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PRIVACY ACTS**

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

**FILE NUMBER: 7-576**

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Post Office Box #812

Chicago, Illinois

July 15th, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

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

Please be advised that there are approximately thirty rolls of wall paper in the storeroom in this Office. This wall paper was originally ordered for use in locating the Bremer hideout and is identical with the wall paper which was in the bedroom in the hideout where Victim Bremer was held. In view of the fact that this hideout has now been located and identified, instructions are desired from the Bureau as to the disposition to be made of this wall paper.

It is my understanding that the Bureau has some arrangements for trainees to locate a hideout in connection with their training and that to this end they have secured one or more houses in nearby Virginia. It is suggested that the Bureau might desire to have one of the rooms in one of these houses papered with this type of wall paper and furnish each of the trainees with a sample of this wall paper to assist them in locating this hideout. It is believed that this might be a practical test for the trainees in connection with their training.

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Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

JUL 26 1935

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July 24, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 15, 1935, relative to the Bremer case in which you advise that there are approximately thirty rolls of wall paper originally ordered for use in searching for a kidnapping hideout.

You are authorized to forward this wall paper to the Bureau so that it will be available in connection with the Training School work.

I desire to express to you my appreciation for your interest in calling the attention of the Bureau to the availability of this wall paper.

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.

July 14, 1935.

Time-9:45 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: Alvin Karpis.

Special Agent in Charge Conroy telephoned me from Kansas City and advised that John Hagan, from Collins, Missouri, had an informant regarding Karpis and Campbell; that after talking to Mr. Tamm, Conroy informed Hagan that the top price on Karpis would be \$2500 and \$1000 on Campbell.

Mr. Conroy further advised that Agent Brice went with this informant to Fort Smith, after giving him money to buy a car, and that Agent Brice reports that the tip looks very good. Mr. Conroy stated that he reported this much to Mr. Tamm.

Mr. Conroy advised that Agent Brice had just telephoned him and stated that this informant tells him that he has talked to Karpis in Duncan, Oklahoma, this morning and personally saw both Karpis and Campbell last week; that he, the informant, saw Karpis and Campbell, both with women, in a Buick car, this morning; that the woman with Campbell has been living down in Texas. The informant further advised Agent Brice that Karpis and Campbell are expected in Oklahoma City about 10:00 A. M. July 15 and will leave for a farm about 15 miles out of Topeka, Kansas.

Mr. Conroy suggested that he leave for Oklahoma City so as to be there in the morning and I so instructed him. He will report developments from there.

Respectfully,

H. Nathan.

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

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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 13, 1935.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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

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

On July 1, 1935, [redacted] advised Special Agent J. L. Madala that arrangements were being made whereby [redacted] would meet Subject Harry Campbell in Berwyn, Illinois. It appears that one Bartholomew, Postmaster at Berwyn, Illinois, is acquainted with Subject Campbell and other subjects in this case and had effected the arrangement for the meeting.

Information has also been received from the Chicago office that Subject William Harrison has been seen in Bensenville, Illinois. Several contacts have since been made with [redacted] but no information has been obtained indicating the present whereabouts of the subjects.

Special Agent R. D. Brown at the present time is in Canada conducting investigation [redacted] at Marmora, Canada with a view to locating Subject William Weaver who is suspected of having purchased a farm in that vicinity.

Arrangements were made for Arthur Burdette to visit his sister, Winona Burdette, at the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan for purposes of obtaining additional information concerning local contacts of Campbell in Oklahoma. The information furnished by Winona Burdette is now being investigated by the Oklahoma City and Denver offices.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby  
R. E. Newby.

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Mr. Baumgardner  
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Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Edwards  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Keith  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Scheidt  
Mr. Schilder  
Mr. Smith  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

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DIRECTOR

"PHONE" CHICAGO POLICE ADVISE NO RECORD OF 1934 FORD V-8 SEDAN,  
MOTOR 18-763750 AS HAVING BEEN STOLEN. WILL CHECK API TOMORROW.

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Mr. Nathan ✓  
 Mr. Tolson .....  
 Mr. Baughman .....  
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 Mr. Coffey .....  
 Mr. Edwards .....  
 Mr. Egan .....  
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DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 11, 1935.

Time 8:30 pm

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Karpis and Campbell.

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

Mr. Conroy telephoned from the Kansas City Office concerning his previous conversations with me relative to the activities of informant John Hagan, and his informant, who claim to have information on the two above named subjects. He said that Agent Bryce is presently in the company of Hagan, and the two of them are going to contact the informant of Hagan at a hotel in Fort Smith, Arkansas, between six and eight o'clock tomorrow night. This informant has informed Hagan that he personally knows Bryce, having known him while Bryce was a detective with the Oklahoma City Police Department, and that Bryce is all right, and that it will all right for them to make a personal contact with him. Mr. Conroy said that in this manner, more and definite information can be obtained.

I cautioned Mr. Conroy about Bryce's keeping him fully advised as to the developments at all times, so that if a good lead is obtained on Karpis and Campbell, we will be in a position to cover the lead with a sufficient number of men and equipment. Mr. Conroy said that he has cautioned Bryce about this, and believes that Bryce will keep him fully informed at all times.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice  
506 Fletcher Trust Building  
Indianapolis, Indiana

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July 16, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that on July 13, 1935, Special Agent E. J. Wynn of this office, while conducting an investigation at Jeffersonville, Indiana, in connection with the case entitled "ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.1218, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT," found it necessary to conduct some investigation at Louisville, Kentucky, and while in Louisville, discussed this case with Special Agent in Charge O. C. Dewey of the Louisville office.

Very truly yours,

*H. H. Reinecke*  
H. H. REINECKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Louisville

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808 Medical Arts Building,  
Nashville, Tennessee.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
P. O. Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

7-576-6698  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
JUL 18 1935 A.M.

JUL 20 1935

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

Dear Sir:

Confirming our two teletypes of this date, please be advised that Constable Holcomb, Columbia, Tennessee advised this office that one Joe Walker had seen three suspicious looking characters at Columbia who asked him the road to Birmingham. They were riding in a 1931 green colored Terreplane sedan with Michigan license plates. Walker advised that they were carrying German Luger pistols in shoulder holsters and had a machine gun on the rear seat of the car. Special Agent S. S. Bentley immediately proceeded to Columbia and interviewed Joe Walker, 1315 South Main Street, Columbia who is an employee of the hosiery company there and who appears to be a reliable and substantial individual.

Walker advised that about 12:15 P. M. he was returning to his home from north side of Columbia when he was stopped by three men and asked the road to Birmingham; he was also asked what kind of a town Columbia was and what kind of work he did. Walker gave the following descriptions of the subjects.

No. 1 - Driver

Age	About 24 or 25.
Height	About 5' 10"
Eyes	Black
Weight	About 140 or 150 pounds
Hair	Black, straight, side burns
Complexion	Dark
Characteristics	Dry talker, opened mouth but very little; wore white bated suit with stiff straw hat; white shirt and black necktie.



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S.A.C., Birmingham  
July 15, 1935

No. 2.  
Age 25  
Height Short  
Eyes Dark  
Complexion Dark  
Hair Black  
Weight About 150 pounds  
Wore a dark blue Mohair suit.

Walker stated that he had been in the Navy for a period of 8 years and that he was acquainted with makes of machine guns and German lugers; that he was positive that these are the kind of guns they had. He stated that there was a machine gun lying on the rear seat; that it had been covered with reading magazines and that apparently the wind had blown them off to where he could identify the gun. At the time he saw the parties, all three of them were riding in the front seat.

A number of pictures were exhibited to Walker and he immediately picked out the picture of Alvin Karpis as the driver of the car. Walker made this identification before knowing who he had picked out; however, he was unable to identify either of the other two parties from the pictures shown him. He stated that he was sure of his identification. Walker stated that he immediately reported the incident to Constable Joe Holcomb who telephoned the Nashville office. Walker also said that the local authorities to whom he talked apparently were not very much interested in determining who the parties were.

Agent interviewed W. G. White and C. F. Goodman, barbers in Columbia, who stated that they particularly noticed this car with two men in the front seat and one in the back seat at about 12:40 P.M. today, when they stopped on South Main Street while waiting for a red light and that all three men appeared to be nervous and were taking in all the sights. They stated before being exhibited any pictures that they did not want to be implicated in making any identification; but after exhibiting a number of pictures to them they partially identified Harry Campbell as being one of the parties. They failed to make any identification of the other two.

It will be noted that about twenty-five minutes

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S.A.C., Birmingham  
July 15, 1935

elapsed from the time the parties were first seen until they were last seen. When last seen, they were leaving town on Highway No. 31 apparently headed towards Birmingham.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: Bureau ✓  
Cincinnati

REM:GJ

July 16, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1215, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREYER - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Under date of June 25, 1935, the Bureau addressed a communication to your office, suggesting that Special Agent D. P. Sullivan be assigned to interview Danny McFarland, who is reported to be residing with a sister named Wellroy at 8004 Paulina Street, Chicago, Illinois for any information which he may have concerning the whereabouts of Subject William Harrison.

Kindly advise the Bureau the status of this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC - St. Paul  
Cincinnati

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*E. J. Connelley*

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July 15, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

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 Bureau July 11, 1935.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

65-9428  
Chicago  
St. Paul.  
St. Paul.

*Handwritten initials and signature:*  
H. E. C. E. J. M.

CHARGE

July 12, 1935.

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

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A. One 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". B. Envelope not bearing a postmark addressed to Mr. G. E. Barker with register number 40928. C. One page original letter typed on one side of plain white paper beginning "In reference to your" and signed "J. M. Dial". D. Envelope addressed to Mr. A. E. Barker and postmarked "Tyler, Texas, June 24, 1935, 9:30 P. M.". E. Three page original letter written with pencil in longhand on one side of white paper with blue lines beginning "Dear  
Kansas City Bureau Office (\*\*continued below)

July 11, 1935.

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\*\*\*Sons: Rec'd your letter a" and signed "G. E. Barker". F. Envelope addressed to Mr. Lloyd Barker and postmarked "Mexico, Missouri, June 28, 1935, 10:30 P. M.".

Indented on the back of the specimen 7-576-6530-1 appear the following, apparently inadvertently impressed in the writing of a letter:

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G E  
G E Barker  
Joplin  
Missouri".

The letters were all examined for secret writings but other than the above nothing was developed.

In accordance with your request the original specimens will be returned to your office as soon as photographic copies have been made for the completion of our files.

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July 16, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

In connection with an inquiry which is being conducted by the New York office as to the possible source of machine guns and other types of weapons which have been rebuilt or have numbers removed, duplicated, and the like, advice has been received in the Bureau from Captain Van Amburgh of the Massachusetts State Police to the effect that when a raid was conducted at Warwick, Rhode Island, several months ago, resulting in the capture of a gang consisting of Carl Rettich, John McGlone, Charles Harrigan, Thomas Dugen, Herbert Hornstein, and Joseph Fisher, there was found in their hideout a .351 caliber Winchester rifle which had been expertly converted into an automatic rifle and further that the number had been obliterated in expert fashion and the gun reblued.

This description of the work done on this rifle is similar to methods used to remove numbers from certain Browning automatic rifles previously brought to the attention of the Bureau, and for this reason it is desired that an Agent from your office make inquiry into this matter, submitting complete details concerning the work done on the gun. It would be highly desirable if arrangements can be conveniently affected to obtain possession of this gun for transmission of the Bureau's Technical Laboratory for examination. It might even be possible for the Bureau to restore the number obliterated and in this manner assist in the tracing of the gun.

The case should be given early attention and a copy of your report should be submitted to the New York office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-New York.

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KANSAS CITY BUREAU OFFICE  
(Name and address of Contributor)

Date 5-8-35

Mr. J. E. Hoover,  
Director, Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice, #848600  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

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

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
U.S.M. K.C.MO. #452	<i>87-55K 848600</i> VINITA STACEY with aliases	Complaint dismissed.

*per list*

This form to be submitted to the Bureau of Investi-  
gation 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.

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Very truly yours,

E.E.CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN  
(Official Title)

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

RW:PS  
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July 17, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue 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:

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Reference is made to my letters dated July 2 and 5, 1935, concerning information furnished by Ike McAnally, reporter for the NEW YORK POST, relative to his contacts with Luciano, alias Lucky, a well known New York racketeer, and indications that Luciano possibly might be in possession of or in position to secure information regarding the present whereabouts of Subject Karpis.

McAnally called on me today and stated that since our last conversation, as reported in my letter of July 5, he has again seen Luciano and he brought up the subject of their previous conversations in a casual manner. McAnally states that he inquired of Luciano whether "his friend", who might know where Karpis is, had arrived in town. Luciano stated that "the friend" had arrived in New York but that he had not had an opportunity to see him or find out whether he knew anything about Karpis. McAnally advises that he then suggested to Luciano that the best thing for him to do was to talk to me about this matter. When this suggestion was made, according to McAnally, Luciano immediately and emphatically stated, "I don't know Karpis, never saw him, don't know where he is, and don't know whether I could find out anything about him or not." He further advised that he merely thought his friend, referred to, might be able to furnish information of interest, but he was not sure of this.

According to McAnally, Luciano, after this preliminary statement, indicated that he might be receptive to the idea of meeting and talking to me. He also indicated that he would not want to take the initiative in this matter by way of coming to this office to volunteer information or to become acquainted. McAnally



Director  
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July 17, 1935.

Luciano did not specifically agree to this but, according to McAnally, indicated by his actions that he would not be opposed to such an arrangement.

McAnally's theory of this matter is that Luciano, representing certain powerful New York racketeering interests, has a contact or associate in some other city who knows the whereabouts of Karpis; that Luciano and his associates in New York are afraid that Karpis might come to New York and expect them to take care of him, thus making them liable to possible prosecution for harboring. He believes that they also realize that should Karpis come to New York, investigative activities looking to his apprehension may seriously interfere with their remunerative gambling and local racketeering activities. In other words, the local racketeers of Luciano's type are not the type who would seek the association of Karpis because he would be too dangerous to their interests. At the same time they probably have mutual friends and connections and they could not very well "kick him out" in the event Karpis should come to New York and "move in on them". McAnally also believes that Luciano and his associates, in addition to having a possible real interest in making certain that Karpis does not embarrass them or interfere with their activities, might have in mind that they can not only accomplish this by furnishing information concerning his whereabouts to this Bureau, but at the same time they might secure the good-will of this office by assisting in the location and apprehension of Karpis.

There is no doubt but what the local racketeers of Luciano's type who are engaged in very remunerative enterprises are being extremely cautious not to do anything which might give the Bureau jurisdiction to investigate them. McAnally is definitely of the opinion that the whole purpose of the several cautious contacts which have been made with him by Luciano and his associates, as described in my previous letters, were to arrange an avenue through which a contact could be made with this office. Their reluctance to voluntarily come in and furnish information concerning Karpis, or any other criminal of his type, is understandable in view of their own unlawful activities.

I believe that this matter is worthy of following up further and I will arrange, through McAnally, to personally meet Luciano casually, outside of the office, sometime at an early date in order that he might have the opportunity to take this matter up with me, if he so desires. In view of McAnally's request that I treat the fact that he has advised me concerning his conversations with Luciano, regarding Karpis, in strictest confidence, I will not be in a position to take the initiative in discussing the matter with Luciano. I will keep the Bureau fully advised of further developments which might be of interest.

Very truly yours,

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

cc: St. Paul  
cc: Cincinnati  
cc: Chicago

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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July 16, 1935.

## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS.

In confirmation of telephonic advice furnished Mr. Richmond, on July 15, 1935, concerning the case of William E. Meade, Fugitive Index #5980, Bureau file #62-28915, please be advised that on July 15, 1935, a fingerprint card was received in the Identification Division from the Sheriff's Department, Northampton, Massachusetts, reflecting that this individual as Charles E. Carter, #8669, was arrested by that Department on July 12, 1935, charge violation of Auto Laws - improper registration of automobile; released July 13, 1935, under \$200.00 bond for hearing.

Respectfully,

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

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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

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DEPT. OF JUSTICE

JUL 18 1935

July 16, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to my letter of July 8, 1935 relative to representations made by John Hagen that he believes he can aid the Bureau in bringing about the apprehension of ALVIN KARPIS and PERRY CAMPBELL, and that he contemplated having an emissary contact Mr. Bremer to determine whether the latter would offer any money for information leading to the apprehension of KARPIS and CAMPBELL.

On July 15, 1935 Jesse B. Calmenson, Attorney, Pioneer Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, called at this office and informed me that he had received a letter from Harry Friedberg, Attorney, Kansas City, Missouri, last Thursday which he thought might be of interest. He advised that Friedberg informed him that one Hagen, a former client of his, was in a position where he could cause the apprehension of KARPIS and CAMPBELL, but would only do so if the rewards on these men were enough to justify such action. Friedberg asked Calmenson to contact the Bureau Office in St. Paul with the view of having the writer aid in such negotiations as he might have with Mr. Bremer. Mr. Calmenson stated that it was merely a matter of "cold turkey" with him, and that he would like to make a fee, if possible, and he advised that he was not acquainted with Hagen but understood that the latter was of unsavory reputation and well acquainted with the underworld.

I informed Mr. Calmenson that neither I nor any other member of this office would be in a position to accompany him to see Mr. Bremer, and made it clear to him that the Bureau would not be a party to any negotiations whereby the Bremers would be requested to post a reward. He was informed, of course, that any independent contact he might make with the Bremer family was solely up to him.

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Mr. Calenson departed advising that he intended to confer with members of the Bremer household, after which he wanted to talk with me in order that the Bureau might be advised of any and all activities on his part in behalf of Attorney Friedberg.

Very truly yours,

R. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

HEA:ACF

CC Bureau ✓  
CC Cincinnati

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
July 15, 1935

Time 12:31 PM

MEMORANDUM

Re: Fingerprints of  
Charles E. Carter.

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

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Rex Collier, he advised that the Associated Press was carrying a story from Northampton, Massachusetts, to the effect that one Charles E. Carter, 65 years of age, of Atlanta, Georgia was under arrest at Northampton by the local police; that he is supposed to have told the police that he defied them to properly identify him and that the report is that he had apparently tried to mutilate his fingerprints. Mr. Collier stated the article carries the story that the fingerprints were forwarded to the Bureau for identification. I stated that I had received no information regarding the above matter.

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7-576-6720

July 26, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

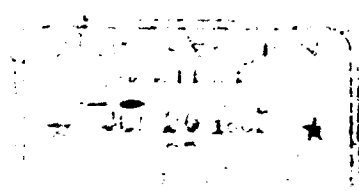
Reference is made to your letter of July 20, 1935 transmitting a white card on which is written "Mr. Campbell, Mr. Karmen, Chester Arms" in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive, I. O. 1218, et al.; Edward G. Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping.

Please be advised that the specimen submitted has been examined but no latent fingerprints could be developed.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC - St. Paul,  
Cincinnati,  
Chicago.



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H. J. E. C.  
E. J. C.

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J EDGAR HOOVER=

=DIRECTOR US BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

DEPT OF JUSTICE WASHN DC=

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., DISPATCHES QUOTE YOU AS  
IDENTIFYING FINGERPRINTS OF MAN RELEASED AFTER  
BEING HELD AUTO LAW VIOLATIONS AS WILLIAM E. MEADE

68, CONFIDENCE MAN, AND SAY HE IS WANTED FOR

QUESTIONING IN BREMER KIDNAPING STOP IS WANTED IN

BREMER KIDNAPING AND IN WHAT CONNECTION, PLEASE STOP THANKING  
YOU IN ADVANCE FOR THIS AND PAST FAVORS

Telephone Your Telegrams FRED H. STRONG CITY EDITOR  
953A.. JUL 29 1935

STPAUL DAILY NEWS.

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Baughman  
Chief Clerk  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Edwards  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Keith  
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JUL 18 1935

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RE: TAM

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to: FRED E STRONG  
CITY EDITOR  
ST. PAUL DAILY NEWS  
ST. PAUL MINNESOTA

RETEL BELIEVE UNDESIRABLE AT THIS TIME TO FURNISH DETAILS AS TO SPECIFIC  
LINE OF QUESTIONING DESIRED TO BE APPLIED TO WILLIAM E MEADE. LATTER'S  
CRIMINAL RECORD FOLLOWS - AS J W REED ARRESTED POLICE DEPARTMENT MIAMI FLORIDA  
DECEMBER 18, 1920 CHARGE SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER (CON) DISPOSITION NOT GIVEN. AS  
JOHN HENRY FOSTER #8390 ARRESTED POLICE DEPARTMENT DENVER COLORADO AUGUST 24  
1922 CHARGE INVESTIGATION CON MAN SENTENCE THREE TO TEN YEARS STATE PENITENTIARY  
CANON CITY, COLORADO, JUNE 1 1923. AS JOHN H. FOSTER #12127 RECEIVED STATE  
PENITENTIARY CANON CITY COLORADO JUNE 3, 1923 CRIME CONSPIRACY TO STEAL, ONE  
COUNT, CONFIDENCE GAME, 2 COUNTS (CONCURRENTLY) SENTENCE 3 TO 10 YEARS. AS  
EDWIN ELZA GAYNOR, #2196 ARRESTED NEW SCOTLAND YARD LONDON, ENGLAND DATE NOT  
GIVEN, CHARGE CONSPIRACY SENTENCE SIX MONTHS AND 6 MONTHS HARD LABOR (CONSECUTIVE)  
FOR ATTEMPTING TO STEAL BY MEANS OF CONFIDENCE TRICK APRIL 2 1930. AS EDWIN ELZA  
GAYNOR #E-7789 INQUIRY MADE BY POLICE DEPARTMENT NEW YORK CITY APRIL 12, 1930.

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson AS WILLIAM E MEADE #C-51004, ARRESTED POLICE DEPARTMENT CHICAGO ILLINOIS, AUGUST  
Mr. Baughman  
Chief Clerk 11, 1933 CHARGE GENERAL PRINCIPLES - CON MAN. AS ONE CLARK #8227 ARRESTED U S  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey MARSHAL CHICAGO ILLINOIS AUGUST 15, 1933 CHARGE VIOLATION SECTION 83 AND 388  
Mr. Edwards  
Mr. Egan TITLE 18 U. S. CODE. AS CHARLES E. CARTER, ARRESTED PD NORTHAMPTON MASSACHUSETTS  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Keith JULY 12 1935 CHARGE INVESTIGATION AS CHARLES E CARTER #8669 ARRESTED JULY  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Quinn 12 1935 CHARGE VIOLATION OF AUTO LAWS RELEASED JULY 13 1935 ON \$200 BOND  
Mr. Scheidt  
Mr. Schilder  
Mr. Smith  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to: FRED H STRONG

THE FOLLOWING NOTATIONS APPEAR IN OUR RECORDS CONCERNING MEADE: WANTED BY U S  
MARSHAL CHICAGO ILLINOIS PER INFORMATION RECEIVED IN LETTER FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CHICAGO AUGUST 11 1933 - APPREHENDED. 9-24-06 WILLIAM E MEAD SAN DIEGO CALIFORNIA  
GRAND LARCENY 3 YEARS SAN QUENTIN PRISON #16947. WILLIAM MEAD 1-22-06 LOS  
ANGELES CALIFORNIA. SAN QUENTIN 1906. 7-9-12 WILLIAM E MEAD DENVER COLORADO  
BUNCO SUSPECT - GIVEN HOURS TO LEAVE CITY. INDICTED 12-15-22 IN U S COURT AT  
JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA. ARRESTED CANON CITY COLORADO 9-15-25. WANTED 7-5-29  
FOR LIMA OHIO FAKE STOCK SWINDLE NOTIFIED LIMA OHIO POLICE DEPARTMENT 8-19-33.  
WANTED 12-12-31 JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA BOND FORFEITURE. NOTIFIED POLICE DEPARTMENT  
JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA 8-19-33. WANTED AS JOHN HENRY POSTER #3390 POLICE DEPARTMENT  
DENVER COLORADO FOR BOND FORFEITURE JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA. NOTIFY POLICE  
DEPARTMENT DENVER COLORADO. NOTIFIED 8-19-33. WANTED 1-27-32 INFORMATION  
RECEIVED IN LETTER FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT CHICAGO ILLINOIS DATED 8-11-33.  
APPREHENDED. WANTED AS W. ELMER MEAD FOR BOND FORFEITURE (MAILS TO DEFRAUD).  
NOTIFY U S POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT NEW YORK CITY PER INFORMATION RECEIVED  
THEREFROM 4-18-34. WANTED AS WILLIAM ELMER MEAD FOR BOND FORFEITURE (FALSE  
PRETENSE) NOTIFY U S MARSHAL JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA POST OFFICE INSPECTORS  
IN CHARGE AT ATLANTA GEORGIA AND NEW YORK CITY PER INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM  
THE LATTER 7-5-34.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Appel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Baughman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Edwards \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Keith \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Lester \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Schilder \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Smith \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Inspector \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
 Secretary \_\_\_\_\_  
 See Me \_\_\_\_\_  
 Prepare Reply \_\_\_\_\_  
 For Your Information \_\_\_\_\_  
 Note and Return \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Eaton*

Remarks:

Director states be very carefully in reply.  
 Give him the full criminal record of this man.  
 The questioning was in connection with the Bremer Case

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PHONE BUREAU. NORTHAMPTON, MASS. POLICE ON JULY 12, 1935, ARRESTED  
MAN GIVING NAME CHARLES E. CARTER AND HELD ON GROUNDS OF IMPROPER  
REGISTRATION OF AUTOMOBILE. CARTER RELEASED ON \$200.00 BOND JULY  
14TH HEARING SET FOR JULY 18TH. HAS BEEN SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED  
AS WILLIAM E. MEADE WITH ALIASES. WANTED FOR INTERROGATION IN INSTANT  
CASE. POLICE STILL HOLDING MEADE, S 1934 FORD SEDAN NUMBER 18-673750

BILL OF SALE IN AUTOMOBILE IS FROM LINCOLN AND FORD MOTOR CAR COMPANY,  
2229 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, CHICAGO. INVOICE 1266 SHOWS PURCHASE BY  
C.E. CARTER, HENRY GRADY HOTEL, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ON MARCH 20, 1934  
OF ONE 1934 FORD DE LUXE SEDAN NUMBER 673750. RECITES CREDIT GIVEN ON  
ON UC-838 LINCOLN V- XX 38-7 SEDAN NUMBER 71199 XXXX V8-7 SEDAN NUMBER  
71199 OF \$765.25, SALESMAN L.H. HART "MAIN." ASCERTAIN WHETHER THIS  
BILL OF SALE VALID. CHECK STOLEN CAR LISTS. EXPEDITE.

