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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG
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REPORT MADE AT Jacksonville, Florida.	DATE WHEN MADE Oct. 14, 1935.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/9/35.	REPORT MADE BY R. B. Donaldson.
TITLE 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 J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. #1238; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Further inquiries made at Jacksonville, Fla., Daytona Beach and vicinity, without discovery of any money concealed by subjects Weaver and Eaton. Other general inquiries to support harboring charges made. Western Union unable to locate telegrams possibly received by Weaver at Port Orange, Fla. Myrtle Eaton indicted 10/9/35 charged with harboring William Weaver and with conspiracy to harbor him. Certifications forwarded to St. Paul. Efforts to trace guns found in possession of Weaver being continued.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent M. W. Meekins, Jacksonville, Florida, September 9, 1935.

DETAILS:

Since receipt of the photographs of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton from the St. Paul Office, inquiry has been made at Jacksonville, Florida, of all banks and other places maintaining safety deposit vaults, to determine if either of these persons have a safety deposit box or other place where they may, or could, have concealed money. The photographs were displayed prominently in each instance, and also the names and aliases were supplied for searching of indexes, et cetera, but no information was received to indicate that these persons were known or had any transactions at the places visited. The photographs, as well as names and aliases, were also furnished to the Postal Savings Department of the

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Jacksonville, Florida, Post Office, but no similar names appeared in the indexes maintained of the depositors, nor could any of the clerks who transact such business for the Post Office recognize these photographs.

AT DAYTONA BEACH-PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA:

Agent was successful in locating CARY HOUSTON, mentioned in the report of reference, who receives his mail in care of General Delivery, Allendale, Florida. He informed that he is a painter and decorator by trade; also does most any kind of similar work to earn a livelihood in this vicinity. He was shown the recent photographs of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton and very promptly identified them as being persons known to him as Mr. and Mrs. Osborne, who resided about one mile south of him on Highway No. 1, and stated that his knowledge of these people, and dealings with them, commenced in October, 1934, when he was engaged by Mr. Osborne to clean up the yard around the house he had just purchased, and to do some painting and decorating inside; that he was so employed until the latter part of December, 1934. For his services he was paid always in cash, and on a certain Friday, exact date not recalled, but near Christmas time, 1934, he informed Osborne that he would like to have a little money. Whereupon Osborne told him he had no money available at home but was going to Jacksonville that day and would have some money for him the next day. Osborne dressed himself and left home about 9:00 A.M., as Houston recalls, and did not return until late that evening or afternoon, and was gone a length of time sufficient to have made a trip to Jacksonville, or some similar distance. Jacksonville is approximately 102 miles from the point where Weaver resided.

During all of the time he worked for Osborne, Houston states he never saw any strange persons there, nor did he see anything of a suspicious nature, except that he observed Osborne was very reluctant to discuss his past or any of his connections and, in fact, was not much of a talker. He stated that Osborne and his wife conducted themselves in a manner that was not otherwise suspicious at all. That he gave the impression that he had no more funds than could be used to live comfortably on and, in fact, was always a very close dealer, even to pennies, and it was because of payments for services performed that Mr. Houston in December decided to quit working for Osborne.

After leaving the employ of Weaver, Houston said he frequently would see him about the village and in Daytona, and that Weaver always spoke to him, but that he never visited or had any occasion to go to Weaver's home. On passing there several times he would notice cars in the yard, which seemed to have out of State licenses, but, not being interested, he made no mental notes as to kind of cars or what license plates they bore.

Mr. Houston states that as far as he could observe, Myrtle Eaton acted as though she were the lawful wife of Weaver, and seemed to perform such duties about the household as would ordinarily be performed by a man's wife.

It seems that all payments made to Mr. Houston were made by Weaver. At the time he worked there they did not have the small child found in their possession upon their apprehension. Mr. Houston states that the circumstances under which he secured this employment were as follows: That he was at the home of Mr. E. L. Ringler, at Port Orange, in connection with some work, when Weaver put in an appearance and requested to have water turned on at the place he had purchased, and at that time Weaver mentioned something about getting a man to do painting. Whereupon, Houston stated that he was a painter and would be interested in such work. This resulted in Weaver several days later telling him to come to work. It seems that Mr. Ringler is a winter resident at Port Orange, Florida, and during the summer resides at 910 South Second Street, Elkhart, Indiana; also that he owns considerable property at Port Orange, and operates a small water system there. The place where he resides while in the south is one of the nearest places to the premises occupied by Weaver, and it is possible that he may have had some dealings with Weaver, or possessed some knowledge - by observation or otherwise, having lived so close to Weaver, which would help to support the Government's charge of harboring against Myrtle Eaton; and also give some indication as to who may have visited Weaver. This latter item may have come to Mr. Ringler's attention through observation of strange automobiles with out of the State licenses thereon, or strangers appearing in the vicinity. A lead is being set out to have him interviewed.

MR. C. F. WALDRON, who operates a drug store at Port Orange, Florida, and who informed Agents on a previous visit here that Weaver had received several telegrams through Daytona Beach, was again interviewed. He stated that he had made strenuous effort to recall something in regard to these telegrams, especially the dates of same, and had also discussed the matter with his wife, who knew of the incident, but they were not able to throw any further light on the matter, except that he felt reasonably sure the wires were received during the months of February and March, 1935. The Jacksonville Office has previously advised that effort to locate such wires was made very extensively by the Manager of the Western Union in Jacksonville, who is a close and willing cooperator with the Jacksonville Office, in whose office copies of wires received at Daytona Beach are filed for audit purposes.

On returning to Daytona Beach, the local Manager of the Western Union office at that place, MR. FREMUTH, was interviewed, and he stated that at the request of his superior, Mr. Watkins, Jacksonville, they had

searched through all telegrams in that office but could not find any which had been forwarded to any one named Osborne at Port Orange. He stated that he would again make a search of the wires for the months of February and March, 1935, and scrutinize same very carefully, and, if he could find anything, would transmit it to Mr. Watkins, Manager at Jacksonville, Florida, who in turn would give it to the Jacksonville Office.

At the Post Office in Port Orange, Florida, PAULINE VICKERS, Assistant Postmaster, was again interviewed for any information she might have. Photographs of Weaver and Eaton were displayed to her, which she readily identified as being persons known to her as Mr. and Mrs. Osborne. She stated very definitely that Mr. Osborne personally rented Box 321 on October 1, 1934, left a quarter on the counter and walked away without waiting for his receipt, telling her to place same in the box and he would get it later. For a number of weeks after that he was not seen again in the Post Office. However, a woman, whom she has identified as Myrtle Eaton, would call at this box very infrequently, spaces of several weeks elapsing at times, and get the mail. Miss Vickers states, as has been previously reported, the only mail that arrived seemed to come from the same point in New Jersey, which seems to have been written by the mother of the child they had adopted. Miss Vickers states that she recalls very definitely that at the time of the shooting at OKlawaha, when the Barkers were killed, that neither of these persons put in an appearance at the Post Office for a period of six weeks.

The photographs of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton were again exhibited to the Superintendent of Mails at the Post Office in Daytona Beach, and he in turn had them shown to the clerk handling the Postal Savings Accounts, but no identification could be made.

The evidence in this case with respect to activities of Myrtle Eaton in harboring William Weaver was presented to the Federal Grand Jury at Orlando, Florida, October 8, 1935, and said body returned an indictment the following day containing three counts against Myrtle Eaton, the first two counts charging her with harboring William Weaver on about September 1, 1935, at a point two miles south of Allandale, Florida, and the third count charging that on February 1, 1935, William Weaver, Myrtle Eaton and others did conspire to commit an offense against the United States to violate Section 141 of the U. S. Criminal Code by harboring William Weaver, alleging in overt act number one that she did exchange currency at the First National Bank in Daytona Beach, Florida, and, act number two, that she did maintain a home for William Weaver and assumed and posed to be his wife.

