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

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503-A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
June 25, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
San Francisco, California

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1215; ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING  
S.L. File 7-27

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 10, 1935, addressed to the San Francisco Bureau office, copy of which communication was received at the Salt Lake City Bureau office. It is noted that the Bureau desires that the Salt Lake City office conduct an investigation at Virginia City, Nevada, with a view of obtaining all available information concerning John Ferriek, alias John Klein, reported to be wanted by the St. Paul Police Department on a charge of kidnaping and torturing a resident of St. Paul, Minn., several years ago.

The Salt Lake City office does not appear to possess any photograph or descriptive data as to John Ferriek, alias John Klein and any information to the effect that he is at the present time wanted by the St. Paul Police Department.

The interested offices are therefore requested to furnish description of John Ferriek, alias John Klein and the St. Paul office is requested to advise whether John Ferriek is wanted by the St. Paul Police Department. Investigation at Virginia City will be held in abeyance until this information is received, since Klein is reported to be a foreman at a mine located near Virginia City, Nevada and the Salt Lake City office therefore requests this information in order that it may determine what steps may be taken in the event Klein is located.

Very truly yours,

LDV:MRB

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JOHN E. HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 6, 1935.

## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby, I am transmitting herewith twelve copies of photograph and seven copies of abstract of criminal record, as appearing in the files of the Identification Division, of John Patrick Ferriek, our file #FBI-535809.

The fingerprint classification of the above individual is as follows:

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Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder*  
L. C. Schilder.

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July 12, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Salt Lake City, Utah

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

Dear Sir:

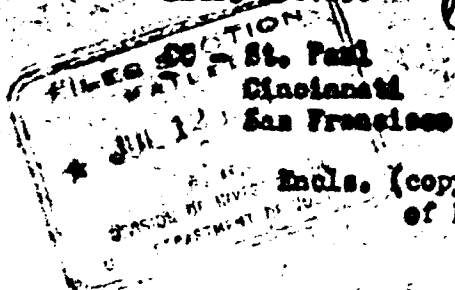
Reference is made to your letter dated June 25, 1935, addressed to the San Francisco office in the above entitled case, wherein you furnish information concerning John Ferrick with aliases reported to be wanted by the St. Paul, Minnesota Police Department on a charge of kidnaping and torturing a resident several years ago.

Copies of the photograph and criminal record of this individual are forwarded herewith, and to each of the offices indicated below, as of possible assistance in the investigation to be conducted at Virginia City, Nevada. The Bureau also suggests that, in the event Ferrick is located, he be questioned relative to the activities of Lester M. Gillis and John Paul Chase, it being noted that the body of Ray Frisch is reported to have been abandoned by Gillis and Chase in a mine near Virginia City. Pattee Nagri in a statement furnished by him also made reference to a miser, identity unknown, who was a friend of Gillis.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director

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August 14, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

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

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 12, 1935 in the above entitled case with which there were transmitted copies of the photograph and criminal record of John Ferrick, with aliases, reported to be located in the vicinity of Virginia City, Nevada. The St. Paul Office in a letter addressed to your office under date of July 10, 1935, furnished additional information concerning this individual, and reported the fact that he is wanted by the local authorities at St. Paul, Minnesota, on a kidnaping charge.

The report of Special Agent W. E. Griss, dated at San Francisco, California, July 5, 1935, in the above entitled case, also furnishes additional information concerning this individual, which was obtained from Mr. James Britt, Special Agent, National Auto Theft Bureau, San Francisco, California. It is noted that this report sets out an undeveloped lead for your office at Virginia City, Nevada, which has not yet been covered.

The Bureau desires that you give immediate attention to the investigation looking to the identification and location of John Ferrick so that he may be questioned concerning his possible knowledge of the disappearance of Roy J. Frisch.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC - St. Paul Cincinnati  
Chicago San Francisco

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

REPORT MADE AT <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/27/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/17, 18, 20, 21/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>S. L. FORTENBERRY</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1235; WILLIAM CRAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al. SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT, VIOLATION</b>

Arthur Burdette, brother of Wynona Burdette, proceeded Erie, Pennsylvania, to Detroit, Michigan, Bureau expense, to interview his sister at Federal Detention Farm, Milan. Interview conducted and information obtained set forth in body of report. Above interview was listened into by Bureau agents by means of Dictaphone. Fingers of unidentified body taken from Detroit River forwarded to Bureau for possible identification as Dr. Moran.

## REFERENCE:

Wire from Pittsburgh Office to Detroit, Michigan, dated June 20, 1935;  
letter from Detroit Office to Pittsburgh Office dated June 12, 1935;  
letter from Detroit Office to Bureau dated June 20, 1935.

## DETAILS:

On June 20, 1935, Special Agent in Charge C. K. Fierstone, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, telephonically advised Special Agent in Charge B. L. Nicholson of the Detroit Office that Arthur Burdette was proceeding from Erie, Pennsylvania, to Detroit, Michigan, leaving Erie at 3:20 P.M. Eastern Standard Time and arriving in Detroit

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>D. L. Nicholson</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-6542 JUN 29 A.M.	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JUN 29 1935 JUL 8 1935
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at 9:35 P.M., for the purpose of interviewing his sister, Wynona Burdette, at the Federal Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan. On instructions of Special Agent in Charge Nicholson, Agent Fortenberry boarded the train at Wyandotte, Michigan, and there met Arthur Burdette, accompanied him to Detroit, Michigan, and the following day drove Arthur Burdette to Milan, Michigan, where he interviewed his sister, Wynona Burdette, relative to the location of Harry Campbell. A Dictaphone was placed in the visitors' room where Wynona and Arthur Burdette were to hold their visit, and Special Agents J. D. Cunningham and J. Waldman listened in on the conversation, for the purpose of checking the report which Arthur Burdette was to submit to Special Agent in Charge Nicholson, showing the result of this conversation. The above interview was conducted and Arthur Burdette reported the following to Special Agent in Charge Nicholson, which information was verified by the Agents listening in on the Dictaphone.

Arthur Burdette was informed by his sister Wynona that two characters, known to her only as Dutch and Shorty, had at various times hid out Campbell and Karpis at a little farm 7 or 8 miles south of Joplin, Missouri. Wynona Burdette advised her brother Arthur that she had only been at this place on one occasion and that was for approximately one hour; that while she was there they only had a few drinks and she knew nothing about the place or the hideouts used by these two men to conceal people whom they were paid to hide out. However, she did know that Campbell and Karpis had been hidden out there frequently. The only description that Wynona Burdette was able to give of this place was that it was a small farm located approximately 7 or 8 miles south of Joplin, Missouri.

She further advised that a working man by the name of J. Reynolds, at Casper, Wyoming, had in the past concealed Campbell and Karpis on their visits to Casper, Wyoming. Wynona Burdette further advised her brother Arthur that Harry Campbell had at one time stopped at Electra, Texas. However, she was not with him when he made this visit; that he had referred to Electra, Texas in a conversation with her when he told her that the Arkansas Travelers were playing at Electra, Texas, and that he went to the show thinking that her brother Arthur might be playing in the show. However, he informed her that Arthur Burdette was not playing in the show at the time he attended the show at Electra, Texas.

She further advised her brother Arthur that Harry Campbell had referred to being in Hot Springs and Little Rock, Arkansas. However, she was unable to give any information as to whom he might have contacted at this place. Wynona Burdette told her brother that while she was being held at St. Paul, just prior to the time she was transferred to Milan, Michigan, to serve her term in the Federal Detention Farm, Mrs. Harry Sawyer had told her that Harry Campbell had spent the



night with his mother at Tulsa, Oklahoma, after his escape at Atlantic City. However, she stated that she had not had any direct information from Harry Campbell since the time she was picked up in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Arthur Burdette advised that in South Coffeerville, Oklahoma, there was a man known to him only as Les, who operated a filling station on the Nowata Road leading out of Coffeerville, Kansas, through South Coffeerville, Oklahoma, to Nowata, and that this filling station was the last one on this road, on the left hand side; that this man Les had been a very close friend of Campbell during the summer of 1933, and that Campbell frequently visited this place at that time.

Arthur Burdette further advised that there was a man in Tulsa, Oklahoma, known to him only as Mel, who was a close friend to Bob Mayfield, director of the Arkansas Travelers who broadcast over KGGF at Coffeerville, Kansas; that he had known this Mel to drive Harry Campbell from Coffeerville, Kansas, to Tulsa, Oklahoma, two times during the summer of 1933 for a price of \$20 for each trip. He stated if Bob Mayfield were contacted and asked as to the identity of Mel, who in the summer of 1933 drove a Ford coupe with red wheels, he, Mayfield, may be able to identify this man Mel so that Mel may be questioned as to his connection with Harry Campbell.

Arthur Burdette further advised that it was his information that Wynona Burdette and Harry Campbell were married at Denver, Colorado. However, he was unable to give any information regarding this. He further stated that Wynona had not told him anything about connections in Denver, Colorado, other than the fact she advised that if she were looking for Harry Campbell and unable to locate him in Oklahoma, she would go to Denver. It was also stated by Arthur Burdette and verified by agents listening in on the conversation that Wynona Burdette stated it was her opinion Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell were not traveling together any more inasmuch as Government officials were looking for them together; that she deemed it silly on their part to travel together. She stated, in her conversation with her brother Arthur in response to his questioning if they would be taken alive, that Alvin would, and she also advised that she would not mind Harry Campbell being apprehended if he would be taken alive, but that she would prefer not to see him shot before being apprehended.

Wynona Burdette in conversation with her brother Arthur talked generally about her trip to Florida; that they were away from Lake Weir at the time Freddie Barker and Ma Barker were killed, and in that way she escaped being shot by Federal Agents. She also spoke in general terms about living in Cleveland and Toledo, which information is already in possession of this Bureau. Conversation was had relative to her life at the Federal Detention Farm, and other conversation of a general nature which is not being recorded here.

It should be noted here that Arthur Burdette informed his sister Wynona that Rubenstein (Special Agent Rubenstein of the Pittsburgh Office) had contacted him in Erie, Pennsylvania, and had furnished him with transportation to Detroit, Michigan; that en route from Erie, Pennsylvania, to Detroit, a man, whom he referred to only as from Jackson, Mississippi, had boarded the train at Wyandotte, had accompanied him to Detroit, paid his hotel bill at the Fort Shelby Hotel and had also accompanied him to Milan, Michigan. In response to the question of Wynona if he were working with the Government, Arthur Burdette advised that the agent, referred to only as being from Jackson, Mississippi, was not a Government man. However, he did state that Rubenstein was a Government man. He advised that Rubenstein had paid his train fare from Erie, Pennsylvania, and that the man who boarded the train at Wyandotte, Michigan, had paid his hotel bill at the Fort Shelby Hotel in Detroit and furnished him transportation to Milan, Michigan. He also advised that he had hoped to get away from Erie, Pennsylvania, with all his possessions; however, that the woman with whom he was living at the time he left there had retained his possession and he was unable to bring them from Erie, Pennsylvania, to Detroit, at Government expense. Wynona Burdette asked him if it were possible for him to remain in Detroit where he could come out to see her occasionally, and he advised her that his fare was paid back to Erie, Pennsylvania, in case he wanted to go; that inasmuch as he had a position there and all of his possessions were there, it was his idea to return to Erie, Pennsylvania, for the time being.

It will be noted herein that Wynona Burdette requested her brother Arthur to communicate with her; also to attempt to get her brother-in-law Richard Wilson at Arondale, Oklahoma, to send her some money which he owed her, inasmuch as she was allowed to spend \$10 per month while in Milan, Michigan, and that so far she had not received any money and was therefore unable to purchase any cigarettes or other things while in Milan. Upon departure from the Detention Farm at Milan, Arthur Burdette left deposited with the guard at the gate \$1.00 for the use of Wynona Burdette. Arthur Burdette was brought back to Detroit, Michigan, and furnished a ticket from Detroit to Erie, Pennsylvania.

In view of the fact that during a conversation had between Special Agents R. C. Suran, W. C. Ryan and J. L. Madala, and John Decourcy, attorney for Doc Barker, at the trial of Doc Barker at St. Paul, Minnesota, it was indicated that Dr. Joseph P. Moran with aliases had been put on the spot by Barker, and that the body of Moran was at the bottom of the Detroit River, as indicated in letter from the Chicago Office to the Cincinnati Office dated May 24, 1935, inquiry was made at the Wayne County Coroner's Office by Special Agent A. A. Muzzey of this office. It was found that on or about May 24, 1935, a body had been recovered from the Detroit River by the Detroit Police. The

Detroit Police Department first presumed that the body might be that of Merton Ward Goodrich; however, this was not found to be true in that the physical description of the body found was not identical with that of Goodrich. The description of the body however corresponded in general details with the description of Dr. Moran, but because of the decomposed condition of the body it was impossible to definitely identify or determine that it was the body of Dr. Moran by observation. The body found is described as being 5 feet 8 1/2 inches tall, weighing about 160 pounds, gray eyes, teeth bad, however not false.

On June 20, 1935, arrangements having been made by Dr. Paul A. Klebba, Coroner's Physician, Wayne County, fingers of the body recovered were obtained and forwarded to the Bureau for the purpose of examination with a view of bringing out impressions from which could be determined the identity of the body found. Further, in connection with the establishing of the identity of the body found, it is noted in correspondence between the Chicago office and the Detroit office, that Dr. Moran while at the Joliet Penitentiary, was subjected to an X-ray examination, and that the X-ray revealed that there was a piece of foreign matter approximately the size of a pea in his lung. An autopsy of the body will be made by Dr. Klebba with a view of determining whether or not such an object is located in the lung of the body recovered from the Detroit River.

No leads are being set out in this case inasmuch as the Detroit Office is not furnished with all the files in the case and is not aware of the fact as to whether the hideouts of Campbell are located; this information is furnished to the interested offices for their information and if the possible hideouts have not already been covered, they may be covered at future dates.

P E N D I N G

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7-576-6542

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July 3, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Denver, Colorado.

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

Dear Sir:

There is attached hereto a copy of a report submitted by Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry in the above entitled matter, dated at Detroit, Michigan, June 27, 1935, which sets forth information obtained by Arthur Burdette during an interview with his sister, Wynona Burdette, who is incarcerated at the Federal Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan.

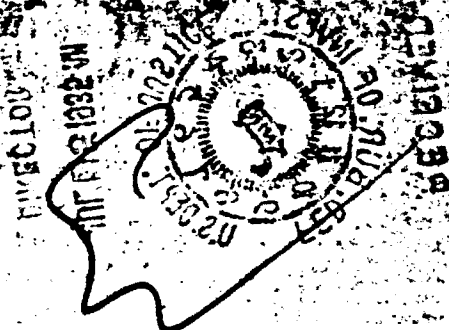
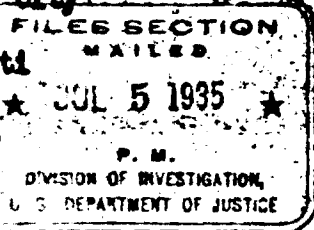
A perusal of this report suggests certain leads for attention at Casper, Wyoming, and Denver, Colorado. This investigation should be given immediate and thorough attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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cc - Detroit  
Chicago  
Oklahoma City  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati



Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
June 27, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 26,  
1935, in the above entitled case.

In accordance with the request contained therein,  
there is transmitted herewith copy of a letter received at  
this office from Francis Reams, Prosecuting Attorney at  
Toledo, Ohio, dated March 30, 1935, with reference to one  
Ernie Lasalle. Copies of this letter are also being furnished  
to the Cincinnati and St. Louis offices.

It is to be noted however that the letter received  
from Mr. Reams contains no information with reference to the  
murder in which Lasalle is alleged to be involved.

This office is not in possession of any further  
details with reference to this matter.

Very truly yours,

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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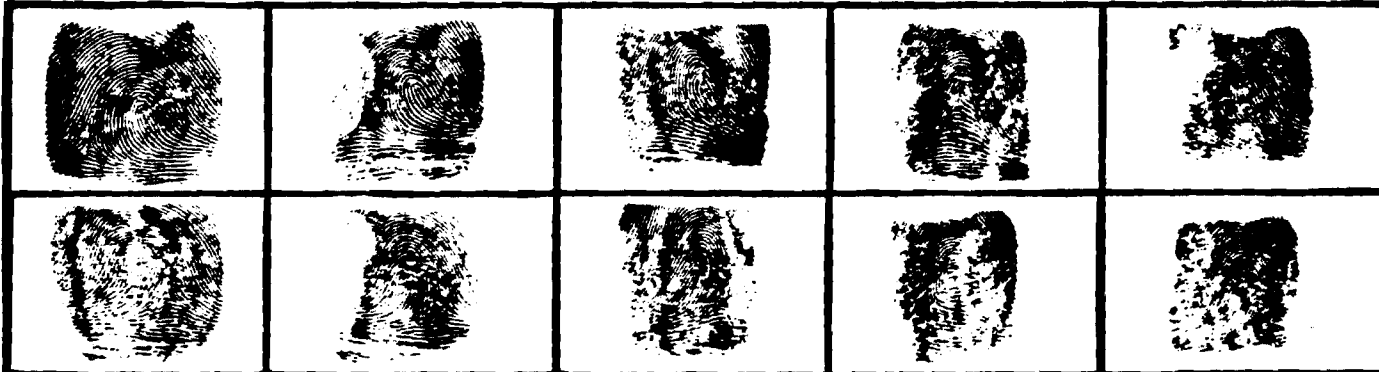
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MYRTLE EATON with aliases: RUTH MARTIN, M.  
RUTH MARTIN, RUTH HUBBARD, SUE BOND, SUE  
HUBBLE, ALICE MARTIN, MYRTLE KING.

KIDNAPING



DESCRIPTION

Age, 32 years (born Des Moines,  
Iowa, March 14, 1902)  
Height, 5 feet, 4 7/8 inches  
Weight, 126 pounds  
Build, medium  
Hair, black  
Eyes, gray  
Complexion, medium  
Scars and marks: vaccination scar  
upper left arm; brows distant;  
small cut scar left side of  
lower lip; furrowed upper lip.

Photograph taken December 21, 1931.

CRIMINAL RECORD

As Ruth Martin, #23113, ar-  
rested Police Department,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota, Feb-  
ruary 27, 1930; charge grand  
larceny - shoplifting; charge  
changed to petty larceny and  
fined \$100.00.  
As Sue Bond, alias Sue Hubble  
#22402, arrested Police De-  
partment, St. Paul, Minneso-  
ta, December 9, 1930; charge  
shoplifting; dismissed by  
County Attorney.  
As Mrs. Alice Martin alias  
Myrtle King, #5805, arrest-  
ed Police Department, Des  
Moines, Iowa, December 29,  
1931; charge investigation;  
released.

RELATIVES

Mrs. Ruby Hubbard Peterson Jones,  
sister,  
1113 S. E. Kirkwood Avenue,  
Des Moines, Iowa.



*Alice Martin*

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Myrtle Eaton is wanted in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934. An indict-  
ment was returned by the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, January 22, 1935 charging Myrtle Eaton and others with conspiracy to kidnap  
Edward G. Bremer.

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

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

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Issued by: JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR.



