified as VOLNEY DAVIS; that on this trip WILSON again saw WILLIAM WEAVER and was introduced to DOC BARKER, who was using the name MORLEY, and to HARRY CAMPBELL, who was using the name GEORGE WINFIELD; that on this occasion GIBSON secured from these men at Aurora another package wrapped in newspaper which he and WILSON delivered to Chicago; that on about April 27, 1934, after observing newspaper accounts of McLAUGHLIN'S arrest, DR. MORAN stated, "This is the blow off", and MORAN stated he was getting out of town; that WILSON and MORAN thereupon went to the home of OLIVER BERG at 5248 North Winthrop

Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; that WILSON left Chicago that night for Toledo, Ohio, where he was to live with FRED BARKER; that WILSON was soon thereafter joined in Toledo by DR. MORAN and several days later was joined by OLIVER BERG; that WILSON was in constant association with members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang in Toledo for several weeks.

Considerable further information as to WILSON'S association with members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang at Toledo, Ohio, was brought out when WILSON testified in his own behalf, and also on cross-examination, which will be shown later in this memorandum.

At this point the Government introduced the testimony of FRANK BURKEL of Aurora, Illinois. MR. BURKEL testified that WILLIAM WEAVER and MYRTLE KATON occupied an apartment owned by BURKEL at 411 Claim Street, Aurora, Illinois; that VOLNEY DAVIS and EDNA MURRAY occupied an apartment owned by BURKEL at 415 Fox Street, Aurora, Illinois, and that these parties mysteriously left Aurora on or about April 28 or 29, 1934 after a residence of approximately two months. (It is noted that the publicity relative to the arrest of "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN was given wide publication on April 27 and 28, 1934).

WYNONA BURDETTE, former associate of HARRY CAMPBELL, now incarcerated in the Women's Reformatory at Milan, Michigan, was next called as a witness for the Government. She testified that during the latter part of September 1933 she joined HARRY CAMPBELL and WILLIAM HARRISON at Gary, Indiana; that these parties were joined at that point by FRED BARKER and DOC BARKER; that they then proceeded to St. Paul, Minnesota, where she became acquainted with PAULA HARMON, VOLNEY DAVIS, EDNA MURRAY, ALVIN KARPIS and DOLORES DELANEY; that on about October 5 or 6, 1933 all of said parties proceeded to Reno, Nevada, where they lived in various apartments until approximately the first of December 1933; that all of said parties then returned by automobile to St. Paul, Minnesota, arriving in St. Paul around the 5th of December 1933; that she and HARRY CAMPBELL immediately contacted HARRY SAWYER; that thereafter she and HARRY CAMPBELL, FRED BARKER, and PAULA HARMON, VOLNEY DAVIS and EDNA MURRAY, took residence in various apartments in St. Paul; that on January 13, 1934, the date of her birthday, a party was given for her at the apartment of PAULA HARMON and FRED BARKER, which was attended by DOC BARKER; a party known to her as GEORGE, whose photograph she identified as FRED GOETZ alias GEORGE ZIEGLER; VOLNEY DAVIS, EDNA MURRAY, and FRED BARKER; that on the night of January 15, 1934, by virtue of instructions given her by HARRY CAMPBELL, she quietly gave up her apartment at the Capitol Apartment building and went to live with PAULA HARMON; that on the morning of January 16, 1934 FRED BARKER asked her to cook a chicken which FRED BARKER called for at about 4:00 P.M. on the 16th of January. (It is noted that Victim BREMER was given a chicken sandwich to eat enroute to the hideout on January 17, 1934).

WYNONA BURDETTE further testified that on the morning of January 17, 1934 she, PAULA HARMON, and EDNA MURRAY, having been told by HARRY CAMPBELL that he would be gone for several days, were ordered to proceed to Chicago, Illinois, where they should get in touch with WILLIAM HARRISON, who would arrange for an apartment for them. She testified that she and PAULA HARMON drove one car, while EDNA MURRAY was driven to Chicago by GEORGE; that they took residence at an apartment building known as The Biltmore Apartments at 65rd and University in Chicago, Illinois, this apartment having been secured for them by WILLIAM HARRISON; that the girls were visited at this apartment at various times by FRED BARKER, DOC BARKER, HARRY CAMPBELL, and VOLNEY DAVIS; that on or about February 14, 1934 she, HARRY CAMPBELL, and WILLIAM HARRISON moved to Toledo, Ohio; that she remained in Toledo for several weeks, later moving to a cottage at Grand Forest Beach on Lake Erie, and later moving to Cleveland. She testified that in Toledo all of the members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang visited at her home and that DR. MORAN performed operations on the fingers of DOC BARKER, VOLNEY DAVIS, and HARRY CAMPBELL while they lived in Toledo.

This witness testified slowly and with much deliberation. Her testimony was very effective in showing the association of members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang in St. Paul, Minnesota, immediately prior to the kidnaping and their almost constant association during the kidnap period and for several months subsequent. It should be noted that at the close of her direct testimony no effort was made on the part of defense counsel to cross-examine her, and defense counsel indicated to Agent McIntire that they were afraid to cross-examine her because of the obvious truthfulness of her story and through fear that by cross-examination she might disclose even more damaging information.

At this point Special Agent W. C. HYAN was called to introduce the signed statement of HAROLD V. ALDERTON. This statement was read to the jury by Government counsel and contained substantially the following pertinent information:

That shortly before Christmas of 1933 ALDERTON was approached by KILMER PARKER, FRED GOETZ alias ZINKLER, and FRED BARKER, GOETZ advising ALDERTON that he, GOETZ, wanted to plant some boys at ALDERTON'S home for a few days; that ALDERTON agreed to make his home available for such use; that approximately the middle of January 1934, at about midnight, ALVIN KARPIS knocked on ALDERTON'S door, called the latter out to an alley way where ALDERTON observed several men in a large Buick Sedan; that one of the men was removed from the car and taken into ALDERTON'S house; that at this time ALDERTON observed KARPIS remove what appeared to be a high-powered rifle from the car, wrapping the same in a blanket, and taking the same into the house; that thereafter the Buick Sedan was taken to a garage owned by BIDDY BISHOP which had been rented by ALDERTON for members of the mob; that

immediately thereafter a party known to ALDERTON as "HEAVY", later partially identified as WILLIAM WEAVER, had ALDERTON prepare some warm water, stating that one of the men had bumped his head; that ALDERTON was then instructed by KARPIS to tell FARMER that the boys had arrived and that FARMER should bring over a case of beer and some whiskey.

ALDERTON admitted in his statement that DOC BARKER, HARRY CAMPBELL, WILLIAM WEAVER, FRED BARKER, FRED GOETZ and ALVIN KARPIS were present in the hideout house during the time BREMER was held there; that soon after the arrival of the gang ALDERTON observed in the papers that BREMER of St. Paul had been kidnaped; that he asked DOC BARKER if BREMER was the man they were holding; that DOC BARKER indicated that that was true, saying, "Go in and look at him"; that during the kidnap period ALDERTON purchased newspapers and groceries for the gang, and did all of the cooking for BREMER and the members of the gang at the house.

ALDERTON also admitted in his statement that he passed the bedroom in which BREMER was being held and saw BREMER sitting at a table with his head bandaged. He further admitted observing BREMER being taken to the bathroom on several occasions; that during the time BREMER was held there the members of the gang did a considerable amount of arguing, and finally requested that WILLIAM WEAVER leave the house since he and KARPIS could not get along together; that about three weeks after BREMER had been brought to his, ALDERTON'S, house, FRED GOETZ prepared to shave BREMER; that on that same morning ALDERTON was posted at a certain point in his yard by FRED GOETZ, who instructed him to be on the lookout for anyone who should approach and to detain such a person; that he heard a car in the alley way driving away; that he then returned to the house and found that all parties had departed. ALDERTON admitted in his statement that immediately prior to the departure of the parties he had assisted DOC BARKER in getting the Buick Sedan of DOC BARKER started.

ALDERTON also admitted in his statement that he secured four 5 gallon alcohol cans from ELMER FARMER upon instructions from the boys and had these cans filled with gasoline on two different occasions. He also admitted in his statement that on the day of BREMER'S release he received \$100.00 from GOETZ and that he later received approximately \$900.00 from ELMER FARMER, who had been given this money by GOETZ to pay ALDERTON for his services to the gang.

Defense counsel made every effort on cross-examination of Agent Ryan to show that certain information given Agent Ryan by Defendant ALLDERTON was not contained in the signed statement of ALLDERTON. Agent RYAN successfully showed that the only things that were omitted from the signed statement were inconsequential matters of no importance either to the prosecution or to the defense of ALLDERTON.

Special Agent R. C. Suran was then called to corroborate the testimony of Agent RYAN with regard to the signed statement of ALLDERTON. He testified to substantially the same facts as are contained in the signed statement of ALLDERTON and merely elaborated on the manner in which the signed statement was secured and prepared.

Special Agent K. R. McIntire was then called by the Government to introduce the signed statement of Defendant ELMER FARMER. The Government as a preliminary matter merely established the manner in which the signed statement was prepared and the statement itself was then read in open court by Counsel for the Government. The information contained in the signed statement is substantially as follows:

FARMER admitted having known FRED GOETZ alias GEORGE ZEIGLER for the past six or seven years; admitted knowing ALLDERTON for the past ten years; admitted knowing BOLTON for the past two and one-half years. He stated that he is interested in a tavern known as "ELMER'S TAVERN" in Bensenville, Illinois, which is operated by himself and his brother, JIM FARMER. He admitted that shortly before Christmas of 1933, FRED GOETZ, who was known to him as a Capone syndicate man, and FRED BARKER, who was introduced to him by GOETZ as "FREDDY", requested him to assist them in obtaining a place to hold a couple of men for a few days; that GOETZ then asked if ALLDERTON's house was available; that FARMER arranged for an interview between ALLDERTON, GOETZ and FRED BARKER, FARMER being present during this interview, at which time arrangements were made by GOETZ with ALLDERTON for the use of ALLDERTON's house in which to keep some men for a few days. ALLDERTON and FARMER at this time were given the impression that the men to be held were fugitives from the law. In his statement, FARMER admitted that he had met "DOC" BARKER through GOETZ at ELMER'S TAVERN in Bensenville prior to the Bremer kidnaping; that he had seen FRED GOETZ, FRED BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS on numerous occasions prior to the kidnaping at either ALLDERTON's home or at ELMER'S TAVERN in Bensenville; that on one occasion either FRED BARKER or ALVIN KARPIS visited the hideout house prior to the kidnaping to determine whether the accommodations were satisfactory for his purpose. FARMER further admitted

in his statement that around the middle of January 1934, HAROLD ALLDERTON came to his (ELMER's) Tavern stating, "The boys came in last night. They brought a fellow in with them. His head is hurt but they have fixed him up all right"; that ALLDERTON then told FARMER that the boys had kidnaped BREMER of St. Paul and were holding him at ALLDERTON's house for ransom, but he did not state the amount of ransom that would be demanded. FARMER further admitted that he brought groceries to the gang at ALLDERTON's house on numerous occasions during the course of the kidnap period and that on the evening of January 18, 1934 at the instructions of ALLDERTON, he brought a case of beer and some whiskey to the gang; that during his visit he observed at the hideout house, HAROLD ALLDERTON, FRED GOETZ, FRED BARKER, "DOC" BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY CAMPBELL; that he also saw a party whom he has partially identified as WILLIAM WEAVER, who was known to him as "HEAVY". FARMER admitted in his statement that on numerous occasions FRED BARKER and FRED GOETZ would come to his (ELMER's) Tavern before going to the hideout house; that they asked him if everything was all right and he understood the question to mean whether any officers had been making any investigations with regard to the kidnaping; that he was always requested by GOETZ and FRED BARKER to precede GOETZ and FRED BARKER to the hideout house. FARMER advised that he believed this procedure was followed so that FRED GOETZ and BARKER could determine whether or not FARMER was on the square with them. FARMER also admitted in his statement that the boys at the hideout house were all dressed in rough hunting clothing, whereas FRED BARKER and GOETZ were always dressed in businessmen's clothes, and that the latter two appeared to be conducting all of the ransom negotiations in view of the fact that GOETZ and FRED BARKER generally talked to BREMER; that when they went into BREMER's room they tied handkerchiefs over their faces, promptly untying same upon returning to the kitchen of the hideout house. FARMER admitted that on one occasion he saw four or five machine guns lying on a day bed in the living room of the ALLDERTON home; that on one occasion FARMER heard HARRY CAMPBELL and ALVIN KARPIS explain to GOETZ and FRED BARKER that when they kidnaped BREMER they had to hit him over the head because he wouldn't get out of his car as they ordered him to do; that on the day of the release of BREMER, GOETZ came to FARMER's saloon at about 10:00 or 11:00 o'clock in the morning and said, "Well, they're gone"; that at this time GOETZ made it plain to FARMER that he meant the gang and BREMER had departed from ALLDERTON's home. FARMER further admitted in his statement that he received \$1,000.00 from GOETZ in payment of his services to the gang during the kidnap period.

The Government then called WILLIAM BRYAN BOLTON as a witness. It will be remembered that on April 15, 1935, BOLTON entered a plea of guilty to the charges in the conspiracy indictment naming the parties who are listed on the first page of this memorandum.



BOLTON testified that he has known GOETZ for the past seven or eight years; that on January 7, 1934, while he (BOLTON) was living in Phoenix, Arizona, he received a telegram from FRED GOETZ containing \$50.00 and instructing BOLTON to return to Chicago at once; that BOLTON did return to Chicago, where he met FRED GOETZ and WILLIAM HARRISON at GOETZ' home at 1934 West Garfield Boulevard; that at this time GOETZ informed BOLTON that he (GOETZ) was going to be out of town for a few days; that he wanted BOLTON to take care of his (GOETZ') home; that GOETZ then told BOLTON that RAY and "DOC", who were known to BOLTON as RAY KARPIS and "DOC" BARKER, were going to kidnap a man from St. Paul and that they were going to hold him at ALLDERTON's house in Bensenville, Illinois, further telling BOLTON that after he, GOETZ, had been gone from Chicago for several days that BOLTON should go out to ALLDERTON's house in Bensenville to see if there was anything he could do for RAY and "DOC". At this time BOLTON testified that he had met "DOC" BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS at the GOETZ home in Chicago during the summer of 1933 and that he had been acquainted with WILLIAM HARRISON for the past two years or more. BOLTON also testified that he had known HAROLD ALLDERTON of Bensenville, Illinois for sometime prior to the kidnaping; that several days after GOETZ left Chicago, BOLTON went out to ALLDERTON's home in Bensenville, arriving there at about 10:00 o'clock in the evening; that he met RAY KARPIS at the back door; that he was invited in and observed the following persons present: HAROLD ALLDERTON, "DOC" BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, WILLIAM WEAVER and HARRY CAMPBELL; that he was informed by KARPIS that there was nothing he could do for the present in view of the fact that they had ALLDERTON there to run errands for them. During this part of the testimony, BOLTON explained the lay-out of the hideout house and identified photographs of the same. He also testified that after his first visit to the hideout house he met and visited with FRED GOETZ on at least three or four different occasions; that GOETZ was sometimes dressed in businessmen's clothes while at other times he was clad in rough clothing; that during these visits GOETZ confided in him that BREMER had been kidnaped in St. Paul by FRED BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, "DOC" BARKER, HARRY CAMPBELL, VOLNEY DAVIS and WILLIAM WEAVER and that these parties had used two automobiles to effect the kidnaping. He also testified that GOETZ confided to him that on the night prior to the kidnaping HARRY SAWYER, a St. Paul underworld character, had pointed out BREMER to members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang; that GOETZ told him that a few days prior to the kidnaping he, GOETZ, had remonstrated with SAWYER declaring that it was unwise to kidnap BREMER and that it would be more advisable to rob BREMER's bank in St. Paul, but that GOETZ and other members of the gang had "cased" the bank and found it to be "too tough"; that at this point, HARRY SAWYER insisted upon going through with the kidnaping of BREMER; that after BREMER had been kidnaped,

it was part of SAWYER's duties to arrange for a place for members of the mob to stay while in St. Paul making negotiations for the payment of the ransom and the release of the Victim; and BOLTON testified that GOETZ complained bitterly to him on two or three occasions that SAWYER had failed to secure an appropriate place for members of the gang to stay in St. Paul and for this reason FRED GOETZ felt somewhat hard toward HARRY SAWYER. He further testified that on numerous occasions he had insisted upon giving up the idea of kidnaping BREMER, but that SAWYER was money hungry and greedy and insisted that BREMER be kidnaped. BOLTON also stated that on one occasion during the time BREMER was being held, HARRY SAWYER visited GOETZ' home in Chicago, Illinois. BOLTON further testified that his second and last visit to the hideout house was on February 7, 1934, the date of BREMER's release; that he was instructed by GOETZ to drive the 1932 Chevrolet Coupe of GOETZ' to the hideout house; that he arrived at the hideout house at approximately 10:00 or 11:00 o'clock in the morning and in keeping with instructions, parked the Chevrolet Coupe in the alley-way immediately adjacent to the west side of the hideout house; that about this time he observed BREMER being brought out of the hideout house and being led by the arm by "DOC" BARKER. BREMER at this time held a handkerchief up to his face. BOLTON testified that he observed BARKER place BREMER in the Chevrolet Coupe whereupon "DOC" BARKER occupied the seat immediately opposite the driver's seat; that FRED GOETZ thereupon entered the driver's seat and the three parties drove away, but prior to leaving, GOETZ told BOLTON that he (GOETZ) would return in a few minutes and pick up BOLTON. BOLTON testified that he walked down York Street in Bensenville and within fifteen minutes was picked up by GOETZ in the 1932 Chevrolet Coupe, at which time GOETZ made the remark, "Well, I'm glad that's over". BOLTON testified that he and GOETZ proceeded to Elmhurst, Illinois on the outskirts of which town they met FRED BARKER and VOLNEY DAVIS driving at a very slow rate of speed; that they stopped and GOETZ invited FRED BARKER and VOLNEY DAVIS to come to his (GOETZ') apartment in Berwyn, Illinois, where they could change clothes; that they all proceeded to said apartment, VOLNEY DAVIS and FRED BARKER carrying to the apartment two large suit boxes tied with heavy cord or some rope; that the money was thrown on a bed, FRED BARKER making a remark, "Well, there's the money. We had a hell of a time getting it". BOLTON testified that GOETZ, FRED BARKER and VOLNEY DAVIS changed to businessmen's clothing and immediately left the apartment. BOLTON testified that while at GOETZ' apartment, GOETZ informed FRED BARKER and VOLNEY DAVIS that on the following day after the boys had returned from taking BREMER home they would have a conference, at which time the money would be divided among the members of the gang. BOLTON testified that SAWYER, "DOC" BARKER, and FRED BARKER kept their portions of the ransom money and that DAVIS,

KARPIS, CAMPBELL and WEAVER gave their portions to GOETZ to be held in a safe place by GOETZ until such time as it could be exchanged; that within several days thereafter each of these portions of this money was done up in a small package and all packages wrapped into one large package which BOLTON and GOETZ took to the home of SIMON CINOTTO in Wilmington, Illinois for safe keeping; that CINOTTO is the uncle of the wife of FRED GOETZ. BOLTON further stated that within a few days thereafter he returned to his family in Phoenix, Arizona; that he remained there until on or about the first of April, 1934, when he received a telegram from IRENE DORSEY, the common law wife of FRED GOETZ, requesting him to return to Chicago. Meanwhile, of course, on March 20, 1934, GOETZ had been murdered in Cicero, Illinois in gangland fashion. BOLTON testified that he returned to Chicago and that he was able to contact VOLNEY DAVIS and WILLIE HARRISON in Calumet City or Hammond, Indiana; that in the knowledge that IRENE DORSEY had no money, he requested DAVIS to secure some money for her; that DAVIS promised he would get the money and make such arrangements; that in the next few days BOLTON accompanied DAVIS to Aurora, Illinois, where BOLTON saw "DOC" BARKER, WILLIAM WEAVER and WILLIAM HARRISON; that at VOLNEY DAVIS' home in Aurora, "DOC" BARKER produced a large amount of money in bills of large denominations and handed BOLTON \$3,000.00 to be given to IRENE DORSEY. BOLTON testified that he gave IRENE DORSEY \$2,000.00 of this money and retained \$1,000.00 for himself; that during the summer of 1934 he (BOLTON) established a large number of slot machines in Appleton, Wisconsin and vicinity; that he (BOLTON) next met members of the Karpis-Barker gang on or about the first of October, 1934, through WILLIE HARRISON at Calumet City, Indiana, at which place and at which time he first met RUSSELL GIBSON; that he then became friendly with GIBSON and took up residence with him at 432 Surf Street, Chicago; that he continued to live with the GIBSONS at 432 Surf Street and finally at 3912 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, until the date of his apprehension on January 8, 1934; that on numerous occasions, while living with the GIBSONS, he and GIBSON were visited by "DOC" BARKER.