The above mentioned indictment was filed at Jacksonville, Florida, and bond in the sum of \$25,000.00 was recommended by the United States

Attorney for subject Myrtle Eaton, said bond to be returnable forthwith to Jacksonville, Florida. The Bureau and the St. Paul Office were apprised of this indictment telegraphically. The United States Attorney, Jacksonville, Florida, is forwarding to the United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, certified copy of the indictment and capias for Myrtle Eaton.

With further reference to tracing the weapons found in possession of William Weaver at the time of his apprehension at Allendale, Florida, September 1, 1935, appropriate leads are being set forth below for the New York and Washington Field Offices.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The NEW YORK OFFICE is requested to make suitable inquiries at the offices of the Colt Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn., to trace the following described guns:

- 1 .380 Colt Automatic Pistol, Serial No. 113038;
- 1 .380 Colt Automatic Pistol, Serial No. 112352;
- 1 .45-calibre Colt Automatic Pistol, Serial No. 345132.

At the office of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., New Haven, Conn., will make effort to trace the following described gun:

- 1 410-gauge Winchester Pump Shotgun, Model 42, Serial No. 3489.

The WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE is requested to trace, through the War Department, the following described revolver:

- 1 .45-calibre Colt Revolver, Serial No. 259805, (on butt of handle "U.S. Army model 1917 104 773". Stamped on bottom of barrel "United States Property".)

The INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE. It is requested that Mr. E. L. Ringler be shown photographs of Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver and interviewed for any information he may supply regarding them and their residence at Port Orange, Florida, last winter. Mr. Ringler can be lo-

cated at 910 South Second Street, Elkhart, Indiana. The Agent conducting this interview should also present to Mr. Ringler for observation photographs of other principals in this case.

The JACKSONVILLE OFFICE. Close cooperation is being maintained with the United States Attorney here with a view of the Bureau preparing the case against Myrtle Eaton for harboring, and any and all leads in this district which will facilitate this prosecution are being pursued, including the procuring of local newspapers recording indictment of Weaver, and delivery of same to his place near Port Orange, Florida.

As soon as these and other outstanding leads can be completed a comprehensive summary will be immediately submitted.

PENDING.

JER:AS

October 15, 1935

Time: 4:06 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

RE: Bremer Kidnaping; Willie
Harrison.

Colonel Gates telephoned and stated that Mr. Francis Connor had inquired if it were true that Willie Harrison who had been indicted in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping had been found dead in Illinois. I stated that we could not deny it as it was true but that we did not wish to make any comment. Colonel Gates then stated that Mr. Connor desired to know if we were still looking for Willie Harrison. I stated that since Harrison is dead we are not looking for him and to inform Mr. Connor that there is no comment.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

Dear Sir:

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

United States Attorney, George E. Sullivan, advised that on this date, October 12, 1935, he conferred with Judge Matthew Joyce relative to the postponement of the trial against defendants HARRY SAWYER, WILLIAM WEAVER and CASSIUS McDONALD until after January 1, 1936, due to the resisting of removal by CASSIUS McDONALD in Detroit at the present time. It was Mr. Sullivan's opinion that it is of extreme importance that McDONALD be tried with SAWYER and WEAVER, and that he anticipates that McDONALD may resist removal from Detroit by appeal. He has conferred telephonically with Assistant United States Attorney Combs of Detroit relative to a bargain that might be properly entered into with McDONALD's lawyer; namely, that if McDONALD would consent to removal, his bail might properly be reduced to \$25,000.00.

It is expected that an agreement with McDONALD's attorney will be reached on October 14, 1935 at the time the hearing is scheduled.

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Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases--FUGITIVE--17, 1935
I. O. #1218; et al -
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;
KIDNAPING, etc.

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You may be interested to know that the Jacksonville office received the following letter, written on stationery of Hotel Grant, 382 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey, dated October 15, 1935:

"Dear Sir:

Some weeks ago one of your men out of the Trenton, N. J. office called to see me and informed me that the Government were returning my car to me. He showed me the letter he had to notify me of the release. He asked me where I wanted it shipped and I told him to the above address. I asked him then if the car would be shipped to me free of charge but this he was not certain about, however, he led me to believe that if there were to be any charges they would be of a nominal character.

He stated that I would hear from you in a short time as to when the car would be sent, but as I have not heard anything to date I am taking the liberty of asking you if you can give me any information regarding this matter. The car is in Jacksonville and also the title to the car, also registration which I turned over to Agent Metcalfe. Trusting you can give me some information about the foregoing matter.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Henry "Duke" Randall

It appears that this letter was written to me as a result of the interview had with Randall by Special Agent H. D. Willis of your office. For your information and in the event direct inquiry should be made of you by Randall regarding the surrender of his car, you are advised that the matter is at present being considered by the Bureau, from whom I am awaiting instructions.

Very truly yours,

cc Bureau,
St. Paul, Cincinnati &
Connelley at Chicago

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

KRM:CJ

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May 1, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Miami, Florida.

RE: GEORGE TIMINEX; DR. JOSEPH P.
MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE
BREWER - Victim; Kidnaping; Ob-
struction of Justice; Harboring
of Fugitives; National Firearms
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Dear Sir:

Please have reference to the letter of the Jacksonville office under the signature of Special Agent R. A. Alt to the Trenton office, dated at Jacksonville October 15, 1935. It is noted therein that the Jacksonville office received a letter from Henry Duke Randall written on the stationery of the Hotel Grant, 882 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey, which letter is dated October 13, 1935.

It is desired that this letter be forwarded to the Bureau immediately for appropriate handwriting comparison with a questioned document believed to have been written by Randall.

Your files will disclose that on November 25, 1935, Randall appeared at the Jacksonville office, at which time he executed a receipt for the Ford V-8 Coupe, Motor No. 18-1037480. It is my desire that you ascertain from Special Agent Alt whether on November 25, 1935, at which time the receipt was executed by Randall in the name of Henry Stern, Agent Alt discussed with him the letter which he, Randall, wrote to the Jacksonville office, as noted above, and which was signed by Henry Duke Randall. It is particularly desired that the Bureau be advised whether Randall admitted having written the letter of October 13, 1935 with reference to the return of his automobile.

The purpose of this inquiry is to establish definitely that the letter of Randall dated October 13, 1935, is actually in his own handwriting.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 10, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

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Mr. Frank P. Coakley, 57 West 45th Street, New York City, advised the New York Office of this Bureau recently that he was in Detroit, Michigan, during May, 1935, having dinner one evening at the Statler Hotel, and on that occasion Cassius McDonald was sitting at a near-by table; that while he (Coakley) does not know McDonald he overheard from the conversation of McDonald and others who were with him, none of whom were known to Coakley, that McDonald has a hunting lodge in Michigan and that he has hidden out at this lodge on occasions certain individuals who were wanted by the authorities. Coakley claims he heard McDonald say that one individual who had been hidden out at this place is named Fred Rose, who, Coakley claimed, was wanted by the New York Police for forfeiting a \$15,000.00 bond in connection with a Loft robbery.

