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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG  
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August 12, 1935

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

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE  
I.O. #1218; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping 0

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau letter dated July 27, 1935 there are enclosed herewith copies of a letter written to Miss Wynona Burdette from her sister, Esther, the original of which has been returned to Superintendent John J. Ryan, United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan.

Copies of this letter are also being sent to the St. Paul, Chicago, Cincinnati, and Oklahoma City Offices, as instructed.

Very truly yours,

*D. L. Nicholson*

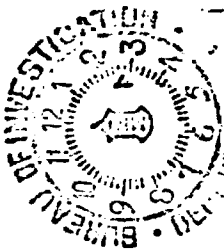
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This envelope is out of your stationery. like it?

Hominy, Okla.

Aug 8, 1935.

Darling Sisters

How you is any how? Did you think I'd Never Write Honey, And how is that little finger? hope it is Well by now. I guess it is thou it has been so long since you hurt it, I didnt realize it had been so long since I heard from you till today. I got your Letter to read it again and it has been over a month, forgive me this time Dear, I hardly get a Chance to Write. in fact I'm Writing on my knee Now. at the Ball Game Cant you tell and its almost dark they start playing at 8.15 and play till about 11 at nite you know. every nite a double header. We almost had a Family reunion last week. Otis and Mae was in Tulsa at Melbas and stayed a week, and Aaron came too, also Fern & John however I didnt get to see Fern I was there thur's and she came sat. "C" its geting to dark to Write Kid so Will finish in the Morn at Home.

Good Nite Sis dear. xx

Hi - This isnt morning but after Lunch. guess who was here for lunch today Theda Palmer, he said tell you hello. I think he is going to bring Gwen & I up to see you in Sept if I decide to take Gwen out of school, if not one of the girls maby Eunice Will Come with us. I saw Vunce, you remember him, cant you Honey? the Indian Boy, He said, when you Write to my girl, give her my Best regards, gosh kid, he is as fat - as a pig. Weighs about (200) two hundred lb's. Yes I'm going to write to that Man you told me about, because if I dont get to stay but (1) hour after coming so far I'll croak. We cant beginto say enough in a hour can we. - about your things Dear Henson & Kitchen brought the Box, they are certainly nice men or seem to be. Eunice said you spoke about your Furs Honey, the only furs in the box is the Coat you had here last Winter and a little grey Cape. there is a little White satin Dress I am wondering if it is your Wedding dress. I Cant hardly Wait to talk with you. and see you most of all. We start on our Vacation the 15th that isnt long is it about those pictures you want, I will bring them to you. Guess I'd better ring off so Gwen can mail this for me. We are taking Ellen I to Mildreds this eve Jim is staying With Millie now, helping her "can" must get busy - Write soon to

Your Loving Sister

Esther xx

Richard Gwen & Ellen sends their Love to you

P.S.

Gladys Sullivan is married to Orvil Scott

- Pearl & Orlies boy -

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
August 12, 1935

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, wa - FUG, I.O. 1218;  
et al; EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a letter written  
to Miss Wynona Burdette, an inmate of your institu-  
tion, from her sister, Esther.

This letter has been scrutinized by this  
office very carefully and has been found to contain  
no information of value.

Thanking you for your cooperation in the  
matter, I am

Very truly yours,

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 4807  
Jacksonville, Florida,  
August 12, 1935.

Mrs. E. L. Wade  
219 South Palmetto Ave.,  
Fort Meade, Florida.

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

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication  
of August 10, 1935, informing that you have learned through  
spiritual messages that if Agents of the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation will very quietly go to Lansing, Michigan, to  
the West part of that City, they will find an old shack  
without shutters, and you believe therein can be located  
Alvin Karpis.

Please be advised that pursuant to your request  
this matter will be treated as confidential and your name  
will not be disclosed.

Very truly yours,

E. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cc: 2 Bureau  
2 Cincinnati  
2 Detroit.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

**Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.**

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August 12, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:-

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

Sometime ago there were forwarded to the Bureau in connection with requests from this Office that a study be made of various handwriting, of particular interest to the prosecution at Miami, Florida, a number of hotel registration cards of the El Comodoro Hotel, bearing original signatures of guests, who have been identified as various subjects in this case.

The Bureau in its letter of May 2, 1935, forwarded a Laboratory Report (No. 7-756-5622) concerning certain handwriting in this matter, and it was stated in said report that the original cards would be returned within the next few days, after photostatic copies had been made. It does not appear from an examination of the file in the Jacksonville Office that these cards have been returned and in view of the forthcoming prosecution at Miami, Florida, it is suggested that it might be well to return them for retention in the files at Jacksonville.

It is also suggested that the name of a competent witness to testify regarding this handwriting be supplied the Jacksonville Office, in the event the Special Assistant to the Attorney General who is to prosecute this case should desire to have a subpoena issued for the examiner, or to confer with him prior to the prosecution.

Very truly yours,

R. A. ALT,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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August 21, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 12, 1935  
in connection with the case of Alvin Karpis with aliases, Fugitive,  
I.O. 1218; et al. Edward George Bremer, Victim - Kidnaping, in which  
it is requested that the fourteen registration cards of the El  
Comodoro Hotel, bearing original signatures of guests, be returned.

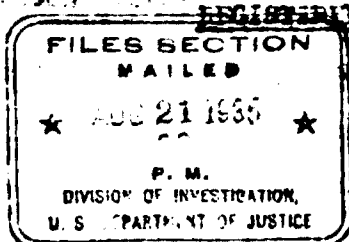
The fourteen hotel registration cards are being returned  
herewith, photographic copies having been made for the Bureau's files.

You are advised that Mr. S. F. Pickering, handwriting  
expert in the Technical Laboratory, made the identifications in this  
instance, and will be available for testimony at the forthcoming  
trial at Miami, Florida. It is desired that the Bureau be advised  
as soon as possible as to the date of Mr. Pickering's appearance at  
Miami.

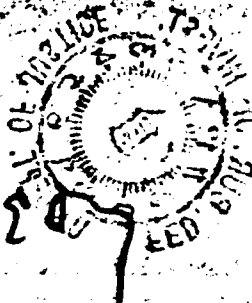
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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AUG 21 1935



Handwritten initials and signatures: J.E.H., SFP, H. E. R.

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REFERENCE LETTER STPAUL AUGUST SIXTH FOR UNDERCOVER  
SURVEILLANCE LIMITED TIME AT CRANE LAKE, MINNESOTA  
AS TO THOMAS BROWN, ET AL, SUGGESTS AGENT W J DEVEREAU  
AND L W ARMS CHICAGO REPORT STPAUL SUNDAY AUGUST ELEVENTH  
FOR INSTRUCTIONS AND SURVEILLANCE INDICATED

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Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

*Edw H. Bremer*

*copy to Mr. Tamm  
8/9 02P*

*See memo of my call  
to J. Connelley on this  
Eve 8/10/35*

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PHONE. BREKID REQUEST AUTHORITY RENT APARTMENT MANKATO  
MINNESOTA CONNECTION TELEPHONE TAP ON BELLE BORN RENTAL  
\$40.00 PER MONTH

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*Edward G. Bremer*

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-50

REPORT MADE AT <b>CHARLOTTE, N. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-14-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-9-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>A. B. LECKIE : JTW</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O. 1218</b> <b>DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases I.O. 1232</b> <b>HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases I.O. 1236</b> <b>WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases I.O. 1239</b> <b>MYRTLE EATON, with aliases I.O. 1241; et al.</b> <b>EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No information of William E. Meade, at Mt. Gilead, N.C. One C.E. Charles registered at Charleston Hotel, Charleston, S.C., May 15, 1935, there through May 18, 1935. A Mr. and Mrs. William Mead, registered at same hotel April 28, 1935, checked out April 29, 1935. Charles or Mead not remembered at Charleston Hotel. Tracings of signatures taken from hotel register, being forwarded to office of origin.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent A. R. Gere,

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
		7 576 - 6973
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Denver, Colorado, dated July 30, 1935.

Report of Special Agent Paul M. Plunkett,  
Boston, Mass., dated July 29, 1935.

DETAILS:

AT CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Agent interviewed E. Sottile, Manager Charleston Hotel, who stated that he does not remember any one by the name of Charles being at the hotel during the past six months. The picture of William E. Meade, with aliases, was displayed to Mr. Sottile, who stated that the face looks like someone that he has seen before, but that he could not place this man. Mr. Sottile allowed this Agent to make a thorough check of his register for the months of March, April and May. These records reflect that on May 15, 1935, one C. E. Charles, registered at the hotel from "Savannah", staying there through the eighteenth of May.

The records also reflect that on April 28, 1935, a Mr. and Mrs. William Mead, registered at the hotel from Schenectady, New York. These people were at the hotel one night only. Mr. Sottile further stated that he does not remember that anyone received mail or maps under the name of Charles or Meade.

Mr. W. J. Hanlan, Assistant Manager of the hotel, was also interviewed relative to instant matter. Mr. Hanlan stated that he does not remember Charles or Mead, and apparently there was nothing unusual about their visit to the hotel or he would have remembered the people. A picture of William E. Meade, was displayed to Mr. Hanlan, who stated that so far as he could remember he had never seen the man before.

Agent next interviewed W. F. Stocker, Clerk, who stated that he did not remember Charles or Meade. Mr. Stocker was unable to identify the picture of Meade.

The register was searched under all the names used by Meade, and the above mentioned names were the only ones found. Neither Charles nor Mead left any forwarding address.

The signatures of C. E. Charles and Mr. and Mrs.

William Mead were traced from the register and are being forwarded to the office of origin for possible comparison in handwriting.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. A. Collier, Jr.

**AT MOUNT GILEAD, NORTH CAROLINA**

Charlie Stalder, located at Stalders Cafe, Mount Gilead, North Carolina, advises that he has been looking for a man whom he thinks is going about the country writing bad checks, and that he (Stalder) has written to several Police Departments concerning people that he has read in newspapers about. Among the letters written by Stalder was one written to the Northhampton, Massachusetts Police asking for a picture and description of C. E. Carter, whom he had read about in the newspapers.

Mr. Stalder furnishes the following description of the man he is looking for who is obviously not Meade:

Name	Charles V. Frederick
Age	46 Years
Weight	245 pounds
Height	6' 5"
Hair	Blonde
Peculiarities	Shoulders slightly stooped
Occupation	Baker (was working for bakery in Raleigh, North Carolina until May 30, 1935.)

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

**827 Broad Street National Bank Building  
Trenton New Jersey**

**August 13, 1935**

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

In re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE - I. O. #1218 et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING. FILE 7-4

Dear Sir:

The Newark, New Jersey Police Department has advised that they do not have on file a wanted notice on Charles J. Fitzgerald but stated that if it were possible to have his fingerprint classification or some other additional information beside his name such a notice would be placed immediately.

It is therefore kindly requested that this office be furnished with sufficient data as to Charles J. Fitzgerald, Bureau Number 95780, in order that an appropriate wanted notice may be placed at the Newark, New Jersey Police Department.

Very truly yours,

*W. L. Listerman*  
W. L. LISTERMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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6974 August 25, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Trenton, New Jersey.

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

Dear Sir:

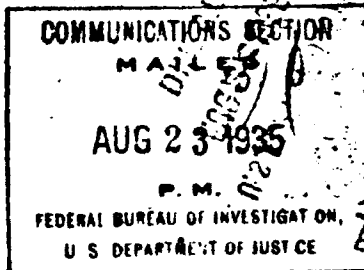
In compliance with the request contained in your letter of August 15, 1935, there is transmitted herewith a temporary wanted notice prepared by the Bureau on CHARLES J. FITZGERALD, Bureau No. 55780, who is wanted for questioning in connection with the above entitled case. The wanted notice should be placed in the files of the Identification Bureau of the Newark, New Jersey Police Department.

Very truly yours,

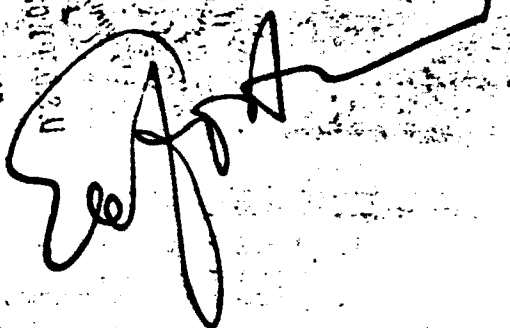
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PHONE BREKID BELLE BORN NOW LOCATED LIVING AT HOME MANKATO, MINNESOTA  
PAST MONTH. NOTHING TO INDICATE FITZGERALD THERE AS YET. SURVEILLANCE  
BEING ARRANGED. REQUEST AUTHORITY PLACE TELEPHONE TAP BELLE BORN,  
RURAL ROUTE 1, MANKATO. REQUEST AUTHORITY USE SPECIAL AGENT A  
G A PAULSON THIS CONNECTION FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD. NO ACCOUNTING WORK  
THIS OFFICE.

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copy to Mr. Tamm  
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Answered  
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AUGUST 18, 1935.

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: ST. PAUL

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REKID. AUTHORITY GRANTED PLACE TELEPHONE TAP ON TELEPHONE BELLS BORN  
AND TO UTILIZE AGENT PARLSON ON AGENT'S WORK IMMEDIATELY.

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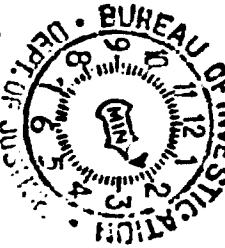
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

503-A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
August 11, 1935

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.C. 1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Vic.  
Kidnaping.  
S.L. File 7-27

Dear Sir:

The Salt Lake City Bureau office has approximately one thousand surplus copies of ransom lists covering the ransom money paid in the above captioned case; complete circularization having been previously made.

The Bureau is requested to advise what disposition should be made of these surplus copies.

Very truly yours,

*Louis D. Wine*

LOUIS D. WINE  
Acting Special Agent in Charge

LDW:MRB

*Take 800/35  
cc - Cincinnati  
Ch. Paul  
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August 21, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

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

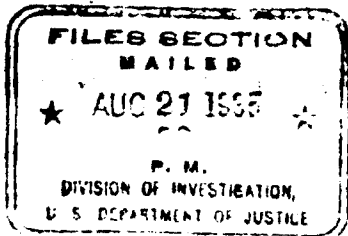
Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter dated August 11,  
1935, requesting advice as to what disposition should  
be made of the surplus supply of ransom lists issued  
by the Bureau in connection with the above entitled  
case, you are instructed to keep this surplus supply  
on hand until the investigation of the above entitled  
case has been completed.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILL.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>Aug. 14, 1935</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/9-12-15/1935</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. L. MADALA</b>	FILE NO. <b>JLN:JMS</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1258 HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1230; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1233; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1259 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>[redacted] furnished information in a signed statement that Harry Sawyer in company with Fred Goetz visited Elmer Farmer's home at Bensenville, Illinois during period of victim Bremer's captivity. Also advised that she saw him again two or three days later at Elmer's Tavern in Bensenville in company of Byron Bolton and Elmer Farmer. She subsequently secured identification through conversation with Elmer and Jan [redacted] verified her identification of Sawyer.</p>				
<p><b>DETAILS:</b> Confidential informant [redacted] advised the writer on August 9, 1935 that Harry Sawyer was in Bensenville, Illinois during the time victim Bremer was held captive at Harold Allderton's home. She stated however that she did not know Sawyer's true identity at that time, but immediately recognized him when she saw him and his wife Gladys in the Ramsey County Jail at St. Paul, Minnesota. Inasmuch as this identification will be valuable evidence against Sawyer at his coming trial at St. Paul it was deemed advisable to obtain a signed statement from her concerning same. [redacted] agreed to sign such a statement, which is as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">"1900 Bankers Bldg. Chicago, Illinois. August 13, 1935."</p> <p>I, [redacted] do hereby make the following signed statement voluntarily and without any inducement, rewards or promises to John L. Madala, whom I know to be a Special Agent</p>				
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of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice.

