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

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June 13, 1935.

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APPREHENSION ORDER
NO. 1237-343

Dear Sir:

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

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

Very truly yours,
RECORDED & INDEXED

John Edgar Hoover,

Director.

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P. O. Box 515
St. Paul, Minnesota

June 14, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O.#1218,
FUGITIVE; ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING
St. Paul File No. 7-30

Complying with request received by telephone
from Special Agent Suran of the Chicago Office, June 13, 1935, I
am transmitting herewith copies of letters passing between ARTHUR
R. BARKER and MILDRED KUHLMAN subsequent to May 10, 1935 while
BARKER was confined in the County Jail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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CC Cincinnati
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DIRECTOR

BREXID INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM ST LOUIS OFFICE THAT [REDACTED] FRIEND OF WILLIE HARRISON, IS WILLING TO COME TO CHICAGO IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT HARRISON HERE AMONG HARRISONS CONTACTS. SUGGEST THAT ST LOUIS OFFICE BE INSTRUCTED TO ARRANGE WITH [REDACTED] TO PROCEED CHICAGO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR THIS PURPOSE AND NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE TO DEFRAY HER EXPENSES

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E. A. Tamm - Room 5107.

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BREKID REFERENCE TELETYPE MESSAGE CHICAGO BUREAU OFFICE JUNE THIRTEENTH

YOU ARE AUTHORIZED PAY EXPENSES [REDACTED] TO CHICAGO SUGGEST CHICAGO BUREAU
OFFICE BE CONTACTED AND ARRANGEMENTS PERFECTED KEEP BUREAU NOTIFIED OF DEVELOPMENTS

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

501 Healey Building,

Atlanta, Georgia,

June 14, 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:

Reference is made to letter from this office dated June 4, 1935 relative to the BREKID matter under investigation by the Bureau, advising of the receipt of an anonymous telegram for collect transmittal to ALVIN KARPIS, care WESTERN UNION, Sacramento, California, as follows: "Four five eight twelve sundown ELIZABETH MONTGOMERY SNOWBALL freight train (Sgd) DON".

The original telegram above referred to, is transmitted herewith enclosed in a cellophane envelope.

Special Agent C. A. Whitten of this office contacted Mr. Thomas D. Shepherd, Manager of said company at Valdosta, who advised as follows:

"I came down to work a little earlier than usual on Monday morning, about 6:00 A.M., and found the message in question lying about two feet inside of the office door. Upon reading the message, I recognized the name "Alvin Karpis", and I immediately conferred with Mr. F. B. Powell, Telegraph Operator, as to whether or not I should notify Mr. J. B. Cheatham, my immediate superior in Atlanta, as to the contents of said message, which was decided in the affirmative, and I then wired him the circumstances under which same was found and the wire was also quoted to Mr. Cheatham in my wire."

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Mr. Shepherd also stated that said wire was written in ink apparently by a well educated person and marked for collect transmission. Neither Mr. Shepherd or any of the other employees of the Western Union at Valdosta were able to offer any suggestions as to the possible identity of the author of the anonymous telegram.

Agent Whitten, with the assistance of Mr. D. F. Simmons, Identification Officer, Valdosta Police Department, obtained the fingerprints of persons listed below. Said prints are being forwarded herewith for elimination purposes.

1. Thomas David Shepherd, Valdosta, Ga.
2. Franklin Benjamin Powell, Valdosta, Ga.
3. William Carlus Newbern, Valdosta, Ga.
4. Henry Coleman Forrest, Valdosta, Ga.

It is desired that the above referred to telegram receive the proper treatment in the Bureau Laboratory, with a view to developing any latent fingerprints thereon for comparison with the single fingerprint file of the Bureau, in an effort to detect the identity of the sender of said message.

Very truly yours,


W. A. RORER,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Chicago
Cincinnati *EJC*
San Francisco
St. Paul

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: BREKID

Number: 7-576-6404

Specimens: 7-576-6404 A. One Western Union telegram, written in ink, and addressed to Alvin Karpis, care of Western Union, Sacramento, Calif., dated 6-2-35.

Four sets of fingerprints, for elimination purposes, of the following: Thomas David Shepherd, Franklin Benjamin Powell, William Carlus Newbern and Henry Coleman Forrest.

Examination requested by: Atlanta Bureau Office

Date received: 6-18-35

Examination requested: Handwriting and Fingerprint

Result of examination:

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July 1, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Atlanta, Georgia.

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

Dear Sir:

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With reference to Laboratory Report # , in connection with the
above entitled case, there are transmitted herewith photographic copies of the
following specimens which your office submitted for examination:

- A. One Western Union telegram, written in ink, and addressed to
Alvin Karpis, care of Western Union, Sacramento, California,
dated June 2, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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cc - Chicago
★ Cincinnati
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Enclosure #

Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

June 14, 1935.

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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;
WILLIAM LEAVER, 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.

With reference to the above-entitled case, this office was
advised by [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, who
is [redacted] Chicago,
that about three weeks ago a woman named Edith Barry, 524 Southard,
Toledo, Ohio, whom [redacted] has known for about four years, came to
the [redacted] and asked if he would go with her to [redacted]

intimating that these individuals were at that time located in the vicinity of Toledo, Ohio. [redacted]

For your information, [redacted] above referred to, bears
an unsavory reputation [redacted]

[redacted] Agents of the Narcotic Unit of the Bureau of Internal Revenue have recently completed an investigation of [redacted] which resulted in obtaining sufficient information on which to cause his indictment. The hearing on this indictment has just been completed about three days ago, and [redacted] was a witness before the Grand Jury.

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[redacted] contacted the Narcotic Agents of the Federal Bureau of Internal Revenue this morning and stated that she had read in the paper that the Government was making some sort of a "bargain" with certain defendants in a recent kidnaping case, and she came to see them to "make a bargain" with them where in she would furnish information of value to the Government in return for clemency to be shown to [redacted] who is her fiancee, and whom she had planned to marry on June 29, 1935.

It is requested that your office cause discreet investigation to be made of Edith Barry, 524 Southard, Toledo, Ohio, telephone Adams 4612, for the purpose of ascertaining whether Karpis, Hamilton or any other fugitive in whom the Government is interested is staying at that address, or whether Edith Barry is in contact with any federal fugitive in any manner whatsoever.

Interview was had today with [redacted], who advises that Edith Barry is well-known to taxicab drivers of Toledo and others as being a keeper of disorderly houses in Toledo.

The description of Edith Barry, as furnished by Billy Ramm, is as follows:

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| Name | EDITH BARRY |
| Age | 38-40 years |
| Height | 5'5-6" |
| Weight | 140 pounds |
| Color of eyes | Not known |
| Complexion | Medium dark |
| Hair | Dark; streaked with gray - Combs hair straight back and at present is letting it grow long |
| Teeth | Has prominent front teeth, or "buck teeth" |
| Build | Is well-built and carries herself erect. |
| Clothing | On first visit to Dr. Millstone wore knitted suit ensemble, red color with gray, consisting of a three-quarter length cape, skirt and jacket; shirtwaist of eggshell color; does not recall color of hat. On second visit to Dr. Millstone's office wore black and white hat and black and white suit. |
| Speech | Has rather refined manner of speech but occasionally uses slang phrases such as "Dr. Moran is on the lam." |

The substance of the above information was furnished to
the Bureau by teletype. Report follows.

Very truly yours,

H. E. FORVES,
Special Agent in Charge.

MTC/abc
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CC: Bureau
St. Paul
Cincinnati

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Laboratory Report

June 14, 1935

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

Number: 7-576-6334

Specimens: 7-576-6334-A. Application for Purchaser's Liquor Permit No.
82240, which bears the signature Alvin Karpis.
" " " B. One receipt signed Alvin Karpis for one pint of
liquor.

Examination requested by: Portland Bureau Office

Date received: June 13, 1935

Examination requested: Handwriting and Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: C. A. Appel *may for Cu*

The signatures "Alvin Karpis" on the application for a Purchaser's Liquor Permit and on the receipt bearing the number 58994-21 in the upper right-hand corner, have been compared with some known signatures of Alvin Karpis maintained in the Bureau, and it is the opinion of the examiner that there are not enough characteristic points of similarity between the submitted signatures and known signatures to warrant an identification.

A report on the fingerprint examination will be submitted separately.

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Mr. G. G. Spears,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 709,
Portland, Oregon.

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

Dear Sir:

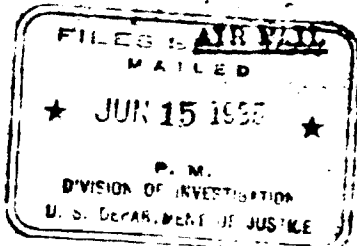
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in
the Division June 13, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure: #311926

cc-Chicago
cc-Cincinnati
cc-St. Paul



[Handwritten signature and initials]

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 11, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE
(Jess Doyle)

I talked to Mr. Sam Hardy of the St. Paul Office, advising that we had received a telegram from Harry H. Peterson, Attorney General of Minnesota, in which he says that Leonard Mancins is applying for a pardon on the basis that the confession of Jess Doyle exonerates him. The Attorney General asked, as a member of the pardon board, that a copy of Doyle's confession be furnished to him. He says that United States Attorney Sullivan will give the confession "on your authorization" and requests that the Bureau wire him such authorization. I advised that it was not the prerogative of the Bureau to tell the United States Attorney what steps he should take in a case of this kind, and whether he wants to turn a copy of the statement over to the Attorney General is for him to decide, not us. I requested that he get in touch with the United States Attorney and explain this situation to him, advising that this is a matter for him to decide, perhaps with the assistance of the Department, but that the Bureau can have nothing to do with it.

Mr. Hardy stated that the Sheriff is there to take Jess Doyle back to Nebraska, and that they expect the United States Attorney there to dismiss the Federal charges against Doyle in that district, based on the Okemah, Oklahoma National Bank Robbery, and Doyle is not going to be taken by the Minneapolis authorities for a state bank robbery in Minneapolis, so that there is nothing in the way of Doyle going back to Nebraska after the charges are dismissed at St. Paul.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 11, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Confirming telephonic conversation today with Mr. Newby relative to fingerprint card received from Police Department, Saint Paul, Minnesota, June 10, 1935, on Mildred Kuhlman, please be advised that there is on file in this Division a fingerprint card received from the Chicago Bureau Office, January 10, 1935, showing this individual arrested January 8, 1935, and also instructing that such information is not to be quoted at any time to contributors.

A reply was directed to the Police Department, Saint Paul, Minnesota, this date, advising that a search of our files failed to disclose any record of this individual.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder
L. C. Schilder.

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Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

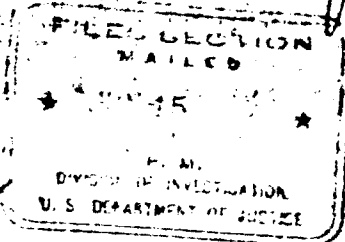
On June 10, 1935, the Identification Division of the Bureau received a fingerprint card from the Police Department, St. Paul, Minnesota, No. 25582, reflecting the arrest on May 31, 1935, of Mildred Kuhlman, paramour of Arthur R.D. Barker, as Mrs. Norman Clark alias Mrs. Margaret Edwards.

The Bureau desires that you directly ascertain the circumstances under which Mildred Kuhlman was arrested by the St. Paul, Minnesota Police Department.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Cincinnati
cc-Chicago



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June 17, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. #1218,
et al, EDWARD G. BREMER,
Victim, KIDNAPING.

Under date of April 23, 1935 the Bureau requested
that the interview with Mr. Horace S. Lydick, of Cass Lake,
Minnesota, be expedited, and it does not appear that the
Bureau's instructions have been followed out.

The Bureau desires that you give this matter
immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC Chicago
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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June 15, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

During the week ending June 15, 1935,
there have been no developments in connection
with the above entitled case.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
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June 17, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al,
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim,
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to Bureau letter of May 25, 1935,
addressed to Mr. F. J. Warchal, 5655 South Troy Street,
Chicago, Illinois, a copy of which was furnished your office,
advising that an Agent of your office would interview him
concerning the information in his possession relative to
Klar Farmer, one of the defendants in the above entitled
case.

The Bureau desires that you give immediate attention
to this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC Cincinnati
St. Paul

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E.A.T.

RE: CJ

June 15, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,
BUREAU OF PRISONS.

During the course of the investigation in the Bremer kidnaping case, looking to the apprehension of the remaining fugitives, information has been obtained indicating that Arthur R. Barker in some manner has been communicating with persons on the outside of the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and it has been reported that one of these letters contained the statement that he would make a break soon.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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June 17, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
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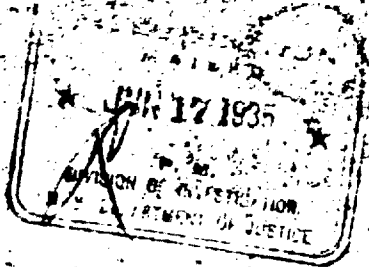
Dear Sir:

Because of the voluminous files in the above en-
titled case, you are instructed to assign this case to the
agent who is best acquainted with its background, who
should be at all times familiar with the various local con-
tacts.

The Bureau desires that the agent designated by
you personally conduct the investigation of all leads, wher-
ever possible. These instructions do not, however, relieve
you of being personally responsible for the proper conduct
of all investigations incident to this and other cases of major
importance.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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June 17, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,

Attention: Mr. Pennington

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
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al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -
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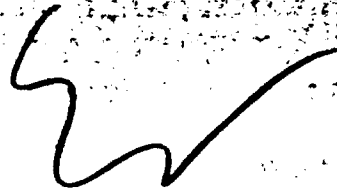
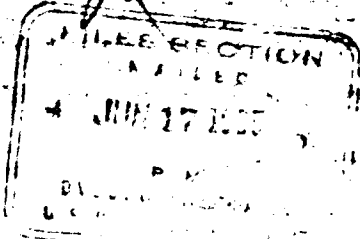
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REM:ER

June 17, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,

Attention: Mr. Harbo.

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REN:BR

June 17, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,

Attention: Mr. Tolson.

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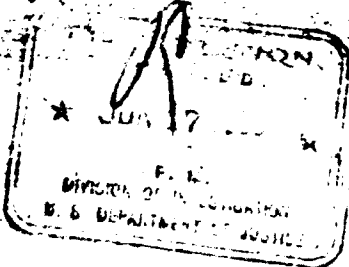
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June 17, 1935.

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Attention: Mr. Haire.

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MEM:BR

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Attention: Mr. Thompson.

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REN:BB

June 17, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,

Attention: Mr. Gillespie,

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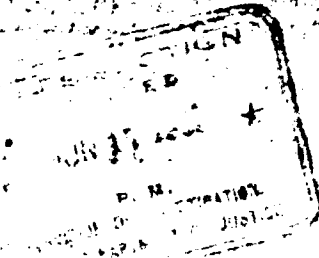
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Attention: Mr. Tamm.

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June 17, 1935,

Special Agent in Charge,

Attention: Mr. Foxworth.

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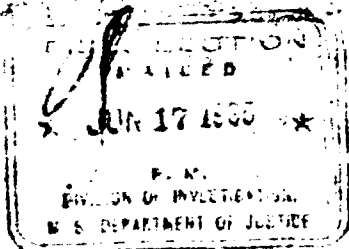
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Attention: Mr. McCardle.

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June 17, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,

Attention: Mr. Egan.

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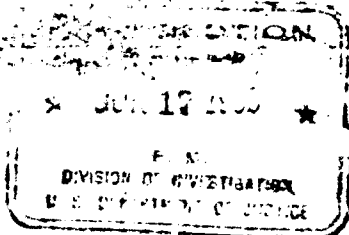
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Special Agent in Charge,

Attention: Mr. Scheidt

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1216, et
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Attention: Mr. Douglas

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Attention: Mr. Schilder

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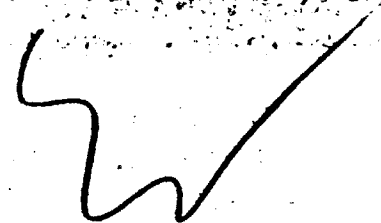
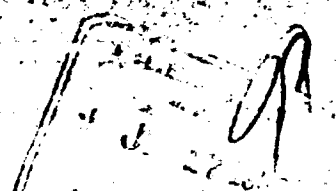
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Attention: Mr. Edwards.

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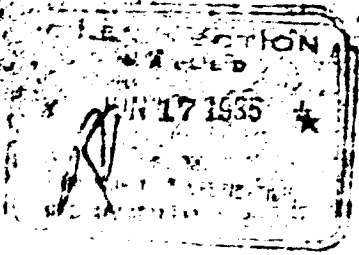
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Attention: Mr. Keith.

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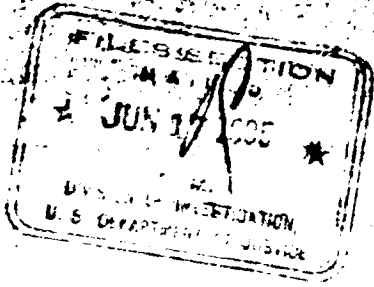
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Attention: Mr. Tracy.

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June 17, 1935.