SIMON CINOTTO was the last witness called by the Government. This witness testified that on or about February 20, 1934, FRED GOETZ brought a large package to his (CINOTTO's) home asking that the package be placed in a safe location; that the contents were very valuable. He further advised that he provided a place in his work shop for GOETZ to keep this package.

At this point the Government moved to dismiss the indictment against EDNA MURRAY and JESS DOYLE. The court ruled that these defendants should be held in the custody of the marshal pending the service of detainer warrants and that EDNA MURRAY should be held pending the decision of the defense to use her as a witness. The Government then rested its case.

Defense Counsel then made a motion to dismiss the indictment against WILLIAM E. VIDLER, "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, PHILIP DELANEY and JAMES WILSON. This motion was argued vigorously both for and against in the course of which argument the court held that the evidence against these parties was sufficiently strong to go to the jury and the motions were, therefore, denied.

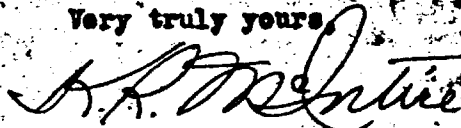
OLIVER BERG was the first witness called by the defense. He admitted in his testimony substantially everything which had been alleged by the Government. His testimony was in substance as that furnished by Special Agent Madala, except for the fact that BERG denied any guilty knowledge and insisted that he believed the money which he was assisting in handling had come from a bank robbery and not from the Bremer kidnaping case. It is interesting to note also that he identified JAMES WILSON and "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN in the court room; that he also identified a photograph of "DOC" MORAN, but he refused to identify "DOC" BARKER with whom he had had dealings and he refused to identify the photographs of any of the other members of the Karpis-Barker gang with whom he had been intimately associated in Toledo, Ohio. He was willing to furnish descriptions of these persons, including "DOC" BARKER, but at all times declined to identify any of them despite the fact that he had identified them for Agent Madala practically all of the members of the Karpis-Barker gang.

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

Special Agent W. C. Ryan, John L. Madala and R. D. Brown were called by the Government at which time they completely discredited the testimony of WILSON. In order to be certain of his ground, the court also examined agents Ryan, Madala and Brown. At the close of this inquiry the court ruled that he was not convinced that WILSON had been mistreated and the court stated that the testimony of Agent Madala had been admirable insofar as he had had opportunity to cinch the story of Agent Brown if he had wished to corroborate Brown in every detail. The court stated further that Madala honestly refrained from perjuring his testimony in order to cinch the story of Agent Brown and after taking all the facts into consideration he concluded that WILSON had not been mistreated in any way and further that the statements sought to be introduced by the Government could be introduced.

At this writing defendant WILSON is still being cross-examined by the Government.

Very truly yours,



K. R. McINTIRE,  
Special Agent.

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FORM NO. 1

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>6-7-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>6-4-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>P. E. WRIGHT</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases FUGITIVE I. O. #1218, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING HARBORING OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE</b>
<b>NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="float: right; width: 100px; text-align: right;">JUN 11 1935</div> <p>No. 131 West 70th Street, New York City, found to be respectable looking brownstone front five story apartment house, two apartments on each floor; rented unfurnished; owned by New York bank under management of Bracher and Hubert, agents, who informed that nine tenants occupy apartments, which rent from \$25. to \$45. per month; both apartments on fourth floor vacant; five additional names not in agents' records found on tenants' mail box panels in hallway. Bracher could not identify photographs of Karpis gang. Nick Tom, janitor of building, employed there eight years, knew nothing of tenants. Ascertained through New York Hotel Association that Mr. Thomann, Manager of Hotel Alamac, is highly thought of and that said hotel is a first class establishment. Thomann unable to identify photographs but stated photograph of Harrison looked very familiar. His Assistant Manager, Somerville, and bell captain identified photographs of Moran and Myrtle Eaton as having been seen around hotel two years ago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
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DETAILS: The investigation indicated herein was conducted jointly by Special Agent J. J. Keating and the writer.

It was ascertained that the building at 131 West 70th Street, New York City, is a brownstone front, five story walk-up apartment house, each floor containing a front and a rear apartment of two rooms each, with kitchenette and bath, unfurnished. The entrance to this building is about three steps below the sidewalk level. Its general appearance is practically identical with every other house on West 70th Street.

This address is located five doors east of the Alamo Hotel, located on the corner of Broadway and 71st Street, New York City (called Alamo Hotel in teletype of reference) and on the same side of the street, that is, the north side of the street, being closer to the Broadway intersection than to Columbus Avenue, which marks the end of that block.

A "For Rent" sign displayed in front of this address indicated that the renting agents were Bracher and Hubert, 200 West 72nd Street, Trafalgar 7-1551. Special Agent Keating had had previous contact with Mr. V. K. Bracher and from the latter it was ascertained that the Union Dime Savings Bank, New York City, is the present owner of this particular property; that the bank had taken same over from a Mrs. Helen Jacobus; that he, Mr. Bracher, had only assumed the management of this place on May 13, 1935 and that he did not know anything about any of the tenants and had not seen them all. He advised the rents range from \$25. to \$45. per month and that the bank is soon to redecorate the interiors and install beds and gas stoves.

Mr. Bracher's office records reflected the present tenant list and the following names comprise the list of tenants. Beside each name is set Mr. Bracher's comment upon same:

Mrs. Frieda Montreval, first floor front. This lady has resided in this apartment for a considerable length of time, is French, and engages in dressmaking.

Lawrence Mitchell, first floor rear. He resided for two years in another apartment house managed by Mr. Bracher, is personally known to him to be a quiet man with a good reputation. Mitchell moved in on June 1, 1935.

Mrs. Marguerite Campbell, second floor front. Bracher states she apparently lives alone; that she is apparently of independent means; that she does not work.



Harry Crawford, second floor rear. Mr. Bracher knows nothing of Crawford except that he works.

Miss Harding, third floor front, spinster, moved in June 1, 1935. Mr. Bracher investigated her references and in his opinion she is absolutely above reproach.

Miss Natalie Rand, third floor rear. She is a young lady who is employed at the Columbia University library; seems highly respectable to Bracher.

Dorothy Kaye, fifth floor front, has resided there for eight months and is employed. Mr. Bracher has never seen her.

Manuel Salero;

David Ardon, fifth floor rear. Bracher has never seen Salero. He stated that Ardon is possibly a Cuban and that the latter works for the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company as an elevator operator at 6 West 44th Street, New York City. This man's references had been investigated and he was found to be entirely respectable.

Mr. Bracher stated that Mrs. Jacobus had formerly resided in her own home and had assumed active management thereof; that he knew that she was quite discriminating in the selection of tenants for her apartments; that she, herself, was a highly respected lady and is the widow of a very prominent New York City surgeon.

It was ascertained from Mr. Bracher that Nick Tom, 225 Columbus Avenue, New York City, is the janitor of the building, charged with the care of the furnace and sweeping the halls. Insofar as Bracher knew, Tom is entirely reliable, having worked for Mrs. Jacobus and for other houses in the neighborhood for ten years.

The two apartments on the fourth floor of No. 131 are vacant and unfurnished. Bracher's records did not reflect the former tenants of these two apartments. Bracher was requested and agreed to advise this office at once should anyone ask to inspect or rent either of the fourth floor apartments.

Agents exhibited to Bracher photographs of the subjects in this case and persons connected with them, but he could make no identification.

In the vestibule of No. 131 writer inspected the mail box panel and noted the names of the following people listed on the cards of the following named tenants, which information does not appear in Mr. Bracher's record book:

Lottenbach, with Mrs. Montreval.

Richard C. Trebes, with Harry Crawford.

Conway, Rice and Bowers, with Dorothy Kaye.

Nick Tom was interviewed at his room at 225 Columbus Avenue. He is a middle-aged Italian and resides with his brother. He stated that he has worked for Mrs. Jacobus at No. 131 for eight years; that his sole duties are the care of the furnace and sweeping the halls, steps and sidewalk; that he is not at all intimate with any of the tenants and only sees them occasionally as they enter or leave the building. Oftentimes Tom does not go to the building for two days at a time.

As to the name Lottenbach, Tom stated that he has seen him several times entering Mrs. Montreval's room but is not certain whether or not he lives in her apartment. Lottenbach is described by Tom as a Frenchman, short in stature.

Tom was asked about the names Conway, Rice and Bowers, which names appear on Dorothy Kaye's card. He stated that he had never noted the names on the boxes and did not know whether or not these individuals resided with Dorothy Kaye. He could give no information concerning other names on the boxes. He also stated that he did not believe any of the tenants owned automobiles. He was requested by the writer in the event he was approached by any individual relative to the two vacant apartments on the fourth floor, to communicate with his employer, Mr. Bracher, at once.

Special Agent Keating contacted Mr. O'Connor, Manager of the New York Hotel Association, concerning the Hotel Alamac, 70th and 71st Streets at Broadway, New York City. Mr. O'Connor advised that Mr. William F. Thomann is the manager of said hotel; that he is very highly thought of in hotel circles and has formerly been connected with some of the largest hotels in the country, and could be approached with safety.

Mr. O'Connor stated that the Alamac Hotel, although located in a section of the City commonly reputed to be inhabited by a criminal class, is listed as a first rate hotel.

Personal inspection indicated that the Hotel Alamac is a twenty story building and from general appearance, inside and outside, seems to be a first class hotel.

Mr. Thomann was contacted in his office and stated that it was entirely possible that his hotel had and does unwittingly have various members of the underworld as its guests.

All photographs were exhibited to him and after viewing the photograph of William J. Harrison he stated that he felt certain that he had

seen this individual upon some occasion but could not recall the time, place or circumstance.

Mr. Thomann referred agents to his Assistant Manager, Mr. Somerville, to whom all photographs were also exhibited. After close scrutiny of the photographs of Joseph P. Moran and Myrtle Eaton, Mr. Somerville stated that he was certain that he had seen these two individuals in the hotel. He stated he believed he had seen Moran there about two years ago but could not recall under what conditions, name, or circumstances. As to Myrtle Eaton, he simply stated that he had seen this individual at some time whether in or out of the hotel he was not sure.

Mr. Somerville then called the bell captain, who, he stated, had been employed in the hotel for ten years. This man was unable to identify any of the pictures from an independent inspection. However, when Mr. Somerville directed his closer attention to the photograph of Joseph P. Moran, the bell captain stated that his face looked very familiar, as did also that of Myrtle Eaton, but he could not recall when or where he had seen these two individuals.

Mr. Somerville further advised that there is only one writing desk in the public rooms of the hotel and that hotel stationery is never kept in this desk; that the guests desiring stationery must call at the desk and request same. Samples of the Hotel Alamac stationery presently in use are being forwarded to the Chicago office with copies of this report.

The writer left William J. Harrison's Identification Order #1239 with Mr. Somerville.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE NEW YORK OFFICE at New York City, will make arrangements with the postal carrier serving 131 West 70th Street to note any mail from Chicago, Illinois addressed to any of the occupants of this address.

THE NEW YORK OFFICE at New York City, will recontact the renting agent, Mr. Bracher, to ascertain whether or not any individual has made inquiries relative to the vacant fourth floor of 131 West 70th Street.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>St. Paul, Minn.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/7/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/23-6/5-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. E. BREENAN</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1216-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; SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: HARRY SAWYER, with aliases; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE KATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241; BRUNO PUTAS, with aliases; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p><b>Synopsis of Facts:</b> VOLNEY DAVIS delivered to St. Paul 5/3/35 and entered plea of guilty on same date to conspiracy indictment. Sentence deferred to June 7, 1935 at which time other defendants with the exception of BOLTON will be sentenced. ALDERTON and FARMER will testify for Government in any future trial irrespective of sentences imposed upon them. BOLTON furnishes information as to location of machine and shotguns belonging to mob. JESS DOYLE agreed to locate WILLIAM WEAVER in event of DOYLE'S release.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent R. G. Coulter, St. Paul, Minn. 5/23/35.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>On June 3, 1935, Subject VOLNEY DAVIS was delivered to St. Paul by Agents of the Chicago Office, at which time a statement procured from him at that office was also delivered, as well as personal property found in his possession. Special Agent in Charge Andersen and Agent, engaged the Subject in conversation on the morning of June 3rd with respect to his participation in the kidnaping</p>			
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during which he became convinced that the Government was in possession of sufficient evidence to procure a conviction. He agreed to plead guilty.

Arrangements were immediately made for the Subject to enter a plea of guilty, and he was brought before Federal Judge Joyce of St. Paul at 10:00 A.M. on June 3, 1935, and entered a plea of guilty to the indictment charging conspiracy to kidnap BREMER. Sentence was deferred until June 7, 1935 at 4:00 P.M. at which time the court stated sentence would be imposed on VOLNEY DAVIS, HAROLD ALBERTSON, ELMER FARMER, JAMES WILSON, and JOHN McLAUGHLIN. United States Attorney Sullivan stated that sentence as to BYRON BOLTON will be deferred until after the trial of HARRY SAWYER next fall, and such other defendants as may be apprehended by that time.

After entering plea of guilty, Agent had a lengthy interview with DAVIS as to the whereabouts of the other fugitives and persons with whom he resided since his escape at Yorkville, Illinois. DAVIS stated that he had not been in contact with any of the other Subjects since leaving Toledo and further stated that he had not stayed with anyone who knew his identity subsequent to his escape at Yorkville, and would not care to furnish any information in this regard for the reason that he did not desire to involve any innocent persons in possible harboring charges. He did state that he had spent most of his time in southwestern Missouri, around Chicago, and Madison, Wisconsin, and mentioned that there was a series of farms at Mendota, Illinois, where a person could stay indefinitely.

He stated that KARPIS had contacts all over the United States and could stay in Chicago for two years without his whereabouts becoming known; that CAMPBELL, however, did not have the contacts that KARPIS had and should they become separated, he would probably be caught, as his only contacts are in Oklahoma. He stated he had heard nothing whatever about WILLIAM WEAVER, DR. MORAN, or WILLIE HARRISON. He stated that he had visited HARRY SAWYER at his farm in St. Paul prior to the kidnaping and had seen him at Chicago when SAWYER was at the World's Fair, but not during the time BREMER was being held; that he did not believe that SAWYER had anything to do with the kidnaping other than possibly to protect the kidnapers; that so far as he knew, the kidnaping was engineered by ZIEGLER and FRED BARKER. He denied that he had anything to do with the delivery of the ransom notes and stated that he had seen ZIEGLER, FRED BARKER, and MONTY CARTER at ZIEGLER's house in Berwyn, Illinois, at which time these notes were prepared, and that all three left together, and that it was his impression that the notes were delivered

by these three persons and stated that the only manner in which he participated in the conspiracy was to handle the ransom money after it had been paid. All of this Subject's property was delivered to the U. S. Marshal.

Agent had numerous conversations with defendants awaiting sentence in the Ramsey County jail since the trial and none of them can or will furnish any information concerning the defendant HARRY SAWYER. ALDERTON and FARMER have agreed to testify for the Government in any future trial of other defendants concerning the fact that the Victim was held at ALDERTON'S house at Bensonville, Illinois, and will identify the following persons as having been in ALDERTON'S house at the time BREMER was held there: DOC BARKER, FRED BARKER, HARRY CAMPBELL, ALVIN KARPIS, WILLIAM WEAVER, GEORGE ZIEGLER, ERYON BOLTON, HAROLD ALDERTON, and ELMER FARMER.

ALDERTON stated he will testify in accordance with his statement previously furnished the Bureau, that FARMER, in order to avoid any dispute as to what he can actually testify to, has furnished another statement, copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this report, which he states will be all of the testimony he can give in reference to this kidnaping.

ERYON BOLTON informed Agent that about one year ago he took a machine gun, a rifle, three or four shotguns, and possibly other arms, which had been left in possession of GEORGE ZIEGLER by the mob for safe-keeping, to a concrete bridge on 22nd Street which crosses the Des Plaines River, and threw them in the river at about the middle of the bridge on the north side; that most of this equipment was in a canvas bag. He suggested that should the river be dragged at this point, these guns might be recovered.

He also stated that ZIEGLER was holding about \$75,000 worth of Liberty Bonds in small denominations for the mob and that these bonds could not be located after ZIEGLER'S death, and stated he had no information as to where these bonds had been stolen, but that he knew they were "hot" and that ZIEGLER had them for possibly a year, and that the mob tried to get him to locate them as they were supposed to be worth 50¢ on the dollar.

Upon receipt of a telephone call from the Oklahoma City Office requesting that removal of JESSE DOYLE be held in abeyance, Agent consulted with the Assistant U. S. Attorney, George Heisey, who instructed the Marshal to disregard the Removal Order for DOYLE until further advised.

Agent interviewed DOYLE and stated to him that the Bureau had received information indicating he was not guilty of the robbery of the Okemah National Bank as charged; that it was not the desire of the Bureau to send an innocent man to prison, and that while he might be found not guilty, he would probably have to wait in jail until the fall term in order to establish

his innocence; that should he agree to withhold any objection he might have to remaining in St. Paul until the proper disposition could be made of the charge pending against him at Muskogee, Oklahoma, that that case might be settled to his advantage in which event if he found that the Bureau had cooperated with him and he felt disposed to do likewise, that he might furnish some information which might lead to the location of WILLIAM WEAVER. DOYLE stated that it had been his experience and he knew of many instances where officers would endeavor to procure a conviction in order to close a case and establish a record regardless of the innocence of the particular person charged of a particular crime, and expected that that is what would be done with him in the Okemah bank case, but that if the Bureau found through their investigation that he was not responsible for this bank robbery and would protect the innocent as well as convict the guilty, he would be glad to cooperate with the Bureau in an endeavor to locate WEAVER, particularly in view of the fact that he has a personal grievance against WEAVER. He stated that he does not have definite information as to WEAVER's location but believes he is situated on a farm in Arkansas and that he could go to a certain contact in a pool room in Joplin, Missouri, and secure WEAVER's address.

