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

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September 12, 1935.

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

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

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 3, 1935, concerning photographs of subjects and suspects in the above entitled case.

A review of the New York file reflects that same contains a sufficient number of photographs of all subjects and suspects in this matter, with the exception of Subject William Harrison.

It is therefore respectfully requested that this office be furnished with six photographs of Subject Harrison.

Very truly yours,

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

cc - St. Paul

cc - Cincinnati

2-cc - Chicago (1-Mr. E.J. Connelley)

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October 30, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

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

Dear Sir:

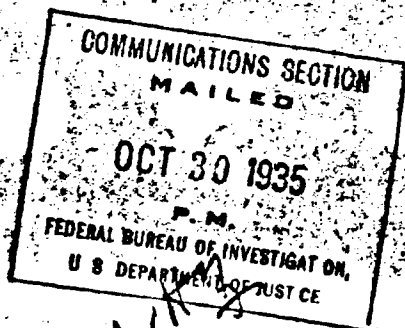
In compliance with your request of recent date,  
I am transmitting herewith, photographs of the following  
individuals:

Six photographs of William J. Harrison.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #283257



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September 11, 1935.

Time - 11:01 A. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: Alvin Karpis.

Colonel Gates telephoned and stated he had received a report from Bath, Maine to the effect that Alvin Karpis had been arrested. I told Colonel Gates that the person arrested was not Karpis; that the arrest had been made at Belfast, Maine, by local authorities; that in view of this no comment should be made about the matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Miss Gandy  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Boardman  
Mr. S. M. Ladd  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Edwards  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Joseph  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Scheidt  
Mr. Schuler  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
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Chief Clerk  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
610 Alonzo Ward Hotel Building,  
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

September 10, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to Director's letter of September 3rd, in re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O.# 1218, Et Al; Edward George Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, and for the Bureau's information please be advised that there are only two photographs of Harry Campbell located in the Aberdeen Office, these photographs being the one showing three front views of Campbell. No photographs of Karpis, Dr. Moran or Willie Harrison are in the Aberdeen files, other than the Identification Orders on these Subjects.

It is, therefore, requested that the Aberdeen Office be furnished with twelve photographs of each one of the Subjects sought in this case.

Very truly yours,

*Werner Hanni*

WERNER HANNI  
Special Agent in Charge

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R.R.M.*

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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

Dear Elfr:

In keeping with your recent request, there are being transmitted herewith twelve copies of the photographs of each of the persons listed below:

Harry Campbell  
Alvin Karpis  
Charles Joseph Fitzgerald

Very truly yours,

**John Edgar Hoover,**  
**Director.**

**Enclosure #676434**

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Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

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September 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.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to letter dated September 4,  
1935, from the St. Paul office to the Bureau which reflects that  
a pair of Tower double-lock leg irons, used in removing subject  
William Weaver from Jacksonville, Florida, to St. Paul, Minnesota,  
was forwarded to the Bureau after it was necessary to saw the  
irons from Weaver's legs.

This pair of leg irons was loaned Special Agent  
in Charge E. J. Connelley by the Jacksonville office for the  
above purpose and since it appears that the irons have been  
ruined by necessary sawing, they are being deleted from the  
inventory records of Bureau property here.

Very truly yours,

*R. A. Alt*  
R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc St. Paul  
Chicago  
Cincinnati  
Jax #7-24  
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
September 10, 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  
St. Paul File No. 7-30

I am transmitting herewith to the Bureau and to the Chicago Office the following photographs of MYRTLE EATON and WILLIAM WEAVER, which were taken in the County Jail at St. Paul, Minnesota, by the Identification Division of the local Police Department:

- 1 full length view of WILLIAM WEAVER
- 1 front and profile view of WEAVER
- 1 full length view of MYRTLE EATON
- 1 front and profile view of MYRTLE EATON.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Chicago (Encls.)  
Cincinnati

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Laboratory Report

Case: 6 September 9, 1935  
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1819, et al.;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;  
Specimens: MAPPING. O

Number: 7-576

One .32 caliber revolver bearing serial #421720.  
One .33 caliber revolver bearing serial #304899.

Examination requested by: Chicago Bureau Office  
Date received: 9/6/35  
Examination requested: Ballistic  
Result of examination:

Examination by: Harrington

Test cartridges have been fired in the above guns and the  
test shells and bullets have been compared with all specimens of that  
type in the files of the Bureau's Laboratory but no identification has  
been effected.

Those test bullets and shells will be filed in the Laboratory  
for future reference.

The guns are being returned to you under separate cover.

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

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report  
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office  
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in  
the Bureau September 6, 1935.

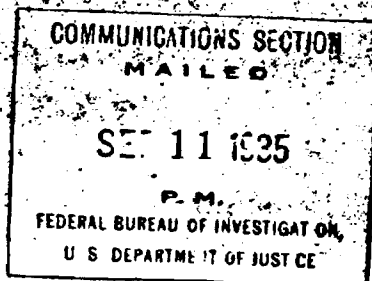
Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure: 7377228

CC- St. Paul  
Cincinnati



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*H. J. C.*  
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*D. J. C.*

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U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida,  
September 11, 1935.

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

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to the apprehension of William Weaver, with aliases, and Myrtle Eaton, with aliases, near Allandale, Florida, on September 1, 1935, there are being enclosed two clippings taken from the Daytona Beach, Florida, Sun Record of September 3rd and 4th, 1935; also one clipping from the Daytona Beach, Florida, News Journal of September 3, 1935.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cc: Cincinnati  
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Chicago.

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

From the Daytona Beach News Journal, Daytona Beach, Florida,  
September 3, 1935

## TWO KIDNAPERS ARE CAUGHT HERE

### Arrested At Harbor Oaks For Bremer Abduction

William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, known locally as Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Osborne for the past year while residing at Harbor Oaks, three miles south of Port Orange, today were confined in a St. Paul jail, as being among 22 persons indicted in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul January 17, 1934, the Associated Press said today.

The pair was arrested at their Harbor Oaks home Sunday by federal agents and spirited away without the knowledge of local police and county officers. They were be arraigned in federal district court at a date yet to be set. The trip from Florida to St. Paul was by airplane.

Mr. and Mrs. Osborne, as they were known locally, came here last October and bought their Harbor Oaks home from the People's Building and Loan company,

paying cash for the property, according to J. D. C. Morris, representative of that company. The property is on the east side of the highway about three blocks north of Rose bay. At the rear is a yacht basin. They were engaged in the poultry business there on a small scale. They had improved the property considerably this summer.

Weaver, as he is known to federal authorities, is charged with the actual kidnaping of the St. Paul banker. He and Mrs. Eaton, who is accused of conspiracy, had legally adopted a two year old baby earlier this year, according to the Associated Press.

In their house about two miles from Allendale, were found a half dozen guns, including a shotgun and two automatic pistols.

Arrest of Mrs. Eaton and Weaver left Alvin Karpis, long sought as public enemy No. 1, and Harry Campbell, his henchman, the only major principles still at large in the Bremer case.

Of the others indicted for the actual kidnaping, Harry Sawyer, former St. Paul bootlegger, is being held in jail pending trial; Arthur Barker, leader of the Barker-Karpis gang, is serving a life sentence; Elmer Farmer and Harold Alderton, Bensenville, Ill., are serving 20 years; Byron Bolton is in jail pending sentence and Volney Davis is serving a life term.

Others sentenced on conspiracy charges are John J. McLaughlin to five years, James Wilson to five years and Oliver Berg to life imprisonment.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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From the Daytona Beach Sun Record, Daytona Beach, Florida,  
September 3, 1935

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RECORD

Rain in south and showers  
Tuesday; shifting gales over  
south Florida Tuesday.

Temperatures—High, 87; low, 73.  
Low Tide Today—5:03.

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# G-Men Arrest Bremer Kidnap Suspects Here

Volusia Poultryman,  
'Wife' Captured  
on Sunday

SENT TO ST. PAUL  
TO FACE HEARING

Neighbors Suspected  
Couple, Reveal  
to Press

A Volusia county chicken  
farmer and his wife today are  
being held in a St. Paul prison  
after arrest at Allandale in  
connection with the Bremer  
kidnaping.

William Weaver and Myrtle  
Eaton, who posed here as Mr. and  
Mrs. William Osborne, were arrested  
at 7 a. m. Sunday by department  
of justice operatives investigating  
the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

From the Daytona Beach Sun Record, Daytona Beach, Florida,  
September 3, 1935

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## G-Men Bremer Suspect

G. Bremer, St. Paul banker,

They were taken to Jacksonville and rushed to St. Paul by airplane, via Atlanta, Louisville and Chicago, arriving shortly after 5 p. m.

Whisked to Court

Five more federal agents met the plane and whisked the prisoners to the federal building, where conspiracy charges were lodged against them.

With "Mr. and Mrs. Osborne" at their home on the highway just south of Allandale was a three-year-old "son," believed adopted somewhere in Florida this year. The boy was taken to St. Paul with his recently acquired parents.

E. J. Connelly, special agent in charge of the Cincinnati office of the department of justice and now assigned to closing up the Bremer case, located Weaver and Myrtle Eaton after an extended search.

Strikes Swiftly

Utilizing the same tactics with which he trapped and killed Fred and "Ma" Barker at a hideout northwest of Daytona Beach last January, Connelly and four other G-men slipped into Allandale early Sunday morning.

Striking suddenly, their raid was met with no resistance.

Weaver has been indicted in connection with the Bremer kidnaping, in which Arthur "Doc" Barker is serving a life sentence. The girl also was under indictment, in charges of associating with the gang.

Neighbors of the "chicken farmer" last night told the SUN RECORD they had suspected the "Osbornes." Expensive out-of-state automobiles were seen frequently at their home. The couple protested frequently of "hard times," but had a high-priced radio and other signs of affluence.

"Mr. Osborne" told a SUN RECORD carrier he had no money to pay for his subscription to the newspaper, but refused to sell inquirers chickens from the flock in his yard. "We don't particularly want to sell them," he remarked.

The suspicions were not reported to county police, who were in ignorance of the G-man swoop on Allandale until informed by the SUN RECORD.



# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

From the Daytona Beach Sun Record, Daytona Beach,  
Florida, September 4, 1935

## G-MEN SEEKING BREMER RANSOM NOTES ON FARM

### Dig Up Yard of Chicken Ranch in Attempt at Recovery

Buried treasure was the object yesterday of a search under way by six men on a quiet chicken farm two miles south of Allendale.

The hunters were G-men. They believed that a large sum of the Bremer ransom money is buried on the premises of the modest rural residence where two kidnaping suspects were arrested early Sunday.

A basis for the government men's belief was uncovered in Daytona Beach when it was learned that "Mr. and Mrs. Osborne"—William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton—occupants of the chicken farm, bought and outfitted their home here with cash.

After swooping down on the "Osbornes" Sunday morning, the federal agents rushed their prisoners to Jacksonville, boarded a plane and whisked them to St. Paul for questioning.

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U. S. Department of Justice

1021 Bankers Building  
Milwaukee Wisconsin

September 11, 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 -  
K I D N A P I N G.

Reference is made to your letter dated September 3, 1935, wherein it is requested that each field office review its file and ascertain the number of photographs of subjects and suspects in the above entitled case which will be needed to conduct further investigation in the respective offices.

Please be advised that the Milwaukee Office desires six copies each of photographs of the following individuals: Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Charles J. Fitzgerald, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, William J. Harrison. It is also requested that two photographs of Doris O'Conner be furnished to this office.

Very truly yours,

V. W. Peterson

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V. W. PETERSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC:Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul

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Postoffice Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

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

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau letter of September 3, 1935,  
a review has been made of the file in this office and it is request-  
ed that this office be furnished with the following additional  
photographs:

- 5 strip pictures including photos of subjects Karpis  
and Campbell.
- 5 strip photos including pictures of subject Moran  
and Charles J. Fitzgerald.
- 25 photos of subject Willie Harrison.
- 10 full length photos of subject Karpis.
- 10 photos, including snapshots, of subject Campbell.
- 10 photos of Clyde Nimerick.

It is noted that there are presently no active leads  
in this district, but the above photographs are desired for possible  
future needs.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc-St. Paul  
Chicago  
Cincinnati

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November 4, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

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

Dear Sir:

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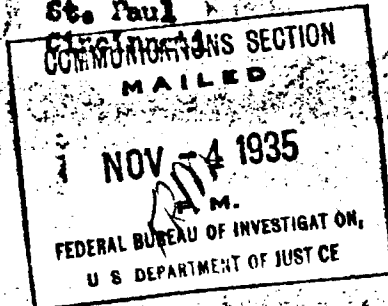
- 5 strip pictures including photographs of  
subjects Karpis and Campbell.
- 5 strip photographs including pictures of  
subject Moran and Charles J. Fitzgerald.
- 25 photographs of subject Willie Harrison.
- 10 full length photographs of subject Karpis.
- 10 photographs, including snapshots, of subject  
Campbell.
- 10 photographs of Clyde Riserick.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #265149

cc-Mr. Connelley at Chicago  
St. Paul



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 11, 1935.

Time - 9:25 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

I telephoned Special Agent in Charge McKean at the Boston Office with reference to press dispatches appearing in the Washington papers to the effect that ALVIN KARPIS was seen yesterday in Belfast, Maine. Mr. McKean said that no information relative to this matter has been reported to the Boston Office, and further, he has seen nothing about it in the papers up there.

I requested Mr. McKean to have a check made at Belfast to ascertain if there is any basis in fact for such a dispatch and to advise the Bureau in the premises as soon as possible.

Mr. McKean assured me he would do this at once.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT: Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE: 9-11-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8-21-35 9-5,10,11-35	REPORT MADE BY: H. D. HARRIS MGR
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218 FUGITIVE et al., EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Record of long distance calls from residence of Attorney John Egan, Dayton, Ohio, indicates one call to Toledo, Ohio, to Adams 1231. Telegram sent by Egan on May 10 to Aurora, Ill. apparently concerned with race horse tip. Reports that Karpis seen in Columbus, Ohio and that Karpis lived near Sidney, Ohio, proved without foundation. 1935 Ohio license KD 882 issued to Karl Pajello, 8813 Empire Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 8-8-35; Teletype from the Boston Office 9-11-35.			
DETAILS: AT CINCINNATI, OHIO A complete record of all telephone calls made from the residence of Attorney John E. Egan, Dayton, Ohio, from March through July, 1935, was received at the Cincinnati Office from A. L. Jones of the Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Dayton, Ohio. Practically all of these calls were to Dayton, Ohio and vicinity. There was one call noted however on July 1, 1935, which was made to Toledo, Ohio, telephone, Adams 1231. This call was made at 5:58 A.M., and lasted seven minutes.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. Connelley</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		RECORDED AND INDEXED 7-576-7357 SEP 13 1935 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION SEP 13 A.M. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ROUTED ONE FILE SEP 14 1935 JACKETED	
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With respect to the record of a telegram sent from Egan's office to Aurora, Ill., on May 10, 1935, which was charged to his office telephone, Special Agent R. H. Klett ascertained from Mr. Emmert, Superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Dayton, Ohio, that they had no record of such a telegram.

Agent Klett then contacted Mr. F. A. Harris, Manager of the Postal Telegraph Cable Company at Dayton, Ohio, who furnished Agent with a copy of a telegram sent by John Egan on May 10 to Aurora, Ill., which reads, as follows:

"Thos McGinty, c/o Leland Aurora Hotel, Aurora, Ill. Can you recommend starter Wire answer Collect. John Egan".

This message was telephoned to the Postal Telegraph Company at Dayton, Ohio, at 7:43 P.M., on May 10 and the message apparently is requesting a tip on a horse.

On August 21, 1935, Lt. Thomas Scully, Assistant Chief of Detectives, Columbus, Ohio, Police Department, telephoned the Cincinnati Office and advised that he had secured some information indicating that Karpis might have been in Columbus.

Lt. Scully was interviewed by Special Agents W. C. Robinson and M. J. Boyd, at which time he advised that one Henry Dohmann whose father, Pete Dohmann operates the Royal Tavern located at 418 E. Main Street, Columbus, Ohio, had advised that a man known as Bill Manners had called to see his father, at which time Manners was accompanied by another man and that his father had told him this man was Karpis.

Lt. Scully advised that Manners is about 50 years of age, is very small in build and that he has served time in Joliet, and Michigan City; further that he has a brother now serving time in the Ohio Penitentiary at Columbus. He also advised that Pete Dohmann formerly lived in Chicago, Ill., and that he has been a bootlegger. He also advised that Pete Dohmann would under no circumstances furnish any information [REDACTED] b7c b7d

Agents Robinson and Boyd interviewed Henry Dohmann, who repeated the information as set out above, advising that about 8-20-35 Bill Manners had visited his father, Pete Dohmann, at which time he was accompanied by a man and a woman. He stated that he had only a glimpse of these people and could furnish practically no description of them, advising that the woman was about 35 years of age,



and very small and that she had dark hair. He advised that after they had talked with his father, these people went to the tourist camp known as Cabintown at 3456 E. Main Street and that his father later told him that the man with Manners was Karpis and also told him that Manners had some "hot" diamonds worth about \$100,000.00 which he had offered to the elder Dohmann at a hot price and that Dohmann had told Manners to return later.

The Agents then interviewed Pat J. Carmedy, Proprietor of Cabintown, who advised that two men and a woman had occupied a cabin there on Monday night, August 19, and had eaten at the Rock Garden Tea Room, 2918 E. Main Street, Columbus. Photographs of various persons connected with this case were shown to Carmedy but he was unable to make any identification. His sister, who was present, was also unable to identify a picture of Karpis.

Walter Marrs, owner of the Rock Garden Tea Room, and the various waitresses at this Tea Room were also contacted and were unable to make any identification.

Henry Dohmann advised that he would immediately contact Lt. Scully of the Columbus Police Department should Manners and his companion return. Dohmann also advised that Manners was driving a 1929 or 1930 model Ford two door Sedan, blue in color with a dent above the rear fender and that this car was carrying Ohio license plates 768 VN. It was ascertained, however, that no plates have been issued with this number.

On September 10, 1935, Deputy United States Marshal Fred Pugh, Dayton, Ohio, advised Special Agent R. H. Klett that a Mrs. Filburn had some information about subject Karpis. Agent Klett interviewed Mrs. Filburn, who advised that a man and woman using the name of Mr. and Mrs. Blane Hulswitt had been living in a summer resort operated by the Filburns at Lake Laramie, near Sidney, Ohio and had stayed there from the latter part of June until the 28th of August. Mrs. Filburn advised that her son, Granville, had apparently become infatuated with the woman travelling as Mrs. Hulswitt and it was her belief that the man known as Blane Hulswitt was subject Karpis. Mrs. Filburn positively identified photograph of subject Karpis as being identical with Hulswitt. She also advised that Hulswitt was using a Plymouth Sedan, carrying Florida license 98-286 and that she had written to the Motor Vehicle Department at Florida and learned that this license was issued to Blane Hulswitt of Tallahassee, Fla.

Agent Klett interviewed the two daughters of Mrs. Filburn, Dorothy Filburn and Mrs. B. J. Heir, who both advised that the individual known as Hulswitt was considerably older than Karpis and not, in the estimation identical with or even resembling Karpis.

Agent Klett then interviewed Granville Filburn, who admitted that he had been intimate with the woman, known as Mrs. Hulswitt and who further advised that Blane Hulswitt was a War Veteran and that he had accompanied Hulswitt to Columbus, Ohio, on a visit to the Veterans' Bureau where Hulswitt went to discuss his compensation and that Hulswitt was approximately 45 years of age. He further stated that the woman known as Mrs. Hulswitt had told him that she was not married to this man, inasmuch as he had been divorced in Florida and could not re-marry and that she wanted to leave Hulswitt and live with him, Granville Filburn. He advised that this woman called him from Dayton, Ohio, on September 6, 1935, and that he went to see her, at which time she told him she had left Hulswitt and was working in Dayton. He claimed that he did not know her present address.

Reference is made to the teletype from the Boston Office on September 11, 1935, advising that Karpis was reported seen with three other men between Belfast and Camden, Maine, in a Cadillac or Lincoln Sedan with Ohio license plates KD 882. It was ascertained telephonically from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio, that Ohio license plates KD 882 were issued on March 2, 1935, to Karl Pajello, 8813 Empire Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, for a 1930 Buick Sedan, Motor number 2605595, serial 2430853 and that there is no record of any transfer or theft report on this automobile. This automobile is covered by Cuyahoga County Bill of Sale, file #2145727.

The above information was transmitted to the Cleveland Office by teletype on September 11, 1935, with the request that the Cleveland Office conduct the necessary investigation concerning the owner of this automobile and the presence of these license plates in Maine.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

THE CLEVELAND OFFICE, at Toledo, O. Will make appropriate investigation with reference to telephone number ADams 1231 to ascertain if this contact of John Egan may have any connection with the Subjects of the instant case.

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September 11, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota,

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1219, ET AL,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau desires that you consult the United States Attorney's Office at St. Paul, Minnesota, concerning the advisability of arranging to have Elmer Farmer and Harold Alderton, presently confined in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, appear and testify before the Grand Jury which is expected to sit on this case on September 16, 1935.