Mr. Coakley claimed that he understood from this general conversation McDonald had two different buildings located on his hunting preserve, where he had hidden people. Coakley also stated that after hearing this conversation he learned from various sources in Detroit that Cassius McDonald, along with a man named Eddie Attucks, is the "pay-off" to the Detroit Police Department, and no criminals can operate in Detroit unless they have McDonald's permission. Coakley stated he understood from the general conversation that Rose is now on the "outs" with McDonald.

As much of the information furnished by Coakley as possible was confirmed by the New York Office through an interview with Thomas Gorman, a detective of the New York Police Department. It has been ascertained that Fred Rose has an extensive criminal record.

Respectfully,

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 15, 1935.

Time - 12:00 noon.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case;
Cassius McDonald.

I telephoned Mr. Hanson, who is in Detroit in connection with the removal hearing for Cassius McDonald, and told him that he should take a rather positive stand with the United States Attorney and try to get this hearing over with. I told Mr. Hanson that both the Bureau and the United States Attorney in St. Paul are fearful lest the attorneys for McDonald tied the matter up with appeals, etc., and force the United States Attorney to go to trial with the others in St. Paul without McDonald, it being the consensus of opinion that conviction of McDonald will be much easier if he is carried along by the testimony of some of the principals.

Mr. Hanson said that one of the Assistant United States Attorneys out there has informed him that United States Attorney Sullivan in St. Paul has stated that he would be willing to consent to a bond reduction to \$25,000 provided that McDonald will waive removal and come out to St. Paul when they need him for the trial.

Mr. Hanson assured me that he would do his best to get this hearing set and put through as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Time - 4:05 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case;
Cassius McDonald.

I discussed with Mr. Hanson in Detroit the matter of the results of the removal hearing in Detroit relative to McDonald, and he advised that McDonald waived removal, his bond was set at \$25,000, in default of which he was committed to the County Jail in Detroit. McDonald has been given two weeks in which to make his bond, and if he does not make it within that time, he will be ordered removed to St. Paul.

Mr. Hanson said he teletyped this information to the Bureau about ten minutes ago.

Respectfully,

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E. A. TAMM.

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Edw. G. Bremer

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POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

October 18, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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. 1238 et al
Edward George Bremer, Victim - KIDNAPING,
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated October 12, 1935, wherein you advise that Assistant United States Attorney George A. Heisey desires to know whether any additional information against Oliver A. Berg has been uncovered since the writing of the letter from this office dated September 29, 1935 relative to this matter.

Please be advised that no further information appears in the files of the Chicago Bureau office pertaining to Berg's activities in this case or to prior criminal activities, and that the information set forth in the above referred to letter dated September 29th is complete as to this matter.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

Special Agent in Charge.

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DIRECTOR

PHONE BREKID ACTING SAC STEIN TELEPHONED TODAY ADVISING AGENTS SURAN AND KIRKLAND LEFT SAINT PAUL VIA THE 400 ON NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY FOLLOWING BELLE BORNE ENROUTE EITHER MILWAUKEE OR CHICAGO. I COMMUNICATED THIS INFORMATION BY TELEPHONE TO SAC CONNELLEY CHICAGO. THE 400 ARRIVED MILWAUKEE 8-45 PM, AND WAS MET BY AGENT MELVIN AND I. BELLE BORNE HURRIEDLY GOT OFF TRAIN PURCHASED ANOTHER TICKET AND DEPARTED ON ANOTHER NORTHWESTERN TRAIN. AGENT MELVIN TOGETHER WITH AGENTS SURAN AND KIRKLAND DEPARTED SAME TRAIN WITH BELLE BORNE. I IMMEDIATELY CHECKED WITH TICKET AGENT AND HE WAS UNABLE TO REMEMBER INDIVIDUAL ANSWERING DESCRIPTION BELLE BORNE PURCHASING TICKET AFTER ARRIVAL OF THE 400. AGENT SURAN INFORMED ME BELLE BORNE PURCHASED ROUND TRIP TICKET FROM SAINT PAUL TO MILWAUKEE. SAC CONNELLEY CHICAGO IMMEDIATELY ADVISED BY TELEPHONE. SAC CONNELLEY LATER CALLED INFORMING THAT AGENT SURAN TELEPHONED HIM FROM RACINE, WIS., AND ADVISED BELLE BORNE PURCHASED TICKET TO WAUKEGAN, ILL. SAC CONNELLEY STATED AGENTS FROM CHICAGO OFFICE WILL MEET TRAIN WAUKEGAN.

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Subject:

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Bureau of Investigation
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Washington

My dear Hal:

The enclosed is a page from our guest register located in the aquarium. It was called to our attention this morning, and while no dates appear in the book, from all appearances this page was filled by visitors sometime within the past week.

More than likely it is a practical joke, yet a daring and bold criminal of his type might do such a thing.

I am referring this exhibit to your Bureau for such disposal as you see fit.

Most sincerely yours,

Frank B. Bell
Commissioner

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Examination requested by: Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of Fisheries

Date received: 10-18-35

Examination requested: Doc. - Fingerprint

Result of examination:

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Honorable Frank T. Bell,
Commissioner,
Bureau of Fisheries,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Commissioner:

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter of October 18, 1935 addressed to Mr. E. A. Martin of this Bureau, enclosing a page from the guest register from the aquarium upon which was the signature "Al. V. Karpis". This page was submitted to the Technical Laboratory of the Bureau and the examiner reports as follows:

A comparison of the signature "Al. V. Karpis" appearing on the guest register from the aquarium has been made with the known writing of Alvin Karpis, but due to a number of dissimilarities in what appear to be writing habits, the examiner is of the opinion that the signature was not written by Alvin Karpis who is wanted by this Bureau. The page was subjected to treatment for latent fingerprints but none of any value could be developed thereon.

I wish to thank you for your interest in forwarding this document for examination and I assure you that your interest in the work of this Bureau is deeply appreciated.

The page from the guest register is being returned herewith, photographic copies having been made for our files.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
October 16, 1935

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

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

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith two letters addressed to Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz and Robert DeLaney by Dolores DeLaney, an inmate of your institution.

The contents of these letters have been carefully scrutinized and appear to contain no information of value.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

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cc-Bureau ✓

W. J. West
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
October 16, 1935

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

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

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau letter dated July 27, 1935, there are transmitted to the Bureau and to the offices listed below, copies of two letters written by Dolores DeLaney, who is confined in the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan. One of these letters is addressed to Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz, and the other to Robert DeLaney.

Very truly yours,

W. C. West
Special Agent in Charge

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Oct. 15, 1935

Dear Bud;

Gee, honey, it made me feel so good to get your letter and that money. At the time I wrote you I needed that dollar bad - but just about three days after that someone sent me a little money. It came at just the right time. I wished then that I hadn't written and asked you for any but don't send me any more until I write and ask you. I am going to make what I have last as long as I possibly can and any way I will probably get more soon.

What did you mean when you said you were going to see Babe and Mugs when you went to see Little Ray? Don't they live with you any more? If not - send me their address. Another thing I wanted to know is about the address Mother sent me. She told me to write her at 4554 Maldin St. Isn't that a terribly poor neighborhood? Let me know all about it, will you? I don't understand Mumsy every time she writes me she says she is moving to Chicago and she hasn't got there yet. I wish I knew for sure whether she was or not. I haven't heard from her yet this month - in fact the only one's I have heard from is Mr. & Mrs. Karpis. They said Little Ray had quite a bit of trouble cutting his last teeth but they say he is getting along okay now.