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Attention: Mr. E. L. Richmond

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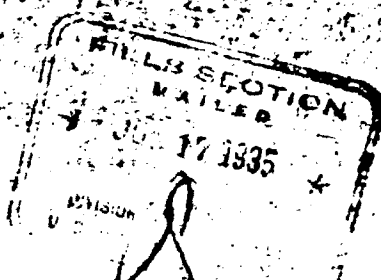
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June 17, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,

Attention: Mr. Coffey

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Special Agent in Charge,

Attention: Mr. Reynolds,

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Attention: Mr. Newby

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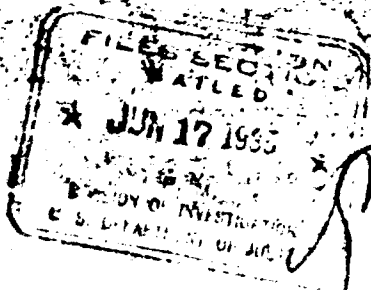
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JER:CHK

June 14, 1935.

Time 5:00 PM

MEMORANDUM

Re: Authority for Attorney General to remove prisoners from one institution to another.

I telephoned Judge Holtzoff and stated that I was desirous of finding out what authority the Attorney General possessed under the Federal statutes, to transfer prisoners from one Federal penitentiary to another, as for example, what power he would possess to authorize the transfer of Arthur Barker from Leavenworth to Alcatraz, stating that I was under the impression that such prisoners could only be transferred for ill health or misconduct. Judge Holtzoff advised that there was a statute which gave the Attorney General broad powers to authorize such transfers and that he, Judge Holtzoff, would look up this statute and call me back.

Judge Holtzoff telephoned at 5:03 PM and advised that an act passed on May 14, 1930, Title 18, Section 753-F, of the U.S. Code Supplement, is the act which the Attorney General acted under in transferring the prisoners to Alcatraz and that this act reads as follows:

"The Attorney General is also authorized to order the transfer of any person held under the authority of any United States statute, from one institution to another, if in his judgment it shall be for the well being of the prisoner, or relieve over-crowded or unhealthful conditions in the institution where such prisoner is confined or for other reasons".

J.E.H.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

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| REPORT MADE AT: Little Rock, Ark. | DATE WHEN MADE: 8/16/35 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6/8-10-11/35 | REPORT MADE BY: R. C. Coulter |
| TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1238; 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. | | | CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT. |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM. | | | |
| <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Inquiry made in Benton County, Lincoln and Fayetteville, Arkansas, through postal employees and other sources, failed to reflect Subjects Weaver and Eaton, or other subjects of case are presently or have resided in that vicinity, however, several people in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, indicated photographs of Weaver and Eaton appeared familiar.</p> | | | |
| <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, St. Paul, Minn., dated May 23, 1935, and Bureau letter dated June 4, 1935.</p> | | | |
| <p>DETAILS: <u>AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:</u></p> <p>During the morning of June 8, 1935, Robert T. LaFollette, Assistant Superintendent Arkansas State Rangers, State Capitol Building, was interviewed by the writer and Special Agent in Charge R. L. Shivers at the Little Rock Bureau Office. Mr. LaFollette, who was formerly Chief of Police at Siloam Springs, Arkansas, could offer no information regarding Weaver, however, he did suggest the names of suitable contacts in Benton County whose names will be referred to later in this report. Mr. LaFollette agreed to treat the interview as confidential.</p> <p><u>AT BENTONVILLE, ARKANSAS:</u></p> <p>Deputy Sheriff Ivan LaFollette, a brother of the above mentioned, was interviewed. He stated he had never seen Weaver or other members of the mob, whose identification orders he has prominently displayed at the court house. Mr. LaFollette</p> | | | |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. L. Shivers</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7-576-6415 JUN 19 1935 JUN 19 A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION STAT. SECT. | |
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stated he is quite sure Weaver and others are not and have not been frequenting Bentonville. Mr. LaFollette further stated he has kept these fugitives in mind, but he will be particularly alert in the future for any information regarding them; that as soon as the circumstances permit he will make discreet inquiry through his own channels, and will notify the Little Rock Office in the event any information is received.

Mr. Fred Berry, Benton County Abstract Office, who has been so engaged for the past twenty years, except for a period of four years recently, when he served as County Clerk, was interviewed, and he stated there had been a multitude of real estate transfers during the past year in that county, and that it would be impossible for a person not acquainted with the records to make an accurate check of them. Mr. Berry stated he was quite familiar with the records, and suggested that he make a check of them. He viewed the photographs of Weaver, Eaton, Campbell and Karpis, after which he stated he had never seen any of the individuals, and doubted that any of them had been interested in the transfer of any real property in that county, as he comes in contact with practically everyone connected with the transfer of real estate in Benton County. Mr. Berry thereafter checked the indexes of grantees, and advised that the name of Weaver or his known aliases did not appear thereon from January 1, 1934, to date. He further stated in the event property was purchased and the deed not recorded, there would be no record on file of the transaction.

Inquiry at the Western Union Office reflected Weaver was unknown there. Chief of Police William Jackson stated he has an identification order on Weaver, but has never seen him in Bentonville, and has never heard he frequents Bentonville and doubts very much that he does.

William Black, employed as the State Revenue Department collector in Benton County, and who was formerly a deputy sheriff in the county, was contacted, and he stated he has issued all the drivers' licenses in that county except for a few issued at Siloam Springs by the Jones Supply Co., and that he has a list of all licenses issued. Black was unable to identify the photograph of Weaver as anyone known to him, and had no recollection of issuing him a motor vehicle license. He verified information appearing in report of reference to the effect that it is customary and only necessary to supply motor number and make of automobile to secure motor vehicle license. The law governing drivers' licenses did not become effective until 1935. The list of persons securing such licenses in Benton County was examined, however, the name of Weaver or his known aliases did not appear thereon. The following persons who it was at first thought might be identical with Weaver secured drivers' license:

J. D. Scott, Rogers, Arkansas, No. 106,796.
Jim Scott, Decatur, Arkansas, No. 1,815.
W. E. Scott, Garfield, Arkansas, No. 106,233.
Walter Scott, Rogers, Arkansas, No. 126,291.

Subsequent inquiry through Mr. Black and Postal Authorities in the various listed towns disclosed that none of these individuals was Weaver, and all have been residents of their respective communities for several years.

The following postal employees at Bentonville were contacted:

Ernest Alfrey, Postmaster;
L. D. Wharton, Money Order Clerk;
Fred M. Phinney, Rural Carrier No. 1;
Everett Russell, Rural Carrier No. 2;
Alvin Seamster, Rural Carrier No. 3;
F. K. Brock, Rural Carrier No. 4.

None of these persons could identify the photographs in question, and all were certain they did not serve Weaver or Eaton. The money order records do not reflect transfer of money to McAlister, Oklahoma, or Jefferson City, Missouri.

Contact was thereafter had with the following Postmasters:

Mr. E. Austin, and assistant, Gravette, Arkansas,
Mrs. Whaley, and assistant, Sulphur Springs, Arkansas, and
Mr. C. H. Northcutt, Decatur, Arkansas.

All of these persons failed to identify the photographs as those of persons known or served by them. The records likewise failed to reveal any money orders had been sent to McAlister or Jefferson City.

Mr. A. M. Steele, Postmaster, Gentry, Arkansas, after viewing the photographs, stated he was reasonably sure he had seen Myrtle Eaton. He gave a fair general description of her, but stated he was unable to recall where or when he had seen her. Mr. Steele was interviewed at length, but could furnish no additional information. He stated he desired one of the rural carriers see the photographs, but the carrier was on leave and was absent from the State at that time. It was agreed that identification orders would be forwarded to Mr. Steele in the near future for distribution to all rural carriers, and that he would immediately furnish any information he received to the Little Rock Office.

A Brogdon, City Marshal, Gentry, Arkansas, who was reported by Mr. LaFollette to be an efficient and honest officer, was contacted, and after viewing the photographs, particularly those of Weaver and Eaton, he stated that none of the Subjects had been frequenting Gentry.

Mr. Clyde Flatt, Postmaster, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, and Clifford Bronck, a postal employee, who is also a substitute carrier on the three rural routes were interviewed during the evening of June 10, 1935. After viewing the photographs, Mr. Flatt stated Myrtle Eaton's photograph appeared to be that of a person he had seen about Siloam Springs, however, he was unable to supply any additional information. According to Mr. Flatt no money orders have been sent to McAlister, Oklahoma, or Jefferson City, Missouri, through his office. Mr. Bronck was unable to identify any of the photographs.

On the following morning the photographs in question were exhibited to John L. Howard, Star Route carrier, whose territory extends into the State of Oklahoma, and the following rural mail carriers:

Oscar Cairnes, Route No. 1;
Alfred Hennigh, Route No. 2; and
William D. Brown, Route No. 3.

All of these men advised that they were unacquainted with the individuals in question and did not serve them, except Mr. Howard, who advised the photograph of Weaver resembles a person he saw at Flint, Oklahoma, during the past few weeks. He stated he would not say positively that the photograph is that of the person he saw on the street in Flint, and was not very positive in his identification, and could supply no additional information.

Mr. Fay Masoner and Ed Cantwell of the Jones Supply Co. viewed the photographs and both stated the photograph of Weaver appeared familiar. Mr. Masoner had no definite recollection of issuing motor vehicle or drivers' license to Weaver. Cantwell, who is employed as a mechanic, stated he believed Weaver had previously had his automobile serviced there, but he could not be positive. The Jones Supply Co. is the Chevrolet dealer in Siloam Springs. Both Masoner and Cantwell stated if Weaver had been in their place of business it was before the first of this year.

Sam Boyd, Barnsdall Station; Clint Alfrey, Phillips 66; Paul Jones and Harry Rank, Magnolia station and Harry Griffin, Conoco gasoline station were interviewed and examined the photographs in question, but none were able to identify Weaver, Eaton or others as former or present customers.

James W. Gose, proprietor of the Silver Dollar Liquor Store, the only liquor store in Siloam Springs, was contacted, inquiry having been previously made and his honesty established. After viewing the photographs in question, Gose stated that none of the individuals were customers of his store. John Elrod, Chief of Police, and his nephew, who is the present city attorney, viewed the photographs in question, but stated none of the subjects were known to them, and they did not believe any of them had been frequenting Siloam Springs.

Justice of the Peace E. W. Ford, who is reported to be very familiar with the transfer of real estate in the vicinity of Siloam Springs, could not identify the photographs in question as those of persons he had seen in that vicinity. Neither were they known at the local office of the Western Union.

Ralph Hague and his father, who operate the Lake Frances Park Hotel, a resort a short distance South of Siloam Springs, were contacted and both stated Weaver and others did not frequent the Hotel, which is about the only attraction at Lake Frances, there being no post office or business establishments at that place.

J. C. Burton, City Marshal, and Clark Briscoe, Postmaster, Lincoln, Arkansas, were unable to identify the photographs in question. Burton stated he was sure Weaver did not frequent Lincoln, and the postal records do not reflect the transfer of any money to McAlister of Jefferson City.

Inquiry was thereafter made at the Postoffices at Rogers; Springdale and Fayetteville, Arkansas, with negative results. Similar results were obtained from an interview with Henry B. Walker, Circuit Clerk of Court, Fayetteville, who is also the recorder of deeds.

Inquiry reflected there are three rivers flowing through Benton County with approximately one hundred and sixty miles of shore line in addition to a

number of smaller streams and a few lakes. The three rivers in question are the White, Illinois and Osage, and practically all of the territory in the vicinity of these rivers is served by one of the postoffices above referred to. The law enforcement officials at Fayetteville, were not contacted on advice from Mr. LaFollette. Inquiry at Bella Vista, a well known summer resort near Bentonville, reflected there are no winter residents other than a watchman.

The advisability of circularizing all postmasters in North-western Arkansas, and furnishing them with identification orders of Weaver and Eaton will be given consideration. Other leads suggested in the body of this report will receive attention.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY BUREAU OFFICE at Flint, Oklahoma, will make inquiry through the post office and such other sources of information as may be available for the purpose of determining whether Weaver has been in that town.

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| REPORT MADE AT St. Paul, Minnesota | DATE WHEN MADE 6-15-35 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/7/35 | REPORT MADE BY J. E. Brennan |
| TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218, FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O. 1237; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; 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 PUTIS with aliases; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM. | | | CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATL FIREARMS ACT |
| <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Synopsis of Facts:</p> <p>On June 7, 1935, Federal Judge M. M. Joyce, St. Paul, sentenced VOLNEY DAVIS to life, HAROLD ALDERTON to twenty years, ELMER FARMER to twenty years, JOHN McLAUGHLIN to five years in Leavenworth Penitentiary, and JAMES WILSON to serve five years in U. S. Industrial Reformatory, Chillicothe, Ohio. Parole reports submitted herewith.</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>Report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, St. Paul, Minnesota, 5/23/35.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>On June 7, 1935, Federal Judge M. M. Joyce of St. Paul, Minnesota, imposed sentence on defendants in this case as follows:</p> | | | |
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VOLNEY DAVIS - life;
HAROLD ALBERTON - twenty years;
ELMER FARMER - twenty years;
JOHN McLAUGHLIN - five years; all of whom were to
be confined to the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth,
Kansas, or such other institution as may be designated by
the Attorney General.

JAMES WILSON was sentenced to serve five years in the
United States Industrial Reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio.

Parole reports are attached hereto.

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| Name of Convict: VOLNEY E. DAVIS, with aliases | | Title of Case: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218, FUGITIVE; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM, KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF | |

JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

On or about December 1st, 1933, at St. Paul, Minnesota, VOLNEY E. DAVIS conspired with ALVIN KARPIS, FRED BARKER, ARTHUR R. BARKER, HARRY CAMPBELL, HARRY SAWYER, WILLIAM WEAVER and FRED GOETZ to kidnap Edward George Bremer, President of the Commercial State Bank of St. Paul, Minnesota. At about 8:30 a.m. on January 17, 1934, Bremer was kidnaped at the intersection of Lexington and Goodrich Avenues, St. Paul, Minnesota, shortly after he had driven his young daughter to the Summit School. He was transported by automobile from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Bensenville, Illinois, a distance of about four hundred and twenty miles, where he was held until February 7, 1934, at which time he was taken to Rochester, Minnesota, and released after payment of ransom in the amount of \$200,000. On January 22, 1935, the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, returned an indictment against DAVIS and others charging conspiracy as between December 1st, 1933, and May 1st, 1934, to transport Edward George Bremer from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Bensenville, Illinois, and to hold him for \$200,000 ransom. On this same date the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul returned an indictment against DAVIS and others charging the substantive offence of kidnaping and transporting Bremer in interstate commerce, and demanding \$200,000 for his release. DAVIS was apprehended by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Chicago, Illinois, and was immediately brought to St. Paul, Minnesota, where on June 3, 1935, he was arraigned before Federal Judge M. M. Joyce, and entered a plea of Guilty to the conspiracy indictment. On June 7, 1935, he was sentenced by Federal Judge Joyce to serve the rest of his natural life in a penitentiary to be designated by the Attorney General. DAVIS was one of the seven persons who actually participated in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul; and, according to evidence produced at the trial of other defendants in

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this case, was one of the persons who delivered ransom notes to friends and relatives of the kidnap victim, and was also one of the three persons who actually collected the ransom money. At the time sentence was imposed in this case, he had served twelve of his thirty-three years in a penitentiary. He is thirty-three years of age, born January 29, 1902, at Tahlequah, Oklahoma. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney E. Davis reside at Neosho, Missouri, and are apparently in poor financial circumstances. When twenty-one years of age he was committed to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on a charge of murder, and was there confined until November 8, 1932. Upon his release he resumed his association with ARTHUR R. BARKER who had been convicted with him on this murder charge, as well as his brother, FRED BARKER, and ALVIN KARPIS, WILLIAM WEAVER, GEORGE ZIEGLER and other criminals, which association lead to his participation in the kidnaping of Edward Bremer. His criminal record is contained in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and is as follows:

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| Name of Convict: HAROLD V. ALLDERTON | | Title of Case: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218, FUGITIVE; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM. KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT. | |

On or about December 1st, 1933, at St. Paul, Minnesota, ARTHUR BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, FRED BARKER, HARRY CAMPBELL, VOLNEY DAVIS, HARRY SAWYER, WILLIAM WEAVER and FRED GOETZ conspired to kidnap Edward George Bremer, President of the Commercial State Bank of St. Paul, Minnesota. A few days before Christmas, 1933, ALLDERTON was induced by FRED GOETZ to furnish his (ALLDERTON's) home to GOETZ for the ostensible purpose of hiding out a couple of men who were fleeing from the law. On January 17, 1934, Bremer was kidnaped at St. Paul, Minnesota, and was driven to Bensenville, Illinois, where he was held until February 7, 1934, at which time he was taken to Rochester, Minnesota, and released after payment of ransom in the amount of \$200,000. Shortly before Bremer was brought to ALLDERTON's home in Bensenville, ELMER FARMER brought ALVIN KARPIS to ALLDERTON's place of residence, where FARMER and ALLDERTON escorted KARPIS through the house, the apparent object being to determine whether or not the accommodations would be suitable. Bremer was brought to ALLDERTON's house about midnight of January 17, 1934. At the direction of WILLIAM WEAVER, ALLDERTON prepared warm water to bathe Bremer's head which had been injured at the time of the abduction. During the time that Bremer was held at ALLDERTON's home, ALLDERTON purchased groceries, liquor, and newspapers for the mob, bought gasoline placing some in the four five gallon cans which were provided by FARMER, cooked food for Bremer and members of the gang, and was present when Bremer was taken from his (ALLDERTON's) home on February 7, 1934. At the request of FRED GOETZ he also rented the garage of one Edward Bishop for the storage of a car belonging to the gang. He was arrested by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Kokomo, Indiana, on January 17, 1935, and was brought to Chicago, Illinois, where he waived removal proceedings on January 20th, and was brought to St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 22, 1935, being indicted with others by the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, which indictment charges

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that he conspired with ALVIN KARPIS and others as between December 1st, 1933, and May 1st, 1934, to kidnap and transport in interstate commerce and hold for \$200,000 ransom one Edward George Bremer. On January 22, 1935, the Grand Jury also returned an indictment against ALLDERTON, charging the substantive offense of kidnaping and transporting Bremer in interstate commerce, and demanding \$200,000 ransom for his release. He was arraigned before Federal Judge M. M. Joyce at St. Paul on April 2, 1935, and entered a plea of Not Guilty to both indictments. He was brought to trial at St. Paul on April 15, 1935, on the conspiracy indictment together with others which resulted in a verdict of Guilty returned as to him, which verdict was recorded on May 17, 1935; and on June 7, 1935, he was sentenced by Federal Judge Joyce to serve twenty years in a penitentiary.