It is suggested that in the event these two persons are willing to testify, a transcript of their testimony be made so they may be subpoenaed as witnesses when this case comes up for trial. By this means, in the event they become reluctant witnesses, it will be possible for the United States Attorney to read in court, to them, their testimony before the Grand Jury, and ask them whether they testified to such facts. If Alderton and Farmer are willing to testify before the Grand Jury, it is felt that if this procedure is followed the case against the defendants, who will soon be tried in St. Paul, will be materially strengthened.

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When Alderton and Farmer were approached and taken to the Chicago Office, they advised Agents that they had seen a person at the hideout house in Bensenville, Illinois, who was known to them as "Heavy". From the photographs displayed to Farmer and Alderton they were unable to identify the photograph of William Weaver, but stated his photograph very strongly resembled the person known to them as "Heavy". It

It is desired that the St. Paul Office immediately arrange to have photographs of William Weaver taken and forwarded to the Kansas City Office and to the Bureau. The Kansas City Office should be requested to immediately interview Alderton and Farmer, displaying said photographs, and determine whether Alderton and Farmer will definitely identify William Weaver. It is felt that this should be done prior to serving Farmer and Alderton with subpoenas to appear before the Grand Jury in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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September 11, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

Dear Sir:

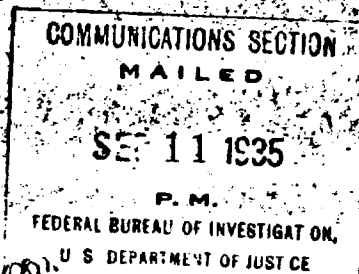
This will confirm the telephonic conversation had by Mr. E. R. McIntire of the Bureau with you on September 6, 1935, at which time Mr. McIntire suggested that the new indictments, which are to be returned in this case against Cassius McDonald, Harry Sawyer, William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton at St. Paul, Minnesota on or about September 16, 1935, be written to cover a sufficiently long period of time so that all of the evidence pertinent to the issues, which has been disclosed by the investigation in this case, can be introduced in the course of the trial.

You were requested by Mr. McIntire to discuss this matter with the United States Attorney at St. Paul, so that the prosecution will not suffer the embarrassment of being unable to introduce certain very material evidence because of specific limitations arising out of the wording of the indictments.

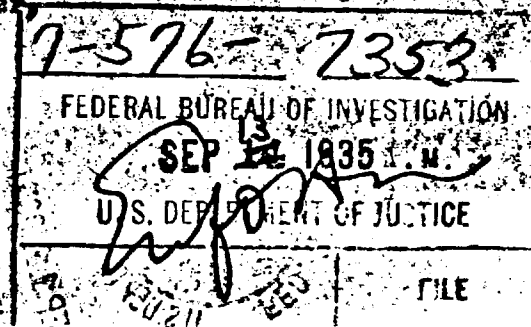
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC - Cincinnati  
E. J. Connelley



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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

September 11th, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith copy of a Bureau letter dated September 6th, 1935, addressed to Mr. J. L. Gordon of the Electric Shoe Repair Shop, Metropolis, Illinois, together with a copy of the letter of Mr. Gordon to the Bureau.

In view of the fact that Metropolis, Illinois, is in the territory covered by the St. Louis Office it is suggested that an Agent from your Office interview him in line with the Bureau letter.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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CLEVELAND, OHIO

September 11, 1935

SAC BOSTON

PHONE BREKID KARL PAJELLO, 8813 EMPIRE AVENUE, CLEVELAND, OHIO OWNER  
OF BUICK SEDAN BEARING 1935 OHIO LICENSE KD-882. PAJELLO BY OCCUPATION  
IS A WRESTLER AND IS SAID TO HAVE WRESTLED IN BOSTON MONDAY UNDER THE  
SPONSORSHIP OF PAUL BROWER, 115 CHAUNCEY STREET, BOSTON. ABOUT A  
WEEK AGO PAJELLO WAS IN CANADA AND IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE LEFT THERE RECENTLY  
TO PARTICIPATE IN A WRESTLING EVENT AT BOSTON. HIS HOME ADDRESS IS  
120 WEST 58th ST. NEW YORK CITY. HE IS DESCRIBED AS 42 YEARS OF AGE,  
HEIGHT 5' 7", WEIGHT 200 LBS., HAIR DARK, EYES DARK. PAJELLO HAS LIVED  
AT CLEVELAND ADDRESS MENTIONED FOR TEN YEARS. NOT KNOWN WHETHER HE HAD  
COMPANIONS IN BOSTON BUT HE IS REPUTED TO BE THE TYPE OF PERSON WHO WILL  
PICK UP PERSONS ON THE ROAD SEEKING A RIDE.

MAC FARLAND

cc - Bureau  
Cincinnati

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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
September 10, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, dated Chicago, Illinois, September 9, 1935, addressed to this office, concerning evidence available against CASSIUS M. McDONALD and the availability of certain witnesses.

In the first paragraph on page 3 of the letter of reference, it is suggested that a copy of the report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, May 23, 1935 be furnished to the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota for his information and use.

In view of the fact that only one copy of the report of Agent McKee is available in this office, it is requested that the Jacksonville office transmit an additional copy in order that both the St. Paul office and the United States Attorney may have a copy of said report.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al

There are no I.O.'s in this file, yet the title of the report contains the names of six fugitives on whom I.O.s have been issued.

Due to the stenographic work it was not believed advisable to take the time to file the I.O.'s in the case files or otherwise. An I.O. cabinet has not yet been received. Within the next week it is expected that the stenographic work will be in a position where the filing of the identification orders can be brought up to date.

Inspection of Atlanta Office,  
August 26, 1935.

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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

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September 11, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 4, 1935 (#62-28539), concerning disposition of three automobiles seized by the Government in connection with the above-styled case.

I have considered the Bureau's instructions regarding disposition of the Buick coupe, motor #2884745, which was recovered at Oklawaha, Florida, and which, as far as we know, was the personal property of Fred Barker, now deceased. You will recall that the estate of this person is presently in the hands of Probate Judge L. E. Futch at Ocala, Florida, and also that all personal effects, et cetera, recovered at the place where this automobile was recovered, are presently in possession of this judge for due administration. It occurs to me that Judge Futch would be more properly entitled to receive this automobile than the Sheriff of Marion County, Florida, for the reason that this automobile, if it is to be relinquished by the Government, is certainly a part of the estate of Fred Barker.

Kindly advise me if the Bureau concurs in this view, or whether it is still the opinion that the car should be surrendered to the Sheriff, providing I can get the Sheriff to assume responsibility for same.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent

cc St. Paul  
Chicago  
Cincinnati  
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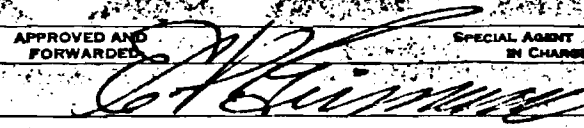
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REPORT MADE AT <b>DENVER, COLORADO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-9-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-17, 19, 22, 25-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. B. SHILEY</b> <span style="float: right;">NK</span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.#1218; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O.#1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O.#1232; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O.#2138; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O.#1239; MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O.#2141; ET AL-- EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Rumor that Karpis and Campbell appeared at Midwest, Wyo., in spring of 1935 apparently originated from party by name of A. W. Westbrook, Midwest, Wyo. Officers at Midwest doubt veracity of any information supplied by him. Ben Gillam, party whom Karpis and one Floyd "Red" Fonda were supposed to have visited according to Westbrook could not identify photograph of Karpis. Rumor that Karpis and Campbell would be in Casper, Wyo., on or about August 17, 1935, also proved groundless. Dan Tubbs' whereabouts unknown, but being ascertained. Jimmy Lovewell, Cody, Wyo., does not know Subjects, nor can he identify photographs of Karpis and Campbell as being parties who were at the home of Oscar Felt in fall of 1934, at Evansville, Wyo. Possible information of value may be obtained by George Stine, C. B. &amp; Q. Ry., Special Agent, Casper, Wyo., from one Matt Goad, an acquaintance of Campbell's.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agent Paul Hansen, Oklahoma City, dated			
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7-8-35; report of Special Agent in Charge E. P. Guinane, Denver, dated 7-28-35; and report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Denver, dated 8-2-35.

DETAILS:

AT CASPER, WYOMING

Agent interviewed Sheriff R. Jack Allen and Undersheriff Bob Owens, who stated that their Deputy Sheriff John Buckmaster, located at Midwest, Wyoming, had received word from Ben Gillam, Midwest, Wyoming, that Karpis and Campbell had been into Midwest in the early part of June, 1935.

AT MIDWEST, WYOMING

Agent immediately checked the above information at Midwest, and accompanied by Deputy Buckmaster, interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gillam, who are considered reliable citizens of Midwest. Gillam holds a responsible position with the Standard Oil Company.

Gillam stated that the above-referred to rumor was circulated by one, A. W. Westbrook, Midwest, Wyoming, who had circulated the story around Midwest and Casper that Karpis and Campbell had been in that vicinity, accompanied by one "Red" Fonda, and that Fonda and Karpis had been visiting the Gillam's on two occasions. The Gillam's advised that they knew Harry Campbell, as he worked in that vicinity some years ago, but that they did not know Karpis. They further stated that they knew Fonda and his description will be set out later in the report.

Before displaying any photographs of persons wanted by the Bureau, Agent secured a description from Mr. and Mrs. Gillam of the man whom Westbrook described as Karpis. They described this unknown party as follows:

Age	30 to 35
Height	5 feet 10 inches
Weight	160 pounds
Build	Heavy set
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Tanned
Dress	Wore brown suit, plaid shirt, narrow-brimmed hat (brown), and cowboy boots.
Remarks	Appeared cool and calm and was not disturbed by outside noises of strangers.

The other party known to the Gillam's as Floyd "Red" Fonda, and who at one

time worked at Midwest, Wyoming, in the oil fields was described by the Gillam's as follows:

Age	44
Height	5 feet 6 inches
Weight	160 pounds
Build	Short and heavy
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Red and bushy
Complexion	Red faced; freckled
Dress	Wore brown suit, plaid shirt, large-brimmed gray Stetson hat.

Various photographs were displayed to the Gillam's and none answered the description of the stranger visiting them. Eventually, after reviewing numerous photographs, they asked which picture was that of Karpis, and the writer pointed out Karpis. They then stated that while the picture resembled the stranger somewhat they did not feel that the stranger was Karpis.

The Gillam's further stated that these two parties were driving a blue 1934 Chevrolet Sedan, with a New Mexico license number unknown thereon. The New Mexico license, they stated, was explained by the fact that Fonda now lives somewhere in New Mexico.

An attempt was made to locate A. W. Westbrook, the originator of the above rumor, but he was not in Midwest on the date Agent was there, and he will be interviewed at a later date.

Agent, however, discussed this matter with Deputy Sheriff John Buckmaster, City Marshal Less Snow, and Special Officer Charlie Davis, all of Midwest, and they stated that they ran the rumor down at the time, and that nothing was ever disclosed to show that Karpis and Campbell had actually ever been in Midwest at that time. These officers further stated that Westbrook seems to get a delight in circulating such stories, and that they, the officers, have checked numerous stories of his in connection with this case, as well as other local cases, and they have always found his information to be "sour". They did state, however, that in all probability Westbrook does know Campbell, as both were in the oil fields a few years back, when Campbell was working in that neighborhood.

#### AT CASPER, WYOMING

Upon Agent's return to Casper it was learned from Undersheriff Bob Owens that while an energetic and well-meaning officer, Deputy Sheriff John Buckmaster, Midwest, Wyoming, had apparently in his excitement erroneously reported the information referred to above, as he, Buckmaster, had previously advised Sheriff Allen and himself, Deputy Owens, that Gillam had stated that Karpis and Campbell

had visited him on two occasions. This was erroneous, as reflected by Agent's interview with Gillam in the presence of Deputy Buckmaster.

Sheriff Allen and Undersheriff Owens, as well as Captain William Miller, Casper Police Department, all of whom have been valuable contacts in instant matter, advised that Westbrook was a braggart, and though he probably knew Campbell personally, they did not believe that he, Westbrook, had seen Campbell for some time, and felt that Westbrook got a "kick" out of circulating these false rumors.

Undersheriff Bob Owens advised that he had heard another rumor to the effect that Karpis and Campbell were to come to Casper about August 17, 1935; that this rumor originated from down on "the Bar", Casper's red-light district; but that nothing ever came of this rumor. According to the information of Deputy Owens, Karpis and Campbell were to occupy the shack in back of the residence owned by one Ammon Wright, at 241 B. Street. This place is located in the red-light district, and at present is occupied by two or three prostitutes. The shack, behind this residence, is occupied at present by two negroes, apparently man and wife. Deputy Owens further advised that Ammon Wright, the owner of this place, is himself an unreliable character, and interviewing him would not be deemed advisable, as he would only warn Karpis and Campbell, should this rumor be true.

Frequent checks by Deputy Owens and the writer in this neighborhood were of no avail, and it is now the Sheriff's Office's opinion that possibly this rumor was instigated by Westbrook.

#### AT ALCOVA, WYOMING

Inquiry at the Alcova Postoffice developed the fact that Dan Tubbs, mentioned in reference reports of Special Agents Gere and Hansen, has been away from Alcova for some time, and that he is now shearing sheep somewhere in Montana or Idaho. The writer was advised that his, Tubbs', whereabouts, may be ascertained through Judge Tubbs, Dan Tubbs' father, who is living at Casper, Wyoming.

Agent did not return to Casper after receiving the above information, and Tubbs will be interviewed at a future date. It may be mentioned here that Undersheriff Owens, Casper, Wyoming, advised that when Deputy Sheriff Bob Newlin, Alcova, went to Evansville, Wyoming, to "flush" Oscar Felt's place, at the time Karpis and Campbell were there, Tubbs is supposed to have tipped Felt off and Karpis and Campbell are supposed to have fled before the arrival of Deputy Newlin. This alleged visit was supposed to have occurred in the fall of 1934, and is discussed elsewhere in the file.

#### AT CODY, WYOMING

Agent contacted Sheriff Frank Blackburn, who stated that the Jimmy Lovewell,



mentioned in the reference report of Special Agent in Charge E. P. Guinane, is a responsible citizen of Cody, and that Lovewell married the daughter of an ex-county assessor, and at present is working for the Texaco Company at Cody.

In company with Sheriff Blackburn, Agent interviewed Lovewell, and he advised, after looking at various photographs, that he did not recognize any of them and when shown specifically the photographs of Karpis and Campbell Lovewell advised that he could not recall having seen either of them at Felt's place at Evansville, Wyoming.

Lovewell advised that he lived at Oscar Felt's in Evansville, Wyoming, about the time that Karpis and Campbell were supposed to be there. This he ascertained when advised of the dates of the supposed visit of the pair at Felt's. Lovewell further stated that he lived with Felt for two weeks, and that during this stay he, Lovewell, had met various strangers, but that he never paid much attention to any of them. Lovewell was closely questioned as to any suspicious actions on the part of Felt or any of his guests, and he, Lovewell, advised that he did not recall any efforts on the part of Felt or his guests which would tend to appear suspicious. He added, however, that he would not "put anything past" Felt, insofar as harboring fugitives was concerned, as Felt appeared to be that type of person.

While at Cody, Wyoming, George Stine, Special Agent, Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad, Casper, Wyoming, stated that one Mat Goad was working for the railroad at the roundhouse at Casper, and that he knew Campbell at Oklahoma some years ago. Stine further stated that he "had something on Goad" in connection with some difficulty with the railroad, and that he, Stine, felt that he could secure valuable information through Goad. Stine advised that he would interview Goad, and then submit the information to the Denver Office. Stine further stated that after he talked with Goad it might be advisable that an Agent interview Goad.

#### AT DENVER, COLORADO

On the evening of August 24, 1935, Frank Ewing, of the Associated Press, made inquiry of this office regarding a report he had received from a member newspaper at Sheridan, Wyoming, to the effect that Alvin Karpis had been seen at Sheridan on that date, and was being pursued by the police.

Special Agent L. M. Chipman telephonically communicated with Mr. John Hendrickson, Chief of Police, Sheridan, who stated that some informants who had been fishing on a stream approximately twelve miles from Sheridan informed him that a man was fishing on this stream who resembled Karpis; and he with other officials went to this location and interviewed this man, who gave his name as Mr. Sam Ross, 863 Monroe Street, Denver, Colorado. Ross was driving a 1934 Buick Sedan, carrying Colorado license No. 1-8809.

Mr. Hendrickson described this individual as being about 30 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches in height, weight 171 pounds, fair complexion, dark hair, green eyes.

The Chief stated that this man did not resemble Karpis in any respect, and that he compared his description and fingerprints with the Identification Order on Karpis, and that he was certain they were not identical, so he did not take Ross into Custody.

Agent ascertained at the Denver Police Department that Colorado license No. 1-8809 was issued to Albert Ross, of 1460 Larimer Street, Denver, on a 1934 Buick Sedan, motor No. 42912215.

The Denver telephone directory discloses that a Sam Ross resides at 863 Monroe Street, Denver. Agent discreetly telephonically communicated with Mrs. Sam Ross, who stated that her husband works for his brother, Albert Ross, as a salesman, and that he is at the present time in Wyoming on business.

In view of the fact that the identity of the suspect was established, no further investigation was made regarding this report.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

THE EL PASO OFFICE: at Santa Fe, New Mexico, is requested to ascertain the address of Floyd "Red" Fonda through the automobile license bureau, with a view toward locating and interviewing him as to the parties accompanying him on his visit to Midwest, Wyoming, in the spring of 1935.

THE DENVER OFFICE: at Midwest, Wyoming, will locate and interview Mr. A. W. Westbrook concerning the rumor, which apparently originated from him, to the effect that Karpis and Campbell were in Midwest in the spring of 1935. He is said to be working for the Sinclair Producing and Refining Company, Station No. 15. At Casper, Wyoming, will keep in touch with the Sheriff and Chief of Police for any material developments, and will ascertain the present whereabouts of Dan Tubbs, through the cooperation of Sheriff R. Jack Allen and Judge Tubbs, who is said to be a resident of Casper. Tubbs will be interviewed along the lines set out in reference report of Agent Hansen. Will interview George Stine, Special Agent, C. B. & Q. Ry., to ascertain whether anything of value was secured in his interview of Mat Goad, and whether an interview by an Agent of this Bureau with Goad would be deemed advisable.

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 Mr. Baughman .....  
 Chief Clerk .....  
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 Mr. Schilder .....  
 Mr. Tamm .....  
 Mr. Tracy .....  
 Miss Gandy .....  
*W. J. [unclear]*  
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DIRECTOR

*Adm. [unclear]*

PHONE BREKID KARL POJELLO STATES HE WITH JIM KENDRICKS, HENRY  
 PIERCE, AND SCHAEFFER, FIRST NAME OF SCHAEFFER NOT KNOWN, LEFT BOSTON  
 YESTERDAY AT 10 A M AND DROVE TO BAR HARBOR MAINE IN POJELLO, S  
 BLACK BUICK SEDAN BEARING 1935 OHIO PLATES KD-882. ARRIVED AT BAR  
 HARBOR ABOUT 7 P M SAME DAY. ALL FOUR ARE WRESTLERS AND MADE TRIP  
 FOR PURPOSE OF TAKING PART IN BOUTS AT BAR HARBOR LAST NIGHT. ALL  
 DROVE BACK IN SAME CAR LAST NIGHT AND ARRIVED BOSTON ABOUT 8.39  
 THIS MORNING. NO ONE PICKED UP ON WAY TO OR FROM BAR HARBOR. EACH  
 MAN WEIGHS 200 OR MORE AND EACH SIX FEET OR MORE IN HEIGHT. HENRY  
 PIERCE FULLY SUBSTANTIATES POJELLO'S STORY. PHOTO OF KARPIS SHOWN  
 TO BOTH MEN AND BOTH STATE THEY NEVER SAW HIM. GUY CARVER INTER-  
 VIEWED AT LINCOLNVILLE, MAINE, BUT IN VIEW OF ABOVE, HIS INFORMATION  
 IS OF NO VALUE. MAINE STATE POLICE ADVISE CARVER IS VERY UNRELIABLE.

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DR. CF. NY B

Seattle, Sept. 9/35

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Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Will you please send me, at your earliest  
convenience, a poster on Alvin Karpis. Kindly  
forward via air mail.

JKK/JE

3419-17th Avenue, So.  
Seattle, Wash.

*J. K. Emerson*

P.S.

*As I think I can furnish the Dept. with  
information regarding him.*

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September 14, 1935

AIR MAIL

Mr. J. K. Kenneson,  
5419 17th Avenue, South,  
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

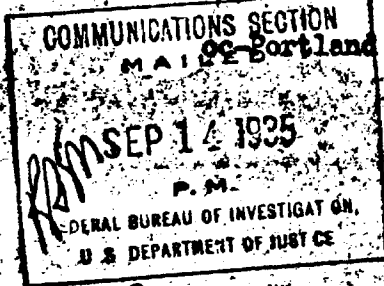
Referring to your letter of September 9, 1935, I am forwarding to you herewith one Identification Order No. 1218, which was issued by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on ALVIN KARPIS.