IDENTIFICATION  
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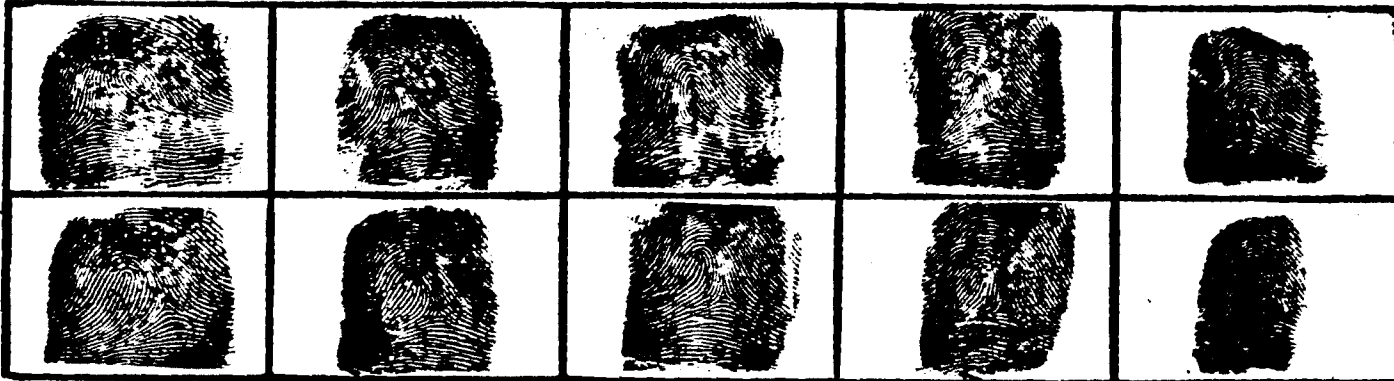
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**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
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**WANTED**

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
A. CARTER, RAYMOND RADLEY, GEORGE HALLER, ALVIN KARPIS,  
EARL PEEL, GEORGE DUNN, R. E. HAMILTON, RAY HUNTER.

**KIDNAPING**



**DESCRIPTION**

Age, 25 years (1934); Height, 5 feet,  
8-3/4 inches; Weight, 130 pounds;  
Build, slender; Hair, brown; Eyes,  
blue; Complexion, fair;  
Marks, 1 inch cut scar lower knuckle  
left index finger.

**RELATIVES:**

Mr. John Karpis, father, 2842 North  
Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. Anna Karpis, mother, 2842 North  
Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. Emily Newbold, sister, 2840 North  
Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. Robert (Clara) Venuta, sister,  
1829 West Erie Street, Chicago,  
Illinois.  
Mrs. Albert (Amelia) Grooms, sister,  
1234 North Monroe Street,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Photograph taken May 19, 1930.



*Alvin Karpis*

As A. Karpis, #1609, arrested Police Department, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, June 10, 1931; charge, burglary;  
sentenced September 16, 1931, 4 years, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma; paroled.

**CRIMINAL RECORD**

As Alvin Karpis, #7071, received State  
Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas,  
February 25, 1926; crime, burglary-2nd  
degree; sentence, 10 years; escaped March  
9, 1929; returned March 25, 1930.

As Raymond Radley, #17902, arrested  
Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri,  
March 23, 1930; charge, larceny-auto and  
safe blower; released to State Industrial  
Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, as an  
escape.

As Alvin Karpis, #1539, received State  
Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, May 19, 1930 -  
transferred from State Industrial Reformatory;  
crime, burglary-2nd degree; sentence, 5 to 10  
years.

As George Haller, #8008, arrested Police  
Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 10, 1931;  
charge, investigation-burglary; delivered  
Police Department, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Alvin Karpis is wanted for questioning in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on  
January 17, 1934.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Division  
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-62

REPORT MADE AT: <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>6/28/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>6/17, 20/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>F. M. HEADLEY</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I. O. #1236; WILLIAM LEAVER with aliases, I. O. #1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I. O. #1239; MYRTLE KATON with aliases, I. O. #1241; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p>Mr. R. V. Jackson, Investigator, Alcohol Tax Unit, U. S. Treasury, Chicago, Ill., advises that on the morning of June 16, 1935, while eating his breakfast at the Marquis Restaurant, 3127 Logan Square Blvd., Chicago, Ill., that he observed a party in the restaurant very much resembling the features and description of Alvin Karpis; that this party observed Mr. Jackson closely while he was in the restaurant and followed him out of the restaurant when he left. Jackson advises 1934 Gray Plymouth Sedan bearing Ohio license No. YP328 or YP329, parked at curb close to entrance to restaurant. Jackson unsuccessful in trailing this suspect. Mr. John K. Burke advises a Policeman in the vicinity of the Marquis Restaurant observed a party on the morning of June 7, 1935, in the restaurant very much resembling the features and description of Alvin Karpis. Several employees in Marquis Restaurant advise that a party very closely resembling the features and description of Alvin Karpis has been seen in the Restaurant on several occasions.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>M. H. Cunniff</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-6547		RECORDED AND INDEXED: JUL 1 - 1935
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DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

On the evening of June 18, 1935, Mr. R. V. Jackson, Investigator for the Alcohol Tax Unit of the United States Treasury, with headquarters at Room 834, New Post Office Building, Chicago, Illinois, called at the Chicago Bureau Office and reported that on the morning of June 10, 1935, at about 4 a.m. that he observed a party in the Marquis Restaurant, 3127 Logan Square Boulevard, which party very much resembled Alvin Karpis.

Mr. R. V. Jackson was interviewed and he informs Agent that on the morning of June 10, 1935, at about 4 a.m., he happened into the Marquis Restaurant and while there eating his breakfast he observed a party resembling the description of Alvin Karpis enter the restaurant and order some food; that this party's description is as follows:

Age:	30 to 35
Height:	5' 9"
Weight:	160
Hair:	Black, combed pompadour, with part on right side.
Face:	Smooth shaven.
Scars or marks:	None observed.
Dress:	Small green hat with stitching around the brim; brown suit and white shirt.
Speech:	Distinct and clear articulation.
Disposition:	Cool and collected.

Mr. Jackson further states that this party watched him very closely and when he left the restaurant the suspect also left directly behind him. Jackson advises that before getting into his car that he watched the suspect walk down the street and after he had walked about 100 feet he was observed wringing his hands, which, according to Mr. Jackson, indicated one of two things to him, either that the suspect had enjoyed his food or that his action of wringing his hands was an outward expression of inner thoughts to the effect that he had escaped from a tight situation.

According to Mr. Jackson there was parked at the curb in close proximity to the Marquis Restaurant a 1934 gray Plymouth Sedan, bearing Ohio license plates, YP328 or YP329.

Mr. Jackson advises that after observing this man walk down the street that he drove his car around the block and when he returned to his original starting point that he lost track of the suspect. He advises, however, that the Plymouth Sedan, bearing Ohio license plates was still parked in the same location. Mr. Jackson states that when he returned to his Office on the morning of June 10, 1935, that he looked at a picture of Alvin Karpis and mentally remarked to himself that if the individual which he saw earlier in the morning at the Marquis Restaurant was not the same individual as Alvin Karpis that he so closely resembled him to be his double. He advises that the more he turns the thoughts over in his mind and the more that he looks at the picture of Alvin Karpis, that he is unquestionably positive in his identification.

Mr. Jackson advises that he will occasionally drop into the Marquis Restaurant from time to time when he happens to be in the vicinity and will be on the lookout for this party and will furnish any information which might come to his attention to the Chicago Bureau Office.

On June 11, 1935, a Mr. John K. Burke called at the Chicago Bureau Office and advised Mr. M. H. Purvis, Special Agent in Charge, that he had received information from a party by the name of Pat Roche, who is connected with a private detective agency in Chicago, to the effect that a Policeman had observed a party resembling the description of Alvin Karpis at the Marquis Restaurant at about 4 a.m. on the morning of June 7, 1935. Mr. John K. Burke furnished Mr. M. H. Purvis, Special Agent in Charge, with a diagram of the location of the Marquis Restaurant which corresponds with the address and location of the Marquis Restaurant as furnished by Mr. R. V. Jackson.

Mr. Donald Marquis, 3127 Logan Square Boulevard, Chicago, advises that he is Manager of the Marquis Restaurant and that he has been in charge of said restaurant for the past two years. Mr. Marquis, after having observed a photograph of Alvin Karpis, which this Agent displayed to him, advised that on several occasions he has seen a party in the restaurant resembling the features and description of Alvin Karpis. Mr. Marquis states that he is not positive in his identification, but is quite sure regarding his assertion.

Mr. Charles Snalley, Assistant Manager, of the Marquis Restaurant was interviewed by Agent and after a picture of Alvin Karpis was displayed to him he advised that the features of Alvin Karpis appear partially familiar to him, but that he is not in a position to state definitely that he has ever observed said party ever being in the restaurant.

Mr. Mike Waddell, waiter, at the Marquis Restaurant, was interviewed by Agent and a picture of Alvin Karpis was displayed to him. He advises that on several occasions he has observed a party in the restaurant who very much resembles the features and description of Alvin Karpis. He states that as his memory serves him that the last time that he saw this individual in the restaurant was several weeks ago at which time he was in company with three other fellows. He advises that he recalls this incident rather vividly for the reason that after this group left the restaurant that there was a sugar bowl missing from the table. He states that as he recalls whenever he has seen this party that he is usually in company with three other fellows and that they usually take a table close to the door. He advises that they are usually quiet in their conversation and that they are usually observant of people in the restaurant and those who enter and leave the restaurant.

Agent questioned Mr. Waddell as to a description of the suspect whom he identifies as Alvin Karpis and was advised that to him he appears to be a man of about 25 years of age, weighing about 150 pounds, about 5' 8" or 5' 9" in height, and of medium build. He was unable to advise whether or not the party to whom he refers had any scars or marks on his face.

Agent interviewed Richard Pandel and Leonard Werlein, also waiters at the Marquis Restaurant, but neither of these individuals were in a position to advise that they had ever seen a party in the restaurant who resembled the features and description of Alvin Karpis.

Agent was advised by Mr. Donald Marquis that he would offer his very close cooperation in this matter and that if we would supply him with a picture of Alvin Karpis, he would assure us that every employee in his service would become familiar with the features and description of said individual and that should they observe a party in the restaurant answering the description of Alvin Karpis that the Chicago Bureau Office would be advised immediately. Agent informed Mr. Marquis that in the event he or any of his employees were in a position to furnish the Chicago Bureau Office with direct information leading to the apprehension of Alvin Karpis that a suitable reward would be forthcoming. This statement had a very favorable reaction with Mr. Marquis and he advised that the utmost cooperation would be afforded the Chicago Bureau Office by his organization.

Agent left with Mr. Marquis a picture of Alvin Karpis as well as the telephone number of the Chicago Bureau Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The CINCINNATI OFFICE at Columbus, Ohio, will make appropriate inquiry at the State Automobile Department for information as to the identity of the owner of a 1934 gray Plymouth Sedan bearing either Ohio license plates No. YP328 or YP329.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO. **7-34**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Jacksonville, Fla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>6/28/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>6/21-22/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. F. Williams</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al; SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No information available to indicate that Karpis or other members of the mob who frequented Miami had safety deposit boxes. Karpis unknown in vicinity Southwest Sixth Street, Miami, and at Homestead, Florida.			
REFERENCE: Bureau letter, dated June 18, 1935.			
DETAILS: At Miami, Florida:  Upon receipt of Bureau letter of reference with which was enclosed a photostatic copy of an anonymous communication, dated at New York, June 10, 1935, indicating the presence of Karpis in Miami during the past winter and suggesting that he possibly possessed a safety deposit box, appropriate inquiries were made, with negative results, at the First National Bank, the Florida National Bank and the Morris Plan Bank, the only institutions in Miami which rent safety deposit boxes. No safety boxes were rented by Karpis or other members of the mob, either under their true names or known aliases. Photographs likewise were exhibited, but none was identified as the likeness of anyone known to have frequented the banks in question.  Mrs. C. J. Thorpe, operator of a low-class rooming house located at 602 Southwest Sixth Street, which is on the corner of Southwest Sixth Street and South Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida, stated that no one answering the descriptions of Karpis and other members of the mob has resided at her place at any time nor has anyone bearing a resemblance to the photographs exhibited to her inquired of her concerning the rental of a room.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>JUL 1 1935</b>
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At Homestead, Florida:

Similar inquiries to those made at Miami were made at the First National Bank of Homestead, the Redland and Seminole Hotels, Homestead, Florida, likewise without result.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

June 27, 1935.

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

Number: 7-576-6241

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

Examination requested by: (Mr. Newby) Chicago Bureau Office.

Date received: 6/21/35.

Examination requested: Handwriting.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C. A. Appel

The shapes of the letters in the writing on the registration card #7667 when compared with the signature "W. J. Harrison" on the fingerprint card, master #727007, indicates that these two persons were taught different systems of handwriting style. In addition to this, there are writing habits which appear to be dissimilar in the direction of the writing motion.

For the above reason, the examiner would not conclude that the registration was written by Harrison.

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June 23, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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

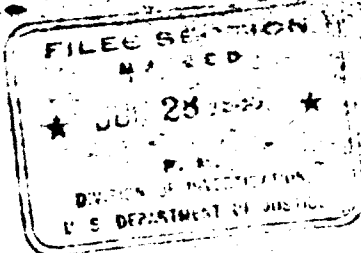
Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report  
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office  
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in  
the Division June 21, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure: #384677.  
cc - St. Paul  
cc - Cincinnati



**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice  
1021 Bankers Building  
Milwaukee Wisconsin

June 28, 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

Reference is made to the letter directed to you  
under date of June 21, 1935 from the Cincinnati Bureau  
Office, wherein it is requested that all field offices cir-  
cularize all banks in their respective districts with re-  
gard to \$1,000 bills described therein.

I am attaching herewith two copies of a letter  
dated June 28, 1935 which was forwarded to all banks lo-  
cated in the State of Wisconsin.

Very truly yours,

*V. W. Peterson*

V. W. PETERSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**  
1021 Bankers Building  
Milwaukee Wisconsin

June 28, 1935

TO ALL BANKS IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN.

Gentlemen:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, I am desirous of securing information relative to the following \$1,000 bills issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Georgia:

Serial numbers, F-00022451A to F-00022456A, both inclusive,  
" " , F-00022458A to F-00022462A, " " ,  
" " , F-00022465A to F-00022500A, " " .

It is requested that you advise me whether or not any of the above serial numbered \$1,000 bills are in the possession of your bank. In the event none are in the possession of your bank at the present time, it will be appreciated if you will place a stop order against these bills, and notify this office if and when any of them are presented.

I assure you that your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

For convenience in making your reply, I am enclosing a self-addressed franked envelope which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

*V. W. Peterson*

V. W. PETERSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation.**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
June 28, 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.

It is the intention of this office to circularize the Postmasters in the northern section of the state of Arkansas for the purpose of definitely determining whether William Weaver is residing in that vicinity. It is also intended that an appropriate number of Identification Orders be furnished the Postmasters for distribution to the rural mail carriers, and in that connection, it is desired that the Bureau forward to the Little Rock office four hundred copies each of the Identification Order on Alvin Karpis, with aliases, #1218, and on William Weaver, with aliases, #1238.

Very truly yours,

*R. L. Shivers*  
R. L. Shivers,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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July 6, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

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

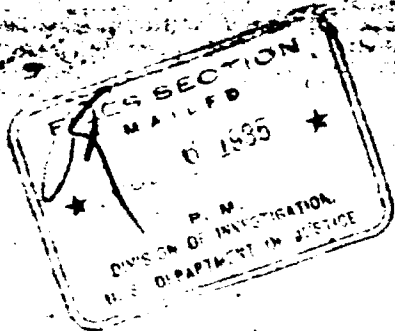
Dear Sir:

In response to your request contained in your letter  
of June 22, 1935, there are being forwarded under separate cover  
to your office 400 copies each of Identification Order #1218,  
issued on Alvin Karpis, and Identification Order #1230, issued on  
Willie Weaver.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC - Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Chicago



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

Division of Investigation.

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118

Detroit, Michigan

June 28, 1935

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 22, 1935, in the above entitled case, in which it is requested that the Bureau be informed of the reason for the delay in interviewing Mrs. Essie Chipman, 309 $\frac{1}{2}$  East 14th Street, Flint, Michigan.

By reference to report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, dated at Detroit, Michigan, April 20, 1935, it will be observed that Mrs. Chipman is presently residing at Clio, Michigan. Shortly after the receipt of Bureau letter requesting that Mrs. Chipman be interviewed, an agent called at 309 $\frac{1}{2}$  East 14th Street, Flint, Michigan, and found that Mrs. Chipman had moved, and considerable difficulty was experienced in ascertaining her location, which caused the delay in conducting this interview.

Very truly yours,

*D. L. Nicholson*

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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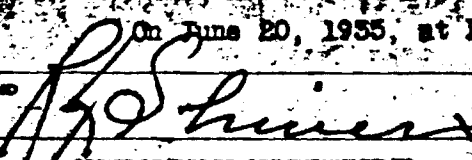
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-2

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Little Rock, Ark.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>6/27/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>6/20-21/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. P. Shanahan</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218, FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I. O. 1237; MR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I. O. 1238; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases;</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. 1239; MYRTLE KATON, with aliases, I. O. 1241; BRUNO PUTIS, with aliases; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.</b>			
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Information concerning possible presence of Phoenix Donald in vicinity of Mountain View, Arkansas, in company of one Jack Williams, apparently erroneous. Latter now residing at 410 Missouri Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois. Further investigation at Salem and Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, presently unproductive.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from the Little Rock office to the St. Louis office dated June 20, 1935. Report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Little Rock, Arkansas, June 15, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS: As has already been set forth in the letter from the Little Rock office to the St. Louis office under date of June 20, 1935, information was received on June 19, 1935, from Deputy U. S. Marshal Carl Thomason, Batesville, Arkansas, that a person by the name of Jack Williams had been seen in Batesville on June 15 or 14, 1935, and had been accompanied by a person who was identified by Mr. J. A. Grooms of that city as Phoenix Donald, alias Bill Weaver.</p> <p>On June 20, 1935, at Batesville, Arkansas, Mr. Grooms was contacted</p>			
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by the writer, he advising that the person known as Jack Williams was located exactly seven miles west of Mountain View, Arkansas, on Arkansas Highway #66. There he was reported to own approximately ten acres of land and live in a discolored white cottage just off Highway #66. When seen in Mountain View by Mr. Grooms, he was driving a Ford V-8 Coupe or Coach, bearing Georgia 1935 license #20-966G. Furthermore Grooms stated he resided there only at intervals, making periodic visits at this farm, at which times he was reported to be accompanied by women and other visitors who appeared to be of the gangster type.

When this information was first transmitted to the Little Rock Bureau office, teletypewriter communications with the Atlanta Bureau office disclosed that the above Georgia license plates had been issued to Jack Williams, 31 Houston Street, Atlanta, Georgia, for a 1934 Ford V-8 Coach, motor #653445. The Atlanta office was requested to ascertain all available information concerning Jack Williams that would enable that office to establish his identity.

It was further learned from Mr. Grooms, who is employed as an assistant supervisor of the State Highway Department of the State of Arkansas, having his headquarters at Batesville, Arkansas, that he had seen the above described Ford car in front of the City Cafe in Mountain View, Arkansas, on June 19, 1935, at which time Williams was accompanied by a person who Grooms thought might be identical with Donald. He described him as follows: 37 to 40 years old; 5 feet, 10 inches, to 6 feet tall; 175 pounds; well built; possibly blue eyes; brown hair. Grooms described Williams as follows: 5 feet, 8 or 9 inches; dark complexion; dark hair; wore sideburns; approximately 175 pounds; about 35 years of age; husky built; ordinarily dressed. Information that had come into the possession of Grooms was also to the effect that Williams was supposed to have in the past carried a machine gun. He was also known to be an expert pistol shot, indulging in many hours of practice at his place west of Mountain View, Arkansas.