Hey, Bud, what do you mean by "It won't be so long till you see me?" Are you coming to see me soon? Gee, I hope so I would sure love to see you. Don't forget when you do come to bring Babe & Mumsy and if she can get permission bring Mugs too. Boy, that will really be a day when I see you all again. I can't remember when our family has been all at the same place at the same time. We always seemed to be missing each other in some way. Maybe when I get out of here we can all live together or at least near to each other. Wouldn't that be grand?

Listen, youngster, you haven't told me where you work or what kind of work you do. How many times do I have to ask before I get an answer? You must know that I want to hear all about every one of you. When you answer this letter tell me, won't you?

I'm saying "hello" to all my girl friends for you and they all said to say the same to you. I wish you could see my pet girl friend. Wynona, she and I both got some new reading glasses and when we go around here looking over the top of them - it's really the cutest sight. Just like a couple of old grand ma's. Wouldn't you like to see that?

Well, honey, I'll say good bye as I have loads of work to do. Write me a nice newsy letter - please. Don't forget.

Loads & loads of love from your baby sis

Dolores

P.S. Kiss little Ray for me and give him a great big hug, too.

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Oct. 15, 1935

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Karpis;

I really shouldn't have asked you to do anything about that car but when you're in a place like this it's so hard to decide what to do. I don't know why but I somehow I had the idea that you had a lawyer of your own who wouldn't charge much for those services. Of course, it would be silly to pay a lawyer as much as the one you mentioned would probably ask. I did feel tho' that if I could get a couple of hundred out of the car that it would really help. From the tone of that letter I sent you - it looks like Mr. Travis would be willing to buy it at a reasonable figure. Of course, I wouldn't want the car shipped up here as it wouldn't be worth it. Do you think so.

You mentioned those clothes that were supposed to be sent to you from downstairs. They called up from downstairs one day and said that every thing had to be sent home. I just found out the other day that there was a mistake made and they won't be sent after all at least not for some time.

Is little Ray doing any crawling yet? Gee, I'll bet he is the cutest little tyke there ever was all dolled up in his new clothes. Oh, how I would love to see him. If doesn't seem right that I can't be with him until he's almost four years old. That's such a dreadfully long time. Do you think he will get to love me and call me "Mother" after he is that old? I'd sure like to be out there working for him - washing and ironing his little clothes and feeding him and all the rest of the things a little one needs. It wouldn't be anything but play to me. Is he still as sweet and cheerful as he was the day you had him here. I was so surprised that day - when he didn't even cry once. There's so many things I want to ask you about him but when they are all said they mean the same thing - Is he well and happy? That's all that really matters to me now.

I'm glad he is out doors a lot because that's good for him.

Well, I shall have to say goodbye now as must get to work. Give my love to Emily, Betty Jane and give Ray a big hug and a kiss for me.

Loads of love

Dolores

P.S. I received the money and thanks an awfully lot for it.

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P. O. Box 886
Los Angeles, California.
Oct. 18, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - Fugitive
I. O. 1218 ET AL
GEORGE EDWARD BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION
OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
LA File 7-42

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Confirming telephone conversation of even date, I am trans-
mitting herewith for your information a copy of a letter received
this date by [REDACTED] a confidential informant,
from [REDACTED]

As I indicated in my phone conversation with Mr. Little, it
is believed to be possible that [REDACTED] intends [REDACTED] to under-
stand that he, [REDACTED] is referring to Alvin Karpis in the referred-to
letter.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNE
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 10/15/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/15/35	REPORT MADE BY D. L. NICHOLSON, SAC LEC
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218 ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">At Removal Hearing at Detroit, Mich., on October 15, 1935, Cassius McDonald waived examination, and in default of \$25,000 bond was committed to County Jail at Detroit, Michigan.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Teletype to Bureau, Chicago and St. Paul Offices, dated October 15, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN.</u></p> <p>At the removal hearing which was held before U. S. Commissioner Hurd, at Detroit, Michigan on October 15, 1935, Cassius McDonald waived removal to St. Paul, Minnesota, and in default of \$25,000 bond was committed to the Wayne County Jail at Detroit, Mich.</p> <p>This arrangement was effected by the U. S. Attorneys at St. Paul, Minnesota, and Detroit, Michigan, the understanding being that McDonald would be given two weeks time to furnish bond in the amount of \$25,000, which would be made returnable at St. Paul, Minnesota, on December 16, 1935.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PENDING</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>D. L. Nicholson</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California.

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. O. 1212, et al.; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
Victim; Kidnaping, Obstruction of
Justice, Harboring, National Firearms
Act.

Dear Sir:

Agent Paul Hansen of this office inquired at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary regarding any visitors William E. Sevier, Oklahoma State Penitentiary No. 12755, has had during the past three months, and there is no record of him having any visitors during this time. Inquiries were made of the prison officials regarding any possible way an interview would be had between Sevier and his wife that would not be on record and they advised that any visit of this character would be made a part of the records of the institution.

Agent Hansen interviewed Balch, who seemed pleased upon having Hansen call to see him, and talked freely. He stated that he had been unable to obtain any information whatever regarding the location of Karpis or any information with respect to his activities. He said that Sevier and "his old lady has broke up now and Bill don't hear from her". This happened, he said, by Sevier endeavoring to have his wife, Margaret, help him secure certain papers which would result in his getting his freedom so near than otherwise, and Margaret answered him by saying that she had more important things to do. Balch said that he is still positive that Karpis and Campbell are "still up in the north", and that Karpis communicates with Margaret Sevier frequently. He further advised that Karpis lived with Margaret's family for two or three years during the early part of his life and that her family lives in a small town near St. Paul, Minnesota. He does not remember the name of this town and does not remember the name of Margaret's family. She has two brothers, he says, and he does not know their names. Margaret, he says,

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is working in St. Paul for \$75.00 per month and he believes that she is working for some night club there. It is suggested that when the St. Paul Office receives a copy of this letter they make some further inquiry in St. Paul and endeavor to locate this Margaret Sevier for a confirmation of this information. During the conversation, Balch said that this woman may be working in Minneapolis rather than in St. Paul, so this should be borne in mind when the investigation is conducted.

Balch stated that he was exceedingly anxious to get in touch with Harry [redacted], as he has some important information [redacted] but had received no answer. He was advised by Agent Hansen that any message of information could be taken to Harry through a relay from the Oklahoma City Office to the Los Angeles Office and Balch thereupon stated that the information he wished to transmit to Harry is concerning the robbery of a national bank at Pomona, California, recently. He advised that this robbery was perpetrated by one Bob Singleton of southern Oklahoma, probably Durant, and another man whose name he does not have who is from California. These men had with them one Ora Montgomery of Durant, Oklahoma whose husband, Clevis E. Montgomery, is now serving a fifty year stretch in McAlester. He stated that he had recently received a letter from Bob Singleton which he had destroyed, wherein Singleton advised him "in so many words" of the robbery of a bank at Pomona.

Balch also advised that these men and also the Montgomery woman are presently residing at 921 Maple (street or avenue), Los Angeles, California. This house, Balch advised, is where he cooled off a couple of years ago and is a large blue twenty-one or twenty-two room house, which is sub-leased and is being used as a rooming house.

Balch was asked by Agent Hansen if this was all of the information he wished to transmit to Harry and he stated that it was.

It is suggested that if this information is reliable concerning the robbery of a bank at Pomona, that the Oklahoma City Office be advised of this fact in order that it may be governed accordingly in making further contacts with Balch.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Post Office Box 2118

Detroit - Michigan

October 15, 1935

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

Re: Alvin Karpis, w. a.,
Fugitive #1218, et al.
Edward J. Bremer, Victim,
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter dated October 12, 1935,
received from the St. Paul Bureau Office, with reference to two
zipper brief cases, together with contents, which were forwarded
to this Office to be delivered to Cassius McDonald's attorney.