ALLDERTON is thirty-five years of age, married, but not living with his wife and children, and resided with his mother in Bensenville, Illinois. His mother now lives with another son in Kokomo, Indiana. He is a veteran of the World War, and is afflicted with tuberculosis. The records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect no previous criminal history of this Subject, but according to his own statement he was arrested by the Sheriff at Marion, Indiana, in 1923, charge - alimony and non-support; disposition, to pay five dollars a week. Arrested Sheriff's Office, Bensenville, Illinois, 1927, charge - alimony and non-support; disposition, to pay five dollars a week. Arrested Sheriff's Office, Wheaton, Illinois, January, 1927, charge - in gambling raid; disposition, released.

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| Name of Convict: ELMER FARMER | | Title of Case: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1215, FUGITIVE; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER VICTIM; KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT. | |

On or about December 1st, 1933, at St. Paul, Minnesota, ARTHUR R. BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, FRED BARKER, HARRY CAMPBELL, VOLNEY DAVIS, HARRY SAWYER, WILLIAM WEAVER and FRED GOETZ conspired to kidnap Edward George Bremer, President, Commercial State Bank of St. Paul, Minnesota. Shortly before Christmas, 1933, FARMER assisted FRED GOETZ and FRED BARKER in procuring the house of HAROLD ALDERTON in Bensenville, Illinois, for the ostensible purpose of hiding out for a few days some men who were fleeing from justice. On January 17, 1934, Bremer was kidnaped at St. Paul, Minnesota, and was driven to Bensenville, Illinois, where he was held until February 7, 1934, at which time he was taken to Rochester, Minnesota, and released after payment of ransom in the amount of \$200,000. Not long before Bremer was brought to ALDERTON's house at Bensenville, FARMER escorted ALVIN KARPIS to ALDERTON's home. KARPIS examined same to determine if said house would be suitable for the purpose of holding someone there. One or two days after Bremer was kidnaped, ALDERTON advised FARMER that Bremer was being held a kidnaped victim in his (ALDERTON's) house. With this knowledge, FARMER visited the house three or four times a week, during which Bremer was held there, and on numerous occasions FARMER purchased groceries and liquor for members of the gang at ALDERTON's house. He also acted as a lookout to advise FRED BARKER and FRED GOETZ as to whether anyone connected with law enforcement had been making any inquiries at Bensenville, Illinois. FARMER received \$1,000 from FRED GOETZ for his services. FARMER was arrested by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on January 16, 1935, at his home at Bensenville, Illinois. On January 20th he was removed from Chicago to St. Paul after waiving removal proceedings. On January 22, 1935, he was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, which indictment charges that between December 1st, 1933 and May 1st, 1934, FARMER and others conspired to transport Edward George Bremer

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from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Bensenville, Illinois, after he had been kidnaped, and there hold him for ransom in the amount of \$200,000. On January 22, 1935, an indictment was returned by the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul against FARMER and others charging the substantive offense of kidnaping and transporting Bremer in interstate commerce, and demanding \$200,000 for his release. He was arraigned before Federal Judge M. M. Joyce in St. Paul on April 2, 1935, and entered a plea of Not Guilty to both indictments. He was brought to trial on the conspiracy indictment before mentioned and during this trial, which began April 15, 1935, changed his plea to Guilty when the Government had concluded its testimony. On June 7, 1935, he was sentenced by Federal Judge M. M. Joyce at St. Paul, Minnesota, to serve twenty years in a penitentiary.

ELMER FARMER is forty-two years of age, was born at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, March 10, 1893. When eight years of age, his family moved to Chicago, Illinois, where he was reared. He attended school there, completing the eighth grade. His parents are dead. He has a sister, a Mrs. Gifford Brabant, residing at Elmhurst, Illinois, and a brother, James, with whom he has been associated in the operation of Elmer's Tavern at Bensenville. For the past six years he has been bootlegging and operating slot machines in and about Bensenville, Illinois.

The following is the criminal record of ELMER FARMER which is secured from the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, D. C.:

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| Name of Convict: JAMES JOSEPH WILSON | | Title of Case: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218, FUGITIVE; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM. KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT. | |
| <p>On or about December 1, 1933, at St. Paul, Minnesota, a conspiracy was entered into between ARTHUR R. BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, FRED BARKER, VOLNEY DAVIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, HARRY SAWYER and WILLIAM WEAVER and FRED GOETZ to kidnap Edward George Bremer, President, the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota. At about 8:30 a.m. on January 17, 1934, Bremer was kidnaped at the intersection of Lexington and Goodrich Avenues, St. Paul, Minnesota, shortly after he had driven his young daughter to the Summit School. He was transported by automobile from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Bensenville, Illinois, a distance of about four hundred and twenty miles, where he was held until February 7, 1934, at which time he was taken to Rochester, Minnesota, and released after payment of ransom in the amount of \$200,000. Subsequent to the payment of the ransom, ARTHUR BARKER and others arranged with DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, RUSSELL GIBSON, JOHN McLAUGHLIN, OLLIE BERG and others, to change the money from the five and ten dollar bills, in which denominations the ransom was paid, to bills of larger denomination; and this Subject, WILSON, assisted in this regard and aided the kidnapers in their flight and in their efforts to avoid identification by treating them after operations had been performed by DR. MORAN to obliterate their fingerprints. On January 22, 1935, JAMES WILSON was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, which indictment charged that between December 1, 1933 and May 1, 1934, he and ALVIN KARPIS, ARTHUR BARKER and others conspired to transport Edward George Bremer from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Bensenville, Illinois, and there hold him for \$200,000 ransom. WILSON was brought to trial on this indictment at St. Paul on April 15, 1935, which resulted in a verdict of guilty, being returned as to him, which verdict was recorded on May 17, 1935. On June 7, 1935, he was brought before Federal Judge M. M. Joyce at St. Paul, Minnesota, and was sentenced to serve five years in the United States Industrial Reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio.</p> | | | |
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In January and April, 1934, WILSON was an associate of DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, the latter having offices on Irving Park Boulevard in Chicago. WILSON lived with MORAN and at the Irving Hotel in Chicago. Through his associations with MORAN, he became acquainted with RUSSELL GIBSON, OLIVER BERG and BOSS McLAUGHLIN. On April 14, 1934, WILSON observed McLAUGHLIN, MORAN, GIBSON and BERG handling large quantities of Bremer ransom money in Room 211 of the Irving Hotel. On April 14, 1934, and until April 27, 1934, he continued to observe the said parties handling the ransom money negotiations. He made two trips to Aurora, Illinois, during April of 1934, with RUSSELL GIBSON, where ransom money negotiations were carried out, and where WILSON met and became acquainted with VOLNEY DAVIS, WILLIAM WEAVER, MYRTLE EATON, HARRY CAMPBELL and DOC BARKER. During March of 1934, he became acquainted with FRED BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS whose fingerprints had been changed by DR. MORAN in Room 234 of the Irving Hotel. During the latter part of March, 1934, WILSON drove FRED BARKER to Toledo, Ohio, where the former became acquainted with other members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang. On April 27, 1934, the day on which publicity was given to the arrest of BOSS McLAUGHLIN, WILSON, acting upon the advice of DR. MORAN and OLIVER BERG, fled to Toledo, Ohio, where he met and associated with other members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang. WILSON was in Toledo with this group until about August 1st, 1934, when he returned to Chicago, Illinois.

JAMES JOSEPH WILSON was born in Spring Valley, Illinois, on November 8, 1907. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Wilson, still reside at Spring Valley, Illinois. Upon graduating from high school at Spring Valley, he obtained employment with the Westclox chemical research laboratory at La Salle, Illinois, where he remained until 1931, and then went to Chicago where he entered at Northwestern University Pre-Medic School, which he attended for about a month. In 1930 he was married to Lucille Lindenmeyer of Peru, Illinois. His wife remained with an aunt in Chicago, while he attended Northwestern University and continued to live with this aunt while he took up residence with DR. MORAN, above mentioned, who is a brother to Dr. James Moran of Spring Valley, an uncle of JAMES WILSON by marriage. The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain no previous criminal history of this Subject.

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| Name of Convict: JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN. | | Title of Case: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218, FUGITIVE; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER VICTIM; KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT. | |

On or about December 1st, 1933, at St. Paul, Minnesota, ARTHUR R. BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, FRED BARKER, HARRY CAMPBELL, VOLNEY DAVIS, HARRY SAWYER, WILLIAM WEAVER, FRED GOETZ conspired to kidnap Edward George Bremer, President of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota. On January 17, 1934, Bremer was kidnaped at St. Paul and was driven to Bensenville, Illinois, where he was held until February 7, 1934, at which time he was taken to Rochester, Minnesota, and released after payment of ransom in the amount of \$200,000. About the middle of April, 1934, JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN upon the instigation of DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN at Chicago, Illinois, agreed to handle and exchange large quantities of Bremer ransom money. He secured the services of PHILLIP J. DELANEY and WILLIAM E. VIDLER in exchanging approximately \$50,000 of the ransom money at various banks in Chicago, Illinois. McLAUGHLIN secured the money through DR. MORAN, HUSKELL GIBSON and OLIVER A. BERG in Room 210 of the Irving Hotel in Chicago, where the ransom money was delivered to him by ARTHUR R. BARKER who at times was accompanied by HARRY CAMPBELL, and at other times was accompanied by VOLNEY DAVIS. He continued to assist in exchanging this money until April 27, 1934, when he and PHILLIP DELANEY were arrested at McLAUGHLIN's home in Chicago. On May 4, 1934, he was indicted at St. Paul, the indictment charging ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, and others, with conspiracy to transport in interstate commerce, after kidnaping, and hold for \$200,000 ransom, one Edward George Bremer. On January 22, 1935, another charging conspiracy, which is intended to replace the one above mentioned, was returned by the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul against McLAUGHLIN and others. On April 8, 1935, he was arraigned before the United States District Court at St. Paul, Minnesota, and entered a plea of Not Guilty. He was brought to trial at St. Paul on April 15, 1935, on the second of the above mentioned indictments, together with other persons, which resulted in a verdict of Guilty being

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returned against him on May 17, 1935. On June 7, 1935, he was sentenced to serve five years in a penitentiary, sentence being passed by Federal Judge M. M. Joyce in St. Paul.

McLAUGHLIN is sixty-eight years of age, married, and resides in Chicago, Illinois, where he has had a long and varied political career. The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain the following previous criminal record: #3

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Post Office Box 515,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

June 16, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I.O. 1218, FUGITIVE; ET AL;
Edward George Bremer - Victim.
KIDNAPING - OBSTRUCTION OF
JUSTICE - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES -
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
St Paul File 7-30

I am attaching hereto a copy of an anonymous letter
relating to one Jack Frost, former chief of police at Bensenville,
Illinois, who is alleged by the writer to be a friend
of Elmer Farmer and Bryon Bolton. This copy of the communication
is being forwarded to you for such action as you may
deem appropriate.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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OF ELMER FARMER AND BYRON BOLTON. WAS LIVING IN
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ST. LOMBARD ILL. APT F. NAME ON MAIL BOX FRICK.
RENT PAID BY FARMER - AS SOON AS FARMER WAS ARRESTED
FROST MOVED TO 545 S. HIGHLAND AVE. LOMBARD
FROST IS NOW A MEMBER OF LOMBARD POLICE FORCE.

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Post Office Box 515,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

June 16, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I.O. 1218; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -
VICTIM.
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
St. Paul File 7-50.

During the time that Arthur R. Barker was held in the Ramsey County Jail pending trial, Jack Hession, a special deputy, who was one of the three guards who stayed in the cell block in which Barker was confined, was approached by Barker with reference to smuggling notes in and out of the Ramsey County Jail which notes were to and from Mildred Kuhlman. By arrangements made with Sheriff Thomas Gibbons, copies of all communications between Arthur Barker and Mildred Kuhlman which were taken in and out of the Ramsey County Jail by the deputy Hession, were furnished to this office prior to their delivery. Mildred Kuhlman was registered at the Frederick Hotel in St. Paul during this time. Mr. Hession has presented a bill to this office amounting to \$26.30, \$21.50 of which is for a room at the Frederic Hotel, and the balance for a telephone bill. He explains that he incurred this expense as follows: That Barker suggested to him that he rent a room in the Frederic Hotel so as to be near Mildred Kuhlman, and thereby be in a position to make contact with her without delay; and that accordingly he registered at the Frederic Hotel under the name of Ben Winkle on May 1st, and remained until May 24th, during which time he saw Mildred Kuhlman almost daily and thereby was enabled to handle the correspondence referred to without arousing the suspicion of either Mildred Kuhlman or Arthur Barker, as she at no time was informed of his true identity; that Mildred Kuhlman accompanied Barker's

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attorney to Chicago for the purpose of endeavoring to obtain funds, and that he expected to be reimbursed for such bills as he incurred by Barker; that on May 22nd, Mildred Kuhlman telephoned him collect from Chicago, and advised that Barker's attorney had left her in Chicago without funds, and that this telephone bill amounted to \$4.80. Hession stated that he expected Barker to pay these bills, but that Barker was moved to Leavenworth Penitentiary before he could make suitable financial arrangements to do so.

The purpose of this communication is to ask for an expression from the Bureau as to whether or not, under the circumstances, the bill above referred to can be paid, as it is thought that this might possibly be submitted as a confidential item. For the information of the Bureau, Hession was appointed as a special deputy sheriff for the time that Barker was held in the Ramsey County Jail, but was paid as a guard by the United States Marshal at St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. 1218, et al,
Edward G. Bremer, Victim,
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to Bureau letter of April 18, 1935,
addressed to Mr. Connelley at Chicago, Illinois, in the above
entitled case, a copy of which was forwarded to the St. Louis
Office with copies of the criminal record of John R. Moran.

The Bureau desires that the disposition of the arrests
recorded in your district be obtained and forwarded to the
Bureau on the appropriate disposition sheet. This matter
should receive immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Mr. M. R. Purvis,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 812,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I have observed that immediately after apprehending Volney Davis at Chicago on June 1, 1935, the Special Agents assigned to this case instructed [redacted] Volney Davis' companion at the time of the apprehension, and the Bureau's informant in this matter, to leave the scene and that, consequently, this woman was not taken into custody. Obviously, this procedure is very undesirable, since it indicated to Volney Davis the fact that the Bureau was not desirous of causing the apprehension of the [redacted] woman. Naturally, Volney Davis will know from the fact that the Bureau did not desire to apprehend the [redacted] woman that she was in fact the individual who furnished information concerning Davis' whereabouts. In all cases where informants furnish Bureau representatives with information of a confidential nature, the Bureau must, of course, respect the confidence of its informants. It would appear desirable in a situation such as that existing in the Davis case that the Bureau's informant likewise be taken into custody for interrogation and subsequently released. This practice would serve in some measure to deviate suspicion on the part of the fugitive and his associates from the true identity of the person furnishing the information upon which the Bureau's apprehension was accomplished.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Post Office Box #812

Chicago, Illinois

June 18, 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, I.O.1218 - FUGITIVE;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.1232;
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O.1236;
WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O.1238;
WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O.1239;
MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O.1241; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 14, 1935, concerning the above matter, wherein it is requested that the United States Attorney at Chicago be consulted with a view to obtaining an immediate trial of Matthew Gleason on charges of harboring Volney Davis. Mr. Bosworth, the Assistant United States Attorney handling this matter, informed me today that the trial of Matthew Gleason had been continued to September, 1935. I inquired of Mr. Bosworth as to whether anything could be done to bring about an immediate trial, and he stated that he did not believe this could be done, but thought possibly if Volney Davis had made any damaging statements with reference to Gleason, and if this information were brought to the attention of Gleason or his Attorney, Gleason might enter a plea of guilty.

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Judge Sullivan continued the trial as stated above, and he is the Judge who is trying the Piquett case now.

In accordance with my conversation with Mr. Tamm of the Bureau of this afternoon, I am directing a letter to the Kansas City Office with the request that Davis be interviewed and a signed

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statement obtained from him indicating the truth of his associations with Matthew Gleason.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1156,
Omaha, Nebraska.

June 17, 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, 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.

Please refer to your letter dated May 15, 1935 which you wrote to Mrs. George W. Smith, 834 First Avenue East, Cedar Rapids, Iowa in answer to a letter received from her dated May 4, 1935 in which she stated that she believed Ward Abbott, concerning whom she wrote the Bureau on August 2, 1934, is identical with Alvin Karpis. A copy of your letter to Mrs. Smith was forwarded to this office.