In response to this information, the writer appeared at Mountain View, Arkansas, on June 20, 1935, and there interviewed Postmaster Bryan Lancaster, the Post Office being situated two doors away from the City Cafe, at which place Williams and the man accompanying him had been seen by Mr. Grooms, as stated above. Lancaster advised he had known Williams for approximately four or five years, and that he was known to engage in no occupation other than gambling. From all reports, Williams had always stated he came from East St. Louis, Illinois, and only made periodic visits to his place seven miles west of Mountain View, Arkansas, where he owned ten acres of land upon which was situated the white cottage in which he lived. The same is recorded in Mountain View, Arkansas, under the name of John H. Williams, as follows: Part SW of SW of Sec. 36, Twp 15 N., R. 12 W, containing ten acres. According to Lancaster, Williams was well known in Mountain View and had spent considerable time there fishing. He made frequent visits to Memphis, Tennessee, St. Louis, Missouri, and East St. Louis, Illinois, and oftentimes upon his return to Mountain View, would be seen with large rolls of money, while at other times he would be practically broke. Mr. Lancaster also recalled the person seen in the company of Williams when he had last been in Mountain View, but when shown a picture of Phoenix Donald, emphatically stated he was not the man. He also was certain in his statement that Jack Williams was not identical with Donald.



In this connection, Mr. R. W. Brewer of Mountain View, Arkansas, and Sam Bryant, barber, Mountain View, Arkansas, were interviewed, and they gave in effect the same information concerning their knowledge of Williams' activities as had already been furnished by Lancaster. They both stated that Williams was known to be a gambler and had approximately a year ago displayed a gun which they thought to be a machine gun and attempted to sell it in Mountain View. However, in describing this weapon, both failed to give certain definite physical characteristics of the Thompson sub-machine gun. From their description of the weapon, it is apparent that the gun was in all probability a Mauser. Mr. Brewer and Mr. Bryant were also shown photographs of Donald and other subjects in this case, and they stated positively that neither the man known to them as Jack Williams nor his associate who had accompanied him on his last visit to Mountain View, was identical with any of the pictures displayed. Their attention was then called to the photograph of Phoenix Donald, but they stated without hesitation that it was not a likeness of any person they had seen in the vicinity of Mountain View.

It was further learned from the Postmaster, Mr. Lancaster, that on the evening prior to the Agent's visit, Jack Williams had left Mountain View in his Ford automobile, described above, for East St. Louis, Illinois, and had left a forwarding address of 410 Missouri Avenue, the latter being an apartment above the Mecca Cigar Store in East St. Louis, Illinois.

From the three above individuals in Mountain View, Arkansas, the following description was obtained of the person accompanying Jack Williams, and who Williams had introduced as his brother: 190 pounds; light brown hair; 40 to 45 years old; about 6 feet tall; light complexion.

It was also learned that on the last visit to Mountain View by Williams and this other man, on or about June 13 or 14, 1935, they were thought to be accompanied by two women, who had later visited at Williams' farm. However, no further information concerning this report could be furnished the writer.

Though the investigation conducted at Mountain View, Arkansas, indicates that neither Williams nor his companion is identical with Phoenix Donald, it is being requested that the St. Louis and Atlanta offices conduct appropriate inquiries relative to this individual.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, dated at Little Rock, Arkansas, June 13, 1935, relative to past inquiries made in the vicinity of Salem and Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, in the hope of obtaining further information concerning the present location of Phoenix Donald. On June 20 and 21, 1935, contact was had with Sheriff L. G. Langston, Salem, Arkansas, who advised that since the last visit of an Agent from the Little Rock Bureau office, no further information had come into his hands. Sheriff Langston advised he has been in a position to keep in close contact with all the persons in Salem related to Donald, the names of whom are set out in the reference report, and has been keeping a close watch on their various activities. However, no visitors have been seen in Salem, Arkansas, since the date of the last investigation conducted there. Inquiries were again made of the Sheriff concerning the home of W. T. Bowling, whose wife, Susie Bowling, is a sister

of Donald. As has been set forth in the reference report, a periodic surveillance of Bowling's home has been kept by Sheriff Langston and Mr. Woods, who lives alone by, so that any attempted visit to this place by Donald or his associates could be quickly transmitted to this office. However, according to the Sheriff and one Ray King, a neighbor living directly across the street from Bowling, no unusual activity has been noted.

Further inquiries in this connection were made on June 21, 1935, at Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, where Mr. D. B. Heiliger, assistant in charge, U. S. Bureau of Fisheries, was interviewed. It will be recalled from the reference report that Mr. Heiliger had promised his cooperation in attempting to secure information from one Claude MacLamore, a prior associate of Eugene Bowling, a son of W. T. Bowling. On the above date, however, Heiliger advised that MacLamore was no longer associated with Bowling, and the possibility of securing any valuable information from MacLamore had practically disappeared, inasmuch as he was no longer in a position to receive the same.

Mr. Earl E. Sterling, Postmaster, Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, upon interview, stated that although a close watch had been kept for any mail addressed to Mrs. Nellie Frazier, sister of Phoenix Donald who resides near Mammoth Spring, nothing had appeared to indicate the possible presence in that vicinity of Donald or his associates. It is suggested that when an Agent of the Little Rock Bureau office is next in this vicinity, contact be had with Mr. Sterling, as well as Sheriff Langston of Salem, Arkansas.

On June 21, 1935, Sheriff Langston was again interviewed relative to possible information that might be obtained through a surveillance of farms situated along the northern extremity of Fulton County, Arkansas, which extends to the Arkansas-Missouri state line, and the southern extremity of Howell and Oregon Counties, Missouri. It will be noted from prior reports, and in particular from letter from the St. Paul office to the Bureau dated April 13, 1935, that Donald has been reported by several informants as owning a farm somewhere in that vicinity. In this connection, Sheriff Langston advised he would immediately obtain from the Clerk's Office in Fulton County a record of all purchases of land in Fulton County during the last year, and immediately transmit any information obtained to the Little Rock Bureau office. From the sources of information available in Mammoth Spring and Salem, Arkansas, no recent purchase of land for any purpose has been noted. However, it is thought that a survey as mentioned above might be productive of some further information along these lines.

A tissue paper tracing of the signature of Jack Williams was obtained by the writer at the Post Office, Mountain View, Arkansas, on June 20, 1935, and is being held in the Little Rock Bureau office. Also at the Post Office at Mountain View, the writer observed a card addressed to Mrs. George Gipson, Mountain View, Arkansas, c/o Happy Jack Williams, the same being signed by one Georgia, and the message containing in effect the request that the person addressed communicate with the writer and advise of any good times that the former might be having while on her visit to Mountain View. In this connection, it is observed that in all probability the woman referred to above as Mrs. George Gipson is identical with one of the girls reported to have accompanied Williams and his male companion on their previous visit to Mountain View.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The ATLANTA office at Atlanta, Georgia, will continue efforts to obtain further information at 31 Houston Street, Atlanta, Georgia, which is the address given by Jack Williams at the time of his application for Georgia license plates on his 1934 Ford V-8 Coach.

The ST. LOUIS office at East St. Louis, Illinois, will conduct appropriate inquiries at 410 Missouri Avenue in the hope of ascertaining the identity and all other pertinent information concerning Jack Williams, inasmuch as he is reported residing at that address at the present time.

The LITTLE ROCK office at Salem, Arkansas, will periodically contact Sheriff L. G. Langston in the hope of obtaining further information in this matter.

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COPY OF TELETYPE MESSAGE

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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CGO 451

DO YOU WANT CGO 451 YES

OK TO CGO 451 PLS ANNOUNCE EVERY TIME I TRY TO WRITE THIS  
THING KEEPS JUMPING

OPERATOR SHALL I GO AHEAD WITH MY MESSAGE NOW

YES

FBI KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

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BREKID RE TELETYPE TWENTY SEVENTH INSTANT ASCERTAIN IF POSSIBLE TIME  
OF JOHN KARPOVICZ'S DEPARTURE FOR TOPEKA AND OBTAIN COMPLETE DESCRIPTION  
AND IDENTIFYING DATA CONCERNING AUTOMOBILE HE IS DRIVING OBTAIN  
COMPLETE DESCRIPTION AND IDENTIFYING DATA CONCERNING JOHN  
KARPOVICZ AND OF ANYONE ACCOMPANYING HIM ON TRIP

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Persons, Div. of Investigation,  
Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

WINCHESTER REPEATING ARMS COMPANY

New Haven, Conn.

June 25, 1935.

Mr. George J. Starr,  
Division of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Re: Source of  
Machine Guns  
in Criminal Hands

Dear Mr. Starr:

I have just had Mr. Bertel check up on the numbers and then I rechecked it with him because the first dates given were wrong and I think that the old man probably got the gun numbers mixed up. His machine gun book shows that gun #211342 was numbered on January 10, 1919 and gun #211774 was numbered on January 13, 1919.

The factory informs me that it is impossible to tell the date of shipment of these two guns as we have no record to show the exact date on which shipment was made of any particular number.

I have referred your question regarding the shipment of twenty-six guns to the Sedgley Company to our Mr. Fugley who I am sure will give you all the information he can on the subject.

With kindest personal regards,

Very truly yours,

Mgr. Shooting Promotion Div.

Major J.W. Messian/m

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June 29, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MECHANICAL SECTION

RE: WILLIAM WEAVER, with  
aliases, Fugitive,  
I. O. 1238, KIDNAPING.

Transmitted herewith is Identification  
Order 1238 on William Weaver, wanted by the  
Bureau for Kidnaping. It is requested that the  
necessary information for the preparation of the  
pocket identification order be secured therefrom.

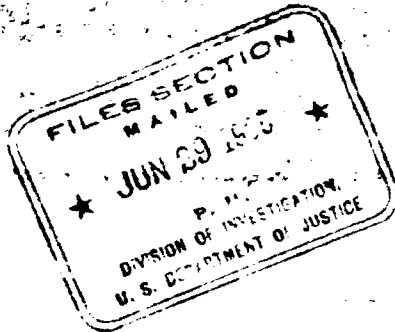
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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6 BREKID REFERENCE YOUR TELETYPE THIS DATE. JOHN KARPOVICZ LEFT CHICAGO YESTERDAY EXPECTING TO ARRIVE KANSAS CITY TODAY. HE IS DRIVING ALONG IN 1927 BUICK SEDAN LICENSE NUMBER UNKNON. KARPOVICZ DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS - AGE 60, HEIGHT 5 FEET 3, FACIAL APPEARANCE VERY SIMILAR TO THAT OF SON ALVIN. KARPOVICZ PROCEEDING TO TOPEKA TO SUPERVISE REPAIR WORK ON HOME OWNED BY HIM THAT CITY.

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SAC NEW YORK CITY

BREKID JOHN W. SMART, OWNER OF FORD SEDAN, MOTORNO. E143315,  
1935 ILLINOIS LICENSE NO. 347096, CONNECTED WITH ESQUIRE MAGAZINE,  
OF WHICH HIS BROTHER, ALFRED SMART, IS MANAGING EDITOR. ABOVE CAR  
DRIVEN TO NEW YORK CITY ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO BY RAY BOARTS, SALESMAN  
FOR ESQUIRE MAGAZINE. DESCRIBED AS 25 YEARS OF AGE HEIGHT 5-9 WEIGHT  
140 LBS HAIR BLACK CHUBBY FACE. CAR MAY BE DRIVEN BY MANNAMED  
NICHOLS, DESCRIPTION UNKNOWN. BOARTS AND NICHOLS MAY BE LOCATED AT  
THE OFFICE OF THE ESQUIRE MAGAZINE, ESQUIRE BUILDING, 366 MADISON  
STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

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June 28, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MECHANICAL SECTION

RE: DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
with aliases, Fugitive,  
I. O. 1232, KIDNAPING.

Transmitted herewith is Identification  
Order 1232 on Dr. Joseph P. Moran, wanted by  
the Bureau for Kidnaping. It is requested that  
the necessary information for the preparation  
of the pocket identification order be secured  
therefrom.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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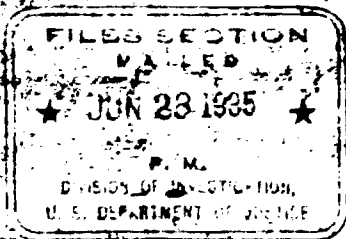
RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. #1218,  
KIDNAPING.

Transmitted herewith is Identification  
Order #1218 on Alvin Karpis, wanted by the Bureau  
for kidnaping. It is requested that the neces-  
sary information for the preparation of the pocket  
identification order be secured therefrom.

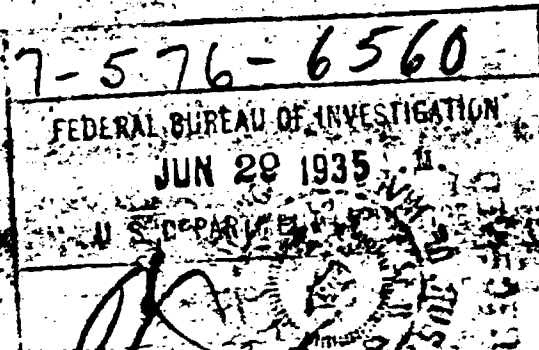
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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~~PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL~~

June 28, 1935

Mr. E. E. Purvis,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

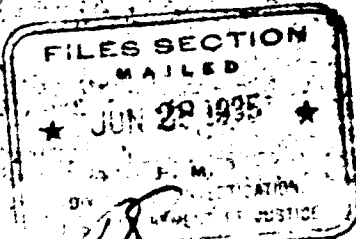
The Bureau has noted reports and communications from your office reflecting contacts with confidential informant [redacted] by Special Agent J. L. Madala.

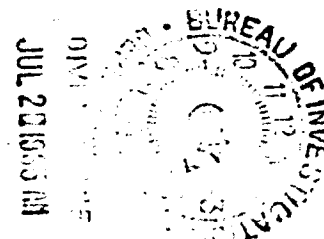
I desire that the contacts between Agent Madala and [redacted] be closely watched by you, in order to prevent the development of a situation which will result in embarrassment to Agent Madala or to the Bureau. The Bureau is aware that the apparent motive of informant [redacted] is to furnish information which in turn will assist in obtaining the release of [redacted] on parole but at the same time the associates of [redacted] suggest the possibility of an attempt at double-crossing a representative of the Bureau, which, of course, is to be guarded against.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.





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BREKID IMMEDIATELY ASCERTAIN FROM BYRON BOLTON THE IDENTITIES  
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June 28, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 14, 1935 transmitting an anonymous telegram for collect transmittal to "Alvin Karpis", care of Western Union, Sacramento, California together with four sets of fingerprints for elimination purposes in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al.; Edward G. Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping.

Please be advised that the material submitted with your letter has been examined but no latent fingerprints could be developed.

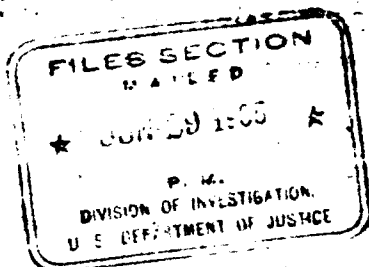
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Post Office Box 515,  
Saint Paul, Minn.

June 29, 1935.

Dear Sir:

Thanking you for your attention to this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN.  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Drawer #1457,  
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Mr. Walter F. Carroll,  
Investigator in Charge,  
Internal Revenue Service,  
Treasury Department,  
Custom House,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

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

Dear Sir:

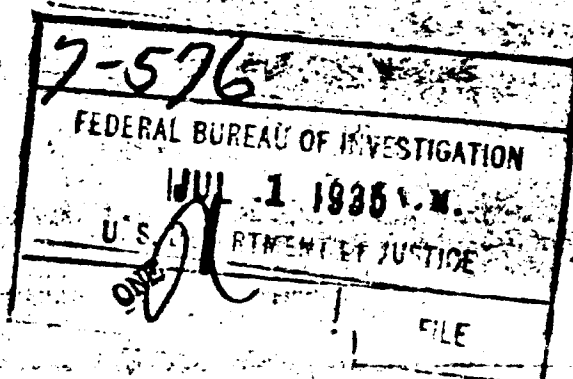
I desire to thank you for your letter of June 27, 1935,  
with which you enclosed a letter, dated 6/25/35 from Mrs. E. B. Baker,  
1508 Poplar Street, Cairo, Illinois. This matter will be given prompt  
attention.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1081 Bankers Building  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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June 27, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1818, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the Kansas City  
office dated June 18, 1935, relative to the above entitled  
matter.

Please be advised that the Postal Guide does not re-  
flect a town named Walker in the state of Wisconsin, and there  
is no Leech Lake located in Wisconsin according to the Milwaukee  
Journal, the resort department of which maintains a list of the  
various lakes in the state of Wisconsin.

I note, however, that there is a Leech Lake in Minn-  
nesota, which is located near Walker, Cass County, Minnesota.

It is requested, therefore, that appropriate attention  
be given the lead set out in the letter of reference at Leech  
Lake, Walker, Minnesota.

Very truly yours,

V. W. PETERSON  
Special Agent in Charge

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Cincinnati

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
224 FEDERAL BUILDING  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA  
JUNE 25, 1935

TO ALL BANKS IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

In connection with an important kidnaping case presently under investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, it is desirable to receive information concerning the location of one thousand dollar bills issued by the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank, bearing serial numbers F-00022451A through F-00022500A.

In the event any of these bills pass through your bank, it is requested that you retain them in your custody and immediately communicate with this office by telephone, collect, or telegram, Government Rate, collect. Wires should be addressed to "Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 224 Federal Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma"; the telephone number is 2-8186.

Your close cooperation and assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1331 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,  
El Paso, Texas,  
June 25, 1935.

TO ALL PEACE OFFICERS:

Please cancel my confidential bulletin dated June  
16, 1935 relative to:

Buick 1927 Model Brougham, color, green  
License, Washington (1935) A 67-740  
Motor 1,897,606.

The above described car is no longer wanted.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

E.P. No. 7-31.

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Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.  
June 28, 1935.

Postmaster,  
Paragould, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Please forward all mail addressed  
to R. P. Shanahan, c/o General Delivery,  
Paragould, Arkansas, to Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas, and oblige.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Shivers,  
Special Agent in Charge.

RLS:am

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
June 29, 1935

Mr. John J. Ryan  
Superintendent  
U. S. Detention Farm  
Milan, Michigan

Dear Mr. Ryan:

There is returned herewith a letter addressed to Miss Dolores Delaney, who is presently confined in your institution, the letter being postmarked Chicago, Illinois, June 26, 1935.

The contents of this letter has been scrutinized by this office and does not appear to contain any information of value.

Your interest and cooperation in connection with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

1331 First National Bank Building,  
El Paso, Texas.

TELEPHONE MAIN 501

June 26, 1935.

TO ALL BANKS:

Dear Sirs:

In connection with a major kidnaping case, this Bureau is endeavoring to locate certain \$1,000 bills issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Ga., the serial numbers of which run from F-00022451 A to F-00022500 A, inclusive.

It is requested that you immediately check all \$1000 bills now in your possession and if any of the above numbers are found, to kindly hold same and advise this office immediately by telephone collect.

It will be desired, of course, to ascertain as quickly as possible the source from which any such bills have been received. It is also requested that you place a flag with each of your receiving tellers against the above described bills, so that if any of them later appear at your bank their source may be traced as quickly as possible.

Your cooperation will be highly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*R.H. Colvin*  
R.H. Colvin,

Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul.  
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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
June 27, 1935

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

Re: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

Dear Sir:

There is returned herewith a letter addressed to Miss Wynona Gardette who is presently confined in your institution, the letter having been postmarked Erie, Pennsylvania, June 25, 1935.

The contents of this letter have been scrutinized by this office and appear to contain no information of value.

Your interest and cooperation in connection with this matter are greatly appreciated.