I am 24 years of age and presently reside [REDACTED]

I knew Fred Goetz as George Zeigler for approximately 7 years. He was a good friend of Elmer Farmer, and for many years George resided at the Raymond Hotel in Bensenville, which hotel was owned and operated by Elmer. George came to our home in Bensenville quite frequently [REDACTED]

I distinctly recall the period when Bremer was held a kidnaped victim at Harold Alderton's home in Bensenville, although at that time I had no knowledge whatever concerning this kidnaping. On one occasion during this period George Zeigler came to our home [REDACTED] in the company of a heavy set man whom I know now as Harry Sawyer. They remained for about 15 or 20 minutes [REDACTED] and when he didn't put in an appearance they left stating that they would go to the "joint" to see if [REDACTED] was there. George always referred to Elmer's Tavern as the "joint". I had very little conversation with Sawyer and I wish to state that this was the first time I had ever seen him.

Possible two or three days later I had occasion to go to Elmer's Tavern, which was located only [REDACTED] and while there I noticed Harry Sawyer in the place talking with Elmer Farmer. Byron Bolton, whom I knew at that time as Monty Carter was also in the place, but I did not observe him talking with either Farmer or Sawyer at this time.

As stated above I did not know this man to be Harry Sawyer until I saw him at the Ramsey County jail in St. Paul, Minnesota, during May of this year. On this occasion I was visiting Elmer Farmer and while talking to him both Elmer and I observed Harry Sawyer and his wife Gladys pass us. I asked Elmer whether he recognized Sawyer and he replied that he did, and indicated that he saw him previously at the jail but did not show any apparent sign of recognition for the reason that he did not want the Government agents to know that he was acquainted with him.

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I also wish to state that shortly after the trial at St. Paul, Minnesota, Jim Farmer casually mentioned [redacted]

[redacted] when talking about Harry Sawyer and others connected with the Bremer kidnaping case, that Sawyer was in Bensenville on several occasions during the time Mr. Bremer was held captive there. We had no further discussion concerning this individual at this time.

I am willing to testify as to the above and identify Harry Sawyer in the court room when and if called upon to do so and swear that the information as set out above is true and correct.

WITNESS:

J.L. Madala,  
Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Chicago, Illinois.

[redacted] (signed)

Copies of this statement are being retained in the Chicago Bureau office files.

It is very important that extreme caution be exercised not to divulge the source of this information when questioning individuals in connection with this case, as such action might impair the usefulness of this person as an informant.

[redacted] stated that immediately after she talked with Agent concerning Harry Sawyer, she wrote a letter to Elmer Farmer at the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth and among other things inquired of him whether "S" (meaning Harry Sawyer) was in Bensenville, Illinois during the "time" (meaning the time Bremer was held). She stated that her reason for writing to Elmer Farmer in this regard was to verify her belief that Sawyer was in fact at Bensenville during the period in question, as she did not want to swear to anything that she was not entirely certain of.

Subsequent to signing the above statement [redacted] advised that she received a reply from Elmer Farmer that day, and in response to her question as above mentioned, he replied in the affirmative.

She further stated that it is her opinion that Jim Farmer will likewise identify Sawyer as being in Bensenville, Illinois during this period; that is, if he can be made to believe that any information which he may supply in this connection will assist Elmer Farmer in some way. It might be stated that this office contemplates bringing Jim Farmer and Michael O'Connor to the Chicago Bureau office in the near future, for further questioning relative to the activities of the Barker-Karpis mob in Bensenville, Illinois. Michael O'Connor who formerly worked as a bartender for Elmer and Jim Farmer was previously interviewed by Agents of this office without obtaining any information of value.

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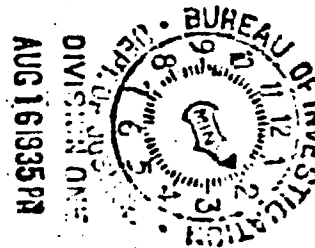
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Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

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

In accordance with Bureau letter dated July 27, 1935, there are enclosed herewith copies of a letter written by Wynona Burdette to Mrs. Clyde R. Jones, the original of which has been returned to Superintendent John J. Ryan, U. S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan.

Copies of this letter are also being sent to the St. Paul, Chicago, Cincinnati, and Oklahoma City Offices, as instructed.

Very truly yours,

*D. L. Nicholson*  
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Special Agent in Charge

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Milan Mich.

Box 1000.

August 12, 1935.

My Darling Sister and Nieces:-

Guess I will scribble a few lines to see what is the matter. Why haven't you answered my letter's? Are you or the babies ill. I want so bad to hear, I didn't get a letter from any body last month, I was worried blue, but the 6th of this month I received one from Eunice. I get so sick when I don't hear from any one. I try to get all my letter's out to you, Essie, Art, and Eunice, you 4 kids are the only one's I can hear from and write to, so that's bad, Honey, girl, you don't know how I worry about you and those sweet babies - living so close to Bird Creek and every thing, honestly I just get sick all over.

Is Jimmie with you now? Eunice said in her letter that she was coming down from Panca to stay a while with you. bless her Old sweet heart. I would love to hear from her too. If she is there, you kids kiss each other and the babies for me. Please. Who is she going with? Is she going with Mr. Raffenspurgert? I hope she is because he is a very nice fellow, And Im betting on Jim. As good looking as she is why doesn't she get what she goes after. And you too, doll, you're just as good looking even tho' they say you & I look alike, no kidding they would make a good pair, Oh I forgot, maybe she is still going with Huff.

Honey, you may think I'm going crazy but I have got to have something to write about and there simply is not a thing in here to mention.

Have you heard from Art lately? or has Esther and R. D. been down? Just any news will do, I just got through writing to Essie, and I answered Eunice's letter while I was at it.

Oh! Jiminy, I came near forgetting, when have you seen Mr. Hansen? Eunice told me he came out to see you quite often. Does he ever say anything about me? "Much".

Eunice said you were canning black berries gee I'd love to be there, you know, some of that good old cobbler. hum, hum, I can just taste it. and some of those good old hot biscuits. Oh! baby!

We had corn on the cob yesterday and boy did it taste good, After a steady diet of stew and beans We really appreciated it.

Do the kids still sing? Tell them to practice and get real good because some day I will be home and they can play and sing for me. "What a day of rejoicing that will be". Oh, Honey. Would I ever love to see all of you.

Millie, Dear, Write me just a few lines if it's only to say that every thing is all right, That's the only thing that matter's. Please do this little thing for your baby sis, "Will, ye, huh".

Was Aaron to see you while he was in Tulsa? gee I'd love to see him and hear him sing & Preach. Well Darling I just cant think of another thing to say so will close for this time. So write real soon.

Yours loving baby sis and Aunty.

Loads and oodles of love. Answer

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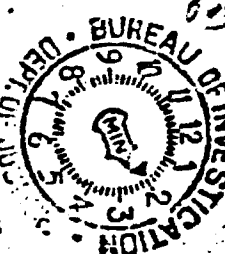
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To my little stink weed's of garlic.

Milan Mich.

Box 1000.

August 11, 1935

Darling Sister and Nieces:-

What in the world is the matter? Is something wrong? This is the second time I have written you, And have received no answer.

How are all of you? Is Ellen still with you? And how is she and Owen getting along?

Had a letter from Eunice this month and was I ever glad to hear from her. She wrote a very sweet letter. Honey, Eunice ask me to have you have some of those pictures made of me like the one you showed her, And give to the other girls. Her letter was simply too sweet for word's.

Well, guess I'll start in again, had to stop and eat, I write a few lines and then have to stop to work or eat. sometime I wait until I go in my cell at night, but I just get interested and it's time for the light's to go out, so I'm just grabing while I can.

Essie I simply do not know what to write, as I have said before It is really a job.

Have you learned - "Old Faithful" yet?

I would sure love to hear you kids get harmony on that. It's a beautiful piece of music.

Are you still planing on coming up here to see me? Honey, if you're coming by auto, Why don't the kids chip in and come with you. I think they ought to be able to put in and take a trip.

Who is Jim going with now? Eunice said Ruth had gone back to - It - And that he was working for the Yellow Cab Co. Poor little Ruth I wonder about her often, just wondering is she eat's regular. And too, I dont think if I were her I would live with a bozo like him and take the knocks she has had to take. I really don't hate the man, - but I rather dislike him. HA, HA, lot of nerve I have to be giving other people advice. Does Ruth still play the Cello? If so, why doesn't she go with Art & the Kids? I wonder.

Gee, I'd love to be there going in to Hominy with you next Saturday. Remember when we used to go in. And I would sit in the car and watch you buy groceries. Or I would go in with you. Golly, I can close my eyes and see us driving along that road between the high-way and Camp. Those good old Osage hills are my weakness, and no foolin.

Esther one of the -G- Men, Mr. Muzzey, was here the other day and he told me my clothes had been sent to you from Florida. I was wondering if you have received the one's from down stairs yet. They called up one day and said we had to send out bag's home so I gave them your address and had them all sent to you. Would you mind making a list of the thing's so I could check it over and let you know which one's I would like you to keep for me? Honey, make separte list's of the thing's sent from here and the one's sent from Florida. Please because there are a few thing's I would like to have, then I will have something to wear when I get out.

We had a swell dinner yesterday, yellow bantam corn on the cob and was it ever good! First corn we have had since I came in, I ate 2 big ears, could had more but I gave my other's to Dolores, She really is crazy about it. Dolores

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is a sweet kid, We get along pretty good to have to be so close all the time. She got a bunch of pictures of her baby the other day, from her Mother and Father in law. And he is the sweetest little Papoose, Fat, golly, he's a fat little tyke. If he was a girl I would say he remind's me of Ellen when she was a tiny baby.

Remember how fat she was and sweet? Gosh! little babies are getting to be, big little babe's now day's, HA. And how!

Tell Ellen to send her Aunt a picture of her self. And Im still looking for those pictures from you to. tell Gwen her Old Aunt Nonie said that was a sweet folder she sent me. I Sure would love to see all of you and know how you are making out.

Do you ever see Hy? I wrote to him when I was in St. Paul but he didn't answer so I just politely took his name off my writing list and put Eunice's in it's place. I will not waste my time on no one man again regardless who he is, I have no time for them what so ever. Altho Im in the Penetentiary Im still as independent as ever.

Guess I will alway's be, Well honey I can't think of another thing to say so guess I'll close, Write me and tell me all the new's.

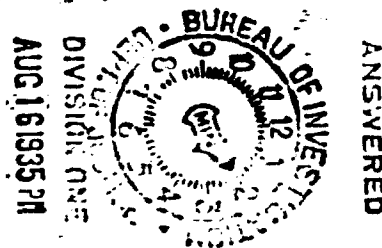
bye, bye, Your loving baby sis Wynona.

Give kiddies my love to, answer real soon.

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
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Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Bureau letter dated August 10, 1935, enclosed herewith is report on Roentgen examination made by Dr. William A. Evans and Dr. Lawrence Reynolds of the unidentified body recovered from the Detroit River. Copies of this report are being forwarded to the Chicago and Cincinnati Offices.

It will be noted that the case number given on the report is 2835 whereas, in fact, the number given to the unidentified body at the Wayne County Morgue is 2653. Dr. Reynolds informed that the number 2835 was inadvertently placed on the report and on the X-ray films, whereas it should have been 2653.

The X-ray films taken by Drs. Evans and Reynolds are being transmitted to the Chicago Office, under separate cover, with the suggestion that they be exhibited to Dr. C. J. Carlin and Dr. F. J. Chmelik who, as indicated in report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated 6-21-35 at Chicago, Illinois (pages 23 and 24), examined Dr. Joseph P. Moran, X-rays being taken, at the time he was incarcerated in the State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois, in order to obtain their conclusions as to whether or not the X-ray films in any way may be identical with those taken at that time. The Chicago Office is further requested to transmit the X-ray films to the Bureau after they have been examined by Drs. Carlin and Chmelik and their report secured.

Before conducting the X-ray examination, Dr. Reynolds was specifically requested to make same with the medical history of Dr. Joseph P. Moran obtained November 17, 1928, which is as follows:

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"Myocarditis - heart poor - lungs good. Bullet wound - left leg. Bullet wound - right leg. Three ribs fractured left side. Fractured left tibia. Three fingers fractures right hand. Bullet wound in chest. Age - 32. Weight - 137 pounds."

Very truly yours

*D. L. Nicholson*

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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REPORT ON ROENTGEN EXAMINATIONS

Dept. of  
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County Morgue Case #2255

AT THE REQUEST OF

Mr. A. A. Muzzey

8-12-35: Films taken of the body at the Morgue with the portable bedside unit show the changes in the soft tissues of the chest incident to the decomposition. There is no evidence of any fracture of the ribs. Apparently, from the fact that the lungs are partially inflated, the body must have been thrown into the river after death. There is no evidence of any metallic foreign body within the lung fields.

There are some shadows of calcium density which represent gland shadows at the roots of both lungs.

An additional study was made of the right and left legs and there is no evidence of a fracture of either tibia or fibula, either old or recent.

While there is calcification only of the first costal cartilage, we do note the presence of lipping of the lumbar vertebrae which would place this patient in the age group of about 40.

CONCLUSIONS: From the roentgen examination of the chest and legs, we would judge this body to be that of a man about 40 years of age. There is no evidence of any fracture of the ribs or metallic foreign body within the chest, although the lungs are air-containing and the person must have been killed before being thrown into the river. There is no evidence of fracture of the legs.

DRS. EVANS AND REYNOLDS, By

L. Reynolds

REPORT ON ROENTGEN EXAMINATIONS

of

County Morgue Case #2653

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DRS. EVANS AND REYNOLDS,

(Signed) by L. REYNOLDS

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ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUG.  
I. O. #1218, ET AL.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to your letters of July 16, 1935 and August 12, 1935 informing that Mr. M. A. Little of 207 East King Street, Martinsburg, West Virginia, is in possession of information concerning ALVIN KARPIS and his antecedents.

Please be advised that Mr. Little has been interviewed on the subject and that a report will reach the Bureau in the near future.

Very truly yours,

*C. K. Fierstone*  
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Special Agent in Charge

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TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE I. O. 1218: et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING, etc.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Police Department at Atlantic City, New Jersey did not make thorough examination of various numbers on subject's car. License plate number and serial number checked but original notes destroyed. Thorough examination of various numbers made by Special Agent Karpis and Campbell not present at Garage when car stored. One of them requested bell hop to have garage man call for car which was done.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter from Jacksonville office dated August 2, 1935.  
Letter from Philadelphia office dated August 8, 1935.  
Report of Special Agent J. R. Sharp dated at Philadelphia February 5, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

**AT ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY**

Agent interviewed Detective Edward J. Mulhern, Police Department who advised that he was one of the Detectives who went to the Coast Garage and saw the Buick sedan in question; that no thorough examination of the car was made other than noting the car was a black Buick sedan with Florida license plates; that he noted the license plate number was the same as

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given in the teletype message which advised occupants were wanted by the police; and that he does not remember this number, but could read his report and refresh his memory, then recall it.

Detective George Brennan, Police Department, advised that he only saw the Buick in the Coast Garage and made no examination of any of the numbers.