This is to inform you that Agent J. N. Franz of this office interviewed Mrs. Smith at Cedar Rapids, Iowa on June 7, 1935, and she stated that Special Agent R. T. Noonan of this Bureau interviewed her in August, 1934, at which time he made an investigation of the matter reported by her, and he informed her he believed her suspicions were not justifiable.

Mrs. Smith stated to Agent Franz that since that time Ward Abbott has returned to Cedar Rapids, and she is more certain than ever that he is Alvin Karpis. She stated that Ward Abbott is presently residing on Forrest Drive, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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Agent Franz found Forrest Drive to be a short street on which there are only a few homes. The homes are all large and occupied by a well-to-do class of people. Agent Franz inquired at various homes on the Drive but could locate no one who had recently moved into the neighborhood and could not locate a party by the name of Ward Abbott. Not any of the persons interviewed by him knew any person by that name as being a resident on that Drive or in this vicinity.

It is believed that no further consideration should be given to the information in this regard furnished by Mrs. Smith.

Very truly yours,

John A. Dowd
J. A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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June 18, 1935

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
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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; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases,
I. O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases,
I. O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I. O. 1241.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

This is to advise you that on June 14, 1935 a Mr. Claude B. Kenney, attorney at law, Joplin, Missouri, called at this office and stated that he was representing the estate of Mrs. "Arizona" Barker and Fred Barker, who were killed in Florida in January of this year. He stated that George Barker, father of Fred Barker, and Frank Dixon of Joplin, Missouri, had been appointed administrators of the estate. Mr. Kenney was accompanied to this office by the latter party.

These gentlemen stated that they were in town to file a petition of interpleader in the suit of the Schmidt Brewing Company against "Doc" Barker for the funds contained in the safety deposit box of the Woodlawn Trust and Savings Bank, it being their claim that this money belonged to Mrs. Barker. Mr. Kenney further stated that he would like to obtain the furniture which is stored at Dunn Brothers Storage and Warehouse Company, and requested a letter from this office releasing that furniture. Mr. Kenney was advised by Special Agent R. C. Suran that this office could not give him the letter desired, but that a letter would be addressed to the storage company advising them that this office had no further interest in the above mentioned furniture. This procedure is similar to that used in the release of money by this office at the Woodlawn Trust and Savings Bank.

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Mr. Kenney also desired information as to the manner in which he could obtain the release of money being held at Ocala, Florida by state authorities. He advised that you had written him to the effect that this Bureau had no further interest in the money, which attitude was also assumed by the United States Attorney at Jacksonville, Florida in a letter addressed to Mr. Kenney by that office. Mr. Kenney further stated that although the state authorities in Florida had advised of the attitude taken by this Bureau and that of the United States Attorney at Jacksonville, Florida, the above state authorities continued to refuse to release the money, it being their desire to force original administration of the Barker estate in Florida. Mr. Kenney was advised by Special Agent Suran that this office was unable to give him any advice or information concerning this matter. Mr. Kenney further stated that the undertaker at Ocala, Florida is still holding the bodies of Fred and "Arizona" Barker and would not release them until the expenses in connection with the handling of the bodies had been paid. Mr. Kenney advised that it was impossible to pay these expenses until such time as the money was released.

A letter has been addressed to Dunn Brothers Storage and Warehouse Company, 6716 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, by this office advising that we have no further interest in the furniture being stored by them under the name of F. E. Anderson.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 17, 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.

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to letter from the Bureau, dated March 26, 1935, please be advised that Special Agent Paul Hansen has arranged with the Police Departments at Tulsa and Ponca City, Oklahoma to have the temporary wanted notices removed as to Fred Barker, with aliases, Division #59183; Harry Campbell, with aliases, Division #419856; Volney Davis, with aliases, Division #408441; Jess Doyle, Division #99402; Myrtle Eaton, with aliases, Division #354474; Edna Murray, with aliases, Division #93976; Harry Sawyer, with aliases, Division #421353; William Weaver, with aliases, Division #17920.

Temporary wanted notices regarding Charles J. Fitzgerald, with aliases, Division #95180; Clyde Nimrick, with aliases, Division #77966 were left in the files of these two police departments.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

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| REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla. | DATE WHEN MADE: 6-17-35 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6-2,7-35 | REPORT MADE BY: Paul Hansen |
| TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1252; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1257; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I. O. 1258; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. 1239; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I. O. 1240; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I. O. 1241; OLIVER A. BERG; with aliases, FUGITIVE, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim | | | CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping Harboring and Obstruction of Justice National Firearms Act |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Some reports have been made in Tulsa, Oklahoma that Harry Campbell may come there in the near future, though this information seems to be unreliable. Jimmie Burdette, sister of Wynona Burdette, states Henry Daniels is man who saw Wynona at Hominy, Oklahoma before she left with Campbell from Ponca City. Daniels denies this and advises that he will endeavor to secure some information concerning Campbell and his whereabouts. | | | |
| REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Paul Hansen, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 5-31-35. Letter from Chicago Office, dated April 24, 1935. | | | |
| DETAILS: A letter from the Chicago Office, dated April 24, 1935 states that an informant advised Agent F. M. Ames, that Karpis has a contact at Tulsa, Oklahoma by the name of Carr, who operates a cleaning and dyeing establishment. Several inquiries were made in Tulsa but no information could be obtained of a Carr operating a business of this description. There was no one listed in the telephone or city directories with this name, who engaged in the cleaning and dyeing business. Several underworld contacts were questioned but none of them know of Karpis having any contact with a man by the name of Carr in Tulsa, Oklahoma. | | | |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Alvin C. Brantley</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | | RECORDED AND INDEXED: 7-576-6434 JUN 20 1935 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION JUN 20 A.M. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ROUTED TO: <i>STAT</i> FILE | |
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With reference to report of Special Agent R. T. Mann, Denver, Colorado, dated March 20, 1935, Agent A. Paul Kitchin and the writer interviewed Emmitt Welch, who is employed by the Texas Oil Company in West Tulsa, as a welder and he advised that he had lived with Harry Campbell three years, at Evansville, Wyoming, and that Harry owned a half interest in a bus line from Evansville to Casper, Wyoming. He said that he believed Oscar Felt, a bootlegger at Evansville, Wyoming is unreliable and that any information he gave could not be relied upon.

Dan Tubbs, he advised, who runs a dive outside of Alcora, Wyoming may have some information concerning Campbell, if Campbell ever frequents that particular part of the country again. Welch says that he has not seen Harry Campbell for over a year, when he saw him driving down the street in West Tulsa. Welch will visit the Campbell family and endeavor to secure some information from them regarding Harry Campbell and will report that information to Agent Kitchin or the writer. He said that he would also endeavor to secure a photograph of Harry, which may be a more recent one than any the Bureau has in its possession and if he is able to do this will loan the photograph to the Bureau to have copies made. He will be interviewed again in the near future.

[redacted] mentioned in the report of reference is a confidential informant in this case, called the writer by Long Distance telephone June 2, 1935 and stated that she had some information of interest. She was interviewed at Tulsa, Oklahoma late that night and early the next morning and advised that [redacted] she overheard Lewis Webb state that he believed Harry Campbell and Karpis would be in Tulsa the following week. She thereupon asked Webb if he really felt sure that Campbell would be in Tulsa and Webb replied, "I know it". [redacted] could furnish no other or more definite information.

It will be remembered that [redacted] are confidential informants and that they appeared to be willing to give the writer any information they possess regarding Harry Campbell, and this is probably more especially true concerning [redacted]. The latter was interviewed by the writer and positively stated that she had not received any information or word concerning Harry Campbell except what she had related or that she had read in the papers.

[redacted] was also interviewed and he, likewise, stated that he had received no information regarding Campbell or Karpis or their activities. It is felt that the information given by [redacted] is not reliable in this particular instance. However, as she apparently is in position to obtain some information should Campbell be in Tulsa, she will be contacted from time to time.

Mark Whinery and his wife, Ruth, both stated they have received no word of Campbell or Karpis.

Mildred Jones, Wynona Burdette's sister, Turley, Oklahoma advised Agent Kitchin and the writer that she has received no word whatever from Campbell and promises to advise one of these agents if she receives any information concerning Campbell or any of his associates.

Jimmie Burdette, another sister of Wynona Burdette, who is presently residing in Ponca City, Oklahoma, was interviewed and said she had obtained no information concerning Campbell or his whereabouts. She advised, however, that the person who talked with Wynona at the Wilson home, at Arondale, near Hominy, Oklahoma, the night Wynona left with Campbell from Ponca City is Henry Daniels of Skiatook, Oklahoma. She said that Wynona's friend, Morfeberger, who runs the Public Market in Ponca City told her of this and he received his information, apparently, from Wynona.

Henry Daniels is a mechanic and utility man with the Buzzard Motor Company in Skiatook. He was interviewed confidentially, by Agents Kitchin and the writer for about two hours. He denied that he had seen Wynona Burdette for almost two years, though he used to keep company with her often. He said, however, that sometime last fall, he and Ick Supernaw, got drunk and went to Hominy, Oklahoma and looked for Wynona, he having heard that she was there, living with her sister, Mrs. Wilson. They were advised at Hominy where the Wilsons lived, at Arondale, but they were never able to find Arondale and never saw Wynona or the Wilson home. Daniels says that he is willing to face any witnesses who state that he was the man who called Wynona out of the Wilson home and talked to her and positively believes they will say he is not the man. He seemed sincere and honest in what he said and it is believed, at the present time, that Wynona told her boy friend that Henry Daniels was the one who talked with her, knowing Henry Daniels well as she did, in order to protect the man who was actually making the contact with her for Harry Campbell. Daniels advised that Ray Roberts, a part Osage Indian who weighs about 170 pounds and is of a dark complexion, knows Harry Campbell and also Wynona Burdette, and suggested that Roberts may have used his name or that Wynona may have protected Roberts by stating that Daniels is the one who talked with her. Daniels will endeavor to engage in a conversation about Campbell and Wynona with Roberts and advise these agents of the information he obtains.

Daniels further advised that John (Itish) Dorsey, Clive Rogers and George Bradshaw, all of Skiatook, Oklahoma are acquainted with Harry Campbell and would probably harbor him. Another man, by the name of Palmer, who is a gambler and lives a short distance East of Sperry, Oklahoma, who has a brother in Highschool by the name of Enlow, also knows Harry Campbell and appears to be on friendly terms with him. Daniels will talk with all these persons about Campbell and advise these agents if they apparently know anything about his recent activities. Further efforts will be made by the Oklahoma City Office to determine who the contact was who fronted for Campbell by calling upon Wynona Burdette at Arondale, Oklahoma the night she left with Harry Campbell from Ponca City, Oklahoma.

While in Ponca City the writer discussed possibilities of a contact Harry Campbell or Karpis might have in that vicinity with the Chief of Police, Joe McFadden, and was advised that this Chief has no information of Campbell being in Ponca City since Charlie Davis was sent to the Penitentiary for six years for harboring Campbell and Glenn R. Wright. The only other person Chief McFadden knows of who is acquainted with Harry Campbell is Fred Tindle, alias "Wee Tump". An effort was made to interview Tindle but he was out of the City. He will be interviewed at a later date for information he may have in his possession.

With reference to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Kansas City, Missouri, dated April 25, 1935, the writer was advised by C. G. Garrett, Manager of the Ambassador Hotel, Tulsa, Oklahoma that E. L. Pendleton and wife engaged an apartment, #610, in that hotel January 2, 1935 and vacated February 4, 1935. They left a forwarding address to "E. L. Pendleton, 4721 Wyoming, Kansas City, Missouri, care of W. A. Cardwell". Garrett said that he had seen no other person with Pendleton, though he suspected the latter of being implicated in some unlawful dealing of some description.

Mrs. Louise Grimes, clerk and P. B. X operator at this hotel and Myrtle Brown, night clerk, advised that they never, at any time, saw any other people, either men or women, with Pendleton or his wife. Mrs. Brown advised that Pendleton would come into his apartment practically every night from two to four A. M. in the morning and Mrs. Pendleton would usually wait up for him, and they would ordinarily take a short walk before they went to bed. They had a small dog which would also be aired at this time. With the cooperation of Mrs. Grimes, a check was made of the local telephone calls made by Pendleton and the following calls were made by him on the dates specified:

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| 1-5-35 | 4-6121 | 1-27-35 | 3-7362 |
| 1-5-35 | 2-5255 | 1-27-35 | 3-5514 |
| 1-4-35 | 4-6121 | 1-27-35 | 2-0506 |
| 1-7-35 | 4-8821 | 1-27-35 | 2-0506 |
| 1-8-35 | 2-0506 | 1-30-35 | 4-7812 |
| 1-8-35 | 4-6121 | 1-31-35 | 7147 |
| 1-25-35 | 3-7362 | 2-1-35 | 4-6121 |

On January 31, 1935 Pendleton placed a long distance call to Kansas City, Missouri which was never completed, and a 20¢ report charge was made. On January 11, 1935 a telegram was sent to Chester Kerr, Urich, Missouri, which was signed, "E. L. Pendleton", said telegram was sent by Western Union and a charge of \$1.02 was made.

The following investigation concerning the telephone calls listed above and the telegram was made by Special Agent A. Paul Kitchens:

With further reference to the report of R. F. Shanahan, Kansas City, Missouri, 4/25/35 relative to the fact that E. L. Pendleton, an associate of Spike Lane, Otto Jackson, Elsie Boye, I. O. 1208, and others, was at one time residing at the Ambassador Hotel, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Special Agent A. Paul Kitchen made a check of the following telephone numbers emanating from the Ambassador Hotel, which were placed by Pendleton.

The numbers 46121 constitute the telephone number of the Hinkle Hotel, and such number was called on several occasions as appears in the above list.

2-5255 is the telephone number of St. Johns Hospital, such being the leading hospital in the City of Tulsa, and bears an excellent reputation. This hospital cares for a great number of persons, and therefore, it was impossible to conduct any investigation relative to any of the above mentioned men being in this hospital on or about January 3.

4-8621 is listed as being the telephone number of Merle E. Miles of the B. & M. Transfer Company, 1418 E. 16th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

2-0505 is the telephone number of the Santa Monica Apartments, 1206 S. Denver. This apartment house bears a good reputation.

3-7362 is the telephone number of Troy E. Baker's auto repair garage, and at the same address, 214 W. Cameron, the city directory lists Levi W. Duguy, Irwin Campbell, T. E. Baker, Floyd B. Bromley, all of these individuals being mechanics, evidently employed by Troy E. Baker at the above mentioned garage. Contact with informants discloses that Irwin Campbell is not a relative of subject Harry Campbell, and apparently has no connection with him.

3-3314 is the telephone number of the William F. Morris restaurant at 207 N. Denver. An observation of this restaurant discloses that it is in a questionable section of town, but apparently does a good business, therefore, no inquiries were made at this place, as the possibility of ascertaining with whom Pendleton was conversing is very remote.

4-7812 is the telephone number of Walter A. Whipple, mechanic employed with the Foster Davis Motor Corporation. Mr. Whipple resides at 1115 S. Detroit.

7147 is the telephone of the Peerless Tulsa Company, dealers in plumbers' supplies, and is located at 580 E. 11th Street.

The above information was obtained from Mr. Daugherty, assistant to Mr. O. O. Barnes, manager of the traffic department of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company located at 5th and Detroit, Tulsa, Oklahoma. An effort was made to check the long distance telephone call placed on January 31, 1935 by Pendleton from the Ambassador Hotel to some unknown party at Kansas City, Missouri. This call, however, was not made, and there was a twenty cent report charge

paid by Pendleton on this call. Mr. Daugherty was unable to ascertain what number was called at Kansas City on this occasion, but agreed to advise Agent Kitchin on Monday, June 10, 1935, if he were successful in ascertaining the number called at Kansas City. On June 10 Miss Kinote, secretary to Mr. Daugherty, informed this agent that an extensive search had been made of their records, which failed to disclose any information concerning the above mentioned long distance telephone call.

Through Mr. Brinkley, manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Tulsa, Oklahoma it was ascertained that the content of the message sent by Pendleton on January 11, 1935 to Chester Kerr, Urish, Missouri, was as follows:

"NEED FIFTY AT ONCE FOR BOODLE ON SURE THING STOP SEND ALL
OR ANY PART WILL CUT YOU IN STOP AMBASSADOR HOTEL
(Signed) Pendleton"

From Emmitt Welch, informant, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Agent Kitchin obtained three snapshot photographs of subject Harry Campbell, which were taken by Welch at Evansville, Wyoming either in 1924 or in 1925. These photographs have been forwarded to the Bureau under separate letter with the request that, if it is deemed advisable, copies be made of these photographs, and the originals returned to this office to be returned to Welch at Tulsa.

Mrs. Garrett advised the writer that while Pendleton was living at the Ambassador Hotel he was driving a 1930 model Nash Coupe and that this car was serviced with the Conoco Master Station at 14th and Boston Streets in Tulsa.

Mr. Earl Bunn, Manager of this station was interviewed and stated that they had a \$17.00 repair bill against this automobile and while they had a little difficulty in collecting, the bill was paid by Pendleton on February 5, 1935. Bunn also stated that he never saw any other person come to that station with Pendleton.