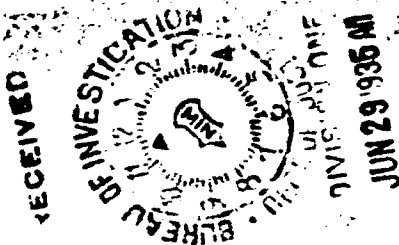
Very truly yours,

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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806 Fletcher Trust Building  
Indianapolis, Indiana

June 27, 1935

RE: 87C  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; DR. JO-  
SEPH MORAN, with aliases, I. O.  
#1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with al-  
liases, I. O. #1236; ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
K I D N A P I N G;  
Harboring of Fugitives;  
Obstruction of Justice;  
National Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

Complying with the suggestion contained on the  
second page of your letter of the 21st instant addressed  
to the Bureau, the Indianapolis Office has made a mimeo-  
graphed form and submitted it to all banks in Indiana cov-  
ering the bills mentioned in your letter.

Very truly yours,

H. E. KEENECH  
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Bureau  
Chicago  
St. Paul

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BREKID ADVISE HOLDER ILLINOIS 1935 LICENSE 347096 ALSO

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*Edward H. Bremer*

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

June 26, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan:

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of June 26, 1935  
concerning one Ernie LaSalle, it would be appreciated if  
you would furnish this office with a copy of the letter  
received from Mr. Frazier Reams, Prosecuting Attorney at  
Toledo, Ohio, said letter being dated March 30, 1935,  
and setting forth the facts of a murder for which LaSalle  
is wanted.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge.

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420 Federal Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

June 25, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, w.a. - FUGITIVE -  
I.O. #1218; et al;  
Edward George Bremer (Victim)  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter dated June 21, 1935,  
requesting that this office circularize all banks in  
this district with serial numbers of \$1000.00 bills is-  
sued by the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank, beginning with  
numbers F-00023451A and ending with F-00022500A; you are  
advised that this action has been taken.

Very truly yours,

W.J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

HTA:IM

cc-Bureau  
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

420 Post Office Bldg.,  
Dallas, Texas

June 24, 1935.

To All Banks:

In connection with certain investigations being made by this Bureau, we desire to locate \$1,000.00 bills bearing serial numbers F-00022451A to F-00022500A, inclusive. If you have any such bills in your possession, I shall appreciate your immediate advice with respect thereto, as well as any information you may have regarding the identity of the person presenting such bill or bills.

In the event you have not received bills as above indicated, will you please place stop orders against such \$1,000.00 bills (serials numbered F-00022451A to F-00022500A, inclusive), and immediately advise this office if they are presented at your bank.

The telephone number of the Bureau Office in Dallas is 2-8666, and the mailing address is 420 Post Office Building.

Your cooperation in this connection will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*F. J. Blake*  
F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

ME  
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cc-Bureau  
cc-Cincinnati

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Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
June 24, 1935.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I. O. #1218; FUGITIVE; ET AL.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping.

Mr. Bryan Lancaster,  
Postmaster,  
Mountain View, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of  
June 21, 1935, directed to Special Agent R. P. Shanahan  
of this office, relative to a telephone conversation  
with him concerning the property in your county re-  
corded in the name of John H. Williams.

This information is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Shivers,  
Special Agent in Charge.

RLS:am  
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cc Bureau

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P. O. Box 515  
St. Paul, Minnesota

June 25, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

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

This will acknowledge receipt of  
written statement of Jess Doyle, dated February 15, 1935,  
taken in the presence of Special Agents John L. Madala and  
R. P. Shanahan, which statement you advise relates to matters  
not being considered by your office.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

RTN:AGF

CC Bureau ✓

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
June 24, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218  
Kidnaping; Harboring and  
Obstruction of Justice

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 21,  
1935, addressed to the Chicago Bureau Office with refer-  
ence to a recent communication received from Mr. Frazier  
Reams, Prosecuting Attorney at Toledo, Ohio.

For your information this is to inform that  
under date of April 5, 1935, this office received a letter  
from Mr. Reams, in which he advised that a gangster by  
the name of Ernie LaSalle, who was wanted at Toledo, Ohio  
for murder was thought to be driving a 1935 Ford V-8  
Coupe, bearing Illinois license #467-818.

Under date of April 8, 1935, this information  
was furnished to Mr. Connelley at Chicago, Illinois by  
letter. A copy of this letter is being furnished to  
your office as well as the Cincinnati and St. Louis Of-  
fices.

Very truly yours,

DLN:RES  
cc-Bureau ✓  
Cincinnati  
Chicago  
St. Louis  
Enc.

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
June 25, 1935

Mr. John J. Ryan  
Superintendent  
United States Detention Farm  
Milan, Michigan

Re: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE  
Detroit File #7-25

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith two letters addressed to Miss Wynona Burdette, one mailed at Arondale, Oklahoma, June 20, 1935, the other postmarked at Ponca City, Oklahoma, June 19, 1935.

The contents of both of these letters have been scrutinized by this office and appear to contain no information of value.

Your cooperation in connection with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

DLN:vas

cc Bureau

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P. O. Box #1184,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

June 22, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases;  
L. O. #1218; Fugitive;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim.  
Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives;  
Obstruction of Justice; National  
Firearms Act.

Under date of March 6th, 1935, Agent W. P. Ellwood,  
of this office, submitted a report in which he showed that he inter-  
viewed Mrs. Bernice Croft, Route #3, Alden, Iowa, thought to be a cor-  
respondent of Subject Volney Davis. In this report, Agent Ellwood  
set forth a lead for this office at West Bend, Iowa, for the purpose  
of interviewing other ladies thought to have been correspondents of  
Davis.

Since Davis has been apprehended and sentenced, the above  
lead will not be given attention.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Chicago  
CC St. Paul  
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**ST. LOUIS BUREAU OFFICE**  
(Name and address of Contributor)

Date May 8, 1935

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

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which  
fingerprints have been mailed to the National Division of  
Identification and Information:

BUREAU FILE NUMBER	Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
319190	P.D. E. St. Louis, Ill. #1427	JOHN MORAN, with aliases:- John R. Moran, John Russell Moran, Bob Moran, John H. Moran	Released.
	P.D. Peoria, Ill. #6743	"	Released, insufficient evidence.
	P.D. E. St. Louis, Ill. 3-26-31	" As John Russell Moran	Released on bond.
	carrying concealed weapon		
	P.D. E. St. Louis, Ill. 3-16-32	" As John Russell Moran	Sentenced six months St. Clair County Jail \$300.00 fine
	P. D. St. Louis, Mo. 7-5-33 #21181	" As John Russell Moran, alias Bob Moran, alias John Moran	Released, insufficient evidence
	S. Clayton, Mo. #952-M	" As John H. Moran	Released \$20,000 bond.

This form to be submitted to the National Division of  
Identification and Information to report dispositions of cases  
in which prints were forwarded previously. Dispositions include  
such information as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines,  
discharges from custody, etc. Several cases may be listed on  
each sheet.

Very truly yours,

*R. E. Vetterli*  
R. E. VETTERLI, Special Agent in Charge  
(Official Title)

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
MAY 10 - 1935  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 29, 1935.

Time - 1:05 P.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis.

Mr. Nathan ✓  
Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Daughman ✓  
Chief Clerk ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Coffey ✓  
Mr. Edwards ✓  
Mr. Egan ✓  
Mr. Harbo ✓  
Mr. Keith ✓  
Mr. Lester ✓  
Mr. Quinn ✓  
Mr. Schildt ✓  
Mr. Schilder ✓  
Mr. Smith ✓  
Mr. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

Mr. Purvis telephoned from the Chicago Office concerning his telephonic conversation with me yesterday relative to the lead on Karpis which was developed by the police at Chicago and upon which the police requested the assistance of the Bureau Agents at Chicago.

Mr. Purvis said that he personally made a survey of the place where the men are supposed to be or come to. He said that the police have two men out there watching the place, and the setup is as follows: The informant of the police is going to notify the police at least 45 minutes before Karpis is supposed to get there; that the police will then proceed to the place and lie in wait, 45 minutes being plenty of time to get there. However, Mr. Purvis said that he was of the opinion this would not be enough time for the Agents to get out there, and further, he was of the opinion that the men should not be left at a place nearer. For this reason, the Agents are being kept at a minute's call, and the Chicago Office is ready for the call if and when it comes in.

The Bureau will be kept advised of any developments.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

June 24, 1935

Mr. Harold Nathan,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your telephonic request, the following correspondence is transmitted herewith in connection with the allegations of Mrs. Gladys Rita Sawyer, alias Sandlovich, to the effect that she was brutally treated while being held by Special Agents of the Chicago Bureau Office:

Letter dated May 8, 1935, addressed to the President by Eugene D. O'Sullivan, Attorney at Law, Omaha, Nebraska, together with photostatic copies of an undated letter addressed to him by Mrs. Sawyer and a statement by her.

Communication dated May 11, 1935, from Honorable Louis McHenry Howe, Secretary to the President, referring this matter to the Attorney General.

Note from the Attorney General to the Assistant to the Attorney General, Mr. Stanley, undated, requesting that same be thoroughly checked.

Memorandum dated May 15, 1935, addressed to Mr. Holtzoff by Mr. Stanley, requesting that these allegations be carefully looked into.

Memorandum dated May 17, 1935, addressed to Mr. Stanley by Mr. Holtzoff, reviewing the charges made by Mrs. Sawyer.

Memorandum dated May 22, 1935 from Mr. Stanley, referring this matter to the Bureau for attention.

A list of the Special Agents and Special Agents (A) who were in Chicago or vicinity, either on special or general assignment, between September 3 and 23, 1934.

No copies of the above described enclosures are being retained in the Bureau files, and it is requested that they be returned to the Bureau when they have served their purpose.

Very truly yours,

RECORDED & INDEXED

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure 826698.

SPECIAL DELIVERY. REGISTERED MAIL.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

REN:TD - 2:00 P.M.

June 26, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

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

Mr. Seymour Fox, of the Cavalier Hotel, again called on me, requesting information as to whether it would be possible to employ him as an Agent of the Bureau for the purpose of locating the remaining fugitives in the above entitled case.

I explained to Mr. Fox that it would not be possible to give him employment, but that in the event he located any of the fugitives now being sought by this Bureau, he should communicate with the nearest office of the Bureau, advising the Agent in Charge of the identity of the fugitive and request what consideration would be given to him in the event his identity was found to be accurate. I indicated to Mr. Fox that the Bureau would possibly pay him the sum of \$1,000.00 on each of the remaining fugitives, in the event they were taken into custody on information furnished by him. He stated that he did not care to act on this proposition, inasmuch as it would place him in the position of being a stool-pigeon.

He advised that he was the principal Government witness in the recently completed trial of Joseph Berl and others in the District of Columbia Supreme Court at Washington, D. C. Berl and others were charged with conspiracy to violate the Internal Revenue laws, in that they had sold counterfeit tax stamps. Mr. Fox stated that he and Judge DeVries had operated a liquor store in Miami, Florida, where a number of stamps in question were located and he furnished information which resulted in the conviction of Berl. He also advised that Assistant United States Attorney John W. Fihelly prosecuted the case for the Government.

Mr. Fox insists that the fugitives in the above entitled case can be located through investigation of the various dog tracks operated by Pat O'Hara and his associates. He stated that possibly the tracks at Dayton, Ohio would be the most likely track to find the fugitives frequenting. In this connection, it is to be noted that an attorney named Egan, recently directed a communication to the United States Attorney at Jacksonville, Florida, requesting information concerning the sentence imposed on Dolores

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By way of coincidence, while discussing the Dayton tracks with Mr. Fox, Special Agent S. M. McKee entered my office and was introduced to Mr. Fox, it being noted that Agent McKee at the present time is endeavoring to locate Attorney Egan for interview, in connection with this case. Agent McKee learned recently that Attorney Egan has an interest in the dog tracks at Dayton, Ohio and in questioning Mr. Fox, ascertained that he is personally acquainted with a number of the contacts of the gang mentioned throughout the file. Mr. Fox advised that Danny MacFarland, who is now residing in Chicago, Illinois, and Pat Hogan, of St. Louis, Missouri, were formerly associated in the brewery business in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; that these individuals are also presently interested in the dog tracks at Miami, Florida.

The Chicago Office has been requested to interview MacFarland, who is a friend of Joe Adams, for the purpose of obtaining information concerning Willie Harrison, who is blamed for the predicament in which Adams now finds himself. Mr. Fox also mentioned the name of Sam Gorum as one of the persons who is interested in the dog tracks.

Mr. Fox, who is a boxing commissioner of Miami, Florida and who is presently residing at the Cavalier Hotel in Washington, D. C. until he returns to Miami next fall, stated that in the event he can assist in the location of the fugitives in this case, he will communicate with the nearest Bureau Office, a list of which was furnished him.

Agent McKee stated that upon his return to the Cincinnati Office, he would immediately conduct appropriate investigation at the dog track located near Dayton, Ohio, with a view to possibly identifying the fugitives sought in connection with this case.

Respectfully,

*R. E. Newby*  
R. E. Newby

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

July 1, 1935.

REN:CDW

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

There have been no developments in connection with the  
above entitled case during the week ending June 29, 1935.

Respectfully,

*R. E. Newby*  
R. E. NEWBY

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July 1, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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

Dear Sir:

Under date of June 11, 1935 the Bureau addressed a communication to Mr. Adam H. Unsworth, 81 North Arlington Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey, furnishing a copy of the letter to your office, in which it was indicated that an Agent would be assigned to interview him concerning information which he had previously furnished to the Bureau relative to an individual who closely resembled subject Harry Campbell.

The Bureau desires that this interview be conducted immediately.

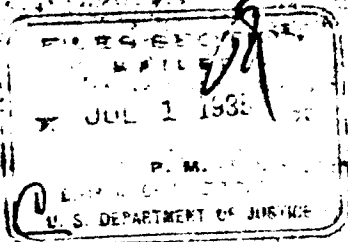
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
July 1, 1935

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JUL 1 1935  
Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
I.O. #1218 - FUGITIVE; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-Victim.  
Kidnaping, etc.

Mr. John J. Ryan  
Superintendent  
United States Detention Farm  
Milan, Michigan

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith letter which you  
forwarded to this office written by Wynona Burdette,  
an inmate at your institution, to her sister, Mrs.  
R. D. Wilson, Box 41, Arondale, Oklahoma. This letter  
contains no information of value.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation,  
I am,

Very truly yours

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Enclosure  
cc-Bureau ✓

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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P.O. Box 6907  
Jacksonville, Florida.  
July 1, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Bureau letter of June 21, 1935, regarding the securing of clothing belonging to Wynona Burdette which was left by her at Oklawaha, Florida, you are advised that Special Agent R. B. Donaldson conferred with Judge L. E. Futch at Ocala, Florida, on June 27, 1935, at which time he stated that it would be entirely agreeable with him to segregate such clothing as belonged to Wynona Burdette and that he would release same.

Therefore, assisted by Judge Futch and his secretary, both of whom had seen Kate Barker and were able to judge the size of clothing she would wear, the clothing believed to belong to Wynona Burdette was segregated, has been packed, and is being shipped to you this date on Government bill of lading J-69688, the original of which bill of lading is enclosed herewith and a memorandum copy of same is attached to copy of this letter going to the Bureau.

You will please make disposition of this clothing in accordance with the aforementioned Bureau letter.

I am attaching hereto copy of a receipt given to Judge L. E. Futch, which lists in detail the articles of clothing surrendered by him.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Als  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Bureau  
St. Paul  
Detroit  
Cincinnati.

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Enclosure.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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RECEIPT

RECEIVED of L. E. FUTCH, County Judge of Marion County, Florida,  
the following described articles of ladies' wearing apparel, released in  
the matter of the Estate of Kate Barker and Fred L. Barker, deceased:

4 Slips, white, pink & peach.	5 Brassieres
5 Pr. Step-ins	3 Pr. Pants
1 Karakul cape (Grey)	1 Lace collar
1 Blue night gown	1 Black dressing gown
1 Brown wool jacket	1 Pr. blue pajamas
1 Gray crepe jacket	1 Flowered jacket
1 lace blouse	1 black woolen coat
1 Karakul coat, black, with white collar	1 Black 2-piece light weight wool suit
1 Peach colored night gown	1 Peach colored shirt waist
2 White rayon collars	1 White pique collar
1 Red flannel coat	1 White satin blouse, with scarf
1 White flannel shirt	1 White knit beret
1 Red Hat	1 Red straw hat
1 Gray hat	1 Black silk beret
1 Brown Hat	1 Brown hat with veil
1 Black & 1 Brown turban	1 White hat & 1 White flannel hat
1 Pr. brown leather gloves	1 Pr. buck leather gloves
2 Pr. Black leather Gloves	1 Pr. White & 1 Pr. Tan Gloves,
1 Flowered house dress, size 14	1 Plaid housedress, size 14
1 Black dress	1 White silk dress
1 Taffeta colored shirt waist	1 Black dress
1 Plaid house dress (2 Piece)	1 Brown dress
1 Blue & White dress	1 Flowered silk dress
1 White knit blouse	1 Pr. red & white sandals (High Heels, #8,
1 Pr. White buckskin shoes, #8.	1 Blue & black corduroy bedroom slippers,
22 Ladies Handkerchiefs	size 6.
18 Pr. silk hose	
2 Pr. rayon-cotton hose.	

Dated at Jacksonville, Florida, this 27th day of June, 1935.

Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P.O. Box 4907, Jacksonville, Fla.

Bill to U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
(Department or Establishment and Bureau or Service)

(Appropriation chargeable)

FED. BU. INVESTIGATION, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

GOVERNMENT BILL  
OF LADING

R. A. ALT, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

JUL 1 1930

MEMORANDUM COPY

Received from U. S. DEPT. JUS., FED. BU. INVS., JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

by the RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY (Name of transportation company) the public property hereinafter described  
in apparent good order and condition (contents and value unknown), to be forwarded subject to conditions stated on the reverse hereof,

from JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA (Shipping point)

to FED. BU. INVS., U. S. DEPT. JUS., 224 FEDERAL BLDG., OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

by the said company and connecting lines, there to be delivered in like good order and condition to:  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE, FED. BU. INVS., U. S. DEPT. JUS., 224 FEDERAL BLDG., OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

via

(Route journey only when some substantial interest of the Government is subserved thereby)

MARKS	NUMBERS ON PACKAGES	NUMBER AND KIND OF PACKAGES	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES (Observe strictly carrier's freight classification. Avoid trade or technical names)	WEIGHTS
Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, 224 Federal Bldg., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma		1 wooden box	Clothing	80 lbs.

Size car ordered \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Size car furnished \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Date furnished \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Car No. \_\_\_\_\_

TARIFF AUTHORITY  
(To be filled in by general office rendering account)

AUTHORITY FOR SHIPMENT

*Ry Ex Agency*  
(Name of transportation company)  
7-14, 1930 Per *Alt*  
(Date) (Agent)

CERTIFICATE OF ISSUING OFFICER

(To be filled out when this bill of lading is issued for use by contractor in making shipment)

Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_, or Purchase Order No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 1930

(F. O. B. point named in contract)

(Issuing office)

(CARRIER'S RIGHTS TO SHIPPING CHARGES NOT AFFECTED BY FACTS SET OUT IN THIS CERTIFICATE)

MEMORANDUM COPY

\* Show also cubic measurement for shipments via ocean carrier in cases where required.

Furnish this information in case of carload shipments only.

JHV:MBB  
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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
June 29, 1935



Mr. Thomas H. Canale,  
Postmaster,  
[Redacted Address]

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

Dear Sir:

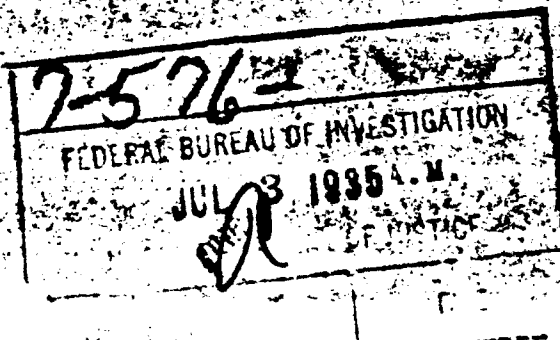
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with official business,  
all first class mail  
[Redacted Address] 134 Glenwood  
[Redacted Address] [Redacted Address] of all such

Thanking you for this and past favors, I am

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Bureau.