On June 4, a telegram was received from the Oklahoma City Office advising of the dismissal of the Complaint against DOYLE at Muskogee. The United States Attorney at St. Paul stated that as DOYLE made a confession to Agents of the Kansas City Office as to his participation in bank robberies at Fairbury, Nebraska and Minneapolis, Minnesota, he was communicating with the County Attorneys at these points, advising them that should they desire to secure custody of DOYLE on either of these charges, that he would be available. DOYLE was informed of this and stated that he realized that this was necessary and that he had no fear of prosecution on either charge, and in the event he was released, or at such time as he is released, he will locate WEAVER.



St. Paul, Minnesota  
June 4, 1935.

"I, Elmer J. Farmer, of Bensenville, Illinois, now an inmate in the County Jail at Ramsey County, Minnesota, awaiting sentence as a conspirator in the Bremer kidnaping case, make this statement freely and voluntarily.

"I knew George Ziegler or George Goetz during his lifetime for the period of more than six years; that during the month of December, 1933, I met Ziegler at Bensenville, Illinois, and at that time he asked me if I could furnish a place where he could keep some man for a few days. I told him I had no such place. Harold Alderton at that time was standing at the bar of my tavern. I and Goetz were talking together outside the building, Goetz being seated in his automobile. Evidently Goetz saw Alderton and he asked me to send Alderton out to see him, which I did, and I remained in the tavern. Alderton talked with Goetz for five or ten minutes; then Alderton came back into the saloon and Goetz drove away. Alderton upon his return into the tavern said he was going to keep some man for Goetz and rent a garage. I think that he had a garage rented at the time because he had a car.

"Shortly after the occasion above referred to, while I was driving to Elmhurst, I met Ziegler and Ray Karpis driving toward Bensenville. They stopped their car and I stopped. George Goetz introduced me to Karpis, saying "This is Ray, take him over to Harold's place", meaning Harold Alderton. Ray Karpis got out of Ziegler's car and got in my automobile and I thereupon drove him to Harold Alderton's home. Alderton was at home in the kitchen. His mother was not at home. I introduced Karpis to Alderton as "Ray" and Ray thereupon went through and examined the house which Alderton occupied. Whether anything was said or not by Karpis upon completing his inspection of the house I do not remember, but in any event Karpis and I left Alderton's house. I then drove Karpis back to where I had met George Ziegler and there Karpis got out of my automobile and got into the automobile with Ziegler.

"On or about January 17, 1934, I delivered some beer and whiskey to the Alderton house and at that time I saw in the house Harry Campbell, Doc Barker, and Ray Karpis. These three persons (Campbell, Doc Barker and Ray Karpis) were seated in the kitchen and I saw Bill Weaver standing by the stove in the living room and he at that time closed the door leading from the living room to the kitchen. There were probably two more men in the living room whom I did not see.

"I frequently saw William J. Harrison at my tavern in Bensenville during the time that Bremer was held at the Alderton house in 1934, during the latter part of January and February. (I had learned from Monte Carter or Bryon Bolton the latter part of April, 1934, that Bremer was the man who was held at Alderton's during the latter part of January, 1934); and frequently during that period I saw William J. Harrison in Bensenville in the company

of George Ziegler or Freddy Barker or sometimes alone. I frequently saw William J. Harrison at Bensenville during the last part of April and the month of May, 1934, at my tavern in Bensenville, and on three or four occasions he exhibited to me and asked me to change a one thousand dollar bill, and on two occasions I changed such bills for him.

"In April, 1934, I received from William J. Harrison the sum of \$400.00 and he directed that I pay the same to Harold Alderton and tell Harold Alderton to get out of town; and then about two weeks later Harrison again called at the tavern and gave me \$500.00, asked about Alderton again and told me to give him the \$500.00 and tell him to be sure and get out of town.

" KIMMER PARKER "

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June 11, 1935,

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.O. #1215, Et Al.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping.

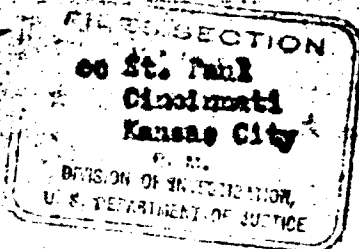
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to page three of the report of  
Special Agent J. E. Brennan dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, June  
7, 1935 in the above entitled case, wherein it is noted that  
Byron Bolton furnished information that a machine gun, a rifle,  
three or four shotguns, and possibly other arms which had been  
left in the possession of George Ziegler by the mob for safe-  
keeping, were taken by him and deposited in the Ice Plains  
River from the concrete bridge on 22nd Street. According to  
Bolton he deposited these firearms about one year ago.

The Bureau desires that a survey be made of the  
situation with a view to possibly recovering the canvas bag  
in which the firearms are said to have been placed. If it is  
found that the river can be dragged at the point indicated by  
Bolton, the Bureau desires that this action be taken and any  
firearms recovered should, of course, be sent to the Bureau  
Laboratory for examination.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.




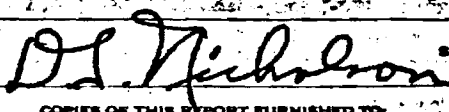
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FILE NO. 7-25

REPORT MADE AT: <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>6/7/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>5/31/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>W. H. HOFFMAN</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218</b> <b>DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232</b> <b>HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236</b> <b>VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237</b> <b>WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238</b> <b>WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1241, et al.</b> SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b> <b>HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF</b> <b>JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
 <p>No information available as to whether any of Subjects in this case have visited or are at hunting lodge of Cassius McDonald at Watersmeet, Michigan.</p>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent A. A. Muzzey, Detroit, Michigan, 5/13/35.			
DETAILS: <u>At Watersmeet, Michigan</u> Agent interviewed James Morrison, who is the only police officer at Watersmeet, and was informed that neither he nor any of the people in and around Watersmeet are able to find out who stays at Cassius McDonald's lodge near there and that no one is allowed to go to the lodge or upon its grounds without being stopped and inquiry made. Further, that the approach to the lodge runs past the garages there and that before anyone is permitted to reach the door he is stopped and asked what his business is. Morrison stated that he had been to the lodge only one time, which was during 1934, to serve a subpoena upon Cassius McDonald to appear in a civil suit, and that he can offer no information relative to who has been at the lodge at any time. It is his understanding however that McDonald had frequently given exclusive			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>           COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:            Bureau - (3)            Jacksonville - 2            Detroit - 2            WHH:vss         </div> <div>           CINCINNATI            St. Paul  <b>COPIES DESTROYED              20 MAR 23 1963</b> </div> <div>           7-576-6294  <b>JUN 10 A.M.</b>            BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION            ROUTED TO:         </div> <div>           RECORDED AND INDEXED:  <b>JUN 10 1935</b>  <b>JUN 11 1935</b>            JACKETED:         </div> </div>	

parties for influential friends at the lodge since it was built but that he had heard this practice ceased after the hunting season of 1933. Morrison advised that he was told McDonald came to the lodge during the hunting season, November, 1934, but that he did not see him. He did not know whether McDonald or anyone else had been at the lodge with the exception of the caretakers who reside there since November, 1934.

Concerning McDonald's lodge, however, Mr. Morrison advised that Tomas Meyrink, 10155 Orangelawn, Detroit, Michigan, was employed as the chief carpenter during its construction, and had later been employed as a caretaker at the place during the year 1933; further that this was the plaintiff in the civil suit upon which the subpoena had been issued on McDonald, which suit was filed to collect money for services rendered, both as carpenter and caretaker for McDonald. Mr. Morrison said it was his understanding Meyrink and McDonald were now bitter enemies and that if he knew of any questionable incidents occurring during 1933 when Meyrink was caretaker, he would be glad to tell them.

Further, that about 1,000 yards west of McDonald's lodge there is a more or less exclusive place called the Stickley lodge, which has a reputation for its parties and dances for rich tourists during the summer and hunting season. To arrive at this lodge it is necessary to pass within 200 feet of McDonald's lodge, and that McDonald has been constantly objecting to the use of this road by guests at the Stickley place, but that he has been unable to stop this practice inasmuch as the road was once an old railway bed, which in some manner became dedicated to the public use. It is noted that this road is quite narrow, and the larger portion of it is adequate only for the passage of one car.

In company with Officer Morrison, Agent drove past the McDonald lodge and was forced to stop in the immediate vicinity because a truck had been stuck there. At the truck was Fred Wolf, who is now employed as a guide and caretaker at the McDonald lodge, according to Morrison. He informed Morrison that McDonald had been at the lodge for a period of about two weeks only a few days ago, but had left either on May 27 or 28, 1935. No further questions could be asked inasmuch as Wolf walked away, presumably upon other business.

Vivian Revoiyer, who frequently accompanies Morrison upon his business tours around Watersmeet, stated that he had seen Cassius McDonald in Watersmeet about May 25 driving a Packard automobile, with a blond woman, age about 35 or 40, rather stoutly built. Revoiyer also said this was the same woman who had been with McDonald upon his previous visits at various times to the lodge and people in that vicinity believed she was his wife. Agent exhibited pictures of the Subjects in this case to Morrison and Revoiyer but they could not remember having seen any of

them in the Watersmeet vicinity.

McDonald's lodge is located 14 6/10 miles northwest of Watersmeet, which is reached by driving 12 3/10 miles north on U. S. Highway #2 and 2 3/10 miles west, this highway, local road.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: The Detroit Office at DETROIT, MICHIGAN, 10155 Orangelawn Avenue, will interview Tomas Meyrink who was chief carpenter in the building of Cassius McDonald's lodge at Watersmeet, Michigan, and who was caretaker there during the year 1933. Meyrink may possess information relative to Cassius McDonald's policy concerning the visitors he would allow at his lodge.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515  
St. Paul, Minnesota

June 7, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

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

Confirming my telephone conversation of today, the defendants  
listed below were brought before Federal Judge M. M. Joyce at St. Paul on  
this date and sentences were imposed as follows:

cannot identify  
as # 5730  
damned  
JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, SR. - 5 years in Leavenworth Penitentiary  
HAROLD ALLDERTON - 20 years in Leavenworth Penitentiary  
KIMMER FARMER - 20 years in Leavenworth Penitentiary  
JAMES WILSON - 5 years in Industrial Reformatory  
at Chillicothe, Ohio  
VOLNEY DAVIS - Life - Leavenworth Penitentiary.

not sufficient information to identify  
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but you will find it

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago, Illinois

June 7, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218 -  
FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,  
I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,  
I.O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1237, FUGITIVE; WILLIAM CRAVER, with  
aliases, I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON,  
with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE RATCH,  
with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to the letter from this office to the  
Bureau dated February 18, 1935, setting forth itemized statements  
of Paul Lenco and J. H. Twitchell for certain damages done to  
their apartments, located at 3920 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illi-  
nois, on the night of January 8, 1935 when the apartment of Russell  
Gibson, with aliases, was raided by Bureau agents. The letter also  
requested advice as to whether the Bureau will authorize the pay-  
ment of these claims and, if so, in what form such charges should  
be submitted for payment.

The files in this case do not reflect any reply from the  
Bureau concerning the above matter, and inasmuch as both Mr. Lenco  
and Mr. Twitchell are very anxious to have these claims settled,  
the above matter is again being called to your attention for con-  
sideration.

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Very truly yours,

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DIRECTOR

BREKID UNKNOWN WOMAN RESIDING WINDSOR CONNECTICUT CONTACTED  
 CONSTABLE THAT PLACE ADVISING HIM SHE JUST RETURNED FROM CUBA AND  
 HAS INFORMATION CONCERNING PRESENCE OF KARPIS THERE. INFORMATION  
 HERE RECEIVED FROM HARTFORD CONNECTICUT POLICE WHOM CONSTABLE HAD  
 CONTACTED. AGENT NOW ENDEAVORING LOCATE THIS WOMAN

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1021 Bankers Building  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

June 5, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States 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; OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

Dear Sir:

On the morning of June 5, 1935, D. L. Brannon, Associated Press, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, telephoned the writer and stated that he had received information that the Sheriff at Rhinelander, Wisconsin had recovered a car and that a machine gun was found in same. It was further stated by Mr. Brannon that rumors prevailed that the car had been abandoned by Alvin Karpis.

Rhineland, Wisconsin is located approximately 250 miles from Milwaukee, and inasmuch as there were no agents near that vicinity, I immediately communicated by telephone with the Sheriff's office at Rhinelander. The Sheriff and his deputies were absent, and as a result it was necessary for me to talk with the wife of the Sheriff. She stated that a telephone call had been received about three hours prior to my call, advising that three men equipped with machine guns were sleeping in an automobile in the Northern part of Oneida County, Wisconsin. Arrangements were made whereby the Sheriff would immediately telephone me upon his return to Rhinelander.

John Farnen, Sheriff, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, communicated by telephone with me a short time thereafter and advised that investigation disclosed that the three men who were sleeping in the car were residents of the county who were engaged in a fishing expedition. He stated that there was absolutely no foundation for the rumor that men with machine guns were sleeping in a car in Oneida County, Wisconsin.

Very truly yours,

V. W. Peterson  
V. W. PETERSON  
Special Agent in Charge

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

N. Y. FILE NO. 7-120

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REPORT MADE AT: NEW YORK, N. Y.	DATE WHEN MADE: 6/8/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6/5/35	REPORT MADE BY: F. E. WRIGHT
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al., EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. Helen H. Jacobus, 180 Claremont Street, New York City, former owner of 131 W. 70th Street, New York City, stated that all the tenants at latter address were apparently respectable persons with the exception of former tenants, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar M. Hunt whom she described as a bootlegger and adventuress, and that she believed Mrs. Hunt formerly named Dorothy Klure (last name phonetic) and her sister were originally from Chicago, Ill. P.O. officials requested to mail record service on all mail to occupants of 131 W. 70th Street, New York City.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent F. E. Wright, New York, N. Y., dated June 7, 1935.			
DETAILS: Report of reference indicates that Mrs. Helen H. Jacobus is the former owner of a five-story apartment house located at 131 West 70th Street, New York, N. Y. Mrs. Jacobus was located at 180 Claremont Street, Apartment 6A, New York, N. Y. She was questioned concerning her knowledge of the tenants at the former address and advised as follows:			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-6299 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION JUN 10 A.M. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: JUN 10 1935 CHECKED OFF: JUN 11 1935 JACKETED:
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Miss Natalie Rand, employed at the Columbia University Library, resides there with her sister and Mrs. Jacobus is intimately acquainted with these young ladies and knows them to be of unquestionable character.

Mrs. Jacobus stated that Miss Dorothy Kaye is a Jewess employed as a legal stenographer at a very small salary and that she had resided in that house for approximately one year.

Report of reference indicates that a mail box card shows persons by the name of Conway, Rice and Bowers residing with Miss Kaye. In this connection Mrs. Jacobus advised that she did not know Rice or Bowers, but that a Miss Mae Conway had formerly lived there with Miss Kaye in another apartment in the same building; that Miss Conway was formerly a waitress in a cafe located on 72nd Street, near Broadway, New York City, but now out of business; that last October Miss Conway went to Miami, Florida, to visit her brother there, but Mrs. Jacobus did not know the brother's name. Miss Conway had told Mrs. Jacobus that her brother's wife in Florida was expecting a child and that she wished to go down there to aid them. She later returned to 131 West 70th Street, New York City, "broks", as Mrs. Jacobus said. She described Miss Conway as thirty to thirty-three years of age, of medium build, a "bleached blond" and a stylish dresser; that she never did have very much money, but Mrs. Jacobus had seen her go out upon several occasions with men appearing to be about forty-seven to fifty years of age; and that Miss Conway had never caused any trouble in the house.

Relative to the name Lottenback on Mrs. Montreval's mail box, Mrs. Jacobus advised that Lottenback is no longer there, having obtained a passport a few weeks ago and returned, she believed, to France. Mrs. Jacobus was under the impression that Lottenback was either Mrs. Montreval's brother or a roomer occupying one of her rooms. She also stated that Mrs. Montreval is a milliner and not a dressmaker and is supposed to be a married woman but does not live with her husband.

Mrs. Jacobus said that David Ardon and Manuel Salero on the fifth floor, in the rear, are cousins and that Salero is employed by Parke Davis & Co., drug house. She stated that these two young men have resided in the house for a considerable time and so far as she knows they are entirely reputable.

Relative to Harry Crawford, Mrs. Jacobus advised that she knew very little about him except that he was employed in a bond house on Wall Street, New York City.

Miss Marguerite Campbell, according to Mrs. Jacobus, resides with her brother, Frank Campbell, who is employed as a city engineer. The brother and sister are personal friends of Mrs. Jacobus.

Relative to the vacant floor apartments, Mrs. Jacobus informed that one had previously been occupied by Miss Kaye and another by a Mr. and Mrs. Oscar M. Hunt; that the Hunts had taken over the apartment on October 22, 1934, but she did not recall the date of their removal therefrom. Mrs. Jacobus stated that in her opinion Mrs. Hunt was an "adventuress" and that her husband, whom she believed to be a "bootlegger", had told her, Mrs. Jacobus, that his wife had "gotten \$10,000.00 each" from William H. Woodin, former Secretary of the United States Treasury; from Hallie Stokes, the son of the president of the American Tobacco Company, and from another unnamed individual; and that she had been married three times. Mrs. Jacobus stated that she believed Mrs. Hunt's name before her last marriage was Dorothy Klure (the last name phonetic). She also stated that Mrs. Hunt had a sister who once lived with a man named Maitland, and that she believed that the two sisters originally came from Chicago, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt have been involved in marital difficulties recently, and Hunt is supposed to be paying her \$7.00 per week for separate maintenance. Mrs. Jacobus advised that she did not know the present whereabouts of Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, or of Mrs. Hunt's sister, but might possibly be able to ascertain the same, if desired.

Agent discreetly interviewed D. P. Casey, Postal Carrier No. 1330 covering 131 West 70th Street, New York, N. Y., out of Station N, U. S. Post Office, at 203 West 69th Street. Casey informed that he did not know any of the tenants intimately and that he did not recall any of them receiving any mail recently from Chicago, Illinois. He stated that he did know that Lottenback had received a passport recently and that Mrs. Montreval takes all of his mail for him.

Mr. Frank, Superintendent, Station N, U. S. Post Office, informed that he would maintain a card system on all mail addressed to 131 West 70th Street, New York, N. Y., from Chicago, Illinois, which card system will include the return address, postmark and

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addressee. Post Office Inspector in Charge, New York City, N. Y., was requested by letter to instruct Superintendent Frank to maintain such card records.

It is being left to the discretion of the Chicago office as to whether it desires further investigation concerning 131 West 70th Street, New York, N. Y.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

NEW YORK OFFICE, at New York, N. Y., will contact Superintendent Frank at regular intervals to determine the result of the card service placed on all mail from Chicago, Illinois, addressed to any of the occupants of 131 West 70th Street, New York, N. Y.

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DIRECTOR

BREKID - ALLYS TYLER, SCHOOL TEACHER, WINDSOR CONNECTICUT EMPLOYED IN HAVANA AND RECENTLY RETURNED TO WINDSOR, ADVISED THAT SEVERAL MONTHS AGO AN UNKNOWN CUBAN WOMAN WHOM SHE MET ON THE STREETS IN HAVANA HAD RELATED TO HER THAT LAST FALL A MAN WHOM SHE SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED AS KARPIS WHEN HIS PICTURES APPEARED IN THE HAVANA NEWSPAPERS, HAD ENDEAVORED TO RENT HER HOUSE. ALLYS TYLER KNOWS NOTHING CONCERNING KARPIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS HAVANA.

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Laboratory Report

June 6, 1935

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

Number: 7-576-6195

Specimens:

One Colt .380 Automatic Pistol #119702 and three .380 clips.