Detective Arch Witham, Police Department, advised that he saw the Buick sedan in Question at the Coast Garage; that he noted it bore the same Florida license plate number as that given in the teletype, which requested that subjects be apprehended; that he does not remember this number; that the car was later removed to the Police Department by a public towing concern; that he then checked the serial number of the car but he had no original notes as to this number and can not remember it now. Mr. Witham further stated that the local Police Department did not make a thorough examination of the various numbers but that one of the Agents of this Bureau did make a thorough examination of same, but he could not remember the Agent's name. On page 22 of reference report is recorded the fact that Special Agent H. O. Schroeder rechecked the motor number to verify it as being 42949155.

Special Agent J. R. Sharp, author of reference report could possibly advise the name of the Special Agent who made the original examination.

Agent contacted Daniel Young, Danmore Hotel, who advised that Owen Roberts, bell hop, delivered a pint of whiskey to the room occupied by Karpis and Campbell and that one of them asked the name of a garage nearby and Roberts suggested the Coast Garage; that one of subjects told Roberts to have the car stored there; and that he (Young) called the garage by telephone and an attendant later called for the car which was parked in front of the hotel, with the keys in it.

Owen Roberts, bell hop, Danmore Hotel, advised that one of the men in room 403 who were identified as Karpis and Campbell, requested him to recommend a nearby garage; that he suggested the Coast Garage and this man told him to have his car stored there; that he gave this information to Mr. Young who called the garage; and that James Smoot came and got the car.

Agent questioned Roberts in detail as to the identity of the person who requested him to have the car stored and he stated that he could not remember which one of the men gave him this order.

James Smoot, attendant at the Coast Garage, advised that he went to the Danmore Hotel and stored the Buick car at the request of Mr. Young, manager. That he did not see anyone that night other than Owen Roberts, bell hop; that Karpis or Campbell never went to the garage in connection with the storage of this car; and that the garage only took down the license plate number of the car and the name of the Hotel where the owner was staying. He further stated that he was the only person on duty at the garage that night.

Smoot further advised that Federal Agents showed him pictures of subjects but that he never saw them other than the time when they stole the automobile and that it was so dark and he was so far away from them that he did not get a good look at them. He was therefore unable to identify the photographs.

The copy of the report of Special Agent J. B. Sharp, dated at Philadelphia 2-5-35 is returned herewith to the Philadelphia Office.

For the information of the Jacksonville and other interested offices, it may be stated that Special Agent B. F. Meekins, now assigned to the Trenton Bureau Office, inspected thoroughly Karpis' Buick automobile at the Coast Garage in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on or about January 20, 1935, and, according to Agent Meekins, he made notes of his investigation and turned them over to Special Agent J. R. Sharp, and it is presumed that these notes are presently in the Philadelphia Bureau Office files; a lead is set out in this report for the Philadelphia office to verify this.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Will immediately ascertain whether the files of the Philadelphia office in this case contain the original notes made by Special Agent B. F. Meekins at Atlantic City, N. J. on or about January 20, 1935 with reference to his examination of Karpis' Buick automobile. The Jacksonville Bureau Office should be immediately advised as to whether these notes are on file.

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August 13, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

For publication on the cover of the next Fugitive Bulletin, there are being transmitted herewith a photograph of Harry Campbell, #1646 of the Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma and a strip of snapshot pictures of Campbell. It is desired that the Tulsa Police Department photograph and the snapshot picture appearing on the right end of the strip be used on the cover of the Fugitive Bulletin.

The following remarks should be included on the cover of the bulletin beneath the photograph:

Harry Campbell is wanted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 17, 1934. An indictment was returned by the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 22, 1935, charging Campbell and others with the kidnaping. Campbell is the subject of Identification Order #1256 issued by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>BOSTON, MASS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/15/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/8/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>H. A. MARTIN</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, 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; JAMES J. RAYSON, with als., I.O. 1241; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>William E. Meade as C. E. Carter endeavored to obtain estimate on plans for building a house from Mr. L. S. Wood, 135 Union St., Springfield, Mass.; did not endeavor to induce Mr. Wood to enter into any sort of scheme with the apparent intention of defrauding. Suit instituted by Atty. James P. Mahoney, represented by Atty. Irving Fein of Springfield against the officers of the Northampton Police Dept. for recovery of Meade's automobile. Auto now in possession of postal inspectors. Meade did not contact Forest E. Atwood of Worcester, Mass..</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Report of SA Paul M. Plunkett dated at Boston, Mass., 7/20/35.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>It will be noted in the report of reference that in the billfold taken from William E. Meade by the Northampton Police Department at the time of his arrest, there were two typewritten lists containing names of various contractors in Massachusetts. There was contained on these lists the name of Mr. S. L. Wood, 135 Union Street, Springfield, Massachusetts.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
Bureau - (3) Cincinnati - 2 Boston - 2 St. Paul - 2		<div style="text-align: center;"> <b>7 1576 - 6984</b>  <b>AUG 16 A.M.</b>  <b>AUG 16 1935</b>  <b>AUG 22 1935</b> </div>	
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At 135 Union Street, Springfield, Massachusetts, agent interviewed Mr. L. S. Wood, contractor, whose offices are located at that address. Mr. Wood identified the picture of Meade as being one C. E. Carter who approached him about the 3th of July asking him to make an estimate on the cost of construction of a house, the plans of which he left with Mr. Wood. Mr. Wood stated that the plans were for a two-story two family brick veneer dwelling and that he noted at the outset that the lower right hand corner of each drawing where the name of the architect drawing such plans is usually found had been completely cut away from each of the drawings submitted and that there was no indication on any of the drawings of the architect responsible for them. He states that Meade returned the following Friday which would have been July 12th, but was informed that the estimate was not ready. Meade stated at this time that he would return later bringing with him his client. Mr. Wood stated that he has not seen Meade since that time. He states further that Meade had not made any proposition of any kind and had never asked that any checks be cashed or in any other way endeavored to obtain money. He assured agent that in the event Mr. Meade again called at his office he would immediately communicate with the Boston Bureau office.

At Northampton, Massachusetts, agent interviewed Sergeant H. J. Kelley, who stated that a suit had been instituted against himself and Chief Bartholomew Bresnahan by Attorney James P. Mahoney of Springfield in the Superior Court of Springfield for the return of the car involved in this case. He stated that Attorney Irving Fein of Springfield, Massachusetts was representing Mahoney in this matter. Sergeant Kelley stated that this suit was brought by Attorney Mahoney as the owner of the said car and apparently Meade had transferred his title thereon to Attorney Mahoney.

He stated further that the Post Office Inspectors had taken possession of the instant car, stating that they had a lien upon all property of Meade's as a result of the case involving Meade in Florida. Sergeant Kelley stated that he did not know the whereabouts of the car at the present time.

At Springfield, Massachusetts agent examined the records of the Superior Court of Springfield but could find no record of the filing of a civil case against Bresnahan and Kelley by Attorney Mahoney but was informed by the Deputy Clerk of the said court that no filing was necessary in this case until the opening of the court which would be the first Monday in September.

Agent endeavored to locate Attorney Mahoney to ascertain his exact interest in the car but was informed that both he and the attorney representing him in this case were absent on a vacation traveling in Europe and would return in about one month's time.

It should be noted that on the list of contractors contained

in the billfold of Meade mentioned above the name of Atwood Foust of 21 Foster Street, Worcester, was contained. At 21 Foster Street, Worcester, agent learned that the contractor concerned is Forest E. Atwood. Mr. Atwood was contacted by telephone at his home at 24 Laurel Street, Worcester and stated that subject Meade had not contacted him in any manner whatsoever but that in the event that he should he would immediately communicate with this office.

An attempt was made to contact the remainder of the Worcester contractors whose names appeared upon the above mentioned list but agent was unable to locate any one of them at their offices.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD: THE BOSTON OFFICE will continue to carry out the leads set forth in the report of reference.

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Post Office Box 818  
Chicago Illinois

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

AUG 20 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

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

In reference to your teletype dated August 12, 1935, contain-  
ing information that William Elmer Meade is reported to have left New  
York City Saturday for Chicago, Illinois and intended to stay at a  
hotel probably called the Sheridan Plaza or Sheridan Beach, please be  
advised that investigation was conducted at the Sheridan Eastwood  
Hotel, 4641 North Sheridan Road, the Sheridan Park Hotel, 4631 North  
Racine Avenue, with negative results. Both of these hotels are small.  
At the Sheridan Beach Hotel, a large hotel on the north side, the  
manager stated that he was personally acquainted with every guest in  
the hotel. He was shown a photograph of William Elmer Meade which he  
failed to recognize. At the Sheridan Plaza Hotel a photograph of  
Meade was shown to a number of bell boys, clerks, the manager, the  
assistant manager and the house detective, with negative results. No  
information could be obtained indicating that Meade was residing at  
any of these hotels.

Investigation resulted in the information that Marie Meade  
is still residing at 1533 Fargo Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. A discreet  
investigation was made of the janitor, the rental agent of this building  
and neighbors, without results. No information could be obtained  
indicating that Meade had visited this residence. It is to be noted  
that Post Office Inspectors Purcell and Stahl, who are assigned to  
the Meade case in Chicago, advised that Meade was arrested in August  
of 1933 by Post Office Inspectors as he was leaving the above Fargo  
Avenue address and it is very unlikely that Meade will again visit  
this house. There is no telephone now listed to the Meade apartment.

RB



It is noted from the report of Special Agent J. M. Jones, Chicago, Illinois, dated July 18, 1935, that there is a credit balance due and owing to Meade at the Ford Motor Sales Company in Chicago in the sum of \$234.75. Arrangements were made with the manager of the Ford concern to immediately notify this office should Meade either attempt to purchase another car or transfer this credit balance to anyone else.

It is suggested that more definite information be provided this office as to the source of the report of Meade leaving New York for Chicago. In this connection it is to be noted that the Post Office Inspectors here apparently are not entirely familiar with the Meade case and that Inspector Graham, who works out of the New York office, is reported to be actively the head of the investigation and entirely familiar with all of the details. If Inspector Graham is in Boston it is suggested that he be contacted and interviewed at length for further information regarding Meade's contacts and acquaintances in Chicago.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

DPS:fvv  
7-82

CC Bureau ✓  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 14, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

While at Columbus, Ohio recently the writer took up with the Registrar of Motor Vehicles for the State of Ohio, the matter of securing a registration for Bureau cars, other than the police registration presently issued.

As a result of this conference, the Motor Vehicle Bureau has agreed to issue not only the regular police plates for the cars in the possession of this office, but in addition thereto an extra set of plates bearing numbers which are not associated with police activities. The new numbers that will be issued for the cars in the possession of this office will be kept confidential by the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau.

This step was taken in view of the possibility of using Bureau owned cars at Toledo, Ohio and other places in connection with the Brekid case.

It might be that you would desire to call to the attention of the Cincinnati office the possibility of securing a double registration for Bureau owned vehicles in the State of Ohio.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge.

JPM:LF

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
AUG 16 1935 P.M.  
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OFF. OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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August 15, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Louisville, Kentucky.

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

Dear Sir:

Under date of June 27, 1935, the Bureau furnished you with a copy of its letter addressed to Mr. William M. McFarland, Superintendent, Bullitt County Public Schools, Shepherdsville, Kentucky, acknowledging receipt of his letter dated June 12, 1935, in which he set forth information concerning an individual who resembles WILLIAM REAVER.

The Bureau has not yet received a copy of your report recording the results of the interview with Mr. McFarland and, therefore, instructs that this matter be given immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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August 15, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Trenton, New Jersey.

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

Dear Sir:

Under date of June 11, 1936, the Bureau forwarded to the Philadelphia Office a copy of its communication of that date addressed to Mr. Adam H. Unsworth, 81 North Arlington Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey, acknowledging receipt of his letter dated June 1, 1936, in which he furnished information concerning an individual who closely resembles subject RALPH CAMPBELL.

This matter was again brought to the attention of the Philadelphia Office in Bureau letter dated July 1, 1936.

The Bureau has not yet received a report recording the results of the interview with Mr. Unsworth and, therefore, instructs that this matter receive immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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P. O. Box 766  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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August 14, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

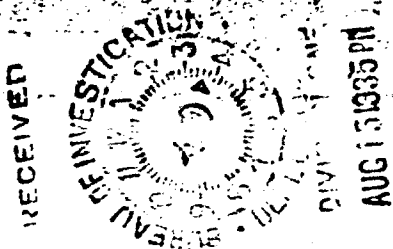
There are enclosed herewith copies of Summary Reports  
by Special Agent J. E. Brennan, St. Paul, in the above entitled  
case relative to Harry Sawyer and Cassius McDonald dated  
August 8, 1935 and August 10, 1935, respectively.

These are transmitted to the Chicago Office for the  
information of the special squad now assigned to Chicago on  
this case.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Bureau  
St. Paul



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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

August 9, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

Will you please place a thirty-day mail cover on all first-class mail addressed to Mr. or Mrs. [redacted] and Mrs. Sara Brown, Apartment B, 2842 North Francisco Street, Chicago, Illinois, and forward the tracings of the same to this Office, referring to our file No. 7-82.

Please accept my thanks for your usual splendid cooperation in these matters.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge

RCS:MP  
7-82

cc Bureau ✓

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, Fugitive,  
I. O. #1218; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;  
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DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE CABLE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK-END CABLE LETTER
SHIP RADIOGRAM	RADIOGRAM

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

# Postal Telegraph

THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

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

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BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 10, 1935 11:55 AM.

T N STAPLETON  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
612 MARINE TRUST BUILDING  
BUFFALO NEW YORK

BREKID ARTHUR BRADLEY ASCERTAINED TO BE LOCAL PROVIDENCE RI CON MAN NOT SUBJECT  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

CHARGE

AUGUST 10, 1935  
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R. E. VETTERLI  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
601 TITLE GUARANTY BLDG.  
ST. LOUIS, MO.

INFORMANT ADVISES WILLIAM KERIN AT RIENZI HOTEL CHICAGO FOR  
FIVE HOURS THURSDAY EVENING AUGUST 8, BUT LEFT PRESUMABLY FOR  
ST. LOUIS.

LADD, AHJ

*Edw. J. Brennan*

cc- Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Bureau  
Chicago

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
August 14, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a letter written  
by Miss Wynona Burdette, an inmate of your institu-  
tion to Mrs. R. D. Wilson, Arcadia, Okla.

This letter has been scrutinized by this  
office very carefully and has been found to contain  
no information of value.

Thanking you for your cooperation in the  
matter, I am

Very truly yours,

AAM:RES  
Enc.  
cc-Bureau ✓

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
August 14, 1935

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Superintendent  
United States Detention Farm  
Milan, Michigan

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cc-Bureau

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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**Division of Investigation**

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

**August 15, 1935**

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

**Dear Sir:**

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

In connection with the work at St. Paul as to BEILE BORN in Mankato, Minnesota, where we have a tap on her telephone and also where Agents Tonis, Paulson, and Suran are maintaining discreet surveillance of her and her activities, these agents have arranged to take this woman any place she may go on leaving here for the possibility of locating where CHARLES J. FITZGERALD is now living, after which, of course, FITZGERALD will be kept under suitable observation to determine whether any of the subjects in this case are now in touch with him, and should they have to proceed to any point outside the State of Minnesota, Agent R. C. Suran will be in charge of the activity and will, of course, keep the Bureau advised, as well as myself and Agent R. D. Brown, who will be in charge of the special squad's activities on this case in the absence of myself.