This is to advise that the two zipper brief cases,
together with their contents were delivered to Assistant U. S.
Attorney, William G. Comb, at Detroit, Michigan, and after a
careful detailed receipt was obtained they were delivered by
Mr. Comb and myself to Cassius McDonald, who signed a receipt
acknowledging receipt of zipper cases and their contents.

The signed receipt is being retained in the Detroit
Office file in connection with this case.

Very truly yours,

D. L. Nicholson
D. L. Nicholson,
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
October 15, 1935.

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

Time - 3:40 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Walter Barlow, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, called me and stated that after the receipt of a letter from United States Attorney Sullivan in St. Paul, and after considering matters called to his attention by the Bureau, he had a discussion with Mr. Keenan, after which he telephoned Judge Ritter in Florida and advised him that the date set for the taking of the depositions in Cuba and the date set for the trial in Miami conflict with the date set for the trial in St. Paul; that the Department is advised by the United States Attorney in St. Paul that Joe Adams is a necessary and essential witness for the Government in the trial in St. Paul as to the other defendants. Judge Ritter finally consented to continue the trial of this matter in Florida. The trial in St. Paul, therefore, will be tried during this term of court, exact date not as yet set.

I asked Mr. Barlow when he anticipates taking the depositions in Cuba. He said that since he cannot take these depositions without the assistance of either Hanson or McKee, they will not be taken until after the St. Paul trial is over; that the arrangement now is that he will notify the attorneys on the other side the date which will be acceptable to us to take the depositions, and get their ideas on the matter, of course. He said that after the St. Paul trial is over, he will get in touch with me as to working out a date for the taking of these depositions.

In view of the above developments, Mr. Barlow referred to his memorandum to the Bureau requesting the assistance of either Hanson or McKee in making up a set and list of witnesses, and said that this need not be done until some later date. This will be worked out later.

Mr. Barlow said that the United States Attorney in St. Paul has been notified by telegraph that the Adams case has been postponed to comply with his request. I told Mr. Barlow that I would so notify the interested parties in the Bureau.

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Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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October 16, 1935.

Time - 3:11 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: Willie Harrison, Bremer
kidnaping case.

In a telephonic conversation with Colonel Gates
he stated the press had made inquiries as to how the
the Bureau had established the identity of the body of
Willie Harrison and how it happened to be located.
I stated all that could be said was that the above facts
were discovered through careful investigation and
analysis of evidence.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1218, ET AL;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
Kidnaping, Obstruction of Justice,
Harboring, National Firearms Act.

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OCT 21 1935

Dear Sir:

Jake Sims, Chief of Police, Seminole, Oklahoma, called me by phone and stated that during the afternoon of October 14, 1935, a 4-door V-8 Sedan, battleship grey, was stolen, and was bearing, at the time, 1935 Oklahoma plates 524-980; that this machine was stolen from in front of the Post Office in Seminole where the owner left it, with the motor running, while he went in to mail a letter.

Sims told me he talked with a bus driver shortly thereafter who drives a bus between McAlester and Oklahoma City and this driver told him that he had seen the car between Seminole and Shawnee and that two men were in it, one driving and the other sitting in the back seat with a rifle or machine gun in his hands, ready for action, and suggested that it might be Alvin Karpis.

I furnished this information to Lieutenant Joe Jerkin of the Oklahoma City Police Department and requested him to broadcast that the car was stolen at Seminole and that two men were in it who may be armed, and he stated he would do so.

With reference to the aforesaid call of Jake Sims concerning the theft of this automobile, I called said police officer on October 15, at which time he told me that the car in question was recovered the evening of October 14 about eleven miles from Seminole and the young fellow who stole it was injured with it in a wreck; that this man is in custody and is in the hospital, and he is not Alvin Karpis, but a local character.

I called the Oklahoma City Police Department, talking to Chief of Detectives Brandom and requested a cancellation of the pick-up order issued by them at my request, on October 14. I did not inform any of-

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officials that Karpis was in the car, but stated that the occupants thereof might be armed, as is noted above.

On October 15th, Special Agent Paul Hansen called me from Tulsa and stated that he had talked with Tony Benson, a Deputy Sheriff at Tulsa and that Benson stated that one Mabel Crabtree, of 5521 South Peoria Street, Tulsa, telephone 4-3574, who operates a beer and sandwich shop at said address, and a more or less notorious character in Tulsa, may possibly be contacting Karpis and Campbell. Tom Crabtree is the husband of Mabel and he is an ex-convict, but they are not living together and the husband is said to be engaged in a business similar to that of Mabel Crabtree. According to the information Agent Hansen obtained, Mabel Crabtree is running around with Norris Crabtree, a brother of her husband.

Benson told Hansen he was obtaining his information from a confidential informant whose name he did not wish to divulge.

Benson informed Agent Hansen that a few nights ago, posing as a cab driver, and accompanied by his informant, he went in a cab to Mabel's beer joint and remained parked there for sometime; that while there the Crabtree woman had a fuss with someone in the house and came out in a hurry, jumped into the cab that Benson was using and asked him to drive her around for a bit, which he did, and during this ride the confidential informant got into a rather lengthy conversation with her; the conversation was general, and the informant told her that if she did not stop running with a bunch of thieves she would get in trouble, and during this ride mention was made of "Harry and Alvin"; although nothing definite was overheard there was an inference that these two, Karpis and Campbell, had probably been to Mabel's place.

Tony Benson stated to Agent Hansen that he believed it highly advisable to place a tap on the telephone of Mabel Crabtree as he believes some very valuable information could be obtained in that manner. Hansen did not tell Benson he would or would not place a tap on the phone.

Benson is considered a fairly efficient officer, but he is somewhat windy and garrulous and does a lot of talking. However, it is said that Harry Campbell, in the past, has threatened to kill Benson and Benson would like very much to get even with Campbell. Moreover, Benson is interested in any money he can make in connection with the matter. Agent Hansen is inclined to the view that possibly Benson may want a tap placed on the telephone of Mabel Crabtree for the purpose of obtaining information concerning some other activities of Mabel Crabtree and her associates and friends, which would be of interest only to the Sheriff's Office at Tulsa, and I am inclined to share the opinion of Agent Hansen in this regard.

This matter was taken up with Mr. Tamm of the Bureau on October 16, and it was his opinion that no tap would be placed on the telephone at this time but that the same would be considered if more definite information is obtained that Karpis and Campbell are contacting this woman.

Agent Hansen further informed me that at Tulsa he had contacted Joe Anderson, a member of the Kansas State Highway Patrol and that Anderson had told him that he has obtained information from an informant that Tommy Hill, of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, one Coker, Alvin, Sherwood and Harry Campbell have on foot a plot to go to the home of some wealthy, elderly man, living near Vinita, Oklahoma, whose name, at the time was unknown, and who has a large sum of money in his home, possibly in a safe, crack the safe, or make the old man divulge information as to the location of the money and take it from him. It was said that the other thieves desired to take Harry Campbell along to open the safe as he is considered an efficient "knob-knocker".