Post Office Box 612,  
Chicago, Illinois.

July 1, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio

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.

Reference is made to your letter of June 21, 1935, requesting certain information concerning A. E. Fleming, 1943 Central Street, Evanston, Illinois, in connection with one Ernie LaSalle, such information being for Mr. Frazier Reams, Prosecuting Attorney at Toledo, Ohio.

It was ascertained that Mr. A. E. Fleming resides at 1817 Lincoln Street, Evanston, Illinois, and has his place of business at 1943 Central Street.

Agent H. W. Stewart interviewed mail carrier A. Richardson who has the route covering 1817 Lincoln Street, and also interviewed W. A. Vogel, Foreman of the United States Post Office at Evanston. Both of these individuals advised that A. E. Fleming has been residing in Evanston for some twenty years or more; that he is a reputable citizen, and has been a merchant there for a considerable number of years, operating a hardware store located at 1943 Central Street. Also, that Mr. Fleming is a person of about 45 or 46 years of age; married, has two children, one boy about 15 years of age and a girl about 17 years of age, and as far as they have known him, he bears a good reputation in the community. Neither of these individuals had any knowledge concerning a person by the name of Ernie LaSalle.

Agent Stewart also interviewed John E. Sundblom, mail carrier No. 17, who has the route covering 1943 Central Street, which address is the hardware store operated by A. E. Fleming. Mr. Sundblom advised that he has had this route for the past four years; that he knows A. E. Fleming and has always known

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him to bear a very good reputation in the community, and has never at any time learned or heard anything derogatory to him in any way.

Mr. Sundblom further stated that A. E. Fleming has owned several automobiles, same being a 1929 model "A" Tudor Ford sedan, a 1926 model "T" Ford coupe, and a 1933 four-door Dodge sedan. Mr. Fleming has disposed of the 1926 model "T" Ford coupe and acquired a 1927 Chevrolet two-door sedan. According to Mr. Sundblom, the 1929 model "T" Ford Tudor sedan is used by Mr. Fleming's son. The 1927 Chevrolet two-door sedan is used in Mr. Fleming's business by an employee of his known to Mr. Sundblom as "Ernie", last name unknown, and the 1933 four-door Dodge sedan is used personally by Mr. Fleming. Mr. Sundblom further stated that he has never known Mr. Fleming to possess a 1935 Ford V-8 sedan nor has he ever seen one in the neighborhood of Mr. Fleming's store that would indicate it had any connection with the hardware store.

Agent Stewart obtained from Mr. Sundblom a description of the individual employed by A. E. Fleming and known as "Ernie", which description, as complete as could be obtained, is set forth below:

Name:	"Ernie"
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	40 years
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	150 pounds
Build:	Slim
Hair:	Thought to be light in color, not certain.
Face:	Thin, clean shaven
Chin:	Receding
Remarks:	Usually wears cap. Appears to be very mild and inoffensive. Well liked in the community.
Employment:	Acts as handy-man for Fleming Hardware store, 1917 Central Street, Evanston, Ill. Has been employed there for a number of years.

This Office had neither photograph nor description of Ernie LaSelle, and therefore the description of the individual known to Mr. Sundblom as "Ernie" was obtained for the use of Mr. Frasier Beane.

Very truly yours,

M. E. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 28, 1935.

Time - 3:50 P.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis.

Mr. Purvis telephoned from the Chicago Office and stated that a few minutes ago, Chief of Detectives John L. Sullivan, and Chief of the Uniformed Force Dan Gilbert, called at the Chicago Office and informed Mr. Purvis that they have a place on the north side of Chicago under surveillance in which place are supposed to be Alvin Karpis, Tom Toughy and other Chicago hoodlums. The police have a man watching the place now, and as soon as they receive a report, they plan to raid the place. The purpose of the visit of these men to the Chicago Office was to request the assistance of the Agents of the Chicago Office.

By way of background to this request, Mr. Purvis said that the other day he had a long talk with Sullivan. At this time, Mr. Sullivan was most cordial, and stated that he had an apology to make to the Chicago Office, for the reason that at one time, he thought because the files of the Chicago Office were not made available to a couple of his officers, he was not being treated right; that he now realizes that it would indeed be a poor policy to make such files available, in view of their confidential nature, and can understand and appreciate the position of the Bureau in this regard.

Mr. Purvis stated that this afternoon, he talked to the two above named Chiefs for quite a while, and he believes their attitude toward the Bureau is good.

I pointed out to Mr. Purvis that if the police have this place spotted, they are going to raid it whether or not we participate, and that consequently we will lose nothing by being in the raid; that I was, however, extremely skeptical of the good will displayed towards the Bureau by the Chicago Police Department, explaining my fear of the Greeks when they come bearing gifts; that, however, Mr. Purvis should exercise his own judgment in the matter, and that if he felt the Bureau should participate in the raid, all things considered, he should, of course, do so. Mr. Purvis said that he would, then, cooperate with the police in this matter, and will keep the Bureau advised of any developments.

Respectfully,

JUL 6 1935

E. A. TAMM.

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It looks as if Purvis  
is being taken for a ride.  
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certainly pertinent. J. E. H.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

N.Y. FILE NO. 7-120

REPORT MADE AT: <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>7/1/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>6/27-28/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>JOHN A. SMITH, JR.</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING, HARBORING OF FUGITIVES, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  Person bearing some resemblance to Alvin Karpis seen in New York City 6/27/35 driving Ford sedan bearing Illinois 1935 license #347096. Investigation developed car was in possession of lawful agent of owner and was probably being driven on 6/27/35 by Ray Boarts of the Circulation Department of Esquire, Inc., New York City.			
DETAILS:  At about 5:00 P.M. June 27, 1935, agent was proceeding north along Third Avenue near 32nd Street, in New York City, and noted an automobile which stopped momentarily at Third Avenue proceeding east along 32nd Street. The automobile appeared to be a 1935 model Ford Tudor sedan which was painted olive green and which bore 1935 Illinois license plates #347096. The driver of the automobile appeared to agent to bear a noticeable resemblance to photographs of subject Alvin Karpis. The driver of the automobile was alone and was dressed in a light gray suit and sailor straw hat with a dark band.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>[Signature]</i>	7-576-6574 JUL 3 - A.M.		RECORDED AND INDEXED: JUL 8 1935 JUL 5 1935
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Agent proceeded to the New York Bureau office, where a teletype was dispatched to the St. Louis Bureau office requesting name and address of the person to whom Illinois 1935 license #347096 was issued and requesting detailed description of the automobile for which the license plates were issued.

During the early evening of June 27, 1935, a teletype was received from the St. Louis office in which information was contained that Illinois 1935 license #347096 was issued to John W. Smart, 534 Stratford Place, Chicago, Illinois, for a Ford automobile, Engine #143315.

Teletype was immediately dispatched to the Chicago Bureau office requesting that office to ascertain the reputation of John W. Smart, 534 Stratford Place, Chicago, Illinois, and also to ascertain whether the automobile for which license #347096 was issued was in New York City. The Chicago Bureau office was informed in the teletype forwarded it that the driver of a Ford automobile bearing license plates as set out above appeared to bear some resemblance to photograph of subject Alvin Karpis.

During the evening of June 27, 1935, a teletype was received from the Chicago Bureau office in which information was contained to the effect that John W. Smart, address as noted, is the owner of Ford sedan, Motor #143315, Illinois license #347096, and that Mr. Smart is connected with the magazine "Esquire", of which his brother, Alfred Smart, is managing editor. Further information was contained in the teletype to the effect that the automobile had been driven to New York City about April 27, 1935 by Ray Boarts, who is a salesman for Esquire magazine. Boarts was described as 25 years of age, height 5'9", weight 140 lbs., hair black, face chubby. Further information was contained to the effect that the automobile might have been driven by a man named Nichols whose description was unknown. It was further stated that both Boarts and Nichols might be located at the office of the Esquire magazine, Esquire Building, 366 Madison Street (should be Avenue), New York City.

During the early morning of June 28, 1935, Agent interviewed Mr. S. Nichols at the offices of Esquire, Inc., 366 Madison Avenue, who stated that a 1935 model Tudor Ford sedan was owned by the Chicago office of Esquire, Inc. and is presently being used largely

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by Mr. R. Boarts of the Circulation Department of Esquire, Inc. He stated that during the evening of June 27, 1935 the car might have been used by Mr. Boarts inasmuch as the car had been, for a time, on June 27, 1935, at a service station, and inasmuch as Mr. Boarts arrived at the office of Esquire, Inc. at about 5:00 P.M. it was thought probable that Mr. Boarts picked up the automobile and drove it to his office. Mr. Nichols advised that the automobile had never been stolen and was, on June 28, 1935, in the possession of Mr. Boarts, who was not at the offices of Esquire, Inc. and was not interviewed.

Mr. Nichols described Mr. Boarts as follows:

Age	25 years
Height	5'9"
Weight	140 lbs.
Hair	Black
Eyes	Unknown
Complexion	Medium

Mr. Nichols was not interviewed at length inasmuch as an extended interview appeared to be unnecessary. He was not informed of the exact reason for his being interrogated but was told only that the New York Bureau office was interested in automobiles bearing Chicago licenses and presently in New York City.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

**1616 Federal Reserve**

**Bank Building**

**Kansas City, Missouri**

**July 1, 1935**

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the teletype messages received from the Chicago office dated June 27th and 28, 1935, and Bureau teletype message of June 27, 1935, wherein it was requested that appropriate surveillance be conducted relative to the activities of John Karpovics at Topeka, Kansas.

This is to advise that on June 28, 1935, Special Agents Franklin Welch and A. J. Norstrom of the Kansas City office were instructed to conduct appropriate investigation in this matter. They endeavored to contact Albert Grooms, 1234 Monroe Street, Topeka, Kansas, son-in-law of John Karpovics, who at one time had expressed the desire to cooperate with the Bureau in effecting the apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

Inquiry was made at the Capital Iron Works, Topeka, Kansas, where Grooms was formerly employed, where it was discovered that Grooms is presently unemployed. Agents Norstrom and Welch then proceeded to 1100 East 2nd Street, Topeka, Kansas, the building on which property it is assumed that Karpovics is contemplating repairing. Neither Karpovics nor Grooms were observed in the vicinity of this dwelling and Agent Norstrom then conducted a discreet investigation in the vicinity of 1234 Monroe Street, Topeka, Kansas, for the purpose of locating Grooms that his cooperation might be enlisted, without results. It should be noted that Grooms' residence does not contain a telephone and it was imperative to contact Grooms in such a manner that his wife, a sister to Alvin Karpis, would not be aware of this.

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In that Grooms was not available, Agents then made a discreet surveillance of Grooms' home until such time that he could be located for an interview. At approximately 6:00 P.M. that evening a 1927 Buick Coach, green in color, with an attached truck, Illinois 1935 license

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#719755, was observed parked in front of the Grooms' home. Agents then retired to a suitable vantage point about a block from the house and continued the surveillance.


At approximately 6:30 P.M. that evening several cars were noticed driving in the vicinity of the Grooms' residence, and occupants of these cars were recognized as Topeka Police Department Detectives, Shawnee County Deputy Sheriffs, and Kansas State Highway Patrolmen. The Agents then proceeded to the police department, in view of the above developments where Sheriff Dean Rogers, Shawnee County, Topeka, Kansas, Frank Stone, Assistant Director of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, Topeka, Kansas, and Chief of Police Stone of the Topeka Police Department were found in conference.

They advised that a confidential informant, a woman, whose name they did not ascertain, had called each of them by telephone at approximately 6:15 P.M. that evening and advised that she had seen John Karpovitz, a former neighbor of hers, riding around Ripley Park in an automobile that afternoon, and having not seen Karpovitz in the city for the past two years, she observed his movements closely for about two hours, during which time he remained in the park, in his automobile. He left the park about 5:30 P.M. that evening and proceeded to the business district of Topeka, she following in her automobile at a suitable distance. It is to be noted that Ripley Park is a city park in the poorer section of Topeka, of about 40 acres, and is about one block from the 1100 2nd Street address. This informant immediately telephoned Sheriff Rogers, Frank Stone and Chief Stone, and they were in the process of notifying the Kansas City Bureau office of this fact when the Agents appeared.

Sheriff Rogers had made arrangements with a confidential informant, a close friend of the Grooms family and Karpovitz, to observe the movements of Karpovitz closely and report them to the Sheriff. Frank Stone had already placed men in tourist camps in the vicinity of Topeka as well as all possible points of contact for Alvin Karpis in that city. These arrangements had been previously perfected prior to the time of the Agents' arrival at the conference.

However, arrangements will be made to contact Grooms in the most expedient manner possible and enlist his cooperation by Bureau Agents and the surveillance of the Grooms' home and the activities of Karpovitz, will be continued with the assistance of local law enforcement agencies.

Very truly yours,

  
E. E. CONROY  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc-Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**Department of Justice**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

Room 11403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

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July 2, 1935.

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

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

Dear Sir:-

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There are transmitted herewith copies of my memorandum dated July 1, 1935, setting forth information furnished by Mr. McAnally, reporter for the New York "Post", relative to individuals who, he believes, might possibly furnish advice concerning the whereabouts of Subject Karpis.

Mr. McAnally again called at the New York Office on July 2, 1935, and stated that on the night of July 1st, following his conversation with me, he went to the bar in the Ritz Hotel, New York City; that he went there for the purpose of being seen by Luciano who frequently visits the bar; that during the evening Luciano came in and seeing McAnally came to him; that Luciano inquired whether he (McAnally) would meet him at the Aqueduct Race Track, July 4th; that Luciano stated he wanted to give McAnally a "good horse;" that during the brief conversation, Luciano inquired of McAnally what he thought of the vice campaign being conducted by the local officials; that Luciano stated he didn't worry about any of the organizations affiliated with politics but that those which were free from such influences were the ones that he worried about; that Luciano then inquired of McAnally whether the State of New Jersey was handled by the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. McAnally stated that he merely played dumb during the above described conversation; that he asked no leading questions, and that as Luciano left he told McAnally that he would see him at the track, July 4th. McAnally states that he will keep this appointment and keep this office fully advised of any developments. He is still definitely of the opinion that Luciano is working up to something and that the matter

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possibly concerns this Bureau in some way.

I, of course, have not committed myself or expressed any opinions concerning this matter to McNally.

Very truly yours,



R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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New York, N. Y.  
July 1, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

On July 1, 1935, Ike Mainally, reporter for the New York "Post", advised that he had received certain information which might be significant. Mr. Mainally stated that about two weeks ago the chauffeur for Ciro Terranova, a well known Bronx racketeer, informed him during a casual conversation that "somebody mighty hot was in town." About a week ago, Bill Brown, also a well known racketeer, and one of Jake Barker's associates, inquired concerning Mainally's home address, and how he could be reached. Last Thursday, June 27, 1935, Mike Capela, another well known New York racketeer, informed Mainally that "some of the boys might know where Karpis is." During the same conversation, Capela referred to Karpis as a mad dog, and inquired as to whether it was his (Mainally's) understanding that Karpis would be killed when found by federal agents. Capela also made some comment concerning Karpis' associate, Campbell, and stated that the Department of Justice had been making it mighty hard on persons who were found to have harbored criminals of this type.

On the following day, Friday, June 28th, an Italian whom Mainally knows, but whose name he cannot recall at this time, came to him. Mainally states that this Italian works for a boot-maker and is supposed to be well connected with local racketeers. This Italian informed Mainally that Charles Luciano who is also known as Charles Luckie or Lucky Luciano wanted to see him (Mainally) at the club house at the Aqueduct Race Track, July 1st.

Mainally stated that the above series of events appear significant to him, and he believes that it is more than a coincidence. He is of the opinion that it is possible that Karpis might have "moved in" on some of the local racketeers, whom he knew, or who were known to him through mutual friends, or by reason of their past activities. Mainally also believes it possible that the local racketeers might be afraid to refuse to take care of Karpis, and at the same time are fearful of prosecution for harboring him. Mainally states that it occurs to him as entirely

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probable that Luciano wants to give him certain information which might be with reference to Karpis. He stated that this is entirely speculation on his part, based on the above described series of incidents which to him appear to be rather unusual. He stated that he will see Luciano on July 4th as requested and find out what he has in mind, and that in the event Luciano desires to make a deal with reference to Karpis or any other known criminals of that type, he (McNally) will endeavor to persuade Luciano to get in touch with me personally.

In any event McNally will keep me fully informed. He states that he does not want to appear in the picture at all, and that if his conclusions relative to the above are correct, and he can arrange for Luciano to deal directly with me, he (McNally) wants to step out of the picture entirely.

As a matter of information, it might be stated that McNally has a rather wide acquaintance with underworld characters and is the type that they would probably have a certain degree of confidence in, and they may be trying to use him to get certain information to the proper sources.

This matter will receive appropriate attention.

E. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
326 1/2 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, La.  
June 29, 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:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of June 6, 1935, addressed to Mr. W. G. Simpson, Deputy Sheriff, Harrison County, Gulfport, Mississippi, copy of which was furnished the New Orleans Bureau Office, and transmitting copy of letter of Mr. W. G. Simpson addressed to the Bureau under date of May 11, 1935, all in relation to inquiry of Mr. Simpson relative of reward for the capture of Subject Harry Sawyer in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case.

Please be informed that I have personally conferred with Special Agent C. H. Olson, of this office, who first contacted Deputy Sheriff W. G. Simpson and State Highway Officer Adolph De Metz, and have also telephonically communicated with Special Agent M. W. Meekins, with relation to any reward or compensation they might have promised either Mr. Simpson or Mr. De Metz, and have been advised by both of these agents that no promises were made by them and that the matter was never suggested or discussed by or with either Deputy Sheriff W. G. Simpson or State Patrolman Adolph De Metz.

On the occasion when Subject Harry Sawyer was taken into federal custody by the writer and Agent Meekins, at Pass Christian, Mississippi, and when his identity became definitely known by admission on the part of Subject Harry Sawyer, Deputy Sheriff W. G. Simpson asked the writer if there was any reward offered by the Department for information relative his location. He was personally advised by the writer, in the presence of Special Agent Meekins, that the only occasions when a reward had been offered by the Department or the Bureau occurred in the Dillinger case for the arrest, capture or information concerning Subjects Gillis and Dillinger, and on these occasions a circular was publicly distributed by the Bureau indicating authorization of the reward by the Attorney General of the United States. He was advised that no reward had been offered for the arrest of Subject Sawyer.

Inasmuch as the Bureau had not circularized a reward for information leading to the apprehension or for the arrest of Subject Harry Sawyer, and further, as no promise or indication of reward was ever made to either Officers W. G. Simpson or Adolph De Metz by the writer or agents of the New Orleans Office, no recommendation is made for a reward to be paid these officers. The writer is personally opposed to the payment of any reward to law enforcement officers.

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definitely certain of the identity of Subject Harry Sawyer until the final apprehension, otherwise, they would have apprehended this Subject themselves.

In the first instance, it was apparent to the writer that Officer Adolph De Metz could not be handled and he was not present when Sawyer was apprehended, the writer preferring to handle the investigation in a manner satisfactory to the Bureau, inasmuch as it was entirely a Bureau function.