Please be informed that the information contained in your letter is being directed to the attention of Mr. C. C. Speers, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 411 U. S. Court House, Portland, Oregon. It is anticipated that he will arrange to have an Agent interview you in the very near future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure No. 585265



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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Laboratory Report

September 11, 1935.

Case: Alvin Karpis, with aliases;  
I. O. #1818, Fugitive - et al.;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Number: 7-576-7234

Specimens:

See Attached Page.

Examination requested by: Jacksonville Bureau Office.

Date received: 9/6/35.

Examination requested: Ballistic.

Result of examination:

Examination by: D. J. Parsons

Test cartridges have been fired in all of the above firearms listed as Specimens 7-576-7234 A, E, F, G, I, K, and L, and the bullets and shells compared with all specimens of the respective types contained in the laboratory's file, but no identification has been made.

The test specimens from these guns will be filed in the laboratory for future comparisons.

All of the above guns and equipment including Specimens A through G will be retained in the laboratory.

- 1 - Bureau
- 2 - Jacksonville
- 1 - Cincinnati
- 1 - St. Paul
- 1 - Chicago
- 1 - Laboratory

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Specimens:

- 7-376-7234 A. One 12 gauge Remington Automatic Shotgun, with recoil pad, serial #261109.  
" B. One 26 inch barrel, for above gun, serial #261109.  
" C. One 31 inch barrel, for above gun, serial #261109.  
" D. One leather carrying case for above gun, containing cleaning rods. On the cover of this case appears the following names printed in ink: "T. J. Weizky, Daytona Beach, Florida, Gene Johnson".  
" E. One 410 gauge Winchester Pump Shotgun, model 42, serial #3439.  
" F. One 380 Automatic Colt Pistol, serial #113038.  
" G. One 380 Automatic Colt Pistol, serial #112352.  
" H. Four clips for Automatic Pistol, 380.  
" I. One .22 caliber Colt Automatic Pistol "The Woodman", serial #85506.  
" J. One clip for above revolver.  
" K. One .45 caliber Colt Revolver, serial #104 773, on butt of handle "U. S. Army Model 1917".  
" L. One .45 caliber Colt Automatic Pistol, serial #345132.  
" M. Six clips for above pistol - regular length.  
" N. One multi-shot clip for above pistol.  
" O. One tan brief case.  
" P. One black-jack.  
" Q. One key.

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September 12, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report  
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office  
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in  
the Bureau September 8, 1935.

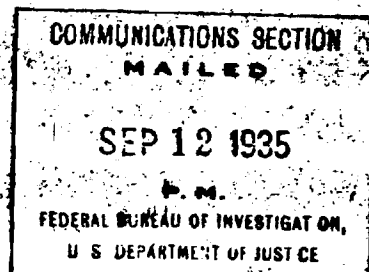
Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure: #877020.

cc - Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Chicago



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Mr. Nathan .....  
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 Mr. Quinn .....  
 Mr. Schilder .....  
 Mr. Gandy .....

DIRECTOR

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PHONE BREKID REFERENCE TELEPHONE CALL HAD WITH MR. TAMM THIS MORNING ADVISING OF THE ARREST AT 3 AM TODAY BATH, MAINE, OF AN INTOXICATED MAN IN A PLYMOUTH COUPE WITH NEW YORK PLATES WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS EDWARD L. KENNEDY, 6551 77TH STREET, MIDDLE VILLAGE, NEW YORK AND WHO WAS AND WHO WAS THOUGHT TO BE KARPIS. NEW YORK OFFICE VERIFIED BY TELETYPE KENNEDY'S ADDRESS AND NEW YORK LICENSE PLATES IN QUESTION. AGENT KEEFE INTERVIEWED KENNEDY THIS AFTERNOON AT WISCASSET WHERE HE WAS TAKEN ON A CHARGE OF DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED. KENNEDY AGED 47, FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES TALL, 150 LBS. HAIR DARK TURNING GRAY. ADVISED EMPLOYED AS CLERK IN DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS, CITY OF NEW YORK. THAT HE HAS BEEN RESIDING IN THE VICINITY OF BOOTHBAY HARBOR SINCE LAST JUNE IN EFFORT TO RECOVER HIS HEALTH. CLAIMS MET TWO MEN YESTERDAY BOOTHBAY HARBOR, THAT ALL THREE BEGAN DRINKING AND THAT HIS CAR WAS WRECKED WHILE BEING DRIVEN BY ONE OF HIS COMPANIONS. KENNEDY POSITIVELY NOT KARPIS. UPON BEING SHOWN KARPIS PICTURE ADVISED THAT NEITHER OF HIS COMPANIONS WAS KARPIS. AGENT KEEFE PROCEEDING LINCOLNVILLE, MAINE, FOR PURPOSE INTERVIEWING GUY CARVER WHO REPORTED HAVING SEEN FOUR MEN BETWEEN THE HOURS OF THREE AND FOUR PM YESTERDAY IN A BLACK LINCOLN OR CADILLAC SEDAN BEARING OHIO PLATES KD- 882 PROCEEDING CAMDEN TOWARDS BELFAST, MAINE, ONE OF WHOM BELIEVED RESEMBLED KARPIS. A SEARCH OF THE HIGHWAYS IN THE VICINITY OF CAMDEN AND BELFAST, MAINE, BY STATE POLICE FAILED LOCATE CAR IN QUESTION. CLEVELAND OFFICE ADVISES OHIO PLATES IN QUESTION ISSUED TO CARL PAJELLO, A PROFESSIONAL WRESTLER FOR A BUICK SEDAN. PAJELLO

*Edward G. Bremer*  
*about Karpis*

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 11, 1935.

Time - 10:32 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
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Mr. Schuler .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

Special Agent in Charge C. D. McKean of the Boston Office telephoned me with reference to my previous call to him concerning press dispatches appearing in the Washington papers indicating the presence of ALVIN KARPIS in the vicinity of Belfast, Maine. He said that in connection with his inquiry into this matter, he contacted the Maine State Police at Thomaston, Maine, where he was advised that about 4:00 P.M., yesterday, September 10, 1935, one Carver, attached to the Alcohol Tax Unit of the Treasury Department at Lincolnville, Maine, reported to the High Sheriff that between three and four o'clock P.M., he saw a black Lincoln or Cadillac Sedan, bearing Ohio license plates KD-882, proceeding from Camden toward Belfast, Maine. This automobile contained four men, one of whom was believed by Carver to resemble Karpis. The High Sheriff, in turn, reported this matter to the Thomaston Barracks of the Maine State Police, who took appropriate steps to have the highways covered and guarded; however, no such automobile has been found as yet.

Mr. McKean advised that he then contacted one of the lieutenants at the Thomaston Barracks, who advised that he had nothing further to add to this matter, with the exception of the fact that about four A.M., this morning, one of the officers, Thompson, at the Bath, Maine, Barracks, arrested at Bath an intoxicated man who was driving a Plymouth Coupe bearing New York license plates. The State Police have communicated with New York relative to these license plates, but as yet have not received a reply. In this connection, Mr. McKean advised that he contacted Officer Thompson at Bath, Maine, who advised that he was holding on charges of driving while drunk a man who gave his name as Edward L. Kennedy, 6551 - 77th Street, Middle Village, New York. The car in which Kennedy was driving is a Plymouth Coupe, 1934 Model, New York license plates N-4884. Thompson advises that the age and weight of Kennedy do not agree at all with Karpis. However, he is fingerprinting Kennedy and will send the prints to his headquarters at the Thomaston Barracks.

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Mr. McKean said that he will dispatch at once a telegram to the proper Ohio office to check the license plates reported as being on the automobile mentioned in the first paragraph of this memorandum.

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In addition to the above, Mr. McKean advised that there had just been brought to him an evening paper published in Boston which reports Karpis as being in Boston. The article says that Karpis was reported as being seen leaving the Back Bay Station in Boston last evening. The local police, it is reported, placed searching automobiles and parties in that vicinity, but no arrests have been made.

In connection with the other matter, Mr. McKean said that he is sending one of his Agents from Portland to Bath, Maine, to conduct an inquiry relative to this matter. I instructed him to give this matter vigorous attention, and exhaust all possible leads.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm  
E. A. TAMM. *ET*



**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**Division of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1583

Butte, Montana, September 10, 1935

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

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

Dear Sir:

Replying to Bureau letter of September 3, 1935,  
please be advised that no additional photographs to those  
already in the possession of this office are necessary in  
conducting further investigation in this case.

Very truly yours,

*D. H. Dickason*  
D. H. DICKASON  
Special Agent in Charge

DEH/TM

cc St. Paul  
Chicago  
Cincinnati

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DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID. IN CONVERSATION INFORMANT LAST NIGHT, ARRANGED FOR HIM TO GO MONDAY FOR CONTACT. AGENTS MC KEE AND C E SMITH AT TOLEDO TO CHECK EDITH/BARRY AND DETROIT REQUESTED TO HAVE AGENTS MUZZEY AND ~~CR~~ FORTENBERRY REPORT TOLEDO TODAY TO ASSIST AND CHECK PENDING CONTACT BY INFORMANT. PROVIDED MATTER GOES THROUGH ALL RIGHT WILL HAVE AGENTS SULLIVAN, CASSIDY, JONES, ARMS, DEVEREUX, AUSTIN MADALA, BOWN AND MYSELF AVAILABLE AT CHICAGO. ARRANGED WITH INDIANAPOLIS TO HAVE AGENT WYNN CHICAGO SUNDAY TO BE AVAILABLE. AGENTS BRYCE AND CRISS CHICAGO AND BARBER AND WALSH MILWAUKEE I PLANNED ON USING ARE NOT AVAILABLE NOW BUT MR BAUGHMAN IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION SAYS HE EXPECTS TO FINISH FRIDAY NIGHT BUT IS SURE THEY WILL COMPLETE MONDAY NIGHT 9-16-35. IF LATTER IS SITUATION I CAN HAVE THESE FOUR AGENTS, IF NOT AVAILABLE TO REPORT CHICAGO SUNDAY, REPORT DIRECT TO ME AT TOLEDO MONDAY NIGHT. THIS WILL MAKE AVAILABLE EIGHTEEN MEN ALL OF WHOM WILL BE NECESSARY AS THERE WILL BE AT LEAST TWO SUBJECTS WHO MAY BE ACCOMPANIED BY OTHERS.

*Edw and P. Bremer*

*RR*

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

September 12, 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; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with  
aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON, et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim - KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS Act.

With reference to Bureau letter of September 3, 1935 as to the  
number of photographs of subjects and suspects in this case required for  
further investigative action, it is requested that we be furnished with  
six copies for the Chicago office of pictures of the following:

Wynona Burdett  
Harry Campbell  
Fred Goetz  
William J. Harrison  
Alvin Karpis  
William Weaver

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Very truly yours,

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

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

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CC Cincinnati  
St. Paul

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*Photo sent  
10/21/35 E.R.M.*

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October 30, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

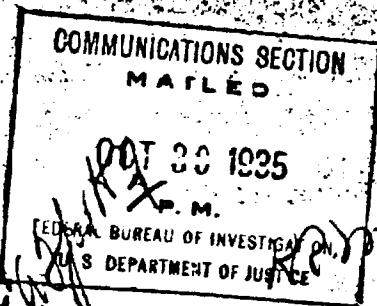
In compliance with your request of recent date,  
I am transmitting herewith, photographs of the following  
individuals:

Six photographs each of Wynona Burdett, Harry  
Campbell, Fred Goetz, William J. Harrison, Alvin Karpis  
and William Weaver.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #283258



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
1331 First National Bank Building,  
El Paso, Texas.

September 11, 1935.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases.  
Fugitive I.O.1218 et al.

Dear Sir:

Referring to Bureau form letter dated September 3, 1935,  
concerning photos of subjects and suspects, please be advised that this  
office has no photos of the following persons who are at present carried  
as subjects in the case:

Mathew Gleason, with aliases.  
Joseph H. Adams, with aliases.  
Duke Randall, with aliases.  
Nathaniel H. Heller, with aliases.  
Cassius M. McDonald, with aliases.

However it appears that none of the foregoing are listed as  
fugitives.

We have photos of Karpis, Campbell, Moran, and William J.  
Harrison.

If there are any other fugitive subjects or suspects in the  
case whose apprehension is desired, kindly furnish 6 photos of each.

Very truly yours,

*RH Colvin*

R. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Chicago  
cc-Cincinnati

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

503a U.S. Courthouse & P.O. Bldg.  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
September 10, 1935

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue & 9th Street, N.W.,  
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:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated  
September 3, 1935, requesting that the Salt Lake City Bureau  
office review its file and ascertain the number of photo-  
graphs of subjects and suspects in the above entitled case  
which may be needed to conduct further investigation.

The Salt Lake City Bureau office file in this  
case has been accordingly reviewed and it appears there are  
sufficient photographs on file for use in conducting further  
investigation in this case.

Very truly yours,

*Louis D. Wine*

LOUIS D. WINE,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO. **7-33**

REPORT MADE AT <b>San Francisco, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/9/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/30/35 8/3,4,5,35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. R. RAMSEY, Jr. - MF</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, HARRY CAMPBELL WITH aliases, I.O. 1236, Et Al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>1935 California license 6-K-4003 issued 6/5/35 to J. F. Stratton, St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, for 1934 Pierce Arrow Club Sedan, Motor No. 400150. Transferred 7/9/35 to S. Constantine and copy of white certificate issued 8/27/35, mailed to Brevoort Hotel, New York City, N.Y.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>P.</b></p>			
<p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>Report Special Agent W. J. McNulty, New York City, N.Y., August 23, 1935; report Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin, Salt Lake City, Utah, August 27, 1935.</p>			
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>At San Francisco, California.</u></p> <p>An exchange of communications with Miss Ruth Assalena, representative of the National Automobile Theft Bureau located at the California State Division of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, developed that 1935 California license 6-K-4003 was issued on June 5, 1935, to one J. F. Stratton, St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, on a 1934 Pierce Arrow Club Sedan, Motor No. 400150, serial No. 3110088,</p>			
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the legal owner being listed as the C.I.T. Corporation and Arthur Lindburg, Company, 525 Market Street, San Francisco.

The records reflect that this car was sold to one S. Constantine, Hotel Lorenz, Redding, California, who secured the transfer on July 9, 1935, with the legal owner being listed as the Boas Finance Company, 1201 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco.

The records further reflect that a copy of the white certificate of title for this car was issued on August 27, 1935, and that this copy was mailed to address Bravoort Hotel, 8th St. and 5th Ave., New York City.

It would appear from the information furnished in the reference report of Special Agent W. T. McNulty, the party to whom this car was transferred is the wife or daughter of J. F. Stratton.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD.

The NEW YORK CITY OFFICE at New York City will conduct the investigation requested in the reference report of Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin, interviewing J. F. Stratton.

PENDING.



# Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812

Chicago Illinois

September 12, 1935

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated August 30, 1935,  
Bureau file No. 7-576.

With regard to the credit balance in the sum of \$234.75  
for William Elmer Meade under the name of C.C. Chase at the Ford Motor  
Sales Company, 2220 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, please be  
advised that arrangements were made with the management of this  
sales agency, which apparently is legitimate, whereby this office  
would be immediately notified should Meade either attempt to purchase  
a new car at this sales agency or attempt to have the credit balance  
transferred to any other Ford agency in the United States. The  
management has notified each of the departments with which Chase  
may have negotiations, especially salesman L.H. Hart, with whom Meade  
has had business dealings for the past 6 or 7 years, to notify him  
immediately should any inquiry be made concerning the above credit  
balance being held in the name of C.C. Chase.

Catherine Meade is still residing at 1533 Fargo Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois, in an apartment house located at the above address.  
This apartment house is owned by Catherine Meade. Discreet inquiry  
in the neighborhood resulted in information that William Elmer Meade  
has not been seen in the vicinity for more than two years, however,  
arrangements have been made whereby this apartment house can be kept  
under surveillance. Inasmuch as William Elmer Meade is reported to  
have been arrested by the post office inspectors as he was leaving  
the above address in the fall of 1933, it is deemed unlikely that he  
will personally visit this address again. However, it is possible  
that Catherine Meade may meet him away from their home. For this

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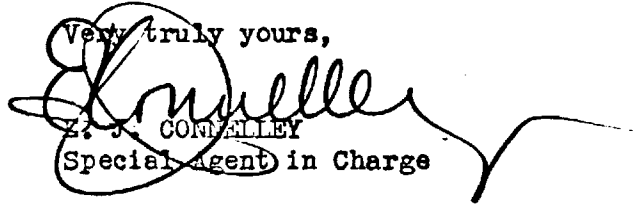
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reason Catherine Meade will be kept under surveillance at various times, and an effort will be made to follow her, and ascertain whether she is meeting her husband William Elmer Meade.

Very truly yours,

  
E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

DPS:FB

cc St. Paul  
Cincinnati

REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE: 9-7-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9-4-35	REPORT MADE BY: W.K. Bowling
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Thomas C. Williams #11524, U. S. Penitentiary, Mc Neil Island, Washington, advises subject Alvin Karpis came to his hospital at Vallejo, California, during February 1933, and had his tonsils removed; remained either two or three days, has not seen or heard from him since. Met Mrs. Barker, mother of Barker Brothers, at the races at Lake Tahoe, Nevada, during spring of 1933; later saw her in San Francisco, California. Never heard of Ed Bentz or his gang, and claims has no information as to the Barker-Karpis gang, or any other gangs.

REFERENCE: Bureau letter August 6, 1935.

## DETAILS:

At McNeil Island, Washington.

Thomas C. Williams, #11524, inmate U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, who has been confined to the hospital at above institution since his incarceration upon interview advised that during February 1933, subject Alvin Karpis came to his hospital at Vallejo, California and had his tonsils removed and remained either two or three days. That at the time he had never heard of Alvin Karpis before and did not know who sent him to his hospital; that he had not seen or heard from him since. States he never knew the Barker Brothers, and

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if they were ever at his hospital he was not aware of the fact.

Mr. Williams further advised that during the spring of 1933, the exact date and month he does not recall, he met Mrs. Barker, mother of the Barker Brothers, at the races at Lake Tahoe, Nevada, and was only with her during the afternoon. He states that he does not recall who introduced him to her or just who else was present; that at the time he did not connect her as being the mother of the Barker Boys, but afterwards learned of this fact; that sometime after meeting Mrs. Barker at Lake Tahoe, Nevada, possibly in the early spring of 1933, he was walking down the street in San Francisco, California, and Mrs. Barker came up and spoke to him but he only talked with her a few minutes and as he now recalls she stated to him that she was in San Francisco having her eyes treated. She was alone, did not say where she was stopping, and he has not seen or heard from her since, except reading an account of she and her son, who he never knew, being killed.

Mr. Williams also stated that he never knew or heard of Ed Bentz and his gang; that he had no information except what he has already given the Bureau as to the Barker-Karpis gang or any other gangs.

For the information of the interested offices, Thomas C. Williams is in a very weak and run down condition, and owing to his advanced age, it's very doubtful if he will live more than a short time.

The office of origin is requested to designate any leads that may be suggested by the above interview.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

Cleveland FILE NO. 7-1

REPORT MADE AT <b>Cleveland, Ohio</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/12/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/11/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. P. MacFARLAND JPM/EJB</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:  <div style="float: right; width: 60%;"> <p>Carl Pajello, 8813 Empire Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, wrestler by occupation, is the owner of Buick sedan bearing 1935 Ohio license tag #KD 882. Pajello in Montreal recently and was to have participated in wrestling event at Boston on Monday, 9/9/35.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> </div>			
REFERENCE:  <div style="float: right; width: 60%;"> <p>Teletype from Cincinnati office dated 9/11/35; teletype from Cleveland to Boston office dated 9/11/35.</p> </div>			
DETAILS:  <div style="float: right; width: 60%;"> <p><u>AT CLEVELAND, OHIO</u></p> <p>Mr. John S. Jarus, 8813 Empire Avenue, was interviewed by Agent and he advised that Carl Pajello has resided at the said address with him for approximately ten years. He stated that Pajello by occupation is a wrestler and is travelling in the east. He related that about two or three weeks ago, and possibly within the past seven days, Pajello was in Montreal, Canada on a vacation and that on Monday, September 9, 1935 he was to participate in a wrestling match at Boston, Massachusetts. According to Mr. Jarus, Pajello wrestles under his own name, Carl Pajello. Mr. Jarus further advised that Pajello's home address is 120 West 58th Street, New York City, New York.</p> </div>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>J. P. MacFarland</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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The person under whose management Pajello is wrestling is Mr. Paul Brower, 115 Chauncey Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Mr. Jarus stated that Pajello is the type of person who would pick a person up on the road, who was seeking a ride, and that it made no difference to Pajello how the person looked or how he was dressed.