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TIME-5:20 P.M.

July 17, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

RE: Apprehension of Meade for questioning in connection with Bremer Case.

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Henry Snyder, he stated the United Press called him in regard to the story about Meade, stating the Minneapolis Police said they had never heard of Meade. I advised that all we could say was that Meade is wanted for interrogation in connection with the Karpis-Barker activities in the Bremer case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Mr. Tolson .....  
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Mr. Edwards .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Harbo .....  
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*Edw. J. Connelley  
Minneapolis Police  
Karpis-Barker Case*

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July 16, 1935.

Time 12:22 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: William E. Heade.

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In a telephonic conversation with Mr. Pinkerton of the Associated Press, I advised him the man taken into custody in Northampton, Massachusetts was William E. Heade; that the files of our Identification Division show he was wanted by the United States Marshal at Jacksonville, Florida for bond forfeiture and that we wish to interrogate him in connection with the Bremer kidnaping; that he has a long record of arrests in various parts of the country, having been sentenced in Colorado in 1922 under the name of John Henry Foster to serve 3 to 10 years as a confidence man; that he was arrested in England by Scotland Yard about 1930, also in the confidence game.

I further stated it possibly is the worst case of mutilation we have been able to find but that we were able to make the identification of the fingerprints in spite of this.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Backus.....  
Mr. Baughman.....  
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*Eugene P. Brennan*

*Heade*

JH:OLP

July 16, 1935.

(Time 5:32 P. M.)

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: William L. Meade

In a telephonic conversation with Mr. Sugden he stated that the Washington Post wanted to know whether a story about a man named Meade whose fingerprints were mutilated and which were identified by the Bureau, was all right to use.

I said this was all right; that the case occurred at Northampton and they had sent the prints down here and we had identified them and advised Northampton about it.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Backus.....
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 15, 1935

HN:CSH

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1:45 P.M.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS

Special Agent in Charge Conroy called on the telephone from Oklahoma City. He said he believed things were moving all right; that he and Brice thought they might be able to pick up the subjects on the road, but that this had not turned out that way; that their informant called them from Milo, Oklahoma. He states he met the girl who was with Karpis at Duncan, Oklahoma; that she states the present arrangements are for the informant to meet her at a railroad station at Wichita, Kansas sometime tomorrow. This is the girl whom Karpis introduced the informant to as his wife at Duncan, Oklahoma. The informant claims to have seen Karpis the night before last at the Hensley Tourist Camp, outside of Duncan, Oklahoma. He said he has not seen Campbell since a short time after Campbell was released from the penitentiary. The informant claims to have been a former cellmate of Karpis. I asked Conroy whether this was ever checked. He said it had not been checked since they were afraid to check it for fear of a possible leak at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary which is, of course, a sieve. I told him I thought Agents from Oklahoma City could go down there and, without indicating the object of their call, certainly find out whether the informant was ever a cellmate of Karpis. Conroy said the informant states Karpis is short of money and only has about \$600; that Karpis is planning a kidnaping in Kansas City; that he contemplates kidnaping either Kemper, a bank man there, or one of the Katz brothers, in the drug business there. The informant is now at Crews, Oklahoma and Conroy and Brice will move out of Oklahoma City tonight for Wichita.

I inquired as to the men available in case they might have to strike suddenly, and Conroy said he had a man at Wichita. I told him I thought he ought to get a couple of men within hailing distance, although it is not believed any strike will be made until the individuals land on a farm somewhere near Topeka.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
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Personally, something sounds wrong about all of this to me, but the informant is making definite statements and certainly the game can be played out, one way or the other, within a week.

Very truly yours,



H. Nathan.

REN:LL

July 17, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

Under date of July 6, 1935, the International News Service issued a dispatch at Chicago, Illinois, reporting a gun battle between Police Officers William Maz and Daniel Poni, of the Hal-rose Park, Illinois Police Department, and five gunmen. The dispatch sets forth that the ballistic evidence recovered after the shooting had been furnished to Federal Agents, for the purpose of comparing it with the ballistic evidence recovered after the escape of Alvin Karpis at Atlantic City, New Jersey, several months ago.

The Bureau desires that you immediately advise it of the details concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

7-576-6711

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JUL 18 1935 P.M.

cc-Cincinnati  
cc-St. Paul

*Edgar Hoover*

- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Baughman .....
- Chief Clerk .....
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# KARPIS HUNTED IN COP ATTACK

CHICAGO, July 6 (I.N.S.). Department of Justice agents to-night were attempting to link Alvin Karpis, fugitive Public Enemy No. 1, with a sensational machine gun attack upon a Melrose Park police squad car.

While Chicago police combed the area for the five gunmen who riddled the auto of Policemen William Max and Daniel Boni with bullets at Twenty-fourth and Haddon Avenues, Federal agents resorted to the science of ballistics in their search for a clue.

Bullets were taken from the riddled automobile for comparison with missiles fired from the guns of Karpis when he shot his way out of a police trap at Atlantic City several months ago.

The gunmen opened fire this evening when the police car sought to overtake a speeding automobile in which the five were riding.

*Let Chicago cc - Cincinnati & St. Paul 7/7/35 RE-7*

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July 16, 1935.

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE  
I. O. #1218, ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

7-576-6652

7-576-6652 A. Original letter beginning "Dear Arthur:- I received your letter", and signed "G. E. Barker".

7-576-6652 B. Envelope in which above letter was mailed to Arthur Barker, postmarked "Webb City, Missouri, July 8, 1935, 12:30 P. M.".

7-576-6652 C. Original letter beginning, "Dear Dad:- I received your", and signed "Lloyd Barker #17243".

7-576-6652 D. Envelope in which the above letter was enclosed, addressed "Mr. G. E. Barker, P.O. Box #724, Joplin, Missouri".

Kansas City Bureau Office

July 13, 1935

Secret Writing

Appel

Indented on the envelope 6652 D. is the following:

"17243,  
July 8 - 8,  
G. E. Barker  
Box 724  
Joplin  
Missouri  
Lloyd Barker".

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JUL 19 1935 A.M.
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

No writing other than that which is visible could be found on specimen 6652 A. and B.

On specimen 6652 C. there was found writing, which after a series of experiments was concluded to have been indented. This writing appeared just above the visible writing in exactly the place where sympathetic ink is usually placed, and the appearance was at first view, similar to that of sympathetic ink. It was found, however, that the date "July 8 - 8" appears just above the visible pencil date and this corresponds with the indented writing on the envelope. Also all tests for invisible writing or sympathetic ink failed to develop it. For this reason it was concluded that the writing was probably indented from a previous sheet of paper on the pad from which this page was taken, the previous sheet having slipped slightly so that the lines and consequently the writing were just above those appearing on the present specimen. In attempting to develop or read the indented writing, the words "Dear Dad" were apparently developed above the present "Dear Dad" in the visible writing, but the letters are so indistinct, especially the "Dad" that the entire outline is not visible. The same is true of other writing on the sheet, it being possible here and there to make out a word, but not to decipher the entire message. All of the usual tests for developing indented and secret

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Laboratory Report #8042,  
July 16, 1935.

writing were applied with the above results and in the absence of any hidden meaning in the words developed or any use of invisible ink, the examiner has no reason to believe the marks were other than those which innocently occurred during the handling of the papers.

The original letters are being returned to the Kansas City Office as soon as they are photographed.

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- 1 - Chicago
- 1 - Cincinnati
- 1 - St. Paul
- 1 - Laboratory

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7-576-6659

July 18, 1935.

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7-576-6712

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive  
I. O. #1218, et al.,  
Edward George 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 July 13, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure: #539227.

CC - Chicago.  
Cincinnati.  
St. Paul.

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REN:TD  
7-576-

July 18, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

Dear Sir:

Under date of June 27, 1935, the Bureau addressed a communication to your office instructing that a summary report be prepared, setting forth all the evidence available to date pertaining to Cassius McDonald and Harry Sawyer, to be used as a basis for further investigation in this matter.

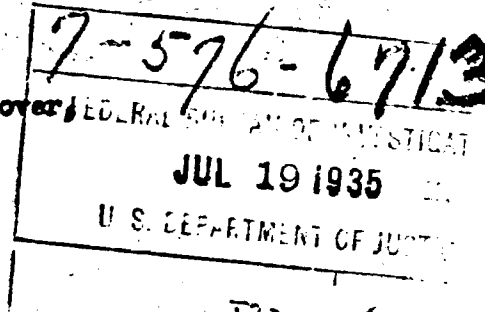
The Bureau is desirous of being advised of the progress which you are making on the summary report.

Very truly yours,

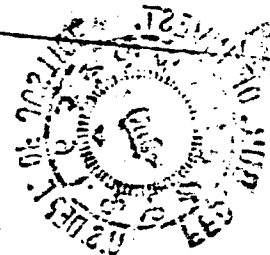
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Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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July 18, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

3:50 P.M.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS; HARRY CAMPBELL

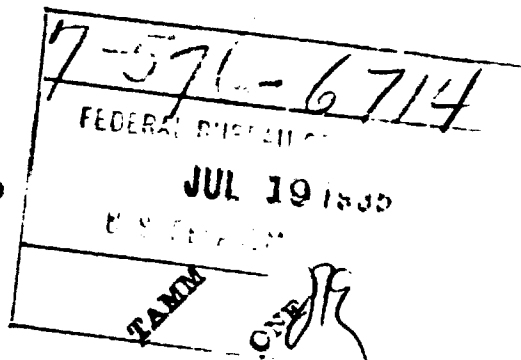
Not having heard from Special Agent in Charge Conroy in regard to the Karpis-Campbell project near Lawrence, Kansas, I called the Kansas City Office to ascertain if they had heard from Conroy. Agent Miller was there and said he understood indirectly that the project had been "washed up"; that they had been holding cars in readiness and had been advised that the cars would not be necessary. He said Agent Cruise probably had more detailed information, but that this was his understanding. I told him if Conroy called to tell him to call the Bureau, provided he could do so without jeopardizing the success of the operation in question in any way.

Very truly yours,

*H. Nathan*  
H. Nathan.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
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Mr. Keith	.....
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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>7/16/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/11-12/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. R. Calhoun</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>GAN</b></span>
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>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Sheriff at Salem, Ark., and other informants there had no information as to whereabouts of Phoenix Donald. <b>* Postmaster at Mammoth Spring, Ark., stated that one Otho Murphy, a gambler who grew up with Donald, was in town recently and told him that Donald had tried to contact Murphy last year.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Little Rock, 6/27/35.</p> <p>DETAILS: With the assistance of Sheriff L. G. Langston of Salem, Arkansas, Agent located and interviewed Dr. J. L. (not G. L.) Weathers, Monroe Woods and Cuthbert Pickren, all reliable citizens of Salem, but none had any information to indicate that Phoenix Donald had been seen in the county recently. Dr. Weathers travels all over the county in the practice of medicine, and the others are neighbors to Mrs. W. T. Bowling, the sister of Donald. All are well acquainted with Donald, and all will endeavor to secure any information of value and advise the Sheriff.</p> <p>Postmaster H. J. Humphries of Salem, Arkansas, stated that he has no rural carriers in his office but that there are several star route men and that he will have them be on the lookout for strange persons or strange cars in the county.</p> <p>Postmaster Earl E. Sterling of Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, advised that on last July 4th one Otho Murphy visited in the town and talked with him at length. Murphy grew up in the community with the postmaster and with Phoenix Donald, and he is now making his living as a gambler. Murphy told Mr. Sterling that he was advised by friends that Phoenix Donald appeared in Mammoth Springs last summer and made inquiry for Murphy but did not find him. Murphy asked if</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED  <i>R. L. Shivers</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  <b>7 576 6715</b>	
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the Government were looking for Donald, but Mr. Sterling made a non-committal reply. Mr. Sterling does not know where Murphy is at present but will endeavor to find him and engage him in conversation as to Donald and advise the Little Rock Office at once of anything he may learn. He did not think it advisable for an Agent to interview Murphy if his whereabouts were learned, but he agreed with Agent that Murphy, being a gambler, would not hesitate to divulge any information concerning Donald if it were to react to his financial advantage, particularly if it were kept confidential. Mr. Sterling promised to advise the Little Rock Office at once as soon as he locates Murphy's whereabouts in order that steps might be taken to interview him.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE LITTLE ROCK OFFICE will keep in touch with Postmaster Earl E. Sterling, Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, for the purpose of learning the whereabouts of Otho Murphy, a gambler who is an old friend of Phoenix Donald's.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

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July 15, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letters dated May 28 and July 3, 1935, requesting that this Office locate the person who furnished Mr. Hawkins with confidential information prior to his death, and subsequently was believed to have become an informant for one Edward Bashford, referred to as an "Old Burns Detective Agency" man.

Please be advised that the investigation conducted by Special Agent A. Dickstein, of this Office, disclosed that W. E. Hawkins died about November 9, 1933, at Chicago, Illinois, and his death was verified by interview with Al Root, an old friend of Hawkins, now located at the Majestic Hotel, 29 Quincy Street, telephone - Harrison 3200, Chicago, Illinois.

Raymond F. Bashford, not Edward as indicated in reference letter, was located and interviewed at his home, 1252 Leland Avenue, telephone - Ardmore 0198, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Bashford stated that he was acquainted with Hawkins, and about two years ago Hawkins died suddenly of heart disease. Mr. Bashford further advised that he remembered Hawkins as being employed by the Secret Six at 176 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois, and that Mr. Hawkins would obtain all his confidential information from some unknown person who was connected with the Crime Prevention Bureau, which was a branch of the Secret Six. The Secret Six and the Crime Prevention Bureau were both controlled by the business merchants of Chicago, Illinois; however, both of these organizations have long disbanded.

Mr. Bashford further advised that he was for many years connected with private detective agencies, and at no time did he have anyone furnish him with confidential information before 1935.

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after Hawkins' death. Mr. Bashford recollected only that Hawkins was able to obtain confidential information but was unable to state from what sources such information was secured other than from some unknown person connected with the Secret Six.

Mr. Bashford stated that from his own knowledge and to the best of his recollection, Mr. Hawkins would at all times sell his information to the R. H. Sewall International Detective Agency located at 82 West Washington Street, telephone - Dearborn 3555, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Bashford advised that the Sewall Detective Agency bears one of the most disreputable reputations in the city of Chicago because of the manner and tactics used by them when conducting investigations, and by no means would he advise Agent to contact them for the purpose of ascertaining who the informant was for W. E. Hawkins, and it is very probable that they do not know in view of the fact that Mr. Hawkins was known to be very secretive about his personal matters, and no doubt did not disclose the sources of his information to the Sewall Detective Agency.

Mr. Bashford was unable to furnish any information which would assist in locating the sources from which Mr. Hawkins would obtain his information.

In view of the bad reputation borne by the Sewall International Detective Agency no contact was made with them.

With reference to W. Comfort Hawkins, mentioned in the letter from the Bureau, please be advised that this is not the same Hawkins who furnished confidential information concerning the Kansas City Massacre case.

The attention of the Bureau is directed to the case entitled R. F. BASHFORD, with aliases; MISCELLANEOUS MATTER - FAILURE TO RESPOND TO SENATE COMMITTEE SUBPOENA. In connection with this matter the Bureau is advised that an effort was made in 1930 to locate Bashford for the Nye Investigating Committee on a charge of Contempt of the Senate. The Bureau records will have a complete file on this matter.

Very truly yours,



D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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RECORDED 7-576-6716 July 30, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

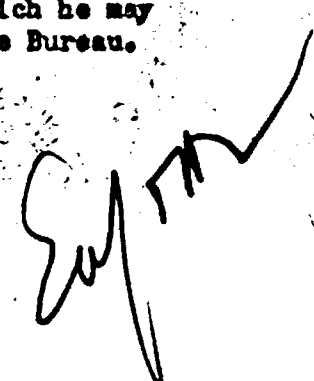
Reference is made to your personal and confidential letter dated July 15, 1935, wherein on page 2 you advise that W. Comfort Hawkins, mentioned in Bureau letter dated May 28, 1935, is not identical with the Hawkins who furnished confidential information concerning the Kansas City Massacre case.

It appears, however, from a review of the Bureau's file in the latter case, that a letter forwarded to the Bureau under date of August 11, 1933, stated that former Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis interviewed W. Comfort Hawkins at the office of Frank J. Loesch at Chicago, Illinois, and obtained information concerning the activities of Louis "Doc" Stacci and other individuals mentioned during the course of the investigation relative to the Kansas City Massacre case. Your letter of July 15, 1935 states that one W. E. Hawkins died about November 9, 1933 at Chicago, Illinois, according to information obtained from Al Root, an old friend of Hawkins, now located at the Majestic Hotel, 29 Quincy Street, Chicago, Illinois. It would appear, therefore, that the W. Comfort Hawkins, in whom the Bureau is interested, is presently alive.

It is therefore desired that efforts be made to locate him for the purpose of obtaining any information which he may have concerning the cases under investigation by the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Record of Telephone Call or Visitor

July 16 1935.

Time 1:24 PM

Name Mr. Pinkerton, AP Tele.

Referred to

Details:

Was advised that John Henry Foster was the name under which Meade was arrested in 1922. Stated that he would like to ask the Director if the Director desired to say that Meade was a member of the Berker gang, inasmuch as the Director had stated that Meade was wanted for questioning in the Bremer case. cek

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-30

REPORT MADE AT <b>St. Paul, Minnesota</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-17-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/5-6/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. T. Noonan</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O.#1218 - FUGITIVE; 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:  <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><b>BELLE BORN</b> returned to Mankato, Minnesota, about July 1, 1935, leaving about the same date. Informant will notify Sheriff Cords, Mankato, when she is to again return, and the St. Paul Office will be notified. This informant alleges <b>BELLE BORN</b> now transporting narcotics.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent T. G. Melvin, St. Paul, Minnesota, 4-22-35.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>While at Mankato, Minnesota, on other investigations on June 26, 1935, Special Agent M. V. Kirkland contacted [redacted] informant, as per lead set out in report of Special Agent T. G. Melvin, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, April 22, 1935. [redacted] had no further information to give concerning <b>BELLE BORN</b> except to state that it was his belief that she would return to her home at Mankato for the Fourth of July holiday, at which time he would immediately inform the St. Paul Bureau Office by telephone or telegraph. He was of the opinion that <b>BELLE BORN</b> visited her home at different times, but could name no specific instance of actually seeing her there.</p> <p>Concerning the lead set out to interview one <b>LUCILLE D. BELLIG</b>, Agent learned from the Mankato City Directory that she is at present employed by a law firm in Mankato as a stenographer. This law firm is Pfau &amp; Pfau, and their office is located in the First National Bank Building at Mankato. Her home is at 527 Lyndale in North Mankato. [redacted] was questioned as to whether he</p>			
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knew MISS BELLIG, and he stated that while he was not sure that he knew her personally, he did know the Bellig family who lives on Lyndale Street in North Mankato, and advised Agent not to interview MISS BELLIG if he did not want the party under investigation to know about it.

On July 1, 1935 [redacted] called Agent Kirkland by long distance telephone from Mankato, advising that he had information from one of his neighbors on which he could rely that BELLE BORN had returned to her home at Mankato, and that the date of her return was about the night of June 30, 1935. He could not state definitely whether anyone accompanied her.

At Mankato, Minnesota

Chief of Police Pat Henry advised that he had no further information concerning BELLE BORN. From conversations with Sheriff Frank Cords, Chief Henry is under the impression that the Sheriff has a family watching all activities around the BELLE BORN residence. Chief Henry could not recall ever having seen FITZGERALD or any of his associates in Mankato. It is this Agent's understanding that Chief of Police Henry at Mankato is kept informed as to all hoodlums and gangsters who frequent his town by one JACK KOOSER and his partner, who are local gamblers. These parties are allowed more or less free reign in their particular racket in return for which favor they keep Chief Henry advised of all strangers frequenting the town.

Sheriff Frank Cords advised that on or about July 2, 1935 a man informant, whose name he could not then recall, living in a nearby town, and who keeps company with a girl friend of BELLE BORN, advised that BELLE BORN had returned to Mankato a few days before this interview and that she was reported to have had with her at that time a quantity of narcotics valued at between \$20,000 and \$30,000. Sheriff Cords stated that his informant was unable to determine where she had come from or where she was going to, but advised the Sheriff that she left the day following her arrival and has not been seen in Mankato since. Sheriff Cords does not recall having seen any strangers at the BELLE BORN residence for many months past. He does not know at the present time whether he can believe this informant or not, but advised that he would make special efforts to get further information definitely as to when this woman will again arrive in Mankato. He advised that he would notify the St. Paul Office so that if desired she could be taken into custody for questioning.

Sheriff Cords advised that LEN REW is the real estate agent who sold the farm to BELLE BORN mentioned in reference report, and that it was possible MR. REW might obtain some information concerning her associates at that time.

Having known MR. REW for years, Agent interviewed him at his home in Mankato, at which time he advised that he sold this farm to BELLE BORN when he was acting in the capacity of a representative of the Des Moines Joint Stock Land Bank. She was referred to him as a prospect by another party and he had very little discussion with her before the deal was made for this farm. The down payment was \$1000.00, out of which MR. REW secured his commission, and was made at once, and he had nothing to do with the further settlement on the purchase of this farm. He advised that this woman appeared to be very pleasant and a shrewd business woman. He advised also that it was common talk that BELLE BORN had made considerable money in something a few years ago, and it was generally thought that she made this money in the bootleg liquor game. Her occupation for the past few years is unknown. MR. REW resides on the highway leading to the BELLE BORN residence, and although residing approximately one mile from her place, it is necessary for her to pass by his home in going to the business section of Mankato. He advised that he has often passed and noted her going into the city of Mankato but has not observed her of late. MR. REW was furnished the license number of the Buick automobile known to have been driven by FITZGERALD, and he advised that he would make it a personal matter to watch for the appearance of this car or FITZGERALD at or near the BELLE BORN residence.

Agent covered the BELLE BORN residence at various times on July 5 and 6, 1935, without observing any person at that place.

[redacted] upon interview, advised that he had not seen BELLE BORN on her alleged recent visit, but a neighbor reported that he had seen this woman. As he had been requested to notify the St. Paul Office, [redacted] stated that he therefor did so by telephone. Since calling the office [redacted] has received no further information, and BELLE BORN has not been seen again. [redacted] was requested to be on the lookout for any associates of this woman, particularly CHARLES FITZGERALD. b7c b7d

Reference report refers to a Silver Lake about ten miles south of the BELLE BORN residence where she might have purchased a ticket at the bus depot. It is noted that there is no Silver Lake in this vicinity, but there is a Lake Crystal, a town of about 1400 people, ten miles Southwest of BELLE BORN'S residence. Inquiry at the bus station at that place revealed that BELLE BORN was unknown thereat.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:**

**The St. Paul Bureau Office**

At Mankato, Minnesota, will maintain contact with SHERIFF FRANK CORDS and arrange, if possible, for contact with his informant, who has promised to obtain information as to when BELLE BORN will next appear in Mankato.

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July 26, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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


Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. T. Noonan in the above entitled case, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, July 17, 1935, reflecting the visit of Belle Born to Mankato, Minnesota, around July 1, 1935.

The Bureau desires that arrangements be perfected whereby your office will be immediately advised in the event Belle Born again returns to Mankato, Minnesota. The Bureau considers that the failure to be notified of the recent visit of Belle Born is an indication that the arrangements previously made by you did not produce the desired results.

On Page 3 of the report of Special Agent Noonan, it is noted that Mr. Len Hew, Mankato, Minnesota, was furnished with the license number of the Buick automobile known to be in the possession of Fitzgerald. Your attention is directed to Page 4 of the report of Special Agent T. H. McNamee, dated at Chicago, Illinois, April 29, 1935, wherein it is noted that the Buick club sedan, motor #2875177, Serial #2716691, purchased by Fitzgerald as C. J. Murphy, was sold on February 6, 1935, to George McPheters, 1190 East Hennahien Street, Long Beach, California.

Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - Cincinnati  
Chicago

RALPH McPHAIL  
SHERIFF  
PHONE 20

MILTON C. JAMES  
UNDER SHERIFF  
PHONE 26

THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
McPHERSON COUNTY  
PHONE 20

McPHERSON, KANSAS

July 16, 1935

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

Re: Alvin Karpis

Gentlemen:

Recently we received a tip in regards to Alvin Karpis, F.P.C. 29-1-20-; 20-0-22 that he was in the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas 1930. His number was 8008. Has the above subject been apprehended. If not, will you supply us with a picture and a "wanted card". We also understand there is a reward for him.

May we hear from you in regards to the above at an early date.

Yours very truly,

*Milton C. James*  
Under Sheriff

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July 31, 1935.

Mr. Ralph McPhail,  
Sheriff, McPherson County,  
McPherson, Kansas.

Attention: Mr. Milton C. James,  
Under Sheriff.

My dear Sheriff:

Upon receipt of the letter of July 16, 1935, signed by Under Sheriff Milton C. James, the Kansas City Office of this Bureau was immediately instructed to communicate with Mr. James and furnish him with a descriptive circular of Alvin Karpis, which reflects that he is wanted by the Federal Government in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota.

With reference to rewards offered for information leading to the apprehension of Karpis, please be advised that this Bureau has not made any public offer of reward. The Agent who interviewed Mr. James no doubt furnished him with information to the effect that a reasonable amount will be paid to anyone who furnishes this Bureau with information resulting in the apprehension of Karpis or any of the remaining fugitives now being sought in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - Kansas City (enclosing 2 copies of Mr. James' letter 7-16-35)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

BREKID UNDERSHERIFF MILTON C JAMES MCPHERSON KANSAS IN LETTER ADVISED  
OF TIP ON SUBJECT KARPIS AND REQUESTED PHOTOGRAPH HANDLE

HOOVER

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7:15 P

Per [Signature]

**Division of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Penna.

July 20, 1935.