For the information of the Bureau, Deputy Sheriff W. G. Simpson was formerly a liquor smuggler and was involved in an investigation on a National Prohibition Act conspiracy with others, several years ago. Deputy Sheriff Simpson has openly made statements to the writer and to Agents Meekins and Olson that he was personally acquainted with "Machine Gun" Kelly and, years ago, had sold him liquor. Both Officers Simpson and De Metz are garrulous conversationalists and although given sufficient recognition in both the newspaper accounts emanating from Washington, D.C., and New Orleans, Louisiana, undoubtedly feel that because of the prominence given the apprehension of Subject Sawyer in the newspaper accounts, they lost a golden opportunity to further their own interests. Officer Simpson particularly desired publicity for election purposes.

Relatives of Officer Adolph De Metz leased their property to Subject Sawyer, where he built a negro liquor and gambling joint and operated same in violation of Mississippi State Laws, and both Officers W. G. Simpson and De Metz were aware of this fact.

It is my opinion that because of the character of these two officers, the best interests of the Bureau would be served by no offer of reward or remuneration to them.

Very truly yours,

*D. W. Magee*  
D. W. Magee,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati

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RE: CJ  
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July 17, 1935.

Mr. W. G. Simpson,  
a/o Sheriff's Office,  
Gulfport, Mississippi.

Dear Sir:

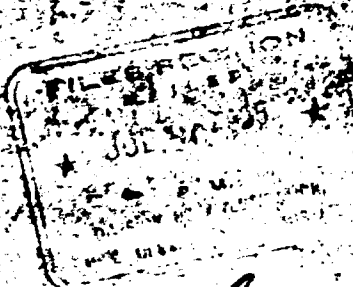
Further reference is made to your letter dated May 11, 1935 relative to the payment of any reward for the capture of Harry Sawyer.

The Bureau has been furnished with information which indicates that the assistance rendered by you in this matter was not in contemplation of any remuneration. Therefore, this Bureau regrets that it can not furnish you with any remuneration under the circumstances.

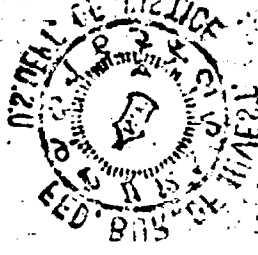
Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 2, 1935.

Time - 10:00 A.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Purvis telephoned from the Chicago Office with reference to recent Bureau letter to the Chicago Office concerning Agent Madala's contacts with Informant [redacted] in this matter. He said that last night, Madala met [redacted] at her request, at which time [redacted] advised that she was going to today meet Harry Campbell in Berwyn, Illinois. It appears that the postmaster there, one Bartholomew, is going to take her to Campbell. Mr. Purvis said that at this time, they do not know very much about it, other than the fact that the place is supposed to be on the street on which Fred Goetz formerly lived, and that he might possibly be with Karpis.

Mr. Purvis said that the contact is going to be had this morning, and after the contact, [redacted] is going to call Agent Madala and advise him in the premises. Mr. Purvis said that it would be entirely impractical to try to keep her under surveillance during her call, and that they are going to have to wait until she calls Agent Madala. He said that he believed it best to conduct a little preliminary investigation before taking the place, if and when the call from [redacted] is received. I told Mr. Purvis to do whatever he thought best under the circumstances, but by all means to keep the Bureau advised at all times.

Mr. Purvis further advised that last Sunday, [redacted] advises a man came to her back door asking for Jim Farmer, this man also asking to use the telephone. She said that as she did not know the man, she did not let him in, but it is recalled that it was under circumstances exactly like these that Alvin Karpis called at [redacted] home some time ago, after which Karpis left and later returned with Bartholomew, mentioned above.

Respectfully,

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Re: Informant [REDACTED]

I am afraid of this woman. She doesn't want money and the Chicago Office has been instructed to be wary in dealing with her.

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July 1, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
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Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping - etc.

Dear Sir:-

As the result of a cover maintained on the  
Lawrence Wallinsky, 306 1/2 Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa,  
brother believed to be a possible contact of  
and MURIEL BROWN, a tracing has been assigned by this office from  
a list of address as follows:

"C. Wallinsky, 306 1/2 Walnut Street,  
Des Moines, Iowa" - postmarked  
"Lorton, Virginia, June 24, 1935"  
"Lorton, Virginia, June 24, 1935"  
"Lorton, Virginia, June 24, 1935"

to the signature of [redacted] under  
No. 1238.

It is requested that an investigation be conducted at  
Lorton, Virginia to determine the identity of the person or persons  
renting Box #25.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. BOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 1278  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
July 2, 1935

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, Kidnaping

Mr. George Hill,  
Post Office Inspector,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

You may discontinue the cover which  
has been maintained on the mail of the  
Birmingham, Alabama, office.

I desire to express to you my thanks and  
appreciation for the cooperation extended by you in this  
matter.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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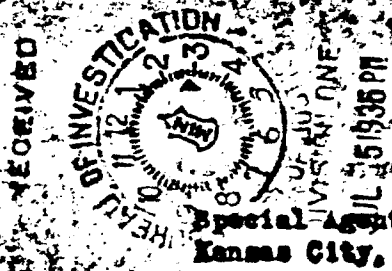
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P. O. Box #766,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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July 5, 1935



Special Agent In Charge,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry dated June 27, 1935 at Detroit, Michigan, which contains the results of a conversation had between Wynona Burdette and her brother, Arthur Burdette, at the U. S. Detention Farm at Milan, Michigan, same having been secured by Agents listening in on a dictaphone and by later corroboration by Arthur Burdette.

On page two of this report it is noted that Wynona informed her brother that two men, known to her only as Dutch and Shorty, had hidden Karpis and Campbell at various times on a little farm located some seven or eight miles south of Joplin, Missouri. Wynona stated that she had only been at this place on one occasion for about an hour, and that while there she and her companion, who is presumed to be Campbell, had a few drinks and for that reason she knew nothing more about the place or the exact location of the hide-out used by these two men to conceal fugitives.

It is desired that your office conduct discreet investigation in the vicinity of Joplin, Missouri, in an effort to learn if Wynona Burdette is telling the truth, and if so, appropriate investigation with respect to the persons she referred to might result in the effecting of the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell.

Very truly yours,

CC Bureau  
St. Paul  
Chicago

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E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent In Charge.

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Drawer 1457,  
St. Louis, Missouri,  
July 2, 1935.

To all Banks,  
St. Louis District.

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

Gentlemen:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, efforts are being made to locate bills of \$1,000.00 denomination, issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Georgia, commencing with serial number F00022451A, and ending with serial number F00022500A.

Kindly notify me immediately in the event a bill from this series is now in the possession of your bank, furnishing all information available with reference to the identity of the person from whom such bill was received.

It is further requested that your bank place a stop-order against any of the aforementioned bills which may be received in the future and advise this office immediately in the event one of these bills is received.

It is essential that you consider this information strictly confidential.

Your cooperation in this respect will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*R. E. Vetterli*

R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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620 FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
BUILDING,  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

July 1, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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

Dear Sir:

A mail cover is being maintained by this office on  
the mail of Wellinsky, 306 1/2 Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa,  
pawn broker, believed to be a contact for WILLIAM WEAVER, known as  
KATON and possibly other members of the above gang.

This office does not have handwriting specimens  
of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, to be used in comparing the  
tracings received from above cover, and it is, therefore, requested  
that your office furnish the Omaha Office with handwriting speci-  
mens of the above named two Subjects.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge

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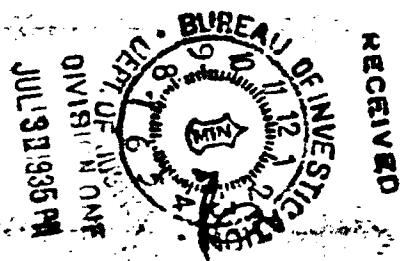
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P. O. Box #766  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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July 2, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN  
with aliases, I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL  
with aliases, I. O. #1234; WILLIAM WEAVER  
with aliases, I. O. #1238; WILLIAM F.  
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:

Your attention is invited to Bureau letters under  
dates of May 4, 1935 and June 22, 1935, which instructed that an Agent  
be assigned to interview Mr. Joseph R. McNeff, 902 N. Jameson Ave.,  
Lima, Ohio, regarding information he furnished the Bureau concerning  
an individual who resembled Alvin Karpis.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 31, 1935  
which instructed conduction of an investigation in the vicinity of  
Marmora, Ontario, Canada relative to subject William Weaver.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent H. D.  
Brown, Cleveland, Ohio, June 1, 1935, which contains undeveloped leads  
requiring the attention of your office at Cleveland, Ohio, and Toledo,  
Ohio. In this connection it should be stated that contact with the  
informants at Toledo and the investigation regarding the Harvard Club  
in Cleveland are of the utmost importance.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent M. J. A.  
Cassidy, Chicago, Ill., 6-15-35, which requests investigation concerning  
Edith Barry, 524 Southard, Toledo, Ohio, for the purpose of securing  
any information available with regard to subject Alvin Karpis.

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Your attention is also invited to letter to the Director from the Cincinnati Office dated June 21, 1935, a copy of which was sent to the Cleveland Office and which contained a request that all banks in your district be circularized with the serial numbers of certain \$1,000.00 bills in an effort to locate these bills or secure information as to their being passed.

No advice has been received by this office indicating that this action has been taken.

Your attention is invited to the fact that no report has been submitted by the Cleveland, Ohio office since the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown dated June 1, 1935.

In view of the importance of this case, particularly in the territory covered by your office, it is requested that all investigative leads be given preferred attention, and that a report be submitted at least every fifteen days.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Bureau.

Post Office Box 1278  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
July 1, 1935

DB:VC

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

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your telephonic request  
of July 1, 1935, I am transmitting herewith state-  
ments of Special Agents J. V. Murphy and J. E. Hilles  
of this office relative to allegations made by Paula  
Harmon, Gladys Sawyer, and Wynona Burdette.

Very truly yours,

DNIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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☐ Mr. Nathan  
☐ Mr. Tolson  
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☐ Mr. Clegg  
☐ Division Three

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☐ Miss McCarthy

☐ Miss Conlon

☐ Mr. Ward

☐ M

☐ Correct

☐ Re-write

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☐ See me

☐ Send file

☐ Note and Return

☐ Please call me concerning this

☐ Search, serialize and route

E. A. Tamm - Room 5107.

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

El Paso, Texas, July 1, 1935.

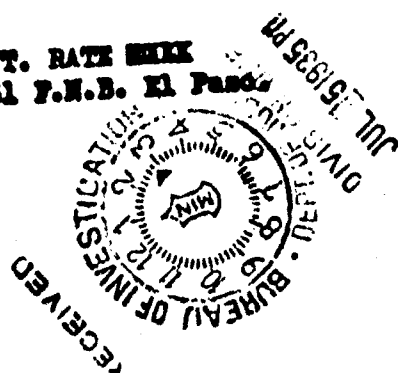
J. G. Newman, Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
405 P. O. Building,  
San Francisco, Calif.

BREKID airmail letter addressed to Mr. and Mrs. G. R. O'Donnell forwarded from here by airmail today to apartment three naught one at nine five six Post Street San Francisco Stop May be for Subject Identification Order Twelve three eight suggest discreet investigation letter will arrive there seven fifteen tomorrow morning.

Colvin

OFF. BUS. GOVT. RATE MARK  
QHG: FBI, 1551 P.M.B. El Paso

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U. S. Department of Justice  
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
JUNE 29, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

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

In keeping with instructions contained in Bureau letter of June 17, 1935, I have assigned Special Agent A. J. Norstrom to personally conduct the investigation of all leads wherever possible in connection with this case.

As all Agents who had been familiar with this case had been transferred, it was necessary to assign some other Agent to the case with instructions to the effect that he should familiarize himself thoroughly with the entire contents of the files of this office.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice  
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri,  
July 3, 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. C

Reference is made to letter from the Chicago office dated June 15, 1935, and to Bureau teletype message dated June 24, 1935, wherein a request is made that copies of all communications of Arthur and Lloyd Barker received and sent at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, be secured.

This is to advise that on June 27, 1935, Special Agent A. E. Farland of this office arranged with E. H. Eckholdt, Secretary to the Warden of the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, to secure the original copies of all communications received and sent by the above mentioned parties. This was done as a precautionary measure by the penitentiary officials to guard against any possibilities of secret messages being received or communicated by these parties. Typewritten copies of all communications will be given to the addressee and the original of each communication will be sent to the Kansas City Bureau office, which in turn will transmit them to the Bureau for appropriate attention.

Transmitted herewith are the following letters: A letter addressed to A. R. Barker from J. B. Dial, Overton, Texas, dated 6-24-35; a letter to Lloyd Barker from George E. Barker, Neosho, Mo., dated June 28, 1935, which letters were received from Mr. Eckholdt on June 29, 1935. A letter written by Arthur Barker to G. E. Barker, Joplin, Missouri, P. O. Box 724, dated June 29, 1935, and received at the Kansas City office from Mr. Eckholdt on July 2, 1935. Copies of these letters are attached to the carbon copies forwarded the Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Paul, as well as the Kansas City, offices.

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In that it appears possible that these letters may contain secret writing, it is respectfully suggested that they be sent to the Technical Laboratory for processing.

Very truly yours,

*E. E. Conroy*

E. E. CONROY  
Special Agent in Charge.

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ENVELOPE:

If not delivered in ten days return to  
POST OFFICE BOX 7  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

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Place your register  
number here.

Mr. G. E. Barker  
Joplin, Missouri  
P. O. Box 724.

Leavenworth, Kansas, June 29, 1935.

Mr. G. E. Barker  
Joplin, Missouri

Dear Dad I just received your most welcome letter. This leave me feeling just as good as can be expected in here. I was glad to hear you were in better health hope you keep on improving. I have not seen Bud since being here. I don't know how much longer I will be here. I would like to see you before I leave. I am thirty six years of age I was born the year of 1899. on June the 6th. what are those paper that you are filling out. and you didn't say if you get that straighten up about that money in Chicago and what about the other down south. Now that other stuff that you located up there if I was you I would do something about it right away for there is a lot of personal things in it. If you hear from that party I want you to be sure to keep in touch with her. For it will mean a lot to me I guess the reason she didn't tell much to that attorney is she may of didn't know for sure who he was. I wish you would answer right back and let me know you everything came out I saw a piece in the paper where that attorney at St. Paul got judgement again me for six thousands dollars I want you to let me know about that also. I don't know much news to write at the present time so will close hoping to hear from you real soon your son as ever Arthur Barker.

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Envelope:

On reverse side: "G. E. Barker,  
P. O. Box 724,  
Joplin, Webb City, Missouri. ("Webb City, Missouri" printed)

Postmarked Neosho, Mo. Jun 26 10:30 AM 1935

Mr. Lloyd Barker  
P. O. Box 7  
Leavenworth, Kan.

Joplin, Mo.  
June 26-35

Mr. Lloyd Barker 19243

Dear Son:

Rec'd your letter a few days ago. Was more than glad to hear from you.  
Was also glad you were OK and feeling good.

I am improving slowly, still under the Dr's care. He advises me not to  
work and as long as he does I think I'll just keep him (Ha Ha). I'm not  
working very hard but on the job. But I'm visiting today. Will soon give  
me all the details of your Ball games. Hope your side wins.

I don't know for sure but I think we will come up some where between the  
4th and 10th. or that is my attorney and I'll try to come with him, and

try to see Doc. too. Do you know what year Cook was Born in and when  
his birthday is. if you remember one by return mail as I've got some  
papers to fill out and I just can't remember only I think its in Oct.

Well-Son I guess I'd better ring off until next time as I've got some  
running around to do, as I'm in Neosho today. I'm writing to Doc to-  
day too But I want you to give me his age if you can by return mail

Hoping to hear from you soon

As ever  
Your Loving Dad  
G E Barker  
P O Box 724 Joplin Mo.

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Envelope:

J. B. Dial  
Overton, Texas.

(Postmark) Tyler, Texas, Jun 24 7 30 P.M. 1935

Mr. A. R. Barker  
Leavenworth  
Kansas.

(typewritten)

Overton, Texas June 24, 1935

Mr. A. R. Barker  
Leavenworth, Kansas

Dear Sir:

In reference to your Oil Payment in the Gipsen lease in Rusk County, Texas, this property is rated by the Railroad Commission at about 95% salt water. This water has increased to this amount over a period of two years and the cost of handling this increasing volume of water has, of course, increased, and it is just a matter of time until the cost will exceed the profits.

Therefore, I am trying to clear this lease in order to have all the equipment thereon; and I will pay you \$25.00 for an assignment to me of your interest in and to your leasehold.

If this is satisfactory with you, please properly sign and execute an Assignment to me for your interest in this property and forward, with draft attached, through the First State Bank, Overton, Texas, and I will take care of same upon its arrival.

Very truly yours

(Signed) J. B. Dial

J. B. Dial

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: BREKID

Number: 7-576-6580

Specimens: 7-576-6580A. 1 page original letter written with pencil in longhand on both sides of white paper with blue lines beginning "Dear Dad I just received your most welcome letter" and signed "Arthur Barker?"  
7-576-6580B. Envelope not bearing a postmark addressed to Mr. G. E. Barker with register number 46928.  
7-576-6580C. 1 page original letter typed on one side of plain,  
Examination requested by: Kansas City Bureau Office

Date received: 7-11-35

Examination requested: Handwriting - Typewriting - U1 Violet

Result of examination: Examination by: Appel

white paper beginning "In reference to your Oil Payment" and signed "J. B. Dial".  
7-576-6580D. Envelope addressed to Mr. A. R. Barker and postmarked Tyler, Texas, Jun 24, 1935, 7:30 PM.  
7-576-6580E. 3 page original letter written with ~~long~~ pencil in longhand on one side of white paper with blue lines beginning "Dear Son: Rec'd your letter a" and signed G. E. Barker.  
7-576-6580F. Envelope addressed to Mr. Lloyd Barker and postmarked Neosho, Mo., Jun 28, 1935, 10:30 AM.

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Return specimens  
cc- Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Paul.

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July 20, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report #0023 in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive, I.O. #1212, et al.; Edward G. Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping.

In accordance with your request, the following original specimens are returned herewith, photographic copies of same having been made for the completion of the Laboratory's files;

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- Received  
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- A. One original letter beginning "Dear Dad I just received your most welcome letter".
  - B. Envelope addressed to Mr. G. E. Barker, Joplin, Missouri, P.O. Box 724.
  - C. One original letter written to Mr. A. R. Barker, Leavenworth, Kansas, beginning "In reference to your Oil Payment in the".
  - D. Envelope addressed to Mr. A. R. Barker, postmarked "Tyler, Texas, June 24, 1935, 7:30 P.M."
  - E. Three page original letter beginning "Dear Son; Rec'd your letter".
  - F. Envelope addressed to Mr. Lloyd Barker, postmarked "Neosho, Missouri, June 25, 1935, 10:30 A.M."

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. 7-15

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

REPORT MADE AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.	DATE WHEN MADE 7/2/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/26 & 7/1/35	REPORT MADE BY C. H. OLSON
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, W.R. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: James A. Moran, 2203 Palmer Avenue, New Orleans, La. is evidently an associate professor and student at Tulane University, New Orleans, La. A ten day mail cover was placed on first class received by James A. Moran.

REFERENCE: Letter to SAC, St. Louis, Mo., from SAC Birmingham, Ala., dated June 20, 1935.

DETAILS: Under instruction from Special Agent in Charge R. W. Magee, New Orleans, La., the following investigation was conducted by the writer.

Mr. Reagan, Assistant Manager, Western Union, Room 201, 334 Carondelet St., New Orleans, La. advised that the address given by the sender of the telegram as referred to in letter of reference was 2203 Palmer Ave., New Orleans, La.