When questioned as to whether Pajello had companions in Boston, Mr. Jarus could not enlighten the writer.

Mr. Jarus described Pajello as follows:

Age	-	42 years
Weight	-	200 pounds
Height	-	5'7"
Hair	-	Dark
Eyes	-	Dark
Occupation	-	Wrestler

Owner of 1929 Buick sedan.

At the license bureau it was determined that 1935 Ohio tag #KD 882 was issued to Carl Pajello. An effort to trace the bill of sale covering the Buick sedan for which the said license tags were issued was of no avail. Cuyahoga County bill of sale #2145727 covers a Ford DeLuxe, four-door sedan, motor #1563056, which is the property of E. H. Painter, Inc., automobile dealers, 13805 Euclid Avenue. Title to this car, however, appears to be in the name of Thomas F. Brick of the same address. It was mentioned at the office of the Clerk of Cuyahoga County that possibly the bill of sale covering the car of Mr. Pajello might have been registered in one of the outlying districts of the county.

The investigation would seem to establish the fact that the owner of Ohio tag #KD 882, to-wit, Carl Pajello was in New England last week and is presumably there at the present time.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:  
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PHONE. BREKID. NO SUCH LICENSE AS 176-933 ISSUED IN NEW JERSEY.

REGISTRATION LICENSES CONTINUED TO FIVE NUMBERS ALL OF WHICH HAVE

A LETTER PREFIX. NO DRIVERS LICENSE ISSUED TO DATE AS HIGH AS

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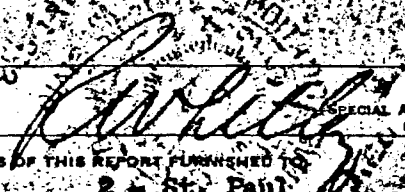
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-120

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>9/12/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>9/3, 6/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>W. J. McNULTY</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al; Edward George Bremer, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING &amp; OBSTRU- TION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE- ARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Communication received by Postmaster, Brooklyn, New York, from Edward F. A. Koeberline, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to the effect that the latter had seen Karpis at 43 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York. Investigation at latter location and vicinity did not reflect any definite information that Karpis had been in that vicinity. Investigation at 118 East 22nd Street, NYC, proved suspect to be Charles Haskell Smith of Oklahoma City.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
DETAILS: <p>Under date of September 3, 1935, this office was in receipt of a telephone call from Francis J. Sinnott, Postmaster, Brooklyn, New York, who advised that he was in receipt of a letter from a party who signed his name as Edward F. A. Koeberline, 214 Grant Avenue, Millvale Boro, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Sinnott stated that Koeberline stated in this letter that he had seen Alvin Karpis on Fulton Street in Brooklyn during the past several days and had followed him on said street to No. 43, which is the Lenox House.</p> <p>Immediately after the receipt of the aforesaid telephone message, this agent contacted Postmaster Francis J. Sinnott and he in turn turned the letter received from Koeberline over to agent. This letter is being quoted, as follows:</p>			
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Brooklyn, N.Y.  
Sept. 3, 1935

Dear Sir

Mr. Francis Sinnott  
Post Master, Brooklyn, N.Y.

As you are working for the Government, I thought it would be best to let you handle this case.

As I want my name and address shielded from newspapers, I do not wish to take any chance on dealing with the police. Here is a man I recognized on Fulton Street, Brooklyn, and I follow him to 43 Fulton Street, Lenox house, Brooklyn, N.Y.

As I watch him standing on the outside of the Lenox House, 43 Fulton St. the last two days Alvin Karpis wanted in Minneapolis for KIDNAPING. Please hand this letter to the Chief of police.

Oblige  
Edw. F. A. Koeberline  
214 Grant Ave.  
Millvale Boro  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

The original of this letter and the original envelope in which it was mailed are being placed in the New York file in this case. The envelope is a plain white one and is addressed to Mr. Francis Sinnott, Post Master, Washington Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. It is postmarked Brooklyn, N. Y., September 3, 1935, 9:30 A.M. Mr. Sinnott stated that he was not acquainted with the writer of instant letter.

The Lenox (lodging) House, for men only, 43 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York, is located near the waterfront and under the entrance to the Brooklyn Bridge, Brooklyn side, and is owned and operated by H. M. Lyons & Company, 92 Bowery, New York City. The Lyons Company, which bears a good reputation, operates 13 lodging houses located on the Bowery, New York City, and 7 in Brooklyn, 3 of which, the Brooklyn, Henry and Concord, are located in the immediate vicinity of the Lenox House.

Discreet investigation through interview with the postal carrier covering the lower end of Fulton Street, also with an investigator of the Emergency Relief Bureau, having revealed that the clerks in charge of the Lenox House were individuals who could be trusted, agent interviewed B. J. Chudaack, day clerk at the Lenox House. Mr. Chudaack informed agent that the Lenox House has 338 rooms, all of which are rented every night as well as during the day, the rates being 25¢ and 30¢ per day, that practically all of the lodgers

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are unemployed, 75% being referred to the Lenox House by the Emergency Relief Bureau, 262 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York, who reimburse the Lenox House for the room rent.

In the course of the aforesaid conversation with Mr. Chudack, a photograph of Alvin Karpis was displayed to him, and after carefully examining same, he, Chudack, advised that he had seen an individual resembling Karpis, although it might be possible that his recollection of the photograph was based upon his having previously seen a reproduction of same in a newspaper. Mr. Chudack stated that he would refresh his memory as to how he arrived at the conclusion that he had met an individual resembling Karpis, and arrangements were made for agent to contact him in the near future. Several copies of I.O.#1218 were left with Mr. Chudack, he having evidenced a keen desire to cooperate with the Government.

L. J. DuBartell, Special Investigator in charge of unattached and transient division, Emergency Relief Bureau, 290 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York, informed agent that he was in charge of all persons on relief who resided outside of New York State and in New York State but outside the city limits; that these individuals are assigned to the various lodging houses located on Fulton Street, the individuals receiving meal tickets for their meals on restaurants located in that locality. He stated that the assigning of these men came directly under his supervision and lodgers, after being originally assigned to a lodging house, have to report to him every two weeks while on relief. Mr. DuBartell did not recognize the photograph of Alvin Karpis as anyone he had come in contact with. He stated, however, that from now on he would pay more attention to the individuals whom he assigns to the lodging houses on Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York, and should any lodger resemble the description of Karpis, he would immediately get in touch with the New York office. Several copies of I.O. #1218 were left with Mr. DuBartell at his request.

Based on information received at this office at 2 A.M. on August 30, 1935, from the New York City Police Department, to the effect that Alvin Karpis had been identified as a resident of the apartment house at 118 East 22nd Street, New York City, Agents Tollett, Binns and Dayley of this office made appropriate investigation at the latter address and learned that the suspected individual was Charles Haskell Smith of Oklahoma City, who is residing with R. R. Stone of Amarillo, Texas. Neither of these persons resembled Karpis or Harry Campbell. A teletype summary of the aforesaid investigation was forwarded to the Bureau on August 30, 1935.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

PITTSBURGH OFFICE will contact Edward F. A. Koeberline, 214 Grant Avenue, Millvale Boro, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, regarding the letter he wrote to the Postmaster at Brooklyn, New York, regarding seeing Karpis, as it might be possible through interview that he may be able to furnish additional facts surrounding the individual he saw in Brooklyn, New York, whom he thought was Karpis.

NEW YORK OFFICE will keep in touch with B. J. Chudaack, clerk, Lenox House, 43 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York, and L. J. DuBartell, Special Investigator, Emergency Relief Bureau, 290 Fulton Street, both of Brooklyn, New York, as to whether they have any further information pertaining to Karpis.

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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 Trenton, N.J.	DATE WHEN MADE 9-13-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-9-35	REPORT MADE BY J. E. CLEGG
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, w.a., I.O. 1218, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.a., I.O. 1232, FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, w.a., I.O. 1236, FUGITIVE; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, w.a., I.O. 1239, FUGITIVE; WILLIAM WEAVER, w.a.; MYRTLE EATON, w.a.; Edward George Bremer, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  No dog tracks being operated in Atlantic City, New Jersey, or Long Branch, New Jersey, at present, nor have they been operated at any time this year.  - P -			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent G. V. Doherty, Buffalo, New York, August 29, 1935.			
DETAILS: AT ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY			
Agent interviewed Captain Harry Yates, Police Department, who advised that the dog track in Atlantic City has not been in operation at any time this year and that to his personal knowledge no dog tracks have been in operation in the State of New Jersey this year. This information was verified by local inquiry.			
AT LONG BRANCH, NEW JERSEY			
On August 3, 1935, Agent had occasion to make inquiry at Long Branch, New Jersey, concerning the dog track there, and it was ascertained that the dog track has not been in operation this year. This information was obtained from Fred Wardell, Chief of Police, and local inquiry.			
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: Alvin Karpis.

In a telephonic conversation with Mr. Rex Collier he advised that in connection with the Associated Press report that a man who resembled Karpis was in custody at Bath, Maine, a bulletin had been received to the effect that the State Highway Police announced the man in custody had been identified as Edward L. Kennedy of Middle Village, New York.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

*Handwritten initials: R. L. H.*

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September 12, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,

Attention: Mr. Glavin.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
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Edward George Bremer, Victim -  
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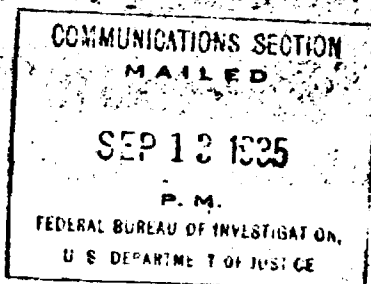
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the details of this report, so that they will have a  
complete understanding of the background of this case.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



September 12, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

+ ALL Field Offices

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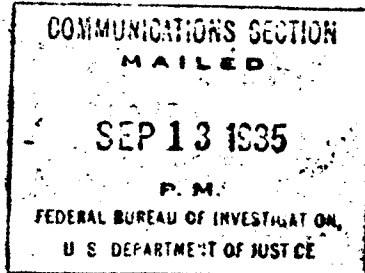
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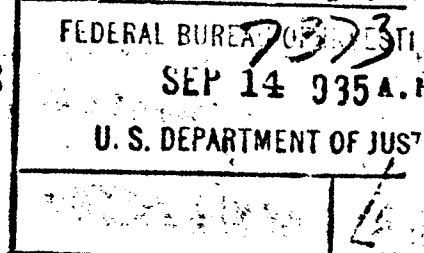
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September 6, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

In compliance with the request of Mr. McIntyre, I am transmitting herewith two copies of photograph as appearing in the files of the Identification Division of William Joseph O'Keefe, our file #FBI-47413.

Respectfully,

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

*Adv. 93 Bureau*

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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
September 14, 1935

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

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Dear Sir:

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

In view of the fact that Volney Davis has furnished considerable information to the Bureau since his incarceration in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, the thought has occurred to me that he may be willing to testify for the Government during the trial of this case in November 1935. A review of the information furnished by him indicates that he could probably testify to various statements made by different defendants in this case during the existence of the conspiracy which would be material in proving the guilt of Harry Sawyer.

The Bureau is requested to consider this matter and take such action as it deems appropriate.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

2cc KC  
cc C. J. Connelley  
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- E.J. Connelley, Chicago

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September 19, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

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

The Bureau is in receipt of a letter from the St. Paul Office, dated September 14, 1935, suggesting that, in view of the fact that Volney Davis has furnished a considerable amount of valuable information to representatives of this Bureau since his incarceration in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, he may be persuaded to testify in behalf of the Government in those trials which are to take place in St. Paul during November, 1935. It is felt that Davis might be able to furnish information as to the guilt of Harry Sawyer.

The Kansas City Office is, therefore, instructed to promptly interview Volney Davis and to determine whether he will be willing to testify in behalf of the Government. In the event Davis proves a willing witness, the St. Paul Office should be immediately advised, so that proper arrangements may be made for further interviewing him and for his removal to St. Paul at the time of trial. Should Davis be willing to testify, the St. Paul Office will then be guided by the suggestions of the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Mr. Connelley at Chicago

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September 14, 1935

Director,  
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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  
St. Paul File No. 7-30

Mr. Charles R. Hoy, Assistant Probation Officer, Ramsey County, St. Paul, Minnesota, called at this office this morning requesting information as to the present whereabouts of the child who was residing with William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton when they were apprehended in Florida.

As the Bureau knows, Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley brought this child with the two fugitives to St. Paul by airplane shortly after their apprehension, and the baby, Bobby, was turned over to a friend of Myrtle Eaton's named Johnson under instructions of Mr. Connelley. It is my understanding that Bobby is now residing with E. L. Johnson at 1603 West Seventh Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. Hoy exhibited to me a letter signed by Agnes G. Colee, County Probation Officer, De Land, Florida, dated September 11, 1935, addressed to Chief Probation Officer, St. Paul, Minnesota, with reference to the child. Copy of this communication is being forwarded to the Bureau and the Chicago office for the attention of Mr. Connelley. It will be noted therein that the baby was never legally adopted by William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, and that at the present time the mother of the child, Mrs. W. Joseph Gelhaus, resides on Euclid Avenue, Keansburg, New Jersey.

Mr. Hoy desires information regarding the present whereabouts of the baby in order that the Ramsey County Court may cooperate with the authorities. With that in view he has requested that he be furnished with all pertinent information available regarding this child. I informed Mr. Hoy that I would immediately take this matter up with the Bureau and advise him at an early date.

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In view of the fact that this child was turned over to a friend of Myrtle Eaton under Bureau instructions, advice is requested regarding what procedure the Bureau desires that I follow in this matter.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

HEA:ACF

cc Cincinnati  
E.J. Connelley, Chicago

VIA AIR MAIL

C O P Y

DeLand, Florida  
September 11, 1935

In re Hawkins, Robert (Bobby)  
Daytona Beach, Florida

Chief Probation Officer,  
Saint Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

A few days ago J. W. Osborne and alleged wife were arrested in this county as being kidnappers. They had in their possession a little child that they claimed to have adopted. The child has not been adopted and his mother placed him in the care of these people without the supervision of this court. The mother has since married and is at present living in New Jersey. Following is a brief history of child:

Mother formerly lived in Georgia where she married and was later divorced, she then went to live with a man without being married. There was one child from first marriage and later four others. Bobby is the baby of last husband. His father deserted the family in August of last year. The family was cared for by the Family Welfare Asso. of Daytona Beach. During the summer of this year Mrs. Hawkins decided to remarry and she placed one of her children in the Childrens Home in Jacksonville, Florida. Another she allowed to be taken by a woman from New York, two oldest girls she took with her and placed the baby, Bobby, with these people known as Osborn. They took him on the 21st day of May of this year, giving the name of J. W. Osborn and wife Jane. The mother's name was formerly Mrs. Gladys Hawkins, N. Beach Street, Daytona Beach, and her present name and address is Mrs. W. Joseph Gelhaus, Euclid Avenue, Keansburg, New Jersey. Bobby was born in Daytona Beach, August 1933. Osborn and wife are being held by Govt. in St. Paul.

I have been away on a vacation or I would have written you sooner about this matter. It may be that the Govt. men have contacted the mother and returned Bobby to her; if not will you please see what has been done with child, and let me know.

Thanking you for your assistance in this case,

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Agnes G. Coles,  
County Probation Officer.

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September 18, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1213, et al,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to your letter of September 14, 1935, in which you advise that Mr. Charles R. Hoy, Assistant Probation Officer, Ramsey County, St. Paul, Minnesota, has made inquiries of your office in behalf of the County Probation Officer of Du Land, Florida, with regard to the present location of Lobby Osborne, who was in the custody of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton at the time of their apprehension in Florida and who was thereafter transported to the St. Paul Office and, by virtue of instructions from Weaver, was delivered to E. L. Johnson, 1603 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Bureau feels that there is no objection to furnishing Mr. Roy with the present address of the child, Bobby Osborne. Pertinent information with regard to the child can be secured by Mr. Roy and Ramsey County court authorities through the County Probation Officer at De Land, Florida, Mrs. Agnes G. Colee.

The Bureau does not desire to enter into any altercation with properly constituted authorities as to the custody of Bobby Osborne. From the information in the possession of the Bureau it appears that William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton had apparent legal custody of Bobby Osborne, with the consent and knowledge of his mother and the local authorities in Florida. For this reason, no discussion should be entered into by representatives of the Bureau with regard to the custody of this child and matters of custody must, of necessity, be determined by properly constituted

Very truly yours

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

September 14, 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. 1232  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239 et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim - KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

The following general information is set out for the benefit of the file in connection with the manner in which the apprehension of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton was effected at Port Orange, Florida at a point located on U.S. Highway No. 1, 2 miles south of Allendale, which point is also approximately 7 miles south of Daytona Beach, Florida:

At 1.30 A.M. on August 31, 1935 the information was received as supplied by informant from Washington, D.C., and arrangements were made for a plane, and Agents Brown, Cassidy, Jones, Sullivan and myself left Chicago at 7 A.M., arriving in Jacksonville, Florida at 2.50 P.M. August 31, 1935. Thereafter Agent Brown and myself with Agent LaCour of the Jacksonville office proceeded to Daytona Beach, and the vicinity of where the house of William Weaver was alleged to be located. We were able to immediately identify the house in question and the automobile he was driving in the garage at that time. This house was located, although on a main traveled highway, at a very isolated point insofar as any neighbors might be able to see who might come and go at this place, there being only one house to the right of the road going south where anyone could see any activity at the house where Weaver had located himself.

When we first observed this place there was apparently no activity around same and we could not definitely verify that anyone was in the house, and due to the isolated position of same it was difficult to approach, more particularly so inasmuch as they had a dog on the premises in addition to a number of chickens.

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On the evening of this date Agent Brown and myself kept this place under surveillance and also kept under surveillance Gill's saloon on the east side of Daytona Beach, where it was reported Weaver spent considerable time. At about 11.30 P.M. on the night of August 31st we observed a woman who was undoubtedly Myrtle Eaton, and the small boy they were keeping, and a party who was believed to be William Weaver although the identification was not very definite, judging from the pictures of him available at that time. When these parties left the barroom in question we followed them to their residence about seven miles south and observed the place sufficiently to know that apparently they were the only ones occupying the premises, judging from what we could see at that time.

The balance of the Agents who were made available at Jacksonville by the Bureau on Saturday August 31, 1935 were then instructed to report to me at Daytona Beach in their automobiles, at which time they were instructed as to their various positions and shown a diagram of the objective. We immediately proceeded to the point in question in order to take up a surveillance, at about daybreak, with all the men in position. They were placed in accordance with rough draft of the diagram of the place enclosed herewith. The men were placed as indicated in order to avoid firing towards the houses to the east and also for the reason that in the wooded section in which the Agents were placed it was possible to conceal them until such time as Weaver would leave the house, in order to avoid any shooting into the premises, inasmuch as we knew the two year old boy was in the house at the time. The movements in connection with the apprehension of this party were carried out in accordance with the diagram, the men being equipped with .351 rifle, shotgun, machine gun and 30.06 rifle. Due to the concealed positions taken up, the extreme heat, and the expected wait for the appearance of Weaver the Agents were consulted as to which if any cared to wear the bullet proof vests, numerous suitable trees being available for protection at the time any firing started, and Special Agent in Charge Alt was wearing a bullet proof vest. The balance of the men did not avail themselves of these, and in view of the general layout of the objective this was not insisted upon by me. Due to the fact that we concealed ourselves in the wooded section around the house it was a rather uncomfortable position owing to the mosquitos and bugs which infest this part of Florida at this particular time.

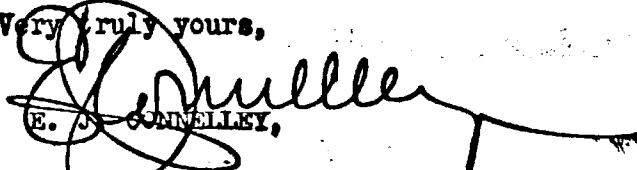
When Weaver left the house he proceeded to a point approximately indicated by the letter "W" on the diagram, and was immediately covered by Agent Cassidy and myself, and required to remain in position with his

hands raised, and he was closed in on at that time, and Agents Hurt and Brown who were on the east side of the house closed in from that position, he being immediately handcuffed. Simultaneously Agent Sullivan and myself supported by Agents Jones and Peterson immediately proceeded into the house to take custody of anyone in the house. These agents also suitably covered the house at the time approach was made to Weaver, for any firing out of same. This particular maneuver could possibly have been handled also by requiring Weaver to walk toward us to our point of concealment. However, his general nervous reactions indicated that apparently he intended to run, and possibly if we had required him to walk toward us he would have made an effort to run away, requiring that he be shot, and as has been noted in previous reference to this situation he was a particularly desirable subject at this time to place on trial with Harry Sawyer and Cash McDonald at St. Paul, for the effect it will have upon the jury of one of the actual kidnapers being on trial with them.