With reference to the notation in the report of R. F. Shanahan, Kansas City, Missouri, 4/25/35, page twenty-two, that the telephone number of Gardner W. Bralcy, 200 W. 23rd Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was found in the apartment of W. L. Fendleton at Kansas City, inquiry was made at the apartment where Gardner W. Bralcy is presently residing in Oklahoma City by Special Agent John R. Wallis on June 11, 1935. Mrs. Morrow, manager of the apartment, stated that Mr. Bralcy is in the insurance business, and to the best of her knowledge has an office in the Ferring Building. She said that he is also interested in oil leases and royalties. He has been a good tenant for six years, and has had a great many visitors from all over the state, many of whom he has introduced to her. A frequent visitor is Jess Reed, State Insurance Commissioner, and it is her understanding that Bralcy works in the capacity of appraiser for Reed. Bralcy's parents reside at Ada, Oklahoma, and he returns to that place to visit. He is single, and lives alone in the four room apartment at the above address, for which he pays \$40.00 per month. He is well educated, drinks heavily at times, but always acts the part of a gentleman, and is well dressed. Another frequent visitor at his apartment is Hilton Phillips, and it is Mrs. Morrow's understanding that Phillips is in Oklahoma politics. She also believes that Bralcy takes a rather active part in Oklahoma politics. Bralcy does not have an automobile.

Mrs. Morrow furnished the following description of Bralcy:

Age - About 40 years.
 Height - 5 feet, 7 inches.
 Weight - 150 pounds.
 Build - Medium.
 Hair - Dark brown; bald on top.
 Eyes - Brown.
 Complexion - Fair.
 Smooth face.
 Teeth - Good.
 Scars - None noticeable.
 Neat in appearance.
 Peculiarities - Stutters when talking fast or amused.

P E N D I N G

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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June 18, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

4:12 PM

Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
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Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schmidt
Mr. Schneider
Mr. Smith
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Mr. Purvis advised that the Matthew Gleason case has been continued to September; that the defense wanted to have it tried right away and so did the Government, but Judge Sullivan continued it to September. He is trying the Piquett case and figures that will take him to September. Purvis states they are selecting a jury today in the Piquett case.

Purvis stated the Assistant handling the Matthew Gleason case suggested that if Volney Davis said anything in his statement which would indicate that Gleason knew what he was doing, we might get a plea of guilty from Gleason. Purvis states Davis' statement is to the effect that he did not think Gleason knew he was an escaped prisoner. Mr. Purvis said he thought, if advisable, Volney Davis could be re-interviewed at Leavenworth, since he may be in a different frame of mind now and might tell us more. I stated I could not see that it would do any harm, and Purvis said he would write a letter directing that this be done.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Post Office Box 515,
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June 17, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

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

It is requested that four photographs of DELORES
DELANEY alias Mrs. William B. Lohman, with other aliases,
be furnished the St. Paul Bureau Office.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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June 20, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

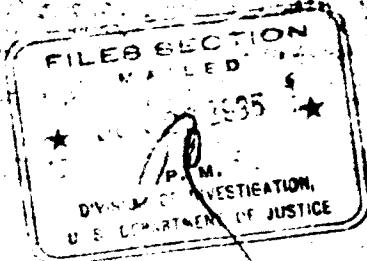
Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in
your letter dated June 17, 1935, in the above
entitled case, there are transmitted herewith
four photographs of Dolores Delaney, with
aliases.

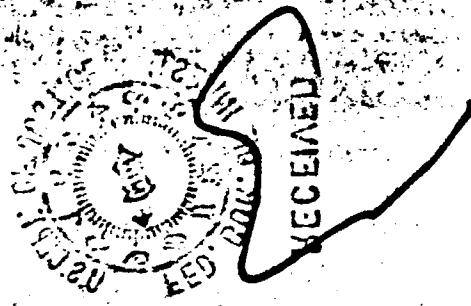
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Post Office Box 312

Chicago, Illinois

June 18, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218 - FUGITIVE;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232;
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1234;
WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238;
WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239;
MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to the report of Special Agent E. C. Suran dated June 10, 1935, in connection with the above matter. Your particular attention is invited to pages 14 and 19, which contain the statement of Volney Davis and other results of an interview with him in connection with his association with Matthew Gleason. It will be noted that he indicates that Matthew Gleason did not know his (Davis') true identity.

It is requested that Davis be reinterviewed at the Leavenworth Penitentiary with a view to obtaining a signed statement from him indicating the true situation with regard to Matthew Gleason's knowledge of the fact that Volney Davis was wanted as an escaped Federal prisoner, and also in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping Case.

It is not contemplated that Volney Davis would be a witness against Matthew Gleason, but his statement as above noted might bring about a plea of guilty from Gleason. Davis, of course, should not be advised of the reasons for the obtaining of the statement.

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It will be appreciated if you will give this your
immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

H. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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Wm. H. McFARLAND
SECRETARY

June, 12, 1935

Director, Division of Investigation,
U. S. Dept. of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;

If William^o Weaver is still wanted in connection with the Edward G. Bremer, kidnaping I feel as if an actor on the burlesque stage in Louisville, Ky. should be investigated. He bears a close resemblance to pictures of Weaver. The actor is called Joe something. The name of the theater is "Gayety". Shows were discontinued there about two months ago.

Yours truly,

Wm. H. McFarland
Wm. H. McFarland.
Shepherdsville, Ky.

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June 27, 1935

Mr. William H. McFarland,
Superintendent,
Bullitt County Public Schools,
Shpherdsville, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 12, 1935, containing information concerning an individual who resembles William Weaver, wanted in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

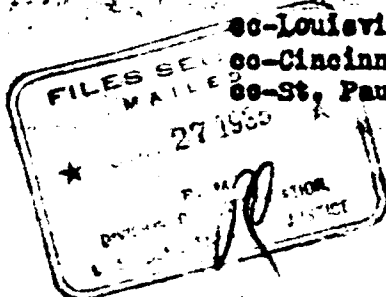
Please be advised that I have furnished copies of your letter to Mr. O. C. Dewey, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 769 Starks Building, Louisville, Kentucky, who will assign an Agent to interview you concerning this matter in the very near future.

Thanking you for your interest and co-operation, I am

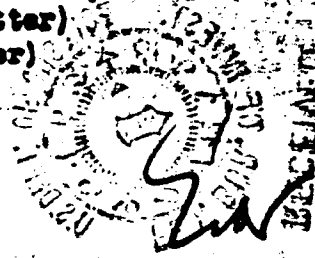
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Special Agent in Charge
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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JUN 22 1935

Dear Sir:

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

Mr. Wint Smith, Superintendent of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, has informed me as follows:

Andy Yokum, a bootlegger of Topeka, Kansas, an alleged friend of Alvin Karpis, is reported to have as an understudy R. B. Price, a motor car dealer of Topeka, Kansas, through whom Yokum receives his mail. These two men are reported to be friendly with Lenny Lyons, who runs a restaurant in Kansas City, Missouri, and "Chee Chee" DelMayo, a Kansas City bootlegger. All four of these men are reported to have a cottage or camp on Leech Lake, $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles northeast of Walker, Wisconsin. Mr. Smith is of the impression that should this camp or cottage be covered some might lead to the apprehension of Karpis.

For your information, this office, although considerable investigation has been conducted, has never been able to establish a definite connection between Yokum and Karpis. Yokum is a bootlegger who apparently has given the State and City Police of Topeka, Kansas considerable trouble. They apparently have never been able to catch him in his bootlegging activities and they have exerted every influence to have him prosecuted for something or other. It is my understanding that recently charges were instituted against him by the Internal Revenue Bureau for evasion of income tax.

The above is being transmitted to your office as a matter of record. Should you have some Agent in your office in the vicinity of Walker, Wisconsin, he might make inquiries through ordinary channels to determine whether these individuals are in that vicinity, and then notify local authorities to be on the lookout for Karpis. I do not consider that extensive investigation would be justified

unless further facts are developed which might warrant same.

Very truly yours,

R. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Bureau
St. Paul
Cincinnati

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

June 18, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 15, 1935, wherein it is stated MILDRED KUHLMAN was arrested by the Police Department, St. Paul, Minnesota on May 31, 1935.

Superintendent John J. Tierney advised that MILDRED KUHLMAN alias MRS. NORMAN CLARK alias MRS. MARGARET EDWARDS was arrested on May 31, 1935, on the charge of general investigation, together with one JACK HESSIAN. They were released on June 1, 1935, without formal charges being made.

It appears that MISS KUHLMAN together with HESSIAN were drinking and had apparently forgotten where they had parked their car. HESSIAN hired a taxi and drove about searching for the car, the taxi driver and HESSIAN later getting out of the taxi in their search. At this time MISS KUHLMAN took the taxi and drove it to the Hammond Hotel at Snelling and Selby Streets, St. Paul. She then walked back to where the taxi driver and HESSIAN were and after some delay told them where the taxi was. This was at 3:50 A.M. on June 1.

Inasmuch as HESSIAN advised the Police that MISS KUHLMAN was DOC BARKER'S girl, they were both taken into custody.

HESSIAN ^{was} a Special Deputy Sheriff and was employed by the Ramsey County authorities as a guard of ARTHUR "DOC" BARKER and other Subjects in that case.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN.
Special Agent in Charge. See # 6425

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Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

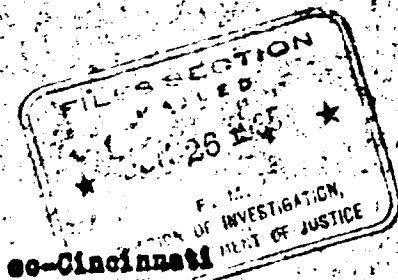
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 18, 1935, requesting an expression from the Bureau relative to the matter of paying Jack Hession for expenses incurred by him while cooperating with this Bureau in obtaining copies of communications passing between Arthur R. Barker and Mildred Kuhlman, during the time Barker was confined in the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Bureau is of the opinion the expenses amounting to \$26.50 incurred by Mr. Hession should be paid by you and reimbursement claimed in your next expense voucher, as a confidential item.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



cc-Cincinnati

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DIRECTOR

BREKID NEWS REPORTER HERE ADVISES THAT AN AP DISPATCH WAS RECEIVED
 STATING GUNMAN KILLED THIS AFTERNOON AT WILLOW SPRINGS,
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SANFORD BATES
DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
BUREAU OF PRISONS
WASHINGTON

June 17, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION

Thank you for your confidential memorandum
of June 15th relative to Arthur R. Barker, an inmate
of the Leavenworth Penitentiary.

Formal orders were mailed last week for the
transfer of this prisoner to the Alcatraz Penitentiary
and he will be moved just as soon as transportation
can be arranged.

Sanford Bates

Director.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 515
St. Paul, Minnesota

June 18, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
I.O.# 1218 - FUGITIVE; ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING
St. Paul File No. 7-30

In compliance with the request in Bureau letter of June 12, 1935, there is returned herewith the following evidence relative to ARTHUR "DOC" BARKER, which was furnished the St. Paul Office by the Bureau for its use in the trial of this case:

2 photographs of ARTHUR R. BARKER
1 fingerprint card of ARTHUR R. BARKER, dated 2-11-22
1 fingerprint card of CLAUD DALE, dated 1-15-21
3 fingerprint charts, A, B, and C
3 photographic negatives of fingerprints
1 fingerprint card of A. R. (DOC) BARKER, with
signature of A. R. BARKER.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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CC Cincinnati

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Mr. Bates thanks Mr. Hoover for memo
relating to Leavenworth Penitentiary
inmate Arthur R Barker.

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June 22, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

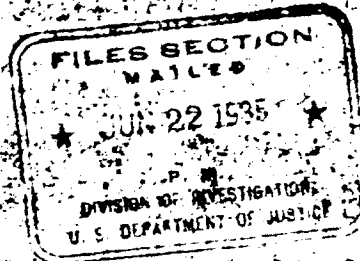
Reference is made to your letter of June 18, 1935 in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, I. O. #1218 - Fugitive, et al.; Edward George Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping.

The following articles transmitted with your letter have been received in the Bureau's Laboratory:

- 2 photographs of Arthur R. Barker.
- 1 fingerprint card of Arthur R. Barker dated February 11, 1922.
- 1 fingerprint card of Claud Dale dated January 15, 1921.
- 3 fingerprint charts marked A, B, and C.
- 3 photographic negatives of fingerprints.
- 1 fingerprint card of A. R. (Doc) Barker with the signature of A. R. Esser.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



cc-Cincinnati
cc-Chicago

JUN 23 1935



[Handwritten signatures and initials]

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

Stratfield Hotel,
Bridgeport, Conn.
June 18, 1935

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

Re: Source of Machine Guns
in Hands of Criminals.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to the case entitled
Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. #1218, et al;
Edward George Bremer, Kidnaping. The three
Browning Automatic Rifles recovered from
Russell Gibson were shipped by railway
express to the writer from Washington, D.C.
to New Haven, Conn. where they were displayed
to representatives of the Winchester Repeating
Arms Co. for the purpose of identifying them
as manufactured by that company and in
an effort to gain an explanation for the
apparent duplication of the serial number on
one of these weapons in view of the finding
of a similar gun with the same serial number
in the Rock Island Arsenal.

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THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUN 19 1935
CHAS. E. OLK

Director - 2.

These rifles, having served their purpose in the interview with the manufacturers, are being returned this day, to Washington, D.C. by railway express, charges collect, marked for the attention of the Technical Laboratory.

There is enclosed the shipper's collect receipt of the Railway Express Agency covering the shipment of these guns.

Very truly yours,

Donald J. Parsons

Laboratory aide,
Technical Laboratory.

ENCLOSURE

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

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INCORPORATED

UNIFORM EXPRESS RECEIPT—NON-NEGOTIABLE—TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The provisions of this receipt shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the consignor, the consignee and all carriers handling this shipment and shall apply to any re-shipment, or return thereof.

2. In consideration of the rate charged for carrying said property, which is dependent upon the value thereof and is based upon an agreed valuation of not exceeding fifty dollars for any shipment of 100 pounds or less and not exceeding fifty cents per pound, actual weight, for any shipment in excess of 100 pounds, unless a greater value is declared at the time of shipment, the shipper agrees that the company shall not be liable in any event for more than fifty dollars for any shipment of 100 pounds or less, or for more than fifty cents per pound, actual weight, for any shipment weighing more than 100 pounds, unless a greater value is stated herein. Unless a greater value is declared and stated herein the shipper agrees that the value of the shipment is as set above set out and that the liability of the company shall in no event exceed such value.

3. Unless caused by its own negligence or that of its agents, the company shall not be liable for—

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- Loss of money, bullion, bonds, coupons, jewelry, precious stones, valuable papers or other matter of extraordinary value, unless such articles are enumerated in the receipt.

4. Unless caused in whole or in part by its own negligence or that of its agents, the company shall not be liable for loss, damage or delay caused by—

- The act or default of the shipper or owner.
- The nature of the property, or defect or inherent vice therein.
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- Delivery under instructions of consignee or consignee at stations where there is no agent of the company after such shipments have been left at such stations.

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6. When consigned to a place at which the express company has no office, shipments must be marked with the name of the express station at which delivery will be accepted or be marked with forwarding direction if to go beyond the express company's line by a carrier other than an express company. If not so marked shipments will be returned.

7. As conditions precedent to recovery claims must be made in writing to the originating or delivering carrier within nine months after delivery of the property or, in case of failure to make delivery, then within nine months and fifteen days after date of shipment; and suits shall be instituted only within two years and one day after the date when notice in writing is given by the carrier to the claimant that the carrier has disallowed the claim or any part or parts thereof.

8. If any C.O.D. is not paid within thirty days after notice of non-delivery has been mailed to the shipper the company may at its option return the property to the consignor.

9. Free delivery will not be made at points where the company maintains no delivery service, at points where delivery service is maintained, free delivery will not be made at addresses beyond the established and published delivery limits.

Special Additional Provisions as to Shipments Forwarded by Vessel from the United States to Ports in Foreign Countries.

10. If the destination specified in this receipt is in a foreign country, the property covered hereby shall, as to transit over ocean routes and by their foreign connections to such destination, be subject to all the terms and conditions of the receipts or bills of lading of ocean carriers so accepted by the company for the shipment, and of foreign carriers participating in the transportation, and as to such transit is accepted for transportation and delivery subject to the acts, laws, regulations, and customs of overseas and foreign carriers, consulars, and governments, their employees and agents.

11. The company shall not be liable for any loss, damage, or delay to said shipments over ocean routes and their foreign connections, the destination of which is in a foreign country, occurring outside the limits of the United States, which may be occasioned by any such acts, laws, regulations, or customs. Claims for loss, damage or delay must be made in writing to the carrier at the port of export or to the carrier issuing this receipt, within nine months after delivery of the property at said port or in case of failure to make such delivery then within nine months and fifteen days after date of shipment; and claims so made against said delivering or issuing carrier shall be deemed to have been made against any carrier which may be liable hereunder. Suits shall be instituted only within two years and one day after the date when notice in writing is given by the carrier to the claimant that the carrier has disallowed the claim or any part or parts thereof. Where claims are not so made, and/or suits are not instituted thereon in accordance with the foregoing provisions, the carrier shall not be liable.

12. It is hereby agreed that the property destined to such foreign countries, and assembled with foreign governmental or customs duties, taxes or charges, may be stopped in transit at foreign ports, frontiers or depots, and there held pending examination, assessments and payments, and such duties and charges, when advanced by the company shall become a lien on the property.