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

Re: Alvin Karpis, w. a.  
Fugitive. I. C. #1218.  
Edward George Bremer-Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

There is forwarded herewith white card given by an unknown party to Teresa Salvatore, waitress at the Edgemont Inn, 519 Edgemont Avenue, Chester. It is requested that this handwriting be compared with the known handwriting specimens of members of the Barker-Karpis mob, particularly Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis. The enclosed card bears the following, written in lead pencil: "Mr. Campbell Mr. Karman Chester Arms"

For the information of the Technical Laboratory, on July 17, 1935 at approximately 9 P.M. an anonymous phone call was made to the Philadelphia Office stating that Alvin Karpis was checking in the Chester Arms Hotel, Chester, Pa. An investigation was immediately begun during which it was ascertained that the party whom the informant said was Alvin Karpis made a long distance telephone call from the Edgemont Inn to Detroit, Michigan, which call was not completed. This party presented in his own handwriting the enclosed card and requested Miss Salvatore to attempt to reach him if the Detroit call should be completed, c/o Mr. Campbell or Mr. Karman at the Chester Arms Hotel, Chester, Pennsylvania.

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Very truly yours,

R. G. HARVEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

JFS:MRF Encl.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Handwritten signature: R. G. Harvey

Laboratory Report

Case: Brekid

Number: 7-576-6720

Specimens: One card on which is written "Mr. Campbell Mr. Karmen Chester Arms".

Examination requested by: Philadelphia Bureau Office.

Date received: 7-22-35

Examination requested: Handwriting and Fingerprint

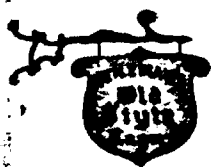
Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel  
Kohn

*7/22*  
*Not Harry Campbell*  
*Could be Alvin Karpis*  
*but probably not arms*  
*Ka X X Alvin*  
*or p p p p*

*Ward 7/25*





July 19-1935

# Menu

Hoover Dept of Justice  
Washington D.C.

B S I saw Alvin Karpis on  
the street here in Minn Tuesday  
July 16-1935 have checked his picture  
in the Live Up - to me there is no  
question but what I saw Alvin Karpis

Further two banks have  
been held up within the week  
near Minn. No. Dak.

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Due not divulge my name to  
Local authorities or officials

John Syverson

President Cafe

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HEILEMAN'S  
Old Style Lager

GOOD SINCE 1850

REM:MAM  
7-576-6721

July 26, 1935

Mr. John Syverson,  
President Cafe,  
Minot, North Dakota.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 19, 1935, wherein you advise that an individual resembling Alvin Karpis was observed by you in Minot, North Dakota, on July 16, 1935.

Please be advised that I have forwarded a copy of your letter to Mr. Werner Hami, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 610 Alonzo Ward Hotel, Aberdeen, South Dakota, who will assign an agent to interview you concerning this matter in the very near future.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - Aberdeen (enclosing 2 copies of Mr. Syverson's letter 7/19/35)  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-22 TS

REPORT MADE AT <b>Birmingham, Ala.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-19-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-5, 15-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. B. NATHAN</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Investigation shows Roy Weaver who was at Alabama Boys Industrial School at one time not identical with subject William Weaver. Efforts to locate Terraplane sedan reported proceeding from Columbus, Tennessee to Birmingham, Alabama 7-15-35 unsuccessful.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Teletype messages from Nashville to Birmingham office 7-15-35. Letter from Nashville to Birmingham office 7-15-35.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> <u>AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA</u></p> <p>Reference is made to letter dated June 27, 1935 addressed by the Bureau to Mr. E. Patterson, 1205 Juniper Street, Lagrange, Georgia, replying to a communication from him indicating that he had known subject William Weaver in the Boys Industrial School, East Lake, Birmingham, Alabama in about 1923.</p> <p>On July 5, 1935, Mr. Patterson, who now lives at 423 Martha Street, Montgomery, Alabama called at the Birmingham office and was interviewed by Special Agent J. H. Baldrige. He advised that from 1922 to 1924 he attended the Alabama Boys Industrial School, East Lake, Birmingham, Alabama, and while there was acquainted with a student named Roy Weaver, whom he believed identical with subject William Weaver.</p> <p>Agent Baldrige interviewed D. M. Weakley, Superintendent of the Alabama Boys Industrial School who checked his records and advised that on August 20, 1919 Roy Weaver was committed to that institution, being at that time 14 years of age.</p>			
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Mr. Weakley stated that from his knowledge of this individual, which included a number of communications from him since his discharge from the institution, he is positive that the two persons are not identical. Mr. Weakley's records show that Roy Weaver resided at the time of his commitment to the institution, with his step-father and mother, named Bauer, at 2609 Avenue J and 26th Street, Ensley, Alabama.

It is noted that from information known concerning subject Weaver, it is apparent that he is not identical with the Roy Weaver referred to by Mr. Patterson. In this connection it appears that subject Weaver would have been 23 years of age in 1919, and that he was arrested by Joplin, Missouri police as early as July, 1918 on a vagrancy charge.

Upon receipt by the Birmingham office of the first teletype message from the Nashville office on July 15, 1935, advising that three men traveling in a green terraplane with Michigan license were reported to be enroute from Columbus, Tennessee to Birmingham, Alabama, all being heavily armed, the information was immediately furnished to the Birmingham Police Department, with the request that it be furnished to all cruising officers in order that they might maintain a lookout for the automobile. When the second teletype message was received, indicating that one of the individuals alleged to be in this car had been tentatively identified as Subject Karpis, Special Agents R. B. Nathan, J. A. Robey and J. S. Kavanaugh immediately proceeded in Bureau automobile to highway #31, which is the thoroughfare between Birmingham and Nashville. These Agents went as far north as Warrior, Alabama and observed all cars proceeding toward Birmingham for a period of several hours. During that time no Terraplane was observed and only one car bearing Michigan license plates was seen, which was a Chevrolet sedan occupied by four or five men who were evidently tourists, from the baggage. There was nothing in the appearance of these individuals to create suspicion.

Subsequent contact with Acting Chief of Police Giles of the Birmingham Police Department by Special Agent D. O. Smith revealed that although the members of that department had maintained a lookout for the automobile described above, no such automobile was observed by them in Birmingham, Alabama.

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U. S. Department of Justice

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

JULY 19, 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 - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1218, ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to letter from this office to the  
Bureau dated December 17, 1934, with which were sent the follow-  
ing papers for laboratory analysis:

One Certificate of Registration, number 35952,  
Ohio, 1934.

One Bill of Sale from the Jess J. Ellis Motor  
Sales Company, Toledo, Ohio, to E. J. Powell,  
Toledo, Ohio.

One Bill of Sale from E. J. Powell dated October  
10, 1934 to the Finance Outlet Company, Kansas  
City, Missouri.

Mr. Stanley Bryant, 3687 Summit Street, Kansas City,  
Missouri, the owner of the automobile mentioned in reference  
letter, and who furnished the above papers to Special Agent A. R.  
Miller of this office, needs these papers in order to sell in-  
stant car. It is requested that they be immediately returned  
to the Kansas City Bureau Office in order that they may be given  
to Mr. Bryant.

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Very truly yours,

JUL 24 1935

E. E. CONROY

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Cincinnati  
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E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-25

REPORT MADE AT <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-19-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-9-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>A. A. MUZZEY</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; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238;</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1241; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			
<p style="text-align: center;">JUL 23 1935</p> <p>Wynona Burdette advises she was married to Harry Campbell before a Justice of the Peace at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, sometime in 1930, using fictitious names, Harry Campbell using the name of Sutton. The name used by Wynona not revealed by her. -P-</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Letter from the Pittsburgh Office to the Oklahoma City Office dated 6-24-35. Report of Special Agent S. S. Rubenstein, Pittsburgh, Pa. 7-8-35. Letter from the Jacksonville Office to the Oklahoma City Office dated 7-1-35.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: <u>AT MILAN, MICHIGAN</u></p> <p>At the United States Detention Farm, the writer exhibited to Wynona Burdette a list of the articles of clothing belong to her which were sent by the Jacksonville Office to the Oklahoma City Office to be forwarded to her sister, Mrs. R. D. Wilson, Box 41, Arondale, Oklahoma. Wynona stated that to the best of her recollection everything was included in the list and she expressed her sincere appreciation to the Bureau for obtaining her clothing.</p> <p>During the course of the conversation had with Wynona Burdette, she advised that she first met Harry Campbell in 1930 and that four or five months after first meeting him, she was married to him before a Justice of the</p>			
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Peace in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, which, she stated, is just a few miles outside of Tulsa. She stated that both she and Harry Campbell used fictitious names at the time they were married and before she had much time to think of the matter, Agent ascertained from her that Harry Campbell had used the name of Sutton. She would not reveal the fictitious name which she had used, stating that she did not wish to do so for the reason that she thought the two witnesses to the marriage might become involved in trouble as the result of witnessing a marriage under fictitious names. She would not elaborate on her statement concerning her marriage to Harry Campbell except to say that the Justice of the Peace before whom they were married is now dead. However, she stated that if the Bureau discovered the fact that she was married to Harry Campbell under the fictitious names used by them at Sapulpa, she would readily admit same on being confronted with the information. She also advised that prior to her flight from Florida following the gun battle at Oklawaha, Florida, she and Harry Campbell had contemplated being married in a legal manner; that is, using their correct names; and that she had decided upon wearing a red and white ensemble, which was included in the list of clothing obtained for her.

Wynona Burdette advised that Harry Campbell had been married twice previously; that she knew his first wife only by the name of Billie and his second wife by the name of Mickey. Wynona was under the impression that Mickey, who was the mother of Harry Campbell's small son, obtained a divorce somewhere in Texas and stated that surely the divorce had been consummated because Harry would not have wanted to marry her in Florida if such had not been the case.

Wynona Burdette stated that at the time she married Harry Campbell at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, under the fictitious names, Harry was then wanted, but was not as badly wanted as he is at the present time, due to the fact that the Bureau is seeking to apprehend him. She further advised that her marriage to him at Sapulpa was their only marriage and that she was never married to him under the name of Martin at Denver, Colorado, stating that the only time she had ever been in Denver, she had merely passed through without stopping.

Wynona Burdette expressed her gratitude to the Bureau, stating that she was well pleased with the courtesy shown her and that she would provide any information concerning instant case so long as Harry Campbell was not involved.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE, at Sapulpa, Oklahoma will, if deemed advisable conduct investigation relative to the marriage of Wynona Burdette and Harry Campbell -- Campbell using the name of Sutton.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**



REPORT MADE AT <b>Indianapolis, Indiana</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-20-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-13-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. J. WYNN VLD</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:**

Greyhound Dog Racing Track, Jeffersonville, Ind., closed about 7-6-35 and reopening date is uncertain. Detective Chet Richards, Louisville, Ky. P.D., claims to have obtained information to the effect that subject Harrison drops in and out of Louisville, Ky.

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**Reference:**

Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Cincinnati, Ohio, 7-9-35.

**Details:**

**AT JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA**

The Greyhound Dog Racing Track located near Jeffersonville, Indiana, as of the date of this investigation was closed. Agent made several inquiries among various people in downtown Jeffersonville with reference to the dog track situation and in each instance was advised that during the recent meet the track did not obtain a good "play"; that apparently the operators of the track were giving the public short odds, the results being that the patronage fell off, and only small bets were made.

Agent spent several hours on the afternoon of July 13, 1935 at the Greyhound Club on Highway #31, just out of Jeffersonville, Indiana, which place is a notorious gambling establishment where gambling is carried on openly in violation of Indiana statutes. It is to be recalled that during the running of the last Kentucky Derby John Russell "Babs" Moran and William Kerin, alleged associates of subject Harrison, frequented the Greyhound Inn, it appearing that Kerin operated one of the gambling games at the Greyhound during Derby week in May 1935. Agent has personally observed both John Russell

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Moran and William Kerin in the past and made this visit to the Greyhound Club for the purpose of locating them there at this time, but was unable to identify any of the people connected with the Greyhound as being Moran or Kerin.

#### AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Detective Chet Richards of the Louisville, Kentucky Police Department was contacted by Agent with reference to any information he had concerning the operators of the dog track at Jeffersonville, Indiana. Past investigation has established that persons interested in many of the gambling activities in southern Indiana, adjacent to Louisville, reside in Louisville, Kentucky, and that the Kentucky Hotel is a favorite meeting place for these gamblers. Detective Richards has a fairly wide acquaintance among gamblers and touts. Richards was also acquainted with the investigation being conducted in Louisville, Kentucky and vicinity during Derby week in May 1935, which investigation was being conducted for the purpose of locating subject Harrison.

Detective Richards advised that he had received information from some local gambler to the effect that subject Harrison occasionally drops in and out of Louisville, Kentucky. At the time Agent interviewed Mr. Richards he was busily engaged on other matters, and therefore could not be fully interrogated. He did state, however, that he doubted whether the source of his information would reveal anything of value to Federal Agents, but nevertheless Detective Richards offered his cooperation in this matter.

This case was discussed with Special Agent in Charge O. C. Dewey of the Louisville office, who was advised of the information given by Detective Richards.

Telephone conversation with the Sports Department of a local newspaper at Louisville developed the information that the Greyhound Dog Racing Track at Jeffersonville, Indiana had been closed about July 6, 1935, the excuse being given by the operators was to the effect that the track needed repairs. The Sports Department advised that they had no information with reference to a reopening date of this track.

#### AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

The file in this case indicates that during Derby week in May 1935 the Indianapolis office conducted an investigation at Louisville, Kentucky with reference to John Russell "Babs" Moran and William Kerin, alleged associates of subject Harrison. At that time Moran and Kerin were apparently somewhat interested in the operation of the Log Cabin, a roadhouse on Highway #31, north of Jeffersonville, which roadhouse was, during Derby week in May 1935, being operated by St. Louis hoodlums. Also during this period Kerin is reported to have operated a gambling game at the Greyhound Inn.

During May 1935 Moran was driving a Graham Paige Coupe, Florida license #D5088, and Kerin was driving an Oldsmobile Coach, Florida license #D9350. Moran disappeared from Louisville on the night of May 13, driving

Kerin's Oldsmobile Coach, Florida license D9350. Kerin left Louisville on May 17, 1935 driving the Graham Paige Coupe, Florida license D5088, and was trailed by Agents to Chicago, Illinois, where he arrived on May 18, 1935, at which place the surveillance of Kerin was taken up by the Chicago office.

The investigation conducted at Louisville, Kentucky and vicinity with reference to Moran in May 1935, definitely established that his principal interest in that vicinity was the dog track at Jeffersonville, and as a matter of fact a copy of a telegram sent by Kerin to his mother was obtained, which indicated definitely that because of pressure the dog track would not be opened at that time, but he expected that the track would be opened in June or July, 1935. Therefore, undoubtedly Moran may be located at Jeffersonville or Louisville, Kentucky at such times as the dog track is in operation.

The Indianapolis file contains no information with reference to the surveillance of Kerin by the Chicago office, nor any recent information with reference to Moran, and the Chicago office is being requested to furnish any recent information concerning Moran or Kerin to both the Indianapolis and Louisville offices.

For the use of the Louisville office there is being forwarded with this report a photograph of Moran.

A description of Moran appearing on the reverse side of this photograph is as follows:

Age:	36
Born:	Missouri
Height:	5'10 3/4"
Weight:	163 lbs.
Build:	Medium
Eyes:	Gray
Hair:	Dark chestnut
Complexion:	Ruddy
F.P.C.:	17 25 W I 20 W O

A description of Kerin as recalled by this Agent is as follows:

Age:	About 35
Height:	5'7"
Weight:	165
Build:	Stocky
Hair:	Dark, streak of gray
Complexion:	Fair
Dress:	Neat dresser
Peculiarities:	Smokes cigars.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE -

At Chicago, Illinois - Will review their file in this case and furnish the Indianapolis office and Louisville office with recent information concerning the activities and whereabouts, so far as is known, of Moran and Kerin. Will also furnish information indicating the connection existing between Harrison, Moran and Kerin, that is, whether it appears likely that Harrison will contact either of them.

LOUISVILLE OFFICE -

At Louisville, Kentucky - Will, in view of the fact that the Greyhound Dog Races are advertised in Louisville papers, inform the Indianapolis office in the event the dog track at Jeffersonville reopens.

Will contact Detective Chet Richards of the Louisville, Kentucky Police Department for such information as he has and cooperation he may afford in connection with Harrison.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,  
Philadelphia, Penna.

July 20, 1935.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, w.a.-Fugitive  
I.O. #1218, et al. EDWARD GEORGE  
BREMER - Victim. KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

On Wednesday, July 17, 1935 at 9 P.M. an anonymous telephone call was made to the Philadelphia Office from Chester, Pennsylvania. Agent Sears spoke to the anonymous caller, who informed that Alvin Karpis (whom the anonymous caller had occasion to see in Atlantic City, New Jersey, prior to the time of his escape from the Atlantic City Police) was at the present time in Chester, Pa. at the Edgemont Inn, 519 Edgemont Avenue, Chester, Pa. and was making an attempt to register at the Chester Arms Hotel. This party informed that a long distance telephone call was placed at the Edgemont Inn to Detroit, Michigan. The anonymous caller refused to give his name, or where he might be met, saying he refused to put the finger on anybody. The informant finally consented to meet Agent Sears at the Edgemont Inn, but would give no means of identifying himself, saying he would contact Agent if Agent would give his description, which description was given.

Agents Hicks, Townsend, and Sears proceeded immediately to Chester, Pa. Agent Sears entered the Edgemont Inn but was not approached by the person who made the anonymous phone call.

Inquiry at the Chester Arms Hotel by Special Agent Hicks revealed the following information: During the day of July 17th eight persons had engaged rooms at the hotel, and inquiry of the clerks who had checked these persons in, the Resident Manager, John M. Carpenter and the two bell boys, elicited the information that none of these parties answered the description of Alvin Karpis. Several photographs of Subjects involved in the Bremer case were displayed, the names being concealed in each case, with the following results:

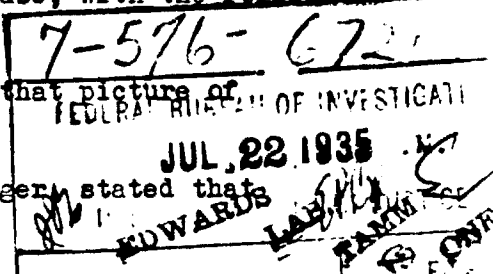
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Mr. Chamberlin, Night Clerk, stated that picture of Alvin Karpis looked familiar to him.

Mr. John M. Carpenter, Resident Manager, stated that

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the picture of Karpis slightly resembled a man who had called at the desk three times during the day asking for a man whose name he could not recall, but he thought that the name began with the letter "F." Mr. Carpenter was at the desk when this man appeared at the hotel, and he came at three o'clock, five o'clock and six o'clock. He stated that he was dressed the same on each occasion and was about thirty years of age, five feet nine inches tall, sloping shoulders, peculiarities: nose large at the bottom and pushed over to the side, medium build, about 140-150, light bushy hair. He stated that the man had on a white shirt. He wore no hat. He stated that he looked through the check-ins to determine whether the man who was being sought was registered and was assisted in this search by the day bell boy, William Loper, a negro. The pictures were shown to Loper and he stated that the picture of Karpis looked somewhat like the man who called at the desk. He could not recall the name he was searching in the check-ins.

Mr. Chamberlin, the Night Clerk, stated that shortly after he came on duty at 7 P.M. on Wednesday, July 17, a man called on the telephone and said he wanted to reserve two rooms, adjoining, with bath, for Mr. Campbell and Mr. Karman, and their wives, stating that he would be over later. At about ten P.M. a man came in and asked if Karman had made reservations. When Mr. Chamberlin had informed him that Karman had not appeared, he stated "If he comes in, I'll be at Joe's place, 519 Edgemont Avenue. The following description of this man was given by Mr. Chamberlin:

Age: 30  
Height: 5 ft. 10 in.  
Build: Medium  
Nationality: American  
Peculiarities: None

He was wearing a sport shirt, yellow in color, open at the neck. He stated that he did not pay any particular attention to this man.

Mr. Embank, District Manager, of the Chester Branch of the Bell Telephone Company, confidentially advised that at 6:47 P.M. on July 17, 1935 an uncompleted telephone call was made from Chester 29812 to Detroit, Michigan, being a person-to-person call to Mr. James Kalsey, at Randolph 5600, which is the Hotel Detroiter, Detroit, Michigan. A long-distance telephone call was immediately made from the Philadelphia Bureau office to the Detroit office, requesting that a discreet investigation be made at the Hotel Detroiter, in order to ascertain the identity of Kalsey. The Detroit Office reported that no one by that name was registered at the hotel.

Mr. Joe Doubitts, proprietor of the Edgemont Inn, 519 Edgemont Avenue, Chester, was interviewed by Agents Townsend and Sears, and he advised that about 6:30 or 7:00 P.M. that night, when he entered his inn, a party spoke to him and asked him where his brother Harry was. In view of the fact that Doubitts has just been released from the County Prison, having served a three-months' sentence for bootlegging, he shied away from this stranger, as he believed this party may have been seeking information. Doubitts advised this man was distinctly Jewish in appearance and positively stated, when shown the picture of Alvin Karpis, that this was not the man. He described this party, whom the informant called Karpis, as wearing a shirt open at the neck, and a brown suit, with the coat thrown over a chair. He informed that this party made a long distance phone call from his place and was trying to reach Detroit, Michigan. He states that this party drank a few beers and then left, stating he was going to the Chester Arms Hotel.

Inquiry was made among his employees regarding this phone call, and Miss Teresa Salvatore answered the phone when the operator rang back and stated that Mr. Kalsey could not be reached at Randolph 5600, Detroit, Michigan. This party then gave Miss Salvatore a card with the following written on it: "Mr. Campbell, Mr. Karman, Chester Arms." He told her that if the phone call should be completed, she should try to reach him either c/o Campbell or Karman at the Chester Arms Hotel. This card is being forwarded to the Technical Laboratory to be compared with the specimens of the known handwriting of members of the Barker-Karpis mob. Miss Salvatore, when shown pictures of the Barker-Karpis mob, positively stated that Alvin Karpis was not the man. She stated there was a slight resemblance but that this man had light hair. She further informed that she has seen this man in the Edgemont Inn on four or five occasions and to her knowledge he is a regular customer. Miss Salvatore will be interviewed on this date for any further information

she has regarding the person whom the anonymous informant telephonically informed was Alvin Karpis.

It is to be stated here that while Agents Hicks and Sears were continuing this investigation in Chester they were informed by Joe Doubitts that the branch of the Delaware County National Bank, located at Third Street and Highland Avenue was robbed within the past twenty minutes. Agents immediately discontinued their investigation at this time and proceeded to the Bank to ascertain details concerning this bank robbery.

On July 19, shortly after the bank was robbed, an anonymous phone call was made from Chester, Pa. and was answered by Miss Anne Murphy at the Philadelphia Office. The caller said: "I called you the other day and told you Karpis was in town. Now a bank has been robbed and he has done it." Miss Murphy referred the caller to Mr. Harvey but when he answered the phone the party had hung up.

Agents Sears and Hicks will continue to conduct a further discreet investigation at the Edgemont Inn and at the Chester Arms Hotel, for the purpose of ascertaining whether there is any connection between this investigation and the bank robbery.

Superintendent of Police Davenport, of Chester, Pa. is reported to have made a statement to the press that Karpis had some connection with the robbery of the above-mentioned bank. It is to be stated that in all probability the investigation at the Edgemont Inn has been reported to Davenport. It is to be noted that at no time during the investigation was any indication given that Alvin Karpis was involved, outside of the presenting of his pictures.

Very truly yours,

JFS:MRF  
cc: Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Detroit

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

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 19, 1935

HN:CSH

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

12:00 Noon

RE: ALVIN KARPIS;  
HARRY CAMPBELL.

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

Special Agent in Charge Conroy called from Kansas City in the above entitled matter, and stated that the operation near Lawrence, Kansas has been "washed up". The informant has given our people the "run around". It will be recalled that this informant was to meet our men at 8 o'clock the night before last at Lawrence, Kansas. During that afternoon Conroy and Bryce hired an old Chevrolet and drove around in the vicinity in order to view the various places where the informant was supposed to have stayed and where Karpis and Campbell were supposed to have stayed. The descriptions furnished by the informant were not very accurate, in fact, they were inaccurate. At any rate, the informant did not show up at 8 o'clock and they received a letter from him the following morning, written from Kansas City, in which he said the plans had changed "on account of the heat". The informant did not state what heat, the weather or the other kind. However, Conroy and Bryce endeavored to check on various places in the vicinity of Lawrence and found a place where the informant was supposed to have stayed the night before, ascertaining that nobody had been there for about a year. They checked on a place where Karpis and Campbell were supposed to have stayed, at a tourist camp, and found that no individuals answering their descriptions had been there. They then talked to the Postmaster about a house about three or four miles from there which answered a description furnished by the informant and found that the person owning it was entirely substantial.

I told Conroy to see Kemper and Katz and tell them he had heard a kidnaping was contemplated in both cases and, while he placed very little, if any, credence in the information, yet he was notifying them relative thereto. I wanted him to do this so that, if by any chance, they are kidnaped, it could not be said that the Bureau was keeping any information from them. Conroy is to check further on the informant's record at McAlester. They found at Kansas City that the informant has now decamped, leaving the automobile which was purchased by him with the money furnished. This episode appears to be about concluded.

Very truly yours,

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

July 18, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236  
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239  
MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241 et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim - KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 26, 1935, request-  
ing that [redacted] be interviewed at the residence of [redacted]  
[redacted] for information  
concerning William J. Harrison.

Please be advised that in accordance with the verbal suggest-  
ion made by Special Agent S.K. McKee to Special Agent D.P. Sullivan, tele-  
phonic communication was had with [redacted]  
who advised that [redacted] had not yet returned to Chicago and was  
still in Miami, Florida, and that she did not know the approximate time  
of his return to Chicago.

In view of the above information it is suggested that the  
Jacksonville office again communicate with [redacted] at Miami to  
ascertain whether he has obtained any further information concerning the  
whereabouts of William J. Harrison. Efforts should likewise be made when  
interviewing [redacted] to ascertain the approximate date of his return to  
Chicago so that he may be contacted by the Chicago office.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Jacksonville  
office.