Examination requested by: Chicago Bureau Office

Date received: June 3, 1935

Examination requested: Ballistic - Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Parsons

Test cartridges were fired in this gun and the test bullets and test shells were compared with all specimens of that type contained in the Laboratory's files but no identification was effected. Some similarity was noted in the comparison of the test bullet with a specimen reported to have been fired by Herbert Farmer at the Oriole Terrace, Newton County, Missouri, September 14, 1934. The number of identical points found were not sufficient to substantiate an identification.

The test specimens from this gun are being filed in the Laboratory for possible future reference.

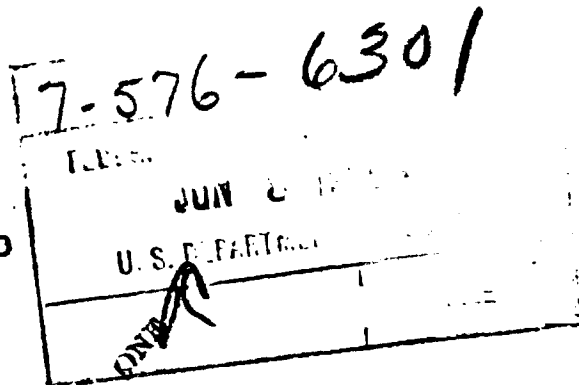
This gun is being retained in the Laboratory's collection of firearms.

A report on the fingerprint examination will be submitted separately.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

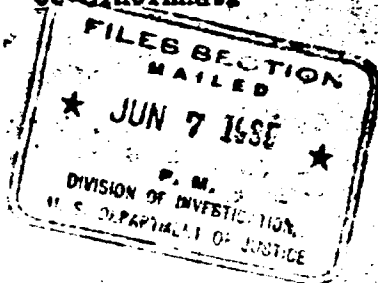
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division June 5, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure: #311560

cc-St. Paul  
cc-Cincinnati



*Handwritten signatures and initials:*  
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Dr. Matthew F. Easterman  
Rochester, Minnesota

June 7, 1935.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director

Dear Sir:

Will you please again refer to my letter of May 5, last. When I wrote you at that time it was with the intention of obtaining the reward that was offered in the capture of Dillinger, and not necessarily the crowd involved in the Bremer kidnapping. Though I still believe he had a hand in this kidnapping and I am of the opinion that time will bear me out in this intention.

Was not there a reward offered for information leading to the capture of Dillinger? If the reward has not been paid who in your opinion is properly entitled to it?

Very truly yours,

M. F. Easterman, D.D.S.

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June 8, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUG. I.O.1218 ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING - HARBORING - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE-  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.  
St. Paul File # 7-30.

I am attaching hereto remarks of the Court in passing sentence  
on Defendants in the above entitled case, which may be of interest to  
the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

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Special Agent in Charge.

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JAMES WILSON

The evidence shows that you are 27 years old. Is that correct? Apparently you started off in life with certain ideals and ambitions. If your story is true, you wanted to better your condition by studying medicine. It was an unfortunate day for you when you met Dr. Moran. I have tried to deduce one good influence that he exerted upon you from all that I heard in the trial. Providing you a home, a place to sleep and the wherewithal to live and at the same time destroying your moral fiber, was about what the sum total of your experience with him amounted to. Just how you could say that he was your ideal is difficult of comprehension, and yet you made that statement on the witness stand. If you are ever to pick up the broken threads of your life and make anything of yourself in the future, you must learn to be truthful and not to dissemble in your relations with your fellows. You were not an actual kidnaper but you aided apparently to the extent of your abilities in assisting Dr. Moran in his contacts with them, as well as others interested directly in the successful outcome of the conspiracy. You went on the witness stand and told your story and the jury has found you guilty. Therefore, it is the judgment of the court that you be confined for a period of five years in the Industrial Reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio. I have this further to say: I am sending you there

because of your age and with the hope that you can rehabilitate yourself, forget this tragedy that has come into your life, and follow the standards which you earlier possessed; and if you make a bona fide effort in that direction and show tendencies which merit it, when you have served the period required before making you eligible for parole, I feel sure the proper authorities will give favorable consideration to your case.



ELMER FARMER

You entered a plea of guilty in this case just prior to its submission to the jury, thereby admitting your guilt. It appears that Ziegler (or Goetz) was an old friend of yours; that you saw Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell with Ziegler around the Alderton home before Bremer was kidnaped. It appears that you had previously met Doc Barker at your saloon or tavern. In your statement you indicated that you knew in your own mind that it was Bremer who was being held. You supplied groceries and were also paid and thought your portion was a small part of \$200,000. You arranged the hideout with Alderton, and while you did not participate in the actual kidnaping, your part in the conspiracy in arranging for the hideout where the victim could be successfully hidden away, was just as important as was the providing of that hideout by your friend Alderton. The evidence shows that you men knew each other over a long period of time and it is fair to assume you had a complete understanding of what was going on.

It is the judgment of the court that you be confined in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth for a period of twenty years.

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HAROLD ALDERTON

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While you were not one of the actual kidnapers, you did provide a hideout where the victim was confined, for which you received a thousand dollars. You waited on the actual kidnapers, ran errands for them, bought food and cooked, all at a time when you knew the man confined in your house was Mr. Bremer. You had this knowledge on either the 18th or 19th of January to February 7, 1934, and you told your friend Farmer of the identity of the victim. While you may have been afraid, that is no defense under the circumstances disclosed in this case because you had ample opportunity in which to have availed yourself of the law's protection and by your action to have made possible the arrest of substantially the entire group of actual kidnapers.

It is the judgment of the court that you be confined in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth for a period of twenty years.

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JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN

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The evidence shows that you will be 68 years of age your next birthday. You're an old man. I know you have diabetes. I have no desire to add anything to your unhappiness by anything I might say, but the jury found you guilty and your years of political and business experience should suggest to you how improbable the ordinary individual would regard much of the testimony which you gave. You were ably defended and your rights were amply protected throughout the trial. While you were not an actual kidnaper, the functions which you performed were important to the successful accomplishment of the conspiracy.

It is the judgment of the court that you be confined in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth for a period of five years.

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VOLNEY DAVIS

You were not one of the defendants who were tried but you were one of the conspirators. I have read the statement that you have given to the authorities. You were one of the actual conspirators, one of the actual kidnapers. The evidence shows that you sat in a car with Doc Barker where you could observe the actual kidnaping of Mr. Bremer; that you were armed, and in a position to render such aid as might be necessary. The evidence shows also that you were one who delivered the note to Father Deere, and it shows that in Chicago you carried one of the boxes containing the ransom money. I mention these things that you may know that I have canvassed the situation as the evidence discloses it. I also have information of your prior activities in Oklahoma and it is the judgment of this court that you be confined in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth for the rest of your natural life.

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FJMA:GAJ:RV June 1, 1935.

Mr. John C. Shaffer,  
Editor,  
The Indianapolis Star,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Shaffer:

The editorial entitled, "Another  
Kidnaping Blow", which appeared in The Indianapolis  
Star on May 20, 1935, has been called to my at-  
tention. I wish you to know that I am appreci-  
ative of its purpose.

It is gratifying to know that our  
efforts to stamp out the crime of kidnaping and  
to create a cooperative group of law enforcement  
agencies, whose mutual objective is the detection  
and apprehension of criminals, are meeting with  
such generous support as your editorial indicates.

With best wishes and kind regards,

I am

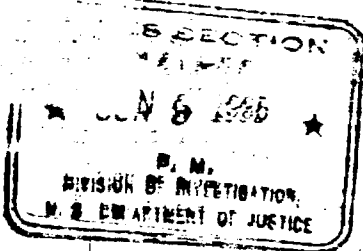
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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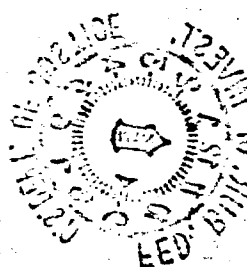
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Editorial,  
THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR,  
May 20, 1935.

ANOTHER KIDNAPING BLOW

The conviction at St. Paul of another kidnaping gang demonstrates what law enforcement agencies can accomplish when the best sleuths to be found among national, state, local and private organizations take the trail. This crime, furthermore, has no apologists to delay or interfere with justice. The kidnaping racket is one the public will not tolerate. That is the reason the authorities have been so successful in tracking down the members of various gangs.

Every verdict of guilty returned in a kidnaping trial strengthens the defense against such atrocious crimes. The severe penalties imposed should serve as a deterrent, since criminals must begin to realize crime of that type can not pay. The government has compiled a flattering record of kidnapers who have been executed, who committed suicide or who have been placed behind the bars for life. Every conviction makes life more secure and the country a safer place for those with more than the average of world's goods.

The St. Paul trial disposed of desperadoes in the Bremer kidnaping case. Five of seven defendants were found guilty of abducting a banker of that city in the demand for \$200,000 ransom. "Doc" Barker and Oliver Berg, leaders in the conspiracy, were sentenced to life imprisonment. Sentences of the others were deferred. No clemency ever should be considered for those convicted of this crime. The utmost severity of unrelenting justice must convince gangsters that kidnaping is not worth the risk.

Letter to John C. Shaffer,  
Editor, 6-1-35  
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June 20, 1935

Mr. Arthur W. Granford,  
Heraldton,  
Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 3, 1935, wherein you furnish information concerning Alvin Karpis, whose photographs you forwarded with your letter.

The contents of your letter have been noted and your interest in forwarding this information is appreciated. The photographs which you transmitted with your letter are returned herewith.

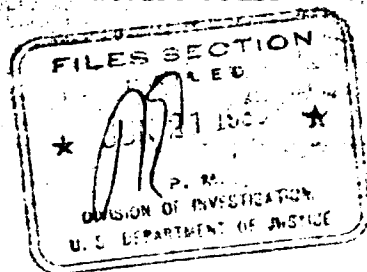
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC Oklahoma City (with photostatic copy of incoming letter)

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PHOTOGRAPHS OF ALVIN KARPIS, RETAINED IN  
BUREAU FILES.



Mr John Edgar Hoover

Chicago  
June 10-1935

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Dear Sir

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Yours truly  
a friend

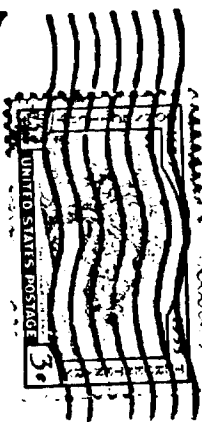
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June 18, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

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

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith photo-  
static copies of an anonymous communication  
dated at New York, June 10, 1935, indicating  
the presence of Alvin Karpis in the vicinity  
of Miami, Florida, during the past winter.

This matter should receive appro-  
priate investigative attention by your office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Inclosure No. 519877

cc-Cincinnati (with copy of incoming letter)  
cc-St. Paul

*[Handwritten initials and stamps]*



June 4, 1935.

(Time 4:30)

## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: Alvin Karpis.

Mr. Purvis telephoned from Chicago and stated he had received information [redacted] to the effect that at 1:28 p.m. today a long distance telephone call was made from a pay station in Chicago to Circle 7-2700, in New York City; that the party calling was Joseph Hepbern (?) and he was calling George Brown in New York City. [redacted] happened to pick up this information during the call, and heard them mention the name Karpis, but she could not get what the connection was. The parties were talking in English, but most of the conversation appeared to be in code. These persons appeared to be well acquainted with one another, and understood what the other said. The indications were that the party calling wanted to know what to do about disposing of an automobile.

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Mr. Purvis stated that it has been determined that the telephone number in Chicago is listed for the Ogden Grill and the records of the telephone company indicate that Joseph Hepbern is the owner. Mr. Purvis stated further [redacted]

In 1934, according to Mr. Purvis, William Graham of Reno, telephoned Hepbern and the call indicated that he and someone else visited the Ogden Grill while they were in Chicago in 1934. Mr. Purvis stated further that on January 17, 1935 the former head of the Motion Picture Unions in Chicago, a known contact of the Karpis-Barker gang, called George Brown in New York, at Pennsylvania 0943; that on March 5, 1935 a similar call was placed to the same number in New York.

Mr. Purvis stated this is being checked from the Chicago end, and that they sent a teletype this morning concerning a letter which reached Chicago bearing a New York return address, and New York has been asked to conduct a confidential investigation of the matter. Mr. Purvis stated he would call Mr. Whitley right away with regard to the matter of the telephone calls, if this is satisfactory. I stated it met with my approval, and he should furthermore tell Mr. Whitley to give the matter his personal

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attention, and that if he needed assistance he could call upon Mr. Keith, who is in New York at this time. Mr. Purvis remarked that it is possible there is a "hot" car in Chicago to be disposed of.

I told Mr. Purvis there had been a rumor in Washington this afternoon to the effect that Karpis had been arrested at Madison, Wisconsin, and that I had refused to make any comment, and that Mr. Purvis should give the same answer.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Post Office Box 515,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1218, FUGITIVE; ET AL.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
Kidnaping - Harboring and  
Obstruction of Justice -  
National Firearms Act

United States Attorney George F. Sullivan,  
St. Paul, Minnesota, has advised that the following  
will be brought before the court for sentence at  
four p.m., Friday, June 7, 1935:

Volney E. Davis;  
Harold Allderton;  
Elmer Farmer;  
James Wilson;  
John McLaughlin.

Sentence of Bolton will be deferred until after  
the trial of Harry Sawyer, next fall.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

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H. E. ANDERSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir,

Please refer to the letter from the El Paso Office dated May 16, 1935, with reference to Maurey Niems alias Maurey Shapiro, possible informant.

Niems called at the Chicago Office this morning and stated that he had decided to go "straight" but that he believed he could be of some assistance to this organization in view of his past connections. He stated that he desired to prove that he could go "straight" and deliver information to this Office with the view of obtaining steady employment here.

Inquiry was made of him as to the type of information he could furnish and he stated he knew several individuals who had previously been in the game of hi-jacking interstate trucks, etc. His idea appeared to be that he would approach some of these individuals and have them hi-jack a truck and then they could be caught in the act. He was, of course, informed that this could not be done and that this Office could not agree to any proposition of this kind. He was, however, informed that in the event he received any information of value to this Office, he would be reimbursed appropriately for furnishing same.

He indicated he would be in Chicago several days and if he were unable to furnish any information which would aid him in making a livelihood, he would proceed to New York where he has an uncle by the name of Shapiro, from whom he might receive employment. While in Chicago Niems can be located at the Y. M. C. A., 19 South LaSalle Street.

Very truly yours, 7-576-6310

M. H. Purvis

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Special Agent in Charge.

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DO YOU THINK IT WISE TO LET  
OUT INFORMATION LIKE THIS  
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FORMERS FEARING REVENGE

## Girl Betrayed Karpis Gangster 2

Chicagoan Tipped Off Government on  
Davis, Wanted in Bremer Case.

ST. PAUL, June 4 (A. P.).—A woman with whom he had been keeping company betrayed Volney Davis, Barker-Karpis gangster who pleaded guilty to conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, it was learned from an authoritative source today.

Davis's arrest in Chicago brought the Federal Government's score in the \$200,000 abduction to nine in jail. Four others were dead, five were acquitted and eight were still at large.

Following a "tip" from a Chicago girl with whom Davis was seen on several occasions after his escape at Yorkville, Ill., where he slugged a Federal agent with a bear mug, Government officers maintained a trap for the gangster for a week. They missed him on two occasions previous to his capture.

### Sentenced Friday.

Davis, sweetheart of Edna Murray, "kissing bandit," who was freed of conspiracy charges in the kidnaping of the St. Paul banker and returned to a Missouri prison, had made arrangements with the girl to meet him at Austin, Ill., Chicago suburb, and authorities were informed of the proposed meeting.

Federal agents said they were convinced Davis had no connection with the kidnaping of nine-year-old George Weyerhaeuser in Tacoma, Wash. It was explained the gangster would not have been brought to St. Paul, had he had any connection with the boy's abduction, despite the pending Bremer charge.

Sentence will be pronounced on Davis in Federal Court Friday, with life imprisonment the possible

penalty. He is also a fugitive from the Oklahoma State Prison, where he was serving a sentence for murder.

### Karpis at Large.

Of the others arrested in the Bremer case, Arthur (Doc) Barker and Oliver Berg have been sent to prison for life; John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Elmer Farmer, Byron Bolton, Harold Alderton and James J. Wilson were awaiting sentence in the county jail here, and Harry Sawyer, alleged "finger man," still awaits trial.

At large were Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, William Weaver, William Harrison, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Mrs. Myrtle Eaton and two persons indicted as "John Doe and Richard Doe."

### Victim of Snake Owes Life to Companion

WASHINGTON, June 4 (A. P.).—Bitten by a copperhead snake, a nineteen-year-old hiker, Dana Wallace, owes his life perhaps to a quick-thinking companion, Vincent Bour of the N.R.A.

The youths were two miles from a highway, so, lacking a knife, Bour did the first thing he could think of. He bit Wallace's foot deeply, sucked out the poison, applied a tourniquet, and then carried his friend back to their car. The victim is recovering.

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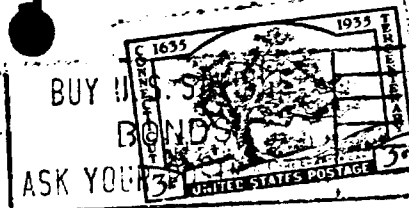
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.  
Dept. of Justice.  
Washington. D.C.





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June 8, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

RE: Volney Davis

I telephoned Special Agent in Charge Andersen at St. Paul and advised him to make it impossible for him or any other agent in the office to be reached by the press and to close the office leaving the night man to answer all inquiries by telephone that the office is closed.

Mr. Andersen stated that the set-up there is very poor and that anybody going by in the corridor can tell that they have someone there; that he is going to use one of the back rooms in which to keep Davis.

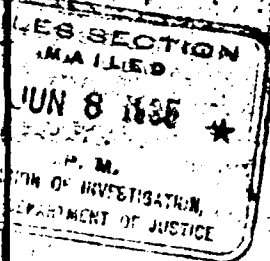
I instructed Mr. Andersen to meet the plane at the airport with as few men as possible.

Mr. Andersen was advised that we would probably make a statement here in the morning and that we will let him know if we do. I stated that all I intend to say here is that Davis is in custody at St. Paul and that I did not see any necessity for making any statement at St. Paul other than to direct him, Mr. Andersen, immediately after we have made the release here to turn Davis directly over to the U. S. Marshal for the necessary detention; that we do not intend to give the details as to how we got Davis because that would disclose our informant. Mr. Andersen was instructed to wire the Bureau immediately upon the arrival of Davis and to keep him handcuffed and manacled.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
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P. O. Box #64  
Buffalo, N.Y.

June 10, 1935

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

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,  
I. O. 1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is respectfully invited to the letter dated June 7, 1935 from the Washington Field Office to this office concerning the disposition of \$270.00 of the Bremer ransom money, which is presently held by the Buffalo Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank at Buffalo, New York.

It is desired that the Bureau advise this office as to the recommended disposition of the above mentioned ransom money in order that suitable arrangements may be had with the Buffalo Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank.

Very truly yours,

*W. L. Listerman*

W. L. LISTERMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Cincinnati  
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O. L. MEADOR  
SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR  
HARRISON COUNTY  
GULFPORT, MISS.

May 11th, 1935.