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(Form 11)

NOTE—The Company will not pay over \$50, in case of loss, or 50 cents per pound, actual weight, for any shipment in excess of 100 pounds, unless a greater value is declared and charges for such greater value paid.

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Received shipment described hereon, subject to the Classifications and Tariffs in effect on the date hereof, value herein declared by Shipper to be that entered in space hereon reading "Declared Value," which the Company agrees to carry upon the terms and conditions printed hereon, to which the Shipper agrees and as evidence thereof accepts this receipt.

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For the Company

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7-576-447
Honorable Harry E. Petersen,
Attorney General of the State of Minnesota,
St. Paul, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

Reference is made to your telegram of June 10, 1935, requesting that you be furnished with a copy of a statement obtained by Agents of this Bureau from Jess Doyle, which it is believed by you will exonerate one Leonard Hankins, who is applying for a pardon from a sentence imposed upon him for participation in a criminal offense, in which it is believed Jess Doyle participated. The jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is solely investigative, and it is not within this Bureau's power to make any other disposition of statements obtained by its Agents or of other information obtained as a result of official investigations, other than by transmitting this information to the appropriate United States Attorney for his use in prosecuting violations of the Federal laws of the United States. As a result of this limitation of the Bureau's jurisdiction, I am unable to take any action with reference to your request for a copy of the statement made by Jess Doyle. The disposition to be made of this statement is a matter for the determination of the proper United States Attorney, who would probably seek Departmental instructions through the office of the Attorney General, as to the disposition to be made of this particular statement.

Upon receiving your telegram, I immediately instructed the Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau's St. Paul Office to confer with the United States Attorney at St. Paul, and to point out to him that the Bureau is unable to either recommend or disapprove the transmittal of a copy of Doyle's statement to you. The Special Agent in Charge of the St. Paul Office was instructed to advise the United States Attorney that this matter was one which would have to be determined by him and that the Bureau could not take any position in this situation.

I trust that you will be able to satisfactorily adjust this situation through arrangements made with the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

cc St Paul

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

From: Laboratory and
Single Fingerprint Unit

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| Mr. Parsons | |

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Mr. Pickering
Laboratory

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E. P. Coffey.

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From: Chief Clerk's Office Room 5232

6/24/35 1935.

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CHIEF BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DEPT OF JUSTICE WASHN DC
LEONARD HANKINS APPLYING FOR PARDON ON CONFESSION OF JESS DOYLE
THAT IT EXONERATES HIM AS MEMBER OF PARDON BOARD WOULD LIKE COPY
OF DOYLES CONFESSION UNITED STATES DISTRICT ATTORNEY SULLIVAN WILL
GIVE CONFESSION ON YOUR AUTHORIZATION PLEASE WIRE HIM SUCH AUTHORIZATION
HARRY H PETERSON ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MINN.

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9. Rev. G. J. Brown

COPY

Oklawaha, Fla.
June 17, 1935

Mr. Hoover,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am the lady who lived next door to the house where ma and Fred Barker that was killed on Jan. 16 and was shot at by the Federal men, I was up cooking my breakfast that morning when the shooting started. My Daughter & I were alone, some of the first shots that was fired hit our house, they came from over toward the Barker house. We hid in our clothes closet a few minutes and my daughter got so excited, we tore out the screen window and ran to our neighbor and as we were running two Federal men started shooting at us. We didn't know who they were, but the shots missed us, They did not warn us, or any of our neighbors the Federal men didn't know who we were.

After the battle was over, we had to have the Doctor with my Daughter twice, and I had a heart attack and was in bed over a week not expecting to live, but I am some better now, but still nervous. My Husband had to give up his job trucking oranges to Ga. so he could stay with us as we are so nervous we can't stay by our selves. Again, our friends here and in Ocala, asked me to write to you and asked you if you don't think the Government should pay us something as we need, anything you do or suggest will be all right. I don't feel as if I was treated right by not being notified. I am sure you will do the right thing.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

Mrs. A. T. Westberry,
Oklawaha, Fla.

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cc - Cincinnati
cc - St. Paul
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June 27, 1935

Mrs. A. T. Westberry,
Oklawaha, Florida.

Dear Madam:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 17, 1935, wherein you advise that you have sustained inconveniences resulting from the shooting of Fred Barker at Oklawaha, Florida, on January 18, 1935.

Please be advised that a review of the reports submitted in this case reflects that you were notified and requested to vacate your house in sufficient time to avoid being injured, but that you and your daughter refused to comply with the request of the Special Agents of this Bureau. Therefore, under the circumstances, there is no action which this Bureau can take in the matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-25

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| REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN | DATE WHEN MADE 6-19-35 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-7-35 | REPORT MADE BY A. A. MUZZEY |
| TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM. | | | CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS | | <p>Thomas Merink, supervisor of construction of Cassius McDonald's hunting lodge at Watersmeet, Michigan, and caretaker until fall of 1933 failed to identify photographs of various members of the Barker-Karpis gang as having ever been visitors at the hunting lodge. Mr. Merink supplied the names of the most frequent visitors to the lodge and provided very little information of value concerning McDonald's personal history.</p> <p>Report of Special Agent W. E. Hoffman, Detroit, Michigan, 6-7-35.</p> | |
| DETAILS: | | <p>Mr. Thomas Merink was contacted at his home, 10155 Orangelawn Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, relative to the information he might have concerning Cassius M. McDonald. Mr. Merink advised that in 1926 he was employed by the Murphy-Lent Company, contractors who are now out of business and who constructed the Detroit residence of Cassius McDonald. While thus employed on the construction of McDonald's home, he became acquainted with McDonald. McDonald liked the work he performed on his home and requested him to construct a hunting lodge for him at Watersmeet, Michigan. Mr. Merink stated that in 1930 he supervised the construction of McDonald's hunting lodge at Watersmeet and that in 1932 McDonald requested him to con-</p> | |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>D. L. Nicholson</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7-576-6451 JUN 21 A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <i>ONE</i> <i>STAT. SECT.</i> | |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3-Bureau 2-Jacksonville 2-Detroit | | RECORDED AND INDEXED JUN 21 1935 CHECKED OFF: JUN 24 1935 JACKETED: | |

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struct a caretaker's lodge adjacent to the hunting lodge; that he resided at the hunting lodge with his wife during the course of construction of the caretaker's lodge, acting in the capacity of caretakers. He further stated that he completed the work in the summer of 1933 and that he and his wife then returned to Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Merink stated that both lodges cost approximately \$60,000. Upon leaving Watersmeet, Mr. Merink advised that McDonald was indebted to him to the extent of \$1,000 for labor and that to date he has not received payment of same; that he placed the collection of same in the hands of Alvin Rummel, attorney-at-law and at the present time mayor of Ironwood, Michigan. Mr. Merink further stated that there are various other claims against McDonald in connection with the construction of the lodges and it is his understanding that these claims likewise are being handled by Mr. Rummel.

Mr. Merink stated that he knew very little about McDonald's personal history inasmuch as he had never concerned himself about it. However, he advised that at one time McDonald was very wealthy and that McDonald had important political connections throughout the State of Michigan.

Since the time of the construction of the hunting lodge, Mr. Merink stated that McDonald had numerous visitors, some staying only for a period of a day and others for longer periods of time and that these visitors were evidently people of wealth inasmuch as they drove up in big cars. Mr. Merink also advised that friends of McDonald visited the lodge even in McDonald's absence. Among the visitors to the lodge, Mr. Merink recalled the names of the following: Fred Vogel, whom Mr. Merink thinks was one of McDonald's best friends and who, he understands, is a broker in New York City; Superintendent of Police Carroll of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Chief of Detectives Fred Frahm, Detroit, Michigan; Joseph Bell, Narcotic Inspector, Detroit, Michigan; John Kunske, formerly a prominent theatre man at Detroit, Michigan; Murray Van Wagoner, State Highway Commissioner; Judge Bartlett of Detroit, Michigan and one Dr. Cassidy, a prominent physician of Canada. According to Mr. Merink, Senator Vandenberg was supposed to have spent some time at the lodge but he never saw him there during the time he was caretaker.

Mr. Merink further advised that Cassius McDonald's brother, Guy McDonald, who formerly operated a road house at Evanston, Illinois, spent a great deal of time at the lodge and that Guy McDonald seemed to be a little queer and had often expressed a dislike for the "law." It is Mr. Merink's opinion that Guy McDonald was at one time hunted by the law, however, he could not specifically say that that was so.

Photographs of various members of the Barker-Karpis gang were shown to Mr. Merink but he failed to identify any as having been visitors to the hunting lodge while he was acting in the capacity of caretaker.

Mr. Merink further stated that McDonald was a very temperamental person and expressed himself forcefully when angry; that he possessed a mean disposition and was very hard to get along with. Mr. Merink stated that he and his wife have been of the opinion that Cassius McDonald and his brother, Guy, were both a little mentally unbalanced.

Mr. Merink could supply no other information regarding Cassius McDonald's business connections, stating that he never asked any questions concerning same.

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JEH:HW

June 19, 1935

Fine-2:15 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: A man who was shot and killed by
State Officers at Willow Springs,
Missouri purported to be Harry
Campbell.

During a telephonic conversation with
Colonel Gates, I was advised that the International
News has a report that a man has been shot and
killed by State Officers in Willow Springs,
Missouri, whose description fits that of Harry
Campbell. I stated that we know nothing about it.

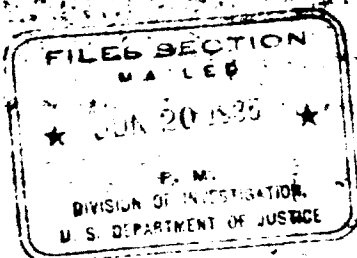
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio

JUN 24 1935

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases-FUGITIVE I.O.#1232;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases I.O.#1232;
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases I.O.#1234;
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases I.O.#1236;
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases I.O.#1238;
MYRTLE KATON I.O.#1241, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING, HARBORING OF FUGITIVES, OB-
STRUCTION OF JUSTICE, NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telegram dated May 17, 1935 wherein you advise that John Russell Moran alias Babs Moran left Louisville, Kentucky in a gray Oldsmobile Sedan bearing 1935 Florida license /D-9-380.

Please be advised that Special Agents G. M. Tyner and D. B. Hostetter of this office observed the above mentioned automobile parked at 4 South 8th St., St. Louis, Missouri at 1:30 A.M. on June 17, 1935 and thereafter maintained a surveillance at this address. It was determined during this surveillance that automobiles bearing the following licenses were parked at this address:

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| Missouri license | 326-788 |
| Missouri license | 461-797 |
| New York license | 7B-30-24 |
| Louisiana license | 401-038 |

The above agents observed Moran as he left the Theatrical Brotherhood located at this address at approximately 4:00 A.M. and they thereafter followed him as he drove the above mentioned automobile to the Fairgrounds Hotel located at 3644 Natural Bridge Ave., St. Louis, Missouri. Moran parked his automobile on the street directly behind a 1934 tan Dodge Sedan bearing 1935 Florida license #45251 and thereafter entered the Fairgrounds Hotel.

On the morning of June 17, 1935 agents Tyner and Hostetter were present in the Court Room Division #1 St. Louis County, Clayton, Missouri and ascertained that the case as to Babs Moran had been continued by consent until the next term of court which convenes during September of 1935. In this connection it should be noted that apparently arrangements had previously been made for this continuance inasmuch as neither Defendant Babs Moran nor his attorney Thomas J. Rowe, Jr. were present at that time.

The above mentioned agents then proceeded to the Fairgrounds Hotel at approximately 1:00 P.M. on June 17, 1935 and there ascertained that the gray Oldsmobile Sedan bearing 1935 Florida license D-9-350 had apparently not been moved.

The Cincinnati and Chicago Bureau Offices were advised by teletype on the afternoon of June 17, 1935 that John Russell Moran had been located and that a limited surveillance was being maintained.

For the information of those offices receiving copies of my letter dated June 10, 1935 in connection with an investigation conducted concerning the arrival and departure of George E. Brown from St. Louis, Missouri, it should be noted on page 2 of this letter that agent Hostetter determined as set out in that letter, that during the evening of June 8, 1935 an automobile bearing 1935 Alabama license #D-9-350 was parked at 423 South 8th St. in St. Louis, Missouri. It would therefore appear that agent Hostetter was mistaken in reporting the last mentioned license as an Alabama license and that undoubtedly the car which he observed on the evening of June 8 bore a Florida license. Agent Hostetter is now certain that the automobile which he saw on the night of June 8, 1935 is similar in every respect to the automobile which Babs Moran was driving on June 17, 1935.

For the further information of offices receiving copies of this letter, it is mentioned that a limited surveillance is being maintained as to John Russell Moran and that within due course his contacts will be reported.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Bureau
Chicago
St. Paul

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 19, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS.

Re: Browning automatic rifles
recovered from Russell Gibson.

On Saturday June 15, 1935, the three Browning automatic rifles that were recovered at the time of the apprehension of Russell Gibson in Chicago were sent by railway express to New Haven, Connecticut, consigned to Mr. Parsons of the Laboratory who will call for them there and take them to the Winchester Repeating Arms Company for any assistance they may be in an effort to gain an explanation for the apparent duplication of numbers which has caused difficulty in tracing one of these guns on which the number was restored. These guns will be returned to the Laboratory after they have served their purpose.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey
E. P. Coffey.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118

Detroit, Michigan

June 20, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 13, 1935,
regarding the identification of the body now being held at the Wayne
County Morgue, which body was recovered from the Detroit River.

In accordance with request contained in Bureau letter
of reference, there are being forwarded under separate cover the remain-
ing fingers consisting of eight, three of which are the middle, ring
and little finger of the right hand, and the five fingers of the left
hand. For your information the jar containing three fingers holds
those of the right hand, the remaining two jars containing four fingers
in one and one in the other, which are the fingers of the left hand.
These are being forwarded to the laboratory for the purpose of exam-
ination.

When examination has been completed in this matter, it
will not be necessary to return the specimens forwarded.

You are further advised that the autopsy requested to de-
termine whether or not there is located in the left lung of the body
recovered a piece of foreign matter approximately the size of a pea
will be made within the next few days, and a complete report will be
furnished this office by Dr. Paul Klebba, coroner's physician.

Dr. Klebba requested that he be advised whether or not
a successful examination is possible in connection with the specimens
forwarded to the Bureau. It is therefore requested that the Detroit
office be advised so that Dr. Klebba may in turn be advised. Dr.
Klebba's reason for requesting this information is that he has at the
present time additional cases of unidentified men.

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Very truly yours,

D. L. Nicholson

Special Agent in Charge

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515

St. Paul, Minnesota

June 20, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent D. L. Nicholson dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, July 19, 1934 in the above entitled case.

Beginning on page 3 of the report above mentioned, appears a memorandum prepared by Special Agent J. H. Rice concerning one of the BREMER ransom notes in the amount of \$5.00, which was turned over to him by Postmaster C. A. Hedquist, Argyle, Minnesota, on June 18, 1934. This note for \$5.00, Federal Reserve No. 105966583A, as Agent Rice' memorandum indicates, has been retained in the St. Paul Office. It is requested that the Bureau advise what disposition it desires be made of same.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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June 26, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

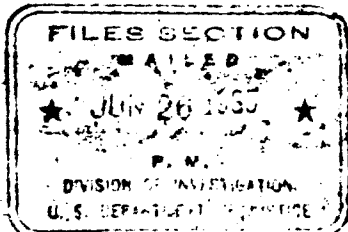
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated
June 20, 1935, in the above entitled case, requesting
the Bureau's advice relative to the disposition to
be made of the five dollar Federal Reserve note,
No. 106966831A, which was identified as one of the
notes paid as ransom in connection with this case.

Unless this note is to be used as evi-
dence, it is suggested that it be turned over to
the Federal Reserve Bank at Minneapolis, Minnesota,
to be forwarded to the Redemption Division of the
Treasury Department at Washington, D. C., for
destruction.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



cc-Cincinnati

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P. O. BOX 1186,
OMAHA, NEBRASKA
June 19, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:-

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

In pursuance with your letter dated April 16, 1935, Special Agent J. H. Franz made an investigation in the vicinity of Lime Springs, Iowa.

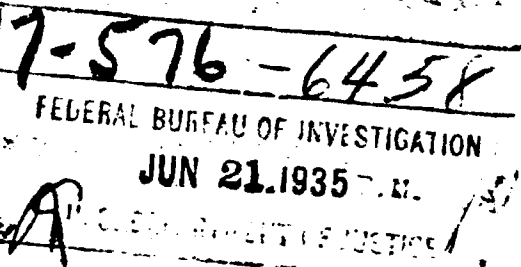
Inquiries at Lime Springs, Iowa and the various towns to the south, Cresco, Bonair and Saratoga, Iowa, did not reveal anyone named "Pop" Howard, nor an old time harness maker, who could be of assistance; however, it was learned that the old McKroy-McKeever Gang formerly used the Sanford Medhaug farm as a hideout. This farm is located two miles west of Bonair, which would make the direction approximately six miles due south of Lime Springs, Iowa. Last winter, Sanford Medhaug moved from the farm to the town of Bonair, Iowa. Mrs. Sanford Medhaug is a sister of Lee Bostetter, a member of the McKeever Gang, now serving a life sentence at Stillwater, Minnesota.