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Very truly yours,

DPS:JMS  
CC Jacksonville  
CC Cincinnati  
CC St. Paul

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>7/18/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>7/17/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>J. M. JONES</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>JMJ:RWC</b></span>
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>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">* JUL 23 1935 PM</p> </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p>William E. Meade with aliases, wanted for questioning in instant case, known to Salesman L. H. Hart of Ford Motor Sales Company, Chicago, as C. C. Chase, purchased Lincoln automobile April 8, 1932, registered in Florida, license W-9085, owner Mrs. C. C. Chase, 35 West Adams Street, Jacksonville, Florida. Also registered in Illinois in 1933, license 32864, name Mrs. C. C. Chase, Empire Hotel, Springfield, Illinois. Lincoln traded for 1934 Ford DeLuxe sedan No. 673750, Meade requesting bill of sale be issued in name of C. E. Carter, Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Ga.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> </div> </div> <p>REFERENCE: Teletype from Boston Office, July 17, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS: Upon receipt of reference teletype, Agent contacted Salesman L. H. Hart of the Ford Motor Sales Company, located at 2220 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago. Mr. Hart did not recognize the names of Charles E. Carter or Mr. Meade. Upon Agent's displaying a photograph of William E. Meade, Mr. Hart immediately stated that he had known the man for six or seven years.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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but at the moment could not give his name.

The invoice mentioned in the Boston teletype was referred to to refresh Mr. Hart's memory. After reviewing the sales check memorandum and bill of sale, Mr. Hart stated that he knew Meade as a Mr. C. C. Chase. Hart stated that he had sold Chase several automobiles; that he, Hart, formerly worked for the Triangle Auto Sales Company at 2229 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, dealers in Ford and Lincoln automobiles; that he remembered Chase as having purchased two Lincoln automobiles. The records of these purchases have been destroyed as the Triangle Auto Company is no longer in business.

The Lincoln automobile mentioned in the Boston teletype to this Office was purchased by Chase in 1932. On March 20, 1934, the Lincoln automobile was sold by Chase to the Ford Motor Sales Company of Chicago for \$1,000. A condition of this sale was that the \$1,000 was to establish a credit balance and not to be paid to Chase in cash. Chase at that time purchased a Ford 1934 DeLuxe sedan No. 673750 for \$727.00 and had this car equipped with a special "Kari Keen" trunk at \$38.25, making a total purchase price of \$765.25. Chase still has a credit balance with the Ford Motor Sales Company in Chicago of \$234.75.

This Agent noticed that on the bill of sale there was a notation that the Lincoln 7-passenger, 1932 sedan, factory No. 71199, engine number same, had been registered in Florida in 1934, license tag W-9085, under date of February 4, 1934. The name of the owner was given as Mrs. C. C. Chase, 33 West Adams Street, Jacksonville, Florida. There was also a statement to the effect that this car had been registered in Illinois in 1933, license No. 32864. At the time of the purchase, Chase requested the bill of sale be made out to C. E. Carter, Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Ga., as he stated to Salesman Hart that he was giving this automobile to a nephew or cousin of his as a present.

Agent ascertained from the Chicago Police Department that 1933 Illinois license tag No. 32864 was issued for a 1932 Lincoln automobile, factory and engine number 71196, owner C. C. Chase, Empire Hotel, Springfield, Illinois. The difference in factory and engine numbers could probably be accounted for as a typographical error.

The foregoing information was sent to the Boston Office in summary form on July 17, 1935.

For the benefit of the lead offices, the Chicago Office was advised by teletype from the Boston Office, July 17, 1935, the following facts:

The Northampton, Massachusetts Police on July 12, 1935, arrested a man giving his name as Charles E. Carter and held him on grounds of improper registration of automobile. Carter was released on \$200.00 bond on July 14, 1935, with a hearing set for July 18th. Carter has subsequently been identified as William E. Meade with aliases, wanted for questioning in the instant case. The Police are still holding Meade's 1934 Ford sedan, No. 18-673750. A bill of sale was found in the automobile from the Lincoln & Ford Motor Car Company, 2229 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, the invoice No. 1266 showing the purchase by C. E. Carter, Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, on March 20, 1934, of the instant Ford.

As it is improbable that Meade alias Chase will appear for the hearing, the following leads are set out:

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE ATLANTA OFFICE at Atlanta, Georgia, will conduct an investigation at the Henry Grady Hotel to establish the identity of C. E. Carter or for any information that may be obtained relative to William E. Meade.

THE JACKSONVILLE OFFICE at 33 West Adams Street, Jacksonville, Florida, will conduct an investigation for any information relative to C. C. Chase or William E. Meade that will lead to apprehension of Meade.

THE ST. LOUIS OFFICE at the Empire Hotel, Springfield, Illinois, will conduct an investigation for any information relative to C. C. Chase or William E. Meade that will lead to apprehension of Meade.

- PENDING -

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 19, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS.

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

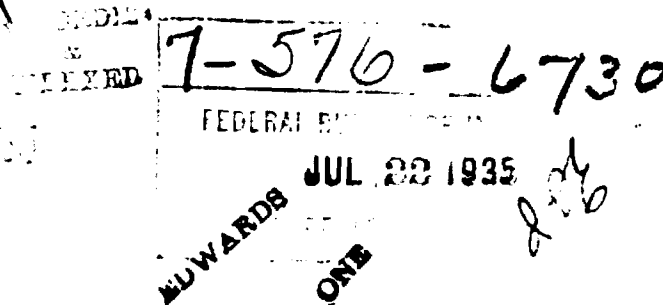
Reference is made to the fingerprints of Charles  
E. Carter which were received from the Northampton, Massachusetts  
Police Department, showing attempted mutilation of the ten finger-  
prints, and which were identified in the Bureau as the fingerprints  
of William E. Meade, FBI-271926.

The scarred finger impressions of Meade have been  
compared with the latent fingerprints previously developed in  
connection with the Bremer case, but no identification has been  
effected. Copies of the mutilated finger impressions are being  
entered in the single fingerprint file.

Respectfully,

*E. P. Coffey*  
E. P. Coffey.

JUL 23 1935



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

July 20, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

in re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236  
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EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim - KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

With reference to Bureau letter dated July 8, 1935, the following described bullet fragments and cartridge shells found at the scene of the murder of Police Officer Miles Cunningham, were obtained from the Coroner's office, Cook County, Illinois for comparison with available specimens in the possession of the Bureau:

- 3 - .45 A.P.C. fired cartridge cases
- 1 - .45 A.P.C. fired bullet
- 1 - .45 A.P.C. bullet core;
- 1 - .380 A.P. fired cartridge case recovered by  
Patrolman F. McCormick, 26th District.
- 1 .45 A.P.C. Bullet core recovered by Officer Gapinski
- 1 - .45 A.P.C. bullet core, recovered by Officer Fleming
- 1 - .45 A.P.C. fired bullet, recovered at 201½ S. Halsted St.
- 1 - fired bullet, recovered by Walter Heim

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Inasmuch as the murder of Officer Cunningham at Chicago on September 22, 1933 has never been solved it is still an open case. For this reason the Coroner's office desires that these exhibits be returned as soon as a comparison has been made by the Bureau laboratory with available specimens in its files.

For the information of the Laboratory at 12.25 A.M. on September 22, 1933 Officer Miles Cunningham and a fellow officer stopped to investigate an automobile accident at Adams and Halsted Streets, Chicago, Illinois and upon approaching one of the cars five men left it, two or more of whom were armed with sub-machine guns, and opened fire on the Officers, killing Officer Cunningham. Investigation developed that shortly before this assault took place five men in two automobiles had held up two messengers and two guards of the Federal Reserve Bank at Jackson Boulevard near LaSalle Street, Chicago, and stole three bags containing mail which was being transported from the Chicago Post Office to the Federal Reserve Bank. The aforementioned exhibits were found at the scene of the killing of Officer Cunningham. The identity of the killers is not known but investigation in the Bremer kidnaping case has indicated that the robbery and killing were perpetrated by members of the Karpis-Barker gang.

It is suggested that a comparison be made by the Laboratory of the above mentioned exhibits with test bullets from guns recovered from the above mentioned gang, and with bullets and shells fired from weapons formerly in the possession of the Karpis-Barker gang.

The exhibits should be returned to this office upon completion of the comparison by the Laboratory.

Very truly yours,

  
D. M. LADD,

Special Agent in Charge.

DPS:JMS

CC Cincinnati  
CC St. Paul

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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

July 18, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218  
DR. JOSEPH MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232  
MARTIN CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236  
WILLIAM F. EVER with aliases, I.O. 1238  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239  
MYRTLE A. TAYLOR with aliases, I.O. 1241 et al  
EDWARD J. BRECKENRIDGE, Victim - KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE ARMS ACT.

With reference to your letter dated July 11, 1935 requesting a copy of letter from this office to the Kansas City office dated May 1, 1935, I am attaching hereto copy of the above mentioned letter for your information.

The name of Sam Guzik has been mentioned during the investigation of this case as a contact for the Karpis-Barker gang. It is reported that he has connections of some kind at Omaha, Nebraska.

It is suggested that discreet investigation be made to ascertain whether any members of the Karpis-Barker gang not yet apprehended have been contacting Guzik.

Very truly yours,  
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July 20, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

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

Dear Sir:

The Bureau has been endeavoring to establish the identity of one "Rocky", who has been referred to during interviews conducted with [REDACTED] by agents of the Chicago Bureau Office.

It is possible that the "Rocky" referred to is a brother of Subject Louis "Doc" Stacci, who is presently incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, having been convicted of conspiracy to deliver a Federal prisoner in connection with the Kansas City Massacre case. You are therefore instructed to conduct an appropriate inquiry at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, with a view to ascertaining the names of the relatives of Louis "Doc" Stacci. It is also suggested that the list of visitors and correspondents be obtained.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - Chicago  
St. Paul  
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PHONE WEYNAP AND BREKID PRESS REPORTS CARRY STORY TODAY THAT DAINARD  
ALIAS MAHAN TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF THREE GUNMEN WHO ABDUCTED  
NIGHT MARSHALL CHARLES E. MACK OF HOOPER NEBRASKA AND STOLE TWO  
AUTOMOBILES YESTERDAY MORNING. SHERIFF EMIL ACKMAN FAIRBURY NEBRASKA  
QUOTED BY PRESS AS SAYING ALVIN KARPIS BELIVED ONE OF THE GUN GANG  
WHICH FORCED ACKMAN FROM HIS HOME LAST TUESDAY NIGHT TAKING HIM ON WILD  
RIDE AND RELEASING HIM UNHARMED TWO HOURS LATER. AM NOT INCLINED TO  
GIVE MUCH CREDIT TO THIS STORY HOWEVER AN AGENT FROM THIS OFFICE HAS  
BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE NECESSARY INVESTIGATION AT FAIRBURY AND VICINITY.

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July 22, 1935

Director John Edgar Hoover,  
Bureau of Federal Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Director Hoover:

On July 18th there appeared an item in the press dated from Northampton, Mass which stated in effect that William E. Leade, sought for questioning in the Bremer kidnaping was arrested there and fingerprinted charged with a minor automobile infraction. It was asserted in this report that his fingertips had been burned with acid. He was released on \$200 bail.

Being interested in the possibility that Leade had attempted to alter his prints I wrote Chief of Police Bart Bresnahan for such verification or denial.

In his reply today he informs me that a man by name of Charles E. Carter had been arrested on the previous Friday. He said that the prints were plain enough for identification and nothing had been said about not being able to identify them. He added that the prints looked as though an attempt had been made to mutilate the whorls but that he was not expert enough to know how it had been done. He stated that he sent the prints airmail to your Bureau on Friday but did not receive the reply identifying the man until Sunday night. In the meantime he was bailed out by a lawyer from Boston.

Would you kindly let me know if such attempt was made to change such prints and if so to what extent?

In the case of the lawyer who bailed him out, this is another instance of the lawyer-criminal of whom you spoke so brilliantly in Atlantic City all seeking to frustrate justice.

With personal regards and best of good wishes, believe me,

Very sincerely yours

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

50 East 58 Street  
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July 26, 1935

Dr. Carleton Simon,  
50 East 53th Street,  
New York City.

Dear Doctor Simon:

I have received your letter of July 22, 1935, relating to press dispatches originating from Northampton, Massachusetts, concerning the arrest of William E. Meade, with aliases, and the mutilated condition of Meade's fingerprints at the time of this arrest.

In order that you may be fully advised as to the facts in this situation, particularly since the Chief of Police at Northampton, Massachusetts, has been quoted in press dispatches in a critical vein, concerning the Bureau's identification of Meade, you are advised that on Saturday afternoon, July 13, 1935, a set of fingerprints was received in the Bureau, submitted by the Northampton, Massachusetts Police Department, upon an individual who gave the name Charles E. Carter. The prints of this individual were so badly mutilated that it was impossible to arrive at any satisfactory classification of the prints, and it was accordingly necessary to search the mutilated prints through a great variety of classifications. Feeling that any person who would take such strenuous efforts to mutilate his fingerprints, was undoubtedly a criminal of a dangerous type, I instructed the Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Office to immediately dispatch a Special Agent to Northampton, Massachusetts, for the purpose of interrogating the person under arrest at that point, in an effort to arrive at his identity. The Special Agent of the Boston Office arrived in Northampton, Massachusetts on Saturday afternoon, July 13, 1935, but was unable during the course of several hours questioning to obtain any information indicating the true identity of the person under arrest there. The Special Agent was successful in arranging the transmittal to the Bureau of an additional set of fingerprints upon the individual under arrest, in order that the identification of the individual might be expedited, it being noted that the first prints received from the Northampton, Massachusetts Police Department were not completely rolled, which fact, of course, contributed to the difficulty of making an identification.

Despite the fact that the person under arrest at Northampton, Massachusetts bore the indelible brand of a criminal in the mutilated fingertips, the Northampton, Massachusetts Police Department permitted his release upon a nominal bond of \$200, upon a charge of false registra-

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tion of an automobile, early on the morning of July 14, 1935, and prior to the time that the Bureau had notified the Northampton Police Department of the identity of this man. I feel that such a procedure was certainly a display of poor judgment. Needless to say, the individual released, who was subsequently identified as William E. Meade, a notorious confidence man, did not appear in accord with the terms of his release bond.

Despite the fact that the fingerprints of William E. Meade were so badly mutilated that it was impossible to classify them, an identification was effected in the Identification Division of the Bureau, on the afternoon of July 15, 1935, and the Northampton Police Department was notified of the identity of the individual, who, of course, had been released at that time. It is interesting to note that a period of but slightly more than 43 hours elapsed between the time that the prints were received in the Bureau and the time when the identity of the individual arrested was ascertained. Due consideration being given to the mutilated condition of the fingerprints and the tremendous number of fingerprint cards on file in the Identification Division, I do not believe the time required to make this identification was excessive.

As indicated above, I feel that the Northampton, Massachusetts Police Department committed a serious error of judgment and police procedure, when they permitted William E. Meade to make a nominal bond upon a minor charge prior to the time that they had ascertained his true identity.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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July 9th, 1935

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

On May 11th, 1935, Hon. W. G. Simpson, connected with the Sheriff's Office of Harrison County, Gulfport, wrote you a letter with reference to the capture of Harry Sawyer, a notorious kidnapper, and wanted by the Government for participating in the Bremmer kidnapping.

There can be no question but that Bill Simpson and Dolph Demetz located this man and furnished the information leading to his arrest, and that Simpson affected the actual capture of the man.

Won't you be so kind as to give me a report on this matter and tell me whether or not Mr. Simpson is entitled to any reward offered for his capture.

With appreciation, I am

Yours very sincerely

*Thos. T. Tamm*  
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Senator Bilbo states it has been called to his attention that one Bill Simpson and Dolph Demetz were instrumental in capturing Harry Sawyer; that he would like to know if Simpson is entitled to any reward for this capture.

RE: CJ

July 17, 1935.

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Honorable Theodore G. Bilbo,  
United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senators

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 9, 1935, advising of the communication received by you from Mr. W. G. Simpson of the Sheriff's Office, Harrison County, Calhoun, Mississippi, relative to the payment of a reward in connection with the location and apprehension of Harry Sawyer, who is wanted on charges of kidnaping.

The Federal Government had made no offer of reward for the apprehension of Sawyer and under the circumstances no remuneration can be paid in this instance. It appears that Mr. Simpson communicated with this Bureau and advised that there was a suspicious person located at Pass Christian, Mississippi and upon investigation by Special Agents of this Bureau the identity of the individual was determined to be Harry Sawyer.

Mr. Simpson accompanied by Special Agents of this Bureau effected the apprehension of Sawyer on May 3, 1935. This is the procedure followed in all instances where local peace officers furnish information concerning the location of Federal fugitives and no rewards are paid for the services rendered by them.

I trust that this satisfactorily explains the situation. With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc New Orleans

Encl. (copy of letter from Senator Bilbo, dated 7/9/35)



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 19, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

William E. Meade first entered the Bremer kidnaping case when Lieutenant Edward J. Kelly reported to the Chicago Bureau Office on January 27, 1934, that an individual from St. Paul named Martip Wunderlich, 530 Desnoyer Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, identified the photograph of William E. Meade in the rogues' gallery of the Chicago Police Department as the confidence man who had fleeced him out of \$200,000. Wunderlich was a road contractor and had constructed roads throughout the United States. He evidently met Meade and his associates in St. Louis, Missouri, while on a business trip. Meade interested him in betting on horse races, and as a result of several bets placed by Meade, Wunderlich won \$370,000. He was not paid, however, until he could produce evidence that he could have paid had he lost his bet. As a result, Wunderlich obtained \$200,000, \$100,000 from his safety deposit box in St. Paul, and \$100,000 from Edward G. Bremer. Since receiving this information, the Bureau has been endeavoring to locate Meade for questioning.

When Dr. Wilhelm Loeser was taken into custody in Chicago, Illinois, on July 24, 1934, two days following the shooting of John Herbert Dillinger, he admitted altering the fingerprints of Dillinger and Homer Van Meter, as well as the fingerprints of William E. Meade.

Meade was taken into custody as Charles E. Carter by the Northampton, Massachusetts, Police Department on July 12, 1935, on charges of suspicion. He was in the act of attempting to defraud one John H. Dunn of 20 Fort Street, Northampton, Massachusetts, a building contractor. His fingerprints were identified in the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on July 15, 1935, not, however, until Meade had been released on a cash bond of \$200.00, calling for his appearance on July 18, 1935. Meade failed to appear.

The criminal record of Meade, which is attached hereto, reflects that he is wanted as a fugitive by the Post Office Department at Jacksonville, Florida, for bond forfeiture. It appears that Meade, together with William A. Shaw and H. C. Howard, was wanted at Jacksonville, Florida, in connection with a mail fraud case. The case against Shaw was recently disposed of by a fine of \$2,000, and Meade forfeited his bond of \$10,000.

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Respectfully,

R. P. N. (N. N. N.)  
R. E. NENBY.

Att.

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Mr. Baughman  
Chief Clerk  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK.**

**St. Louis** FILE NO. **62-976**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Louis, Mo.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>7/19/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>7/16/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. H. REDMOND B</b>
TITLE: <b>Browning Automatic Rifles #211774 &amp; 211349 Colt .45 Calibre Automatic pistol #18001</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>SOURCE OF MACHINE GUNS IN HANDS OF CRIMINALS</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Authority to ship firearms from Rock Island Arsenal must come from Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C. Photographs of automatic rifles and pistol obtained and transmitted to the New York Bureau Office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>R. U. C.</b></p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Letter from New York Bureau Office dated 7/1/35. <span style="float: right;"><b>7-576-6570</b></span></p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> <u>AT ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS.</u></p> <p>Mr. C. L. Dye, Field Service Division, Rock Island Arsenal, stated that the firearms in question can be shipped to the manufacturers only upon the authority of the Chief of Ordnance, War Department, Washington, D. C. The two Browning automatic rifles #211774 and #211349 and the Colt .45 Caliber automatic pistol #18001, have been set aside in order that they may be on hand if further investigation is desired. At the direction of Mr. Dye, photographs were taken at the Arsenal of the parts of the weapons whereon numbers and other markings appeared. These pictures accompany copies of this report sent to the New York Bureau Office.</p> <p>Mr. Nye caused the records of the Arsenal to be examined for the receipt of the firearms under investigation. He produced an invoice for the Colt .45 Caliber automatic pistol #18001, model 1911, showing that it was received at the Rock Island Arsenal 4/20/34 from C. O. Co. "H", 168th infantry, Iowa National Guard, Marshalltown, Iowa. Browning automatic rifles</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>R. H. Redmond</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES  <b>7-576-6738</b> <b>JUL 22 A.M.</b> <b>JUL 28 1935</b> <b>AUG 1 1935</b>	
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#211774 and 211349, Model 1918, were on hand at the time they began keeping records of firearms by serial number. This was in 1923.

For the information of the Omaha Bureau Office, the above-mentioned firearms held by the Bureau were found to have the same serial numbers as similar ones in the possession of the Rock Island Arsenal. This investigation is being made to determine why there are duplicate sets of serial numbers on these weapons. In this connection, records of the arms are being traced back to see when they were received by the Army.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The NEW YORK OFFICE will contact the Winchester and Colt Companies for further examination of the firearms by comparison with the photographs of marked parts and will set out leads for the Washington Field Office to arrange with the Chief of Ordnance, War Department, Washington, D. C., for shipping the arms to the companies if deemed necessary.

The OMAHA OFFICE at MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA, will check the records of the 168th Infantry, Iowa National Guard in an effort to trace Colt automatic pistol #18001 back to the time it was received by the Army.

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July 30, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: SOURCE OF MACHINE GUNS  
IN HANDS OF CRIMINALS.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is endeavoring to trace the source of Browning Automatic Rifles #211774 and #211349, and of Colt .45 caliber Automatic Pistol #18001, which were recovered from members of the Barker-Karpis gang and Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd. Investigation by the St. Louis Bureau Office discloses that guns bearing identical serial numbers are located in the Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Illinois. The manufacturers of the guns in question have requested that they be given an opportunity to examine the weapons now located at the Rock Island Arsenal and the weapons in possession of the Bureau.

You are instructed to contact the officials of the Ordnance Division of the War Department and arrange to temporarily borrow the guns to be submitted to the officials of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, New Haven, Connecticut, and the Colt Patent Firearms Manufacturing Company, Hartford, Connecticut, for examination.

Arrangements for the shipment of these weapons to the New York Bureau Office under Government bill of lading can be arranged through the St. Louis Bureau Office. This matter should receive immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - New York  
St. Louis

100-247

July 18, 1935.

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

7-576-6073

- A. Original letter beginning, "Dear Friend Gladys:- Well I suppose\*\*\*", and signed "Lill".  
B. First page of an original letter beginning, "My Dear Darling Wife\*\*\*".  
C. Second page of above letter beginning, "it seems like five years\*\*\*".  
D. Third page of above letter beginning, "her self, but I wish you\*\*\*".  
E. Envelope in which the two above letters were mailed to Mrs. Gladys Sawyer, postmarked "Chicago, Illinois, Englewood Station, December 18, 1934, 5 PM".

St. Paul Bureau Office,

July 18, 1935.

Handwriting and Fingerprint.

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The handwriting on the letter dated November 23, 1934, commencing "My Dear Darling Wife" was compared with the signature of William J. Harrison on Identification Order #1239. While the signature of Harrison does not afford a suitable standard upon which to conduct an adequate comparison, from the comparison possible, however, there was found to be a difference in inconspicuous characteristics which would not lead the examiner to believe that Harrison wrote this letter.

The erased signature at the end of this letter dated November 23, 1934, was made out to be "Thomas Holden".

The handwriting on this letter as well as on the letter written in ink was compared with the handwriting specimens of other members of the Karpis Gang but no identification was effected.

The physical characteristics of the stationery have been recorded in the Laboratory for comparison with possible future specimens.

Photographic copies of the evidence submitted will be forwarded within the next several days.

A report on the fingerprint examination will be submitted separately.

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2-St. Paul  
1-Cincinnati  
1-Chicago  
1-St. Louis  
1-Laboratory

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July 19, 1935.

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7-576-6739

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

Dear Sir:

There 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 July 16, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure: ~~7-576-6676~~.

CC - Cincinnati.  
Chicago.  
St. Louis.

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GEO. A. SKULTETY  
COUNTY ATTORNEY  
JEFFERSON COUNTY  
FAIRBURY - NEBRASKA

July 19th, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of July 15th, relative to arrangements for a conference with your Special Agents, John Madala and R. P. Shanahan at your Chicago office in regard to Jess ~~K~~ Doyle.

August 2, 1935 at 9 O'clock A. M. would be a very convenient date for me, and I shall be there at that time.

Please acknowledge this appointment. If you prefer a different date, I should be glad to make other arrangements.

I sincerely appreciate your courtesies and cooperation in this matter, and I am

Yours very sincerely,

*Geo. A. Skultety*  
County Attorney.

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KANSAS CITY MISSOURI JULY 11, 1935 6 p.m.

M H PURVIS  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

BUREAU SUBJECT KARPIS FATHER TODAY RECEIVED SPECIAL DELIVERY LETTER FROM FIFTEEN  
THREE FIVE OR FIVE THREE FIVE WOOD STREET CHICAGO STOP CHECK AND ADVISE

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PHOENIX ARIZONA

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July 18, 1935

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

BREKID INCOMPLETED TELEPHONE CALL MADE TO DETROITER HOTEL DETROIT MICHIGAN FROM  
CHESTER PENNSYLVANIA WEDNESDAY FOR KALSEY STOP NOT KNOWN HOTEL DETROITER

NICHOLSON

5:15 p.m. ✓  
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cc-Cincinnati

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
JUL 20 1935  
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629 First National Bank Building,  
Omaha, Nebraska.  
July 19, 1935.

E  
Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases; Fugitive;  
I. O. #1218; et al. Edward George Bremer,  
Victim. Kidnaping; Harboring and Ob-  
struction of Justice; National Firearms Act.

This office has all mail received by C. Wellinsky,  
306 1/2 Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa, under surveillance, believ-  
ing that he is a medium through whom Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver,  
fugitives in this case, contact their friends and relatives. Recently  
a letter was received by Mr. Wellinsky from Michael Quinn, an inmate of a re-  
formatory at Lorton, Virginia, which caused an Agent of the Washington  
Field Office to interview Quinn. At that interview Quinn stated that  
he did not know Myrtle Eaton or William Weaver, but that he did know  
Harry Sawyer and that he frequently visited Sawyer's saloon in St. Paul.