The five automobiles available made it possible to block any road which he might take if he were successful in leaving in his automobile, and these men were amply protected, with the exception of Agents located at points 16 and 17 on U.S. Highway No. 1, where due to the line of fire there might be some firing in their direction, and they were definitely instructed to immediately the automobiles were placed, secure ample protection to the side of the road to avoid being hit by our fire. The Agents located at points 16 and 17 were also in position to take care of any outside parties approaching, as well as of any local officers who might appear should firing occur in connection with the apprehension. Immediately after Weaver was handcuffed he was taken into the house, the automobiles were withdrawn from the roads and the men suitably established on the outside to take care of anyone who might approach, and at the same time avoid calling attention to the activity which was occurring in this house, Weaver having appeared at 7 A.M. on Sunday morning. In this connection no one was aware of the fact that these persons had been apprehended and removed from this point at the time in question.

As is noted these people were removed on Monday morning Sept. 2, 1935 to St. Paul by plane, and after questioning they were delivered to the United States Marshal at noon September 3rd at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Very truly yours,

  
E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

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Enclosures

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AA Two autos to move in inside road at time of action.

BB Two autos to move in inside of road - AA and BB would block off U.S. Highway #1.

C One auto to block back on leading past garage to rear of house.

BB Due to possibilities of fire these two agents after placing cars to move back for shelter.

Line of fire to be straight ahead insofar as possible by two raiding squads.

- 1 - Connelley, E.J.
2. M. J. Cassidy
3. D. P. Sullivan
4. R. E. Peterson
5. J. M. Jones
6. E. C. Dorris
7. K. E. Kriegel
8. H. L. Sloane
9. J. P. LaCour
10. R. A. Alt
11. C. O. Hurt
12. R. D. Brown

Due to position to be taken the best men are placed on raiding squads at positions 1, 2, 3 or #1 squad south of house and 10, 11, 12 positions on Squad #2 to east of house and as expected Weaver came out of front of house and Agents from these positions when he was challenged moved in and handcuffed him.

13. or C - F.M. Stone with one auto; small narrow road.

14.A W. M. Meekins

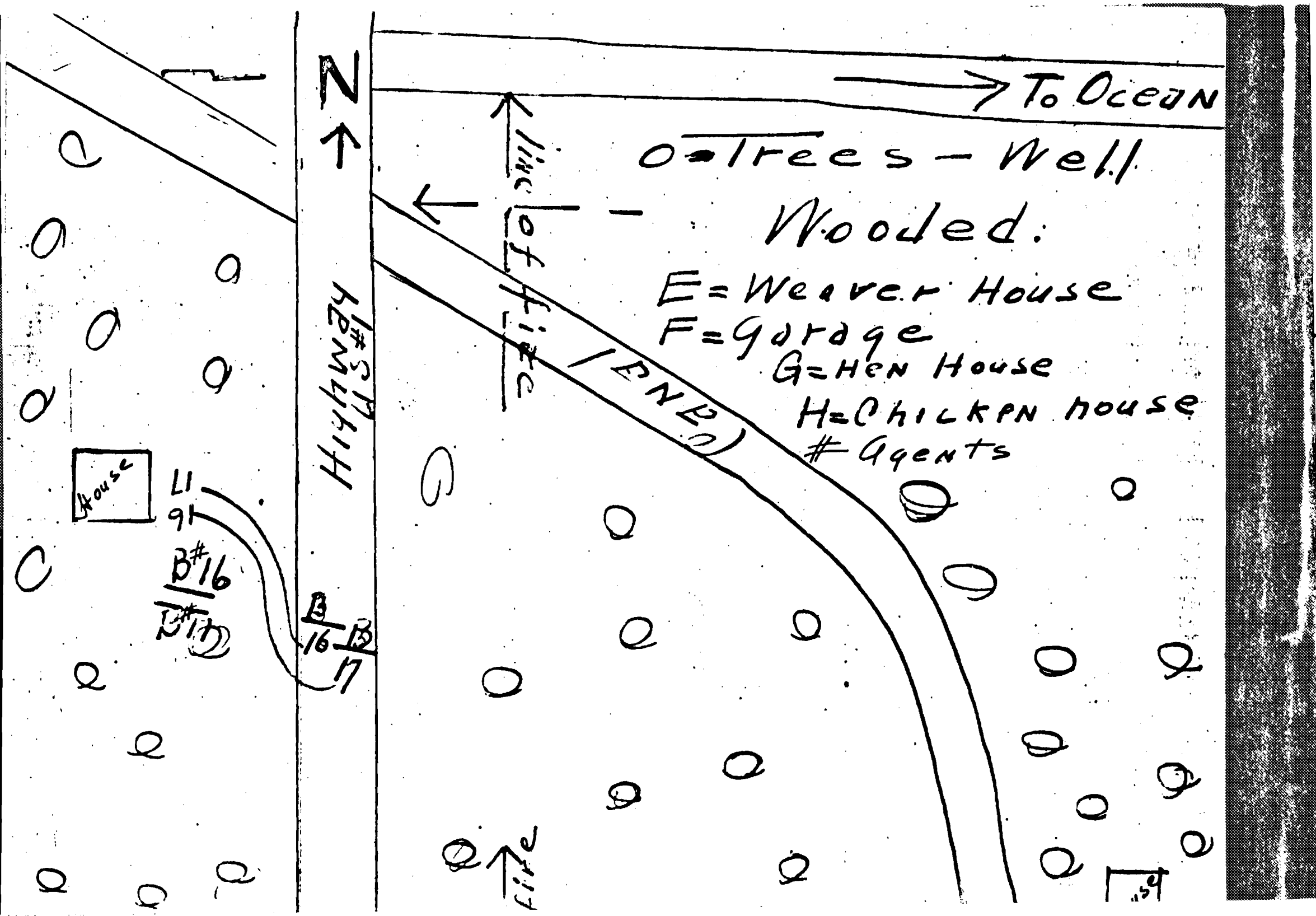
15.A J. B. Fitzgerald

These Agents with two autos were on side road in position to move out on main highway and block same

at the time action started and in case of firing would be in position to handle outside officers appearing.

- 16. B - J. H. Baldrige
- 17. B - A. J. LeMaire

These Agents were to side of road in position to move out to block road and also in case of firing to meet outside police. Due to possible off fire from lines of fire they were to get back from cars and secure shelter.



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Highway  
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F = Garage

G = Hen House

H = Chicken house

# Agents

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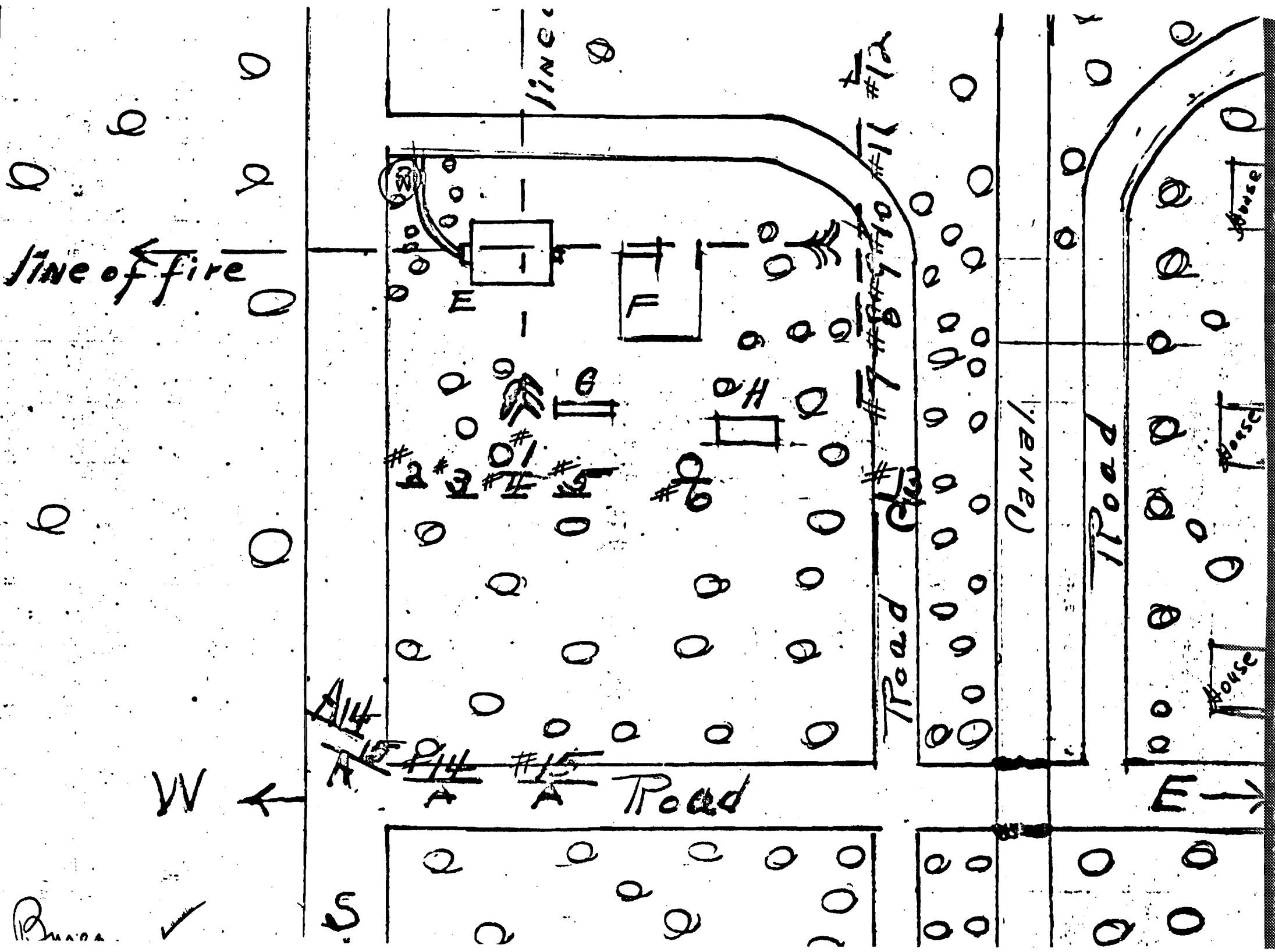
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E. A. Tamm - Room 5107.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

Chicago

FILE NO.

7-82

REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 9-10-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-13 to 9-1-35	REPORT MADE BY W.J. DEVEREUX WJD:FB
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; 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			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Surveillance kept on Thomas Brown St. Paul Police Department at Crane Lake, Minnesota did not reveal any intercourse with Karpis or other persons of suspicious nature. Brown left his camp for residence St. Paul 9-1-35. Surveillance kept 8-13-35 to 9-1-35.</p> <p>P.</p> <p>DETAILS: Special Agent L. W. Arms and the writer were detailed by Special Agent in Charge E.J. Connelley to proceed to Crane Lake, Minnesota, and there in the guise of fishermen maintain a surveillance over the cottage owned by Captain Thomas Brown of the St. Paul Police Department, and observe any of his actions, and particularly actions of any persons who might visit Captain Brown at his summer residence.</p> <p>Agent Arms and the writer proceeded to Chase's Camp, located on the southwest shore of Crane Lake, and there occupied a cabin and proceeded to fish and boat in the vicinity of Captain Thomas Brown's cottage located about a mile north on the west shore of Crane Lake. A description of the cottage owned by Captain Brown will be set forth hereinafter, and there</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>E. J. Connelley</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7 576-7378 SEP 16 1935 SEP 17 1935 SEP 16 A.M. ONE REPR. SECT.	
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is attached to this report a map showing the outline of Crane Lake and surrounding rivers and roads; also a second map showing in more detail the west shore of Crane Lake.

On Sunday, August 18, 1935, Agents observed two persons being landed at the boat landing at Chase's Camp, at which Agents were located, in a boat owned by Captain Thomas Brown, and being run by his son James Brown. These persons had evidently been visiting at the Brown cabin, and on departing had come to the Chase Camp lodge to secure their automobile, which is a 1931 model A Ford coupe. The license number and description of this automobile were furnished by telephone to Special Agent in Charge H.E. Andersen at St. Paul, and in turn the identities of the persons leaving the Brown cabin were checked.

During the rest of the time Agents observed the Brown cabin, nothing suspicious was noted. It was also noted that Captain Brown did not approach the Chase Camp landing except on August 31, 1935, at which time he and his son James transported a great deal of household goods by boat from their cabin to the Chase landing, and there unloaded same onto two trailers which were attached to the Plymouth automobiles owned by Captain Brown, which automobiles were parked at the Chase Camp.

On Sunday September 1, 1935, at about 7 A.M. Captain Brown accompanied by his wife, and son James, age about 18, and another young man age about 17, came to the Chase landing by boat, which had been secured from the Chase landing at the Brown cottage and left in the two Plymouth automobiles for St. Paul.

It had been ascertained from various employees at the Chase lodge that Captain Brown intended to finish his vacation on Sunday, September 1, 1935, and return to his home in St. Paul, Minnesota.

In order to ascertain whether it was possible for any person to approach Brown's cottage by any other means than water, Agents approached Brown's cottage through the forest in back of the same, and found that it was impossible for any person to gain access to the Brown cottage by land. Agents also ascertained from the employees at the Chase Camp that there was no means of getting to the Brown cottage except by boat, and that Brown habitually parked his automobiles at the Chase Camp and went to his summer cottage by boat from the Chase landing.

As stated before, Agents did not observe any suspicious movements on the part of either of the occupants of Brown's cottages or upon the part of any other person although surveillance was made during the day and the night hours by boat from Crane Lake. It might be stated at this time also that Agents' identities were not revealed during any time of their stay at Crane Lake, the pretense of being there for the fishing season being maintained at all times. The surveillance was kept from 8-13-35 to 9-1-35.

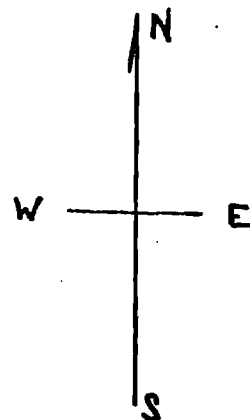
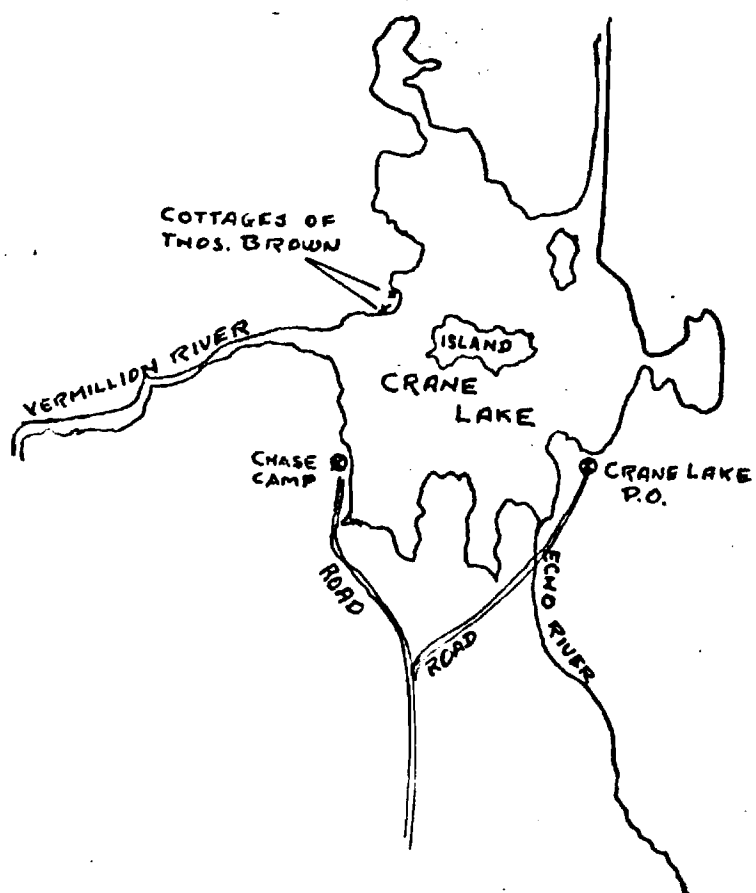
In regard to the photostatic copies of the maps attached hereto, attention is called to map No. 2, which reveals the location of the Brown cottages. It will be noted that the cottage located on the north side of the bay is a small one about 12 ft. square and two stories high. During the course of the surveillance it was noted that no lights were shown in this particular cottage at any time either day or night. In regard to the cottage located immediately south of the cottage mentioned, which would be on the shore facing the lake, it is apparent that this cottage was the main residence of the Brown party, and signs of life were seen at this cottage at all times.

With reference to the cleared space shown in the forest back of the Brown cottage, it might be noted that inquiry revealed that a guide lived in a house located in the clearance and maintained a residence there at all times.

It is possible to proceed from Crane Lake to any number of lakes located both in the United States and Canada since Crane Lake proper is located only about four miles from the international boundary. Captain Brown may have left his summer cottage for the purpose of meeting persons at some other point either in Canada or somewhere in the United States by proceeding north out of Crane Lake into Sand Point Lake. From there it is possible to get to Lac La Croix. It was not observed, however, that any person from the Brown cottage proceeded on any fishing trip, but it was impossible to absolutely ascertain this fact. It might be noted also that both the Brown cottages are well built places and both of the boat landings are very well built; that he has two strong outboard motors which he uses on two well constructed small boats, and has besides about four well constructed row boats.

From discreet inquiry made at the Chase lodge, Agents ascertained that Captain Brown is well considered in the lake community and is known to be a police officer in St. Paul, but no information was obtained as a result of the inquiry of any improper actions on his part.

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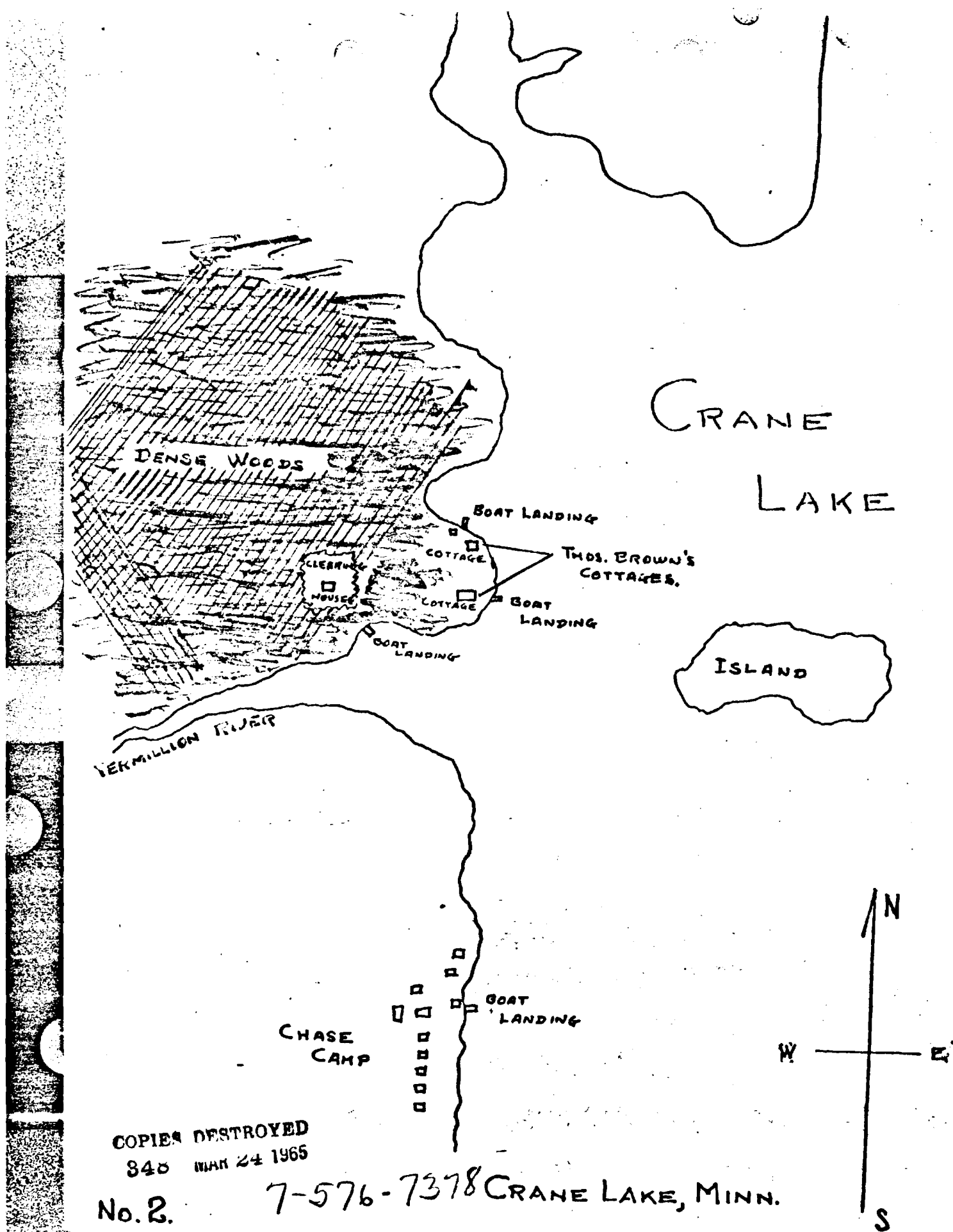


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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-27**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Salt Lake City, Utah</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>9-11-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>9-6-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>J. T. McLAUGHLIN OS</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218 - FUGITIVE, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Dr. J. C. Traxler, Reno, Nevada, interviewed and relates J. F. Stratton is untruthful; Traxler is certain Stratton did not contact Alvin Karpis at Reno. Stratton is absent from Reno and will be interviewed at time his case is brought to trial at Carson City during present term of Federal Court.