Honorable Edgar J. Hoover,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

JUN 10 1935

Dear Sir:-

JUN 12 1935

IN RE: HARRY SAWYER CAPTURE

In-as-much as I furnished the Department of Justice with information concerning the whereabouts and location that led to the arrest and capture of Harry Sawyer, I feel that since the newspapers in many instances have published articles that did not reflect the facts leading up to the capture and arrest of this man, I am writing you for the purpose of giving you all of the facts, data and information on this subject, and the name of the companion officer who worked with me on this case, for a period of four weeks before the capture and arrest was really effected.

Harry Sawyer was first observed and noticed by Mr. Adolph Demetiz and myself about four weeks before he was arrested. Mr. Demetiz is the Chief Road Patrol Officer of Harrison County, and I am the Deputy Sheriff of Harrison County, with exclusive jurisdiction in District No. 3, where Sawyer spent most of his time, and *where he was finally captured.*

After having discovered this man, and having learned of the careless manner in which he was spending money and the unusual display of large bills and currency, our interest and curiosity was aroused to such an extent that we notified the Department of Justice in New Orleans, through Mr. Gorenflo, Chief Deputy in the Sheriff's office. Mr. Gorenflo called Mr. McGee at New Orleans, furnishing him with the number of the automobile license tag plates of the State of Nebraska, and the name of Ann Wright, in whose name the license was secured in the town of Fort Crook, Nebraska.

That within a short time after Mr. Gorenflo telephoned Mr. McGee in New Orleans, Mr. Olsen, one of the agents of the Department of Justice, came to Gulfport, and, while talking about this case, *he* had in his possession a large number of photographs of criminals wanted, and, in looking over this group of photographs, Mr. Demetiz and I both identified Harry Sawyer's picture as the man at Pass Christian who was spending the money and giving evidence of unusual prosperity. Mr. Olsen then advised us not to say anything, but we

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**O. L. MEADOR**  
SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR  
HARRISON COUNTY  
GULFPORT, MISS.

would hear from him shortly. That after waiting about a week and not having any communication of any kind from Mr. Olsen, we were somewhat disturbed at the delay, realizing and appreciating that if this man Sawyer was the man wanted in connection with the Bremmer kidnapping we were afraid he might leave this section most any time and would be lost so far as the authorities were concerned; and so Mr. Demetz and I held a conference and decided that Mr. Demetz should go to New Orleans and have a personal interview with Mr. McGee, giving him all of the information we had again, and making further inquiry with reference to whether or not the Government really wanted this man Sawyer, and if they did to ask that they send one of the Department of Justice men over with a photograph so that we could convince him that the man at Pass Christian was Sawyer, and after we would effect his arrest the Government could then take him as a prisoner in connection with the Bremmer kidnapping.

Mr. Demetz went to New Orleans and there interviewed Mr. McGee, and asked him to send a man with a photograph to Pass Christian so that Sawyer could be positively identified as the Harry Sawyer wanted in connection with the Bremmer kidnapping. Within a short while thereafter, about a day, Mr. McGee sent Agent Meekins over to Gulfport, and who there met with Mr. Demetz and myself, and who arranged a beer drinking party at a negro joint that Harry Sawyer was interested in and had built with his money, the plan being to introduce Harry Sawyer to Mr. Meekins, and Mr. Meekins was supposed to have been interested in establishing a night club at the Point Of Pines at Henderson Point near Pass Christian, and Meekins was supposed to be a personal friend of mine and was introduced as such to Harry Sawyer at the beer drinking in this negro joint. It was at this beer drinking and meeting that Harry Sawyer was positively identified by Mr. Demetz, Mr. Meekin and myself because of a mashed fore-finger on the left hand corresponded exactly with the mashed finger on Harry Sawyer's left hand. Mr. Meekins also had an enlarged photograph of Sawyer which we looked at, and after looking at same it left no doubt in any of our minds that the man was Harry Sawyer that the Department of Justice was seeking. We had completed our beer party drinking around eleven o'clock, and then drove Mr. Meekins to Bay St. Louis in my automobile, where he got in touch with Mr. McGee over long distance telephone at New Orleans. The night of the beer drinking party being on Thursday night, May 2nd.

At 3:15 P. M. on Friday, May 3rd, I received a long distance telephone call from Bay St. Louis from Mr. Meekins to come to Bay St. Louis immediately. I got in an automobile and drove to Bay St. Louis and met Mr. Meekins as he instructed me to do at the Hancock County Bank. I was there introduced to Mr. McGee and Mr. Kindall, I having before met personally Mr. Olsen in the Sheriff's office when I identified the picture of Harry Sawyer as the man that was at Pass Christian.

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SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR  
HARRISON COUNTY

GULFPORT, MISS.

In Bay St, Louis Mr. Meekins got in my Plymouth coach and Mr. McGee followed alone in a new Hudson Sedan, leaving agents Olsen and Kindall in Bay St. Louis to await further orders.

After returning to Pass Christian, Mr. Meekins and I drove to the L. & N. Railroad station, Mr. McGee following in the Hudson Sedan automobile, which was then and there parked at there parked at the railroad station and locked, and then Mr. McGee getting in my automobile and the three of us drove to the same place that we had held the beer drinking party in the negro dive with Harry Sawyer the night before-(this place being operated by two white men named Sam Myers and William Benevidas).

On arriving at this negro dive and joint I got out by myself and went in and talked to Benevidas and inquired where I could see Mr. Wright. Harry Sawyer at the time was going under the name of Wright and was known in Pass Christian as Mr. Wright, using the name of Wright as an alias. Mr. Benevidas advised me that he was not in, but that Sam Myers was using Mr. Wright's car, and he had not seen Mr. Wright all day. I then went out and reported to Mr. McGee and Mr. Meekins my conversation had with Benevidas. I then suggested to them I thought I could locate him by making further search around the town. That after leaving the negro beer joint and dive we drove up into the main part of town, and drove down an extension of Market Street leading from Front Street to the end of the factory pier in a southerly direction, and made a turn on the road at the end thereof, driving my car a little to the east and near a building formerly occupied and used by said Sam Myers and William Benevidas as a soft drink stand and card room. As we made the turn I recognized Harry Sawyer's car, and told Messrs. McGee and Meekins there was the car. I got out and approached the building and as I entered the door I saw Harry Sawyer, and I then gave a signal to McGee and Meekins that Sawyer was inside. On getting inside I told Sawyer to come on out that the boys wanted to talk to him about the Point Of Pines Night Club proposition, and then he came on out, walking ahead of me, and I brought him right to the car, and as I arrived at the car I told him "these are two Department of Justice agents that want to talk to you". Sawyer became nervous and acknowledged his identity to McGee as Harry Sawyer, and I asked him "Where is your wife", and he informed me that he had become suspicious the night before of us and she had left. Mr. Meekins told Sawyer "That is a damn lie, we saw you with her this morning", and he said "Well, yes, but she left this morning." Afterwards Sawyer was put in the back of my automobile and we drove to the L. & N. railroad station at Pass Christian where the Government car was parked. Sawyer was then transferred from my car to the Government

O. L. MEADOR  
SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR  
HARRISON COUNTY  
GULFPORT, MISS.

at once to turn him over to agents Olsen and Kindall, and instructed me to await for their return at the station at Pass Christian. I waited about thirty minutes at the station, and agents Kindall, McGee and Meekins returned, leaving Sawyer in charge of Olsen at Bay St. Louis. They then asked me where we could go and look for Wright's wife. I got in the car with them and we proceeded to Monroe Court at Long Beach, Mississippi, a distance of about six miles east of Pass Christian, and I got out and went in the house and asked her if she was Mrs. Wright. She said yes. Just then agent McGee walked in and he asked if her name was not Mrs. Harry Sawyer, and she said it was. We then searched the house thoroughly and asked her if she knew the whereabouts of Doctor Moran. She said she did not know where he was. Agent McGee then left to go to Gulfport to place some telephone calls, and left agents Meekin, Kindall and myself at the house with Mrs. Sawyer. On his return we placed Mrs. Sawyer in the car and we took her to Bay St. Louis, and then agents McGee, Kindall and Olsen proceeded to New Orleans with Sawyer, and Mrs. Sawyer and agent Meekins returned to Gulfport with me.

Since I captured Sawyer and since Mr. Demetz and I furnished all the information and facts leading to the arrest and capture, and since I have not heard from the Department of Justice or any of the authorities interested in the apprehension and capture of Harry Sawyer, I am writing you this letter that your Department might have all the facts, details and information in connection with the location, apprehension and capture of this man. These facts can be borne out by your agents who assisted me in the capture of this man.

I would like to know whether or not the Department of Justice or any of the States or individuals have offered or placed a reward for the capture of this man Harry Sawyer, and would appreciate you advising me with reference to the same. In this matter I am acting for myself and Patrolman Officer Adolph Demetz and the Sheriff of Harrison County, Mississippi, my immediate superior, Hon. O. L. Meador.

Yours very truly,

*W. G. Simpson*

W. G. SIMPSON

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI.

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ack  
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June 8, 1935

Mr. E. O. Simpson,  
a/o Sheriff's Office,  
Gulfport, Mississippi.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 11, 1935, wherein you set forth in detail the part played by you and others in bringing about the location and apprehension of Harry Sawyer on May 8, 1935, at Pass Christian, Mississippi, who was wanted in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

In response to the inquiry contained in the last paragraph of your letter, so far as the records of this Bureau show, there were no rewards offered for the capture of Sawyer. I am, however, taking up the matter of remuneration with Mr. D.W. Magee, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 816 1/2 Post Office Building, New Orleans, Louisiana. Pending the receipt of any comments which Mr. Magee may desire to make, further action will be held in abeyance.

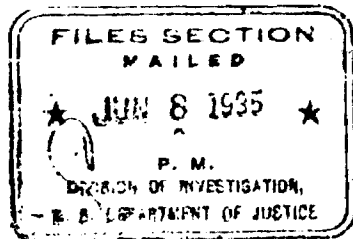
I desire, however, to thank you for the assistance and cooperation rendered representatives of this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-New Orleans  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul





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P. O. Drawer 567  
San Francisco, California

June 8, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your long distance telephone call of June 3, 1935, advising that at approximately 6.00 A.M. June 3rd a telegram written in ink had been placed under the door of the Western Union Telegraph Company office at Valdosta, Georgia, same being addressed to Alvin Karpis, care of Western Union, Sacramento, California, and bearing the following message:

"FOUR FIVE EIGHT TWELVE SUNDOWN ELIZABETH  
MONTGOMERY SNOWBALL FREIGHT TRAIN

(Signed) "DOW"

Upon being advised by you that the above mentioned telegram had been sent "collect" at approximately 9.00 A.M. June 3rd, telephonic communication was had by me with Mr. Clarence Morrill, Superintendent of the California State Division of Criminal Identification and Investigation at Sacramento, inasmuch as no Agent of this office was available in that section.

Mr. Morrill determined that the telegram in question had been received at the Western Union Telegraph Company in Sacramento

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but that same had not been called for. Through investigation, Mr. Morrill ascertained that several months ago similar telegrams were received in Sacramento and that these had been directed to a horse race betting syndicate and had to do solely with gambling.

On June 4, 1935, Special Agent W. J. Birthright, of this office, while at Sacramento, determined that the above mentioned telegram was still being held by Western Union unclaimed.

Subject Karpis is unknown at the Western Union Company in Sacramento and it is believed that this telegram was sent as a practical joke inasmuch as at that particular time considerable publicity was being given regarding the possible connection of Karpis with the kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser at Tacoma, Washington.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.

JUNE 8, 1935.

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CHICAGO ILLINOIS

BREKID TELEGRAM JUNE SIX THOMAS F SHAMAHAN FIVE SEVENTEEN ASHLAND AVENUE  
RIVERDALE MARYLAND OWNER OF PLYMOUTH SEDAN MOTOR NUMBER SEVEN THREE THREE  
NINE NAUGHT NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE MARYLAND LICENSE TWO NAUGHT FIVE ONE  
NAUGHT SIX LEFT WASHINGTON DC JUNE THIRD ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS FOR KANSAS  
CITY IS EMPLOYED AS PRINCIPAL FISCAL ACCOUNTANT UNDER COMPTROLLER  
AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION AT THIRTY EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS  
A YEAR SINCE SEPTEMBER ELEVEN NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE IS VALUED EMPLOYEE  
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June 8, 1935

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Miss Gandy .....

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith an editorial which appeared  
in the Denver Post of June 4, 1935, and which was  
written by Mr. Bruce A. Gustin.

Very truly yours,

*E. F. Guinane*  
E. F. GUINANE,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Let. Mr. Gustin,  
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THE DENVER POST  
Denver, Colo.  
6/4/35

**VOLNEY DAVIS**, described as "the toughest member of the Barker-Karpis mob," pleaded guilty in federal court at St. Paul, Monday, to conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer for \$200,000 ransom. "It's no use trying to beat these G-guys," Davis told Judge Joyce. The "G-guys" are federal agents. They are the officers most feared by the underworld. They are beyond corrupt political influence. They can't be bought off. And they can't be shaken off.

Criminal gangs worried little about law enforcement while they had only to deal with local officials. They bought protection either directly from police or indirectly thru crooked politicians. But the entry of the federals into the law enforcement picture changed the whole situation. The gangsters have been unable to find any way of getting to the "G-men." That is why they admit the hopelessness of trying to escape department of justice agents. **HONEST** law enforcement is bound to be effective.

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June 11, 1935.

Mr. Bruce A. Gustin,  
The Denver Post,  
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Gustin:

I have read with interest your editorial appearing in the Denver Post of June 4, 1935, commenting upon Volney Davis' remarks as to the futility of pleading not guilty to a conspiracy charge in connection with his part in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

Kindly accept my sincere thanks and deeply felt appreciation for your commendation of honest law enforcement.

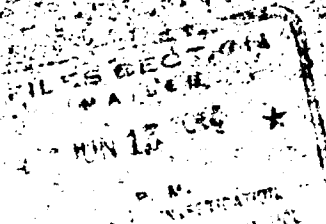
With best wishes and kind regards,

I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc: Denver.



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# True Detective MYSTERIES

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MACFADDEN BUILDING  
1926 BROADWAY AT 64TH STREET  
NEW YORK

Editorial Department

June 3, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

In view of the widespread search again being made for Alvin Karpis, notorious gangster and leader suspect in the George Weyerhaeuser kidnapping, it has been decided to use Karpis' photograph once again in the August 1935 Line-Up of MASTER DETECTIVE now going to press.

We have most of the pertinent information regarding this man but we would appreciate very much securing the amount of reward money offered by the authorities for this man's arrest. I wonder if you have any means of knowing whether the twelve hundred dollar reward offered by Chief of Police, James A. Birches of West Plains, Missouri, for the murder of Sheriff Kelly of Howell County, Missouri, December 19, 1931 still holds.

We would appreciate greatly any information which we can secure from you on this matter and will make corrections on our proof.

With best wishes

Sincerely

Lowell Ames Norris

Lowell Ames Norris  
Line-Up Editor

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June 6, 1935.

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Mr. Lowell Ames Morris,  
Line-Up Editor,  
True Detective Mysteries,  
MacFadden Building,  
1926 Broadway at 64th Street,  
New York, New York.

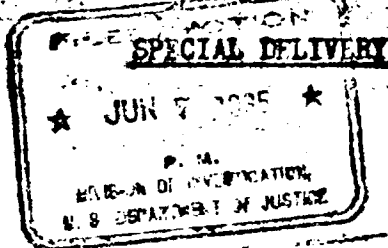
Dear Sirs:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 3, 1935, advising of your intention to again reproduce in the August 1935 issue of Master Detective a photograph of Alvin Karpis.

The files of this Bureau do not contain any information relative to the twelve hundred dollar reward previously offered by James A. Birches, Chief of Police, West Plains, Missouri for the arrest of Karpis as the murderer of Sheriff Kelly of Howell County, Missouri on December 19, 1931. The Federal Government has not publicly offered any reward for information resulting in the arrest of Karpis up to the present time, and I regret that I am unable to furnish you with any information respecting other rewards that may be outstanding for the apprehension of this individual.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



501 Hooley Building,  
Atlanta, Georgia,  
June 3, 1935.

JEL:W  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

Confirming the information conveyed to you by wire, June 1, 1935,  
it is ascertained from the Motor Vehicle Department, Georgia State  
Capitol Building, that Gene L. Jordan, 28 King Street, Dalton, Georgia,  
secured 1935 Georgia license # 37216-C on April 24, 1935, for a 1935  
Ford V-8, motor # 18-164348. It is to be noted that this motor number  
is 18-164348 instead of 18-164324 as contained in your wire of June 1,  
1935.

W. E. Denton, Postmaster, Dalton, Georgia, telephonically  
advised that he had no record of Jordan. He stated that 28 King Street  
was the address of a reputable boarding house.

Please advise this office if further investigation is necessary.

Very truly yours,

W. A. BORER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Letter to Atlanta 6/4/35  
cc - Chicago  
cc - Cincinnati  
cc - St Paul  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

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

Dear Sir:

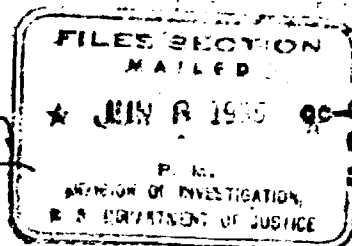
The Bureau is in receipt of a copy of your letter addressed to the Chicago office under date of June 3, 1935, in the above entitled case, setting forth information obtained from the Motor Vehicle Department, Georgia State Capitol Building, concerning one Gene L. Jordan, 25 King Street, Dalton, Georgia, who obtained 1935 Georgia license #37216-C on April 24, 1935.

Inasmuch as the car found in the possession of Volney Davis at the time of his apprehension at Chicago on June 1, 1935, was covered by the above referred to registration, the Bureau feels that an exhaustive investigation should be conducted in your district respecting the obtaining of the license plates with a view to developing any local contacts of the remaining members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

This matter should be given immediate attention if the investigation has not already been conducted.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



cc-Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul

DIRECTOR

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 6, 1935

RAT:CSH

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

2:20 P.M.

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

Mr. Ladd of the Washington Field Office called in connection with the above case to advise that the suspect at the Hamilton Hotel had just checked out and he and his partner, one Cross, had caught a train for New York. Ladd stated he merely desired to advise me that they had checked out of the hotel, and stated he is going to call New York in this connection.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm.

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Mr. Tolson .....
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*Edward G. Bremer*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
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RETEL BREKID TRINITY 8343 SINCE MAY SIXTEENTH LAST ASSIGNED TO CONGOIN COMPANY  
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Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

June 6, 1935.

Hon. George F. Sullivan,  
United States Attorney,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, et al. FUG. I.O. 1218  
et al. EDW. GEO. BREMER, Victim. KIDNAPING.

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 4, 1935, enclosing a copy of a letter from you to the sheriff at St. Paul in which you request that no one be permitted to see Volney Davis unless upon authorization from the Bureau Office at St. Paul.

Please accept my thanks for this action as I feel that it is in the interest of the investigation of the Bremer case.

Very truly yours,

HEA:IM  
CC Bureau

H. E. ANDERSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Washington Field Office, Room 5745,  
Washington, D. C.

June 10, 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:

With reference to your telegram in the above case,  
dated June 6, 1935, stating that Brekid car bearing 1935  
license No. 205106 observed Bensenville, Illinois, at one  
of known hangouts of fugitives in this case, an investigation  
was conducted by this office and it was found that the above  
license plates were issued in the name of Thomas F. Shanahan,  
517 Ashland Avenue, Riverdale, Maryland, for Plymouth Sedan,  
motor number 73390, serial number 1748163.