Mr. A. G. Hegland, who owns the only store in Bonair, Iowa, informed Special Agent Franz that he can see the Medhaug home from his store and can observe everyone that visits there. He said that on an average of two nights a week, strange cars drive up to that house and either stay all night or remain through the day and leave early the next night. Occasionally, one of the strangers will come to his store. They are usually nervous and suspicious acting and will sit behind the cookie cases whenever a car goes by or someone else enters the store. When they leave the store, they usually look up and down the road to make certain no one or no cars are approaching.

Special Agent Franz gave Mr. Hegland, copies of the Identification Orders issued on the various members of the Karpis Gang still at large, and asked him to notify this Bureau, if anyone answering the description of any of these parties was observed at the Medhaug home. Mr. Hegland stated he will cooperate with the Bureau in this respect.

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Mr. E. J. Murray, who operates the only garage in Bonair, Iowa, informed Agent Franz in practically the same detail as related by Mr. Haglund. Identification Orders were also left with him and he said he would notify the Omaha Bureau Office, should he see anyone answering the descriptions set out on the identification orders.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge

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CC Bureau,
Chicago,
Kansas City,
St. Paul,
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 21, 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,
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, et al,
Edward George Bremer, Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

It is kindly requested that the Philadelphia
office be furnished with Twenty Five additional copies of
Identification Order #1218 on Alvin Karpis, with aliases,
subject in the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

R.G. Harvey
R.G. Harvey,
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Louis, Missouri.

June 20, 1935.

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

In re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUG.,
I. O. 1218, et al.
Edward G. Bremer, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of June 18, 1935 directing that appropriate disposition of the arrests of John R. Moran be submitted, in compliance with Bureau letter of April 18, 1935 addressed to Mr. Connelley at Chicago, Illinois.

Please be advised that disposition sheet recording the above information was submitted by this office on May 4, 1935.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Vetterli
R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

RAA:MFS

June 20, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:-

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

There is transmitted herewith one copy of the opinion
of the United States District Judge Halsted L. Ritter, Miami,
Florida, dated June 4, 1935, which upholds the provisions of the
National Firearms Act, and overrules the demurrer filed by the
defendant Joseph H. Adams.

The Jacksonville Office has been informed that copies
of the opinion have been furnished the Department at the request
of Mr. Walter L. Barlow, Special Assistant to the Attorney General.
The enclosed copy is being furnished for the information of the
Bureau.

Very truly yours,

R. A. ALT,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

No. 4612-M-Criminal

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
VS.)
JOSEPH H. ADAMS, et al.)
Defendant.)

OPINION OF THE COURT

RITTER, District Judge:

The defendant is charged with violations of several of the sections of the National Firearms Act, Chapter 15A, Section 861, A to Q, U. S. C. A. Title 26.

By a demurrer the defendant challenges the constitutionality of this Act on the ground that it is not a revenue measure but an attempt to use police power, which the National Government does not possess; that its object in fact is to regulate the sale and use of firearms which is a State function and that it violates the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

This law provides -

(a) That every importer, manufacturer and dealer in firearms shall register and pay a special classified tax per year.

Firearms is defined as "a shot gun or rifle having a barrel of less than eighteen inches in length, or any other weapon, except a pistol or revolver, from which a shot is discharged by an explosive, if such weapon is capable of being concealed on the person, or a machine gun, and includes a muffler or silencer for any firearm whether or not such firearm

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is included within the foregoing definition."

Machine gun is defined as "any weapon which shoots, or is designed to shoot, automatically or semiautomatically more than one shot, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger."

Dealer is defined as "any person, not a manufacturer or importer, engaged within the continental United States, in the business of selling firearms. The term 'dealer' shall include wholesalers, pawnbrokers and dealers in used firearms."

The Act is listed under Internal Revenue and further provides -

- (b) A tax upon each transfer of a firearm, and
- (c) Details are prescribed for such transfer and a complete record of each firearm is provided;
- (d) Every person possessing a firearm shall register with the Collector of Internal Revenue and the firearm meticulously identified "within sixty days after the thirtieth day after June 26th, 1934," and the possession of any firearm after said date, without having registered as provided, shall create the presumption that such firearm came into the possession of the defendant subsequent" to the aforesaid date;
- (e) It is made unlawful for any person to receive or possess any firearm which has at any time been transferred in violation of the law;
- (f) Firearms not transferred as provided may be seized as taxable articles and dealt with accordingly and penalties are prescribed for violations.

In deciding upon the validity of a statute, its direct and necessary result must be considered and must be reasonably adopted to the collection of taxes if a revenue measure.

Collins vs. New Hampshire, 171 U. S. 30;
Bailey vs. Drexel Furniture Co., 259 U. S. 20.

The question presented, therefore, is whether from its terms, this Act must be held to have a direct and necessary relation to the tax in its general scope or has some other purpose as its main object. The power of the United States Government to tax is full and complete and includes the power to determine what articles will be taxed.

License Tax cases, 5 Wall 462.

The Harrison Narcotic Act was held constitutional as a taxing measure in the case of United States vs. Doremus, 249 U. S. 86. This Act was attacked upon the same grounds as are now asserted against the National Firearms Act. A comparison of the two leads to the conclusion that the latter was formulated upon the former.

The National Firearms Act closely follows in form the Harrison Narcotic Act, Section 691 - 708 U. S. C. In the former, the importer, manufacturer and dealer registers (Sec. 861a). In the latter, importers, manufacturers and wholesale dealers keep such records as the Commissioner prescribes. (Sec. 694). In the former there is a tax imposed on each gun of the class described which is transferred (Sec. 861b), in the latter, upon certain salt derivatives sold or removed for consumption (Sec. 691). In the former there must be tax stamps on the transfer order (Sec. 861b). In the latter the stamps go on the package (Sec. 692). In the former it is unlawful to sell except in pursuance of a written order from the purchaser (Sec. 861c). So in the latter (Sec. 696). The form of the order in each case comes from the Commissioner of Internal Revenue (Sec. 861c, Sec. 696). In the former the Commissioner himself sees to it that

only the proper person gets the order forms (Sec. 861c). In the latter that duty is delegated to accredited dealers or physicians who work under the constant scrutiny and inspection of the Commissioner (Secs. 696, 701). Penalties are provided for sales or transfers not in accordance with the law in each case (Sec. 861m, 705). In each law there are recognized exceptions and exemptions (Sec. 861L, Sec. 696, a,b,c,d.).

In upholding the Harrison Narcotic Act in the case supra, the Court held that the Act is a constitutional exercise of the taxing power, and said -

"The only limitation upon the power of Congress to levy excise taxes of the character now under consideration is geographical uniformity throughout the United States . . .

. . . And from an early day the court has held that the fact that other motives may impel the exercise of federal taxing power does not authorize the courts to inquire into that subject. If the legislation enacted has some reasonable relation to the exercise of the taxing authority conferred by the Constitution, it cannot be invalidated because of the supposed motives which induced it.

. . . The Act may not be declared unconstitutional because its effect may be to accomplish another purpose as well as the raising of revenue. If the legislation is within the taxing authority of Congress - - that is sufficient to sustain it. In re Kollok, 165 U. S. 526, 536.

The legislation under consideration was before us in a case concerning Section 8 of this Act, and in the course of the decision we said: 'It may be assumed that the statute has a moral end as well as revenue in view, but we are of opinion that the District Court, in treating those ends as to be reached only through a revenue measure and within the limits of a revenue measure, was right. '

This act was again upheld in Alston vs. United States, 274 U. S. 289.

It was again under review and approved as a taxing law in Nigro vs. United States, 276 U. S. 332.

The National Firearms Act is a revenue measure. Back of it may have been a motive to prevent racketeers, bank robbers and desperadoes from obtaining sawed-off shot guns and machine guns to run wild in crime and to enable the Government to trace ownership, but where there is a power to tax, which from a reasonable construction can be construed to be the intention, the imposition of the tax is the determining feature and cannot be treated as being without the power because of the destructive effect of exercise of the authority upon the article or business connected therewith.

The power to tax carries with it, as Justice Marshall long ago said, "the power to destroy." It is not part of the functioning of the Court to inquire into the reasonableness of the exercise of the taxing power, either as represents the amount or the property upon which it is imposed. Whatever other motive there may be behind the Act, is immaterial.

In addition to the aforesaid decisions, the following support this doctrine.

Veazie Bank vs. Fenno, 8 Wall 533;
McCray vs. United States, 195 U. S. 27;
Flint vs. Stone Tracy Co., 220 U. S. 107;
United States vs. Jin Fuey Moy, 241 U. S. 394;
Hill vs. Wallace, 259 U. S. 44, in which case the
Child Labor Tax case, 259 U. S. 20, is distinguished;
Linder vs. United States, 268 U. S. 5.

The second amendment to the Constitution, providing, "the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed," has no application to this Act. The Constitution does not grant the privilege to racketeers and desperadoes to carry weapons of the character dealt with in the Act. It refers to the militia, a protective force of government; to the collective body and not individual rights. This is well presented in State vs. Workman, 35 W. Va. 372, and is sustained by the following:

Hill vs. State, 53 Ga. 472;
Civil Rights Case, 109 U. S. 3, 31;
Roberts vs. Baldwin, 165 U. S. 275, 281;
McKenna, "The right to keep and bear arms."

The other grounds of the demurrer are overruled. The indictment contains all the statutory requirements.

United States vs. Cook, 84 U. S. 168;
Evans vs. United States, 153 U. S. 584;
Schlemmer vs. Buffalo R & P Ry. Co. 205 U. S. 1.

DATED, at Miami, Florida, this 4th day of June, A. D. 1935.

HALSTED L. RITTER
JUDGE.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812,
Chicago, Illinois.

June 20, 1935

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

Dear Sir,

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

With reference to the above entitled matter, during last month a thorough discussion and review of this matter was had in the Chicago Office for the purpose of determining the most important leads which should be covered in this case. Upon receipt of the Bureau's letter of June 17, 1935, instructing that the Special Agent who is best acquainted with its background be assigned to this case, an additional review was made in order to determine the most valuable leads existent now, and the following information is furnished the Bureau in order that the Bureau will have full information in this respect.

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William Heeney, who resides at 16th Street and Austin Blvd., Oak Park, Illinois, is, according to Byron Bolton, who has in the past furnished valuable information to this office, a close contact of Subjects Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. Bolton has advised that should these fugitives come to Chicago that they would undoubtedly contact this individual. Surveillance of some nature should be maintained over Heeney, and this should be in the nature of a telephone tap, if possible, which would require the entire time of at least two Agents.

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Bolton has also advised that Eddie Donovan and John Ball, of Chicago, Illinois, are also close contacts for the fugitives in this case. The more recent developments in connection with these two individuals were just lately obtained in the outgoing correspondence of "Doc" Barker while he was in jail in St. Paul, Minnesota, this correspondence being addressed to Mildred Kuhlman, his paramour. In these letters E was mentioned, who has now been identified as being Eddie Donovan. Barker also referred to Johnnie, who has now been identified as being John Ball, and it appears that Eddie Donovan is in possession of some property which belongs to Barker.

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JAMES J. DONOVAN

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Also, [redacted] has obtained information [redacted] showing a definite connection of Eddie [redacted] with the Karpis-Barker mob. [redacted] John Decourcey, Barker's attorney, have furnished this Office with information that Louis Alterie is also an important contact of the Karpis-Barker gang, and it appears that John Ball, Eddie Donovan and Louis Alterie might at the present time be in contact with Karpis. The activities of these individuals should be followed closely, and such surveillance, as is possible, be made of them. In the event a telephone tap could be placed on the telephone of Louis Alterie, it would require the full time of two Agents. At least one Agent should spend his full time in connection with these individuals for a reasonable period of time in checking all telephone calls emanating from the residences of these three individuals, and in conducting investigations at their known hangouts after the locations of same are determined.

Ruth Heidt, 5 Waltham Street, Hammond, Indiana, the former wife of Willie Harrison, is very friendly with Harrison, although being divorced from him. According to Clara Gibson, Ruth Heidt is not in love with Willie Harrison but maintains contact with him for the purpose of securing funds. Clara Gibson has advised that Ruth Heidt will keep in touch with Willie Harrison if there is the slightest possibility of doing so. A surveillance of some nature should be made of Ruth Heidt. Ruth Heidt was last known to be employed at the Liars Club Tavern, Calumet City, Ill., and also frequents numerous night clubs in Chicago and vicinity.

Although Hammond, Indiana, is now in the territory of the Indianapolis Office, it is suggested that the contacts made by Agents of this Office in Hammond, Indiana and vicinity, be maintained by these Agents because should Willie Harrison appear in Hammond, Indiana or vicinity, it is believed that the matter could be handled more expeditiously from Chicago.

Special Agent D. P. Sullivan has been maintaining contact with his various informants at Hammond, Indiana and vicinity, and it is believed that this Agent should continue to do so.

The above named individuals appear to be the most important contacts of the Karpis-Barker gang in Chicago at the present time, but it is believed that the proper surveillance of these individuals will disclose the identity of other persons who might be in contact with the fugitives.

In addition to the above, leads from other offices should be covered expeditiously, and such Agents as are needed should be assigned to these leads from time to time, and those requiring a complete knowledge of this case should be assigned to Special Agents Suran, Madala or Sullivan.

Also, in addition to the above, [redacted] ^{b7c}_{b7d} /con-
fidential informant [redacted] advised recently that Fred Mangun, who owns and operates a tavern in Cicero, is a member of the Chicago Syndicate and provides places of refuge for gangsters. [redacted] recently endeavored to secure the whereabouts of Willie Harris [redacted] and was unsuccessful inasmuch as Mangun believed that the Government had [redacted] under constant surveillance. In view of this, it appears that this angle of the case deserves prompt and vigorous attention.

✓ Special Agent Sullivan is thoroughly familiar with this case and was assigned to same permanently during the time which elapsed since Mr. Connelley's departure from Chicago and up to Agent Sullivan's departure for the training school at Washington. Since his return, however, to the Chicago Office from the training school, he has been working on general assignment and attending the trial of Louis Piquett. He has, however, covered several leads on the Brekid case.

In view of the above, it will be noted that all of these are important leads and do not include the minor leads or other leads coming from other offices. These are not merely leads which might possibly lead to some results but they are active probabilities. Therefore, it is the opinion of this Office that at least six Agents should be assigned to this case to work on it exclusively. However, if the Bureau approves this suggestion, it is also suggested that additional Special Agents be transferred to the Chicago Office because it would not be possible to cover the other important cases now existing here and the regular general work of this Office in the event six of the present personnel were so assigned.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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July 17, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

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

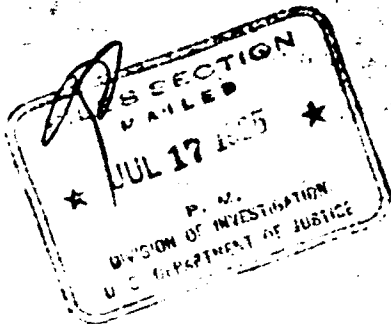
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated
June 20, 1935, briefly reviewing the situation in
the district covered by your office as pertains to
contemplated investigation in connection with the
above entitled case.

The Bureau desires that you furnish
specific information relative to the telephone
taps to be placed on the telephones of William
Hoeny and Louis Alterie as to addresses and tele-
phone numbers on which to predicate an authoriza-
tion.

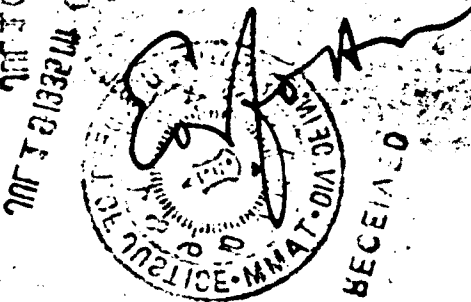
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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Special Agent in Charge,
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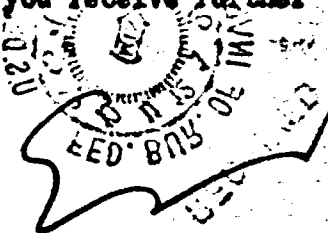
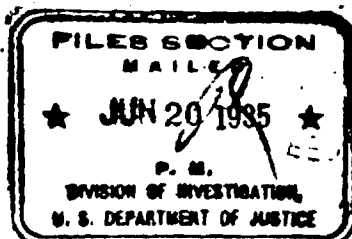
Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM,
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Under date of June 13, 1935, the Chicago office advised the Bureau, in a teletype message, that information had been obtained from a confidential informant to the effect that Mildred Kuhlman, paramour of Arthur R. Barker, is presently residing at the Harper Crest Apartments, Chicago, Illinois, with one Jerry Cass. The informant further advised that John DeCourcy and another attorney named Kenny, (possibly Claude B. Kenny, Miner Bank Building, Neosho, Missouri), would arrive in Chicago on June 14th or 15th, 1935, to deliver money, obtained from Arthur "Doc" Barker, to Mildred Kuhlman.

According to the informant, Mildred Kuhlman has received a letter from Arthur R. Barker which has been turned over to Patricia Lonquest to be delivered to Louie Alteris, with instructions that the letter be given to "The Boys". The informant does not know the identity of "The Boys" but presumes that they are the remaining fugitive members of the Barker-Karpis gang. The informant is under the impression that Mildred Kuhlman received a letter from Barker, within the last few days, through the assistance rendered by a guard at the Penitentiary.