P.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin, Salt Lake City, 8-27-35

**DETAILS:**

Dr. J. C. Traxler was located drunk on the streets of Reno, Nevada; when interviewed he advised he "slept where he dropped at night" and had no home, but was returning to New York City. He stated J. F. Stratton was one of the greatest persons for telling untruthful stories in the country and that he knew Stratton had never met or associated with Alvin Karpis. He advised further that Stratton had no visitors at his home in Reno that he did not know about, and was certain Karpis never called upon or resided at any time with Stratton while in Reno. J. F. Stratton is absent from Reno and is not available for interview. He is being tried in Federal Court at Carson City, Nevada, during the present term of court in that city, at which time he will be interviewed.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:**

Salt Lake City office: At Carson City, Nevada, ascertain when case of J. F. Stratton will be called for trial, at which time he will be interviewed as to his possible knowledge of Karpis or his associates.

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Laboratory Report

September 13, 1935.

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

Number: 7-576-7001  
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Specimens:

One page of Handwriting by Mike Moreno.  
Photostatic copy of original application for 1935 Georgia license  
plates #37216-C in the name of Gene L. Jordan.

Examination requested by: Chicago Bureau Office  
Cincinnati Bureau Office  
Date received: 8-19-35 and 9-11-35  
Examination requested: Handwriting.

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel

A comparison was made of the handwriting of Mike Moreno with the signature "Gene L. Jordan" on the photostatic copy of the original application for 1935 Georgia license. It is the examiner's opinion, based on this comparison, that Mike Moreno could have written the signature "Gene L. Jordan", but before any definite statement as to whether he did or did not write this signature can be given, it is suggested that additional specimens be obtained from Moreno, and that the signature "Gene L. Jordan" be dictated to him as well as other words appearing on this application.

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

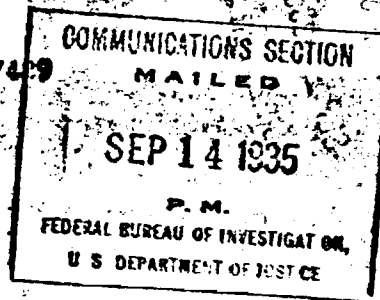
Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office and the Chicago Office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau on September 11, 1935 and August 19, 1935, respectively.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Los Angeles</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-11-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-23-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>C. D. WHITE AB</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.No. 1218; ET AL. Edward George Bremer, Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

One steamer trunk and one large hat box shipped by A. J. BROWN, Chicago, arrived via Southern Pacific, Los Angeles, 8-26-35, as yet uncalled for.

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**REFERENCE:**

Teletype from SAC E. J. Connelley, Chicago, dated 8-23-35.

**DETAILS:**

**AT LOS ANGELES:**

On August 23, 1935, the Los Angeles office received a teletype communication from S.A.C. E. J. CONNELLEY, Chicago, reflecting that JOSEPH H. KNEIP, an employee of the freight office of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railway Company, Chicago, stated that on August 17, 1935, a man and woman shipped two trunks to Los Angeles, advising that they were driving through, and inquired as to the storage rate for one month on the trunks. Mr. KNEIP described the shippers as - male, aged 35 to 40, height 5' 9", weight 130 to 135 pounds, build slender, complexion medium, eyes blue, wearing large diamond ring; female - aged 25 to 28, height 5' 4", build slender, hair brown.

The reference teletype further reflected that KNEIP had recently seen a picture of subject KARPIS in the paper, and that it was his belief that

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the shipper above referred to may be KARPIS.

The writer immediately contacted Mr. J. J. KELLY, Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Southern Pacific Railway, who, on August 26, 1935, advised that the shipment in question arrived that date at Los Angeles in S.P. Car No. 35035, and was housed in Shed A, freight house located at 1281 North Spring Street.

At the above address, the writer contacted Mr. F. HANSON in charge of Shed A, and Mr. E. J. KERBER in charge of the delivery office of the freight house. With the assistance of the two above named, the articles in question were located, one of which is an over-sized hat box, apparently made up specially for the owner. It appears to be of black composition material. The bag was sealed by means of a metal strap which was placed around the bag in the manner of a trunk strap, and sealed with solder. This article weighs approximately twenty-five pounds.

The other article, a trunk, steamer type, was locked and tied with numerous strands of clothesline. It bore a manufacturer's identifying plate of the Pacific Luggage Company, San Francisco. On this trunk was a shipping sticker bearing the name of the Carter Hotel, Prospect Avenue, near East 9th, Cleveland, Ohio, bearing the name also of Mrs. A. J. BROWN, 3155 Broderick Street, San Francisco, care of C. V. LEE.

Messrs. HANSON and KERBER were furnished the telephone number of the Los Angeles Bureau office, and advised that if, in the event, the owner of the articles in question called for them, they would delay delivery of the articles to the individuals and call the Los Angeles office, so that the persons calling for the articles may be observed. If, in the event, a trucking company calls for the articles, arrangements will be made whereby the address to which same are taken will be obtained.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE at 3155 Broderick Street, San Francisco, will endeavor to ascertain the identity of A. J. BROWN and C. F. LEE.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE will take appropriate action upon delivery of the articles in question, in the event a call is received from the freight office. The individual making the observation at that place with respect to the delivery of the articles should contact Mr. KERBER at the delivery office, Shed A, Southern Pacific Freight House, 1281 North Spring Street.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

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September 13, 1935.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 11, 1935, Bureau File No. 7-576, directing me to consult the United States Attorney's Office at Saint Paul concerning the advisability of arranging to have Elmer Farmer and Harold Alderton, inmates of the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, appear to testify before the Grand Jury when it convenes here on September 16, 1935.

Please be advised that I have conferred with United States Attorney George F. Sullivan who, in a letter to me dated September 11, 1935, asked whether Elmer Farmer would be a willing witness in this case. In Mr. Sullivan's communication, he requested that Special Agent J. E. Brennan be authorized to proceed to Leavenworth, Kansas, for interview with Farmer, in view of the friendly relationship existing between Agent Brennan and this convict. Mr. Sullivan, during our conference, stated that he felt that both Farmer and Alderton should be interviewed by Agent Brennan, as he now contemplates using them as witnesses before the Grand Jury, when their testimony will be recorded.

In accordance with the suggestion in your letter, I am transmitting to the Kansas City Office, with copy of this letter, recent photographs of William Weaver, with the request that these photographs be exhibited to Farmer and Alderton to determine whether they will identify the photographs as likenesses of a person they saw at the hideout in Bensenville, Illinois, and who was known to them as "Heavy". The Kansas City Office is requested to expedite this matter and advise this office by telegram.

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For the information of the Bureau, Defendant William Weaver sent word to me yesterday requesting an interview. I called to see him late yesterday afternoon, at which time he wanted to know what he could do to free Myrtle Eaton. Incidentally, Weaver claimed that Myrtle Eaton did not participate in any manner in the kidnaping, and that the only offense she is guilty of is having been with him. The United States Attorney has advised that he does not feel that he has sufficient evidence to convict Myrtle Eaton, and contemplates dismissing her indictment at a later date. Weaver stated that if some arrangement could be made whereby Myrtle Eaton would be dealt with lightly, or freed, he would consider pleading guilty. I informed him that this was out of the picture, as we had sufficient evidence to convict him and were not interested in any plea he might make.

After conversing with Weaver for some time, I pointed out that he had not endeavored in any way to help the Bureau, and that consequently he certainly could not expect favors from this office. I asked him why he did not consider furnishing information as to where Karpis and Campbell may be located. He replied that he doubted if he could find them without a great deal of trouble, even if he were on the street. After some verbal fencing, however, he admitted that through contacts known to him he felt that he could get in touch with them under ordinary conditions. He was asked why he did not furnish this information to the Government. He did not answer this question but intimated that he will give it consideration. At that time he stated that under no condition would he appear as a witness for the Government in this case.

Weaver was questioned about Charles Fitzgerald, and reiterated previous statements to the effect that his understanding was that "Old Charlie" had killed himself because of the injury to his leg. He amplified this statement by saying that he understood that tuberculosis of the bone developed in the gunshot wound in "Old Charlie's" leg, and that after fortifying himself with whiskey, "Old Charlie" blew out his brains as he was disgusted with life due to this injury. Weaver was asked if he knew where "Old Charlie" was buried and he replied that while he did not, Doc Barker could probably tell, if he would. While Weaver has not given any information of value to date, it is possible that he may at a later date, if interviewed from time to time.

With reference to the surveillance of Belle Born being maintained at Mankato, Minnesota, it may be noted that she will conduct an auction sale of her property on September 24, 1935. In the event "Old Charlie" is not dead, it appears quite likely that she may leave Mankato after that time. Every effort is being made to keep her under surveillance and to "tail" her should she leave Mankato. In the event she does not leave after this auction, advice is requested from the Bureau and Mr. Connelley as to whether it is desired to continue to maintain the surveillance in Mankato, or whether arrangements should be made to have her taken into custody for questioning. I feel that should the latter course be pursued after the auction it would be advisable to make arrangements to keep her for some time in order that she may be appropriately questioned concerning many phases of this case, and other cases the Bureau is interested in and regarding which she undoubtedly has valuable information.

The advice of the Bureau and Mr. Connelley in this matter will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cc E.J. Connelley, Chgo.  
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Kansas City (Encl.)



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September 19, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1518, et al;  
Edna M. George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of September 18, 1935, and in keeping with the suggestion contained therein, you are advised that it will be satisfactory to send Special Agent J.E. Brennan to the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas for the purpose of interviewing Elmer Farmer and Harold Alderton.

Reference is made to that portion of your letter in which you advise that Belle Born intends to conduct an auction sale of her property at Mankato, Minnesota on September 24, 1935 and that she will undoubtedly leave Mankato after that time. The Bureau does not feel that Belle Born should be taken into custody at this time. The Bureau will defer to the judgment of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley as to the continuance of the surveillance of Belle Born in the event she does not leave Mankato after September 24, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-E. J. Connelley - Chicago

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September 10, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

RE: STATUS OF PROSECUTION IN  
BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

JOSEPH H. ADAMS; HENRY  
"DUKE" RANDALL; CASSIUS  
MACDONALD

The first two named persons are under indictment in Florida, charged with having harbored and conspired to harbor Alvin Karpis. They are also charged with misprisionment of felony and the National Firearms Act. The Jacksonville office has advised that this matter is expected to come up for trial during the month of October, 1935. Although Cassius MacDonald is under indictment in Jacksonville, Florida, it is believed that a more successful prosecution may be had against him in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he will again be indicted with Harry Sawyer, William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton. For this reason it is not definitely known whether he will be brought to trial in Florida, but it is definitely understood that he will be the subject of a new indictment in St. Paul, on or about September 16, 1935.

HARRY SAWYER; CASSIUS  
MACDONALD; WILLIAM WEAVER;  
MYRTLE EATON

These persons are to be the subjects of new indictments to be returned at St. Paul, Minnesota on or about September 16, 1935.

NATHANIEL HELLER

Although this party is under indictment in Florida on the charge of conspiring to harbor Alvin Karpis and misprisionment of felony, the Department does not contemplate any prosecution, in view of the lack of evidence against this party.

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Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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Re: ALVIN KARPIS

Surveillance kept on Thomas Brown St. Paul Police Department at Crane Lake, Minn., did not reveal any intercourse with Karpis or other person of suspicious nature.

Brown left his camp for residence at St. Paul on Sept 1, 1935.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

September 13, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

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

I am transmitting herewith a memorandum prepared by Supervisor K. R. McIntire, concerning the apprehension of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton near Allandale, Florida, on September 1, 1935.

The Agents participating in the above mentioned investigation will be referred to as A, B, C, et cetera.

The Agents are designated as follows:

A - E. J. Connelley  
B - R. D. Brown  
C - M. J. Cassidy  
D - J. M. Jones  
E - D. P. Sullivan  
F - J. P. LaCour  
G - C. O. Hurt  
H - R. E. Peterson  
I - K. E. Kriegel  
J - J. H. Baldridge  
K - Arnold J. LaMare  
L - F. M. Stone  
M - M. W. Meekins  
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Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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September 13, 1935.

MEMORANDUM

On August 31, 1935, Special Agents A, B, C, D and E proceeded to Jacksonville, Florida, arriving at that point at 2:50 P. M. Agents A, B and F immediately proceeded to Daytona Beach, Florida, and thence to a point approximately two miles south of Allandale, Florida, where they observed the home of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton. Weaver and Myrtle Eaton had been operating a small chicken ranch at this residence. There was located in the garage a light blue or gray Oldsmobile sedan. Agents A and B then proceeded to Gill's saloon on Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida, and at about 11 o'clock P. M., on August 31, 1935, at said saloon, they observed a woman and a child, the woman being identical with Myrtle Eaton. Myrtle Eaton was accompanied by a man who at that time was believed undoubtedly to be William Weaver, though he had grown much heavier since this Bureau had obtained its latest personal description of him. These persons entered a light blue Oldsmobile sedan, identical to the one which had been seen in the garage at the Weaver-Eaton home. Weaver and Myrtle Eaton then proceeded to the home which had heretofore been located.

On the morning of September 1, 1935, at 4 o'clock, Special Agents A to Q, inclusive, under the direction of Special Agent A, surrounded the home occupied by Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, and made appropriate arrangements to prevent any escape therefrom.

At 7 o'clock A. M., on September 1, 1935, William Weaver emerged from the front door of his home and proceeded to the road, a distance of about thirty feet, to get his morning newspaper. At this time he was taken into custody by Special Agents A and C, who were supported in this apprehension by the above mentioned Agents. Immediately thereafter, Special Agents D, E and H, together with Special Agent A, proceeded into the house, taking Myrtle Eaton into custody.

Both William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton readily admitted their identity. It was ascertained that these persons had been living in said house since the fall of 1934, using the name of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Osborne.

There was recovered from a purse and dresser drawers \$1,002.32, which was claimed by Weaver and Myrtle Eaton. A comparison of the serial numbers on this money with the serial numbers on the Bremer ransom money failed to disclose that any of it was the Bremer ransom money.

The following weapons were located in the Weaver-Eaton home:

One .22 calibre Colt automatic "woodsman" pistol.

Two .380 calibre Colt automatic pistols.

One Winchester repeating .410 gauge shotgun.

One .45 calibre United States Army 1917 Colt revolver.

One .12 gauge Remington automatic shotgun.

One .45 calibre Colt automatic pistol, "U. S. property - U. S. Army", model 1911.

There were also found a quantity of ammunition for the above mentioned guns, a small black leather blackjack and a .45 calibre extension clip trade-marked "Multi-Shot".

Weaver indicated that the house in question had been purchased in November 1934, by Myrtle Eaton, under the name of Jane Osborne, for \$1,600.00. Weaver admitted further that the Oldsmobile sedan was purchased in Johnson City, Tennessee, in the name of Jane Osborne.

On September 2, 1935, at 7:30 A. M., Special Agents A, B, C, D and E, accompanied by a matron, left Jacksonville, Florida, by airplane, arriving in St. Paul, Minnesota, at 4:40 P. M., on the same date. William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton had signed waivers of removal prior to their departure.

On September 3, 1935, Weaver and Myrtle Eaton were taken before the Clerk of the United States District Court at St. Paul, Minnesota, and their bonds were fixed at \$100,000.00 and \$15,000.00, respectively. In the absence of Federal District Judge Joyce, Weaver and Myrtle Eaton have not been arraigned.



P. O. Box #766,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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September 13, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
P. O. Box #812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. C. #1318, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim;  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent H. W. Meekins, Jacksonville, Florida, dated September 9, 1935, in the above entitled case, which, on page seven, indicates that certain papers found at the Weaver residence were being transmitted to the Cincinnati Office. An examination of these papers indicates that the notations thereon apparently refer to different parcels of real estate, but it is also noted that there are several addresses given which it is believed should be checked.

It is noted that in two different places there appear notations concerning "J.M.W., 304 F Street, N. W., D. C." These notations, undoubtedly, refer to James White who furnished information as to the location of Weaver and Myrtle Eaton.

It is also noted that one notation reads, "Bert Casino 2079 - Pontiac". This undoubtedly refers to Bert Angus, as the telephone number is that of the Casino in Toledo operated by Bert and Ted Angus.



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In view of the fact that these two notations refer to close contacts of Weaver, it is believed that all addresses appearing on these papers, even though they appear to be real estate agencies, should be checked out to ascertain if there is any possible connection with the remaining fugitives in this case.

All papers forwarded from the Jacksonville Office are transmitted to you herewith with the exception of one yellow sheet of paper with the notation "12 & 13 paid, Momie M. Vaniman, Trotwood, Ohio". Appropriate investigation will be made by the Cincinnati Office concerning this address.

It is also noted from the above mentioned report that 1935 Ohio license #729-DH was issued for a Chevrolet sedan in the name of Mrs. J. W. Osborne. It has been ascertained that these plates were issued at Cincinnati, Ohio under the name of Mrs. J. W. Osborne who gave as her address, the Dennison Hotel in Cincinnati. Appropriate investigation will also be made at the Dennison Hotel.

The license data on this car at Cincinnati also indicates that the bill of sale for this Chevrolet sedan was filed in Lucas County, Ohio, under bill of sale file #366697.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Jacksonville  
St. Paul

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September 13, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENAN

Re: Bremer Kidnaping Case

Reference is made to my recent conversation with you in which you suggested that it is your recollection that the Department has a very weak case against one of the defendants now under indictment in Florida; that Mr. Walter Barlow, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, who it is expected will prosecute those persons presently under indictment in Florida charged with participation in the above entitled case, was also of the opinion that the case against one of these individuals was not particularly strong and that Agents of this Bureau had expressed the feeling that the Government did not have a convincing case against one of the persons presently under indictment in the Bremer case in Florida.

I assume that you have reference to the case against Cassius McDonald.

Investigation by this Bureau has disclosed the following evidence, which will be available against Cassius McDonald when he is brought to trial.

JOSEPH H. ADAMS,  
Manager of the El Comodoro Hotel,  
Miami, Florida.

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This witness will state that he has known William Harrison for the past five years; that on September 1, 1934 William Harrison, accompanied by Harry Sawyer, came to the El Comodoro Hotel and Harrison registered; that at that time Harrison told him a friend was coming in on a plane that day from Havana; that the next day they brought a man to the hotel whom they introduced to him as "Cash" McDonald from Detroit; that during the period of September 1 to 12, 1934, while Harrison and Sawyer were at the El Comodoro Hotel, he saw them frequently in company with McDonald; that they often referred to a "big deal" in Cuba; that they controlled all the gambling in Cuba and expected to open a gambling establishment in the Plaza Hotel in Havana; that during this time McDonald made frequent trips by air to Havana and on one occasion remarked that he had made enough trips by air to own a ship; that on McDonald's return from Havana on these trips, he, Harrison and Sawyer would go to Harrison's room immediately; that Alvin Karpis, using the names of Maggoner and Green and that Fred Barker, using the name T. C. Blackburn, and Harry

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Campbell, using the name Summers, were frequent guests of the hotel during this period and that these persons were referred to the El Comodoro Hotel by "Cash" McDonald.

That in December of 1934 on a trip made by McDonald to Miami, McDonald asked Adams for Blackburn's and Waggoner's addresses, which Adams gave to McDonald and asked McDonald at that time who these people were, to which question McDonald avoided an answer; that during December of 1934 McDonald told Adams that he, McDonald, expected a friend, Art Heberbrund, and that upon arrival, Adams cabled McDonald in Havana, using the cable address "Frederico Shackleford".

Upon subpoena duces tecum, Adams will be able to produce the register of the El Comodoro Hotel, which will reflect the registration of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Kate Barker, William Harrison and Fred Barker during the period from September through November of 1934.

R. D. BROWN,  
Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Will testify that he found in a house occupied by Fred Barker and his mother, Kate Barker, at Oklawaha, Florida on January 18, 1935 a telegram in an envelope bearing the address of T. C. Blackburn in care of Carson Bradford, Oklawaha, Florida, which was filed at Miami, Florida on December 23, 1934, addressed to T. C. Blackburn, the text of which is "like to see you Sunday" signed "Cash".

R. E. JOHNSON,  
Manager, Western Union Telegraph Company,  
21 West Flagler Street,  
Miami, Florida.

Will testify that the telegram sent from Miami, Florida on December 23, 1934 to T. C. Blackburn, Oklawaha, Florida, had been sent from the El Comodoro Hotel. Upon subpoena duces tecum this witness will produce the original telegram.