Chief of Police D. Herzog of Riverdale, Maryland,  
stated that Shanahan is married, is fifty five or sixty years  
old, has two daughters in High School age fourteen and sixteen  
years respectively, and is employed as an accountant with the  
Agricultural Adjustment Administration, being at present in  
the field for that organization. He stated that Shanahan's  
reputation is good and that he was treasurer of the Parent  
Teachers' Association of Riverdale last year.

From the Personnel Department of the Agricultural  
Adjustment Administration, Agriculture Building, Washington,  
D. C., it was ascertained that Thomas F. Shanahan is employed  
as a principal fiscal accountant under the Comptroller of the  
Agricultural Adjustment Administration at a salary of \$3800.00  
a year and that he was appointed on September 11, 1933.

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Mr. E. G. Royster, Assistant to the Comptroller of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Room 433, Old Post Office Building, stated that Shanahan was one of their most valued field accountants and that he had recently made a field trip to Kansas City with Colonel Murphy, who is the Chief of the Commodities Purchasing Section of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and works directly under Administrator Davis, and that within a few days he returned for his automobile and left in same on Monday, June 3, 1935, for Kansas City, where he is now working on an inspection trip.

Very truly yours,

J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

RJU:PM

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St. Paul

Cincinnati.

POST OFFICE BOX 812,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

June 8, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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; 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  
CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

There is being transmitted herewith your addi-  
tional copy of the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran,  
dated at Chicago, Illinois, 6/3/35. The St. Paul Bureau  
office is also being furnished an additional copy at  
this time.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

MD

cc-Bureau ✓  
St. Paul

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago, Illinois

June 8, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, N.Y.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; DOCTOR 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. 1231; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - Victim. KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

This is to confirm my telephonic conversation with you  
yesterday concerning a telephone conversation apparently had with  
Gilbert Kaplan at the Ogden Grill with Mrs. Kaplan. [REDACTED] reflects the following:

8:46 P.M., 6-8-35 - woman calling - called  
Gibby (Kaplan) to telephone - man answered.

Of course it is not known whether there is any relation  
between the conversation concerning the gun racket and Harrison and  
further, it is not known that Harrison is the William J. Harrison  
whose apprehension is desired in this case. However, in 1935 being  
submitted to you for your information.

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A list of the telephone calls received from Dearborn 9573, the private wire of Gilbert Kaplan at the Ogden Grill, reflects that on May 1, 1935 a Western Union telegram was placed over this wire and forwarded to Cleveland, Ohio, addressed to Miss Kitty Gilbert, United Airlines Airport, Cleveland, Ohio. This telegram reads as follows:

"Without fail call me from airport at  
Cleveland Dearborn 6229 reverse charges.  
(Signed) G. Kaplan."

On May 2, 1935 a collect call was placed by Miss Gilbert from New York City, telephone Eldorado 5-9415, calling "Gibby" Kaplan.

[REDACTED] b7d

It is believed desirable that all persons communicating with Kaplan be checked and it is therefore requested that appropriate investigation be conducted at the address in New York City to which telephone number Eldorado 5-9415 is listed in order that it may be determined if this individual has any connection with the fugitives in this case.

Referring to your teletypes of June 7, 1935 concerning telephone numbers which George E. Brown attempted to communicate with in Chicago, Illinois, I have to advise that Central 2131 is listed to Dawson & Dawson, lawyers, 38 South Dearborn Street; Euclid 5341 is listed to Lawrence M. Berg, 1123 West Washington Boulevard, Oak Park, Illinois; and Central 6466 is listed to the Chicago Theatrical Protective Union, Local No. 2 at 160 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Investigation is going forward in connection with these numbers.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

RCS:fvw  
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CC Bureau ✓  
Cincinnati

DB:VC

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
June 8, 1935.

MEMORANDUM TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim -  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

The Bureau is in possession of certain additional descriptive data with respect to Alvin Karpis, which may be of assistance in identifying him, as follows:

Karpis is supposed to have large scars extending downward below his ears, which are the result of an attempted facial operation. I am informed that originally the ears of Alvin Karpis were without lobes and that a portion of the flesh was cut on the lower part of the ear forming lobes. It is very likely that scars will show underneath the ear lobes of this individual.

Alvin Karpis is lefthanded and does everything lefthanded with the exception of writing and concerning this, the Bureau is not definitely advised. I am informed that an attempt was made to lift one of the eyebrows of Karpis and in so doing the flesh was cut on the hairline of Karpis and that as a result of this cut, a scar is now visible under the hairline. It is not known whether the left or right eye is involved. It is said that Karpis at this time has a very distinct stoop to his shoulders.

With respect to Willie Harrison, who is the subject of I.O. 1259, I am informed that Harrison has reddish brown hair with considerable grey in it. It will be noted that in the description appearing on I.O. 1259, the color of Harrison's hair is given as light brown. It is said that Harrison has a very ruddy complexion and that the photograph appearing on the Identification Order is a good likeness of him with the exception that Harrison is seldom seen without a smile on his countenance and that he is at all times very jovial and wears octagon shaped glasses and is known to be a very heavy user of intoxicating liquors.

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DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.  
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June 2, 1935

Time-7:15 P. M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

RE: Volney Davis

I telephoned Mr. Purvis and he stated that the newspapers have found out that we have Davis. Mr. Purvis said that he talked to the woman and she advised him that two police officers came to the house, one of them showing a badge; that they wanted to know if there was somebody crooked living in her house, and that she did not tell them anything. Mr. Purvis told her to get away from the house and stay away. He stated that he thought the investigation was due to the shot accidentally fired and the gathering of the people.

Mr. Purvis stated that the newspaper men came to the office and stated that they had a story from St. Paul that Davis had been taken into custody. Mr. Purvis had just talked to Mr. Andersen at St. Paul whereby arrangements were made for Mr. Andersen to be at the airport before daylight in the morning. I inquired of Mr. Purvis if he thought Mr. Andersen had given it out, and he said that he did not know. Mr. Purvis was informed of this story by the newspaper men about thirty minutes after he had talked to Mr. Andersen. Mr. Purvis told the newspaper men that he had nothing to say whatever, and I instructed him to make no comment about anything and to tell the press that he was not going to confirm or deny any report on Davis or anybody else. Mr. Purvis stated that one of the newspaper men called his paper and told them that he denied having Davis and then later told them that he, Mr. Purvis would not say anything. The boy in the office was listening to the conversation between this newspaper man and his paper. I advised Mr. Purvis to tell the newspaper men that any information desired by them must come from Washington.

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. Scheldt .....  
Mr. Schilder .....  
Mr. Smith .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

A copy of Davis' statement is being transmitted to the Bureau by teletype. Mr. Purvis stated that Davis is pretty well resigned to his fate.

They are leaving immediately by plane with Agent Suran in charge of the detail.

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I instructed Mr. Purvis to call Mr. Andersen and tell him that the flash about Davis came out thirty minutes after he had talked to him and that the newspapers said that it came from St. Paul and that I wanted to know if he had talked to anybody; and that I did not want the U. S. Attorney or anyone else to know about it. Mr. Purvis stated that he advised Mr. Andersen to hold Davis incommunicado in the office there at St. Paul.

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Telephone conversation of the Director  
and Mr. Purvis at Chicago, 6/2/35 -2-

Mr. Purvis stated that as soon as the plane leaves, he would call Mr. Andersen relative to the news flash. I stated that it would be a good idea for him to avoid going back to the office and to call Mr. Andersen from his apartment.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
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Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....  
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DIRECTOR

BREKID \* PHOTOGRAPH OF VOLNEY DAVIS NOT TAKEN BY CHICAGO OFFICE SUB-  
SEQUENT HIS ARREST JUNE 1, 1935.

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Letter sent  
6/14/35 - RE 71.

*Why not  
they had him there  
for several days?*

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. Scheldt .....  
Mr. Schilder .....  
Mr. Smith .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....  
*W. L. R.*

REN:MPW

June 10, 1935.

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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 your teletype message dated  
June 6, 1935, advising the Bureau that no photograph of  
Volney Davis was taken subsequent to his arrest on June 1,  
1935.

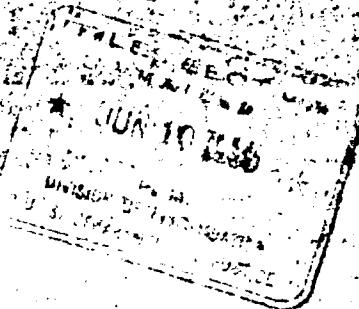
The Bureau has repeatedly requested that photographs  
be immediately taken upon the apprehension of any important  
fugitive to be forwarded to the Bureau. The Bureau fails to  
understand why no photograph was taken in this instance.

The St. Paul Office, to which a copy of this letter is  
being directed, is instructed to obtain a photograph of Volney  
Davis and to immediately forward it to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Cincinnati  
St. Paul



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR  
EAT:CDW

**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 .....
Mr. Edwards .....
Mr. Egan .....
Mr. Harbo .....
Mr. Keith .....
Mr. Lester .....
Mr. Quinn .....
Mr. Scheidt .....
Mr. Schilder .....
Mr. Smith .....
Mr. Tamm .....
Mr. Tracy .....
Miss Gandy .....

Time - 3:20 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Volney Davis.

I talked with Mr. Dunn at the temporary office in Tacoma, Washington and advised him that at 10:00 o'clock this morning, our time, the Director had authorized him to release the story to the press relative to the apprehension of Volney Davis; that at 1:00 o'clock our time, Mr. Connelley had telephoned Mr. Nathan inquiring what he should tell the press relative to Davis. I told him that the Director wants to know why Mr. Connelley was not advised in the premises as to this matter.

Mr. Dunn said that he is in error in not promptly advising Mr. Connelley of his conversation with the Director immediately after the termination of the said conversation; that, however, he was at his hotel when he received this call; that most of the newspaper men stay in this particular hotel, so he just telephoned them and informed them of the information; that when he came down into the lobby of the hotel, he was immediately swamped by a group of newspaper men, who occupied his time for over an hour; that when he finally got to talk with Mr. Connelley, Mr. Connelley had already had two or three conversations with the Bureau and had asked Mr. Nathan about this particular matter.

I told Mr. Dunn that some means of coordination should be worked out among Mr. Dunn, Mr. Connelley and Mr. Spears, so that each might be advised at all times of matters of mutual interest.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Postoffice Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
June 10, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Louis, Mo.

VIA AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

Dear Sir:

The following telegram which was addressed to Special Agent A. J. Lemaire, was received on the 8th instant:

"HOUSE AND MYSELF WATCH ADVISE WHAT TO DO  
ANSWER VIA WESTERN UNION-  
ESTHER PAGE."

In the report of Special Agent M. W. Perkins of the Birmingham office dated June 4, 1935, on page 3, information concerning certain persons implicated in this case was furnished by Miss Page, which information was incidental to an investigation of a new white slave case in which she was the victim.

It is requested that Miss Page be interviewed at her home at 1063 West Macon Street, Decatur, Ill., to learn the identity of the parties who are shadowing her. In the event that an agent of the St. Louis office has Miss Page and her home under surveillance, it is requested that an agent contact her in order to procure the picture of Annette Davidson and Gran O. Johnson which she claimed to have in her possession at home.

Very truly yours,

7-576-6326

R. H. HATHAN, Special Agent in Charge, 1935

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 5, 1935.

Time - 6<sup>30</sup>

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

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

Mr. Purvis telephoned from the Chicago Office with reference to information previously furnished to Mr. Nathan concerning the contacts being made by telephone from the Ogden/Grill with one Brown in New York City, and requested authority to place a telephone tap on these telephones for a period of 10 days

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

Chicago

FILE NO. 7-52

REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 6/1/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/29 to 6/4/35	REPORT MADE BY H. C. SURAN
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1215; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1238; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I. O. 1237, FUGITIVE; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I. O. 1238; WILLIAM F. HARRISON, SYMPTOM with aliases, I. O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I. O. 1241; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUC- TION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE- ARMS ACT
<p><b>Synopsis of Facts:</b></p> <p>Subject Volney Davis apprehended by Bureau Agents at Chicago, Ill. on 6/1/35. Davis in signed state- ment admits association with various subjects in this case. Further admits receiving \$5000 from Fred Barker which he figured was Bremer ransom money; that Fred Goetz used his, Davis', Ford coupe during kidnap period. Denies being an actual par- ticipant in kidnaping. Further admits Dr. Joseph P. Moran operated on his finger tips and face. Claims not to have seen Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis, or William Weaver since August, 1934 and has no information concerning present whereabouts of fugitive subjects in this case. Signed waiver of removal and was removed to St. Paul 5/2/35. Denies knowledge of Weyerhauser kidnaping. Admits he ob- tained \$750 of the Hamm kidnap money. Ford coupe, motor #1618916 recovered from subject Davis, stolen from Dixon-Friedman, Inc., Peoria, Illinois 5/26/35.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, dated 6/2/35.</p>			
<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. H. Quinn</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:</p> <p>3 - Bureau 2 - St. Paul 2 - St. Louis 1 - Portland 1 - San Francisco</p> <p>2 - Cincinnati 2 - Kansas City 2 - Atlanta 1 - Cleveland 2 - Salt Lake City 2 - Chicago</p> <p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p>7-576-6328</p> <p>JUN 12 A.M.</p> <p>BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</p> <p>ROUTED TO: <i>ONE</i> STAT. <i>STAT.</i></p> <p>RECORDED AND INDEXED JUN 12 1935</p> <p>CHECKED OFF JUL 10 1935</p> <p>JACKED OFF</p>			

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. A. Martin and E. H. Williams on May 29, 30, 31 and June 1, 1935:

On Wednesday afternoon, May 29, 1935, Agents proceeded to [redacted] where, according to instructions received from Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, they were to remain until a call was received from [redacted] indicating the probable arrival of subject Volney Davis at her home. No call was received until approximately 2:30 P. M., Saturday, June 1, 1935, when [redacted] called and informed Special Agent Martin that "Everett" would be at her house in about one-half hour and was going to drive her to Anne's Beauty Parlor, the address of which she gave as 44th and Madison Streets. Special Agent Martin at once called the Chicago Bureau office and relayed this information to Special Agent V. C. Zimmer. Agents then proceeded by Bureau car to [redacted]

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[redacted] In order that a clear view of the front of [redacted] residence could be maintained. At approximately 2:55 P. M. a Ford V8 Coupe was observed driving north [redacted] passed the house [redacted] This coupe, it was noted, bore Georgia license plates No. 37216C. The coupe was driven to the corner on which the Bureau car was parked and a "U" turn was made in the intersection. As the driver was making the said "U" turn Agents were able to get a clear view of his profile and immediately identified him as subject Volney Davis. Subject then parked his car immediately in front of [redacted] house at [redacted] got out of the car and entered the house.

At about 3:05 P. M. Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis arrived, accompanied by several other Agents of the Chicago Bureau office, and took charge of the proceedings from there on. Special Agent Martin was instructed by Special Agent in Charge Purvis to park the Bureau car, which he was driving, as close behind the car of the subject as possible and to remain in the car and when subject Davis came out of the house Agent was to drive forward with the Bureau car to prevent possible escape by the subject in the event he should be able to get his car under way. These instructions were carried out by Agent Martin. Special Agent Williams was instructed to take up a surveillance of the rear of the house to prevent possible escape of subject by that means. These instructions were carried out by Special Agent Williams.



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Immediately upon the receipt of information from the Agents stationed [redacted] a check was made to determine the exact address of a beauty parlor located at 44th and Madison Streets, Chicago, Illinois. It was found that numerous beauty parlors under the name of Anne's Beauty Parlor were located in Chicago. It appeared that the most likely one to be the one referred to by [redacted] would be located at 4817 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois. Special Agent in Charge Purvis then instructed Special Agents Zimmer, C. Jenkins, E. F. Burich, F. M. Headley, H. W. Stewart, and J. B. Dickerson to proceed to that point to ascertain if Davis appeared there if efforts to apprehend him failed in the vicinity of [redacted]. Efforts to apprehend him at this address were considered advisable in view of the indefinite information furnished by [redacted] as to the name of the beauty parlor.

Special Agent in Charge Purvis, Special Agents M. Chaffetz, M. J. Cassidy, and R. C. Suran proceeded immediately to [redacted] in Chicago, where Special Agents E. H. Williams and H. A. Martin were contacted. They pointed out subject's car in front of the address [redacted] and advised that just a few minutes prior to the arrival of Special Agent in Charge Purvis and the other Agents, Davis had entered the house and had been recognized by them. Special Agent in Charge Purvis then instructed Special Agents M. Chaffetz and E. H. Williams to cover the rear of [redacted]. Special Agents Chaffetz and Williams concealed themselves between a fence and a garage directly in the rear [redacted], and in such a position so that these Agents could command a view of the rear door of the above address and could also see by the side of the house to the front sidewalk. Special Agent in Charge Purvis and Special Agent Suran concealed themselves near the doorway [redacted] in such a position that the front doorway [redacted] could be observed. Special Agent M. J. Cassidy concealed himself on the south side [redacted] this being the opposite side from where Special Agent in Charge Purvis and Special Agent Suran were located. Special Agent Cassidy could also observe the front door [redacted]. Special Agent H. A. Martin remained seated in a Bureau car to the rear of subject Davis' car, there being an automobile parked between the Bureau car and subject's car.

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At approximately 3:20 P. M. subject Davis was seen to leave the address [redacted] accompanied by [redacted]. Agents did not leave their positions until subject Davis left the sidewalk and proceeded toward his car. Special Agent in Charge Purvis and Special Agents Suran and Cassidy then closed in on Davis. He was commanded to put up his hands. He moved toward his car and opened the door and Agent Suran pushed closer to him, and making an effort to take hold of him, Davis fell down to the floor of the car in a sitting position with his feet extending from the car. Agent Suran then commanded him to get up and as Davis did so he moved his arms forward in an outstretched position and struck Agent Suran's gun, knocking Agent's arm against the side of the door, at which time the force of the strike caused an accidental discharge of Agent's gun, the bullet striking some metal object in the car, did not leave the car, and no one was injured. Agents Chaffetz, Williams, and Martin arrived immediately at the scene to assist in taking Davis into custody. Subject Davis was immediately handcuffed and brought to the Chicago Bureau office by Special Agent in Charge Purvis, and Special Agents M. J. Cassidy, R. C. Suran, E. H. Williams, and M. Chaffetz following in the second Bureau car. Special Agent Martin was instructed by Special Agent in Charge Purvis to proceed with subject Davis' car to the Clark-Van Buren garage and there treat the same for any possible latent fingerprints that might be found on the car. Agents Martin and Chaffetz treated the car for latent fingerprints and several prints were found on the left window sill, which prints were lifted by means of tape and forwarded by special delivery, air mail, to the Bureau for the purpose of comparison with prints of other subjects in this case still remaining at large. The Bureau advised by teletype on June 2, 1935 that the above latent prints submitted were partially identified as belonging to the left thumb of Volney Davis, sufficient details in the prints not being available for positive conclusion.