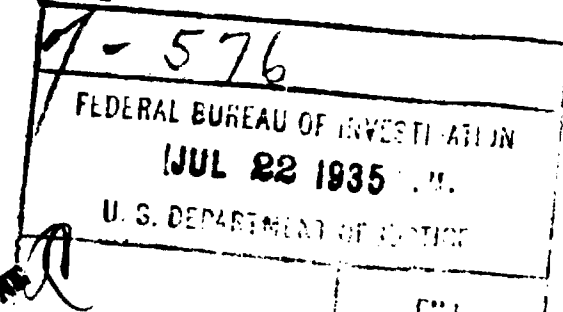
Quinn's correspondence record shows that he has been  
corresponding with Vick Allen, Windsor Hotel, Otto Miller, Windsor Hotel,  
both of St. Paul, Minnesota, and Myrtle Brown, Ardmore Apartments,  
St. Paul, Minnesota. These names are being submitted to you for any  
value that they may have at this or some future time, not necessarily  
in this case but in any case, and so that if you believe advisable,  
you may inquire into the standing and activities of these people.

It is to be noted that Quinn claims he knows a Myrtle  
Brown. Whether or not she is Myrtle Eaton is left to your determina-  
tion, and if you believe any of the persons named may be a channel  
through which you may locate William Weaver or Myrtle Eaton, I submit  
them to you.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Bureau  
Cincinnati  
Chicago  
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July 29, 1935

Mr. George A. Skultety,  
County Attorney,  
Fairbury, Nebraska.

Dear Mr. Skultety:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 19, 1935 requesting that arrangements be made for a conference with Special Agents John Madala and R. P. Shanahan at the Chicago Office of this Bureau, for the purpose of discussing the case against Jess Doyle.

In accordance with your suggestion, Special Agents Madala and Shanahan have been instructed to report to the Chicago Office at 9 A.M., August 2, 1935, to confer with you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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☐ Mr. Clegg  
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☐ Mr. Chambers

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☐ Miss Conlon  
☐ Mr. Ward  
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this date and advise  
Skallitz.*

E. A. Tamm - Room 5107.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

FILE NO. 7-30 AMK

REPORT MADE AT <b>BOSTON, MASS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-20-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-13-17-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>P. M. FLUNKETT</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN HARRIS, with als. FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with als. I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with als. I.O. 1236; WILLIAM WEAVER, with als. I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with als. I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON, with als. I.O. 1241; et al.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - Victim.</b>			
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> William E. Meade as C. E. Carter arrested Northampton Police, Northampton, Mass., July 12, 1935. Charge investigation and improper registration; fingerprints discovered to be mutilated. Bond of \$200.00 returnable 7-16-35. Subject released while identity unknown. Automobile and possessions in custody Northampton Police. Leads set out looking to his re-capture. Description and criminal record set out.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Telephone calls Inspector Tamm from Bureau July 15th and 15th, 1935.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> On July 13, 1935, the Boston office was called on the telephone by Inspector Tamm of the Bureau and advised that Northampton, Mass. police were presently holding in custody one C. E. Carter, whose fingerprints when forwarded to the Bureau showed evidences of mutilation.</p> <p>This Agent proceeded to Northampton, Mass., and there contacted Sergeant Harry J. Kelley of the Police Department. Sergeant Kelley stated to the Agent that he is something of an expert in fingerprinting and has testified as such on several occasions. He stated that he recognized at once when he had taken Carter's fingerprints that they probably could not be classified and he had unsuccessfully attempted to classify them himself.</p> <p>The Sergeant stated that the occasion of Carter's arrest had been about as follows: One John E. Dunn of 24 Ford Street, Northampton,</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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Mass., a building contractor, had been approached by Carter several times within the last ten days. Carter had stated that he represented a wealthy man of Philadelphia and New York whose name was Pierce and who wished to construct a set of homes in Northampton, Mass. In the course of the communications, Mr. Dunn's suspicions were aroused and he called in Sergeant Kelley. The Sergeant examined Carter's registration for his automobile and found it to be faulty and arrested him on this ground. The car had been registered in Georgia and bore the license number 26499C. The registration card in the possession of Carter stated that it was registration for car number 673750, while as a matter of fact, the actual number of the car was 763750.

Carter was formally charged with improper registration of an automobile. Bond of \$200.00 was set, returnable for Thursday, July 18, 1935, and in default of bond was placed in Hampshire County Jail. The Sergeant stated further that he had then wired to the Boston police to see if this man was wanted by that Department and had also wired the police at Atlanta, Georgia, to ascertain whether Carter lived at the Henry Grady Hotel in that City. The responses to these wires had been negative. Shortly after Sergeant Kelley had contacted the Boston police, Attorney Herbert Callahan of Boston, a well-known representative of gamblers had called the Northampton police and inquired the amount of bail set. When the information had been given him he stated that the bail would be brought immediately.

While the Agent was interviewing Sergeant Kelley, the Jail Commissioner came in the Station to state that a lawyer from Springfield had called him to say that he had the bail ready and wished Carter released immediately. The Commissioner, however, stated that he would delay his appearance at the jail as long as possible in order to give this Agent a chance to interview Carter.

This Agent then, in company with Sergeant Kelley, proceeded to the Hampshire County Jail and there interviewed Carter for several hours. It was apparent that Carter had much experience in being questioned by authorities. He was constantly alert and refused to enter any discussion concerning himself, his business dealings or acquaintances. He was questioned vigorously by this Agent concerning his fingers and he expressed surprise first that the Federal Government was interested in him at all and secondly to learn that his fingers had been marred in any way. The only explanation he could suggest was that they had been burned on a camping trip. He allowed the Agent to examine the tips of his fingers. The Agent observed the scars and is of the opinion they were made by a knife or perhaps a strong acid and are at least several months old. It was also the Agent's impression that these scars are of a permanent nature.

Sergeant Kelley and this Agent continued to talk with Carter and obtained only the following information:

He stated that he was born in San Francisco on December 25, 1873. He stated that he was a lawyer but admitted that he was not licensed to practice in any State and refused to name the Law School he had attended. He admitted that he had been in the oil business or in the oil fields of Oklahoma at one time and was willing to discuss Real Estate Law with this Agent for some little



while. He stated that he is a Catholic and still is faithful to his Church. He stated that he has had several nervous breakdowns in the past. The Agent notified further that the subject is inclined to make grammatical errors, chiefly in the use of the double negative and the word "aint." He said many times, "I aint done no wrong." The Agent's impression was that the subject is a typical confidence man.

During most of this interview Carter's attorney, James P. Mahoney of 44 Vernon Street, Springfield, Mass., had been waiting at the jail with \$200.00 in bail. At about 12:30 A.M., July 14th the Bail Commissioner told this Agent and Sergeant Kelley that he would be forced to grant bail immediately. The Agent unsuccessfully attempted to have further State charges placed against Carter in order that he might be held for a longer period of time. The Agent did succeed, however, in arranging for the jail photographer to come down immediately and take the subject's photograph. Copies of this photograph were sent to the Bureau with the subject's fingerprints bearing Hampshire County House of Correction #8669. Copies of these photographs are also in the Boston file.

Carter was released at 1 A.M. July 14th and proceeded with Attorney Mahoney in the latter's car towards Springfield, Mass.

On the evening of July 15th, the Boston office was informed that the Bureau had identified subject Carter as being the same person as William E. Meade, wanted by the U.S. Marshal at Jacksonville, Florida, by the Post Office Inspectors and by this Bureau for questioning in connection with this case. A full description and criminal record of Meade is set out at the end of this report.

On receipt of the information from the Bureau concerning the true identity of Meade, this Agent attempted to locate him again. Attorney James P. Mahoney was contacted in his office at 44 Vernon Street, Springfield, Mass. It may be stated here that Mahoney had previously been interviewed by this Agent at the jail at the time of Meade's release. He had stated at that time that he was not acquainted either with Meade or Callahan but had merely received a phone call from Callahan in Boston asking him to cash a Money Order being sent him and arrange for Meade's release. When interviewed further Mahoney stated that Meade had said nothing to him during the entire drive from Northampton to Springfield and on arrival in Springfield had gotten out of the car on the corner of Bridge and Dwight Streets. Mahoney stated that he had not heard from him or seen him since.

Captain McCarthy of the Springfield Police indicated that Mahoney is not of very high calibre as a lawyer, which confirmed this Agent's own impression. The Agent then gave a picture of the subject to Lieutenant Gallagher of the Springfield Police, who stated that copies of it would be given to all police inspectors and instructions issued to apprehend this individual on sight and notify the Boston Bureau office immediately.

The Agent also went to the Railroad Depot and interviewed the ticket Agents on duty, showing them a photograph of Meade and inquired whether they had sold him a ticket. None was able to state positively that he had but all thought he looked familiar.

Joseph Wrenn, the ticket Agent who had been on duty from midnight until 9 A.M. Sunday was interviewed at his home. He, too, thought the picture familiar but if he had sold him a ticket, could not remember to what point, adding that he had sold over 600 tickets that morning to points in every direction.

Every bus terminal in Springfield was contacted with negative results. In each case the day and night ticket sellers were interviewed, with one exception. The terminals contacted were the following: The Main Terminal on Main Street; the Blue Way Terminal; the Greyhound Terminals; the Bee Line Terminal; the New Deal Terminal.

Garland Zachman, who sold tickets for the Greyhound Terminal on Sunday morning, is presently in Elyria, Ohio, and will return about July 21st.

Every one who viewed the picture of Meade felt certain that he had seen him before but could not remember whether he had sold him a ticket. Zachman will be questioned on his return to Springfield.

The Agent interviewed Mr. John H. Dunn, the contractor, whose information lead to Meade's arrest. Mr. Dunn stated that he had first met Meade on Thursday, June 27th; the second time on Friday, July 5th, and the third time on July 12th. On the occasion of their first meeting Meade had come to his office and introduced himself as Mr. Taylor, representing a wealthy man whose name he would not divulge but who wished to construct some houses in the vicinity of Northampton. In answer to Mr. Dunn's question he stated that he had not yet the property on which the building was to take place and when Dunn suggested that he (Dunn) owned lots which might be suitable was mildly interested. Accordingly, he and Dunn drove to the location of Dunn's lots and discussed the prices thereof. Mr. Dunn stated that by this time he was certain that he was dealing with a crook and had decided to lead him on with a view to his ultimate apprehension. Meade, on his departure, had said he would return in a week with the plans and specifications for the two apartment houses which his client wished to erect. Meade's car had been parked out of sight but Dunn had sent his young son to look for it. His son had reported that the car was a 1934 Chevrolet with Georgia plates but did not know the number. He had stated the color of the car to be a brown or maroon sedan.

On the second occasion, Meade had approached him at 4.30 in the afternoon of July 5th. On this occasion he was wearing colored glasses and a Panama hat. (It may be noted here that no Panama hat nor colored glasses were found in his possession.) He brought with him a set of blue prints with a mimeographed pamphlet of specifications. Dunn stated that he recognized these plans and specifications as being of the type that could be purchased by any one from a Publishing House and also noticed that the name of the

Publishing House had been clipped off. Dunn was anxious to avoid Meade's suspicions and so did not press his questions when Meade evaded them. On this occasion, however, Meade stated that Dunn's lots would not be suitable; that he wished corner lots. He left the plans and specifications in the possession of Dunn on his departure.

On the third and last visit of Meade he had stated that his principal was Dr. Pierce of New York and Philadelphia and that he had expected the Doctor to be with him on that day (July 12th). However, he said the Doctor was detained because of his wife's illness. When Meade showed signs of nervousness and was apparently backing out of his plans Dunn detained him by saying that the blue prints were at his (Dunn's) house and that he would send his son after them. While the son was on his way, Meade grew very nervous and began pacing the floor. Dunn, however, continued to talk to him and Meade then stated that they had decided to build only one house and that they already had it rented to a professor of Smith College in Northampton. When asked who the professor was, he was unable to name him, stating that the professor had not yet been appointed.

The son had then notified Sergeant Kelley who had proceeded to the vicinity of Dunn's office and there located Meade's car. While he was examining the car, Meade came hurrying from Dunn's office and was placed under arrest. Dunn stated that when his son returned with the blue prints, Meade had stated that he was in a hurry to leave and would return shortly, saying which he grabbed the blue prints and almost ran from the office. Mr. Dunn stated that he had read the specifications for the buildings submitted and could find no fault with them. They were apparently a form type printed by the thousand by a publishing house.

Mr. Albert Beckman, Sheriff of Hampshire County, advised that he had received a long-distance phone call from Florida after Meade's identity had been established. His caller said his name was Tom E. Phatcher, 3052 N.E., First Court, Miami, Florida. Phatcher inquired concerning Meade and on being told that Meade's eyes were blue, said he was not interested. Subsequently he wired the Sheriff confirming the phone call and saying that he was not interested if the Sheriff was positive that Meade's eyes were blue. The Sheriff does not know who Phatcher is or what his interest was in Meade.

There is being set out on the following page a list of all the effects of Meade in his possession when arrested by the Northampton police.

The automobile was described as a 1934 Ford four-door Sedan, Motor Number 18-673750, color black; wire wheels and with "Karikeen" trunk on rear.

The speedometer reading was 41,652. Nailed to the post of the driver's seat is a St. Christopher Medalion. On the wind shield is a sticker such as is presently used in the State of Massachusetts to indicate the inspection of a motor vehicle. This sticker was issued by the Roxbury Crossing Motor Company of Roxbury, Mass., and indicated that Adjuster C. Nevin had inspected the car. The number of this sticker is 127437. Its date is -- 2, 1935. The Station Number is 325 and it indicates the registration number as 105A907.

The Bill of Sale of this car has already been checked through the teletype with the Chicago office and verified. Information from that office indicates that the Ford Motor Sales Company, 2229 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, sold the instant car to the subject as C. C. Chase, Empire Hotel, Springfield, Illinois, but at his request issued the Bill of Sale in the name of C. E. Carter, Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia. It also has been verified that Meade as C. C. Chase purchased UC-858 Lincoln VB-7 Sedan #71199 on April 6, 1932, and this Lincoln was registered in Florida February 4, 1934, and had Florida license tag #W-9085 issued to Mrs. C. C. Chase at 33 W. Adams Street, Jacksonville, Florida. The Lincoln was also registered in Illinois with 1933 license number 32864 under the name of Mrs. C. C. Chase, Empire Hotel, Springfield, Illinois. This Lincoln had been traded in at even value for the subject Ford.

Also in the possession of Meade was found a bottle (about 6 ounces). This bottle was slightly over half full of a clear liquid. The label appearing on this bottle is set out below:

VERENO	ACIDO FENICO
(Skull and crossbones)	(Use Medicinal)
<hr/>	
Sanborn Hnos, S.A. Mexico, D.F.	(O.L.)      SANBORN MEXICO
<hr/>	
El contenido no es especialidad ni formula secreta. Se despacha en este envase para mejor presentacion a nuestra clientele Sanborn Hnos., S.A. (Corner of label torn off) Madero 4. Mexico.	

Sergeant Kelley has advised this Agent that he took this bottle to the Chemistry Laboratory of Smith College where he was advised that it was a concentrated solution of Carbolic Acid and in their opinion was capable of destroying flesh.

n.B. // Also in Carter's possession was a Highway Atlas of the U.S., published by the Gallup Map & Supply Company of Kansas City. On looking through this Atlas the Agent noticed that the map of Mexico showed

use. A line was drawn from the City of Cumpas to Tonichi and written in ink alongside of it was "100 miles." Another ink line was drawn from El Paso, Texas, through Chihuahua, Torreon, Saltillo, Monterey, San Luis Potos, Mexico City, Guadalajara, Mazatlan, thence back to Torreon. The map of Alabama and Georgia had written thereon the figures "1066 to Savannah", "1161 to Charleston." Underneath were the figures "1232." On another part of the map were the figures 578, 137, 184 and 168 arranged vertically. hb

Also in the automobile was found a part of the Boston Herald for July 2, 1935, a part of the "Asheville Citizen" dated April 20, 1935, and a slip from Asheville, N.C., showing a purchase of 29¢ at Sears, Roebuck for flies.

A copy of "The Merba" a mimeographed publication by the New England Road Builders Association, 89 Broad Street, Boston, was also found. This issue is dated May 4, 1935. A search of this book showed red pencilled check marks placed after the following names on the pages set out:

Page 1-C. John A. Gaffey, Medford, Mass.  
" 2-C. Oneglia & Cervasini, Torrington, Conn.  
" 9-C. Charles Struzziery, Roslindale, Mass.  
" 10-C. A. R. Doyle, Inc., Boston.  
" 11-C. Boone & Brewer Construction Company, Presque Isle, -  
(Probably in Maine.)

A "Conoco Passport" #755762, season 1935-6 issued by the Conoco Travel Bureau, Denver, Colorado, to C. E. Charles, Charleston Hotel, Charleston, S.C.

The other items are set out as follows:

One "Spanish" Book 2, by Oscar Galeno, published by the Gregg Publishing Company, Boston.

"Archan Guide Magazine" 1933, published by the American Chamber of Commerce.

One gallon can Sears, Roebuck cross-country oil, grade S.A.E. 60.

18 Champion Spark Plugs in original boxes.

Brown tortoise-shell glasses in case with lettering "Via Vitt R.M. 36 Bordighera."

One umbrella, plain black, man's type.

In the bill fold, a plain black leather, was \$59.00 in cash, consist of a \$50.00 bill numbered 0000122A from the First National Bank. This office is advised that the \$50.00 bill is still in possession of Mr. J. H. Meade, of Hampshire County, he having returned five tens to Meade.

Also in the bill fold was a card written in Spanish and quoted as follows:

Nota Este Cupon pierde su valor numerico asi como las cifras marcadas en el acumulador correspondiente.

It is assumed that the Bureau will translate this and if anything of value is disclosed will direct a letter to the appropriate office.

Also in the bill fold were two typewritten lists containing names which J. H. Dunn advises are contractors in Massachusetts. These lists are set out below:

Peabody.

P.J. O'neal. 76, Washington St.

New Bedford.

Naipolien St Pierre, 340 Franklin Hill Rd, New B, 1986

Herbert C, Bailey. New B, 6395.

Chas E Faunce 142, N, 2, Rd, 2389.R.

Danvers. Route, 62, 20, M, Boston.

M. A. Barry 6, School, St. 1037. Phone.

Joe Mitters, 12 Chaver, 1072

Manchester, N, H.

Leeo, Labby. 2155, W, 755, Silver. Work to be done on Union or  
Mamouth, Sts.

Uppridge, Mass.

Edwin Ericson, 12 Taft, P, 225.

Woster,

John Gray, 9, Main St. P 4 6656

Edwin Mines, 25 Foster, 5 4580

Atwood Foust 91 Foster, 5 2066.

E. C. Wilson, 206 Austin, 5 0828

H. W. Wright. 74 Clover. 5 0366.

Manchester, Mass.

Dominic Flattley, P 276.

E. F. Knight, 12 Dearond Ave. 306.

Ed Runrill, 43 Brook St, 102.

Salem.

Arthur Manchard, 26 Loring Ave, 2416.P.

V. S. Peterson. R, R, 232 Bridge 962. P.

Chas Marvis, 43, Linden, 3970

Athol, R, 2,

Richard Watterman, 3 to 5.P 646.

Walter Dunlap. 416 Union.

Berlin, Mass.  
Percy R Caldwell. 74, P

South Hamilton.  
F. Pingree. Flying Horse Farms,  
Ray Connor Mgr.

Richard Watterman, Athol, Mass. D. 3-5

George E Reed, Greenfield Mass.

J. H. Dunn. Northampton, Mass.

S. L. Wood. 135 Union St Springfield, Mass. 35-50 2nd rate

Walter Dunlap, Laconia Mass.

Another piece of paper written in pencil is as follows:

Hammond Camps,  
Rochester, Me.  
Moose River

Sebago Lake  
Migis Lodge  
So Casco

White's Bridge Camps  
White's Bridge  
Victor Hodgdon

Also in Meade's possession was found pieces of stationery, one from the Venetian Hotel, Miami, Florida, on which is written in pencil:

Springfield  
Hartford, Conn  
Manchester, N.H.  
Pittsfield  
Holyoke

Stationery was also found from the Myles Standish Hotel in Boston and the Skirvin Hotel, Oklahoma City. The Myles Standish Hotel has already been contacted and this Agent is advised that Meade is not known there by his picture, which was shown the Clerk.

In the possession of this office is the following pencilled note in the handwriting of Meade, which he asked Sergeant Kelley to deliver for him.



Mr. Herbert - Callahan - Attorney.  
Phone. Lafayett. 6050 - Try - Residence.  
Boston - Mass.

Being - Held - Here - County - Jail -  
Default - Two - Hundred Dollars - Bond -  
Please - See Fred - and - Have - Matter  
Taken - care - of - At - Once."

(Signed) C. E. Carter

With the exception of the envelope from the Venetian Hotel and the lists of names set out on the foregoing pages, all the items listed herein are still in the possession of the Northampton, Mass., police.

A description of subject Meade as observed by this Agent is set out below:

Name:	William E. Meade, alias J. W. Reed, alias John Henry Foster, alias John H. Foster, alias Edwin Elza Gaynor, alias Clark, alias Charles E. Carter, alias Taylor, alias C. C. Chase,
Age	65
Residence	Unknown
Marital Status	States unmarried
Height	5' 10"
Weight	150 lbs.
Build	Slim
Complexion	Medium
Hair	Black, turning grey, partially bald
Mustache	Same color
	Wears glasses
Eyes	Blue
Nationality	American
Occupation	Confidence man
Peculiarities	Speaks without accent with querulous voice. Frequently uses "aint" and double negative. Apparently has worn toupe. Left eye blinks nervously. Left side of mouth apparently partially paralyzed. Right corner of mouth is drawn down when speaking. Fingertips have been mutilated.

His criminal record as given by the Bureau is as follows:

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XXXXXXFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

BOSTON OFFICE: Will contact each of the persons and places named in the body of this report within this District for information relative to this individual.

Will also interview Herbert Callahan, Meade's attorney in Boston for whatever information he may be able to give.

Will also interview Garland Zachman at the Greyhound Bus Lines to determine whether he sold Meade a ticket on or after July 14th.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE: To obtain photographs of Meade and transmit them to the other offices having undeveloped leads for their use in conducting investigation.

JACKSONVILLE OFFICE: At Jacksonville, Fla.: On receipt of picture from Washington Field Office will conduct investigation at 33 West Adams Street to determine whether Meade is known at this address under this name or alias C. C. Chase.

At Miami, Fla.: Will conduct investigation at the Venetian Hotel to determine whether subject is known there. Will also interview Tom E. Phatcher at 3052 N. E. First Court, Miami, with reference to his call to the Sheriff at Northampton, Mass., concerning subject Meade.

NEW YORK OFFICE: At Torrington, Conn.: On receipt of picture from Washington Field Office will contact the firm of Oneglia & Cervasini, road builders, mentioned in the body of this report for any information they may have concerning subject.

DENVER OFFICE: At the Conoco Travel Bureau, Denver, will investigate Conoco Passport #755768 as mentioned in this report, on receipt of picture from the Washington Field Office.

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE: At the Skirvin Hotel will determine whether subject is known there, on receipt of picture from the Washington Field Office.

ST. LOUIS OFFICE: At Springfield, Ill.: On receipt of picture will conduct investigation at the Empire Hotel to determine whether subject is known at that place.

PENDING

REN:LL  
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July 20, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

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

Dear Sir:

The Bureau desires that you immediately prepare a Summary Report to be used in connection with the prosecution of Subjects Joseph H. Adams and Henry "Duke" Randall at Miami, Florida, on charges of harboring Alvin Karpis and of violating the National Firearms Act. The preparation of this Summary Report should be given immediate and preferred attention.

The Bureau feels it will not be necessary to assign Special Agent E. K. McKee to this matter inasmuch as the information to be used in the preparation of the report is available from your files.

Very truly yours,

RECORDED & INDEXED

John Edgar Hoover, JR.  
Director

JUL 22 1935

cc-Cincinnati

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*[Handwritten signature]*

REM:RD  
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July 29, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

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

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith copies of an anonymous communication dated at Boston, Massachusetts, July 18, 1935, received in the Bureau on July 20, 1935, which sets forth information concerning Elmer Heade and other confidence men.

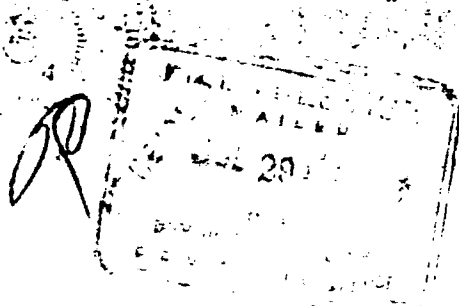
The Bureau desires that you conduct an appropriate investigation with a view to determining the identity of the individuals mentioned in the anonymous communication, inasmuch as it appears that the writer is acquainted with the activities of these individuals.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure 309289

cc-Jacksonville (copies of anonymous letter attached)  
Cincinnati



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JUL 29 1935

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "E. J. Connelley".

Winstan, Miss  
July 18-30

Dear Sir:

Bruce Upshaw is ready of all  
Confidence men, only time in his life has he  
been arrested your Dept was after him twenty odd  
years ago, the gang was betting he wouldnt have  
less than fifty "kicks", well he had swindled  
and now on his way to Florida where O'bell beat  
this same kick, and on the funniest fluke ever  
heard of, and now the bet is that Bruce wont get  
any kicks and will beat it, wish you could hear  
what all these Con men are saying now about what  
your name Mr. Graham is over-looking

And this town is now full of

films living under

Jordan Cook, Brooklyn

Summit Road has the town

Callahan. Surveys also Police Dept and he

has been harboring Elmer Meade for months

here they all are at Hyannis, on the Cape

for summer, now the point is how do all

these Con men get away without paying any

income tax. Can mention dozen who have

annuity's and several who have had over one

hundred thousand dollars for their part of one

swindle, really poor look-makers like myself, they

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Enough so, when we gladly give our few dollars when we are lucky enough to make it, they say we should put on a badge and become a policeman and their fine flushing and spending of hundreds nightly in Cigarettes do turn the coats of several boys around here starting on their line.

This Fred Flower is one mentioned in wire to Callahan and Winter he is partner to Fred Gondor and Upshaw in Florida, usually Miami now this Flower hasn't been arrested and that's why they can't pick him out, so much money he gets. Boby Grand Plans is and Homer for his relations and many more things of this kind. Now just after that are here and told the same as Messie that nothing is going to happen to them Fred Gondor and Wife, Eddie Hayes, the mile a minute can't remember his real name, Geo. Kennedy, Elmer Messie, Tifky, Tom Coffey two Englishmen Charley Mitchell known as Fat and Sid left two weeks ago for Europe. they and Farrell are wanted for a three hundred thousand swindle in Europe. Now Coffey & Hayes have annuities Farrell has stock in Siftly & Siphit Bros. Now why isn't something done to stop the likes of this Fred if not one day another. If you could but see what he is getting away with here you could realize why his hat is so tight. Hope this will start you on the right road. It's all the truth.