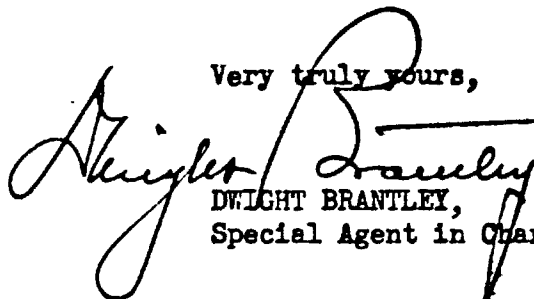
Efforts were being made to ascertain the identity of the wealthy man near Vinita, as it was the purpose of the officers interested to interview this man and obtain his cooperation with the view to covering the situation thoroughly. Mr. Hansen said that Joe Anderson apparently is getting his information concerning this matter from someone who is getting it from Toy Carpenter, said to be a pal of Harry Campbell, recently arrested at Neosho, Missouri, by Anderson and others and now in jail at Sedan, Kansas.

On October 16th, Mr. Hansen called me from Tulsa and informed me that in a further conversation with Joe Anderson he had learned that the man who is said to be the intended victim of the plot, as aforesaid, is F. C. Vogel, who lives on U. S. Highway #75, one mile out of Vinita; that Mr. Vogel is getting old, is somewhat eccentric, but has a son, Irvin Vogel, who is a District Judge at Wichita Falls, Texas, and that Paul Simms, Assistant United States Attorney at Tulsa, had, at the request of old man Vogel, called the son at Wichita Falls and he is coming to Oklahoma to take the matter up with the old man and convince him that he should cooperate with the officers.

Agent Hansen informed me that, according to the best information he could get from Joe Anderson, it is the intention of Wint Smith, head of the Kansas Highway Patrol, to have a majority of Kansas State Highway Police in on this case, calling in one or two members of the Oklahoma State Bureau; that Anderson had told him that Wint Smith was to call me about it, but to date no such call has been received from him.

Hansen stated that Anderson does not want Major Smith to know that the full facts in this thing have been divulged to the Bureau. I instructed Hansen to obtain all information he could from Anderson concerning the case and to go along with these officers in the event there were developments which indicated that they were going through with it. Hansen said that this he would do and it would be all right with Anderson. Anderson, according to the information he has given Hansen is contacting his informant regularly and if the thing is to materialize it will take place on Friday night, October 18th or Saturday, the 19th.

Very truly yours,


DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

cc: St. Paul
Chicago
Cincinnati
Kansas City

Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

October 18, 1935

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Special Agent in Charge
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236;
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239; ET AL;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING; HARBORING & OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

There are attached hereto two copies of the report of
Special Agent John L. Madala, dated at Chicago, Illinois, Octo-
ber 16, 1935.

It is desired that the information in this report be
temporarily withheld from the United States Attorney's office
in St. Paul until such time as advice is received from this
Office that ~~Madala~~ Conliff's usefulness as an informant has ter-
minated.

Very truly yours,

Special Assignment

E. J. CONNELLEY
Special Agent in Charge

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FILE NO. 7-50

REPORT MADE AT CHARLOTTE, N. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 10/16/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/9, 12, 14/35	REPORT MADE BY EDWARD SCHEIDT. :md
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="text-align: center;">- P -</div> <p>Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thompson, now of Charlotte, N. C., associated with Subjects William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton at Harbor Oaks, Fla., from about October 1934 until April or May 1935, due to fact that the Thompsons operated a filling station near house occupied by Subjects. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson unable to identify any other Subjects in this case, but furnished data relative to persons who visited Subjects Weaver and Eaton.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Report of Special Agent M. W. Meekins, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, September 9, 1935; Report of Special Agent P. S. Bailey, Jr., dated at Charlotte, North Carolina, September 17, 1935; letter from the Chicago Office, October 3, 1935.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="text-align: center;">- At Charlotte, North Carolina -</p> <p>COPIES DESTROYED After several unsuccessful efforts to contact W. H. 848 MAR 34 1935 who was out of the city on these occasions, in connection</p>			
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with his work of motor trucking, he was located on October 12, 1935, at the office of R. J. Davis Motor Express, Inc. He voluntarily accompanied Agent to the Charlotte Bureau Office, where he was questioned in detail. Later Mrs. W. H. Thompson was interviewed at the Thompson home, 828 1/2 West Trade Street. The information furnished by these persons was in complete accord, and in the interest of clarity its substance is set forth without reference to the separate interviews.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson formerly operated and lived at a service station located at Harbor Oaks, Florida, the Post Office being Port Orange. This station was rented by them from Mr. J. W. Quillian, who lived at Allandale, Florida. The station is situated on United States Highway #1, three miles south of Port Orange, and six miles north of New Smyrna. The Thompsons first met Subjects William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, who will hereafter be referred to as Mr. and Mrs. Osborne, the name under which they were known by the Thompsons, in September or October, 1934, this being approximately a year and a half after the Thompsons first began operating the station.

On Osborne's first call to the filling station Mr. Thompson was away, and he talked to Mrs. Thompson. At that time Osborne made inquiry concerning a vacant house located about 1 1/2 blocks from the filling station, asking whether it was for sale, and who had it in charge. Previously Mr. Styles, who was connected with a Building & Loan Association at Daytona Beach, Florida, had stopped by the Thompsons' filling station and told the Thompsons the nearby house was for sale, stating that if they would refer to him any persons who made inquiries about the house, if a sale resulted he would pay the Thompsons a commission. Consequently Mrs. Thompson referred Osborne to Mr. Styles on the occasion of Osborne's first call.

Shortly after that time Osborne purchased the house, and he and Mrs. Osborne moved in, this being in October or November, 1934. The Thompsons remained at the filling station for approximately seven months thereafter, and until April or May, 1935, during which time they saw a good deal of the Osbornes, partly because the latter couple purchased gas and oil from the filling station, partly because they were neighbors, and partly because the Osbornes were friendly toward them and extended hospitality.

Toward the latter part of the time the Thompsons were in Harbor Oaks, a man named Jimmy White, who was supposed to be a nephew of Osborne, stayed with the Osbornes for a few days. He had allegedly worked for the Peoples Drug Store in Washington, D. C., and was recuperating from a nervous breakdown. Osborne came to Thompson and told him that he would

like to buy the Thompsons' filling station for Jimmy White to operate, and Thompson agreed to sell. In the meantime White had left, saying that he was going to Washington to arrange for receiving the benefits of group insurance which the Peoples Drug Company carried on its employees. Thompson asked something over \$100.00 for his stock of gas and oil, and eventually sold the stock to Osborne for \$90.00 in cash, and Osborne was to pay rent to Quillian, just as Thompson had done. After the sale Mr. and Mrs. Thompson remained over for about two weeks, during which time at the insistence of the Osbornes they took their meals at the Osborne home. They were royally treated, and Mrs. Osborne proved to be a wonderful cook. Jimmy White never did return, and eventually the Thompsons left and went to Charlotte, North Carolina, where they have resided since that time. Through Mrs. Ruble of Port Orange, who has visited with the Thompsons once at Charlotte since their departure from Florida, and who has also corresponded with them, they learned later of the Osbornes' arrest, and had also heard that the Osbornes had previously adopted a child.

During the time that the Thompsons were acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Osborne, Osborne claimed that he was from Ohio, and that he had at one time operated a grocery store in Findlay, Ohio. He said that he did not take an active part in the business any more, but received money from this business each month. The Thompsons recalled that after buying the house, Osborne did not have much furniture, but kept adding to it gradually, claiming that he had money coming in from time to time, and preferred to pay his way as he went. In that connection he always paid cash for any purchases made. The Thompsons said that they knew nothing concerning any bank accounts of the Osbornes, any safe deposit box or any source of income. It was recalled that the Osbornes frequently paid bills with silver money, and as a result there was a rumor current to the effect that Osborne was a bootlegger. Osborne was quite fond of chickens, and raised quite a few on his place.