Special Agent Chaffetz searched the Ford car and found in the dash compartment thereof one Colt .380 automatic pistol No. 119702, which pistol was fully loaded. Two extra No. .380 calibre clips, fully loaded, were also found in the compartment. In addition to the gun the following articles were obtained from the car by Agent Chaffetz and listed:

- 1 pr. pigskin gloves
- 1 pr. cotton lined leather gloves
- 1 whiskbroom
- 1 pkge. containing wash cloths and Listerine
- 1 Atlas polishing cloth, oilcloth cover
- 1 leather key holder - East Side Arcade  
Bowling & Billiards - 350 Atwood Ave.,  
Madison, Wis.
- 1 - ignition key
- 1 - door or tire lock key
- 1 - Master padlock key
- 6 Bill of Sale blanks Form #24, published by Eau Claire  
Book & Stationery Co.
- 1 Set (2) 1935 Georgia license tags #37-2160
- 1 Tool kit containing:
  - 1 - grease gun (instructions for use.)
  - 1 - lug wrench
  - 2 - hand side wrenches
  - 1 - monkey wrench
  - 1 - screw driver
  - 1 - pr. pliers
  - 1 - tire tool
- 1 pr. pliers
- 1 screw driver
- 1 roll copper antenna wire
- 1 master padlock #991 (Master Lock Co., Milwaukee)
- 1 playground ball (cowhide)
- 1 flashlight - USA Lite - Defender (nickel plate)
- 1 Atlas polishing cloth
- Sinclair Road Map - Wisconsin
- Sec. of State Road Map - Illinois
- Garage repair receipt #661, Kayser Motors, Inc. Ford V8  
5/17/35 - G. L. Jordon, 701-717 E. Washington Ave. 1543348  
Dalton, Ga. Madison, Wisconsin
- License 37-2160 Ga.
- OI Station Receipt #5803 - Lynch Bros., OI Co., Inc.  
4/11/35 E. F. Maynard 422 N. Adams St.,  
Rockford, Ill. Peoria, Ill.
- 1 Box matches - 2 folders of matches
- 1 Baseball sports calendar
- 6 Twin emergency chains
- 1 Auto hand pump
- 1 Crowbar
- 1 Complete car jack

1 Complete Ford crank

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At the Chicago Bureau office subject Davis was searched by Special Agents M. J. Cassidy and A. H. Johnson and the articles taken from him were listed by Special Agent A. H. Johnson and are as follows:

- 1 White gold ring with red stone (Ruby)
- 1 Black leather belt (Hickok calfskin) containing zipper inside of belt
- 1 necktie, dark red with small diagonal stripes
- 1 Sheaffer pencil
- 1 Sheaffer pen
- Memorandum book, first page containing following notes:  
15-16 Main  
Jack Richards  
467951

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Talmadge St. \$3.00

(Balance of pages in memorandum book blank)

- 1 \$100.00 Federal Reserve Note, G00695199A
- 1 \$100.00 Federal Reserve Note, G00752402A
- 1 \$100.00 National Currency, Crocker First National Bank of San Francisco, Cal., E000878A (1741)
- 1 \$10.00 Federal Reserve Note, G38713877A
- 1 \$5.00 National Currency, First Wisconsin National Bank of Milwaukee, Wis., A065150 (64)
- 1 \$1.00 Silver certificate, G49822340B
- 1 \$1.00 Silver certificate, G35090304B
- 1 \$1.00 Silver certificate, H07162740B
- 10 .10 pennies
- 1 .05 nickel
- 9 .90 dimes
- \$319.05 Total currency

Slip of paper bearing phone number Mansfield 6136.

Georgia 1935 Certificate of Registration

Motor No.	Model	Year	Name of Machine	Style of Body
18-1643348	V-8	1935	Ford	Coupe

License No. - 372160, April 24-35

Owner's Name - Gene L. Jordon, 28 King Street, Dalton,  
Ga., County Whitfield.

- 1 Plain Identification card
- 1 Four-leaf clover
- 1 Card of The Triangle Buffet. On back bears name B. J. Wentker, June 1, 1935.
- 1 Card bearing the name The Triangle Buffet, B. J. Wentker, Prop., corner Geneva and McHenry Streets, Burlington, Wis., Telephone 57.
- 1 Card bearing name Felly's Restaurants, 927 S. Park St., Hwys. 12 and 14.  
2827 Atwood Ave., Hwy. 51
- 2 Cartridges .380 AP Rem U.M.C.
- 1 Hamilton Wrist Watch, 17 jewel, movement #4314032, case #0625952, repair mark 8456 (letter R in circle)
- 1 Tan leather billfold with black edges
- 1 Tan leather key case with black edges (matches billfold) containing 8 keys.  
Left to right the keys bear the following numbers and names:
  - 1- XX
  - 2- no number
  - 3- #62 - Everlasting lock
  - 4- K8584 - Independent Lock Co. - Fitchburg, Mass.
  - 5- No number (pass key)
  - 6- 1125-C Independent Lock Co., Fitchburg, Mass.
  - 7- Felton-Yale
  - 8- Key to Life with cross bearing: "I am a Catholic"; also bearing inscription: "Case of accident call a priest."
- 1 Pocket knife - "Pocketeze" - 2 blades
- 1 Small pocket flashlight (shape of bullet)

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This personal property removed from the person of subject Davis was turned over to Special Agent in Charge H. E. Andersen of the St. Paul Bureau office at Minneapolis, Minnesota on June 3, 1935 by Special Agent R. C. Suran.

Special Agents Chaffetz and Suran interviewed subject Davis throughout the afternoon and night of June 1, 1935 until 6 A. M. on June 2, 1935 in an effort to get a complete statement concerning his participation in the instant case and as a result of such questioning the following signed statement was obtained:

"1900 Bankers Building  
"Chicago, Illinois  
"June 1, 1935

"I, VOLNEY EVERETT DAVIS, age thirty-three, do make the following statement voluntarily to Special Agents M. Chaffetz and R. C. Suran, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice.

"On February 2, 1928 I was sentenced at Tulsa, Oklahoma, to serve life in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary for murder, at which time I was twenty-one years of age. I remained confined in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary until November 3, 1932, at which time I was granted an eight months' leave of absence from the penitentiary by the then Governor of Oklahoma, the Honorable William H. Murray. After the completion of this eight months' leave of absence an extension was granted by Governor Murray of twelve months.

"Immediately upon my release from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary I went to Leavenworth, Kansas, where I met Jack Glynn, a private detective. This meeting was at the National Hotel in Leavenworth, and it was here that I met "Doc" Barker for the first time after my release. I had previously known "Doc" Barker, he having been convicted of the same crime on which I was sentenced to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. After meeting "Doc" Barker we went to Kansas City, Missouri, and then flew by airplane to Omaha, Nebraska, where we took a train to St. Paul, Minnesota, and went to the apartment of Freddie Barker, somewhere on Cleveland Street. Freddie Barker, the brother of "Doc" Barker, was living at this address with his mother who was known to me as "Mother" Barker.

"I stayed in St. Paul, Minnesota, one day and one night, at which time I met Bill Weaver, whom I had previously met at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary where he was a prisoner. I also met Ray Karpis, Verne Miller, Jess Doyle, and an individual known as "Jew" Otto.

"After staying in St. Paul, Bill Weaver drove me to Chicago, Illinois. At this same time a man I knew as Coleman drove Mother Barker and Jew Otto's woman to Chicago. Mother Barker rented an apartment located at Kedzie Avenue and Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, and I stayed with her until about December, 1933, when Freddie Barker sent his mother by train to Reno, Nevada. "Doc" Barker, Jew Otto and I then drove to Reno, Nevada.

"Me and Mother Barker took an apartment in Reno, Nevada, where we lived for about four months. During this time Alvin Karpis, Jess Doyle, Harry Hull and two persons known to me as Earle and Helen, also were in Reno, Nevada. "Doc" Barker and Jew Otto did not remain long in Reno. I have not seen Jew Otto since this time but understand that he is now serving a sentence in Sing Sing. At the time he was in Reno he was an escapee from this prison in New York.

"Doc" later returned to Reno and about April, 1933, I went to Kansas City, Missouri, with "Doc" Barker, Earle and Helen. After I returned to Kansas City, Missouri, I met Edna Murray for the first time since my release from the penitentiary. I have known Edna before my conviction in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I met Edna upon my return to Kansas City, Missouri, in apartment house located in the vicinity of 43rd and Main Street, where she was living with her sister, Doris Stuchlick. Me and Edna lived in this apartment about a month, then she and myself came to Maywood, Illinois, where she and me began living at 219 North Second Avenue.

"Mother Barker at this time was living on Home Avenue in Oak Park, Illinois. Freddie and "Doc" Barker were also living at this address. Later in the summer of 1933, I was living at Long Lake, Illinois, with Edna in a rented cottage which was rented from a Mrs. Perkins by Freddie Barker. Mrs. Perkins runs a grocery store at Long Lake, Illinois. Also living at this place was Paula Harmon, Freddie Barker and "Doc" Barker. However, Freddie and "Doc" were gone most of the time.

"It was while I was living at this lake that I first met a man known as Monty. I have been shown a photograph of Byron Bolton and say that this is a likeness of the person known to me as Monty.

"Mother Barker continued to live on Home Avenue for a part of the summer of 1933, and later moved to the Orlando Hotel in Chicago, Illinois.

"When me and Edna came back to Chicago, Illinois, from Long Lake we moved to the Eleanor-Manor Apartments on Cyril Parkway. I do not remember how long we lived here, but after moving from this place we lived in an apartment building located in the close vicinity of the Southmoor Hotel.



"Some time in the fall of 1933 me and Edna went back to St. Paul, Minnesota, and stayed there about one month, where we lived on Lyndale Avenue South, street number not recalled, after which we went back to Reno, Nevada. Also at Reno, Nevada, at this time were Harry Campbell, Freddie Barker, "Doc" Barker, Ray Karpis, Paula Harmon, Wynona Burdette, Dolores Delaney. I lived with Edna at the Ridge-way Apartments under the name of J. E. Hanson.

"Shortly after Thanksgiving, 1933, I returned to St. Paul, Minnesota, with Edna. Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette also returned to St. Paul and began living at the Capitol Apartments. Freddie and Paula returned to St. Paul and lived in an apartment house on Grand Avenue. Edna and myself lived in an apartment house at 180 Lexington Avenue. Bill Weaver and his woman, Myrtle, were at that time living at 518, or close in that vicinity, on Portland Avenue. Jess Boyle and Doris Stuchlick had been living at the White Front Apartments in St. Paul, but I do not recall whether they were living in St. Paul at that time. Ray Karpis and his woman, Dolores, went to Chicago, Illinois from Reno, Nevada, at this time. "Doc" Barker also returned to Chicago, Illinois; I believe Mother Barker was living in Chicago at the time we were in Reno.

"Me and Edna continued to live at 180 Lexington Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, until January 18 or 19, 1934. On one of these dates Freddie Barker and George Zeigler came to the apartment and told me and Edna to leave as the town was going to be turned upside down over the kidnaping. They did not mention the Bremer kidnaping, but I knew they referred to that case. This is the first time I had met George Zeigler.

"I have been shown a photograph of Fred Goetz and state that this is a likeness of George Zeigler.

"The morning after the above visit of Fred and George, George came to the apartment and left with Edna Murray for Chicago, Illinois, driving my Ford coupe. That afternoon I left St. Paul, Minnesota, by a Greyhound bus by way of Eau Claire, Wisconsin. After my arrival in Chicago I went directly to an apartment at 6212 University Avenue. Edna Murray, Paula Harmon and Wynona Burdette were at this apartment when I got there. Willie Harrison had got recommendations for this apartment from some bartender who worked in a tavern in that neighborhood, but the apartment was rented by Edna Murray under the name of E. J. Snyder.

"I first met Willie Harrison in August or September of 1933 at the time he was running a saloon in Calumet City, Illinois.

"I lived at this apartment with Edna for about three weeks and during this time Harry Campbell, Bill Weaver, Freddie Barker and Willie Harrison visited this apartment. These persons would usually come and stay for the night, but I do not recall how many nights these parties stayed there. Just before me and Edna left the apartment Edna and Wynona had a quarrel with Paula Harmon, and Edna stated she would not live with Paula any longer.

"Edna and me then went to Aurora, Illinois, where we had an apartment in the Bergyl Apartments, 315 Fox Street. Before I moved to Aurora, Illinois, Freddie Barker gave me \$200.00 and told me to go over to George's apartment in Berwyn, Illinois, off of 22nd Avenue, I do not recall the name of the street, where Ziegler was living under the name of Johnson. Freddie told me that I could get my Ford coupe at this place. I went to this place and got the keys from George for the car. I then used this car to move to Aurora, Illinois. Monty was also staying with George at this apartment in Berwyn, Illinois. The \$200.00 which Freddie Barker gave me was in small bills, which may have been \$5.00, \$10.00 or \$20.00 bills.

"About a week after I moved to Aurora, "Doc" Barker visited me one night and we went out and had a few drinks, and "Doc" returned to Chicago. About two or three weeks after I went to Aurora Freddie Barker came down and gave me \$1,500.00, which amount was in three \$500.00 bills. About this time Bill Weaver and his woman Myrtle took a room at the Bergyl Apartments where they lived for about a week, and they took an apartment about four blocks from there, the address of which I do not recall, but do know that the building was owned by the same people who run the Bergyl Apartments.

"I do not recall the date, but the day after George Zeigler was killed in Chicago, Illinois, which was some time in March, 1934, Mother Barker and Zeigler's woman, Irene, came to my place in Aurora, Illinois, driving a Buick coupe. This was about 11 o'clock at night. On this occasion I had been out riding with Edna, Corey Bales and his woman, Violet, and Myrtle Eaton, and as we came up to the front of the apartment house I observed this new Buick coupe. I left the other people in the car and I went up to the porch, and a woman came down the steps and addressed me as 'Volney'. I did not know this woman

but learned from Mother Barker later, who was with this woman, that this was Irene Zeigler, the wife of George Zeigler. Mother Barker told me that she wanted me to go with them; that George Zeigler had some stuff which belonged to the Barker boys and she wanted to go to Wilmington, Illinois, and get it. I then rode along with them to Wilmington, Illinois. After we arrived in Wilmington, Illinois, Irene got out of the car in the town and I drove the car within about a block of the house, which I understood was the home of Irene's uncle. Irene had told me to wait outside until she went into the house, and if I saw the lights turned on I would know everything was all right. After I went into Irene's uncle's house she directed me to go with her uncle, whose name I did not know, but I heard Irene address him as 'Uncle Si.' Uncle Si and myself then went to the garage. After we entered the garage the only light in there was an extension cord light, and Irene's uncle went over to the side of the garage and dug away some of the dirt floor and then took a sledge hammer and crushed what appeared to be a cement box. He took out about a two-gallon size lard can and a cardboard box about fourteen inches square tied with heavy cord. He carried one of these packages into the house and I carried the other to the house, where Irene was awaiting us. I then took both of the packages which had been taken from the garage and took them to the car and placed them in the rear end. I did not know what was in these packages but figured there must have been something valuable in them because of the way they had been concealed. Mother Barker, Irene and myself then returned to Aurora, Illinois, where they let me out, Irene and Mother Barker driving away in the Buick coupe.

"The next morning Irene returned to Aurora, Illinois, in the Buick coupe and told me that Freddie had gone 'crazy' and that I should come to Chicago and help take care of him. Irene and I then returned to Chicago in my Buick sedan, where I let Irene out in the vicinity of 63rd and Cottage Grove Avenue. I then drove to Freddie Barker's apartment located somewhere in the vicinity of 78th Street and South Shore Drive. When I got to Freddie Barker's apartment he was asleep and I found Jimmie Wilson and a male nurse there.

"Freddie Barker was asleep. I saw Freddie Barker's fingers, most of which were bandaged up, but some were not and I saw that they were mutilated and black in color. I then knew that someone had been cutting or burning his fingertips. Mother Barker was the only other person in the apartment at this time in addition to those I have already mentioned. I only remained in the apartment for about fifteen minutes, and then I returned to Aurora, Illinois, but again visited Freddie's apartment the following day when I saw "Doc" Barker there.

"At the time Mother Barker came to Aurora and asked me to go to Wilmington with her, she told me that Freddie Barker was at the Irving Park Hotel where he had had his fingers worked on, and as soon as he heard of the death of George Zeigler he got out of bed and took a cab home. She told me that Freddie had asked her to get in touch with me and to go to Wilmington and get his stuff which George Zeigler had.

"Shortly after my second visit to Freddie Barker's apartment I drove with "Doc" Barker to a rooming house on Winthrop Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, and understood that this rooming house was operated by the sister of Ollie Berg.

"I have been shown a photograph of Oliver A. Berg and state that this is the Ollie Berg mentioned above.

"I went to this rooming house with "Doc" to an upstairs room where I saw Alvin Karpis and Freddie Barker with their hands bandaged. Ray Karpis' face was also bandaged. The male nurse whom I had seen before in Freddie Barker's apartment, was also present. Freddie Barker had been moved from his apartment on the south side to this room.

"I went back to this rooming house at a later time with "Doc" Barker, "Doc" stating that he had a friend there whom he wanted me to meet. I met Ollie Berg for the second time on this trip to the rooming house. It was at this time that I met Slim Gibson, who was in the house with Ollie Berg.

"I have been shown a photograph of Russell Gibson and state that this is a likeness of the Slim Gibson mentioned above.

"We had a few drinks together but no discussion was had concerning the Bremer kidnaping or about the ransom money, but "Doc" Barker made arrangements for Slim Gibson to come with Ollie

Berg to Bill Weaver's apartment in Aurora, Illinois, on the following day. 'Doc' told Slim that he would meet them there. I met Jimmie Wilson for the second time on one occasion when he and 'Doc' Barker were driving around in Aurora and 'Doc' brought Jimmie to my apartment. I did not see Ollie Berg and Slim Gibson at Bill Weaver's apartment the following day, neither did I see Jimmie Wilson there.

"I do recall seeing Harry Campbell at Bill Weaver's apartment on several occasions when I resided in Aurora, Illinois. On one occasion Harry Campbell told me that he had been 'dog bitten' and that Jimmie Wilson was giving him shots for the prevention of rabies, and on one occasion I was present when Jimmie Wilson came down to Aurora with Slim Gibson and Jimmie gave Harry Campbell a 'shot', of medicine.

"During the time I lived in Aurora I met and associated with Mat Kersch, Corey Bales, Ted Smith, Pete DeKing and Mat Gleason, and so far as I know none of these men knew my true identity while I was associating with them.

"On one occasion when Willie Harrison was at Bill Weaver's apartment in Aurora, Illinois, Bill Weaver, 'Doc' Barker and Harry Campbell each gave him, Willie Harrison, \$100.00, and I gave him \$25.00. Willie was broke and needed some money.

"The night I met Slim Gibson at Ollie Berg's place I discussed with Slim and Ollie about having Doctor Joseph P. Moran work on my fingertips with the idea of removing my fingerprints, and Ollie suggested that I go see Doctor Moran. Some time during the next day or two me and 'Doc' Barker went to Doctor Moran's office on Irving Park Boulevard and talked the matter over with him. 'Doc' Barker and me talked with Doctor Moran about having our fingers operated on in Toledo, Ohio, and Doctor Moran stated that if we had a place in Toledo it would be all right, and that he would go there. 'Doc' Barker then said that we could use the house of George Campbell, meaning Harry Campbell.

"About June, 1934, 'Doc' Barker, Harry Campbell and myself drove to Toledo, Ohio and went to the house Campbell had rented at Point Place. Wynona Burdette was then living in this house and had not been to Aurora, Illinois, with Harry Campbell.

"Doc" Barker, Harry Campbell and myself began living in this house and several days after our arrival I met Doc Moran, Slim Gibson and Jimmie Wilson and Ollie Berg at the Casino Club in Toledo, Ohio, which club is operated by Bert and Ted Angus. A few days later Doc Moran and Jimmie Wilson came out to Campbell's house and Doc Moran operated on me first, cutting my finger tips to remove the fingerprint patterns on my fingers. He also operated on my nose and ears in an effort to change my facial appearance. He then operated on "Doc" Barker for the same purpose, and three or four days later operated on Harry Campbell. Jimmie Wilson acted as a nurse and took care of us.