COPY

Boston, Mass.  
July 18 - 30

Dear Sir:

Bruce Upshaw is Daddy of all Confidence Men, only time in his life has he been arrested your dept was after him twenty odd years ago, the gang was betting he wouldn't have less than fifty "kicks", party he had swindled and now on his way to Florida where O'Dell beat this same kick, and on the funniest fluke ever heard of, and now the bet is that Bruce won't get any kicks and will beat it, wish you could hear what all these Con men are saying now about what your man Mr. Graham is over-looking and this town is now full of Con men as Fred Flowe living under name of Farrell at 24 Jordan Road, Brookline second house from Summitt Road has the town his River Herbie Callahan - Lawyer also Police Dept. and he has been harboring Elmer Leade for months here, they all are at Hyannis, on the Cape for Turner, now the point is how do all these Con Men get away without paying any income tax. Can mention dozen who have annuity's and several who have had over one hundred thousand dollars for their part of one swindle, small poor book-makers like myself they laugh at, when we gladly give up our few dollars when we are lucky enough to make it, they say we should put on a badge and become a policeman and their four flushing and spending of hundreds nightly in cabarets as been the cause of several boys around here starting in their line. This Fred Flower is one mentioned in wire to Callahan and Winter he is partner to Fred Condorf and Upshaw in Florida, usually Miami now this Flower hasn't been arrested and that's why they can't pick him out, so much money he buys Baby Grand Piano's and Homes for his relatives and many more things of this kind. Now just a few that are here and told the same as Leade that nothing is going to happen to them Fred Condorf and wife, Eddie Hayes, the Mile a Minute can't remember his real name, Geo. Kennedy, Elmer Leade, Fiffy, Joe Coffee two Englishmen Charley Fitchell known as Pat and Sid left two weeks ago for Europe they and Farrell are wanted for a three hundred thousand swindle in Europe, now Coffee and Hayes have annuities Farrell has stock in Safety Deposit Box, now why isn't something done to stop the likes of this Fred if not one way another, if you could but see what he is getting away with here you would realize why his hat is so tight, Hope this will start you its all the truth on the right road

3, 1935

### ASK EXTRADITION IN TRACK FRAUD

Granting of extradition papers for Bruce Upshaw, arrested near Boston recently in an alleged \$100,000 Florida race track swindle, as recommended to Governor Hurley yesterday by Asst. Attorney General James J. Bacigalupo. Upshaw was indicted in 1933, in Volusia County, Fla., for alleged embezzlement of \$100,000 from Henry W. Wilmot of New Jersey. The indictment charged that Wilmot had been induced to bet the money under pretense that he would be given advance information of winning horses.

### \$30,000 BAIL FOR FUGITIVE

#### Florida Officials to Be at Cambridge Hearing

Bail of \$30,000 was provided yesterday afternoon for the release from the East Cambridge jail of Arthur C. Upshaw, 33, wanted by Florida authorities for an alleged \$100,000 horse racing swindle.

Part of the bail money, officials revealed, was put up by the wife of Daniel F. "Frankie" Duris, Belmont sportsman.

The defendant Upshaw, whose home is in Newport, Ky., was arrested last week in Arlington on information forwarded from the South. He pleaded not guilty to being a fugitive in the East Cambridge District Court and bail at that time was set at \$50,000. It was later lowered.

Florida officials will arrive July 10 when the case will come up for a hearing on the matter of his extradition. He is accused of defrauding one Henry W. Wilmot at Daytona in 1933 of \$100,000 by assuming to have advance information on horse races.

A professional bondsman provided half the bail with Mrs. Duris. The latter's husband was fined \$1000 and given a two-year suspended sentence last January when he pleaded guilty to a federal charge of evading income taxes. He previously had paid the government \$3000 in a settlement of other tax claims.

### SAYS 'CARTER' IS W. E. MEAD

#### Now Wanted in Florida, J. Edgar Hoover Claims

NORTHAMPTON, July 15—Identification of the mysterious "Charles E. Carter" as William Edward Mead, wanted by the United States marshal at Jacksonville, Fla., for bond forfeiture, was announced by Police Chief Bartholomew Bresnahan tonight upon receipt of a telegram from J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Department of Justice Investigation Department at Washington.

The telegram, signed "Hoover," reads: "Finger prints Charles E. Carter identified as William Edward Mead wanted for bond forfeiture United States marshal Jacksonville, Fla. Complete record following."

Police officials revealed that Carter, now out of the Hampshire county jail on \$200 bail, furnished early yesterday by Attorney Herbert F. Callahan of Boston, had instructed the Boston lawyer, by telegram "to see 'Fred' and arrange my bail." Officials said tonight they would like to learn more about "Fred," believed to be a Boston resident.

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JEN:JEP

July 19, 1935.

(Time 3:34 P. M.)

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: William M. Meade

In a telephonic conversation with Mr. Snyder I told him there was no warrant out for Meade, nor was there an active search being made for him, but that he is wanted for questioning in the Bremer case. I said Meade is a famous international confidence man and it was outrageous that the authorities at Northampton let him go on \$200 bond as we knew he would not appear today and they knew it also. I also said they should have held on to Meade because he is wanted by two or three police departments in the country and further because of the mutilations of his fingerprints which were the worst we had ever seen.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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

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Patrons should check class of service desired, otherwise message will be transmitted on a full-rate communication

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

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Phoenix, Arizona  
July 19, 1935

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

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 23, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

It will be appreciated if you will be good enough to promptly advise this office of the identification of the person to whom 1935 Minnesota license tag #151919 is issued.

Information has been received by this office to the effect that a person resembling Harry Campbell, presumably fugitive covered by I. O. #1236, is driving this car.

Very truly yours,

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J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

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July 23, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue 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 my previous letters relative to what appeared to be efforts on the part of LUCIANO alias "LUCKY", prominent New York racketeer, to establish a contact with me, possibly for the purpose of furnishing information regarding Subject Karpis.

On Saturday afternoon, July 20, 1935, I accompanied Ike McAnally to the Empire Racetrack, Yonkers, N. Y., for the purpose of making this contact. McAnally had, several days previously, seen Luciano and he had suggested that McAnally arrange to be at the track with me on Saturday in order that he might be present and meet me. Upon our arrival at the clubhouse, all of the well known New York racketeers, including Frank Costello, Luciano, Louis Buchhalter, Tommy Guinon and Jack Silvers, were present. McAnally, who has not advised Luciano that he has kept me fully informed of all developments, as previously related, sent word to Luciano that I was with him and that if he, Luciano, would come around casually, he would introduce him to me. Luciano advised McAnally that there was a party watching him and that he could not come up for the introduction at that time. He then disappeared from the clubhouse, McAnally could not find him any more until after the races were over, and it was obvious that he had purposely left the clubhouse. When located by McAnally just after the races were over, Luciano apologized for not having come around, informing McAnally that the reason he had failed to do so was because "there was a gaze that he could not shake", meaning that there was someone at the track watching him whom he did not want to see him meet me. I am not satisfied with this explanation, and McAnally is unable to account for Luciano's actions.

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As the previous correspondence concerning this matter indicates, all of the contacts and approaches along this line have been extremely indefinite and guarded, and it is not clear just what Luciano,

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who no doubt is representing the big racketeering interests, is driving at. However, I am still of the opinion that he has something in mind and is trying to be extremely cautious. The explanation which he offered for avoiding the meeting on Saturday may be legitimate or might have been a stall. In any event, I will give him a little more time in which to work this thing out in his own way and then, if it is not cleared up, I will, with McAnally's consent, go to him and ask him what he is driving at. I am certain that McAnally is acting in good faith and that he will cooperate in any way possible.

Very truly yours,

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

cc: Chicago  
cc: St. Paul  
cc: Cincinnati

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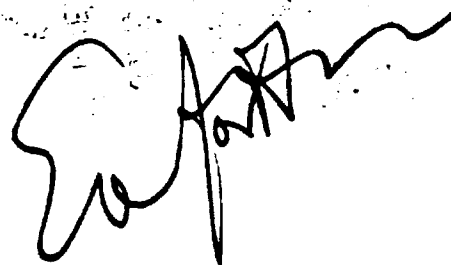
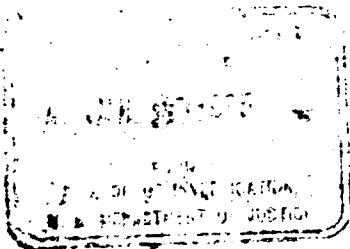
Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of July 23, 1935, relating to the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Fugitive, et al, and of your efforts to establish an acquaintanceship with a New York racketeer, one Luciano, alias "Lucky", the Bureau desires that you exercise the utmost caution and discretion in any contacts with this racketeer. The Bureau believes that some effort may be made to influence your official conduct, after Luciano has had an opportunity of becoming personally acquainted with you, and accordingly, it is suggested that in so far as is possible, you have another Special Agent with you at all times when in contact with this individual. If this plan is not feasible, it is suggested that you give consideration to the desirability of having a surveillance maintained by Special Agents over any contacts which you may have with Luciano.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "E. J. Connelley".

P. O. DRASER 1457,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

July 18, 1935.

W. A. Capron, Lt. Col.,  
Ord. Dept., Supply Officer,  
Rock Island Arsenal,  
Rock Island, Illinois.

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In re: Browning Automatic Rifles #211774 & 211349  
Colt .45 calibre automatic pistol #18001  
Source of Machine Guns in Hands of Criminals

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated July 17, 1935, and to thank you for furnishing the photographs of the automatic pistol and Browning automatic rifles.

Your cooperation in this matter is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 515,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

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July 23, 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 Bureau letter dated July 18, 1935, relating to the preparation of a summary report setting forth all available evidence to date pertaining to Cassius McDonald and Harry Sawyer.

The investigation with respect to Cassius McDonald was conducted by offices other than this office and it is necessary to review reports emanating from these other offices which are filed among the 7500 serials comprising the St. Paul file in this case. With respect to Harry Sawyer, it is necessary to review the greater portion of this file, and to date, approximately 2,000 reports have been reviewed.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen  
H. E. ANDERSEN, C.S.  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 23, 1935 relating to the preparation of a summary report setting forth available evidence developed to date, pertaining to Harry Sawyer and Cassius McDonald, and indicating that the large number of serials comprising the file at the St. Paul Office has made this assignment difficult.

The Bureau is aware of the voluminous character of the file in your office, but notes that subject Cassius McDonald did not become involved until early in February of this year, and it would therefore appear that only those reports submitted since that date should be reviewed for the purpose of preparing a summary report.

The evidence pertaining to Harry Sawyer should be readily available from the summary reports already submitted, and from the personal knowledge of the Special Agents assigned to this case.

The Bureau therefore instructs that the summary report be submitted on or before August 10, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Special Agent in Charge  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telephone call to this office by Special Agent A. Schroeder on July 18, 1935, during the course of which call this office was advised that a long distance call had been made from Chester, Pennsylvania, to Randolph 5600, Detroit, Michigan, a party by the name of Kalsey being sought to be contacted, and requesting that investigation be conducted relative to this long distance telephone call.

Special Agent A. A. Muzrey ascertained that Randolph 5600 is the telephone number of the Detroit Hotel. At the Detroit Hotel, Mr. Weeks, clerk, and Mr. Medill, assistant manager, were contacted. They advised after consulting all of their telephone operators at the hotel that on the afternoon of July 18, 1935, Miss McLaughlin, Chief Operator at the Hotel, had been in receipt of a long distance call from Chester, Pennsylvania, and that the call was made for a party by the name of Kalsey. Miss McLaughlin referred the call to the information clerk who advised her that no one was registered at the hotel by the name of Kalsey, and she in turn advised the Chester operator. A little later a person to person call from Chester, Pennsylvania, was made to a Mr. Kalsey at the Detroit Hotel, and again the Chester operator was advised that a Mr. Kalsey was not registered at the hotel, whereupon, a short time later, the long distance operator advised Miss McLaughlin that the call was canceled.

Mr. Medill, assistant manager, advised that to his knowledge no one by the name of Kalsey has registered at the Detroit Hotel within the past four months, and that the name Kalsey was unfamiliar to him as being the name of anyone living in the hotel at the present time. He further advised that in the event a party should attempt to register under the name of Kalsey, he will immediately notify the Detroit office, and in the event any more long distance calls for Kalsey are received at the hotel, he will notify the Detroit office.

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Your office was telegraphically advised of the incomplete calls made to the Detroit Hotel from Chester, Pennsylvania, and that Kaley was unknown at the Hotel Detroit, on July 18, 1935.

Very truly yours,

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D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau  
Cincinnati

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 7-3

REPORT MADE AT <b>Atlanta, Georgia.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-20-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6-21, 22 &amp; 24-35 7-2, 3, 10-1935</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>A. Hale Watkins</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; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases; I.O. 1241; BRUNO PUTIS, with aliases, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>1935 Georgia license tags # 50621-B issued to M. C. Carpenter, Vidalia, Georgia, for 1935 Ford Sedan, motor # 1697171. Original application notarized by J. P. Lowe, Atlanta, Georgia, who can not remember person for whom he made this notarization. Information at Vidalia, Georgia, disclosed that Carpenter presently employed as a clerk at Hotel Drake, Chicago, Illinois.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Teletype message from Chicago Office, June 21, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA.</u></p> <p>The records in the office of the State Automobile License Tag Bureau, State Revenue Commission, State Capitol Building, Atlanta, Georgia, revealed that 1935 Georgia license tags # 50621-B were issued on April 18, 1935 to M. C. Carpenter, care of Brown's Jewelry Store, Vidalia, Georgia, for 1935 model Ford Sedan motor # 1697171.</p> <p>The records further show that this original application was notarized by J. P. Lowe without a seal and whose address was not shown.</p> <p>In addition the records show that this car had not been previously registered in the State of Georgia.</p> <p>A tracing of the signature of Carpenter on this original application was made and is being forwarded to the office of origin along with a copy of this report.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>[Signature]</i>	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3 Bureau 2 St. Paul 2 Cincinnati (Enc.) 2 Chicago 2 Atlanta		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">7 576 6753</div> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">JUL 25 1935</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">JUL 25 A.M.</div> <div style="font-size: 0.8em; font-weight: bold;">COPIES DESTROYED 20 MAR 23 1965</div>	



The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. C. Hendon.

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

J. P. Lowe, Notary Public, State Auto License Tag Bureau, State Capitol Building, Atlanta, stated that after a personal examination of the original application executed by Carpenter in connection with instant automobile, that he had notarized this in the usual manner. Lowe further advised that he did not recall Carpenter nor could he attempt any sort of an identification in view of the fact that he notarized the majority of all applications going through the license Bureau for Georgia tags.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent L. E. Kingman.

AT VIDALIA, GEORGIA.

Deputy U. S. Marshal, S. P. Darby, Vidalia, Georgia, advised that Brown's Jewelry Store, of that place was operated by J. O. Brown and that M. C. Carpenter was a brother-in-law of Brown. According to Darby, both Carpenter and Brown bear an excellent reputation, and Carpenter along with his brother Wade C. Carpenter have been working in Chicago, Illinois for about three years.

J. O. Brown, proprietor of Brown's Jewelry Store, Vidalia, Georgia, was interviewed under pretext. Brown advised that Max C. Carpenter, the person receiving instant license plates, was presently employed by the Drake Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, and that he had been in Vidalia, Georgia, during the month of January, 1935, at which time he was driving a Pontiac automobile which belonged to his brother, Wade C. Carpenter, who is also employed in Chicago, Illinois by some automobile tire concern.

Brown continued that to the best of his knowledge neither of the Carpenter boys owned a new Ford automobile but that perhaps they had purchased one and had sent to Atlanta, Georgia in order to buy the Georgia license plates and take advantage of the cheap fee charged for these plates, which is \$3.00, and by so doing gave the address of Brown's Jewelry Store, Vidalia, Georgia.

The information disclosed by this investigation was furnished the Chicago Bureau Office by teletype on June 24, 1935, copies of which were forwarded to the Bureau and the Cincinnati and St. Paul Offices. It is suggested that perhaps Max C. Carpenter, being a clerk at the Drake Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, may have loaned his car to some guest who was probably associated with the Karpis-Barker Gang and this connection may be developed by discreet inquiry at Chicago.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The CHICAGO OFFICE at Chicago, Illinois at the Drake Hotel will interview Max C. Carpenter, a clerk in that hotel, for information concerning the purchase of instant tags and this automobile. It is thought that discreet inquiry may lead to information that this automobile had been loaned or sold by Carpenter to a member of the Karpis-Barker Gang. It should be noted that information at Vidalia, Georgia is to the effect that Carpenter himself is a reliable person.

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 24, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, w. a., FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1218, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT

There is enclosed herewith a letter dated July 5, 1934 addressed to P. O. Box G, Karamora, Ontario, Canada, written in pencil and signed, "J. A. Orhood, Vermilion, Ohio." This letter was written by subject Phoenix Donald, with aliases, and is in answer to an advertisement appearing in the Cleveland Press newspaper at that time regarding property located near Coe Hill, Ontario, belonging to the Karamora, Ontario branch of the Dominion Bank of Canada. This letter is believed to be an excellent likeness of the handwriting of subject Donald and it is requested that an appropriate number of photostatic copies be furnished the Bureau, Little Rock, Cincinnati, Cleveland, and St. Paul offices. It is requested that the letter be returned to the Cleveland Bureau office after this has been done in order that it may be returned to the Dominion Bank at Karamora, Ontario.

It is further requested that five copies of the photograph of Alvin Karpis, wherein Karpis appears in a white shirt with collar unfastened, be furnished this office. It is believed that this is the best photograph of Karpis yet obtained.

It is also requested that five additional photographs of subject William J. Harrison also be furnished this office at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

RMB/TJB

Enclosure

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- Little Rock

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Drawer 567  
~~San Francisco, California,~~  
(Name and address of Contributor)

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, w.a. Fugitive,  
I.O. #1218, Et al

Date May 14, 1935

Dear Sir:

Edward George Bremer - Victim,  
Kidnaping; Harboring, Etc

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been  
mailed to the Division of Investigation:

Division File Number	Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
San Francisco,		Frank Foster, aliases:	Arrested April 9, 1932,
Cal. Police		Frank Frost, Frankie	charge: vagrancy.
Department		Foster, Frank Forman	Disposition: Held for
No. 47908			investigation. Charge
			dismissed.

Very truly yours

Jay C. Newman

JAY C. NEWMAN - Special Agent in Charge

(Official Title)

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*George 'Babe' ...*  
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S A C BOSTON

PHONE BREKID FORD MOTOR SALES COMPANY CHICAGO RECORDS DISCLOSE FORD  
SEDAN NUMBER 673750 BILL OF SALE IN NAME C E CARTER. WILLIAM E  
MEADE WITH ALIASES KNOWN TO SALESMAN L H HART AS C C CHASE  
EMPIRE HOTEL, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS. MEADE AS CHASE PURCHASED LINCOLN  
MENTIONED IN TELETYPE DATED 7-17-35, ON APRIL 6, 1932. LINCOLN  
REGISTERED IN FLORIDA FEBRUARY 4, 1934 LICENSE TAG FLORIDA W9085  
NAME OF OWNER MRS. C C CHASE 33 W ADAMS STREET JACKSONVILLE FLA.  
LINCOLN ALSO REGISTERED IN ILLINOIS 1933 LICENSE NUMBER 32864 NAME  
MRS C C CHASE EMPIRE HOTEL SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS. LINCOLN TRADED  
FOR FORD BY MEADE REQUESTING BILL OF SALE BE ISSUED IN NAME OF C E  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 4, 1935 and June 22, 1935, in which the Bureau indicated that Mr. Joseph H. McNeff, 902 North Jamison Avenue, Lima, Ohio should be interviewed relative to information which he furnished to the Bureau in a letter dated February 21, 1935, concerning an individual who resembled Alvin Karpis.

Please be informed that on July 3, 1935 Special Agent B. W. Hirsh of this office interviewed a Mr. McNeff, who advised that he, in company with one Paul Fellar, who is presently employed by the Sonoco Company, at their station located at Wagner and Elizabeth Streets, Lima, Ohio, on the afternoon of February 18, 1935 had observed three men who came into the filling station in a 1932 Ford V8 coach, 1935 Ohio license plates #199000; that the automobile bore oversized rear tires; that one individual who sat in the rear of the car was covered over by a lap robe which extended completely over the floor and the remainder of the back seat of the car. Mr. McNeff examined several photographs which were exhibited to him by Agent Hirsh, and advised that the driver of this car resembled very greatly subject Alvin Karpis. He was unable to identify the other two individuals from photographs of other members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

According to Mr. McNeff, his suspicions were aroused because of the presence of the lap robe covering the back seat of the car, and also because of the oversized tires. He stated that the driver requested information as to where the "sporting house district" was located, and the individual who sat next to the driver "flushed" a considerably large roll of money. Mr. McNeff described the individual sitting next

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to the driver as resembling subject Harry Campbell, except that he had observed this individual out of the automobile and he definitely appeared to be at least five feet eight inches in height, which is considerably taller than subject Campbell. Further descriptions could not be obtained.

In connection with the above information, Mr. McKeff advised that he had been interviewed some time in the early, or middle part of March, 1935 by an Agent of this Bureau from the Detroit office, who best answers the description of Special Agent D. E. Fall, who was attached to the Detroit office at that time. Inasmuch as the Cleveland office file in this matter is not complete, it is requested that you cause a search of your file to be made for the purpose of ascertaining what investigative action was taken with regard to this matter. No further efforts are being made by this office at the present time to check 1935 Ohio license #L9900D, pending word from you.

Very truly yours,

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J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Atlanta, Georgia.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-22-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-10-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>William F. Mehler</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; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241; BRUNO PUTIS, with aliases, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Surgical supply concerns, General Delivery clerks, Atlanta Post Office, had no information concerning Moran, and were each supplied with a copy of I.O. 1232. Stops were placed in and withdrawn from the files of the State Motor Vehicle Tag Division in accordance with leads set out in report of reference. P.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent V. E. Criss, San Francisco, California, May 22, 1935.			
DETAILS: <u>AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA.</u>			
<p>Photograph of Doctor Joseph P. Moran, I.O. 1232, was exhibited to Mr. Charles W. Dunn, Manager of the Southern Division of Johnson &amp; Johnson, 312 Volunteer Building, who advised that he had no information concerning Moran, but would be glad to cooperate with the Bureau by supplying any that he might procure in the future. A copy of I.O. 1232 was supplied Mr. Dunn.</p> <p>Clerks at the General Delivery windows, Atlanta Post Office advised that no individual resembling Moran was receiving mail, General Delivery, but promised to communicate with this office in the event any such person appeared. A copy of I.O. 1232 was left at the General Delivery windows.</p> <p>Mr. Everhart, Everhart Surgical Supply Company, 493 Peachtree Street, N. E., advised that he could supply no information concerning Moran, but would immediately notify this office in the event any should be procured in the future. A copy of I.O. 1232 was left with Mr. Everhart.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>W. F. Mehler</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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Mr. H. J. Smith, American Surgical Supplies Inc., 23 Houston Street, advised that Moran had not appeared at his establishment, and that should he do so this office would be immediately notified. A copy of I.O. 1232 was left with Mr. Smith.

Mr. Jarrell, Surgical Selling Company, 139 Forrest Avenue, N. E., Mr. Lyon, Mgr., Jacobs Pharmacy, 134 Whitehall Street, S. W., stated that they had no information concerning Moran, but would immediately notify this office in the event that they procured any in the future. A copy of I.O. 1232 was supplied both Mr. Jarrell and Mr. Lyon.

Mrs. Madge Davis, motor file Clerk, State Motor Vehicle Tag Division, State Capitol Building, placed and withdrew stops from the motor files in accordance with the undeveloped lead set out in the Summary Report of Special Agent T. M. McDade, Chicago, Illinois, April 29, 1935, and in the report of Special Agent V. E. Criss, San Francisco, California, May 22, 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.

July 15, 1935.

Time 6:30 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: John Foster, alias William E.  
Meade, alias Charles E. Carter.

With reference to the fingerprints of Charles E. Carter, received from the Northampton, Massachusetts, Police Department, which were so badly mutilated as to prevent identification, I called Mr. McKean of the Boston Office, and told him that the Bureau was absolutely astounded to find that the Northampton police would release a man with such notorious alterations of his fingerprints under a bond of \$200.00. I asked if the Boston Office had done anything to prevent this man's release. Mr. McKean said that the Agents of the Boston Office got over there after the man had been arraigned.

Mr. McKean said that it appears the police at Northampton telephoned the police at Boston to see if they knew anything about this person. The police at Boston evidently didn't know anything about the man, but later, an attorney from Northampton came in, the bond having been arranged, and the man was released shortly thereafter. The hearing for Carter is coming up on Thursday, July 18, 1935. I told him that it is very doubtful if this man will appear for his hearing.

I then informed Mr. McKean that Charles E. Carter turns out to be John Foster, alias William E. Meade, one of the most notorious confidence men in the country at this time; that he is being sought by the Post Office Department, and is at the head of their wanted list; that he is being sought by the United States Marshal at Jacksonville, Florida, who has a warrant outstanding for him; that the Bureau had a "want" posted on him in the Bremer case, and we want to question him about that case and other cases; that Foster is a contact and known associate of the Barker-Karpis gang, has been a go-between for them in a lot of transactions, and has possibly been disposing of some of the money for them.

I told Mr. McKean to make an effort to locate this man in the vicinity of Northampton so that he might be questioned regarding the Bremer case; that, however, this should be done rather quietly, and no publicity should be given to it. Mr. McKean said that Agent Plunkett of the Boston Office talked to this man some, but he would say nothing, other than he was Charles E. Carter of San Francisco, and was born on December 25, 1870. Mr. McKean said that he knew from this that the man

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Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Baughman  
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was a confidence man, but there was nothing we had on him upon which we could detain him in jail.

Relative to the information of the mutilation of this man's fingerprints, Mr. McKean, when I suggested that this be kept quiet, advised that the newspapers already have this information, it having come through the police department at Northampton, Massachusetts.