Should the situation at Mankato work out in such manner as not to develop any material information as to the location of FITZGERALD, Agent Suran will then discontinue his efforts in this district if he cannot learn anything of value further and proceed to Chicago, where he will continue the work on this case as outlined in my previous memorandum of instructions as to work to be done.

Agent S. K. McKee will proceed from Cincinnati to Chicago today and I will confer with him at Chicago tomorrow morning, and at that time particular attention will be given to the information contained in teletype message of the Oklahoma City Office today to various offices indicating that KARPIS might be in the vicinity of Memphis, Tennessee, and that CAMPBELL may be in the State of Ohio and is reputed to have been thrown out of a night club in the vicinity of either Cleveland or Detroit.

**EJC:ACF  
CC Cincinnati - Chicago  
Cleveland - R.D. Brown**

**Very truly yours,  
E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge**

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**AUG 20 1935**

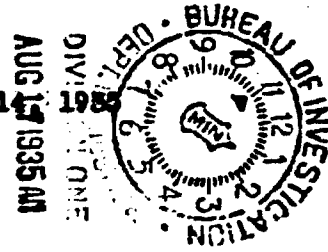
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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

August 14 1935



ANSWERED

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

Dear Sir:

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

In order to facilitate the handling of this investigation by the special squad which will work out of Chicago, in the future in addition to previous copies of the reports required in this case, copies of all reports, letters, telegrams, etc. should also be furnished the Chicago Office.

Very truly yours,

*E. J. Connelley*  
E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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CC All Field Offices

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

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U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
FILE NO. 7-576-6993

REPORT MADE AT <b>San Francisco, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/12/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/9/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. R. RAMSEY, Jr. - ME</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218 HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1235, ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS Act.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>1935 California license 6-Y-874 issued January 24, 1935, to Glenn B. Smith, 2361 Cerritos Avenue, Long Beach, California, for 1927 Dodge Sedan, Motor No. 8-15361; legal owner O. E. Wessenberg, 1111 Dawson Avenue, Long Beach, California.</b>			
REFERENCE: <b>Telegram from Cleveland, Ohio, August 9, 1935; telegram to Los Angeles Office from San Francisco Office, August 9, 1935; telegram to Cleveland Office, from San Francisco Office August 9, 1935.</b>			
DETAILS: <b>At San Francisco, California.</b>  <b>Immediately upon receipt of reference telegram, Agent communicated with the California State Division of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, and ascertained that 1935 California license 6-Y-874 was issued on January 24, 1935, to one Glenn B. Smith of 2361 Cerritos Avenue, Long Beach, California, for a 1927 Dodge Sedan, Motor No. 8-15361, with the legal owner being designated as O. E. Wessenberg, 1111 Dawson Avenue, Long Beach, California.</b>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. J. Chaworth</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE WFR.		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7-576-6993</b> <b>AUG 17 1935</b> <b>AUG 17 A.M.</b> <b>AUG 21 1935</b> <b>STAT. SECT.</b> <b>COPIES DESTROYED 20 JAN 22 1965</b> <b>U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 7-2884</b>	
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Immediately upon receipt of the above information a wire was dispatched to the Cleveland Office advising them of the information and that a wire was being dispatched to the Los Angeles Office with the request that that office determine the present whereabouts of the car. A wire was also dispatched to the Los Angeles office setting out the substance of the above information and requesting that they ascertain the present whereabouts of this car, advising the Cleveland Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD.

The LOS ANGELES OFFICE will ascertain the identity of Glenn B. Smith, 2631 Cerritos Avenue, Long Beach, California, and the present whereabouts of 1927 Dodge Sedan, Motor No. S-15631, the legal owner for which car is noted as O. E. Wessenberg 1111 Dawson Avenue, Long Beach, California.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 5557

Laboratory Report

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

Number: 7-576-6994

Specimens:

- 7-576-6994 A. Original letter from Lloyd Barker to his father, G. E. Barker,  
dated Aug. 4, 1935, and beginning, "Dear Dad:- I received your  
always welcome letter a few days ago\*\*\*".  
" B. Envelope in which above letter was enclosed, addressed to G. E.  
Barker, P. O. Box 724, Joplin, Missouri.

Examination requested by: Kansas City Bureau Office.

Date received: 8-17-35

Examination requested: Secret Writing.

Result of examination:  
Return originals.

Examination by: Appel ✓

CC Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
AUGUST 15, 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 3, 1935,  
transmitting correspondence of Lloyd and Arthur Barker at the  
United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, please find en-  
closed the following:

The original of a letter from Lloyd Barker  
to his father, G. E. Barker, P.O. Box 724,  
Joplin, Missouri, dated August 4, 1935.

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

Copies of the enclosed letter 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

HPC:os  
cc - Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
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AUG 21 1935

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Dear Dad:

I received your always welcome letter a few days ago and it made me very happy to hear you were feeling very much better and that you were able to go visiting with some of your old friends and I understand you have a lot of them and I am glad for you.

Speaking of friends I am sure you have real friends in Mr. and Mrs. Dixon and some day I hope to prove to them that because a fellow is in a place of this kind he can still be a man. I hope to meet them when I get out and to repay them in some way for being so nice to you in your time of trouble and sickness. I also wish you would thank Mrs. Dixon for writing to me for you. I really appreciate it from the bottom of my heart.

Say old Puddy have you been fishing yet and if so how did you make out not dont tell me the big one got away. Now be sure and have a good place to go fishing and hunting when I get out because I sure want to catch up on a lot of it. You see it will be just a little better than three years untill I will be with you and what a time we are going to have.

I am glad you get to hear the ball games as well as go see them. It is a great sport or at least I think so and by playing Ball in here it helps me keep in good health as well as helps me pass my time. Speaking of health do you know I have not been sick a day since I have been here, pretty good dont you think.

Well old Puddy I dont know anything new to write about so I will close hoping to hear from you real soon and that this little note finds you enjoying the very best of health. I remain your loving Son

Lloyd Warner  
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**Dear Sir:**

Very truly yours,

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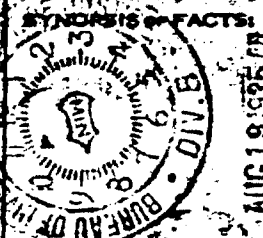
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REPORT MADE AT: <b>San Francisco, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>8/10/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>7/28, 29/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>F. O. Dorwart - SA</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>



**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**  
H. J. Smith well known by Redding, California, Police Department as a former bootlegger, bartender, pimp and associate of prostitutes; never in any serious trouble and considered more or less harmless; never known to carry firearms; unknown at Red Bluff, California.

**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent W. J. Birthright, San Francisco, 4/18/35.

**DETAILS:** AT RED BLUFF, CALIFORNIA:

Agent was advised by Constable Williams that he had never heard of an H. J. Smith who answered the description of or was engaged in the business which subject Karpis is said to pursue. He stated that since Red Bluff had no "Red Light" district that it was very improbable that H. J. Smith ever stopped in this town.

AT REDDING, CALIFORNIA:

Agent was advised by Police Officer Earl Shole that H. J. Smith, or "Smitty", as he is known in Redding, is well known by the Redding, California, Police Department—not because of any criminal activities, but because of his association with prostitutes and his frequenting of houses of ill fame. Officer Shole stated that Smith was formerly known as a bootlegger, and at one time was a bartender at one of the roadhouses near Redding.

In company with Officer Shole, Agent attempted to locate and interview H. J. Smith, or Beatrice Duke, a prostitute with whom he keeps regular company. Inquiry at the Palm Hotel, Redding, disclosed that

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Smith and Beatrice Duke had departed about one week previous and were believed to have gone to one of the spring resorts in the neighborhood of Mount Shasta, California. Efforts to ascertain the exact springs to which they might have gone were without avail. However, Agent was advised by Officer Shore that Smith has never been in any serious trouble in Redding, and has never been known to carry firearms or to have engaged in affairs involving firearms.

The Redding Police are well acquainted with all of Smith's associates and are quite certain that none of them are members of the Karpis-Barker gang.

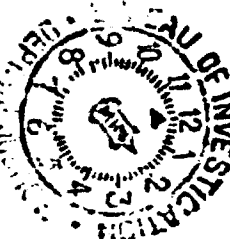
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August 15, 1935.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated August 6, 1935, requesting that photographs of Russell Syracuse, Toledo PD #23264, Earnest Joseph LaSalla, Toledo PD #23263, and John Mirabella, Toledo PD #23714, be forwarded to the Bureau.

Photographs and fingerprints of the above named individuals are attached hereto and it is requested that the Cleveland Bureau office be notified in the event any information is received by the Bureau concerning these three individuals.

It is the belief of Mr. Frazier Reams, County Prosecutor, Toledo, Ohio, that these three men, all former members of the Lonnie Licavoli gang of Toledo, may now be associated with Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell.

Very truly yours,

*J. P. MacFarland*

J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Washington, D. C.

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August 12, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

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

Mr. H. T. Nugent, Field Supervisor, Bureau of Narcotics,  
United States Treasury Department, who was referred to me from your  
office, advised that a confidential informant of that Bureau had  
obtained information to the effect that Dr. J. F. Stratton, formerly  
of Reno, Nevada, is presently located in the New Yorker Hotel, New  
York City and while under the influence of narcotics, informs persons  
within his hearing that ALVIN KARPIS stopped at his home in Reno,  
Nevada and also stopped on South Virginia Street and at the Parkway  
Hotel in Reno, Nevada; that additional information concerning this  
matter can possibly be obtained from one Grace Stratton - not related  
to Dr. J. F. Stratton - who resides on South Virginia Street, Reno,  
Nevada.

I thanked Mr. Nugent for his information and advised him that  
it would be borne in mind during the course of further investigation  
of this matter.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby  
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*H. T. Nugent*  
*Field Supervisor, Bureau of Narcotics*  
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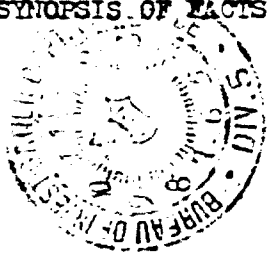
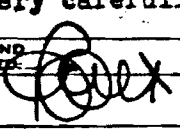
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REPORT MADE AT <b>Jacksonville, Fla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/15/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/9/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. E. Talbot, Jr.</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, IO 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, IO 1236; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, IO 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, IO 1241; 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:  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;">  </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Mrs. Mae Wade, spiritualist, Fort Meade, Florida, states "the Lord" told her on January 18, 1934, and July 12, 1935, that Walter McGee of St. Paul, Minnesota, planned the Bremer kidnaping and now has part of ransom money.</p> </div> </div>			
REFERENCE: Letter from St. Paul Office, dated August 3, 1935.			
DETAILS: At Fort Meade, Florida:  <p>Mrs. Mae Wade, 219 S. Palmetto Avenue, Fort Meade, Florida, was interviewed relative to her letter of July 14, 1935, addressed to Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul, Minnesota, which in substance alleged that Walter McGee, a friend of victim, was instrumental in instant kidnaping and advised Mr. Bremer as to the line of procedure to be followed in extorting the ransom paid by him.</p> <p>Mrs. Wade stated that she is a "spiritual advisor" and has been since "the Lord" granted her the gift, which was some three years ago; that on January 18, 1934, she was informed by "the Lord" that Walter McGee had connived in having Bremer kidnaped; that upon receipt of this "message", she dispatched a letter to the father of Bremer, with no reply forth coming; that on July 12, 1935, she again had a "message", reiterating the information in the previous one, and dispatched instant letter to Mr. Bremer.</p> <p>Mrs. Wade could not add anything to her communication, was reluctant to talk to Agent and stated she had hoped to talk to Mr. Bremer personally, but advised that if he very carefully watches McGee and at an appropriate time informs him that "he</p>			
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knows all", McGee will admit his participation in the kidnaping.

The letter addressed to Edward G. Bremer as forwarded by the St. Paul Office is herewith enclosed with copies of this report for that office.

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 13, 1935

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

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to the letter addressed to the Bureau under date of August 8, 1935 by Special Agent in Charge Dunn of Los Angeles, relative to the employment of a confidential informant under the name of [redacted] in an effort to develop information concerning the location of Campbell and Karpis and other members of the gang, you are advised that [redacted] reported to the Oklahoma City Office on August 10, 1935.

[redacted] is presently in Oklahoma City and is endeavoring to make a connection with one "Uncle Bob" Felts at 1616 North Klein Street in Oklahoma City, who is known as "The Dago", and whom [redacted] feels can establish connections with Campbell and Karpis.

[redacted] is also endeavoring to obtain information through one John Balch, #29550, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma. [redacted] was in McAlester yesterday and visited with Balch. Balch has three or four days to serve of a thirty day penalty confinement on "bad row" for the theft of a pair of overalls. According to the information furnished [redacted] by Balch, Campbell has not been with Karpis for a period of thirty days, Karpis reported to be with a man from Sioux City, Iowa, whose name is not known. There is one Bill Sevier, presently confined in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, who yet has nine months to serve on his present sentence. Sevier is from St. Paul, and his wife, Mrs. Margaret Sevier, is reported to live at 28 Seventeenth Street or Avenue, in St. Paul. According to the information obtained by [redacted] Mrs. Sevier is supposed to have part of the Bremer and the Hamm ransom money, and Karpis is reported to go into St. Paul once a month to contact her or send someone in to see her, probably the "Sioux City man".

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Mrs. Sevier is reported to be coming to McAlester within the near future to visit her husband. b7c b7d

██████ reports that Sevier obtains mail from his wife by having the mail addressed to a guard, thus evading any censorship that may exist at the Penitentiary.

Balch expects to be released from "bad row" on Thursday or Friday of this week, and ██████ expects to obtain more definite information from him regarding the operations of Campbell and Karpis next Monday. In the meantime, ██████ is staying in Oklahoma City.

The foregoing information was furnished telephonically to Special Agent in Charge E. F. Connelley at St. Paul, Minnesota, in order that it might be given such attention as is deemed warranted. I shall keep the Bureau advised of any further information reported by ██████

Very truly yours,

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

cc St. Paul  
Chicago  
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REPORT MADE AT: <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>8-14-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>8-7-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>J. W. VINCENT</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O.1218; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O.1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O.1232; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O.2158; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O.1259; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O.2141; et al. :</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Thomas O'Dell of New Britain, Conn., evidently the individual who formerly was connected with William Meade. O'Dell no longer residing in New Britain and returns there infrequently; is employed by a publishing company in New York City; not known to associate with Meade in New Britain. Further efforts will be made to locate O'Dell through his employer for the purpose of determining whether he and Meade have been in communication with each other.

DETAILS:

AT NEW YORK, N. Y.

This investigation was predicated upon a telephone call from Mr. Robert Newby of the Bureau on August 6, 1935, at which time he advised that an anonymous communication had been received by Bureau indicating that William Meade had been associated with an individual named O'Dell in Connecticut. He further advised that the State Department had ordered a Thomas O'Dell, 60 High Street, New Britain, Conn. had applied for a passport. O'Dell was described as being similar to a man named Bradley, mentioned in report submitted by Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt, Jacksonville, Florida, under date of September 26, 1933. Mr. Newby instructed that O'Dell be located in order to secure the whereabouts of Meade, whom the Bureau desires to question in connection with this case and

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in connection with a confidence game that he had practiced on a contractor in St. Paul, Minnesota named Wunderlich, who had been swindled out of \$100,000, which money Wunderlich had borrowed from Bremer. Mr. Newby added that O'Dell had been arrested in New York City on Nov. 7, 1932 under the name of William O'Dell.