When the Osbornes were first living at Harbor Oaks they had a Chevrolet with an Ohio license, which they said they traded in at Tampa, Florida, for an Oldsmobile. While living in this section the Osbornes went off on two trips, each for over a week in duration. After one of these trips they arrived in the new Oldsmobile. Osborne also acquired a light Ford truck, which was supposedly purchased at Daytona for \$75.00. According to information furnished the Thompsons by Mrs. Ruble, Osborne had given up the operation of the filling station at the time of his apprehension, for the reason that he was unsuccessful in obtaining a long term lease on this station.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, although frequently in the Osborne home, never saw any firearms there except one foreign make single shot pistol with a long barrel.

Questioned with reference to any telegrams or telephone calls received by the Osbornes, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson advised that they recalled no telephone calls, but they did remember that an incoming Western Union telegram was handled by Dr. Waldron of Port Orange, Florida, for Osborne, but stated that they did not know the nature of the message, or at what period it was received. Telegrams to Harbor Oaks are telephoned from Daytona to Dr. Waldron at Port Orange, who thereafter forwards the messages to the recipients.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson immediately recognized photographs of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton as those of Mr. and Mrs. Osborne respectively, but were unable to identify photographs of any of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang, which were exhibited to them. They stated that the Osbornes apparently did not have an unusual number of visitors, and that such callers as there were seemed mainly to be friends of Mrs. Osborne. However, data relative to each of the visitors recalled by them is set forth below:

X Mimi: Age 60, height 5 feet, weight 175 pounds, build heavy, hair grey;

Mimi was an old grey-haired lady, who came to see Mrs. Osborne, and who stayed with the Osbornes a night or two about April, 1935. She was supposed to be from Atlanta, Georgia, and her husband had allegedly been the Editor of a newspaper in Atlanta, and he was supposed to have been killed in an automobile wreck.

X Gill, and Gill's wife, Betty, came to the Osborne home quite often to visit "Bill and Jane Osborne". Gill ran a saloon at Daytona Beach. The file reflects that he has already been interviewed by the Jacksonville Office.

Blond Girl: There was a blond girl who hung around with Jimmy White for a while. She drove a Cord automobile, and was supposed to be from Chicago. Jimmy said he had met her by flirting with her at a hotel, and that she was lousy with money. Thompson did not see her well enough to be able to describe her, but said he did not believe this woman was previously acquainted with Subjects.

Mr. Marsh: age 60, height over 5 feet, weight 140 lbs., build medium, complexion red faced.

Mrs. Marsh: age 55, height five feet, five inches, weight 160 lbs., build stout.

The persons known as Mr. and Mrs. Marsh visited the Osbornes on several occasions, but the Thompsons were unable to give any further information about this couple, except that the Osbornes on one or more occasions went fishing with Mr. and Mrs. Marsh, together with a Catholic priest, mentioned below. However, Mrs. Thompson turned over to Agent a photographic negative of a group picture in which Mr. and Mrs. Marsh appeared.

Catholic Priest: Age 55 to 60, height 5 feet, 6 inches, weight 160 lbs., build stout, complexion red faced.

This Catholic priest drove a Buick automobile, and on one or more occasions went fishing with the Osbornes and Mr. and Mrs. Marsh. He also appears in the group picture, the negative of which was secured by Agent.

Doty: Age 50, Height 5 feet, 4 inches, weight 135 lbs.

Margaret: Age 35, height 5 feet, 4 inches, weight 125 lbs., build slender, hair - light with short bob.

Doty and Margaret visited with the Osbornes for several days, staying overnight. Margaret supposedly owned a home on the Peninsula, and was originally from California. It was understood also that she had several children.

Although the Thompsons were questioned at length, the above is the best information they could furnish. They impressed Agent as being entirely sincere in their statements.

With reference to the negative of the photograph mentioned above, Agent later had six prints made of this negative, and Mrs.

Thompson said the persons on the group picture are as follows: front row, leading from left to right: unknown individual; Catholic priest; Mr. Marsh; Mrs. Marsh; in back - Mrs. Osborne; standing at door of filling station - Mr. Thompson. Mrs. Thompson explained that when Jimmy White was visiting the Osbornes he took a number of pictures of the Thompsons, and later turned the negatives over to the Thompsons, and the negative for this particular picture was included among those received from White. She stated that she has no other pictures of persons who associated with the Osbornes. The return of the negative received from her is not desired, and it is being forwarded to the Cincinnati Office, together with one print. Two prints of this picture are being furnished to the St. Paul Office, one is being retained by the Charlotte Office, one is being sent to the Jacksonville Office, and one is being sent to the Chicago Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD: THE ST. PAUL OFFICE: AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA: If deemed expedient, will exhibit the group picture referred to in this report to William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, to ascertain the identities of the persons shown.

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7-576 - 7715

October 24, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Edward Scheidt, dated at Charlotte, North Carolina, October 16, 1935, in the above entitled case. On page 6 thereof it is noted that a negative of a photograph containing the pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Marsh and others was forwarded to the Cincinnati Office by the Charlotte Office. It is desired that the negative of this photograph be furnished the Bureau so that appropriate copies can be made for use in future investigation.

It is observed that a copy of the above mentioned report was not furnished the Washington Field Office. It is shown therein, however, that Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Thompson, who formerly lived as neighbors of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton near Allandale, Florida, have advised that one Jimmy White visited Weaver and Eaton during the spring of 1935. They have informed that while Jimmy White visited at that point there was another visitor at the Weaver-Eaton home whose name is unknown but who was a blond girl who appeared to keep company with Jimmy White. She is said to have driven a Ford automobile and was supposed to be from Chicago. Jimmy White is said to have met her by flirting with her at a hotel, and she is reported to be wealthy. It is desired that appropriate inquiries be made of Jimmy White by the Washington Field Office to determine the identity of the blond girl and to determine whether she is in any way connected with members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
The St. Paul Office should give particular attention to all of the persons mentioned in the above entitled report who were regarded as friends and visitors of Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver. Only those who were in Allandale, Florida. It is desired that Weaver and Eaton be interviewed with regard to each of these individuals to determine whether any further information can be obtained from them with regard to the fugitive members of this gang.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CC Washington Field Office
St. Paul
Mr. Connelley at Chicago
Charlotte

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
October 16, 1935



Mr. James V. Lewis,
Postmaster,
Ada, Oklahoma

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, W. S., FUGITIVE,
I. O. 1218, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE
BREMER - Victim; Kidnaping, Ob-
struction of Justice, Harboring,
National Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith two photographs
of Alvin Karpis, as requested in your letter of
October 15, 1935.

In the event anyone in your city who views
these photographs and believes he makes an identifica-
tion therefrom, it is kindly requested that you advise
me.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter,

I am

Very truly yours,

SWIFTY BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Bureau

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 16, 1935

HN:CSH

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

3:50 PM

Mr. Nathan ☒
Mr. Tolson ☒
Mr. Baughman ☐
Chief Clerk ☐
Mr. Clegg ☐
Mr. Coffey ☐
Mr. Edwards ☐
Mr. Egan ☐
Mr. Foxworth ☐
Mr. Harbo ☐
Mr. Joseph ☐
Mr. Keith ☐
Mr. Lester ☐
Mr. Quinn ☐
Mr. Schildt ☐
Mr. Schilder ☐
Mr. Tamm ☒
Mr. Tracy ☒
Miss Gandy ☐

Connelley called on the telephone from Chicago. He said the Tribune and the Associated Press men have been in the office, stating that Washington is releasing a story to the effect that the burned body found near Bensenville, Illinois some months ago was that of Willie Harrison. He stated that he wondered what could be told the Sheriff and Coroner of the place in question.