THOMAS CARROLL,  
Kendall, Florida.

This witness will state that she was a domestic for Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney; that on Christmas day of 1934 Karpis received a visitor who she will testify very strongly resembled Cassius McDonald. It is anticipated that when she has an opportunity to view McDonald personally, she will be able to positively identify him.

MISS C. J. BORTON,  
Auditor of the Everglades Hotel,  
Miami, Florida.

Upon subpoena duces tecum will produce the register of this hotel and will testify that on December 24, 1934 Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McDonald of Detroit registered and were assigned to Room 1110; that McDonald checked out on December 10, 1934 and Mrs. McDonald checked out on January 7, 1935; that on September 2, 1934 C. M. McDonald from Detroit registered and was assigned to room 1302 and checked out on September 7, 1934.

JAMES TIMLEY,  
Auditor of the McAlister Hotel,  
Miami, Florida.

This witness will, upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, produce the register of said hotel and will testify that C. M. McDonald, Detroit, checked into room 870 on September 1, 1934 and checked out on September 2, 1934; that he again registered in on September 6, 1934 and out on September 9, 1934.

MISS INEZ STONE,  
Pan American Airways,  
44 Biscayne Boulevard,  
Miami, Florida.

This witness, upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, will produce records of said company showing travel as follows:

September 2, 1934 - Cassius McDonald, round-trip ticket,  
Miami to Havana.

September 2, 1934 - Cassius McDonald, returned to Miami  
on unused portion of above ticket.

September 6, 1934 - Cassius McDonald, round-trip ticket  
from Havana to Miami.

September 9, 1934 - Cassius McDonald, returned to Havana  
on unused portion of above ticket.

September 11, 1934 - Cassius McDonald, ticket from Havana  
to Miami.

September 9, 1934 - William Harrison, round-trip ticket,  
Miami to Havana.

September 11, 1934 - William Harrison, returned to Miami on  
unused portion of above ticket.



October 24, 1934 - Clarence W. Summers (Campbell), round-trip ticket Miami to Havana.

November 25, 1934 - Clarence W. Summers (Campbell), returned to Miami on unused portion of above ticket.

October 25, 1934 - Mary Ryan (Kate Barker), ticket Miami to Havana.

October 26, 1934 - Agnes Wagner (Dolores Delaney), round-trip ticket, Miami to Havana.

October 28, 1934 - Agnes Wagner (Dolores Delaney), returned to Miami on unused portion of above ticket.

November 6, 1934 - Fred T. Wagner (Karpis), ticket Miami to Havana.

November 18, 1934 - Dolores Wagner (Dolores Delaney), ticket Havana to Miami.

B. F. FITZSIMONS, L. B. NICHOLS,  
J. H. HANSON and H. M. EUDARK,  
Special Agents,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation.

These Agents will advise that on February 8, 1935, Cassius McDonald furnished them with a signed statement in which McDonald advised that he made two trips to Cuba in the early part of September 1934; that he exchanged money which he stated he obtained from gambling enterprises; that this money was exchanged for \$1,000 bills in the Royal Bank of Canada at Havana and that he also exchanged other money secured from other interests and also exchanged about \$10,000 or \$12,000 in gold for \$50.00, \$100.00 and \$1,000.00 bills through the National City Bank of Havana during the gambling season in September of 1934; that he converted about \$25,000 of liberty bonds into cash through brokers in Havana.

JOSEPH H. WALLIS, District Director,  
Immigration and Naturalization Service,  
U. S. Department of Labor,  
Room 444, U. S. Post Office and Court House,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

On subpoena duces tecum will produce inward and outward manifests of passengers entering or leaving the United States in District No. 8, showing that on September 2, 1934 Cassius McDonald left Miami for Havana via Pan American Airways; that on September 2, 1934 Cassius McDonald returned to Miami from Havana by air; that on September 4, 1934 Cassius McDonald left



Key West for Havana on the S.S. Cuba; that on September 8, 1934 Cassius McDonald left Havana for Miami via Pan American Airways; that on September 9, 1934 Cassius McDonald left Miami for Havana via Pan American Airways; that on September 9, 1934 William Harrison left Miami for Havana on same airplane as McDonald; that on September 11, 1934 Cassius McDonald returned to Miami from Havana via Pan American Airways; that on September 11, 1934 William Harrison returned to Miami with McDonald; that on September 21, 1934 Elmer Wagner and Dolores Wagner left Key West for Havana on the S.S. Cuba; on November 14, 1934 Dolores Wagner and Kate Heller left Havana for Key West on the S.S. Cuba; on November 18, 1934 Dolores Wagner left Miami for Havana via Pan American Airways; on November 20, 1934 Nathaniel Heller left Key West for Havana on the S.S. Cuba; on December 4, 1934 Dolores Wagner left Havana for Miami on the Pan American Airways; on December 5, 1934 Nathaniel Heller and Edward H. Wagner left Havana for Key West on the S.S. Cuba; on December 7, 1934 Nathaniel Heller left Miami for Havana via Pan American Airways.

G. H. JARVIS,  
Assistant Manager of the Hotel National,  
Havana, Cuba.

Can identify register of that hotel showing G. McDonald, Detroit, Michigan, registered September 4, 1934, and checked out on September 6, 1934; again registered on September 8th and checked out on September 11th, 1934. At the latter registration he was accompanied by F. J. Harrison of 4529 Gibson, St. Louis, Missouri, who checked in and out of this hotel at the same time as McDonald.

RENE BOLIVAR,  
Luna 112, Vedado, Havana, Cuba.

Can testify that on September 5, 1934 he and Juan Ruiz were approached in the Cafe Europa by an American who stated he had a quantity of small denomination American bills with which he desired to purchase Cuban gold; that this man stated his name was O'Brien and he was staying at the Hotel National and his home was in Detroit, Michigan; that he and Ruiz took this man to places known as "Mir" and "Guas", Central Asturiano Building, and "La Dichosa", Obispo and Compostela Streets, where \$11,000.00 in Cuban gold was purchased, and they were paid by O'Brien in five and ten dollar bills which he had arranged in packages of \$1,000.00 each; that while these transactions were taking place O'Brien carried on a conversation about the possibility of taking over the race track in Havana; that a short time later O'Brien approached him and asked him to bring Ruiz to a room on the eighth floor of the Hotel National; that this meeting was held and O'Brien stated that he was returning to the United States the next day and that as the gold could not be taken into that country he wanted to purchase American currency in large denominations with it; that the three of them went to the National City Bank in Havana, where an agreement was made for the sale of \$14,000.00 in Cuban gold at a discount;

that \$11,000.00 of this amount was delivered at the time and O'Brien received one-thousand dollar bills in exchange, and O'Brien told the bank officials he would deliver the remaining gold on a contract in a few days; that O'Brien stated that he knew a man in the United States who had a large quantity of American currency he wanted to exchange for large bills, and also had a large sum in American banks, and that he would get in touch with Bolivar in the near future; that four or five days later O'Brien again contacted him and Ruiz at the Cafe Europa and inquired if \$72,000.00 in small American bills could be exchanged for large bills; that they repaired to a room on the seventh floor of the Hotel Nacional and were there introduced to a man who resembles the photograph of William J. Harrison, and that then O'Brien produced a newspaper wrapped package which he said contained \$72,000.00 in five, ten, and twenty dollar bills and stated he wanted to get large bills for them; that Bolivar went to the Chase National Bank in Havana with O'Brien and arranged for the sale of this money, and that the money was arranged in packages of \$1,000.00 each, which was taken to the bank and O'Brien received an unbroken package containing fifty \$1,000 bills, several loose \$1,000 bills, and the remainder in loose \$500.00 bills. Bolivar believes that he can identify both McDonald as O'Brien and William J. Harrison, as he has identified both of their photographs and has expressed his willingness to testify against them.

JOSEPH GARRIDO,  
Head Teller, Chase National Bank,  
Havana, Cuba.

Can testify from credit slip of the bank showing that on September 10, 1934 the bank purchased \$72,000.00 of small bills for which a discount of one-fourth of 1% had been charged; that Rene Bolivar came to the bank alone on September 10, 1934 and inquired if the bank would exchange \$72,000 in small bills for large bills; that he was told it could be handled and Bolivar returned with an American who had a large package containing seventy-two separate packages of mixed bills of \$5, \$10, and \$20 denominations; that he, Garrido, turned the entire lot over to Jose Velasco, Teller, to be counted and while this operation was going on he talked to Bolivar and his American companion and the latter stated that he was in Cuba for the purpose of taking over the management of a local race track; that the bills brought in by him, after counted, were found to amount to \$72,000.00 and he was then paid the same amount in \$1,000 bills and \$500 bills, less the premium for exchange, amounting to \$144.00. Garrido can testify from the bank records that \$50,000.00 of the amount of small bills taken in were sold to the National City Bank, Havana, on September 11, 1934 while the balance was sold on the same date to the Banca Comercial. He has positively identified a photograph of Cassius McDonald as the person who sold these bills to the bank.

JOSE VELASCO,  
Teller, Chase National Bank,  
Havana, Cuba.

Will testify that he knows Rene Bolivar by sight and will corroborate the testimony of Garrido as to the exchange of bills above mentioned, and

stated that photograph of Cassius McDonald resembles Bolivar's American companion, and that he believed he would know this man if he saw him again.

O. F. FLAHER,  
Sub-Manager,  
National City Bank of New York,  
Havana, Cuba.

Will testify that on September 8, 1934 the bank bought through a broker, Juan Ruiz, \$14,000.00 in Cuban gold at \$1.67, which was below the market; that when the seller arrived with the gold he approached him and inquired as to how he wished to receive payment and was told that he wanted \$1000 bills; that he observed this man to be an American, fifty years of age, 5 feet, 11 inches in height; grey hair; florid complexion; wearing a panama hat, and was accompanied by Rene Bolivar. He will testify that he caused a search to be made of the currency on hand in the bank vault and that this search resulted in the location of five packages containing fifty \$10 bills each, and comparison of the serial numbers thereon with the list of ransom money paid in this case indicated that these bills were ransom money and the bank records indicated that these bills came into the bank on September 8, 1934 in a deposit of the Mercantile Nacional, S.A., and have been in continuous possession of the National City Bank since that time. He will also testify that the exchange records of the bank indicated that \$10,000 worth of ten dollar bills were included in a \$40,000.00 exchange item which was received on September 18, 1934 from the Chase National Bank and were counted and strapped on September 21, 1934.

B. K. McKEE, Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
426 U.S. Custom House and Post Office Building,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Will testify that he made a list of the serial numbers on the bills in the National City Bank which were found to be listed among the bills paid as ransom. He will also testify that he examined \$10,000.00 in ten dollar bills referred to by Mr. Elmer and made a listing of the serial numbers appearing thereon.

GEORGE CARY, Assistant Manager,  
Western Union Cable Office,  
Havana, Cuba.

Can testify from the records of his office that "Fredrico Shackleford" is the code address of the Shackleford Motor Company, Havana; that upon receipt of the message under date of January 9, 1935 addressed to Cassius McDonald in care of Fredrico Shackleford, signed "Art", telephone communication was had with the Shackleford Motor Company, at which time the Western Union Company was advised that Cassius McDonald could be located at the Presidente Hotel.

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R. A. SIMMS,  
Assistant Cashier, Federal Reserve Bank,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Can testify from the records of that bank showing shipment of thirteen \$1,000 bills, Series 1928, Federal Reserve Notes, to the Federal Reserve Branch Bank, Havana, Cuba. The serial numbers and shipping dates of these bills are listed below:

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Date shipped</u>
F 00014261A	3- 5-33
F 00012487A	5-16-34
F 00010126A	7-28-30
F 00019257A	3-13-34
F 00014906A	3- 8-33
F 00019258A	3-13-34
F 00019531A	3-19-34
F 00022457A	5-18-34
F 00034857A	10-13-31
F 00009857A	7-26-30
F 00020574A	4- 7-34
F 00020837A	4- 7-34
F 00022464A	5-28-34

T. N. STAPLETON, Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
503 Medical Arts Building,  
Nashville, Tennessee.

Will testify that he made a list of the serial numbers of ten \$1,000 Federal Reserve notes found in the pocketbook of Kate Barker at Oklawaha on January 17, 1935 and of the serial numbers of four \$1,000 Federal Reserve notes which were found on the person of Fred Barker at Oklawaha, Florida on January 17, 1935. (A comparison of the serial numbers of these bills with the bills referred to reveal that all of them were shipped from the Federal Reserve Bank at Atlanta, to the branch at Havana, Cuba).

For your confidential information, the United States Attorney's Office at St. Paul, Minnesota, will again present the facts of this case to a Federal Grand Jury on September 18, 1935, with the intention of returning new indictments in which Cassius McDonald will be joined in a conspiracy indictment, together with other members of the Karpis-Barker gang who have not already been tried.

Very truly yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 5, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Bremer Case.

On September 3, 1935, Mr. George A. Tomeraasen, 359 Aberdeen Street, Dayton, Ohio, upon being referred from your office, advised that he was formerly employed with the Bureau of Fisheries, and later with the Isaac Walton League, and is presently seeking a job with another Governmental agency. He said that a few days prior to the time Alvin Karpis was reported as being in Atlantic City, New Jersey, he saw Karpis in Miami, Florida. Mr. Tomeraasen said that about 8:00 P.M., he observed Karpis, who he identified from having seen the Identification Order in the Post Office, standing across the street from the McAlester Hotel in front of the American Railway Express Office. A moment later, Karpis was joined by another man, who he described as being clean cut, reserved, about five feet 10 inches in height, 35 years of age, light hair, fair complexion, and well dressed in a brown serge suit. These two men walked up Flagler Street to the Tamiami (phonetic) Bar. Mr. Tomeraasen followed them as far as the corners of Flagler and Miami Streets, and observed that Karpis was very nervous, constantly looking around, and that both men were carrying shoulder and hip holsters with guns, which he observed by the bulge of their coats. At the corners of Miami and Flagler Streets, he notified a traffic policeman, who, in turn, called two plain clothes policemen from a cigar store. Mr. Tomeraasen then left the scene and did not observe what actions were taken by the police, nor what the results of such actions were.

He said, however, that he noticed an automobile with Illinois license plates, in which some people were sitting, including a man and his wife and apparently some children; that these people seemed to recognize Karpis and his companion, and were staring at them as though they were frightened. He further said he heard the people in this automobile mention the name Campbell, but he did not talk with the people. Karpis at this time, according to Mr. Tomeraasen, was attired in a brown ensemble similar to that worn by the other man, including a square cut brown coat and brown hat.

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Mr. Tomeraasen further said that in May of 1935, the date of which he fixed from the calendar as being May 18, he was in Chicago, Illinois, having accompanied a friend there from Dayton, Ohio, who was attending a conservation meeting of the Isaac Walton League at the

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Merchandise Mart. About 4:30 P.M., he was standing in front of the Sherman Hotel in Chicago with DeWitt Heffron, 14-year-old son of DeWitt Heffron, the Ford dealer at Dayton, Ohio. At this time, he saw Karpis and the companion who was with him at Miami come out of the Sherman Hotel and enter a Packard Sedan which drove up at that moment. This automobile had no license plates, but was believed by Mr. Tomeraasen to have been a 12-cylinder Packard, 1934 Model, Five-Passenger Sedan, faded green in color. A small man was driving the car, described as being about 25 years of age, five feet six inches in height, dark hair, white face, and whose eyes looked large. This man was in shirt sleeves, and climbed out of the driver's seat and into the rear seat, while Karpis and his companion entered the front seat. At this time, Karpis was dressed in dark clothes with dark hat and top coat of the raglan type. He took off the top coat as he got into the automobile. He was carrying a large black kit bag which was about 25 inches in length and 18 inches in height, and which had two straps sewed into its sides. The automobile drove away, and he, Tomeraasen, did not report the matter for the reason that he did not know how to locate an interested agency, and was for the moment confused.

Mr. Tomeraasen was shown the photographs of Karpis, Campbell, Moran, Weaver and Harrison, and while he could not identify Karpis' companion, he observed that this man resembled somewhat the photograph of Campbell, except that the jaw was not as square as that revealed by the photograph of Campbell.

Mr. Tomeraasen was questioned considerably as to how he was able to identify Karpis, and explained that in his duties with the Bureau of Fisheries and the Isaac Walton League, he became well acquainted with Detective Bruce of the Colorado Springs Police Department, who is noted for his photographic eyes, and as a result, he had practiced the observing of people in photographs so that he was able to identify Karpis from having seen his picture on the Identification Order in the Post Office.

There appear to be no leads of immediate value resulting from this interview, and accordingly the information is being submitted in this form.

Respectfully,

*C. E. Weeks*  
E. A. TAMM.



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September 14, 1935.

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Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

Mr. George A. Tomerassen of 359 Aberdeen Street,  
Dayton, Ohio, appeared at the Bureau on September 5, 1935, ad-  
vising that he had seen Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell in  
Miami, Florida, a few days prior to their escape from Atlantic  
City, New Jersey, and that on or about May 18, 1935 he again  
saw the said persons in the vicinity of the Sherman Hotel in  
Chicago, Illinois.

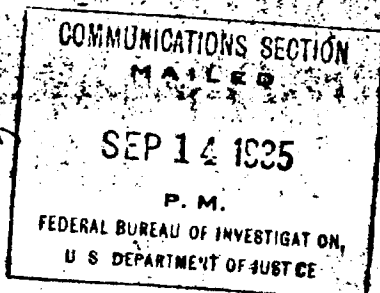
I am furnishing to you herewith a copy of the memo-  
randum submitted covering the interview with Tomerassen for  
such attention as is deemed appropriate in your district.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Inclosure No. 585105

cc-Jacksonville (Incl. copy of above mentioned memorandum)  
Cincinnati



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P. O. Box 709  
Portland, Oregon  
September 13, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

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

In connection with a list of the subjects and known aliases in the above captioned file, submitted to the Secretary of State, Salem, Oregon, we are advised that one George Nelson, alias of Harry Campbell registered a 1930 Buick Sedan at Brookings, Oregon, on the 28th of July, 1935. Motor number of Buick Sedan registered by Nelson is 2447364, California License 7F3898, residence address 1681 Visalia, Berkeley, California.

It is requested that an investigation be made at 1681 Visalia, Berkeley, California, for the purpose of establishing the identity of George Nelson.

Yours very truly,

C. C. Spears,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 709  
Portland, Oregon  
September 13, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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

Dear Sir:

Quoted herewith for your information is a memorandum of Special Agent W. K. Bowling in the above-entitled case; same being self-explanatory.

"John Kenneson, who resides at 407 South Queen Avenue, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and is visiting his aunt, Mrs. E. J. Eaton, 3424 - 17th Avenue South, Seattle, Washington, called at the office of the Seattle resident Agents this A. M., September 9, 1935, and stated that during May of 1934, the exact date he does not recall, he was in the "Little Ritz Night Club" in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was introduced to a party that he is sure since seeing pictures of Alvin Karpis was Karpis.

Kenneson, before being shown a photograph of Karpis, gave a good description of him, and states that he did not connect Karpis with the party he met in the night club in Philadelphia until he saw a picture of Karpis a few days ago.

Kenneson was unable to give the street address of the "Little Ritz Night Club" in Philadelphia or the name of the party that introduced him to the party that he now believes was Karpis.

Kenneson, who is a young chap about 20 years of age, advised me he expects to return to his home in Lancaster, Pennsylvania in the next few days, and that it is possible he can find out just who it was that introduced him to the party he now thinks was Karpis.

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Kenneson impressed me as being sincere in his belief that he really met Karpis."

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPEARS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul  
Chicago  
Philadelphia

1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
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Sept. 13, 1935

H. E. ANDERSEN  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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ST. PAUL MINNESOTA

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P.O. Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida,  
September 13, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minn.

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

Dear Sir:

Agreeable with your letter of September 10, 1935,  
there is being enclosed a copy of the report of Special Agent  
S. K. McKee dated at Jacksonville, Florida, May 23, 1935.

Since we only have one copy of this report remain-  
ing in our files, it will be appreciated if the enclosed re-  
port is returned as soon as it has served its purpose.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*George Bremer*

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Los Angeles, California  
September 10, 1935

MEMORANDUM TO ALL AGENTS:

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

A letter from the Bureau under date of September 3, 1935 advises as follows:

"The Bureau desires that copies of all letters and reports arising in the above entitled case be furnished the following offices - St. Paul, Chicago and Cincinnati."

J. E. P. DONN  
Special Agent in Charge

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P.O. Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida,  
September 13, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minn.

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

Dear Sir:

Please refer to report of Special Agent M. W. Meskins dated at Jacksonville, Florida, September 9, 1935, wherein there is set out a list of the weapons found in possession of William Weaver at Port Orange, Florida, on September 1, 1935.

The Jacksonville Office is undertaking to trace each of these weapons. It will be noted from the report above referred to that we have been able to account for the source of the shotgun and the .22 Colt automatic pistol found in the possession of Weaver.