Under date of August 5, 1935 this office received a letter from the Bureau transmitting photographs of William E. Meade, taken as Charles E. Carter by the Police Department, Northampton, Mass., July 14, 1935. The Bureau had received a telegram on Aug. 2, 1935 from E. J. Hickey, County Detective, Hartford, Conn., requesting a photograph of Meade by air mail. The New York office was instructed to immediately contact Mr. Hickey at Hartford and furnish him with a copy of the photograph of Meade and obtain any information in his possession relative to the whereabouts of Meade. The letter further advised that Meade is wanted by the Bureau for questioning in connection with the above entitled case, as well as by the postal authorities, on charges of using the mails to defraud.

On August 6, 1935 Special Agent James E. Amos of the New York office made inquiry at the New York City Police Department in an attempt to obtain a photograph of Thomas O'Dell, made at the time he is reported to have been arrested, on November 7, 1932, under the name of William O'Dell. A complete search of the files failed to disclose anyone arrested on that date bearing the name of O'Dell. However, one individual whose given name was William, was arrested on that date. This individual was William Jarvis, New York City Police #B-51334. This individual is described as follows:

Age	42 years (1932)
Weight	190 pounds
Height	5 ft. 10-3/4 in.
Build	Medium
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Grey
Complexion	Fair
Birthplace	Richmond, Va.
Residence	510 No. Utah St., Baltimore, Md.

This Agent met Special Agent W. H. Binns in Hartford, Connecticut on the night of August 6, 1935, and the investigation recorded in this report was conducted by the writer and Special Agent Binns together. Agent Binns advised that he had been attempting to contact County Detective E. J. Hickey at Hartford, Conn. for a week or 10 days, and on one occasion had been able to locate him in Toronto, Canada, and finally reached him by telephone on an urgent matter but had been unable to ascertain where he could see him personally.

Agents called at the office of County Detective Hickey the following morning and were unable to ascertain any information whatsoever with reference to his whereabouts. He had called his office two or three days prior to that time without stating where he was. His assistant, Mr. O'Keefe, seemed honest in his statement that he did not know where Mr. Hickey could be located. He also advised that Mr. Hickey's wife did not know where he could be located, as he had called her and asked about her husband. A message was left for Mr. Hickey to communicate with agents through his office and leave his address. Several times during the day Agents called his office, to find that he had not yet called.

#### AT NEW BRITAIN, CONN.

Agents interviewed Herbert E. Erwin, Postmaster, who advised that one Thomas J. O'Dell had formerly resided at 45 Main Street with his wife Anna, and that Thomas is now dead and his wife resides at 60 High Street. Thomas O'Dell had a son whose name Mr. Erwin was unable to recall but whom he did recall as being a wild and troublesome young man.

After making a careful and thorough search of the city directories for the years 1928 to 1935, inclusive, Agents were unable to locate a second Thomas O'Dell. The only Thomas O'Dell found was recorded as having died on May 8, 1935, at the age of 66. This individual was later found to be the father of the Thomas O'Dell involved in this case.

Mr. Erwin called in the carrier who serves the address, 60 High Street, and the carrier advised that he had known a young man named Thomas O'Dell, who resided at 45 Main Street and whose mother now resides at 60 High Street, but that he did

not receive mail and he had not seen him for several years.

Mr. Erwin referred Agents to Lieutenant McCue of the Police Department, New Britain, Conn., and stated that Lieut. McCue was very familiar with O'Dell because he had been in difficulty with the Police Department.

Lieut. W. P. McCue, in charge of the Detective Division, New Britain Police Department, was interviewed at his home, where he has been confined on account of a minor illness, and he advised that he was familiar with Thomas O'Dell. He last saw him about 1927 while on a trip to Florida. O'Dell got on the same train with McCue at Jacksonville and rode as far as St. Augustine, where he got off. Lieut. McCue was going to Miami. He talked to O'Dell, and O'Dell advised him that he was in business in St. Augustine. Shortly thereafter O'Dell was arrested by the New York City Police Department and turned over to the authorities at St. Augustine, Florida for swindling a woman out of several thousand dollars.

Lieut. McCue described O'Dell's father as having been a promoter of cock fights several years ago, and stated that young O'Dell followed the race track business, and was a trouble maker when a youngster around New Britain. He stated that Jack O'Keefe, uniform officer of the New Britain Police Department, had married the sister of young O'Dell, and that O'Keefe was very much disgusted with the activities of his brother-in-law, and would probably give considerable information concerning his activities and his present whereabouts. He referred Agents to Sergeant Ellinger of the New Britain Police Department for the police record and any other information he might have concerning O'Dell.

Sergeant Ellinger produced the record of O'Dell at the New Britain Police Department, which indicated that O'Dell was arrested on April 8, 1918 by that Department and by Officers Johnson, O'Keefe and C. McGrath and Sergeant Hart, for assault and battery, breach of the peace and resisting arrest. He was fined \$15.00 and costs and placed on probation on April 10, 1918.

The record further disclosed that on October 18, 1919 O'Dell was arrested by Officer Feeney on a charge of fornication, and turned over to the Bristol, Conn. Police Dept.



In 1918 the following description of O'Dell was recorded:

Age	18 years - <i>Born Aug 3, 1900</i>
Height	5 ft. 7 in.
Weight	142 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Pale
Build	Slender
Occupation	Laborer
Residence	53 Cottage Place, New Britain, Conn.
Nationality	American

Officer Dolan of the New Britain Police Department, who is in charge of the Identification Department, advised that he was familiar with O'Dell, and that the description as recorded above was inaccurate. He described him as follows:

Height	5 ft. 5 in.
Weight	About 130 pounds
Complexion	Sallow
Hair	Thin, straight hair of light reddish color.
Features	Small mouth and tight lips.
Dress	Neat dresser, very frequently wearing double-breasted suits

Officer Dolan stated that O'Dell was engaged in traveling for a publishing concern and selling magazines. He stated that as well as he could recall he saw O'Dell in New Britain about one month ago. O'Dell has not lived in New Britain for a number of years, but was there several months or perhaps a year or two ago, in company with a young man of very large stature who appeared to be a heavyweight prize fighter. Officer Dolan did not know the identity of this individual.

Officer Dolan stated that when O'Dell was in town he usually stopped at the Doris Hotel and frequented a section of the city where bets were placed on horse races. Officer Dolan stated that his nephew, Henry Dolan, a dope addict and petty criminal, was familiar with O'Dell, and he consequently called up his nephew and inquired about O'Dell. His nephew advised him by telephone that O'Dell was not living in New Britain and very seldom came there and on occasions when he did come there stayed only for a short time. O'Dell is at present employed as a traveling salesman for R. W. Rosebury, a New York publishing company. O'Dell sells trade journals to garages and business houses. Henry Dolan had not seen O'Dell in the past three months.

Officer Dolan then made some inquiry in the vicinity where O'Dell hangs out when in New Britain and where bets are made on horse races, and was advised that O'Dell had not been seen in that locality in the past six weeks or longer. He stated that O'Dell had been photographed at Hartford, Conn. in connection with an arrest in that city, but he was not familiar with the details nor the date of arrest. He also stated that there was a photograph of O'Dell which had been obtained by the New York Police Department.

A check of the Manhattan Telephone Directory revealed that there is listed one R. W. Rosebury, a publishing company, located at 469 Fifth Avenue.

A check of the birth records in the Town Clerk's office, Town of New Britain, disclosed that a Thomas O'Dell was born August 3, 1900. His mother was Anne English O'Dell and his father, Thomas J. O'Dell. The record disclosed that O'Dell was born at Cottage Place, and that the family consisted of eight children, two of whom were dead.

At the City Court, New Britain, Conn., Agents made inquiry with reference to passport applications and were advised that no information whatsoever was kept by this office when applications were received for passports. The clerk in that office advised that the applications were filled out, executed by the applicant, and forwarded directly to Washington, D. C. No index was kept of the applicants.

Agents observed the residence at 60 High Street, and five automobiles were parked around it. The license numbers were obtained and a check made of all of these numbers at the Motor Vehicle Bureau, State Highway Department, at Hartford, but none of these cars was found to be registered in the name of Thomas O'Dell. One was registered in the name of his brother, William O'Dell. The information concerning these automobiles is not deemed of any value at the present time and is consequently not being set out in this report. Notes containing details of the registrations of all of these automobiles are being retained in this file for any future value they might have.

A check was also made for any registration in the name of a Thomas O'Dell of New Britain, and none was found for the years 1934 or 1935. There were no drivers permits issued to him for the past four years.

#### AT HARTFORD, CONN.

At the Bureau of Criminal Identification, Police Department, the records disclosed that on December 15, 1920 Thomas O'Dell was arrested on a charge of being idle and disorderly, by the Boston, Mass. Police Department, under No. 16141. His fingerprint classification was given as 9 U 15.

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The Hartford Police have the fingerprints of O'Dell bearing his signature. Two tracings of his signature were made and are being retained in the New York file for any future purpose they might serve.

Agents again contacted Mr. O'Keefe, assistant to Mr. Hickey, and inquired as to whether he was familiar with Mr. Hickey's request for a photograph of Meade. He stated that he was familiar with this matter and that Mr. Hickey had requested a photograph of Meade for the purpose of possibly having him identified as the "old man" who appeared in a gang of bank robbers that robbed a bank in Broad Brook, Conn. on August 2, 1935. There had also been an old man in the gang that robbed a Collinsville, Conn. bank in May of 1935.

Mr. Hickey had read the newspaper accounts of Meade escaping from Northampton, Mass., and thought possibly he might be this individual. Mr. O'Keefe was of the opinion that this was the entire purpose of Mr. Hickey's request for the photograph. He exhibited to Agents a photograph of Meade which had been received a few days prior to that time from the Bureau. Mr. Hickey has not as yet exhibited this photograph to the individuals in the banks above mentioned. Mr. O'Keefe was not familiar with these robberies and could give no further details concerning them.

The New York office was immediately notified of the results of this investigation, and in turn the Bureau was notified by teletype on August 7, 1935.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:NEW YORK OFFICE.

At New York City, will make discreet inquiry at R. W. Rosebury, 469 Fifth Avenue, for the purpose of learning the whereabouts and itinerary of Thomas O'Dell, so that a surveillance might be made of him to determine if William Meade contacts him.

Will obtain a photograph of Thomas O'Dell at the New York Police Department.

At Hartford, Conn., will interview Detective E.J. Hickey and make inquiry regarding any information he has concerning William Meade, asking him to advise this office in the event he should obtain information as to Meade's whereabouts.

PENDING.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

August 15, 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; HARBOR-  
ING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to letter from this office to the Cincinnati  
office dated August 15, 1935, requesting that that office forward to the  
Bureau the original application for license in the name of GENE L. JORDON,  
28 King Street, Dalton, Georgia, in order that the handwriting appearing  
thereon may be compared with the specimen of the handwriting of MIKE MORENO.

There is attached hereto a full page specimen of the handwriting  
of Mike Moreno taken from him on August 15, 1935 at the Chicago Bureau office.  
It is respectfully requested that same be compared with the handwriting  
appearing on the above mentioned license application, in an effort to deter-  
mine whether Moreno is identical with the individual who filled out the appli-  
cation under the name of Gene L. Jordon, for Volney Davis.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. LADD,

Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: Brekid

Number: 7-576-7001

Specimens: One page of handwriting by Mike Moreno.

Examination requested by: Chicago Bureau Office.

Date received: 8-19-35

Examination requested: Handwriting.

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel

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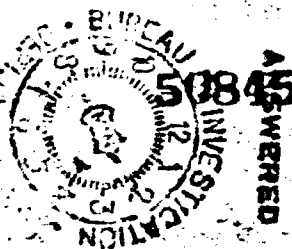
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Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
August 18th, 1935.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION



Special Agent in Charge,  
Nashville, Tennessee.

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:

This will confirm the telephone conversation had with you today, after receipt of the information contained in the teletypewriter message from the Oklahoma City Office, to the effect that Alvin Karpis is reported to be in Memphis, Tennessee, associated with a man known as the "Stuttering Kid".

Special Agents R. G. Coulter and R. P. Shanahan of this office were directed to proceed to Memphis, Tennessee and contact Special Agents W. T. Morton and T. E. Hance for the purpose of conducting investigation in Memphis and along the Arkansas side of the Mississippi River, in an effort to verify the information reported by the Oklahoma City Office and effect the apprehension of Karpis. The Agents from this office were instructed to be guided by the advice and directions received by Special Agents Morton and Hance so long as they were engaged in investigative activities within your territory.

Very truly yours,

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R. L. SHIVERS, Special Agent in Charge.	
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FBI ST PAUL 8-13-35 ET  
DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID. BELIEVE SATISFACTORY SETUP NOW ARRANGED TO COVER  
MOVEMENTS BELLE BORNE MANKATO. AGENTS PAULSON AND TONIS AND BURAN  
CHECKING MOVEMENTS AND TELEPHONE. THERE ARE NO OTHER MATERIAL LEADS  
AT PRESENT WORKING HERE THIS CASE ALTHOUGH POSSIBLY UNDER COVER EFFORTS  
CRANE LAKE BY AGENTS ARMS AND DEVEREAU MAY DEVELOP SOMETHING.

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603-A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
August 11, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Via.  
S.L. File 7-27

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent R.C. Suran,  
Chicago, Illinois, dated June 10, 1935, setting forth an undeveloped  
lead for the Salt Lake City Bureau office at St. George, Utah to  
conduct an investigation concerning the woman who mailed the let-  
ter from St. George, Utah to the Beaumont Apartments, Kansas  
City, Missouri, in the event the St. Paul office is successful  
in securing the name of this individual from subject Davis.

The Chicago Bureau office is requested to advise the  
Salt Lake City Bureau office whether any additional information  
has been received upon which an investigation of this lead may  
be predicated at St. George, Utah.

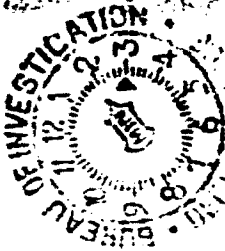
Very truly yours,

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LOUIS D. WINE  
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

August 14, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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 LEVER 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.

There are attached hereto two copies of report of Special Agent John L. Madala dated at Chicago, Illinois August 14, 1935.

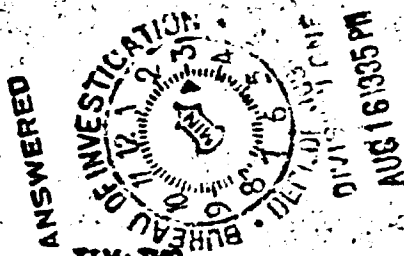
It is respectfully requested that [redacted] statement relative to Harry Sawyer's presence in Bensenville, Illinois while victim Bremer was held not be called to the attention of the United States Attorney until such time as word is received from this office advising that [redacted] value as an informant has terminated.

It is believed and expected that [redacted] will further assist the Bureau in connection with this case and for this reason extreme caution should be exercised to avoid any impairment of her usefulness as an informant.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,

Special Agent in Charge.



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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

FILE NO. **7-99**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Kansas City, Mo.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-16-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-14-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>A. J. NORSTROM</b>
TITLE <b>VINITA STACEY with aliases</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING - HARBORING JESS DOYLE</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

State charges of Assault with Intent to Commit Murder pending against Subject dismissed by Jackson County, Missouri Prosecutor's Office. Assistant U. S. Attorney Sam Blair, Kansas City, Missouri, advises no further prosecution will be had against Subject in Federal Court in this district because of lack of admissible evidence.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 4-30-35.

**DETAILS:**

William J. Gilwee, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Jackson County, Missouri, Kansas City, advised the writer, telephonically, on August 14, 1935, that the charge of assault with intent to commit murder pending against Vinita Stacey in the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri, had been dismissed.