O. S. Montagnet, Clerk, New Orleans Public Service, Inc. checked their records and advised that a Mrs. Fred L. Seaman has lived at this address for over 15 years; that it is evidently a private home, as it only contains two meters, gas and electric; that her bills have all been paid on due date, indicating that she had a good credit rating.

[REDACTED] checked their records and advised that Mrs. Fred L. Seaman has lived at the present location for over 15 years; that she is a widow and runs a boarding house at this address; [REDACTED] that she has two sons, Fred L. Seaman, Jr., 21 years old and employed by the Fire Company Adjustment Bureau, Inc., who have

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>D. W. Magee</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-2581 JUL 5 - 1935 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: FILE	RECORDED AND INDEXED JUL 5 1935 CHECKED OFF: JUL 6 JACKETED:
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offices in the Maritime Building, New Orleans, La., and a younger son, **Gaines Seaman**, a student of the Alcee Fortier High School, New Orleans.

██████████ checked their records in regard to James A. Moran, and advised that they did not have a James A. Moran with an address given as 2205 Palmer Ave., but that they did have a James A. Moran with an address at 5912 St. Charles Avenue, and the following information was obtained in regard to this man: he came to New Orleans in September, 1934, evidently from Elizabeth, N. J.; that his mother's name is given as Mrs. Ellen E. Moran, no address; that James A. Moran is an associate professor and student at Tulane University, New Orleans, La., and his age is given as 24 years; that an inquiry had been sent to Elizabeth, N. J. for information on Moran, but because of lack of sufficient information in regard to Moran, they had been unable to gain any further information from Elizabeth, N. J.; that possibly Moran had been in Rahway, N. J. and Kansas City, Mo., as a notation appears in their files with these names, however, there is no information as to why it appears.

E. J. McShane, Supt. of Post Office Sub-station B, 4319 Carondelet St., New Orleans, La., checked their records in the post office and advised that on June 18, 1935 they had received a request from James A. Moran and Mrs. E. R. Moran to have their mail forwarded to 2203 Palmer Ave., New Orleans, from 5912 St. Charles Ave.

Arrangements were made with Mr. McShane to have a 10 day mail cover placed on all first class mail received by James A. Moran and Mrs. E. E. Moran. It was advised that he would forward all information received from the Bureau to his Bureau at the Main Post office and from there forward it to the New York Bureau office.

2203 Palmer Ave. appears to be a private home containing 10 or 12 rooms and is situated on a corner lot. Palmer Ave. is a connecting street between St. Charles Ave. and Claiborne Ave., and this house is situated on the right side of the street going towards Claiborne. In the rear of the house is a single garage and no automobiles were observed around this place at the time writer was looking it over. It is located within walking distance of Tulane.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE CINCINNATI OFFICE. The New Orleans office would like to have the benefit of all information in the Cincinnati Bureau file with respect to the family of Subject Moran so that relationship of James A. Moran to Subject Moran of the instant case may be established.

THE BIRMINGHAM OFFICE will consider the above lead and also furnish the New Orleans office further information if developed of mail cover on mother of Subject Moran at Mobile, Ala.

THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE will continue investigation and develop relationship to Subject Moran of James A. Moran, who forwards money to Subject Moran's mother at Mobile, Ala., and will ascertain if James A. Moran is in contact with or in correspondence with Subject Moran.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 64  
Buffalo, New York

July 3, 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.

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Re: Alvin Karpis, wa I.O. 1218-FUGITIVE  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

The Buffalo Office is in receipt of a copy of a letter from  
[redacted] to the Bureau dated June 26, 1935 request-  
ing he be advised of the disposition of the case of Volney Davis, wa.

This is to advise that the file at the Buffalo Office does  
not reflect the date and disposition of the case against Volney Davis  
and it is assumed that the Bureau will reply to the request of [redacted]

Yours very truly,

T. N. Stapleton

T. N. STAPLETON  
Special Agent in Charge

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July 12, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Buffalo, New York.

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

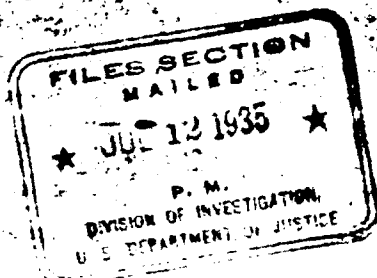
Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication dated July 8, 1935. Please be advised that on July 8, 1935, [REDACTED] b7d

[REDACTED] was advised that Volney Davis, our file #FD-400441, as #1999, was arrested by the United States Marshal, Saint Paul, Minnesota, June 3, 1935, for conspiracy to kidnap and transport a kidnaped person in interstate commerce, and that this individual was sentenced June 7, 1935, to serve life imprisonment in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-22**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Ill.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/2/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/28/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>D. F. SULLIVAN</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1234; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1235; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1237; MYRTLE KATCH with aliases, I.O. 1241; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING &amp; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** F. J. Warhol, 5655 S. Troy St., Chicago, Ill., interviewed and advised that Elmer Farmer had an interest in a bookmaking business operated at Kahn's Tavern, Elmhurst, Ill. Warhol identifies photograph of Volney Davis as man he saw at the Foxhead Inn, operated by Edward Schweppe and Arnold Canute on Lake Street, Elmhurst, Ill.

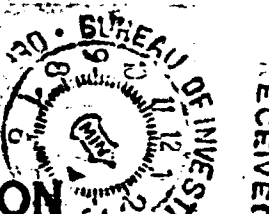
**REFERENCE:** Letter from the Bureau dated 6/12/35.

**DETAILS:** Agent interviewed F. J. Warhol, 5655 South Troy Street, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Warhol, who is presently unemployed, stated that for approximately the last three years he has been engaged as a lumber salesman covering the town of Bensenville, Illinois, and the towns in the immediate vicinity; that during this time he became acquainted with Elmer Farmer; that he frequently saw Elmer Farmer at Kahn's Tavern, Elmhurst, Illinois; that he understood that Elmer Farmer financed Kahn in this business some years ago; that Farmer had a half interest in a bookmaking business operated by Kahn at his tavern.

Mr. Warhol stated that after the arrest of Elmer Farmer by Bureau Agents, Kahn frequently spoke to him concerning Elmer Farmer and appeared to be worried about the possibility of being

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in some way involved. However, Kahn at no time disclosed to Warchol that he had any connection with persons involved in the Bremer kidnaping other than his acquaintanceship with Farmer. Warchol advised him that if he should ever be questioned by the Bureau that he, Kahn, should disclose any information that he might have.

Warchol was questioned closely but he had no further information concerning the Bremer case.

He was shown photographs of all the known members of the Karpis-Barker gang, and he selected the photograph of Volney Davis, saying that he had seen Davis at the Foxhead Inn, commonly called Eddie and Arnold's Tavern, located one mile west of York Street on Lake Street, Elmhurst, Illinois, immediately adjacent to the airport. He stated that this tavern was owned and operated by Edward Schweppe and Arnold Canute; that this place was frequented by persons who appeared to be hoodlums.

Agent questioned Mr. Warchol concerning persons who might have information concerning contacts and acquaintances of the Kahn family. Warchol stated that Fred Burke, a former policeman at the Elmhurst Police Station up until the time that Kahn left for Germany, also frequented Kahn's Tavern daily, and would be in a position to furnish information concerning the people who visited this place. Warchol stated, however, that Burke was quite talkative and had been dismissed from the Elmhurst Police Department for laxity in carrying out his duties.

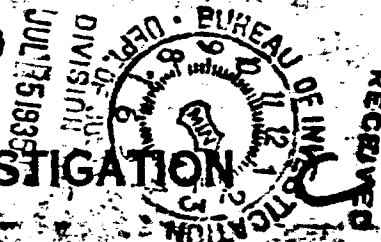
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>LITTLE ROCK, ARK.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>7/2/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>5/31/35 6/15 &amp; 24/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. C. COULTER</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218 - FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1238; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1239; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239; SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1231; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Cooperation of all banks in Arkansas requested with view to locating \$1,000.00 bills on Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank No. F-00022451A to F-00022500A. L. E. Frazier, Jonesboro, Arkansas, had no definite information regarding fugitives in captioned case but promised cooperation. Richard Galatas reported visiting his mother in California whose address is believed to be Long Beach, California.

**REFERENCE:**

Bureau letter dated June 11, 1935; letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated June 21, 1935; letter from Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy, Kansas City, Missouri, dated May 28, 1935; and report of Special Agent A. A. Muzzey, Detroit, Michigan, dated May 15, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

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All banks in the state of Arkansas have been requested by letter to advise this office whether they now have on hand any \$1,000.00 bills of the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank which serial numbers are from F-00022451A to F-00022500A. The banks were further

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requested to preserve their letters and notify this office by telephone in the event an effort was made either to deposit or exchange any of the above described \$1,000.00 bills at some future time.

Special Agent R. E. A. Boyle conducted the following investigation:

"Reference is made to a letter from the Bureau dated June 11, 1935, in which it was requested that Mr. L. N. Frazier, Noble Hotel, Jonesboro, Arkansas, salesman for the J. I. Case Company, manufacturers of farm machinery, who travels through northern Arkansas, be furnished photographs and descriptions of Alvin Karpis, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Harry Campbell, William Weaver, William J. Harrison, and Myrtle Eaton. It was believed Frazier might be of some assistance to the Bureau in locating these persons by virtue of his acquaintance with the entire northern section of Arkansas.

"The writer contacted L. N. Frazier, Noble Hotel, Jonesboro, Arkansas, June 16, 1935, and after being exhibited proper credentials of the latter, presented Frazier with descriptions, Identification Orders, and photographs according to the Bureau's request. Frazier stated it is his idea that Karpis and his gang might be hiding in the northern section of Arkansas, particularly in the mountains between Batesville and Fayetteville; says he has noticed men on different occasions who seemed to answer the descriptions of Karpis and members of his gang. Frazier stated his knowledge of the description was gathered from his reading of the True Detective and Master Detective Magazines which he purchases regularly. He stated that about two weeks ago when he was in Marshal, Arkansas, purchasing gasoline for his automobile, a new grey Ford Sedan, containing four men, drove to the station for gasoline. He noticed while passing the rear of the car, one of the men had a submachine gun under a blanket in the car and it came to his view when the blanket was turned aside by the movements of one of the men. They made rapid efforts to conceal the gun from his view and drove rapidly away. He stated he did not get a description of the men at this time because he did not want to appear too curious and so could not say whether they were members of the Karpis gang or not.

"He was asked to communicate whatever information he may secure concerning the members of this gang to the Little Rock Bureau office. He stated at this time he was not actuated by motives of pecuniary gains but rather as a duty as a loyal Arkansas Citizen and he had no thought of receiving any reward in the event he brought about the apprehension of any of these fugitives.

"He was enjoined by the writer to keep all this information strictly confidential and that he should not consider himself to be a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, or of any other Department of the United States Government."

Inquiry made at Hot Springs, Arkansas, through Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers, on May 31, 1935, reflected that Richard Galatas was absent from the city but was expected to return. Further inquiry was made at the White Front Cigar Store and elsewhere at Hot Springs, but no information was received indicating Galatas was presently residing in Hot Springs. In each instance Agent was referred to Herbert Akers as the best possible source of information. Mr. Akers was contacted again on June 24, 1935, at which time he advised that Galatas recently passed through Hot Springs, Arkansas, and informed him personally that he would be in California for the next three months during which time he expected to visit his mother and after that time, he intended to engage in the manufacture of liquor in Kansas City, Missouri. Akers claimed not to know the identity of Galatas' associates in the liquor business in Kansas City but advised that it was his understanding he was associated with three men who are residents of Kansas City, Missouri. Akers further claimed that he had no idea as to the location of Galatas' mother in California. The file maintained in the Kanmo case in the Little Rock office indicates that Galatas' mother resides at Long Beach, California.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE LOS ANGELES BUREAU OFFICE is respectfully requested to contact Richard Galatas at the home of his mother at Long Beach, California, and interview him as requested in reference report of Special Agent A. A. Muzzey which is attached hereto, for the benefit of the Los Angeles Office. It will be noted that the Little Rock Office is not in possession of the address of Galatas' mother, however, it is believed same can be obtained by reference to the Los Angeles file in connection with the Kanmo case.

PENDING.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
June 22, 1935

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
I. O. 1218: ET AL: EDWARD GEORGE BRE-  
MER, Victim: KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is familiar with the identity of [redacted]  
as her name has appeared in reports in the above captioned case from time to  
time. [redacted]

Since the inception of this case the Oklahoma City Office has  
maintained contact with [redacted], who has resided at [redacted]  
and who is presently living at [redacted]. Through this woman  
the Oklahoma City Office has been able to practically at all times be ap-  
prised of the whereabouts of Dorothy Karpis. It is true that no valuable  
information has been obtained through [redacted], but I believe that  
had she come into possession of anything that she would immediately have sup-  
plied this office therewith.

This woman is [redacted] of age, is shrewd, is above  
the average criminal in intelligence, [redacted]  
has served a term in the penitentiary, is familiar with the ways of  
the underworld and has a keen insight into their minds.

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I am informed that at the present time, Dolores Delaney, of INVESTIGATION  
paramour of Karpis and who bore him a child, is in a Federal penal institu-  
tion, possibly in Milan, Michigan. It occurs to me that Karpis, through his  
parents or otherwise, is maintaining contact with the Delaney  
woman. [redacted] informed me that she is very desirous of seeing  
Alvin Karpis caught or killed and that she would like to have a part in it.  
She had mentioned to me several times the possibility of getting into the  
Federal institution in which the Delaney woman is confined under a commit-  
ment of some kind and in this manner she feels confident that she could obtain

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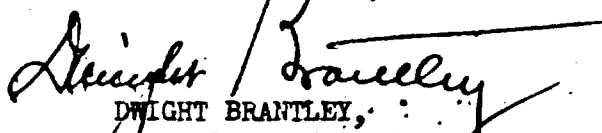
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information that would result in the location of Karpis. She stated that of course she is interested in what financial remuneration that she would receive, but that she would be glad to be confined in the institution for a sum not the exceed \$75.00 or \$100.00 a month.

I feel that this woman is highly intelligent. She is not a drunkard, nor a drug addict, and she has the utmost confidence in her own ability and I would recommend that the Bureau give serious consideration to this proposal.

Please advise me in the premises at the earliest practicable time.

Very truly yours,

  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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June 29, 1935

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Personal and Confidential

Mr. Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

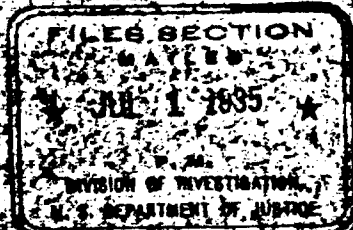
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your Personal and Confidential letter of June 22, 1935 in the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Fugitive, et al; Edward George Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping. In which you suggest that [redacted] be incarcerated in a Federal penal institution in which Delores Delaney is confined, in order that [redacted] may obtain information from Delores Delaney concerning the present whereabouts of Alvin Karpis. I believe that this suggestion is meritorious, but regret that at the present time, the Bureau can take no action towards putting this suggestion into operation. The successful carrying out of the plan suggested by you would, of course, require close and dependable cooperation on the part of the Bureau of Prisons, which cooperation would not be forthcoming and consequently, it will be impossible to adopt your suggestion at the present time.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Respectfully,

Clyde Tolson.

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June 28, 1935

MEMORANDUM

Re: EDNA MURRAY, with aliases,  
Edna Sullivan; Edna Stanley;  
Edna Price; Doris Farrell.

Edna Murray, one of the defendants named in the indictment returned at St. Paul, Minnesota by the Federal Grand Jury on January 22, 1935, charging her and others with conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, has been an associate of criminals nearly all her life. She was born as Edna Stanley at Marion, Kansas on May 26, 1898. At the age of twenty-three, while employed as a waitress and cashier in a cafe at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, she first met Volney Davis and associated with him until February 3, 1932, when Davis was sent to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, to serve a life sentence for the crime of murder. Davis and Arthur R. Barker were both convicted for the murder of Thomas J. Sherrill, aged night watchman at the St. John's Hospital, Tulsa, Oklahoma, which occurred on August 28, 1931.

Davis escaped from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on January 8, 1925 and was arrested as Roy Green by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department on January 22, 1925, together with Edna Murray and Earl Stuchlik. Davis was returned to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. After the conviction of Davis on the murder charge, Edna Murray became associated with and married "Diamond Joe" Sullivan. Her sister, Doris Stanley, married Henry B. Connell, one of the famous Connell brothers. Sullivan was a member of the Connell gang, which had perpetrated a number of bank robberies and had stolen numerous automobiles throughout the southwest. Sullivan was taken into custody by the Special Service Department of the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company at Bristow, Oklahoma on September 22, 1922, on charges of investigation in connection with the murder of Police Officer John Lang at Sapulpa, Oklahoma on September 15, 1922 and released. Edna Murray was also taken into custody in connection with this same offense at Sapulpa, Oklahoma on October 4, 1922 and later released.

On July 24, 1923, Detectives George W. Moore and Luther C. Ray, of the Little Rock, Arkansas Police Department, conducted a raid on a gambling joint in Little Rock, Arkansas and were killed by Sullivan and Connell, who escaped and were later located near Sheridan, Arkansas, where they were taken into custody and returned to the Arkansas State Penitentiary. On October 15, 1923, Sullivan and Connell were tried in State Court at Little Rock, Arkansas on charges of first degree murder and were convicted by the jury and death sentence imposed. The execution was set for December 21, 1923.

After the execution of Sullivan, Edna Murray returned to Kansas City, Missouri, where she met a barber named Jack Murray. They were later

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married in Los Angeles, California. On April 8, 1925, she and Murray were arrested by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, on charges of highway robbery and on October 1, 1925, they were both sentenced to serve twenty-five years imprisonment in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, where they were received on December 3, 1925. Edna Murray escaped from the prison on May 2, 1927 and was arrested as Doris Farrell by the Chicago, Illinois Police Department during a raid on September 4, 1931. Her fingerprints were identified as those of Edna Murray, the escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary and she was, accordingly, returned to that Institution. A few months after her return, she made a second attempt to escape and was apprehended about one-half mile from the prison. She effected a successful escape from the Prison Farm on December 13, 1932 and remained at large until she was apprehended by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, at Pittsburg, Kansas on February 7, 1934.

Volney Davis, in the meantime, had succeeded in obtaining a leave of absence from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on November 3, 1932, which leave of absence was extended on June 30, 1933 to July 1, 1934. Failing to put in an appearance on that date, Davis was declared a fugitive. After the escape of Edna Murray, she began living with Davis as his wife. They became associated with the Barker-Karpis gang and traveled throughout the middle west with this gang, which perpetrated a number of bank robberies and kidnappings. Members of the Barker-Karpis gang, including Volney Davis and Edna Murray, were named as defendants in the indictment returned by the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, charging them with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934. The indictment as to Edna Murray was subsequently dismissed on motion of the Government for lack of sufficient evidence. She was returned to the Missouri State Penitentiary, from which Institution she had escaped, to serve the balance of her sentence and an additional sentence of two years, imposed after conviction for violation of the State Escape Law.