It does not appear that any attempt has been made through interview to elicit from Weaver information as to where he obtained these guns. It is believed that the efforts in tracing these guns can be materially facilitated by an interview with Weaver as no doubt he obtained some of them in a lawful manner, probably in Florida.

Will you kindly cause Weaver to be interviewed at a very early date regarding this item, and supply the Jacksonville Office with results obtained from him promptly.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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September 12, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Kansas City, Missouri

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

Dear Sir:

In interviews had with Volney Davis prior to the last few weeks, he has been questioned concerning his activities immediately subsequent to his escape at Yorkville, Illinois, on the night of February 6, 1935. On the occasions on which he was interviewed he expressed his disinclination to make any statements concerning this matter. However, inasmuch as he has provided valuable information since the above interviews concerning the activities of other members of the Karpis Barker gang, it is suggested that he again be interviewed intensively concerning his activities immediately subsequent to his escape at Yorkville.

An effort should be made to ascertain in chronological order the persons he saw and conversed with, places he visited during the evening of February 6, 1935, and the two following days, February 7 and 8, for the purpose of disproving any statement that Matthew Gleason, against whom prosecutive action for harboring Davis is still pending, may make to the effect that he did not know Volney Davis was a fugitive on a Federal charge at the time that Davis contacted him at Aurora on the evening of February 6th and the day following. In this connection your attention is directed to the statements made by Matthew Gleason and other witnesses as contained on pages 30 to 48 inclusive in the report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire dated February 26, 1935.

Davis should likewise be questioned further concerning statements made by him after his arrest by Bureau Agents at Chicago, Illinois on June 1, 1935, with regard to the automobile in his possession at the time of his arrest. Davis at that time stated that he obtained this car through Tony Mareno. In this regard your attention is directed to pages 19 to 22 inclusive in the report of Special Agent

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R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois dated June 10, 1935 setting out in detail the statement made by Davis concerning the manner in which he obtained possession of the above mentioned car. It is noted that Davis upon later interviews denied that he obtained this car from Mareno. It is believed that he may possibly be attempting to cover up Mareno. I am attaching hereto a photograph of Mike Mareno, who is believed to be identical with Tony Marono mentioned by Davis. It is suggested in the interview to be had with him that this photograph be shown to Davis for the purpose of identification. Davis should be questioned thoroughly as to the manner in which he obtained possession of the above mentioned car.

It is noted that your office has copies of both of the above mentioned reports.

Very truly yours,

R. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Jacksonville, Florida</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>Sept. 14, 1935</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>Aug. 28, 1935</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. E. Talbot</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases--FUGITIVE--I. O. #1218; ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Man believed to be Avery Simmons and another who represented himself to be a Department of Justice Agent requested Doctor C. T. Dyess of Clewiston, Florida, to rent a fishing vessel for them at Cedar Key or Tarpon Springs, Florida. Former patient of Doctor Dyess, believed to be a Mrs. Densel Woodley, claims Karpis and others stayed at a house located near Fort Myers, Florida, during March 1935.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
DETAILS:  <p style="margin-left: 40px;">This investigation is predicated upon a telegram sent by Doctor C. T. Dyess of Clewiston, Florida, under date of August 22, 1935, requesting this office to send a man to see him as he had something very important.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">At Clewiston, Florida</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Doctor C. T. Dyess was interviewed at his office and stated that during the month of July, 1935, he had treated a Mrs. Halveston, a resident of Bear Beach, Florida, located three miles east of Clewiston; that he had several dates with the daughter of Mrs. Halveston, her name having been later ascertained as Mrs. Densel Woodley. Doctor Dyess related that Mrs. Densel Woodley had told him that her husband, a fisherman at Marco, Florida (she residing, however, two miles from Fort Myers, Florida, on a drive), had, during the month of March 1935, harbored Karpis and Thomas H. Robinson, Junior, at their home.</p>			
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there, which is described as a tan house; that on August 21, 1935, the Doctor related, three men came to his office, which is a one-story wooden structure situated on the main road, in a large new automobile stating that a friend of his had informed them that he was well acquainted with the Greek fishermen at Tarpon Springs and Cedar Key, Florida, and that they desired that he go with them to charter one of the fishing vessels for a few days' pleasure trip. Doctor Dyess related that in approximately 1921 he administered medical aid to the Greek fishermen located at these two points and was well acquainted with many of them, and stated that it was his belief that many of them would do anything for money. Identification orders of various wanted bank robbers and kidnapers were displayed to Doctor Dyess and, in his ebriated condition, he identified the photograph of Avery Simmons as the man with whom he had talked. He further stated that the second man, who was named or called Hamilton, represented himself to be a Department of Justice Agent but when requested to furnish his credentials stated that he had left them at his hotel. Doctor Dyess stated that he could not identify or give description of the third man who remained in the rear of the automobile, as it was quite dark.

The descriptions of Mrs. Densel Woodley and of Hamilton, as given by Doctor Dyess, are as follows:

Name: Mrs. Densel Woodley	Hamilton
Age: 27 years	45-50 years
Hair: black	auburn
Eyes: black or brown	blue (?)
Complexion: dark	red or light
Nationality: American	apparently Irish
Race: White	White
Speech: Southern accent	Irish brogue
Peculiarities: ---	hair stands up straight

Constable Ed Butler was next contacted and, when questioned concerning Doctor Dyess, stated that the Doctor had been intoxicated for a period of approximately six weeks and it was his belief that had anyone offered him any amount of money, no matter what their mission, he would have assisted them. However, Constable Butler, through an informant, ascertained Mrs. Densel Woodley's name for the writer and stated that her brother, Percy Halveston, is a rather "tough customer" about Clewiston and is known to have been a rum runner and was recently released from a state penitentiary, name unknown.

Justice of the Peace Small, who has rendered this Agent assistance prior to this interview, stated that in his opinion no credence or credulity should be placed in any statements of Doctor Dyess because of his ebriation.

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It is to be noted that substantially the same information as given herein by Doctor Dyess has been covered in a letter dated February 23, 1935, from the Jacksonville office to the Bureau in the same subject matter.

No further consideration will be given any communication directed to this office by the aforementioned Doctor Dyess.

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REPORT MADE AT Jacksonville, Fla.	DATE WHEN MADE 9/15/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-11 & 12 '35	REPORT MADE BY B. F. Fitzsimons
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218 - FUGITIVE; et al., EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBOR- ING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** On or about April 24, 1935, Kingman Moore, Miami, Florida, received from the First National Bank of Miami a thousand dollar bill, serial number F-00022487-A which he placed in his safety deposit box. On September 9, 1935, Moore gave the bill to Fenner and Beane, Stock Brokers, who deposited it with the First National Bank of Miami. No information obtainable to indicate the source from which the First National Bank received it in the first instance.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent J. E. Talbot, Jacksonville, Florida August 30, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

On September 10, 1935, the Special Agent in Charge of the Jacksonville Office received a telegram from the First National Bank of Miami, Florida, advising that a one thousand dollar bill, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Serial number F-00022487-A had been received on that date by the First National Bank with the deposit of Fenner and Beane Company.

**AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:**

Milton Campbell, Assistant Cashier, First National Bank of Miami, when interviewed, stated that he had been advised concerning the matter by V. L. Lowe, head teller, who had received the deposit in question and had checked the serial number on the bill.

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V. L. Lowe, Head Teller, stated that on the afternoon of September 10, 1935, he received the deposit of Fenner and Beane, a local brokerage firm, which contained five one thousand dollar bills; that immediately upon receiving the deposit he checked the bills and found that only one bore the serial number heretofore mentioned. Mr. Lowe stated that he then called Fenner and Beane and requested information concerning the source of the thousand dollar bills contained in their deposit. He stated that he was informed that Fenner and Beane had received the thousand dollar bills from one Kingman Moore, a customer and former manager of that company. Mr. Lowe exhibited the bill in question to Agent and it was determined that the bill is of the issue of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, bearing serial number F-00022487-A.

Vernon Badham, Manager for Fenner and Beane, 120 Shoreland Arcade, stated that he recalls that Kingman Moore had paid something in excess of \$5,000.00 on his account on or about September 9, 1935 and that the money was deposited to the account of Fenner and Beane with the First National Bank of Miami on September 10, 1935. Mr. Badham stated that he has no knowledge of the source from which Mr. Moore obtained the bill in question. However, he stated that he has known Moore for several years; that Moore was, until about May 1, 1935, Manager for Fenner and Beane at Miami, for two or three years; that he is wealthy in his own right; of highest character and not the type to be involved in shady transactions. Mr. Badham stated that Moore has maintained a home in Coral Gables for the past several years and that he was assured Moore would cooperate fully in tracing out the source of the money.

Kingman Moore, 1113 Castile Avenue, Coral Gables, when interviewed stated that on or about April 24, 1935, he drew a check against the account of Fenner and Beane, payable to himself, in the amount of approximately \$7,000.00; that he personally cashed the check at the First National Bank and placed the money in his safety deposit box at that bank. By referring to the records of Fenner and Beane, it was definitely determined that Moore withdrew from the account of that company on April 24, 1935, by check, the amount of \$7,200.58. The records further disclosed that on or about July 12, 1935, Moore gave to Fenner and Beane \$2,100.00 in cash to cover stock transactions, and again on September 9, 1935, Moore gave to Fenner and Beane \$5,100.00 in cash for the same purpose. Mr. Moore stated that on both occasions he obtained the money from his safety deposit box at the First National Bank and that the money comprised the cash he had received from the First National Bank on April 24, 1935, as above noted. Mr. Moore stated that it is his practice frequently to withdraw money from his checking account at the First National Bank and to place it in his safety deposit box. Mr. Moore was very frank in his statements and expressed his willingness to cooperate in any manner possible.



Upon receipt of the information from Mr. Moore, contact was again had with officials of the First National Bank. Mr. Lowe, above mentioned, the Head Teller, stated that he did not hold that position in April, 1935, and that he therefore, knows nothing concerning the receipt of the thousand dollar bill in question. He stated that Mr. Milton Campbell, above mentioned, was the Head Teller during that time. Mr. Campbell could offer no information concerning the manner in which the First National Bank came into possession of the bill in question. He stated that prior to the receipt of the letter from the Jacksonville Office dated June 24, 1935, requesting cooperation in an effort to identify outstanding ransom bills mentioned therein, the bank made no scrutiny of thousand dollar bills other than to determine their genuineness. Therefore, no check was made of the thousand dollar bills given to Mr. Moore on April 24, 1935, and it was impossible to determine the source from which the First National Bank had obtained them. In order to verify Mr. Moore's claim, at Agent's request, Mr. Campbell checked the account of Fenner and Bene and advised that a withdrawal had been made on April 24, 1935, in the amount of \$7,200.58, which it appears, is the amount withdrawn by Moore and which likewise is substantiated by the records of Fenner and Beane.

Mr. Campbell stated that he personally is acquainted with Kingman Moore; that he is a reputable citizen and a reliable depositor with the First National Bank.

The thousand dollar bill in question is being held by the First National Bank of Miami pending receipt of instruction as to its disposition.

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September 15, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: ALVIN KARPIS

There is attached hereto a memorandum prepared by Supervisor McIntire concerning the personal history of Alvin Karpis.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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MEMORANDUM

The parents of Alvin Karpis are Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavics, who are Lithuanians, having been born in Russia. They migrated to this country, first living in New York, thence moving to Grand Rapids, Michigan, thence to Montreal, Canada, where they remained for two years. During this period Alvin Karpis was born in Montreal in November, 1909. When Alvin Karpis was two years of age, his family moved to Topeka, Kansas. In 1923 Alvin moved to Chicago, Illinois, with his family, where he worked in various bakeries. Examination by a physician disclosed that Alvin had leakage of the heart and he was advised to take an extended vacation.

Alvin went to live with his sister, Mrs. Bert Grooms, at 1234 Monroe Street, Topeka, Kansas. While here he became involved in a burglary and was sentenced to serve ten years in the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas. He escaped from this institution on March 9, 1929. He rejoined his parents in Chicago. The parents, while appearing to be substantial citizens, refrained from notifying Kansas state authorities of the location of Alvin Karpis. While with his parents on this occasion, Karpis secured employment with a concern that sold medical equipment.

While an escape and while living with his parents, Karpis was joined by Lawrence De Vol, who is now serving a life sentence in the Minnesota State Penitentiary, Stillwater, Minnesota, charged with participating in the robbery of the Third Northwestern National Bank at Minneapolis, Minnesota, in which two officers and a civilian were killed. Karpis and De Vol then "drifted" to Kansas City, Missouri, where Karpis was apprehended as Raymond Hadley by the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department on March 23, 1930, on the charge of auto larceny and safe blowing. On March 25, 1930, Karpis was returned to the Reformatory at Hutchinson. He was transferred to the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, on May 19, 1930, to serve the balance of his sentence on the charge of burglary, second degree.

While in the Kansas State Penitentiary, Karpis became closely associated with Fred Barker, who was serving a sentence of from five to ten years on the charge of burglary and larceny. Karpis and Fred Barker also became friendly with Jess Doyle, who was likewise serving in the Kansas State Penitentiary at this time.

Fred Barker was released from the Kansas State Penitentiary on March 30, 1931, and Karpis was released on May 31, 1931. Karpis and Fred Barker then joined Kate "Ma" Barker at the home of Herbert A. Farmer at Joplin, Missouri. Farmer has been sentenced to serve a two year sentence for conspiracy

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to obstruct justice in connection with the Kanno Case. It was at Herbert Farmer's home that Karpis learned to know such notorious characters as Frank Nash, Vernon C. Miller, Francis Keating, Thomas Holden, Harvey Bailey, Charles Harmon and others.

On June 10, 1931, Karpis was arrested at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and was delivered to the Police Department at Okmulgee, Oklahoma. On September 10, 1931, he was sentenced to serve four years in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on a charge of burglary. On the same date the court paroled him.

On December 18, 1931, Karpis and Fred Barker robbed a store at West Plains, Missouri, and on December 19, 1931, as they were being approached by Sheriff C. R. Kelley of West Plains for questioning concerning this robbery, Karpis shot and killed the Sheriff. Fred Barker and Karpis then fled, leaving their car at a home occupied by William Weaver at Thayer, Missouri. Weaver, Fred Barker and Karpis thereupon fled to St. Paul, Minnesota, where they lived with Kate "Ma" Barker and her paramour, A. W. Dunlop. At this time Karpis became acquainted with Harry Sawyer and Jack Pfeiffer. At Jack Pfeiffer's place Karpis learned to know Fred Goetz, alias "Shotgun" Zeigler. *Dunlop*

On April 25, 1932, Karpis, Fred Barker, Kate Barker and A. W. Dunlop escaped from a police trap in St. Paul. On the following morning the nude and bullet-ridden body of A. W. Dunlop was found on the shores of Lake Frensted near Webster, Wisconsin. A blood-stained woman's glove was found near the body. Although there is no proof, it is popularly believed that Dunlop was murdered by Kate and Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis, in the feeling that he had "tipped off" members of the gang to the St. Paul Police.

Karpis, Fred Barker and Kate Barker then fled to Kansas City, Missouri, where they took residence in the fashionable Country Club Plaza district. Here they gathered together a group of nationally known gangsters which, on June 17, 1932, robbed the Fort Scott, Kansas, bank. The following persons participated:

Fred Barker  
Alvin Karpis  
Francis Keating  
Thomas Holden  
Harvey Bailey  
Larry De Vol  
Bernard Phillips

On July 7, 1932, Keating, Holden and Bailey were arrested by Bureau Agents and Kansas City, Kansas, and Kansas City, Missouri, peace officers on the Old Mission Golf Course. Karpis, Fred Barker and Kate Barker immediately departed from their Kansas City apartment, proceeding to St. Paul, Minnesota. They took quarters on White Bear Lake, a well known summer resort. Here they

were joined by Helen Ferguson and her paramour, Earl Christman, who later died of wounds received in the robbery of the Fairbury National Bank, Fairbury, Nebraska.

After the release of Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis from the Kansas State Penitentiary, they hired Jack Glynn, a private detective and former Chief of Police of Leavenworth, Kansas, to secure the release of Doc Barker and Volney Davis, who had been sentenced to life imprisonment in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on the charge of murder. Doc Barker was released on a conditional pardon on September 10, 1932. On November 3, 1932, the release of Volney Davis was effected in the same manner. Doc Barker and Davis immediately joined the others at St. Paul, Minnesota.

On December 16, 1932, the following persons participated in the robbery of the Third Northwestern National Bank in Minneapolis, Minnesota:

Alvin Karpis  
Doc Barker  
Fred Barker  
William Weaver  
Larry De Vol  
Verne Miller  
Jess Doyle

In this robbery two officers and one civilian were killed. Larry De Vol was arrested, whereupon the gang fled to Reno, Nevada, where members of the Karpis-Barker crowd had contact with William J. Graham and James C. McKay. You will recall that Graham and McKay have been considered the contacts for members of the Dillinger gang also.

This gang returned to St. Paul, Minnesota, during February, 1933. On March 4, 1933, their presence was reported by the manager of their apartment, but before a police raid could be staged, Gladys Sawyer had warned Jess Doyle, Karpis and Fred Barker. The gang then met at Harry Sawyer's saloon and departed for Chicago, Illinois.

Using Chicago as a headquarters, the gang planned and executed the robbery of the Fairbury National Bank at Fairbury, Nebraska, on April 4, 1933, the following persons participating:

Alvin Karpis  
Fred Barker  
Doc Barker  
Volney Davis  
Eddie Green  
Frank Nash  
Earl Christman  
Jess Doyle

Christman was wounded in this robbery and later died at the home of Vernon C. Miller at 6612 Edgevale Road, Kansas City, Missouri.

After this robbery Karpis and the gang frequented the road house of Louis Cernocky at Fox River Grove, Illinois, a rendezvous equally sinister to that provided by Harry Sawyer in St. Paul. On June 15, 1933, Karpis and his gang kidnaped William Hamm, Jr., releasing him on June 19, 1933, after the payment of a ransom of \$100,000. Our best information is to the effect that the Hamm abduction was effected by:

Alvin Karpis  
Doc Barker  
Fred Barker  
Fred Goetz  
Charles Fitzgerald  
Byron Bolton

It has been intimated that this ransom money was disposed of through the gambling houses of Graham and McKay in Reno, Nevada.

On August 30, 1933, the Stockyards National Bank of South St. Paul, Minnesota, was robbed, in which robbery two police officers were shot. Bessie Green has advised that this "job" was "pulled" by Karpis, the Barkers, and her husband, Eddie Green. It will be recalled that C. J. Fitzgerald is alleged to have been shot in this robbery; that the machine gun taken from Doc Barker in Chicago, Illinois, on January 8, 1935, was identified as having been stolen from Officer Yoeman during this robbery, and that the "getaway" chart for this robbery was found in the apartment of Fred Barker in Cleveland, Ohio, during September, 1934.

During December, 1933, plans were formulated in the apartment of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton at 565 Portland Avenue, St. Paul, for the abduction of Bremer. Harry Sawyer "fingered" Bremer for the crowd. Bremer was kidnaped at about 8:45 A.M. on January 17, 1934, at the intersection of Lexington and Goodrich Avenues in St. Paul. Two automobiles were used and Byron Bolton reports that the following persons were active participants:

Fred Barker  
Alvin Karpis  
Doc Barker  
Harry Campbell  
William Weaver

According to statements made by Karpis and Campbell to Elmer Farmer, Karpis and Campbell are the actual abductors who entered Bremer's car and beat him over the head. Bremer was held in the Bensenville, Illinois, hide-out until February 7, 1934, when he was released at Rochester, Minnesota. Karpis actually

drove Bremer to the hide-out, acted as a guard during Bremer's confinement, purchased flashlights and batteries at the Grand Silver Store in St. Paul, and returned Bremer to Rochester.

Thereafter Karpis and the gang moved to Toledo, Cleveland, and Sandusky, Ohio, where they spent the summer of 1934. Karpis was accompanied by his paramour, Dolores Delaney.

On September 7, 1934, Gladys Sawyer, Paula Harmon and Wynona Burdette were arrested in Cleveland, Ohio. Thereupon Karpis and the gang fled to Florida, where much time was spent in Miami and Havana, Cuba. Immediately upon hearing of the shooting episode at Oklawaha, Florida, where Kate and Fred Barker were killed by Agents while resisting arrest, Karpis, Campbell, Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette fled to the Danmoor Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey, where they were routed by Atlantic City Police officers on January 20, 1935, effecting their escape in a stolen car after a gun battle. Karpis and Campbell abandoned the stolen car on the following morning near Quakerstown, Pennsylvania, where they commandeered the car of Dr. H. H. Hunsicker, forcing Hunsicker to accompany them over country roads until they reached Guilford Center, Ohio, at about 9:30 P.M. They bound Dr. Hunsicker hand and foot, leaving him in a building nearby. The car of Dr. Hunsicker was found abandoned with the motor running on the morning of January 22, 1935, about fourteen miles north of Toledo, Ohio.

On January 22, 1935, Karpis was indicted at St. Paul, Minnesota, charged in one indictment with the substantive offense of kidnaping and in the second indictment with conspiracy to kidnap.



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