Sam Blair, Assistant United States Attorney, Kansas City, Missouri, advised the writer that as the case against Vinita Stacey an instant charge is very weak no prosecutive action would be had against her in this district.

Disposition sheet on state charge submitted herewith.

**C L O S E D**

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

*[Signature]*

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

**7-576-7004**

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KANSAS CITY BUREAU OFFICE  
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Date August 16, 1935.

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

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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
	<i>10/230 848600</i>	
S.O.,	VINITA STACEY aliases:	Assault with intent
E.C.'s,	Doris O'Connor, Mrs. E.A.	commit murder - dismissed.
2442	Conley, Doris Stuchlik;	
Arr. 2-7-35	Doris Stanley; Doris Connell;	
	Mrs. J. C. Stacey; Vinita	
	Stacy; Doris Johnson;	
	Mrs. Emery Connell	

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, *7-576-*

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

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

General Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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August 17, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Fugitive, et al.

With reference to your inquiry as to action taken by the Bureau upon the letter of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, August 9, 1935, regarding the desire of Edna Murray to furnish information to the Bureau, you are advised that this information had been transmitted to the Bureau under date of August 3, 1935 by the Kansas City Office, and that on August 10, 1935, the Bureau forwarded to the Special Agent in Charge of the Kansas City Office a letter referring to Edna Murray's statement that she would be able to obtain information of value for the Bureau if her early release from the penitentiary were secured. The Bureau letter stated:

"The Bureau cannot, of course, bargain with prisoners incarcerated in penitentiaries, but can inform the prisoner that any assistance rendered this Bureau will be brought to the attention of the appropriate penitentiary officials for whatever action they care to take in the premises. No representative of the Bureau is authorized to make any overtures to prisoners in order to obtain information concerning cases under investigation by the Bureau."

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

August 15, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
c/o 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.

There is attached hereto fingerprint card with photograph of  
MIKE MORENO, which prints and photograph were obtained on August 14, 1935  
at the Chicago Bureau office.

It is respectfully requested that the criminal record of  
this individual be transmitted to this office.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. LADD,

Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTORFederal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
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August 20, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Ill.

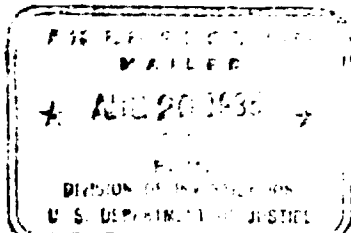
Dear Sir:

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

/ -- Michael Moreno

Copy to:  
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Bureau Office,  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
Bureau Office,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Very truly yours,



J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

For completion of our records, please supply dispositions to this Bureau in any of the foregoing cases where they do not appear.

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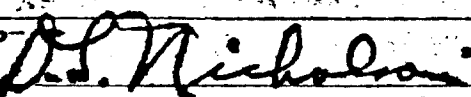


# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-25

REPORT MADE AT: <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>8/16/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>8/8/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>A. A. MUZZY</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; et al.; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
<div style="display: flex;"> <div style="width: 20%;"> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p>  </div> <div style="width: 80%;"> <p>Oscar Felt, former bootlegger of Evansville, Wyoming, not known to Wynona Bardette. J. Reynolds not known to her. A Reynolds family in Tulsa, Oklahoma, known to her but Subject Campbell not known by this Reynolds family.</p> </div> </div>			
<p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent A. R. Gare, Denver, Colorado, 7/12/35.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: <u>At Milan, Michigan</u></p> <p>Wynona Bardette on interview stated that Oscar Felt, a former bootlegger of Evansville, Wyoming, is not known to her and that J. Reynolds, mentioned in the reference report, is also not known to her. However, she stated that she formerly knew a family by the name of Reynolds in Tulsa, Oklahoma, but that this Reynolds family was not known to Subject Harry Campbell.</p> <p>Wynona further advised that Harry Campbell, and Glenn Wright, whom she thinks is now serving a sentence in either the Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, or at Leavenworth, Kansas, formerly traveled about together and that it is her recollection that he and Harry Campbell were arrested in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She further advised that approximately three years ago she and Harry Campbell visited Casper, Wyoming, but she did not recall having met anyone there who is well known to Campbell. In her travels with Campbell, Wynona stated that</p>			
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they visited the oil fields at Midwest, Oklahoma, where Campbell was employed at one time, he specifically mentioning to her that he had been employed at the oil fields in Midwest.

Wynona was questioned as to the last time she had seen Dr. Joseph P. Moran, and she advised that the last time she saw him was in July, 1934; that she and Harry at that time took Doc Moran to the station in Toledo, Ohio, where he boarded a train for Chicago, Illinois, and that she has never seen him since that time, nor has she any knowledge as to his present whereabouts, nor could she offer any information looking towards same. She and Harry were both of the opinion that Moran was a narcotic addict inasmuch as during the time the mob resided in Toledo, Ohio, she and Harry both noticed that Dr. Moran appeared to act queerly and had the appearance of a dope addict, although she could not state definitely that she had ever observed Moran partaking of narcotics.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT <b>TRENTON, NEW JERSEY.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-14-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-23-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>H. D. WILIS</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATL. FIREARMS ACT.</b>



**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Adam H. Unsworth interviewed and description obtained of person he saw on train on May 26, 1935. Description unlike that of Subject Campbell. Additional information received of no value in instant case.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter from Director dated June 11, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

AT EAST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY.

Mr. Adam H. Unsworth advised Agent as follows: That on Sunday, May 26, 1935, while on board Jersey Central train, returning to Newark, New Jersey, a person boarded the train at Asbury Park and sat in the seat in front of him; that this man was accompanied by a little girl, apparently about ten years of age, which, from the striking resemblance between the girl and this man, made him (Unsworth) think that the child was the man's daughter. He furthermore based this opinion on the actions of the child and attitude of the man.

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A description of this man, as given by Mr. Unsworth,  
is as follows:

Height: 5'11"  
Weight: 170 - 175  
Hair: Dark brown with grey  
Peculiarities: Large pores on back of neck  
and peculiar upper lip,  
resembling a convex curve.  
Somewhat effeminate.

He stated that this man remained on board the train until it arrived at Newark, New Jersey, at which place he left the train and was met by a woman in a coupe, which he thinks is a Willys-Knight car. This automobile bore Essex County, New Jersey license, number of which is unknown.

Agent presented a picture of Campbell, which picture he stated is the person that he saw, but was unable to give any additional information other than that set forth above. He has not seen this automobile or man since that particular time.

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PHONE BREKID/ CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT MENTIONED PARAGRAPH 1 PAGE 6  
 REPORT PAUL HANSEN OKLAHOMA CITY 8-2-35 ADVISES HARRY CAMPBELL  
 AND ALVIN KARPIS SEPARATED FOR GOOD SOMETIME AGO AND DONT CONTEMPLATE  
 JOINING UP AGAIN. CAMPBELL REPORTED WITH A WOMAN, NAME UNKNOWN, AND  
 TO HAVE RECENTLY BEEN RUN OUT OF A NIGHT CLUB SIX MILES OUT OF  
 CLEVELAND OR DETROIT BECAUSE CONDITIONS TOO HOT. NAME OF NIGHT CLUB  
 BEGAN WITH LETTER H, SOUNDED LIKE HARVARD. CAMPBELL REPORTED TO  
 PRESENTLY BE IN OHIO. ALVIN KARPIS REPORTED TO BE IN MEMPHIS.  
 TENNESSEE ASSOCIATED WITH MAN KNOWN AS "STUTTERING KID". POSSIBLY ON ARKANSAS SIDE OF RIVER. KARPIS WAS  
 SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN IN ON A JOB AT FORT SMITH LAST SATURDAY BUT DID  
 NOT SHOW UP. SOURCE OF INFORMATION CONSIDERED RELIABLE. SUGGEST THAT  
 INTERESTED OFFICES ENDEAVOR TO VERIFY INFORMATION THROUGH CONFIDENTIAL  
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**Division of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

Post Office Box #2344  
Boston, Massachusetts

August 15, 1935

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

There is being forwarded herewith a photograph and fingerprints  
of Arthur Bradley bearing Providence, Rhode Island Police Number 1820.

This Arthur Bradley is mentioned in the reports of Special  
Agent P. M. Plunkett at Boston, dated 8-8-35 and 8-15-35.

These prints are being forwarded merely for the purpose of  
inclusion in the Bureau files.

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Enclosure (2)

c c Cincinnati  
c c St. Paul  
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Very truly yours,

C. D. McKEAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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August 20, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Boston, Mass.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE  
et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

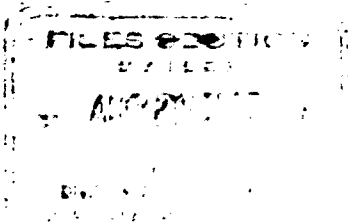
Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you, please be  
advised that an examination of the fingerprint records  
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation fails to disclose  
any data concerning the following:

-- Arthur Bradley

Copy to:  
Bureau Office, Cincinnati, Ohio  
Bureau Office, St. Paul, Minn.  
Bureau Office, Buffalo, N.Y.  
Bureau

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

REN:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 12, 1935.

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Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

Special Agents W. J. Devereux and L. W. Arms of the Chicago Office have been assigned to conduct an undercover surveillance of former Chief of Police Thomas Brown of St. Paul, Minnesota, at Crane Lake, Minnesota, in anticipation of possible contacts between Brown and the remaining fugitives in this case.

Belle Born, a woman companion of Charles J. Fitzgerald, is presently at her home at Mankato, Minnesota, where telephone taps are to be placed, pursuant to authority granted to the St. Paul Office under date of August 10, 1935.

There have been no developments in the Cleveland district relative to the reported presence of Karpis, Campbell and Harrison in that district. A recent newspaper clipping received from the Pittsburgh Office, reported activities on the part of the police and Federal Agents along the shores of Lake Erie looking to the location and apprehension of Alvin Karpis and his associates. This publicity will probably negative the success of the operations in that vicinity.

There have been no further developments in connection with the above entitled case.

Respectfully,

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Salt Lake City, Utah  
August 17, 1935

**AIR MAIL**

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, Vic.  
KIDNAPING. S.L. File 7-27

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of August 15, 1935,  
reporting that a number of reports in this file carry the  
office of origin as Cincinnati, Ohio and that a number carry  
the office of origin as St. Paul, Minn.

In this connection Bureau Bulletin No. 88, dated  
April 26, 1935, shows that "the office of origin in the above  
entitled case is hereby changed from St. Paul to the Cincinnati  
Bureau office" and my letter of August 15, 1935, may therefor  
be disregarded.

Very truly yours,

*Louis D. Wine*

LDW:MRB

LOUIS D. WINE  
Acting Special Agent in Charge



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Director,  
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Washington, D. C.



RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim.  
KIDNAPING. S.L. file 7-27

Dear Sir:

In a recent review of the file in this case by  
Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin, it was noted that a number  
of reports carry the office of origin as Cincinnati, Ohio,  
and a number of them carry the office of origin as St. Paul,  
Minnesota.

Will you kindly advise this office if the office of  
origin has been changed from St. Paul to Cincinnati.

Very truly yours,

*Louis D. Wine*

LOUIS D. WINE,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio.**

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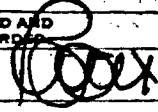
REPORT MADE AT <b>Jacksonville, Florida.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>Aug. 16, 1935.</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>Aug. 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 1935.</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. P. Lacour.</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

William E. Meade not known at Venetian Hotel, Miami, Fla. Tom E. Phatcher, 3052 N.E. 1st Court, Miami, Fla., out of town until September 1, 1935, present whereabouts unknown. Fred Flower, Winter and Upshaw unknown to authorities in Miami or Miami Beach, Fla. Fred Condorf same as Fred Condolff, one of three brothers, all elderly notorious "Con" men; Fred believed only one presently living and has not been seen in Miami for past two seasons. Rebecca O. Freed resides 167 N.W. 45th St. Miami, Fla. Danny McFarland due in Miami around August 26, 1935.

**REFERENCE:**

Letter from Chicago Office 7-18-35;  
Report of Special Agent P.M. Plunkett, Boston, Mass., 7-20-35;  
Bureau letter 7-29-35;  
Letter from Boston Office 8-6-35  
Report of Special Agent P.M. Plunkett, Boston, Mass., 8-8-35.

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## DETAILS: AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:

The Venetian Hotel has been closed since the season ended at Miami, and is not scheduled to open until around December 1, 1935. However, Mr. Jack Segar, who managed this hotel during the past season, was located, and he advised, after observing the photograph of William E. Meade, that he does not recall ever having seen this party, and certainly not around the Venetian Hotel; that due to the peculiar set of Meade's mouth he does not believe it likely that he would forget such a face had he ever seen it. Mr. Segar ventures to be positive that Meade never registered at the Venetian Hotel, but states that the regular room clerks and bell boys are scattered all over the country working in resort and other places, and that he could not attempt to furnish the writer with their addresses. However, the majority of them will be back with him this Fall and if the Bureau is still interested in obtaining information as to whether or not William E. Meade frequented the Venetian Hotel he will be pleased to lend his assistance in a canvass of the employees on or about December 1, 1935.

TOM E. PHATCHER, 3052 N.E. 1st Court, Miami, Florida, referred to in the report of reference of P. M. Plunkett dated July 20, 1935, is president of the Banana Supply Company, Inc., which concern has its store house and distribution offices at the above mentioned address. It was learned at this office that Mr. Phatcher was at present away on a business trip, and that his office had recently tried to communicate with him in Atlanta, Georgia, but telegrams had been received advising that he had left Atlanta without leaving a forwarding address and, that, therefore, they would be unable to furnish the writer with his itinerary but advised that he would return to Miami no later than September 1st, at which time he could be contacted.

FRED FLOWER, FRANK WINTER and UPSHAW, mentioned in the anonymous letter forwarded to the Jacksonville Office under cover of the Bureau letter dated July 29, 1935, are not known to the authorities at Miami or Miami Beach, Florida.

FRED GONDORFF is one of the many aliases used by Fred Gondolff. He has not been seen in Miami or Miami Beach in over two years, but is well known as a Confidence man to the authorities at both points. Agent was shown photographs of Fred Gondolff, John Bradley Gondolff and George Gondolff, which appeared to have been taken in New York in 1904 and 1905. These three men are brothers and, if living, are extremely aged, and, according to Frank Mitchell, Captain of the Auto Theft Bureau of the Miami Police Department, who states that he knows these men - or did know them well, only Fred Gondolff is now living. Fred's age in 1905 was 48, which would make him 78 years of age if living today. John Bradley Gondolff's age in 1904 was 42, which would make him 73 if living, and George Gondolff

would be 65 if living today, but, as stated, only Fred has been seen in recent years in Miami and vicinity. No other descriptions were shown on the photographs of these "Con" men, which are on file in the Miami Rogné Gallery.

A search for FRED FARRELL, alias FLOWERS, was made under all of his aliases, and no record could be found of him in the Miami Police Department. Likewise, no record could be found of MEADE in the Miami or Miami Beach Police Department, other than a card and photograph placed therein December 18, 1920, at which time he was picked up on suspicion as a "Con" man. There is no disposition shown on this card, nor is there a number on it. However, this is the first item appearing in the Bureau's criminal record of this party.

The party residing at 167 N.W. 45th St., Miami, Florida, is one REBECCA O. FREED, an elderly woman, apparently with a young son about 19 years of age, and other relatives are living with her. The relationship of this woman with Freddy Freed could not be determined since no one was at home at the time of the inquiries in the neighborhood, and none of the neighbors seemed to know a whole lot concerning Mrs. Rebecca O. Freed, although it appears that she has lived at this residence for two years, and it is believed that she owns the property at this location.