I told Mr. McKean to make an effort to find this man, and if located, he should be picked up for questioning, and the Bureau advised at once.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

P. O. Box #1887,  
Charlotte, N. C.

July 22, 1935.

TO ALL BANKS IN NORTH & SOUTH CAROLINA.

Gentlemen:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al

In connection with an investigation presently being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it has been found necessary to trace and locate certain \$1,000.00 bills issued by the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank bearing Serial #F-00022451A through #F-00022500A, inclusive. VICTIM: Kidnaping

It is, therefore, earnestly requested that all \$1,000.00 Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank notes, received by your bank, be carefully examined to determine whether they bear the desired serial numbers, and to promptly inform this office by telegram collect or by calling this office at Charlotte, North Carolina, telephone #3-4127, in the event any of these bills are located.

Your assistance in this case will be most sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*G. N. Lowdon*

G. N. LOWDON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cincinnati, Ohio

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JUL 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 the report of Special Agent S. E. McKee of this office dated 7-9-35 in which mention was made of Attorney John E. Egan of Dayton, Ohio, who had written to the Clerk of the United States District Court, Miami, Florida regarding the sentence imposed on Dolores Delaney; the fact that Egan, upon interview had stated he made this inquiry merely through personal curiosity, also that further investigation was being conducted as to Egan and that a mail cover was being placed on him.

As the result of this mail cover it was learned that Egan received two letters postmarked at Toledo, Ohio, both of which bore the return address of 1208 Second Building, Toledo, Ohio.

In view of the past activity of various subjects in this matter in and around Toledo, Ohio, it is thought to be desirable to ascertain the identities of the persons who occupy the above premises. Your office is therefore requested to conduct necessary investigation for the purpose of learning, if possible, the name of the person who wrote the letter in question to Egan. The occupants of this address should, of course, not be approached.

Very truly yours,

CC Bureau.

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

FJM:EG

July 24, 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 your letter of July 19,  
1935 in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis,  
with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al.; Edward  
George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

In accordance with your request contained  
therein, there are transmitted herewith the following:

One certificate of registration, #35952, Ohio, 1934,

One bill of sale for a Deluxe Fordor Ford automobile  
from the Jess J. Ellis Motor Sales Company, Toledo,  
Ohio, to E. J. Powell, Toledo, Ohio,

One bill of sale from E. J. Powell, dated October 10,  
1934 to the Finance Outlet Company, for a Ford sedan  
the motor number of which is 899365.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #589608

cc - St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Chicago

REGISTERED MAIL

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 24, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

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

With reference to the press dispatches indicating that ALVIN KARPIS engaged in a gun battle at Fairbury, Nebraska, you are advised that the Bureau has received no information concerning this matter, and accordingly, a teletype message has been transmitted to the Omaha Office requesting that the Bureau be furnished with full details regarding this matter.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

July 23, 1935.

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

Dear Sir: In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with  
aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL  
with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM  
WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases,  
I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON with aliases,  
I.O. 1241; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim - KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OB-  
STRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE-  
ARMS ACT - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Interview was had on this date with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] during the course of which [REDACTED]  
indicated that [REDACTED] had been experiencing some  
trouble [REDACTED] and  
intended to move to the city of Chicago; that [REDACTED] desired to  
make further contacts with friends of the Karpis-Barker gang,  
especially Mike Marino of Melrose Park, Illinois, and Postmaster  
Fred Bartholomew, of Bensenville, Illinois, but that [REDACTED] has  
been "greatly strapped" for money.

It is to be noted that [REDACTED] neither asked nor  
suggested that any money be paid [REDACTED] but inasmuch as [REDACTED] is unable  
to make the contacts believed necessary for productive results at  
this time, it is deemed advisable by this office to make available  
to [REDACTED] sufficient money for [REDACTED] to carry on [REDACTED] contacts with  
Marino and others.

It is, therefore, requested that the Bureau authorize  
a \$10.00 per week payment for a period of four weeks to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] as it is believed that such payment will produce sub-  
stantial results in the near future.

DPS:ME

cc-Cincinnati  
St. Paul

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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July 29, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

*Glavin*

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

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your  
letter dated July 23, 1935 in the above entitled case, you  
are authorized to pay to confidential informant [redacted]  
\$10 per week for a period not to exceed four weeks.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Cincinnati  
St. Paul

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE, OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

*Alvin*  
BREKID. PRESS DISPATCHES REPORT KARPIS IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF THREE INDIVIDUALS  
ENGAGED IN GUN BATTLE FAIRBURY NEBRASKA WITH CHIEF POLICE DEPARTMENT JOE  
COOK AND OFFICER POSTER HELVEY. ALSO SAME INDIVIDUALS ABDUCTED SHERIFF EMIL  
HECKMAN AND QUESTIONED HIM CONCERNING JESS DOYLE. IMMEDIATELY FURNISH BUREAU  
DETAILS.

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JUL 25 1935

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. E. A. Tamm .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Harbo .....  
Mr. Keith .....  
Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. S. J. Tamm .....  
Mr. Smith .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

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Dear Sirs:

Please send me your wanted circular of Alvin Karpis, if at all possible with his fingerprints.

Yours truly,  
John Hoffmann  
91 Halsted St.  
East Orange, N.J.

*Ans. ELP 7-14-35*

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Mr. John Hoffman,  
91 Halsted Street,  
East Orange, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

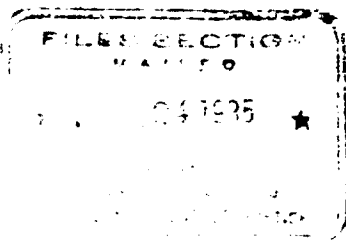
With reference to your undated postal  
card, there is transmitted herewith a copy of  
Identification Order No. 1218, issued on Alvin  
Karpis.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #839746

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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 24, 1935.

11:05 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: John Henry Foster alias  
William E. Meade.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Glavin .....  
Mr. Lister .....  
Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Scheidt .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

Pursuant to your instructions, I telephoned Special Agent in Charge McKean of the Boston Office and instructed him to institute immediately a thorough and vigorous investigation of all the facts surrounding the participation of the lawyer in Boston and the lawyer in Northampton, Massachusetts, into the release of the above named individual, from the custody of the Northampton Police Department, with the idea of seeing if there are any facts which should be presented to the bar association concerning their activities. I informed Mr. McKean that there is to be no attempt at secrecy in connection with this investigation; that is, they should take no unusual steps to hide the fact that we are conducting this investigation.

Mr. McKean said that he would get this investigation under way at once.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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IDENTIFICATION  
ORDER NO. 1218  
March 22, 1934.

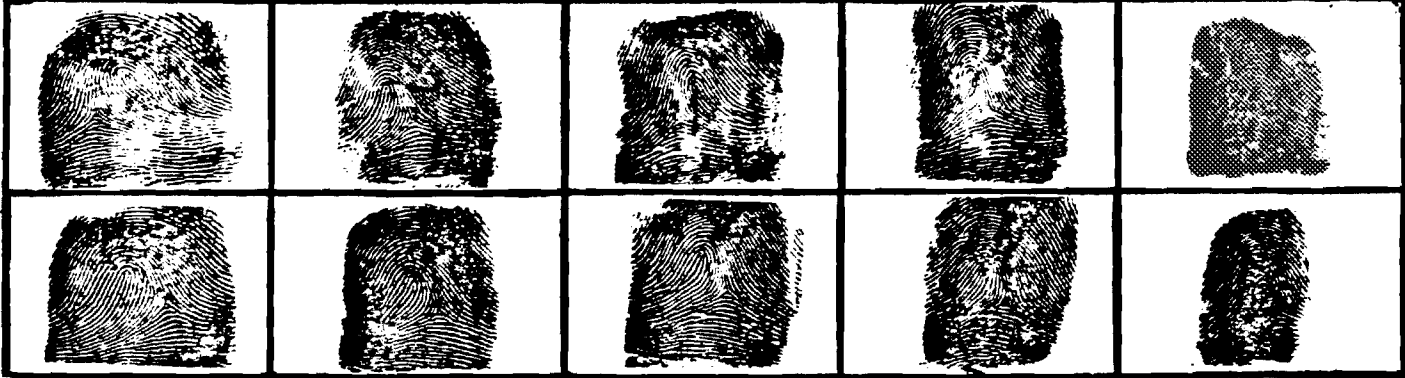
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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**WANTED**

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

**KIDNAPING**



**DESCRIPTION**

Age, 25 years (1934); Height, 5 feet,  
9-3/4 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) VeNute, 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*

**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 Hadley, #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.

As A. Karpis, #1609, arrested Police Department, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, June 10, 1931; charge, burglary;  
sentenced September 11, 1931, 4 years, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma; paroled.

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  
of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

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

Issued by: J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR.

N. Y. ADDRESS  
116 MADISON STREET  
BERKMAN 2 1882  
9620

CAMP PHONE  
HILLSDALE 2400

# COPAKE

THE ISLAND PARADISE, INC.  
LAKE COPAKE GRARYVILLE, N. Y.

July.24,1935.

Department of Justice.  
Wash.D.C.  
Dear.Sir.

Kindly send to the above address one circular bullitin on Alvin.  
Karpis.

Thanking you in advance I remain

Charles.O. Grab.

Special Deputy Sheriff, on duty.

*Ans 8/5/35  
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August 3, 1935

Mr. Charles O. Grab,  
Deputy Sheriff,  
Craryville, New York.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 24, 1935, requesting to be furnished with a circular bulletin on Alvin Karpis.

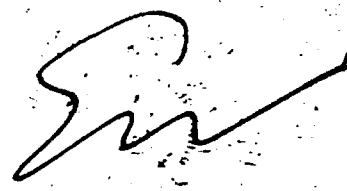
Please be advised that I have referred a copy of your letter to Mr. R. Whitley, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403, New York City, who will see that you are furnished with the desired data in the near future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC New York (incl. copies of letter from Mr. Grab)

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NEW YORK  
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414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 25, 1935.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to teletype message from the  
New York Office dated July 25, 1935, in the above entitled case,  
and to telephone conversations between Messrs. Whitley and Hanson of  
the New York Office and Special Agent A. Schroeder of this office  
relative to James Felton, colored informant in the above entitled  
case.

It is Agent Schroeder's recollection that some time  
during the latter part of 1934 a negro, giving his name as James  
Felton, and claiming that he came from Petersburg, Va., called at the  
Philadelphia Office and advised that he had information concerning  
the then present whereabouts of Baby Face Nelson. Felton stated that  
he was not desirous of obtaining any monetary consideration for this  
information but stated that he had been in South Philadelphia, at  
which time he had observed a large Cadillac car bearing Ohio License  
Plates and containing two men and one woman, one of whom Felton  
recognized as Baby Face Nelson. Felton agreed to take Agent Schroeder  
and several other agents from the Philadelphia Office to South  
Philadelphia and locate the taproom at which he had seen this car.  
Felton was driven around South Philadelphia by Agent Schroeder and  
informant appeared to know little or nothing concerning directions  
and streets in South Philadelphia and finally, at the suggestion of  
Special Agent A. Schroeder, pointed out a taproom on the Northeast  
corner of 7th & Christian Sts., as being the location of the spot  
at which Baby Face Nelson had been observed. This particular location  
is an Italian Cafe and Taproom frequented by Italians in South  
Philadelphia.

Nothing further was heard from Felton in Philadelphia  
and no further investigation was conducted in Philadelphia in view of  
the fact it was thought at that time Felton was merely seeking money.

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Approximately two or three months later, while Special Agent A. Schroeder was in Washington, D.C., Felton appeared at the Washington Field Office and advised the Acting Agent in Charge at that time substantially the same as he had advised the agents in the Philadelphia Office, with the exception he stated that Baby Face Nelson had been seen in a car near Alexandria, Va. Agent Schroeder, recognizing Felton, and accompanied by Special Agent James L. Fallon, interrogated Felton at the Washington Field Office, at which time he finally admitted that the entire matter was a hoax; that he had never seen any of the individuals whom he described, and that he had conceived the idea from the Identification Orders appearing in the Post Office and also from pictures he had seen in detective magazines.

To the best of Agent Schroeder's recollection Felton is described as follows:

Age: 35 to 40  
Height: 5' 8"  
Weight: 160 to 165  
Color: Dark  
Teeth: Several probably missing.  
Poorly dressed.

From the above, it is believed that the Felton, who furnished the New York Office information concerning Campbell, is identical with the Felton herein mentioned, and in accordance with Mr. Whitley's suggestion it is believed advisable to obtain photographs and fingerprints of Felton, in order that the same may be sent to all field offices in the event Felton appears with similar stories.

Very truly yours,

AS:AG.  
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cc:Bureau  
cc:Wash.Field  
cc:Trenton.

R.G. Harvey,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

which are hereby agreed to

Omaha, Nebraska,  
July 22, 1935.

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**E E CONROY**  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

**BREKID MAY ANSWERING DESCRIPTION WILLIAM WEAVER ESCAPED DES MOINES POLICE LAST FRIDAY IN QUICK SEDAN MOTOR NUMBER TWENTYEIGHT FIVE NAUGHT SIXTEEN KANSAS LICENSE THREE ONE SIX FIVE EIGHT FOUR STOP DES MOINES POLICE HAVE ASCERTAINED CAR REGISTERED UNDER NAME OF GEORGE E WEAVER JAYHAWK HOTEL TOPEKA KANSAS WITH PREVIOUS REGISTRATION IN SOUTHDAKOTA THIRTYTHREE TWENTYTWO THIRTYTWO STOP HANDWRITING TOURIST CAMP REGISTRATION COMPARES WITH WEAVERS STOP REQUESTING ABERDEEN OFFICE CHECK SOUTHDAKOTA LICENSE**

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

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

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Omaha, Nebraska,  
July 22, 1935.

WERNER HANNI  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
610 ALONZO WARD HOTEL BUILDING  
ABERDEEN SOUTH DAKOTA

REPTED MAN ANSWERING DESCRIPTION WILLIAM WEAVER ESCAPED DESMOINES POLICE LAST PM DAY  
IN BLACK SEDAN MOTOR NUMBER TWO EIGHT FIVE NAUGHT SIXTEEN KANSAS LICENSE THREE SIXTEEN  
FIVE EIGHT FOUR STOP DESMOINES POLICE HAVE ASCERTAINED CAR REGISTERED UNDER NAME OF  
GEORGE E WEAVER JAYHAWK HOTEL TOPEKA KANSAS WITH PREVIOUS REGISTRATION IN SOUTHDAKOTA  
THREE THREE TWENTYTWO THIRTYTWO STOP HANDWRITING TOURIST CAMP REGISTRATION COMPARES  
WITH WEAVERS STOP ASCERTAIN PERSON IN WHOSE NAME SOUTHDAKOTA LICENSE REGISTERED AND  
HANDLE

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CC Bureau  
Cincinnati  
Chicago

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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P. O. Box #64  
Buffalo, N.Y.

July 31, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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

Dear Sir:

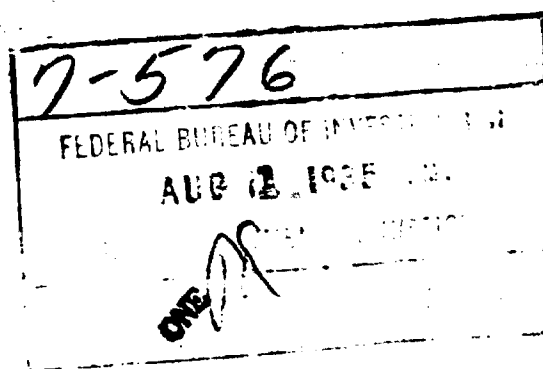
Replying to your letter of July 30, 1935 with  
reference to circularizing the banks to locate the \$1000. bills  
issued by the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank, there is attached  
a copy of circular letter sent to all banks in the territory  
covered by this office.

This information will be incorporated in the next  
report submitted by this office.

Very truly yours,

T. N. STAPLETON  
Special Agent in Charge

TNS:MS  
cc: Bureau



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
P. O. Box #64  
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

July 9, 1935

TO ALL BANKS

Gentlemen:

In connection with an investigation of major importance now being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it is urgent that the following one thousand dollar bills (\$1,000) issued by the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank beginning with serial number F-00022451A and ending with serial number F-00022500A be located.

F-00022451A	F-00022461-A	F-00022471A	F-00022481A	F-00022491A
F-00022452A	F-00022462A	F-00022472A	F-00022482A	F-00022492A
F-00022453A	F-00022463A	F-00022473A	F-00022483A	F-00022493A
F-00022454A	F-00022464A	F-00022474A	F-00022484A	F-00022494A
F-00022455A	F-00022465A	F-00022475A	F-00022485A	F-00022495A
F-00022456A	F-00022466A	F-00022476A	F-00022486A	F-00022496A
F-00022457A	F-00022467A	F-00022477A	F-00022487A	F-00022497A
F-00022458A	F-00022468A	F-00022478A	F-00022488A	F-00022498A
F-00022459A	F-00022469A	F-00022479A	F-00022489A	F-00022499A
F-00022460A	F-00022470A	F-00022480A	F-00022490A	F-00022500A

It is requested that you examine all similar currency now in your possession with the view to locating the above bills. It is also requested that this letter be placed on file in order that all incoming similar currency can be compared with the above bills. In the event information is obtained concerning any of these bills it is requested that you immediately communicate with this office, address of which is 612 Marine Trust Building, Post Office Box 64, Buffalo, New York and telephone number Cleveland 2030.

Your cooperation and assistance in this matter will be sincerely appreciated.

Yours very truly,

*T. N. Stapleton*

T. N. STAPLETON  
Special Agent in Charge

TNS:hwl

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

HN:CSH

Washington, D. C.  
July 17, 1935

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, HARRY CAMPBELL

4:25 P.M.

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

*[Handwritten signature]*

Conroy called on the telephone. He states that the informant still claims Karpis and Campbell are contemplating a kidnaping of either Mike Katz of Kansas City or one Kemper, the latter a former intended victim in an extortion case. The informant states there are two women with the men, one girl named Mamie, who is from the East and is with Alvin, and the girl with Harry is called Dot. The informant met Mamie at Wichita the night before last. He states the two men arrived at the farmhouse which is the hideout at 6:45 P.M. last night. This farmhouse is located between Topeka and Lawrence. It is also between U. S. Highway 40 and Kansas Highway 10. The informant went in there yesterday for a short time, and inasmuch as there were other persons there he came out and stayed in a tourist camp. Harry and Alvin, he thinks, have left the place, but they are expected back around 6 or 7 o'clock. The people who lived in the farmhouse have left. It is, of course, not certain that they will be back.

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Conroy is moving to the Eldridge Hotel at Lawrence, Kansas, which he states is the best available with regard to bringing the men in. He says he has about ten men ready to join him and they will be available today and tonight. He states his equipment is ample, that he expects to see his informant after reaching the Eldridge Hotel, which will be about 8:30. His informant states that, if possible, he will feed the parties "knock-out drops". In any event, whether this can be done or not he will endeavor to communicate as discreetly as possible with Conroy and Bryce.

I cautioned Conroy to use all precautions and to have his men use vests. Conroy and the men, as usual, do not care to use them. Conroy's plans are to hit the place about 4 o'clock tomorrow morning, provided, of course, word is received from the informant that the people are there. He states he will be careful not to flush the place, inasmuch as the information looks good. I told him, of course, that this was correct, but that if his informant definitely says the men were there the proper thing to do would be to hit it at once.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 23, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Boardman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Fox .....  
Mr. Glavin .....  
Mr. Ladd .....  
Mr. Nichols .....  
Mr. Rosen .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

John Karpovitz, father of Alvin Karpis, visited his daughter, Mrs. Albert Grooms, at Topeka, Kansas, and returned to Chicago. During his visit he was kept under surveillance by Special Agents of the Kansas City office.

Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy of the Kansas City office, together with Agents attached to that office, traveled through Arkansas, Oklahoma and Kansas during the past week, acting on information furnished by informant John Hagen relative to the possible location of Alvin Karpis. All investigation has been conducted with negative results.

The Cleveland office is maintaining contact with confidential informant Karbin and will probably develop productive leads through that source.

William E. Meade, who was wanted for questioning in connection with this case, was taken into custody by the Police Department at Northampton, Massachusetts, but was released before identification could be effected.

Respectfully,

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

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
July 25, 1935

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

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

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith a letter from Robert  
Delaney, 6045 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, which was ad-  
dressed to Dolores Delaney.

The letter has been carefully scrutinized and  
contains nothing of value.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this  
matter, I am

Very truly yours,

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

AAM:EA

✓cc - Bureau

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUL 27 1935
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JUL 27 1935

Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

July 25, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

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

Replying to your letter of the 23rd instant, regarding Minnesota license tag 151919, the Automobile Division of the Secretary of State has no record of any such number, as all Minnesota State license plates bear alphabetical designation depending upon the horse power of the car on which the plate is issued. 1934 Minnesota license B151919 was issued to EDWARD JENSEN, Route 2, Albert Lea, Minnesota on a 1935 model Terraplane Coach. The number under alphabetical designations A and C do not run this high. State Agent Jensen of the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, who was formerly chief of police at Albert Lea, Minnesota, has advised that he is personally acquainted with EDWARD JENSEN, a farmer residing near Albert Lea, Minnesota, and is 40 years of age and otherwise does not fit the description of HARRY CAMPBELL. He advised that there is no record of the theft or loss of the license plates issued to EDWARD JENSEN.

Very truly yours,

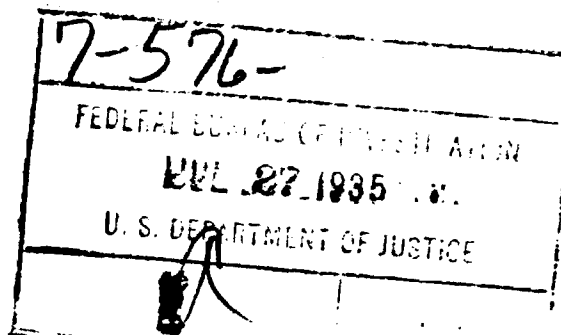
H. E. ANDERSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
JULY 24, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

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

With further reference to my letter dated July 10, 1935,  
transmitting correspondence of Lloyd and Arthur Barker at the  
United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, please find  
enclosed the following:

The original of a letter from G. E. Barker,  
Joplin, Mo. to Arthur Barker, dated July 8, 1935.

The original of a letter to G. E. Barker,  
Joplin, Missouri from Arthur Barker, dated  
July 14, 1935.

The enclosures should be examined at the Technical  
Laboratory, as suggested in my previous letter dated July 3, 1935.

Copies of the enclosed letters are being attached for  
the Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Paul Offices, and a copy is being  
retained in the Kansas City File.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

BPC:os  
cc - Chicago (Encls.)  
cc - Cincinnati (Encls.)  
cc - St. Paul (Encls.)

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COPY

Joplin, Mo.  
July 8, 1935.

Mr. Arthur Barker

Dear Son:

I'm feeling fairley will now still under the Dr's care. I wrote you some time ago about what you wanted me to do with the watch and ring and I guess you forgot to mention it I wondered if you wanted me to give it to your Brother or what to do with them. I hope I can get to see you right away if not I hope they will let you remain there so I can get to see you often. Oh yes what would be the value of the ring & watch as I have one and if you wanted me to sell them I thought I'd better know the value. Well, I'll close hoping to hear from you real soon.

As ever your father

G. E. Barker

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Envelope postmarked Neosho, Mo. July 8 10:30 A.M. 1935.

Addressed to "Mr. Arthur Barker  
Leavenworth, Kansas

P. O. Box 7"

Return address on back "G. E. Barker,  
P. O. Box 724,  
Joplin, Mo."

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COPY

POST OFFICE BOX 7

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS July 14th, 1935.

Mr. G. E. Barker  
Joplin, Missouri

Dear Dad I will anser your most welcome letter I received the other day this leave me feeling ok. Hope you are in Better health By now. I would like to see you. the next time you come up to see me. and they dont let you see me you get a court order to see me. I dont know what they are going to do with me. what has the attorney did about the money in Chicago. I was going to give that stuff to Bud and I wanted him to have it But if you need the money you can do as you please with it. I dont have no idea what it is worth did you ever hear from that party and what are you going to do about that stuff in Chicago. well dad I dont know much to write So will close for this time your Son as ever

Arthur Barker

Letter addressed as follows:

If not delivered in ten days return to  
Post Office Box 7  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

46928  
Place your register  
number here.

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

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 5239

Laboratory Report

Case: Brekid

Number: 7-576-6770

Specimens: 7-576-6770A. First of 2 page original letter written with pencil on one side of white paper with blue lines beginning "Dear Son: I'm feeling fairley will" and ending "so I can get to".

7-576-6770B. Second ~~XXXXXX~~ page of letter beginning "see you often" and signed G. E. Barker.

7-576-6770C. Envelope addressed to Mr. Arthur Barker and postmarked  
Examination requested by: Kansas City Bureau Office

Date received: 7-27-35

Examination requested: Code deciphering - indented writing

Result of examination:

5 4 7

Examination by: Appel

Neosho, Mo., Jul 8, 1935, 10:30 AM.

7-576-6770D. 1 page letter written in longhand with pencil on one side of white with blue lines with letter head "Post Office Box 7, Leavenworth, Kansas", beginning "Dear Dad I will anser your most welcome letter" and signed Arthur Barker.

7-576-6770E. Envelope addressed to Mr. G. E. Barker, unpostmarked, with return register No. 46928.

cc- Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul

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on second page of letter  
of father 6770B was made  
coming from 1st page  
no hidden messages found

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August 10, 1935

Mr. E. F. 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 #5239 in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive, I.O. 1216, et al.; Edward C. 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:

Original two page letter from G. E. Barker, Joplin, Missouri, to Arthur Barker, dated July 8, 1935.

Envelope in which above letter was mailed, postmarked "Hosho, Missouri, July 8, 1935, 10:30 A.M."

Original one page letter from Arthur Barker, to G.E. Barker, Joplin, Missouri, dated July 14, 1935.