In connection with the information set forth in the foregoing paragraphs, I desire that you immediately initiate an investigation with a view to ascertaining the manner in which Barker is forwarding mail to Mildred Kuhlman. You should not, however, undertake an investigation at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas until you receive further



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instructions from the Bureau. You should conduct an investigation at Neosho, Missouri into the activities of George E. Barker, father of the Barker brothers, and Claude B. Kenny who is thought to be identical with the attorney accompanying John DeCourcy. The informant further advised that the letter received by Mildred Kuhlman was forwarded to her by her parents who reside at Ottawa, Ohio, who, in turn, received the letter from George E. Barker. The letter is reported to contain a statement by Barker to the effect that he will make a break soon.

Corroborative of the foregoing information furnished by the confidential informant of the Chicago office, John DeCourcy called at the Chicago office on June 14, 1935 and confidentially advised Louie Alterie is obtaining money belonging to Arthur R. Barker from Eddie Donovan.

The Bureau desires that an exhaustive and searching inquiry be conducted into the activities of Louie Alterie and Eddie Donovan, who are understood to have extensive underworld connections in Chicago and vicinity.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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BREKID [REDACTED] CONTACTED SPECIAL AGENT DICKSTEIN
AT CHICAGO TODAY AND ADVISED MILDRED KUHLMAN PRESENTLY RESIDING HARPER
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DECOURSEY AND ANOTHER ATTORNEY BY THE NAME OF KENNY WILL ARRIVE
CHICAGO JUNE 14 OR 15 TO CONTACT MILDRED TO GIVE HER MONEY, PRESUMABLY
OBTAINED THROUGH DOC BARKER, WHICH MILDRED IS TO KEEP FOR HERSELF.
ALSO ADVISES MILDRED HAD RECEIVED LETTER FROM DOC BARKER WHICH HAS
BEEN TURNED OVER TO PAT LONQUEST TO GIVE TO ONE LOUIE TO GET TO THE
BOYS. INFORMANT DOES NOT KNOW IDENTITY OF THE BOYS BUT PRESUMES THAT
THE BOYS REFER TO FUGITIVE MEMBERS KARPIS GANG. INFORMANT UNDER
IMPRESSION MILDRED RECEIVED LETTER WITHIN LAST FEW DAYS THROUGH
ASSISTANCE OF A GUARD AT THE PENITENTIARY. INFORMANT WILL REMAIN IN
CHICAGO THREE DAYS IN AN EFFORT TO LEARN IDENTITY OF LOUIE. STATES
MILDRED WANTED TO JOIN LOUIE TO DELIVER LETTER TO BOYS BUT WAS
INFORMED BY LOUIE THAT THE BOYS ARE TOO HOT AT THE PRESENT TIME AND HE
WOULD CONTACT THEM ALONE. REFERENCE IS MADE TO LETTER TO DIRECTOR
DATED MAY 29, 1935 BY ST PAUL OFFICE TRANSMITTING COPY OF LETTER
SMUGGLED FROM JAIL AT ST PAUL BY DOC BARKER TO MILDRED, IN WHICH
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P. O. DRAWER 1487,
St. Louis, Missouri.

June 20, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

In re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. O. 1218, et al.
Edward G. Bremer, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Referring to Bureau wire of June 18, 1935 please be advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She will telephone the Chicago office at 10:00 A. M., Sunday morning, June 23, 1935. She does not desire to go to the Chicago Bureau office, but requests that she be contacted [REDACTED] after she communicates telephonically with the Chicago Office.

She requests, if possible, that she be able to transact what business she has in Chicago, in connection with this case, with one Special Agent who is familiar with this case, however, after her telephone call it is, of course, suggested that two special agents get in touch with her and that these two special agents maintain their contacts with [REDACTED] during the week or ten days she remains in Chicago. It will be necessary for her to report back to St. Louis, in order to hold her position, by July 1, 1935.

For your information, there was purchased for [REDACTED] and her Pullman reservation has also been purchased for her and she has been furnished, in addition to the round trip ticket and the Pullman to Chicago, the sum of \$15.00. The Chicago office should furnish her any additional funds which she needs, together with money for her return home. The Chicago office should bear in mind that in order to make this trip to Chicago it was necessary for [REDACTED] to miss one week's work at [REDACTED] for which she should be reimbursed.

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██████████ states she is willing to proceed to Chicago and frequent all the places where she knows Willie Harrison frequented in the past, but she feels it inadvisable to make direct inquiries personally regarding Willie Harrison, stating this would create suspicion, but by frequenting the places formerly patronized by Willie Harrison those people who know her will let Willie know at once that she is in town and she believes that by this method of procedure she can secure better information than by direct inquiries which she is confident will only arouse suspicion.

Unless I telephone you to the contrary on Saturday the above program will be followed through.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Little Rock, Arkansas,
June 19th, 1935.

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U. S. Department of Justice
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Birmingham, Ala.
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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

In connection with the above entitled case, the
supply of lists showing the ransom money paid has been exhausted and
it is requested that the Bureau forward twenty-five copies of this
list.

Yours very truly,

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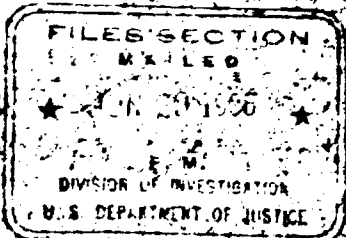
Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al,
Edward George Bremer, Victim,
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter dated June 21, 1935, in the above entitled case, there have been forwarded to you under separate cover twenty-five copies of the ransom list in this case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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June 22, 1935

Dear Sir:

With reference to your communication dated June 17, 1935, bearing the above caption, instructing that the instant case be assigned to the Agent who is best acquainted with its background, please be advised that the instant case has been assigned to Special Agent F. W. Allen since April 9th last, and that he will continue to handle all leads arising in this case in this district.

Very truly yours,

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| REPORT MADE AT Birmingham, Ala. | DATE WHEN MADE 6/21/35 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/6, 10, 12/35 | REPORT MADE BY J. S. Kavanaugh |
| TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218-FUGITIVE; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM. | | | CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mail cover at 55 North Lawrence St., Mobile, Ala., shows mail from Spartanburg, S. C., Greensboro, N. C., Birmingham, Ala., and St. Louis, Mo. | | | |
| REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent M. W. Meekins, Birmingham, Ala., dated 6/4/35. | | | |
| DETAILS: Mail cover received from the post office at Mobile, Ala., shows mail being received at that address as follows: (1) Air mail letter without return address, addressed to Miss Sue Gregory, 55 North Lawrence Street, Mobile, Ala., postmarked Spartanburg, S. C., June 3, 1935, at 8:50 P.M. (2) Letter without return address B. D. Gilreath, 2305 10th Court South, Birmingham, Ala., dated June 3, 1935, Birmingham, Ala., addressed to Mr. Guy L. Glyatt, 211 N. 1st St., Mobile, Ala. (3) A letter postmarked Greensboro, N. C., June 3, 1935, 8 A.M., without return address, addressed to Miss Sue Gregory, 55 North St., Mobile, Ala. (4) Letter without return address at Kobuch & Co., Blvd. and Florissant Ave., St. Louis, Mo., with the postmark of St. Louis, Mo., June 7, 1935, and addressed to Mrs. Mary Ford, 55 N. Lawrence St., Mobile, Ala. No lead is being set out covering this letter from St. Louis inasmuch as it has been formerly ascertained that they have no connection with this case. (5) Air Mail letter with return address of E. Atkins, General | | | |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> | | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3 Bureau 2 Cincinnati 2 St. Paul 2 Charlotte 2 Birmingham | | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7-1576-6468 JUN 24 A.M. JUN 24 1935 JUN 25 1935 | |

Delivery, Greensboro, N. C., and addressed to Miss Sue Gregory, 55
North Lawrence St., Mobile, Ala.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The CHARLOTTE OFFICE at Spartanburg, S. C., Greensboro,
N. C., will make a discreet investigation as to the sender of the letters
mentioned in the details of this report.

The BIRMINGHAM OFFICE at Birmingham, Ala., will make
discreet inquiry as to the identity and reputation of S. B. Gilreath,
2305 10th Court, South.

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ral Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

June 21, 1935.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Adverting to Bureau communication dated June 17,
1935, relative to the assignment of all leads in this case
to the Agent who is best acquainted with its background,
please be advised that the investigation of this matter in
this territory is being handled exclusively by Special Agent
R. D. Brown, who is thoroughly familiar with all the facts
and circumstances in this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland

J. P. MAC FARLAND
Special Agent in Charge.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to Bureau circular letter of March 26, 1935,
you are advised that the temporary Wanted Notices on Fred Barker,
Jess Doyle, Edna Murray, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis, William
Weaver, Harry Sawyer, and Myrtle Eaton have been personally with-
drawn from the following Police Departments by an Agent from the
San Antonio office:

San Antonio
Waco

Austin
Galveston

The temporary Wanted Notices furnished the Houston Police
Department were not obtainable as they had been destroyed by that
Department upon receipt of regular Apprehension Orders.

This operation completes the withdrawal of all temporary
Wanted Notices that have been placed by the San Antonio office.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge. JUN 24 1935 .H.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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U. S. Department of Justice

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

June 20, 1935.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

Dear Sir:

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

There is transmitted herewith copy of letter addressed to this Office under date of June 18, 1935, relative to the evidence against HARRY SAWYER. It will be noted that the U. S. Attorney has requested that at least one agent and preferably two, who are familiar with this case in its entirety, be assigned to work solely and continuously on it in an effort to secure more evidence against Defendant SAWYER.

I am writing the U. S. Attorney to the effect that this Office will continue to make every effort possible in order that additional evidence may be forthcoming prior to the trial of SAWYER, which I understand will be next fall.

For your information, it is my intention to assign Special Agent Brennan exclusively to this case upon his return to St. Paul, as I feel that the Bureau should vigorously seek additional evidence in this case against Defendant SAWYER. Any suggestions the Bureau may have with reference to this case will be greatly appreciated.

A copy of the letter from the U. S. Attorney is being furnished the Cincinnati Office with copy of this communication.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

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Special Agent in Charge.

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United States Attorney
St. Paul, Minn.
June 18, 1935.

H. E. Andersen, Esq.,
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
St. Paul, Minn.

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DEAR SIR: In Re. Harry Sawyer.

The trial of above named subject, who is a defendant in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case, will occur in the general Fall term of the United States District Court in St. Paul, providing arrangements are not made to try him at an earlier date. Of all the defendants apprehended to date in this case, subject alone remains for trial, and the fact that he will be tried alone undoubtedly will inure to his considerable advantage, which should be borne in mind in connection with the following comments.

Aside from evidence showing casual associations between subject and several members of the Karpis-Barker mob, so called, in St. Paul a month or so prior to Bremer's seizure, and testimony furnished by Byron Bolton regarding statements made to him by Ziegler alias Goetz (a deceased co-defendant in the case) concerning Sawyer's participation, there is really no substantial evidence on which the government can rely for conviction. Subject is represented by able local counsel who will do their utmost to impeach Bolton (a co-defendant who has pleaded guilty and is awaiting sentence) and who will endeavor to prevail upon the jury that Goetz' statements to Bolton are hearsay, despite the rules of evidence relating to conspiracy permitting the introduction of such testimony.

As the case against subject now stands, Bolton is the only witness now available or known whose testimony actually will incriminate Sawyer, and in view of the fact that Bolton is an accomplice, with a previous personal history that cannot be defended, testifying mainly to matters not within his own personal knowledge but which were related to him by Goetz, the jury may deem his testimony to be entitled to little or no weight or credit.

The present status of subject's case from the standpoint of the government imperatively demands that between now and the trial thereof strenuous and continuous efforts be made by the Department to obtain sufficient competent evidence upon the basis of which the government confidently can prosecute. Those who are familiar with all the circumstances and facts in the Bremer kidnaping case are reasonably certain that subject is guilty; but the task confronts us of proving his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt to a jury. It is not felt that the evidence now available in the case against subject affords sufficient assurance that the government

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will be able to sustain the burden of proof imposed upon it by law. If Sawyer should be acquitted, it doubtless would be regarded in this community generally as a public calamity, inasmuch as he has been an underworld character and leader here for many years and always seems to have successfully avoided punishment for his unlawful activities.

Because of the situation described, it is urged that at least one Special Agent and preferably two, familiar with this case in its entirety be assigned to work solely and continuously on it with a view to establishing subject's criminal connection with the kidnaping as thoroughly as it is possible to do so. This request should have immediate attention and I shall rely upon you to get this investigation under way without substantial delay.

Yours very truly,

GEO. F. SULLIVAN.
United States Attorney.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box #766,
Cincinnati, Ohio

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June 21, 1935

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

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

Dear Sir:-

During the recent investigation in Havana, Cuba, relative to Cassius M. McDonald, it was learned that he secured a package of fifty \$1,000.00 bills issued by the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank, in exchange for ransom money. It is noted that among the \$1,000.00 bills found in possession of Kate and Fred Barker at Ocklawaha, Florida, were three bearing serial numbers F-00022457A, F-00022463A and F-00022464A which were shipped to the Havana branch of the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank under date of May 26, 1934. Records of the Havana branch show a sale of \$100,000.00 in thousands was made on June 6, 1934 to the Chase National Bank and another sale in the amount of \$75,000.00 in thousands under date of June 8, 1934. The last sale of such bills prior to the above sales was in January, 1934, while the next sale was on December 28, 1934.

Mr. H. G. Frazier of the Federal Reserve Bank in Havana has informed that it would be reasonable to presume that the unbroken package of bills which was secured from the Chase National Bank by McDonald was made up of bills numbered from F-00022451A to F-00022500A, but that such a presumption would of necessity come under the head of a guess, as no record of the sale of these particular bills exists.

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Copies of this letter are being directed to all field offices with the request that they circularize all banks in their districts with serial numbers of \$1,000.00 bills issued by the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank, beginning with F-00022451A and ending with F-00022500A, requesting that the field office in question be notified if any of these bills are in possession of the banks and if so, to furnish information as to the identity of the person from whom the bill was received. In the event none of the bills are located the field offices are being requested to ask the banks to place stop orders against these bills in an effort to secure information as soon as they are passed.

It is thought that subjects Karpis and Campbell, at the time of their escape in Atlantic City, New Jersey on January 30, 1935, might have had in their possession \$1,000.00 bills bearing serial numbers included among this list.

If information can be secured as to the locality in which these bills are being passed, appropriate investigation in that locality may result in effecting the apprehension of these subjects.

Very truly yours,

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

CC - All field offices

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER

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RE: United States v. E. G. McDonald, charged
with harboring and concealing and con-
spiracy to harbor and conceal Alvin Karpis
in the Southern District of Florida, No. 4608-M.

In the above entitled case, the United States
District Judge for the Southern District of Florida sus-
tained the indictments charging the above-named defendant
with conspiracy to harbor and conceal and with harboring
and concealing Alvin Karpis. These cases have been ad-
journing until the October term of court.

In the light of the information uncovered by agents
of the Bureau of Investigation who have worked on this case,
and particularly in the light of the report of May 23, 1935,
of Special Agent S. K. McKee, this Division is of the opinion
that the evidence so far collected does not show that the de-
fendant McDonald was in Florida in September of 1934 for the
purpose of finding a harbor or refuge or hiding place for the
fugitive Karpis, but, on the contrary, shows that his duties
were solely for the purpose of exchanging the ransom money
received in the Bremer kidnapping. In view of these facts,
it is believed that it would be impossible to convict the de-
fendant McDonald in the Southern District of Florida of the two
offenses above mentioned, for which he stands charged. However,
in view of the fact that successful prosecutions have been had
of money changers in kidnapping cases, notably in the recent
trial at St. Paul in the Bremer case, and in the Urschel case,

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it is believed that the testimony available to the government against the defendant McDonald is sufficient to include him in the "conspiracy to kidnap" indictment in St. Paul.

It therefore seems wise that the testimony obtained in this investigation be presented at the earliest opportunity to a grand jury in St. Paul, with the thought in mind of indicting McDonald there for conspiracy to kidnap and, perhaps, on an additional count of accessory after the fact to such kidnapping. It is requested, therefore, that an investigation of McDonald and his connections in Detroit and Chicago be made at once, which, together with material already collected in the Florida investigation, may constitute a summary report which may be placed in the hands of the United States Attorney at St. Paul.

Inasmuch as William J. Harrison, a defendant in the St. Paul case, accompanied McDonald to Cuba on September 9, it would seem wise to indict him, together with McDonald, at St. Paul on charges of conspiracy to kidnap and accessory after the fact to the kidnapping. It is requested that this investigation with reference to McDonald and Harrison be undertaken at the earliest opportunity so that indictment may be secured while the spring term is in session in the District Court at St. Paul.

Respectfully,

Joseph B. Keenan.

JOSEPH B. KEENAN,
Assistant Attorney General.

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Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota

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

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith copies of a memorandum dated June 5, 1935, prepared by the Honorable Joseph B. Keenan, Assistant Attorney General, containing a discussion of the evidence available for the prosecution of Cassius McDonald on charges of harboring Alvin Karpis.

The Bureau has already instructed your office, and the other offices indicated below, to give immediate and preferred attention to all leads bearing on the association of McDonald with other defendants named in the indictment now pending at St. Paul, Minnesota. This matter should be pursued vigorously.

In line with the suggestion contained in the last paragraph of the enclosed memorandum, you are instructed to consult the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota with a view to obtaining a new indictment which will include McDonald as one of the conspirators in this case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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(Copies of memorandum dated 6-5-35 enclosed)

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