DANNY McFARLAND still resides at 323 N.E. 17th Street, Miami, Florida, and an effort was made to contact him, as requested in the letter from the Chicago Office dated July 18, 1935. However, the writer was advised by an unknown man at this residence that McFarland was out of town at present and due to return to Miami about Monday, August 26, 1935. This party did not seem to know the present whereabouts of McFarland; at least, did not seem disposed to disclose it.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The JACKSONVILLE OFFICE at Miami, Florida, about September 1, 1935, should contact Tom E. Phatcher at the Banana Supply Co., Inc., 3052 N.E. 1st Court, Miami, as requested in the first mentioned report of reference.

At 323 N.E. 17th St., Miami, should contact Danny McFarland, in accordance with the letter of reference from the Chicago Office.

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**ANSWERED**

**BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**STIGATION**

**AUG 1935**

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It was arranged that this Agent<sup>20</sup> accompany the confidential informant to Isabelle Born's residence for the purpose of giving her the check for the above rebate as it is customary for an adjuster to examine the house in matters of this nature.

The insurance was renewed on June 15, 1935, the confidential informant having delivered the policy to Mrs. O. R. Neusenfeldt a few days prior to that date. At this time, Mrs. Neusenfeldt stated that Miss Born was out of town but would return in a week or two. During the latter part of July, Miss Born telephoned the real estate company, demanding her rebate. Thus, it appears that she has been in Mankato, this time, for a period varying from two to eight weeks. It is the opinion of the confidential informant that the time is about thirty days, but his actual knowledge is limited to approximately two weeks. The insurance policy is in the sum of four thousand dollars, and is with the Royal Assurance Company of London, England. The general agents of this company in Minnesota are the Fred L. Gray Company of Minneapolis.

On the morning of August 10, 1935, this Agent, as an adjuster for the Fred L. Gray Company, accompanied the confidential informant to the Born residence. During the conversation with Isabelle Born, she stated that her sister was now at Butte, Montana and that the property covered by the insurance policy above referred to is in her and her sister's name, jointly. She placed the value at nine thousand dollars. O. R. Neusenfeldt, whom Miss Born stated was her uncle, was present. He advised that he was a carpenter, and resided in the Twin Cities, but drove to Mankato every week end to visit Miss Born. With reference to his employment he stated that he is not now steadily employed but at one time worked for the Baumeister Construction Company, Minneapolis. However, the employment referred to the building of depots for the Omaha railway in about 1918.

During the examination of a light plant in the garage, it was noted that two cars were stored therein being a 1935 model Ford Coupe, color, black; bearing 1935 Minnesota license number B 198-011, and a Ford Sedan, 1930 Model A, black in color, bearing a similar license number B 193-163. Both of these autos appear to be well kept. An oval brass plate bearing the words "Automobile Protection - State Farm Mutual Auto Insurance Company, Bloomington, Ill. - Minnesota Farm Bureau", in red letters, appears in the upper left corner of the radiators on each automobile.

From an examination of the records of the police department at Mankato, it appears that these licenses were issued in Mankato as follows:

B 198-011 - Mrs. O. Neuenfeldt, Route #1,  
Box 44, Mankato,  
1935 Ford Coupe

B 193-163 - Caroline Anderson, Route #1,  
Box 44, Mankato,  
1930 Ford Sedan

The following number appeared in the license record but the car to which it was issued was not seen at the Born residence:

B 193-162 - O. R. Neuenfeldt, Mankato,  
1928 Graham-Paige Sedan

It is believed that the 1935 Ford Coupe belongs to Belle Born and is registered by her in Mrs. Neuenfeldt's name. The car is apparently new and is driven very slowly.

The following car appeared at Belle Born's residence on August 12 and 13, 1935:

193-822 - 1929 Chevrolet Coach,  
Leon Anderson, Route #2,  
St. Peter, Minnesota.

Investigation at the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau, St. Paul, disclosed that an application for registration was made on April 29, 1935, for a 1935 Ford Coupe, Motor No. 18-1814300, license number 198-011 being issued for the car in question. The records also disclosed that Mrs. Neuenfeldt purchased the automobile from the Garden Ziesner Company at Mankato on April 27, 1935. No investigation will be made regarding this car at the present time due to the undercover activities of Agents in Mankato.

The house was examined carefully but no photos were found therein of Belle Born or any person other than that of a woman about thirty years of age. During the time Neuenfeldt conducted this Agent through the house



he spoke of an exceptionally small Pekinese dog lying there as being the litter mate of one owned by a Dr. Feist, University Avenue, St. Paul. In this connection it is noted in the report of Agent T. G. Melvin that it is set forth that a telephone call was made from the home of Belle Born to this doctor on January 3, 1935. The St. Paul telephone directory lists Dr. A. Feist as operating a small animal hospital at 1046 University Avenue. The phone number Elkhurst 1902 is listed to that establishment.

Isabelle Born indicated that she desired to sell her house, stating that if her uncle, Neuenfeldt, obtained steady employment at St. Paul, she would move there. However, at this time she was attempting to sell the house to this Agent, and not much credence is placed in the statement.

The legal description of this residence as it appears on the insurance policy previously referred to is:

One-fourth acre, Public Square, Section Twenty-two,  
Township 108, Range 27, South Bend Township, Minnesota.

The property is situated on a former townsite, the neighboring buildings being old and dilapidated. The road leading to the house is 1.3 miles in a westerly direction from the city limits of Mankato on U. S. Highway #169. Miss Born owns the property on both sides of this side road and that south of the house. The parcel south of the house is the dry bed of Fox Lake. The house itself is thirty feet square, has a red composition roof, is frame, painted light blue and has no windows on the easterly side. It consists of six rooms and a full basement.

In the house were two elderly ladies, presumably Caroline Anderson and Mrs. Neuenfeldt. A boy, age about 20, height, 5 feet, 7 inches, weight, about 135 pounds, sallow complexion, and dark hair, appeared to be working about the place. This person may be Charles White, Miss Born's adopted son.

The following description of Isabelle Born was obtained from observation:

Apparent age	48, real age about 55
Height	5 feet, 3 inches
Weight	125 pounds
Hair	Naturally grey, but hemnaed to brillia
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Heavily rouged, high on cheek bones

Build :	Slim
Scars & marks :	Gold, lower left molars, and upper right canine teeth
Glasses :	Mole, right cheek bone
	Wears octagon, white gold rimmed

The following is a description of O. R. Neuenfeldt:

Age	60 years
Height	5 feet, 6 inches
Weight	180 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Medium brown, graying, thin on top, fine
Build	Stocky
Scars & marks :	Wears octagon, white gold rimmed glasses with thick lenses
Speech	Germanic accent, slow
Occupation	Carpenter

The telephone line running to the Born residence is the southernly pair on the lower cross arm of the telephone lines paralleling U. S. Highway 169. These wires enter a cable at a point .45 miles from the lead to the house, the cable end being .7 of a mile from the Mankato city limits. There are apparently two other phones on this line, there being leads approximately .2 of a mile on either side of the Born lead. The Mankato Citizens Telephone Company is locally owned and it is believed that P. M. Ferguson, the manager, will cooperate in this matter. The company uses a dial system unusual in that from three to six numerals may be dialed.

The records of J. R. Snow, photographer, Mankato, did not disclose that Belle Born had her picture taken there or that there was a negative on file of her, Mae Meuerenberg, or the Neuenfeldts.

Sheriff Frank Cords was interviewed but no information was secured from him relative to Belle Born other than that already contained in the file.

Surveillance of Belle Born's residence was maintained at intervals by this Agent on August 9th and 10th and with Special Agents Robert Tonis, R. C. Suran, and G. A. Paulson thereafter.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

ST. PAUL OFFICE at Minneapolis and St. Paul, will secure the address of O. R. Neuenfeldt.

BUTTE OFFICE at Butte, Montana, will conduct a very discreet investigation to determine the whereabouts of the Mae Muerenberg (Muerenberg) and if any of the Subjects in this case are communicating with her. The inquiry of the Butte Office will be confined to determining her address and who and what her associates are in a confidential manner, her mail being covered and tracings recorded for information of all offices working on case. This woman should not be interviewed except upon instruction or request of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley or Agent working on case in absence of S.A.C. Connelley. This woman must not know of any inquiry being made as this would seriously interfere with the surveillance being conducted of her sister, Belle Born.

For information of ALL OFFICES we are maintaining a surveillance of Belle Born at Mankato and expect to follow her when she leaves there in hope of having her lead us to CHARLES J. FITZGERALD. If and when FITZGERALD is located such surveillance is to be continued of both him and Belle Born as it is expected KARPIS and CAMPBELL and possibly others will be in contact with him or residing in the same city.

CHICAGO, BUTTE, LOS ANGELES, OMAHA OFFICES

In the report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, St. Paul, 5-23-35, are set forth the following addresses secured through a mail check on Belle Born:

4/21/35	Letter, no name, from 907 E. 51st St.,
4/9/35	Los Angeles, Cal.
4/23/35	
4/10/35	Letter from MAE MUEBERG, 516 So. Montana St.,
5/1/35	Butte, Montana
4/6/35	Letter, no name, from 125 Welch Ave., Ames, Iowa
4/18/35	Letter, no name, from 1111 W. 1st St.,
	Chicago, Ill.

In connection with MAE MUEBERG (MUEBERG), the name is frequently spelled MUEBERG. The appropriate offices are requested to conduct investigations as set out in the lead for the Butte Office.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO. **7-33**

REPORT MADE AT <b>San Francisco, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/14/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/9/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>F.C. Dorward</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218 HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1235, ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS Act.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>Mrs. J.E. Weterick, Sacramento, California, reported to have seen subject Karpis in a dugout near Blue Rapids, Kansas, advises she is a Crystal Gazer and that it was in "Crystal" that she saw Karpis.</b>			
REFERENCE: <b>Telegram from Special Agent in Charge E.E. Conroy, Kansas City, Missouri, dated August 4, 1935.</b>			
DETAILS: <p>Reference telegram indicated that the Sheriff of Marysville, Kansas, had telephonically advised the Kansas City Bureau Office that he had received a letter from Mrs. J.E. Weterick, 3401 53rd Street, Sacramento, California, describing herself as a Crystal Reader, and stating that she had seen Karpis in a dugout near Blue Rapids, Kansas.</p> <p>At Sacramento, California, agent interviewed Mrs. Weterick, who advised that she was a Crystal Reader and that she had seen subject through the Crystal as set out above. She appeared unable to furnish additional details and had no basis for her statements other than her visions with the Crystal.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PENDING</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jay C. Newberry</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>AUG 19 1935</b>	
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REN:GJ

August 16, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1216, et al; EDWARD GEORGE  
BREMER - Victim: Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

On August 12, 1935 Mr. E. E. Nugent, Field Supervisor, Bureau of Narcotics, Treasury Department, reported to the Bureau that confidential information had been obtained by that Bureau from an informant in New York City to the effect that one Dr. J. F. Stratton, formerly of Reno, Nevada, is now located in the New Yorker Hotel, New York City, while under the influence of narcotics, informs persons within his hearing that Subject, Alvin Karpis stopped at his home in Reno, Nevada and also stopped at a residence on South Virginia Street and at the Parkway Hotel in Reno.

Mr. Nugent stated that further information concerning Dr. Stratton and his connection with Alvin Karpis can be obtained from one Grace Stratton - not related to Dr. J. F. Stratton - who is reported to be residing on South Virginia Street, Reno, exact address unknown.

The Bureau desires that the New York City and Salt Lake City offices conduct appropriate investigation with a view to establishing whether Dr. Stratton is, in fact, a contact for the fugitive in the above entitled case. This matter should receive your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

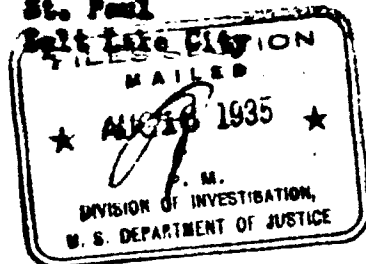
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

St. Paul, Minnesota

FILE NO. 1-28

REPORT MADE AT Salt Lake City, Utah	DATE WHEN MADE 8-15-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-20 to 8-5-35	REPORT MADE BY S. P. McLAUGHLIN
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE; I.O. #1218, et al; Edward George Bremer, Victim.		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING	
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> John Ferrick unknown at Virginia City, Silver City, Dayton and Reno, Nevada. James Edmonds, Special Agent, Indian Service, advises he believes Karpis and possibly Campbell in vicinity of Eureka, Calif.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Bureau letter dated 7-12-35. Letter from St. Paul office dated 7-10-35.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> The writer contacted Charles Young, who recently resided at Virginia City, Nevada, and is now deputy sheriff at Reno, and who the writer believes to be the best contact possible at Virginia City. Mr. Young proceeded to Virginia City and among all his contacts there exhibited photographs of John Ferrick, but no one recognized him, either by name or photograph, as ever residing at Virginia City. The writer contacted L. L. James, sheriff at Virginia City, who stated the photograph of John Ferrick was unfamiliar to him and he knew of no one in Virginia City for the past four years under the name of John Ferrick.</p> <p>At Dayton, Nevada, writer contacted Deputy Sheriff Barton, whose territory extends to the Virginia City line and covers Silver City, which is directly adjacent to Virginia City. Mr. Barton stated the photograph of John Ferrick was unfamiliar to him and he never heard of any other by that name or anyone by that name residing in Silver City or Virginia City.</p> <p>Post Office Inspector James Kanny, Reno, Nevada, made discreet inquiry through the postmaster and rural delivery carriers out of Reno and Virginia City, and found no one by the name of John Ferrick was receiving mail in the vicinity of Virginia City.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Louis W. [Signature]</i>		RECORDED AND INDEXED: AUG 19 1935	
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Sheriff Ray Root, Reno, Nevada, whose home was formerly in Virginia City, was interviewed and photograph of John Ferriek was exhibited; he advised the man was unknown to him. CHARLES HILLHOUSE, Chief of Identification, Reno Police Department, checked his file and could find no information whatever relative to John Ferriek. He advised the photograph of Ferriek was totally unfamiliar to him.

Recently at Reno, Nevada, James Edmonds, Special Agent, Indian Service, Department of Interior, advised the writer he had just returned from Eureka, California; that he contacted an officer there who advised him in event he came across a "G man" to inform him that he personally believed Karpis to be residing in the hills outside of Eureka, California; that one of the officers is possibly contacting Karpis, inasmuch as he has deserted his wife and is residing with a woman who is alleged to have been friendly with Chase and Lester Gillis when they were in that vicinity last year. Edmonds states that a Government officer should use great caution in making inquiries regarding Karpis, inasmuch as this particular officer, who is wrong in the police department, would readily warn anyone who is wanted by the Government that Agents were in that vicinity. Edmonds states he cannot recall this officer's name but will re-check his notes and furnish the writer the correct name of the officer so he can be contacted by a Special Agent of this Bureau. Edmonds further advised that Eureka is bad country and that there are a number of Chicago underworld contacts there and would be a very logical place for Karpis to hide out.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

Salt Lake City office: At Reno, Nevada, will interview James Edmonds, Special Agent, Indian Service, for the name of the particular police officer who is alleged to have information regarding Karpis at Eureka, California, and furnish same to the San Francisco office for its information.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI

FILE NO. 7-30 IMC

REPORT MADE AT <b>BOSTON, MASS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/15/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/8-13/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>PLUNKETT</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases I. O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases I. O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases I. O. 1241, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Arthur Bradley identified as local Providence "Con Man". Fingerprints and photograph being forwarded to Bureau. Fred Flowers ascertained to be identical with Frederick P. Farrell. Post Office Inspector Graham advises confidential informant states Meade left New York 8-10-35 for Chicago where will stay at Sheridan Road Hotel. Further advises Meade and wife Katherine lived at 1533 Fargo Ave., Chicago, 1928 to 1934 which building they own subject to lien of Income Tax Bureau at Chicago. Description of Kate Meade set out. Inspector Graham further states is well acquainted with parties named in anonymous communication as prominent confidence men. Bruce Upshaw arrested Arlington, Mass. 6-25-35. Photograph and prints forwarded Bureau. Meade's automobile taken from Northampton Police by Post Office Department awaiting placing of income tax lien. Meade formerly represented by Attorney Paquette.