Envelope in which above letter was mailed, addressed to G. E. Barker, Joplin, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure #589325

REGISTERED MAIL

cc-Chicago  
FILES Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

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

# COPY OF WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

Aberdeen South Dakota  
July 23 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
629 First National Bank Bldg  
Omaha Nebraska

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Louis Pfotenhauer Pierre SD on Ford Tudor Motor Two One Eight  
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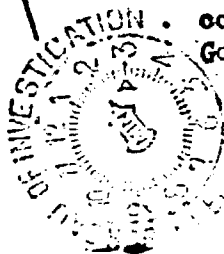
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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 24, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of July 1, 1935, reflecting investigation conducted by Special Agent W. Stewart at Evanston, Illinois, in an effort to locate one Ernie La Salla (La Salle), who is wanted by the Lucas County Prosecutor's Office for murder.

For the purpose of ascertaining definitely whether or not the individual known as "Ernie" is Ernie La Salla, there is enclosed herewith, photograph of this individual as well as his fingerprints. It is respectfully requested that appropriate investigation be conducted in order to definitely establish whether this individual is Ernie La Salla.

The photograph of La Salla should be returned to the Cleveland Office when it has served its purpose.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
July 24, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Nashville, Tennessee.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

Dear Sir:

Recently information was received at this office that one Faby H. Horton, a barber employed by the Transient Bureau, 24th Street and 1st Avenue North, Birmingham, remarked while viewing pictures in the lobby of the Birmingham Post Office, that he had shaved subject Joseph P. Moran in the past.

Horton was interviewed by Special Agent A. J. Lemaire of this office at his barber shop. He advised that he recognized the picture of Moran on the Bureau's Identification Order as that of a man whom he had shaved on several occasions two or more years ago either at the Patton Hotel, Chattanooga, Tennessee, or at the Barbours Arcade in the same city. He stated that he did not know the name of this man, and was of the opinion that he was employed as a salesman. He advised that he has not seen Moran recently and promised to notify the Birmingham office should he receive any further information.

It was ascertained by Agent Lemaire through contact with Miss Alice E. Clyde of the Transient Bureau, that Horton's application indicated that he worked as a barber at the Patton Hotel until 1930, at the Barbours Arcade until 1932, and at 915 Main Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee, until November 1934.

This information is furnished for such value as it may have. In this connection it should be noted that Horton also claims to have shaved Thomas H. Robinson Jr. in Chattanooga, and to have recognized the photograph of Frank Kiehart, wanted by the postal authorities. It hardly seems likely that this man would have been acquainted with three fugitives.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: Bureau  
CC: Cincinnati  
CC: St. Paul

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

July 23, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with  
aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL  
with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM  
WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases,  
I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON with aliases,  
I.O. 1241; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim - KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OB-  
STRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS  
ACT - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Referring to Bureau letter dated July 17, 1935, making reference to a newspaper report of a gun battle between officers Boni and May of the Melrose Park Police Department with five hoodlums reputed to have been connected with the Karpis-Barker gang, please be advised that Special Agent D. P. Sullivan interviewed Chief of Police A. H. Leesberg of the Melrose Park Police Department, who stated that at 10:45 P.M. on Friday, July 5, 1935, officers Dan Boni and W. E. May, while cruising in a squad car, noted four or five men in a 1934 Ford V-8 sedan, black in color with red wire wheels, bearing a trunk on the back and two tail lights. In view of the fact that these men looked suspicious, Officers Boni and May chased this car and finally stopped in an isolated section of Melrose Park at 23rd Avenue, where the occupants left the car and began firing at the two officers, who left their car and took cover. The unknown gangsters put twenty bullet holes in the squad car. They then made their escape.

Chief Leesberg stated that the identity of these assailants is not known, but that he believes they are identical with a gang of local hoodlums who have been robbing roadhouses and country clubs in the neighborhood of Melrose Park during the past few months; that members of this gang have been riding in an automobile of very much the same description as the above mentioned Ford sedan; that he has no information indicating that the above assault was perpetrated by members of the Karpis-Barker gang, but that the local newspaper men attempted

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to make a story out of it by stating that members of the Karpis-Barker gang were responsible for the assault on the two Melrose Park policemen.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Bureau laboratory and forwarded with it are two 12 gauge Kleanbore nitro long range express shotgun shells, a .30 calibre Luger Remington U.M.C. cartridge shell and eleven bullet fragments for comparison with exhibits on file at the laboratory. It is suggested that the laboratory make a comparison of the above mentioned exhibits with the shells, cartridges and bullets believed to have been fired from guns in the possession of members of the Karpis-Barker gang.

Very truly yours,

  
D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

DPS:MG

cc-Cincinnati

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
July 24th, 1935

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue 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 Bureau letter of July 6th, 1935, in which it is stated that 400 copies each of Identification Order #1218, issued on Alvin Karpis, and Identification Order #1238, issued on William Weaver, were being transmitted to this office, pursuant to the request contained in my letter to the Bureau of June 23th, 1935.

Please be advised that to date these Identification Orders have not been received.

Very truly yours,

*F. L. Shivers*  
F. L. SHIVERS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-37

REPORT MADE AT <b>Kansas City, Mo.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-22-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-2 to 18-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. E. CONROY</b> <span style="float: right;">os</span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUG. 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</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			
<p style="text-align: center;">John Hagan, Collins, Missouri, inquired Kansas City Office as to reward on Karpis and Campbell, stating he had informant who had been with Karpis and Campbell two days prior thereto. The informant, who was revealed to be Freddy O'Neal, ex-convict, reported having been in touch with Karpis and Campbell in Oklahoma and Kansas during course of investigation. Informant disappeared. Subsequent investigation discredited his activities.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b> The investigation set forth herein is the result of joint inquiries made by the writer and Special Agent D. A. Bryce.</p> <p>On July 2, 1935, a telephone call was received by Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy from Mr. William H. Davenport, Operative in Charge of the United States Secret Service, Kansas City, Missouri, who stated that one John Hagan, of Collins, Missouri, who was thoroughly conversant with the activities of the underworld, had informed him that he had received information which might result in determining the whereabouts of Karpis and Campbell. Mr. Davenport stated that he was referring Mr. Hagan to this office.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. E. Conroy</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3 - Bureau 2 - Cincinnati 2 - St. Paul 2 - Oklahoma City 2 - Kansas City		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
		<b>7-576-6776</b> <b>JUL 26 1935</b> <b>JUL 26 1935</b> <b>JUL 26 A.M.</b>	
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Shortly after the receipt of the above telephone call, a long distance telephone call was received from former Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, of the Chicago Office, who stated he had received a long distance telephone call from John Hagan, at Kansas City, Missouri, inquiring as to what reward might be offered for the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell. Mr. Purvis advised that he had informed Hagan that he knew of no reward which had been offered and suggested that Mr. Hagan get in touch with this office with reference thereto.

On the same date John Hagan, of Collins, Missouri, who is personally known to the writer, and who is known to have served a sentence at the United States Penitentiary, at Leavenworth, Kansas, and is reported to have collected the reward of \$25,000. for the solution of the Jake Lingle murder at Chicago, Illinois, called at this office. He stated that he had an informant who had been in touch with both Karpis and Campbell two days previous and desired to know what reward might be offered for their apprehension. He inquired as to whether this reward would be split with any police officers who might aid in the arrest and whether the reward might be contingent upon successful prosecution. He was given indefinite replies with reference to the reward and was advised that information relative thereto would be furnished him at a later date.

Mr. Hagan also inquired as to whether any reward had been offered by Edward G. Bremer or his family for the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell. He was informed that the writer had no knowledge of such reward. He asked whether it might be appropriate for this office to make inquiries relative thereto of the Bremer family. He was advised that the Bureau would not solicit such rewards from private persons and would not be a party to the payment of such reward. Mr. Hagan then inquired as to whether the Bureau had any objection to some representative of his making inquiry of the Bremer family as to any reward which they might offer. He was informed that the Bureau would have no particular objection to any person making inquiry but that he was not to indicate in any way that the Bureau might be interested one way or another with reference thereto. He stated that such procedure would be entirely satisfactory with him.

On July 5, 1935, after other investigation with reference to the whereabouts of Karpis and Campbell had been completed in this district, and after inquiry had been made of Mr. Tamm, of the Bureau at Washington, D.C., Mr. Hagan was advised over long distance telephone at his home in Collins, Missouri, that the Bureau would pay, as a maximum, \$3500.00 for confidential information leading to the whereabouts of Alvin Karpis and \$1000.00 for information leading to the whereabouts of Harry Campbell; that this money would be paid direct to the informant without being split with any arresting officers, and that it was not subject to successful prosecutive action. Mr. Hagan was also informed, in keeping with advice from Mr. Tamm, that a reasonable advance would be made to the informant through Mr. Hagan for the acquisition of an automobile which he might use during his travels in bringing about the possible apprehension of Karpis and Campbell. He was also informed that during the

period of investigation, which should not be extensive, the Bureau would assume the expenses of Mr. Hagan and of the informant. Mr. Hagan stated these terms would be satisfactory and that he would get in touch with the informant within the next day or two, and that he would then be ready to proceed with the informant immediately thereafter. He stated he would attempt to convince the informant it would be entirely satisfactory for him to make direct contact with representatives of this Bureau in order to simplify the subsequent investigation.

Mr. Harry Friedberg, Attorney-at-Law, Kansas City, Missouri, on July 5, 1935, also called at the Kansas City Office as a representative of John Hagan. He made inquiry regarding plans of Hagan, and stated that he had been requested by Mr. Hagan to have certain inquiries made at St. Paul, Minnesota with the Bremer family to determine whether any additional reward might be secured for the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell. He stated that he desired to keep the Government fully informed regarding his activities in order that no impression might be gained which would indicate that his activities were not entirely above board. It appears from correspondence received from the St. Paul Office that Mr. Friedberg communicated with another attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, with reference thereto.

On July 10, 1935, Special Agent D. A. Bryce proceeded to Collins, Missouri, after John Hagan had notified the office that he was ready to proceed. Agent Bryce remained at the Hagan farm for three days while Hagan was communicating with his informant and consummating arrangements for the acquisition of an automobile for the informant. Hagan also employed two men to take care of his farm during his absence. This information is noted herein inasmuch as it reflects that Hagan was sincere in his efforts to bring about the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell as he necessarily had to go to some expense to maintain the operation of his farm during his absence. In addition, the fact that Hagan was making every effort to secure as high a reward as possible, not only from the Bureau but also from the Bremer family, indicates that he was reasonably certain that his informant could deliver Karpis and Campbell.

On the night of July 12, 1935, John Hagan met his informant at Fort Smith, Arkansas, and arranged to have Agent Bryce personally meet him, at which time his identity became known. The name he was using at that time was Freddy O'Neal. He is an ex-convict, having served three prison terms. He stated that he had been a cell mate of Alvin Karpis at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, during 1931 or 1932. He served that term under the name of James J. Kelly, Oklahoma State Penitentiary Number 10072, having completed a twenty year sentence imposed upon him from Pittsburg County, Oklahoma for the larceny of an automobile. The informant stated that he had also known Campbell at the Oklahoma Penitentiary but was only a slight acquaintance of his.

O'Neal, at the time he was interviewed by Agent Bryce, stated that on July 11, 1935, he had driven to a farm house 15 miles from Sallisaw,



Oklahoma, where he met at a farm house a man and woman who were reputed to be relatives of Alvin Karpis. He stated they advised him Karpis had left instructions at that place for him to proceed to Ada, Oklahoma, where he would meet the son of this couple, and that this son would put him in touch with Karpis. O'Neal refused to divulge the names of this couple and their son, advising that he did not wish to cause them any embarrassment or any prosecution for the harboring of Karpis and Campbell. He stated he had gotten in touch with this boy at Ada, Oklahoma, as directed by his parents, and had given the boy \$5.00 for expenses to make a trip to see Karpis; that the boy drove south from Ada in a 1929 Ford Roadster, and that he, O'Neal, then returned to the home of the boy's parents at Sallisaw, Oklahoma, awaiting the return of their son after contacting Karpis and Campbell.

When the boy came to the home of his parents, on July 14, 1935, O'Neal was advised that Karpis and Campbell would meet him at Duncan, Oklahoma, in a tourist camp known as Hensley's Auto Camp, about 6 miles South of Duncan, on the highway. The informant later reported to Agent Bryce, on July 14, 1935, that he had met Karpis at the place designated and that Karpis was accompanied by some woman. He said that Karpis had stated that Campbell was not with him due to a sore foot. The informant reported that Karpis and Campbell were driving an Oldsmobile Sedan and a Buick Sedan, and each of them were supposed to be accompanied by a woman. He advised that at the time he saw Karpis, Karpis was driving the Oldsmobile Sedan. The informant stated that further arrangements might be effected whereby he would be able to secure the license numbers of the automobiles at a next meeting, which was to take place at Marlow, Oklahoma, about 10 A.M., July 15, 1935.

In view of these circumstances and as it appeared possible that the arrest of the two fugitives might be effected, Special Agent in Charge Conroy was notified at Kansas City, Missouri by Agent Bryce. Mr. Conroy informed Assistant Director Harold Nathan, of the Bureau, at Washington, D.C. Mr. Nathan authorized the writer to proceed immediately to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where he was to join Agent Bryce and take charge of any investigation which might result in the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell.

On the morning of July 15, 1935, a long distance call was received from the informant at Marlow, Oklahoma, at which time he advised that the woman who had been associating with Karpis met him near Duncan, Oklahoma, and told him that Karpis and Campbell and the other woman had proceeded to a place about 15 miles from Topeka, Kansas, and that he, O'Neal, was to meet Karpis' woman the following morning at Wichita, Kansas, at the Missouri Pacific Railroad Station. The informant stated that from Wichita, Kansas he was to proceed with this woman to a point near Topeka, Kansas, and that the woman, who was to meet him, would take him to the place where Karpis and Campbell and their woman were to remain for a few days. During this conversation the informant advised Agent Bryce that the Oldsmobile driven by the above mentioned woman, known to him as "Mamie", bore 1935 Oklahoma license tag 279 A 464.

Acting Special Agent in Charge John B. Little, of the Oklahoma

City Bureau Office, made inquiry at the Motor Vehicle Department, State Capitol, Oklahoma City, and was advised that 1935 Oklahoma license 279 A 464, was issued for 1934 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, motor number 679058, property of Odis Gibbs, Frederick, Oklahoma. It will be noted that Frederick, Oklahoma is in the vicinity of the place where O'Neal had been engaged in his activities. No direct inquiry was made of Odis Gibbs in view of the fact that it was felt he may have possibly been engaged in activities with Karpis and Campbell, notwithstanding the fact that it might have been a stolen automobile plate.

In addition to the above, Acting Special Agent in Charge John B. Little, of the Oklahoma City, Oklahoma office, had Special Agent C. J. Endres confer with Mr. R. A. Shackelford, Record Clerk at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma. Mr. Shackelford advised James J. Kelly had been received at the penitentiary December 17, 1919 for a term of twenty years for the charge of larceny of automobile. Mr. Shackelford stated that the penitentiary records did not reflect that Alvin Karpis had ever been received there. It is noted on the Identification Order, however, that Karpis, at Okmulgee, Oklahoma, had been sentenced to a term of four years for burglary but had been paroled. Inquiries indicated, however, that the trial judge could not have paroled an ex-convict before the serving of a sentence and that this would have necessitated a pardon. Inquiries by Mr. Little of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification, State Capitol, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, does not reveal any record of Alvin Karpis. The Agents engaged in this investigation have been informed, in the past, that it has been possible to have the records "jerked" at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary for the payment of specified sums of money. In view of these circumstances it would appear possible that Karpis may have served a term at the penitentiary without a record now being in existence at that institution.

On the evening of July 16, 1935 and the morning of July 17, 1935, Agents conferred with Freddy O'Neal, at Topeka, Kansas and vicinity. He took Agents to a place on Highway 40, about 14 miles from Topeka, Kansas, where he stated he had slept during the day of July 16, 1935, and pointed out cabins at a tourist camp, known as "Tom's Cabins", in the same vicinity, where he stated Karpis, Campbell and a woman had also slept during that same day. He informed Agents that he had gone to a farm house between U. S. Highway 40 and Kansas State Highway 10, about midway between Topeka, Kansas, and Lawrence, Kansas, which was to be used as a hideout, and that a family was moving out of that house; that in preparation of their moving various parties had slept in tourist camps during the day because they were tired, having driven all the night previously. The informant described the house as a two story frame building, painted brown, with a large barn with boards on the bottom nailed sideways. He gave other descriptive data which is apparently immaterial for this report.

The informant stated that he had discussed with both Karpis and Campbell a proposed kidnaping which was to take place. The victim of the kidnaping was to be either James T. Kemper, of the Commerce Trust Company, Kansas City, Missouri, or Mike Katz, of the Katz Drug Company, Kansas City, Missouri. In the event that Mr. Kemper was to be kidnaped, an employee of

the Commerce Trust Company by the name of McLucas was to be the intermediary. O'Neal, according to the information given, was to make arrangements in Kansas City for the kidnaping. He was to "case the job" and secure information regarding the movements of either Mr. Kamper or Mr. Katz. He stated that the farm house at which he had been was to be used as the hideout.

O'Neal advised that Karpis' woman was named "Memie" and that she was a girl from the East. He stated that Campbell's woman was called "Doc" and she was an Oklahoma girl. O'Neal stated that he supposedly had taken a trip to Kansas City for Karpis and Campbell and that he was due back at the farm about 2 P.M. on July 17, 1935. He advised Agents that should any difficulty be had regarding the location of the farm house hideout he would accompany Agents that evening after dark in a car in order that he might be able to point it out and allow a raid to take place subsequent thereto. He stated that he would probably be expected to return again to Kansas City the same night and requested Agents to transfer their place of operations from the Jayhawk Hotel, at Topeka, Kansas, to the Ellridge Hotel, at Lawrence, Kansas, so that he would be able to confer enroute to Kansas City. He advised that he would meet the Agents at Lawrence at about 8 P.M. the same date.

During the afternoon of July 17, 1935, after the conference with the informant, Agent Bryce and the writer, in a disheveled 1926 Chevrolet Sedan, covered all the back roads in the vicinity of the place where the informant stated the farm house was located. There was one house located in that vicinity which answered, in a measure, the description of the place described by O'Neal. Inasmuch as there were some discrepancies it was the intention of the Agents to take the informant that evening, in an automobile, to a place where he could definitely point out this farm house where Karpis, Campbell and the women were supposed to be staying.

On the evening of July 17, 1935, O'Neal, the informant, failed to report at the Hotel at Lawrence, Kansas, and on the following morning a letter was received from him postmarked at Kansas City, Missouri, 11:30 P.M. July 17, 1935. In this letter the informant advised that he had found the plans had all been changed; that he was enclosing a parking ticket for his automobile; that he did not know his destination, but would contact Agents at his first opportunity.

In view of these circumstances a check was immediately made of the tourist camps where Karpis, Campbell and the women were alleged to have stayed during the day of July 16, 1935, and it was found that they had not registered in and had not stayed at the places on the dates mentioned. At the place where the informant advised that he had stayed on the same date it was ascertained that these tourist cabins had not been rented to any person for some time past. It was also ascertained, through the Postmaster at LeCompton, Kansas, that one Harry F. Fulton resides at the farm house which the Agents had suspected. It was found Mr. Fulton was a substantial tenant farmer, of ordinary means and good reputation, and that no persons had been at that farm house during the period in question, and there had been no activities similar

to those described by the informant.

Subsequent to the above investigation Mr. John Hagan made inquiries at several places in Kansas City where O'Neal would ordinarily be found. These inquiries resulted in information which indicated that he had disappeared.

Mr. James T. Kemper, of the Commerce Trust Company, and his father have both been advised by the writer that Mr. Kemper's name was mentioned in connection with a suspected kidnaping, and that although investigation indicated that the information was false it might be advisable for Mr. Kemper to at least take ordinary precautions inasmuch as his name apparently has been discussed among underworld characters with regard to a proposed kidnaping.

Mr. Mike Katz will be interviewed in the near future by the writer and given similar information.

In view of the developments set forth above, it appearing that the informant has been thoroughly discredited, investigation along these lines was discontinued.

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
JULY 24, 1935.

F. G. Zerbst, Warden  
United States Penitentiary  
Leavenworth, Kansas

Attn: Mr. E. H. Eckholdt

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters of July 9 and 15, 1935, enclosing an original letter from G. E. Barker to his son, Arthur Barker, and an original letter written by Arthur Barker to his father, G. E. Barker, respectively.

Your cooperation in this case is very greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

F. F. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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In Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fug.  
I.O. #1218, ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Atlanta, Ga.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-24-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-19-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ROBERT C. HENDON</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218, FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236, FUGITIVE; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. 1237, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232, FUGITIVE; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238, FUGITIVE; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. 1239, FUGITIVE; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I. O. 1241, FUGITIVE; BRUNO PUTIS, with aliases, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING, HARBORING OF FUG- ITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>Ed Patterson left La Grange, Ga., on July 1, 1935 for Birmingham, Ala., where he was to seek hospitalization at the Veteran's Facility.</p> <p>- P -</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>This investigation is predicated upon a copy of the letter from the Director to Mr. E. Patterson, 1205 Juniper Street, La Grange, Georgia, dated June 27, 1935 and its inclosure, copies of which have been furnished to the interested offices.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>AT LA GRANGE, GA.:</u></p> <p>Mr. Clyde Patterson, 1205 Juniper Street, La Grange, Georgia, stated that he is the brother of E. Patterson, whose full name is Edward Patterson. He stated that Ed Patterson had left La Grange about July 1, 1935, saying that he was going to Birmingham in an effort to get in some hospital there. He stated that since his brother had left he had received no information from him and had no idea where he might be found. He stated that Ed had mentioned Weaver to him and had exhibited the letter from the Director. He then expressed the opinion that Ed was unreliable and that any information he might give would be a falsifica-</p>			
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tion. He would not state what Ed was suffering from, merely being evasive when asked and giving the impression that perhaps the latter was not mentally sound. He stated that Cason Callaway, President of the Callaway Mills where Ed had worked, had given Ed enough money to go to Birmingham.

Mr. Ab Perry, General Offices, Callaway Mills, La Grange, Ga., personal secretary to Mr. Cason Callaway, stated that his file indicated that \$15 had been given to Ed Patterson from the Callaway Relief Fund. Mr. Perry advised that Patterson was suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis and had told him that if he could get to Birmingham, Ala., he believed that he could get hospitalization at the veteran's hospital there. Mr. Perry stated that Ed Patterson was not a veteran, being only 26 years old, but that he had been in the Navy in 1926. His file further revealed that Patterson had worked at Montgomery, Alabama, with the Alabama Relief Administration prior to coming to La Grange this spring. Mr. Perry stated that Patterson had lived with Mr. Andrew Moore 1104 Juniper Street, La Grange, prior to his leaving.

Mrs. Andrew Moore, 1104 Juniper Street, stated that Ed Patterson had left for Birmingham about July 1, 1935 and that neither she nor her husband had received a word from him since that time.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The BIRMINGHAM OFFICE at Birmingham, Ala., will contact the Veteran's Administration Facility and other hospitals for information as to the whereabouts of Ed Patterson and upon his location will interview him concerning the information inclosed with the copy of the latter referred to previously.

At Montgomery, Ala., will contact the Relief Administration as to information of Patterson's whereabouts if not located in Birmingham.

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

July 26, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE  
I. O. No. 1218, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

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Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to teletype message from this office, dated July 25, 1935, setting forth information obtained from one James Felton, 2323 Eighth Avenue, New York City, who voluntarily appeared at the New York Bureau Office yesterday morning.

Further reference is made to the subsequent telephone conversation between Special Agent A. Schroeder of your office and Assistant Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, in which conversation Special Agent Schroeder advised Mr. Hanson that the informant James Felton might be the same person who had previously contacted the Philadelphia Office and conveyed information in regard to Baby-Face Nelson, which later developed to be unfounded. Agent Schroeder also advised Mr. Hanson that it is believed that this person had likewise furnished similar information to the Washington Field Office some time during last year, which also proved to be unfounded.

There is attached hereto a photograph of James Felton, and it is requested that Agent Schroeder inspect this photograph for the purpose of ascertaining whether it is that of the person who has contacted the Philadelphia Office.

For the information of the Trenton Bureau Office, it was ascertained that the apartment house which informant saw the persons mentioned in the teletype message enter, is 179 Palisades Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey. Informant pointed out to Agents a Ford automobile which he believes is identical with the Ford car that contacted the Buick, and inspection of same disclosed that it was a 1935 Ford De Luxe Coupe, bearing New Jersey license number H 2230, 1935. However, it is desired that no investigation pertaining to this license



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SAC, Philadelphia

July 26, 1935

be made at this time, until word is received from the Philadelphia Office as to whether or not the informant of the New York Office, James Felton, is identical with the informant who has contacted the Philadelphia Office.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Trenton  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
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PHONE COOY OF TELETYPE RECEIVED FROM NEW YORK OFFICE

11 AM THIS DATE. BREKID. JAMES FELTON COLORED 2828 8TH AVENUE NYC

ES THAT WHILE IN JERSEY CITY NEW JERSEY HE SAW FOUR MEN AND  
A WOMAN IN NEW BUICK SEDAN BEARING OHIO PLATES, THE NUMBERS OF WHICH  
HE WAS NOT CERTAIN OF, AND STATES THAT INSIDE CAR WERE ILLINOIS AND  
MICHIGAN LICENSE PLATES AND MACHINE GUN, SHOT GUNS AND MACHINE GUN  
CLIPS. FELTON STATED PEOVXX PEOPLE IN CAR PURCHASED FROM HIM FLOWERS  
WHICH HE WAS SELLING AT THIS PLACE AND THAT A FORD SEDAN BEARING NEW  
JERSEY PLATES DROVE UP TO THE BUICK AND FROM CONVERSATION HEARD MAN IN  
FORD INVITED PEOPLE IN BUICK TO HIS APARTMENT. FETXX FELTON STATES HE  
SAW PEOPLE IN BUICK AND FORD GO INTO AN APARTMENT IN THE VICINITY.  
WILL BE ABLE TO LOCATE SAID APARTMENT IF BROUGHT TO PLACE.  
INFORMANT IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF HARRY CAMPBELL AS DRIVER OF BUICK  
AND ALSO POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF FRANKIE FOSTER AS PASSENGER  
IN BACK SEAT OF BUICK. INFORMANT STATED THAT HE HEARD NAME FRANKIE  
MENTIONED IN CONVERSATION BETWEEN PEOPLE IN BOTH CARS. TWO  
FROM NY ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE APARTMENT IN JERSEY CITY IN EFFORT TO LOCATE  
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