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/2/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/27/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. A. WILLIAMS</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH 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.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>1935 Ford tudor sedan, bearing 1935 Illinois license number 347096, is property of John E. Smart, 534 Stratford Place, Chicago, Ill. Investigation reflects that this car is in the possession of Ray Boarts or one Nichols, both salesmen for the Esquire Magazine, New York City office, 366 Madison in Esquire Bldg.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Teletype from the New York office dated 6-27-35.</p>			
DETAILS: <p>Agent interviewed Mr. John Hughes, doorman, 534 Stratford Place, Chicago, Illinois, who advised that John Smart was residing at 534 Stratford Place with his father, whose name is Louis. Mr. Hughes advised that John Smart was connected with the Esquire Magazine, a Chicago publication. He advised that John's brother, David Smart, was either the owner or the managing editor of this magazine and was also assisted by another brother Alfred Smart. Mr. Hughes advised that the Smart family were very well to do and of an excellent reputation. He advised that the family had resided at their present residence for the past 3 years and that he had an opportunity to observe their associates, whom he termed to be very high class. Mr. Hughes advised that the family had about 4 or 5 cars at their disposal, among which is a Studebaker, a Studebaker, a convertible coupe - make unknown, a Ford and another car answering the description contained in the reference teletype. Mr. Hughes advised that so far as he knew none of the family was in New York and had not heard of any automobile that belonged to them having been stolen.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <b>M. A. Curran</b>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	<div style="text-align: center;"> <b>7-576-1587</b>              JUL 5 - A.M.              BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION              ROUTED TO: <b>ONE</b> FILE           </div>	
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It should be noted that 534 Stratford Place is within the Gold Coast area of Chicago and in a very wealthy residential district.

Agent interviewed Mr. John Smart, 534 Stratford Place, Chicago, Illinois, relative to his 1935 Ford tudor sedan, bearing 1935 Illinois license number 437096, and he advised that he was connected with the Esquire Magazine, working for his brother David Smart, and that this magazine, which was published in Chicago, had purchased this automobile and it had been placed in his name. This purchase was about two or three months ago and it had been driven on the streets of Chicago for about a month. At that time one of their salesmen, Mr. Ray Boarts, drove this car to New York City where it was to be used in the business of selling the Esquire Magazine. He advised that there was another person besides Boarts who might possibly be driving the car and that was a man by the name of Nichols, whose first name he did not know. He advised that he had never seen Nichols, due to the fact that he was a salesman that was employed in the East. He advised that the company that publishes the Esquire Magazine thought very well of Mr. Boarts. Mr. Smart furnished Agent with the location of the New York office of the Esquire Magazine, which he stated was in the Esquire Building, 366 Madison Street, New York City, N.Y.

Mr. Smart furnished Agent with the following physical description of Ray Boarts:

Age: 25 years  
Height: 5 feet 9 inches  
Weight: 140 pounds  
Hair: Black  
Face: Chubby  
Occupation: Salesman for the Esquire Magazine.

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P. O. Box #768,  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:-

Your attention is invited to the report of Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry dated June 27, 1935 at Detroit, Michigan, which covers a conversation had between Wynona Burdette and Arthur Burdette, her brother, at the U. S. Detention Farm at Milan, Michigan, the details of same having been procured through use of a dictaphone and by later corroboration on the part of Arthur Burdette.

It is noted that Wynona told her brother that she had learned from Mrs. Harry Sawyer that Harry Campbell had spent the night with his mother in Tulsa, Oklahoma, following his escape at Atlantic City, N. J. It is also noted that Arthur Burdette advised Agents that in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, there is a man known to him only as Lea, who operates a filling station on the Nowata Road leading out of Coffeyville, Kansas through South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, to Nowata, and that this filling station is the last one on the left hand side of this road; that this man, Lea, was a very close friend of Campbell during the summer of 1933 and that Campbell frequently visited the station during that period.

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It is noted that Arthur Burdette advised further that there is a man in Tulsa, Oklahoma, known to him only as Mel, a close friend of Bob Mayfield, Director of the Arkansas Travelers, who broadcast over Station KGGF at Coffeyville, Kansas; that he had known Mel to drive Harry Campbell from Coffeyville, Kansas to Tulsa, Oklahoma, on two occasions during the summer of 1933, for a price of \$20.00 for each trip. Burdette said that if Bob Mayfield were contacted and asked to identify this man, Mel, he may be able to do so, and that Mel may be in a position to furnish information as to Harry Campbell.

It is requested that the above data be made the subject of investigation for the purpose of effecting the apprehension of Harry Campbell and also in order to ascertain what degree of reliability may be placed in Wynona Burdette's statements.

Very truly yours,

H. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Bureau  
St. Paul  
Chicago

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BREKID. ILLINOIS LICENSE 725353 ISSUED TO HENRY MARCHAND, 5527

EVERETT AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, ON CHRYSLER AUTOMOBILE.

INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED MARCHAND RESIDED AT ABOVE ADDRESS UNTIL

MARCH 1, 1935, WHEN HE LEFT FOR CALIFORNIA WITH HIS WIFE ON

ACCOUNT OF HEALTH. IS EMPLOYED WITH THE DIORAMA CORPORATION OF

AMERICA, 200 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, CHICAGO, AND IS IN CHARGE OF

THE STUDIO OF ART WORKS. TELEPHONIC INQUIRY AT ABOVE PLACE DIS-

CLOSED THAT MARCHAND WITH HIS WIFE RECENTLY TRAVELED TO CALIFORNIA

AND RENO, NEVADA IN THEIR FORD COUPE RETURNING TO CHICAGO YESTERDAY.

DESCRIPTION OF MARCHAND AS FOLLOWS - AGE 55, HEIGHT 5 FEET 11

INCHES, WEIGHT 180 POUNDS, HAIR GRAY, BUILD HEAVY

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Room 11403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

July 3, 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:

Reference is made to the Bureau  
letter to this office, dated June 24, 1935,  
wherein it is requested that photographs of  
Frank Frost be forwarded to the Bureau, and  
to each of the offices indicated below.

There are being forwarded here-  
with to the Bureau and to the offices indicated  
below, two copies each of three poses of Frank  
Frost. The woman in one of these photographs  
has been identified as Dorothy Frost, wife of  
Frank Frost.

Very truly yours,

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

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WASHINGTON, D. C.  
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RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with alias  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et  
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RE: Letter of New York Office, dated 7/5/34

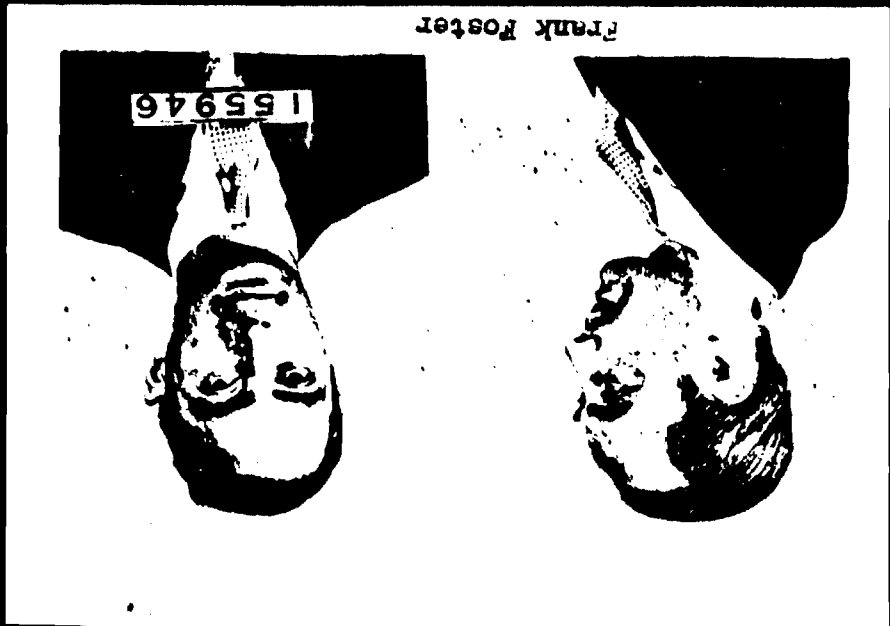
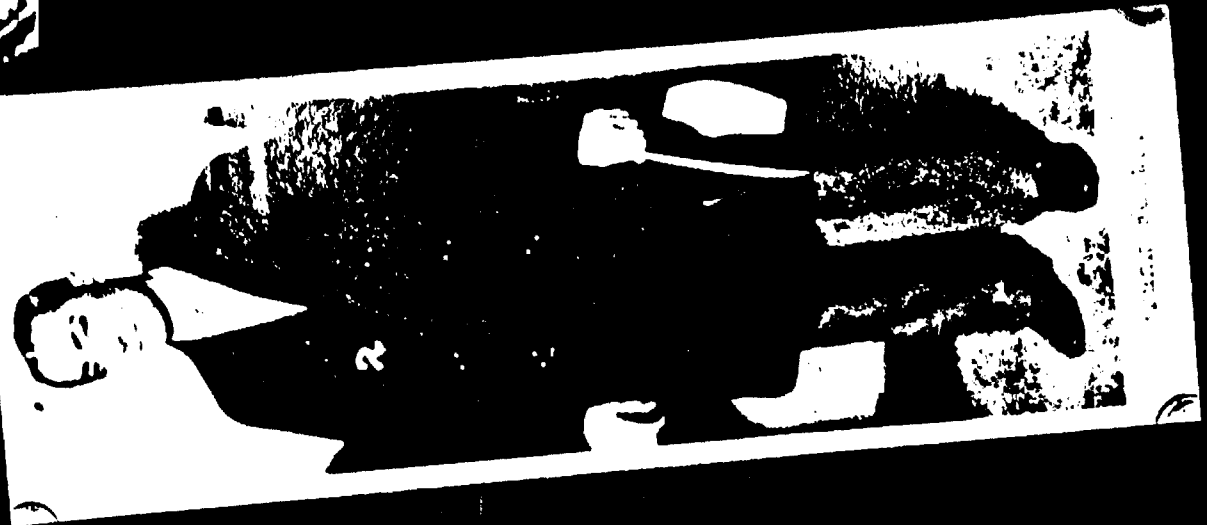
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Frank Foster

Frank Froot

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NEW YORK OFFICE

NAME Frank Froot  
ALIAS Frank Froot - Frank Frootman  
RESIDENCE 145 W 58 St NYC  
CRIMES  
AGE 32 (230) HEIGHT 5' 7 1/2"  
WEIGHT 125 BUILD med  
HAIR Blk EYES Bru  
COLOR wh COMPLEX wh  
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Frank & Dorothy Froot

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RE: MAN

MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER. JULY 3 1935

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CLEVELAND

BREKID BUREAU AUTHORIZES PAYMENT TO [REDACTED] SUCH SUMS OF MONEY  
COMMENSURATE WITH SERVICES RENDERED BY HIM. BUREAU DEEMS IT INADVISABLE  
TO ADVANCE LARGE SUMS OF MONEY TO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS BUT SUGGESTS  
PAYMENTS BE MADE IN SMALL AMOUNTS PERIODICALLY THEREBY FURNISHING AN  
INDUCEMENT TO DEVELOP INFORMATION OF VALUE TO THE BUREAU

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Cincinnati, Ohio

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July 3, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Denver, Colorado.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1212, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:-

It was recently learned through listening in by dis-  
tance on a conversation between Wynona Burdette and Arthur Burdette,  
her brother, at the U. S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, that a  
working man named J. Reynolds, at Casper, Wyoming, has, in the past,  
concealed Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis during visits in Casper, Wyo.

Kindly institute investigation to learn the identity  
of J. Reynolds, also to ascertain if there is a possibility of either  
of these subjects being harbored by him at the present time.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIRECTOR

BREKID. RECEIVED LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL THIS MORNING FROM JOHN HAGAN IN KANSAS CITY, WHO IS SUBJECT OF PREVIOUS IO AND ABOUT WHOM THE BUREAU HAS COMPLETE FILE. HE DESIRED TO KNOW WHAT REWARD WOULD BE PAID FOR APPREHENSION OF KARPIS AND CAMPBELL AND STATED HE HAD SOME "HOT" INFORMATION AS TO WHERE THEY COULD BE LOCATED. HE WOULD NOT TELL ME OVER THE TELEPHONE WHERE THEY ARE LOCATED AND I REQUESTED THAT HE GET IN TOUCH WITH SAC CONROY OF KANSAS CITY OFFICE. HE APPEARED TO BE HESITANT AND I URGED HIM TO DO SO TODAY. HE FINALLY AGREED TO SEE CONROY AND GIVE HIM INFORMATION IN HIS POSSESSION. I IMMEDIATELY INFORMED CONROY OF THESE FACTS. CONROY STATED HAGAN HAD ALREADY TALKED TO MR DAVENPORT, SECRET SERVICE AGENT IN KANSAS CITY RELATIVE THIS MATTER.

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1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

July 4, 1935

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

Dear Sir :-

Re Brekid O  
William Weaver, with aliases,  
I. O. 1238

Special Agent R. D. Brown is proceeding to day by Bureau automobile to Marmora, Canada to cover the lead in this case at that point.

En route he will stop at the Buffalo office. He has been instructed to contact with the nearest American Consul and to discuss the matter of the investigation to be made there with the Canadian authorities.

Special Agent Brown in accordance with instructions issued to him by Assistant Director Harold Nathan will cooperate with the Canadian authorities in effecting the apprehension of Weaver if he is located at Marmora, or any other point in Canada.

In this connection it might be noted that frequent contacts are being made with informants in this District in an effort to develop information which will lead to effecting the apprehension of the subjects in this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. P. Mac Farland  
Special Agent in Charge.

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July 8, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shannon dated at Kansas City, Missouri, February 21, 1935 in the above entitled case, wherein it is noted on page ten that Edna Murray furnished information to the effect that her husband, "Diamond Joe" Sullivan, and the husband of her sister Doris, Henry B. Connell, were arrested at Little Rock, Arkansas, for the murder of two police officers in that city in 1924, and that Sullivan was electrocuted and Connell escaped from the Arkansas State Penitentiary, where he was awaiting the death penalty and was killed shortly thereafter by a posse.

Reports emanating from the Little Rock Office in the case entitled Max J. Connell and Henry B. Connell (brothers), subjects of I. O. 215, submitted by Special Agent Fred A. Dunn under dates of August 2, 1925 and October 20, 1925, reflect that Henry B. Connell and Joseph M. Sullivan, on July 24, 1925 killed Detectives George W. Moore and Luther C. Ray in Little Rock, Arkansas, during a raid conducted on a negro gambling house located at 1006 Chester Street, the home of A. G. (Rube) Sadell. Connell and Sullivan escaped and were later located near Sheridan, Arkansas, where they were taken into custody and returned to Little Rock on the murder charges. On October 18, 1925 Connell and Sullivan were tried in State Court on charges of first degree murder, were convicted by a jury, and death sentences imposed. The date of execution was set for December 21, 1925.

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In order to complete its files, the Bureau desires that the officials at the Arkansas State Penitentiary be interviewed for the purpose of ascertaining whether Connell and Sullivan were electrocuted, pursuant to the death sentences imposed upon them.

Very truly yours,

cc - Kansas City  
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John Edgar Hoover,  
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Laboratory Report

July 1, 1935.

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

Number: 7-576-6509.

Specimens: Photostatic copy of Georgia license registration card, containing  
the signature of Jack Williams, dated January 30, 1935.

Examination requested by: Atlanta Bureau Office.

Date received: June 27, 1935.

Examination requested: Handwriting.

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel

The registration card containing the signature and writing of Jack Williams was compared with the signature of "W. A. Weaver" on the identification order. Such a comparison is of little value because there is even a scarcity of comparable letters, much less words. From the comparison, however, there is no reason to suspect that Weaver wrote the "Jack Williams" signature. The Jack Williams writing has been compared with other handwriting in this case, particularly that of known gangsters, and no identification was made, there being no writing exhibiting similar writing habits with the exception of that of Cas McDonald. The Laboratory has some pencil writing of his in which some of the same writing characteristics are shown. These are combined, however, with other writing habits which appear to be contrary to those observed in the writing of Jack Williams.

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July 2, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. #1212, et al.,  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

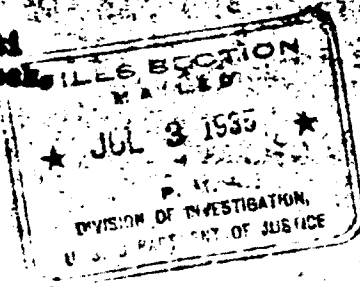
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report  
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office  
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in  
the Division June 27, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Portland, Oregon.

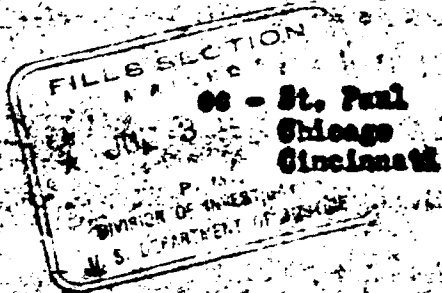
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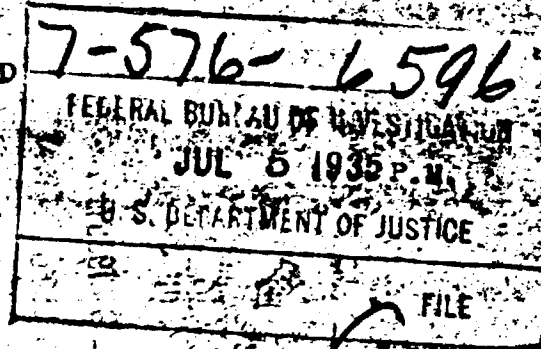
Kindly advise the Bureau the results  
of your investigation conducted with respect to the  
telegram quoted in Bureau letter dated May 31, 1935,  
addressed to your office. The telegram was dated  
May 29, 1935 and was signed "Twilight Lodge".

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, ET AL,  
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KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Kindly advise the Bureau what progress  
has been made in connection with the development of  
possible harboring charges against individuals who  
assisted Volney Davis subsequent to his escape at  
Yorkville, Illinois, on February 6, 1935.

The Bureau's desires in this matter were  
expressed in a teletype message to your office dated  
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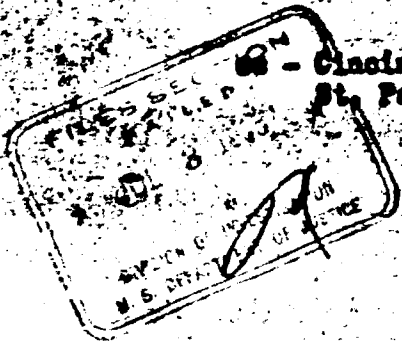
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DIRECTOR

BREKID GEORGE SKULTETY COUNTY ATTORNEY FAIRBURY NEBRASKA CHARGED WITH PROSECUTING JESS DOYLE IN COUNTY COURTS FOR ROBBERY FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF FAIRBURY ABOUT APRIL 19, 1933 WISHES TO KNOW PRESENT WHEREABOUTS AGENTS JOHN L MADALA AND R P SHANNAHAN WHO SECURED STATEMENT FROM JESS DOYLE AT KANSAS CITY BUREAU OFFICE FEBRUARY 15, 1935. IN ANTICIPATION PROSECUTION DOYLE HE WISHES CONFER THESE AGENTS. HE ALSO WISHES TO KNOW LAST ~~NAME~~ KNOWN WHEREABOUTS OF EDNA MURRAY ALIAS EDNA STANLEY ADVISE.

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT

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REKID AGENTS JOHN L. MADALA AND R. P. SHANNAHAN ARE NOT  
AVAILABLE FOR CONFERENCE WITH GEORGE SKULTETY COUNTY ATTORNEY  
FAIRBURY, NEBRASKA. SERVICES OF AGENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE  
HOWEVER AS WITNESSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROSECUTION OF  
JESS DOYLE IN COUNTY COURT IN EVENT THEY ARE DESIRED.

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CLEVELAND

BREKID ADVISE THE BUREAU STATUS INVESTIGATION REQUESTED UNDEVELOPED LEAD  
SET OUT REPORT OF SA H J GASSIDY DATED CHICAGO ILLINOIS JUNE 15, 1935.  
BUREAU INSTRUCTS ALL LEADS THIS CASE YOUR DISTRICT BE GIVEN VIGOROUS  
AND THOROUGH ATTENTION.

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