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**REFERENCES:**

Report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett, Boston 8-8-35.  
Bureau letter dated 7-29-35  
Letter to Bureau dated 7-31-35 from S.A.C., Jacksonville  
Telegram from Buffalo Office to Boston Office 8-8-35

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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DETAILS:

On receipt of the Reference Telegram from the Buffalo Bureau Office stating that the forwarding address of Arthur Bradley mentioned in the report of reference had been secured and is 170 Waverley St., Providence, Rhode Island, this Agent immediately proceeded to that city. This address is in Olneyville, which is a part of Providence. At the Olneyville Post Office, the Agent contacted George Sneath, letter carrier for the above address who stated that mail for Bradley was delivered to the Anderson family at that address. He stated that the Andersons have moved to that address from 565 Cranston Street; that the Anderson family consists of Mrs. E. Anderson and a young daughter. He further stated that the family had lived in the apartment beneath the Andersons for many years and could well be trusted. Accordingly, this Agent contacted Thomas Tully, who stated that he had known the Andersons for some seven years and knew them to be respectable citizens. He further recalled that he had met a man who often stayed with the Andersons and who was introduced to him as an old friend of the deceased Mr. Anderson. He did not recall the visitor's name but on being shown a photograph of William E. Meade, stated he was positively not the man.

At the Providence, Rhode Island Police Headquarters, Agent contacted Captain Cusick in charge of the Detective Bureau. The Captain recognized the name Arthur Bradley at once and produced for this Agent a photograph and set of fingerprints. He further stated that Arthur J. Bradley is "a small time Providence con man". He is not intelligent enough to operate a large swindle but is sometimes used as a "runner" for big operators and occasionally runs a small swindle himself. He is described as aged 44; height 5'6"; Eyes - chestnut; Build - heavy; Hair - brown - full. His criminal record [REDACTED] b7c

Bradley's fingerprints and photograph, Providence Police #1820 are being forwarded to the Bureau by separate communication.

In further effort to learn more information concerning Frederick P. Farrell of 24 Jordan Road, Brookline, Mass., mentioned in the report and letters of reference, this Agent contacted Mr. Farrell's next door neighbor, Abraham Sweet, 20 Jordan Road, Brookline. Mr. Sweet operates a grocery store in Roxbury. After discreetly ascertaining that Sweet had no friendship or connection with Farrell, this Agent questioned him thoroughly concerning the latter individual. Sweet immediately recognized the photograph of Fred P. Flowers taken by the Boston Police and bearing #20307. He stated this was a good likeness of Farrell but that obviously Farrell had closed his eyes and twisted his mouth when the photograph was taken. Mr. Sweet further stated that the Farrells were very close mouthed about their affairs and that he knew nothing of Mr. Farrell's business, knowing only that Farrell often took long business trips and had spent the greater part of last winter in California. He was further aware that Farrell's daughter is married and resides at some address in Brookline near her father. He further stated that few persons called at the

Farrell address; that Farrell very often gets drunk and comes home in a highly intoxicated state. Mr. Sweet did not recognize the photograph of William E. Meade but stated that if anyone in the neighborhood would know something concerning the Farrells, that would be George Moore at 113 Summit Avenue, Brookline.

George Moore, when contacted by the writer, stated that he is a shoreman for persons living in his neighborhood and that Farrell is within a few hundred feet of his home. Moore recognized the picture of Flowers as being identical with Farrell but could state nothing more concerning this person than had Mr. Sweet previously. In an effort to find Farrell's present whereabouts Moore volunteered to contact Farrell's housekeeper whom he knows fairly well. This Agent waited while Moore went to the Farrell home but on his return he stated that if the housekeeper knew anything, she was not telling it, she having informed him that while Mr. Farrell was away she did not know where he was and that Mrs. Farrell was presently out for dinner with another man.

In the belief that Post Office Inspectors of Boston might have supplementary information concerning William E. Meade, this Agent contacted Inspector L. S. Anderson through the Postal Inspector in Charge J. J. Brasilia. Mr. Anderson was quite willing to give this Agent everything his report showed but stated that Postal Inspector Herbert Graham of New York was the outstanding man in the country on confidence men and that he was the only one who could adequately discuss the case of Meade.

At the suggestion of this Agent, Inspector Anderson called Postal Inspector Graham by long distance telephone and Inspector Graham came to Boston on August 12, where he was interviewed by this Agent.

Mr. Graham was considerably incensed at the actions of Herbert Callahan, Boston lawyer who procured Meade's release and he stated that he was more anxious to convict Callahan of harboring, than Meade himself. Mr. Graham gave this Agent a copy of a Fugitive bulletin issued by him July 2, 1934 bearing Case #34837-E seeking the apprehension of William Elmer Mead (Mr. Graham states this is the correct spelling of Mead's name) This Bulletin bears an excellent set of Meade's unchanged fingerprints and lists his aliases as John Henry Foster, J. W. Mead, E. E. Laird, Edward E. Gaynor. The Bulletin further states that Mead was 60 years of age in 1934 and describes him as previously described by this Agent. The distorted mouth, according to Inspector Graham, is the result of a wound; further that Mead is a native of Iowa, has a wife, Katherine Mead, also known as Marie Mead and Kate Schmidt. He has relations located in Portland, Oregon and San Francisco, California. The Bulletin further states that Mead is a confidence or "bunco" man, "pay-off" swindler operating with his gang which obtained \$13,000 by false pretense at Jacksonville, Florida on February 26, 1921 from P. C. Morton (of Whitman, Mass.) after causing a bank to collect his draft by U. S. Mail.

Inspector Graham further advised that Meade had resided at 1533 Fargo Ave., Chicago, Illinois, under the name John J. Meadows with his wife. They had owned this building and it is presently subject to a lien placed thereon.

by the Income Tax Bureau at Chicago of which Bureau Major Summers is supposed to know all the details concerning this case. Previous unlisted telephone numbers of the Meade's apartment at this address are Holly Court 1420 and Shel-drake 7759. Mr. Graham gave this Agent a description of Kate Meade as follows:

Age: 50  
Height: 5'6"  
Weight: 175 lbs.  
Wears glasses  
Hair: Thick - white

According to Inspector Graham, Mrs. Meade looks German but speaks without an accent and is still living at the Chicago address. It was at this address that Inspector Graham arrested Meade on August 10, 1933 when he again forfeited his bond.

Inspector Graham further stated that the Lincoln Sedan mentioned in the Report of Special Agent J. M. Jones at Chicago, Illinois, dated 7-18-35, was registered in Florida on April 6, 1932 to Mrs. C. C. Chase at 33 West Madison Street, Jacksonville, Florida. The number of this Lincoln Sedan was W9085. This Mrs. C. C. Chase is identical with Kate Meade. It is noted here that in the Report of Special Agent Jones, the Florida address of Mrs. C. C. Chase is 33 West Adams Street, Jacksonville, Florida. If being possible that she resided at both addresses, a further lead for the Jacksonville Office is being set out.

Inspector Graham continuing, stated that at the time of his arrest of Meade in Chicago in August of 1933 Meade was represented by Attorney Paquette who appeared before Chief Postal Inspector Aldrich in Meade's behalf. ~~It is understood that Paquette who was subsequently convicted in the Billinger case.~~ On other occasions Meade has been represented by Attorney Joseph O. Ewing of Atlanta, Georgia, but it is Mr. Graham's belief that Ewing has no more contact with Meade.

Mr. Graham still has in his possession notebooks which he took from Meade in 1933 one of which contains the name Herbert F. Callahan together with the number Laf. 8272. It is believed that this number is Attorney Callahan's unlisted telephone.

Inspector Graham advised that on Sunday, August 11th a confidential informant of his had told him that he, the confidential informant, had heard from Bruce Upshaw, a well known confidence man who will be mentioned further in this report, that Meade had left New York City on Saturday, August 10th by train for Chicago, Illinois. The informant had further advised that Meade would stay at a hotel on Sheridan Road the name of which he could not exactly recall but which he believed had the name Sheridan as a part of it. It was Inspector Graham's opinion that this hotel was either the Sheridan Hotel or the Sheridan Place on Chicago's North Side. Acting on this information he had sent an air mail letter to the Post Office Inspector at Chicago requesting them to conduct appropriate investigation. The Boston Office sent this information to the Chicago Bureau Office by teletype on August 12, 1935.

Inspector Graham's confidential informant had further advised him that the gang of confidence men which until recently had been invading Boston vicinity had received orders from Callahan to disburse because of government "heat".

Concerning other parties mentioned in the anonymous communication forwarded with reference bureau letter of July 29th, Inspector Graham stated that he is familiar with these parties.

Bruce Upshaw, named in the anonymous communication, is a prominent confidence man who was recently arrested at Arlington, Mass. The writer has ascertained from Lieutenant Ryan of Arlington Police that Upshaw was arrested under the name of Allen Upshaw on June 25, 1935 and that his photograph and fingerprints were sent to the Bureau under date of the 26th. The Lieutenant stated further that Lieutenant Ferrari of the Massachusetts State Police had taken another picture of Upshaw in his "best clothes" and that this is considered an excellent likeness of him. A copy of this picture will be obtained from Lieutenant Ferrari and forwarded to the Bureau. Upshaw is presently at large on a \$15,000 bond placed by Frankie Duris who is known also to Inspector Graham as an ex-bootlegger and now a confidence man.

For the information of the Philadelphia Office, which was requested in the report of reference to ascertain on what grounds the Philadelphia Police were interested in Frederick P. Farrell, it is stated here that Inspector Graham advised that this request was made in his behalf. He states that it is his practice in dealing with local police concerning confidence men to deal through other city police because he is firmly convinced that confidence men have money enough and succeed in buying protection from the local police. Farrell is suspected by Inspector Graham of complicity in a mail fraud case that he is investigating.

Inspector Graham further advised that the "Mile a Minute" mentioned in the anonymous communication is a nickname of George L. Parry, a prominent confidence man referred to in the reference letter from the Jacksonville Office.

The Fred Gondorf mentioned in the anonymous communication is a New York City Con man who, according to the Inspector, now holds the privilege to operate a joint in Boston at an unknown address.

Inspector Graham further advised that R. G. Graumanz, a tailor in Room 912, Republic Building, Chicago, Illinois, known by him to make clothes for many of these high powered con men, is friendly to them.

Inspector Graham further advised that he has more complete information on all the persons mentioned in the anonymous communication in his New York Office and that he would gladly give it to an Agent of this Bureau upon request. A copy of the anonymous communication mentioned

herein is therefore being forwarded to the New York Office for its use in interviewing Inspector Graham. For the information of the New York Office, this anonymous communication was received at the Bureau on July 20, 1935 and copies forwarded to the Jacksonville, Boston, and Cincinnati Offices with the request that investigation be made as to the identity of the parties mentioned therein.

The Boston Office has previously identified Fred Flowers as identical with Fred P. Farrell. Inspector Graham has further information concerning William E. Meade which, the shortness of his visit to Boston did not allow this Agent to obtain.

Inspector Graham stated that he had received information that Meade had stayed at the Westminster Hotel in Boston during May of this year. Accordingly, this Agent accompanied the Inspector to that hotel where a conference was had with Emile Coulon, Manager. A search of the registrations for the months of May, June and July failed to disclose a registration for Meade. It is Mr. Graham's opinion that the Westminster hotel is a Boston hangout for confidence men and that they enjoy at least the partial protection of the management. Mr. Coulon, when questioned, concerning other confidence men whom Inspector Graham knew to have stayed at that hotel, was somewhat evasive and appeared to be protecting them.

A similar search through the files of the Copley Plaza Hotel failed to disclose Meade's registration. A photograph of Meade when exhibited, brought no recognition from the parties to whom it was shown at both these hotels.

Inspector Graham advised that he had journeyed to Northampton and there taken possession of Meade's Ford automobile described in report of Agent J. M. Jones at Chicago, dated 7-18-35. This car is presently in the post office garage at Springfield, Mass., where it awaits the placing of a lien thereon by the Income Tax Bureau at Chicago as property of William E. Meade.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE JACKSONVILLE OFFICE will conduct investigation at the address 33 West Madison Street, Jacksonville where Kate Meade under the name Mrs. C. C. Chase received 1932 Florida license #W9085.

THE CHICAGO OFFICE will continue investigation as set out in the teletype message from the Boston Office dated August 12, 1935.

THE NEW YORK CITY OFFICE will contact Inspector H. N. Graham of the Post Office Department and obtain from him any further information he possesses relative to William E. Meade and the parties named in the anonymous communication enclosed.

THE ATLANTA OFFICE will contact Attorney Joseph O. Brink (address unknown) of Atlanta, Georgia, for any information he may be willing to give concerning his former client, William E. Heade.

THE BOSTON OFFICE will obtain from Lieutenant Ferrari of the State Police a photograph of Bruce Upshaw as mentioned in this report, and will carry out the leads set out in previous reports.

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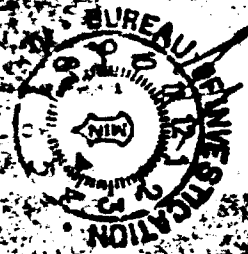
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Post Office Box 812  
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August 18, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

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.  
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MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I. O. #1241; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING  
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Reference is made to report of Special Agent G. G. Dewey,  
dated at Omaha, Nebraska, March 18, 1935, which mentions on page 16  
that [redacted] Minnesota, advised that at one time  
he met a friend of Myrtle Eaton's known only to him as Clara; that  
this woman was on one occasion arrested near Philadelphia while  
"boosting" a fur coat and that the gang in St. Paul, Minnesota,  
raised \$1,000 in order that she might be released.

Inasmuch as Clara Gibson is a known shop-lifter, it is  
respectfully requested that the attached photograph of this person  
be exhibited to [redacted] in an effort to determine whether  
the woman known to him as Clara is identical with Clara Gibson.

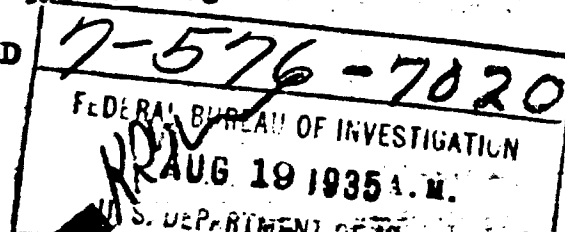
Very truly yours,

R. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to the above entitled case,

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It is requested that the St. Louis Office make a careful and detailed inquiry in Urbana, Illinois in an effort to determine the identity of E. Kisler, whose address is apparently in care of the Outlook Inn, and determine what connection, if any, he may have with Harry Campbell, or, in fact, if Kisler is Harry Campbell.

Very truly yours,

WRIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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