"While we were recovering from these operations Edna Murray came to Toledo. Edna and me then took an apartment on a street, the name of which I cannot recall. Jimmie Wilson rented this apartment for us. We lived in this apartment for one month and then we moved up on the lake at Sandusky, Ohio, where we had a cottage. As I now remember I rented a cottage on the lake at Sandusky, Ohio, for the months of August and September, 1934, and lived in this cottage with Edna under the name of E. J. Powell until the latter part of August, 1934, leaving before the rental had expired.

"Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton had a cottage at Sandusky as did Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette. Alvin Karpis, Freddie Barker, "Doc" Barker, Slim Gibson, Harry Sawyer and Gladys Sawyer visited us while we were at this cottage. Up until this time Freddie Barker had given me approximately \$2,000.00 in cash subsequent to the time that I left St. Paul in January, 1934. Just before I left Sandusky, Ohio, the latter part of August, he gave me \$3,000.00 more and enough money in addition to buy a new Ford car. Freddie told me that this money was in payment for the use of my car at the time it was borrowed by Zeigler in January, and was further in payment of my services for taking care of the women. He did not state that this was my share of any of the Bremer ransom money, but I figured that the money came from that source.

"Shortly before he paid me this money Freddie and I had a disagreement and I decided to leave the gang, and after I received the money me and Edna left Sandusky, Ohio. I had an old Buick car which I took to Cleveland, Ohio, and which I traded for a Chevrolet panel truck which I drove from Cleveland, Ohio to Cardin, Oklahoma, where I picked up Preston Paden, the son of Edna Murray, and drove with him to Glasgow, Montana, where Corey Bales and I were going to put up a tavern. Edna Murray left Sandusky, Ohio in the new Ford car which I

had purchased at the Ellis Motor Company in Toledo under the name of E. J. Powell, and drove to Aurora, Illinois, where she picked up Violet Gregg, the woman of Corey Bales, and drove with her to Glasgow, Montana, where we again met.

"Upon my return to St. Paul, Minnesota, after my first trip to Reno, Nevada, subsequent to my release from prison, and prior to the time I went to Kansas City in April of 1933, I met Harry Sawyer for the first time in a saloon on Wabasha Street, and I may have met his wife, Gladys, at this time, and visited his place during our stay there quite often. I also visited Harry Sawyer's place on Wabasha Street in St. Paul, Minnesota, around December, 1933, or January, 1934. At any rate it was during the time that Harry Campbell was living at the Capitol Apartments in St. Paul. Harry Campbell and myself went into Harry Sawyer's place and Sawyer told us that we had better stay away from there as some policeman had been hanging around his place.

"I further want to state that the time I went to Berwyn, Illinois, and got my Ford coupe from George Zeigler, that this was the first time I had seen this car since it was turned over to George Zeigler in St. Paul, Minnesota, in January, 1934, and which was the car he and Edna Murray drove from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Chicago, Illinois, in January, 1934. At the time Freddie Barker told me where I could find the car, he also told me to get rid of it as there was a lot of heat on it. After getting the car I turned it over to Willie Harrison and Willie Harrison sold it for me in Calumet City, Illinois.

"I have been shown the photographs of Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker, Harry Campbell, Harry Sawyer, William Weaver, and William J. Harrison, and state that these are the likenesses of the individuals referred to in this statement as Freddie Barker, Ray Karpis, "Doc" Barker, Harry or George Campbell, Harry Sawyer, Bill Weaver and Willie Harrison.

"I have read this statement typewritten on ten pages, of which this is the tenth, and have affixed my signature to each page thereof.

"This is a true statement to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

(Signed) Volney Everett Davis

Witnesses:

R. C. Suran, Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice  
Chicago, Illinois,

M. Chaffetz, Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice  
Chicago, Illinois."



In addition to that set out above, subject Davis was questioned concerning the present whereabouts of other fugitive members of this gang. He denied that he had seen these individuals since August of 1934 when he left them at Sandusky, Ohio, as related in his written statement. Davis stated, however, that the last time he saw Alvin Karpis, Karpis had prominent scars on his face, extending downward below the ears as a result of an operation 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. Davis further advised that the ears of Karpis originally were without lobes and that a portion of the flesh was cut on the lower part of the ear, forming lobes. Davis advised that no doubt the scars will show underneath the lobes. He further stated that Alvin Karpis is left-handed and does everything left-handed, with the exception of writing, of which he is not sure. He furnished further information that an attempt was made by Dr. Moran to lift one of the eyebrows of Alvin Karpis and in so doing he cut the flesh on the hair line of Karpis's head and as a result of this cut a scar is now visible under the hair line. Davis stated that he did not recall over which eyebrow this scar appears. He stated that during the time the cuts on Karpis' face were healing there was a slight change in his facial appearance, but after 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 a very distinct stoop in his shoulders.

Davis was questioned concerning any individuals whom Karpis might contact, and he advised that he had heard Karpis talk considerably of Eddie Donovan and Willie Heeney, but that he, Davis, did not know these individuals.

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 further 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 is seldom seen without a smile; that he is 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 Willie Harrison has also been furnished the Chicago Bureau office by Clara Gibson.

A photograph of John Russell Moran was exhibited to Davis and he stated that that was an individual known to him as "Blackie" Moran. He stated that shortly after he met William Harrison, in the summer of 1933, he advised Harrison of the fact that he was going to

St. Louis, Missouri, and Harrison told him to look up "Blackie" Moran, who operated a joint in East St. Louis, Illinois; that Moran was a very good friend of his and an alright fellow. Davis stated that he went to St. Louis and found the joint referred to by Harrison, but the address he does not now recall, and that he, Davis, inquired at this place for "Blackie" Moran and learned that he was in jail in connection with some murder charge and for that reason he, Davis, did not contact Moran.

Concerning Charles Fitzgerald, Davis stated that Fitzgerald, who was known to him as "Chuck" appeared to be over 70 years of age; that he is considerably bald, and further that he wears a brace on his left leg continuously and also wears a built-up shoe to the extent of about four inches on his left foot. The information concerning this additional descriptive data on the subjects, as related above, has been furnished the Bureau and all Bureau offices by letter.

Davis further stated that just prior to the apprehension of subject "Doc" Barker, he met Barker with Slim Gibson at Kahn's Grove, Elmhurst, Illinois, which would be in November or December, 1934 (Davis was not sure) at which time he inquired of "Doc" Barker where "Chuck" could be located, meaning Charles J. Fitzgerald, as he, Davis, owed "Chuck" \$400 and desired to pay it; that "Doc" Barker replied that that was one debt which he, Davis, would never have to pay as old "Fitz" had died some time prior to this meeting. Davis was unable to state just what time this death took place, but stated that he believes that "Chuck" died in California probably in a hospital at Vallejo, California, probably as the result of an operation on his leg. This information appears to be inconsistent with previous information obtained by the Bureau, in that previous information indicates that Charles J. Fitzgerald was in Toledo, Ohio in January, 1935, and it will further be noted in the report of Special Agent O. D. White, Los Angeles, California, dated April 20, 1935, that on February 7, 1935 Fitzgerald was identified as an individual who sold Buick club sedan, motor No. 2875177 to George McPheeter at Long Beach, California. However, the San Francisco office, under date of June 4, 1935, was requested to conduct further investigation at Vallejo, California.

Davis also stated that William Weaver, during the time he was associated with him, prior to August, 1934, discussed the possibility of securing a large tract of land in Canada where he could spend his time hunting and fishing, of which sports he, Weaver, was very fond. Davis further stated that he knows of no specific place in Canada where Weaver intended to purchase a farm, but stated that Weaver advised that he intended to purchase a farm in Canada as soon as he secured sufficient funds. He stated that it was Weaver's idea to purchase a wooded tract of land consisting of somewhere in the vicinity of 100 acres, if possible.

Under date of June 3, 1935 this information was furnished to the Cleveland office by letter inasmuch as under date of May 31, 1935, the Bureau authorized an Agent of the Cleveland office to conduct an investigation concerning similar information at Marmora, Ontario, Canada.

Following subject Davis' escape at Yorkville, Illinois on February 6, 1935, subject Davis stated that he stole a Ford car, which he immediately drove to Aurora, Illinois. Upon arriving in that city he contacted Ted Smith, a tavern keeper there, of whom he requested money and a gun. Ted Smith gave him fifty cents, stating that was all the money he had at that time, that he could spare, and that he could not furnish him, Davis, with a gun because the Government had taken the gun which he had had in his possession. Davis then proceeded to the tavern owned and operated by Matt Kersch, but was informed at this place that Kersch was not around. Davis then went to the home of Matthew Gleason, where he contacted Gleason and requested that he, Gleason, loan him some money. He was informed by Gleason that he did not have money he could loan him, and Davis then asked Gleason whether he could raise any money for him on his diamond ring. Davis gave the ring to Gleason, informing him that he wanted to get about \$15.00 or \$20.00. Gleason took the ring, and Davis immediately left and drove the car which he had stolen to Wheaton, Illinois where he abandoned it. He then hitch-hiked into Chicago where he spent the night in a flophouse on Madison Street, the exact address of which he did not recall. The following morning he stated he returned to Aurora on the electric railway and again proceeded to the home of Matthew Gleason, in order to get the money coming to him from Gleason for the ring. Gleason was not home at the time so Davis remained there the entire day. That evening, becoming suspicious of the fact that Gleason had not as yet returned, and noticing that there were numerous cars in the vicinity, he borrowed \$5.00 from one of the boarders at the Gleason home, slipped out of the house and boarded a bus to Kansas City. He stated that the night of his escape he wrote a special delivery letter to the Beaumont Apartments, Kansas City, advising the manager there that he would call for his clothes in the near future.

Davis was questioned concerning the source of the \$319.05 which he had in his possession at the time of his apprehension, and he stated that at the time of his apprehension in Kansas City in February, and his subsequent escape in Yorkville, Illinois, he had \$600.00 sewed in his clothes which the Agents of the Bureau did not find. He was then questioned as to why he tried to sell his diamond ring in Aurora, Illinois when he had \$600.00 on his person. He stated that the money which he had on his person at Yorkville consisted of six \$100.00 bills and that he was afraid to attempt to have one of them broken for smaller currency. When questioned as to where

he went in Kansas City, Davis stated that he contacted a bartender there whom he had met previously and that he also contacted a girl friend of his, the names of which individuals he would not reveal. He was then questioned as to whether he had been in St. George, Utah in February, 1935 and Davis remarked, "Oh, I see you heard of my letter which was mailed from St. George." Davis further stated that the girl friend whom he visited in Kansas City had a girl friend who lived in St. George, Utah and that this woman was returning to Utah shortly after he, Davis, returned to Kansas City, and he requested this woman to mail the letter for him to the manager of the Beaumont Apartments in Kansas City. Davis stated that after leaving Kansas City he proceeded to Rockford, Illinois. This was about April, 1935 and he rented an apartment at the Palm Apartments, located on Palm Street in that city. He stated that during his residence in Rockford, Illinois in April, 1935 he came to Bensonville, Illinois and communicated by telephone with Jim Farmer, the brother of subject Elmer Farmer in this case, and requested Jim Farmer to get in touch with Tony Mareno and advise Mareno that he wanted a car. He stated that Mareno met him shortly thereafter on a highway near Bensonville and turned over to him the Ford car which was in his possession at the time of his arrest. He stated that he paid Mareno \$125.00 for the car and that he was confident that the car had been stolen as he knew Mareno was an automobile thief and that the car had just a few miles over 2,000 on it at the time of the purchase of the car by him. He stated that he secured this car from Mareno and shortly thereafter license plates were received at the Palm Apartments at Rockford, Illinois, addressed to Mr. E. F. Maynard. These license plates were 1935 plates and numbered 101-295; that he stole these plates and put them on the car, and shortly thereafter he and Mareno drove the car to Dalton, Georgia where Mareno registered it for him under the name of Gene L. Jordan, 28 King Street, Dalton, Georgia. Davis stated that he and Mareno observed this address as they were entering Dalton, Georgia and used it for the purpose of securing the plates. Davis claimed that he knew no one residing at 28 King Street, Dalton, Georgia. He stated that after returning from Georgia he returned to Rockford, Illinois and, as he believes, about the latter part of April, made a visit to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney E. Davis, Neosho, Missouri, where he saw both his father and mother, neither of whom would permit him to stay there because they feared that they would subsequently be punished for harboring him. He stated that he remained at his home for only about fifteen minutes during which time his father advised him not to resist arrest in the event an attempt was made to capture him, and that if he were captured alive to do the right thing and perhaps he, Davis, would get another opportunity to "go straight." Davis stated that thereafter he returned to the vicinity of Chicago, Illinois and spent considerable time just driving around Wisconsin.

Davis stated that about a week or ten days prior to his capture he had been with the Sols-Liberty Carnival, which was then located at Madison, Wisconsin; that he was living with a woman known to him only as "Patsy." He stated that this woman was not directly connected with the carnival, but went along with it being more or less of a "hustler" and that he, Davis, was planning to take a gambling concession with this carnival.

Subject Davis was also questioned concerning his knowledge of the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping, but he denied that he had any information concerning it. He stated that on June 1, 1935 he was driving around and happened to be in Burlington, Wisconsin en route to Chicago, Illinois to visit Helen Byrnes; that he observed a newspaper indicating that he was being sought in connection with the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping; that he entered the Triangle Buffet, Burlington, Wisconsin and had a few drinks with the bartender; that he picked up a card bearing the name of the Triangle Buffet and requested the bartender to write his name on the back of it, and also the date, and specifically requested the bartender to remember him. He stated that this was the card which was found on his person bearing the name of B. J. Wentker.

On the afternoon of June 2, 1935 Special Agent M. Chaffetz further questioned subject Davis concerning his connection with the instant case, at which time Davis stated that he knew that the boys referring to the Barker-Karpis gang, had "pulled the Bremer kidnaping job and that I am guilty because I aided and abetted them in pulling that job by renting apartments for them, taking care of their women, and lending them my car.

Davis was further questioned concerning the Hamm kidnaping, and he stated that during the time he was living at Long Lake, Illinois during the summer of 1933, Fred Barker, "Doc" Barker, and Alvin Karpis were at the lake and divided a large sum of money, which he presumed was Hamm kidnaping money and after these three made an even split of the money they advised that there was \$750.00 extra, which amount Fred Barker gave to him, Davis. He denies that he was a participant in the Hamm kidnaping.

Due to the limited time that Davis was held in custody by the Chicago office complete statements concerning all of his activities were not secured and the Bureau has requested a complete investigation as to his places of abode subsequent to his escape at Yorkville, Illinois on February 6, 1935 with the view of placing harboring charges against various individuals who assisted him. The St. Paul Bureau office has been requested by this office to obtain a complete statement from Davis in this regard and furnish the information to all interested offices.

Concerning the Ford coupe which was recovered from Davis at the time of his arrest, an examination by Special Agent M. Chaffetz determined that the motor No. 18-1643348 appearing on this car was fictitious. On June 3, 1935 this automobile was examined by William J. Davis, Special Agent of the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau, Chicago, Illinois, and Special Agent R. C. Suran at the Clark-Van Buren Garage, at which time the secret number was determined to be 1618818, which is the correct motor number for this car. Mr. Davis checked the records of his office and determined that this car was the property of the Dixon-Friedman, Inc., 124 South Washington Street, Peoria, Illinois, wholesale liquor dealers, and was stolen from the owner on March 26, 1935 at Peoria, Illinois. The car is insured at the Springfield Fire and Insurance Company, and valued at \$625.00.

It is believed that the Tony Mareno, who, according to Davis, sold this car to him, is identical with the individual who has been referred to by Helen Conliff and through whom Helen Conliff is endeavoring to secure information concerning the whereabouts of other fugitive members of this gang, and especially Willie Harrison, and therefore it is considered inadvisable to interview Mareno at this time in connection with this car. However, this will be done at a later date and appropriate investigation will be conducted concerning Mareno's violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act in transporting this car from Rockford, Illinois to Atlanta, Georgia.

Subject Davis signed a waiver of removal on June 1, 1935 and on the afternoon of June 2, 1935 subject Davis was taken by airplane by Agents M. J. Cassidy, E. E. Kuhn, E. H. Williams, H. W. Stewart, F. M. Headley, and R. C. Suran from Chicago. However, due to weather conditions a six and one-half day delay was had at Madison, Wisconsin and subject Davis did not arrive at Minneapolis, Minnesota until 5:15 A. M. on June 2, 1935, at which place he was turned over to Special Agent in Charge H. E. Andersen and other Agents of the St. Paul Bureau office.

Investigation is now being conducted at Rockford, Illinois concerning Davis' residence there, and the St. Louis Bureau office has been requested by telephone to immediately check at the Sola-Liberty Carnival, now reported exhibiting at Galesburg, Illinois, in an effort to locate and interview "Patay" with whom Davis claimed he was living recently.

The Bureau advised Special Agent in Charge Purvis telephonically that they were advising all field offices by telegraph of the apprehension of Volney Davis and therefore copies of this report are not being furnished all offices. All Bureau offices have also been furnished copies of descriptive data of Alvin Karpis and others previously referred to in this report, and therefore have knowledge of the apprehension of subject Davis.

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The KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Neosho, Missouri is requested to conduct appropriate investigation with the view of placing harboring charges against the family of Volney Davis, if the investigation warrants this procedure.

At Kansas City, Missouri will conduct investigation concerning the persons who assisted subject Davis after his escape from Yorkville, Illinois, after a complete statement concerning this has been secured from subject Davis by the St. Paul office.

The SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE at St. George, Utah will conduct an investigation concerning the woman who mailed the letter from St. George, Utah to the Beaumont Apartments, Kansas City, Missouri, in the event the St. Paul office is successful in securing the name of this individual from subject Davis.

The ST. LOUIS OFFICE at Galesburg, Illinois will comply with telephonic request from the Chicago Bureau office in reference to the location of "Patsy."

At Peoria, Illinois will conduct appropriate investigation at Dixon-Friedman, Inc., 124 South Washington Street, concerning the circumstances of the theft of Ford coupe motor #1618818.

The ATLANTA OFFICE at Dalton, Georgia will secure photostatic copy of the signature of the individual who registered Ford coupe, motor No. 18-1643348 on April 24, 1935 under the name of Gene L. Jordan, 28 King Street, Dalton, Georgia, Georgia license No. 57216C, as subject Davis stated that application for this registration was written by Tony Mareno and inasmuch as this is a stolen car it might be desirable at a later date to file charges of violating the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act against Tony Mareno.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Washington, D. C.

June 29, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS *JE*

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby, I am transmitting herewith seven copies of abstract of criminal record and ten copies of photograph as appearing in the files of the Identification Division of Leon Kramer, our file #FBI-47679.

Respectfully,

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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  
E. C. Suran dated Chicago, Illinois, June 10, 1935, in the  
above entitled case wherein on page nine subject Davis, in  
his statement, refers to one Jew Otto and the latter's woman.

In this connection your attention is directed to  
Bureau letter dated April 10, 1934 in the above entitled case  
addressed to your office reflecting the results of an inter-  
view had with Mrs. E. L. Alcorn at the New York City office  
on April 3, 1934, at which time she furnished information  
which coincides with the information furnished by subject  
Davis. It appears that Leon Kramer is identical with Jew  
Otto and copies of the photograph and criminal record of  
Kramer are enclosed herewith for your information.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #119952.

cc-St. Paul (Copies of photograph and criminal record enclosed)

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