After talking to you I telephoned Connelley and told him how the press had probably secured the information and that it would be appropriate for him to inform the Sheriff and the Coroner that the body of the man in question was that of Willie Harrison, inasmuch as the watch found near the body had been identified. Connelley stated he felt he need not call either the Sheriff or the Coroner unless they made inquiry of him, but he simply wanted to be prepared to advise them if they did. However, it is not his intention to call them but to await inquiry from them.

I told Connelley he was to make no statement to the press in connection with this matter, and particularly he was not to give any information to the Chicago Tribune. He stated the Tribune had asked for pictures and that they and the others might want identification orders. I told him that identification orders could always be given out to newspapers, except that in this particular instance neither identification orders nor any other data could be given the Chicago Tribune. Connelley will make no statement to the newspapers but will give identification orders to such newspapers, other than the Chicago Tribune, as and when they request them.

I told Connelley that no information of any kind should be given the Sheriff or Coroner or anyone else as to any suspicions or information we may possess relative to the identity of the persons responsible for the murder of Harrison.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

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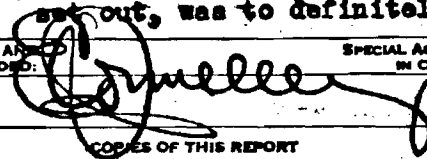
I do not want anything of any kind given to the Chicago Tribune at any time. J. E. H.

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FILE NO. 7-82

REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Ill.	DATE WHEN MADE 10/16/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/24, 25, 26, 27, 8, 15/35	REPORT MADE BY JOHN L. MADALA JLM:JM
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 J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING & OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Further information set out herein as obtained from confidential informant Helen Conliff indicating Harry Sawyer's presence in Bensenville, Ill., during period of Bremer's captivity. Elmer Farmer upon being interviewed at Leavenworth Penitentiary denied any acquaintanceship with Harry Sawyer. Asserted emphatically he was not in Bensenville during period in question. Stated that he, Farmer, and Harold Alderton signed statements in St. Paul, Minn., for Robert Rensch, attorney for Sawyer, that they had never seen Sawyer previously.			
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Chicago, Ill., dated 8/14/35.			
DETAILS: <u>AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:</u>			
It will be noted in the reference report that informant Helen Conliff wrote to Elmer Farmer at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, asking him whether Harry Sawyer was in Bensenville, Illinois, during the period Mr. Bremer was held captive there, to which she received a reply in the affirmative. In this connection it might be stated that there was no question in the mind of Miss Conliff that Sawyer was actually in Bensenville, Illinois, and her only reason for writing to Elmer Farmer, as above set out, was to definitely affirm her belief that Sawyer visited			
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Bensenville while Victim Bremer was held there. She stated that she wanted to be certain as to this before signing the statement which is contained in the reference report.

Miss Conliff telephoned the Chicago Bureau Office on August 24, 1935, and requested Agent to see her immediately. She exhibited to Agent a letter which she had just received from Elmer Farmer, and among other things he wrote the following:

"About that fellow up in St. Paul - I never did see him around Bensenville at any time. I also signed a paper for Rensch to that effect before I left there. Monte mentioned his name a few times around there but I didn't know who he was until I seen him in St. Paul. Tell Sam -- Monte got all of Irene's money, that is George's wife. He should have most of it left but I suppose Monte's wife has it now."

According to Miss Conliff "that fellow up in St. Paul" is Harry Sawyer. Rensch is Robert A. Rensch, attorney for Harry Sawyer. Monte is Byron Bolton. Sam is Sam Golan, who was attorney for Fred Goetz and Irene was Goetz' common law wife, Irene Dorsey.

With reference to the foregoing letter Miss Conliff stated that she cannot understand why Elmer Farmer wrote the above, after he already had told her on two different occasions that Harry Sawyer was in Bensenville, Illinois. She stated, however, that it is entirely possible that after Elmer Farmer wrote her the first time indicating that Sawyer was in Bensenville during the period in question, he arrived at the conclusion that possibly the Government was either reading or making copies of his mail, and if this were so, he probably acted as he did to avoid being called upon as a Government witness in the coming trial of Harry Sawyer. Another theory advanced by Miss Conliff in this connection is that possibly Farmer was trying to protect her, fearing that if the Government had knowledge of the fact that she was aware of Sawyer's presence in Bensenville during the time of Bremer's confinement there, she would be interviewed and probably subpoenaed as a witness.

At any rate Miss Conliff took it upon herself to write Elmer Farmer advising him that she could not understand his last letter, making particular reference to the part pertaining to

Harry Sawyer, as he had told her in St. Paul that Sawyer was in Bensenville during the period, and that he later confirmed it by letter in response to her inquiry in that regard; that she wanted to know what had come over him. At this point Agent questioned Miss Conliff as to whether Elmer Farmer would not become suspicious of her persistency in obtaining this information, and she replied that Farmer undoubtedly believed that she was asking and seeking the correct facts for either Sam Golan or Thomas McMeekins, attorneys. In this connection she stated that Farmer knew that she was in contact with these two attorneys making efforts to gain leniency for him, and he probably believed that they probably asked her to obtain this information for them.

Agent telephonically communicated with Miss Conliff on August 25, 1935, and she advised that she had received another letter from Elmer Farmer which she desired to show Agent. This letter read in part as follows:

"About that fellow in St. Paul. I don't know him or anyone else that is going to trial up there and I don't intend to take the stand against any of them. It's bad enough to do time down here without sending someone else down there. If there can't be anything done some other way than that you better tell him to let it go."

Referring to the last sentence of the above letter Miss Conliff pointed out that she was certain that Elmer Farmer was of the belief that she was seeking the information for either Sam Golan or Thomas McMeekins. She stated also that the tenor of the letter indicated that Farmer is acquainted with Harry Sawyer.

Miss Conliff advised that she had not as yet talked with Sam Golan, but stated that she wrote him a letter two months ago advising that Farmer was in solitary confinement, that he was not working, and in this connection asked him to do something about it. She had never received a reply from Golan.

At this time informant exhibited to Agent a letter which she wrote to Thomas McMeekins, attorney, but did not mail for the reason that she wanted Agent to read the letter first. This letter

is as follows:

"August 27, 1935

"Dear Mr. McMeekins:

"I have been waiting to hear from you for a long time, and so far have not, so thought I would write to you. I am not living in Bensenville any more. I am living in Chicago. You know Mr. McMeekins I was wondering if you were able to have anything done on Elmer's case for him? Naturally he is curious to know and so am I. It's funny but Elmer has not been assigned to any work there and though he claims he has been a model prisoner, he is kept in his cell and only allowed out for his meals and allowed out on Sunday afternoons and that is all. Allderton is working in the shoe factory, and receives \$15.00 per month and also receives 15 days a month off of his sentence, and Elmer does nothing but sit in a cell. I thought they could not differentiate between Farmer and Allderton? Well, anyway I wonder if you would be able to talk to Mr. Rensch and find out what was in that statement Elmer signed for him. Did you know Elmer had signed a statement that Harry Sawyer had not ever been in Bensenville at any time. That was a lie. Sawyer was in Bensenville, not that it makes any difference but what I am really interested in is what else was on that paper. Mr. McMeekins, Elmer has signed so many papers and told so many things that have hurt him so greatly, that I am really shocked to think he would be so foolish as to sign any papers for anyone. If that paper is going to be brought into Court and introduced to show Sawyer was not in Bensenville, I am afraid when they find out Elmer signed that paper, we cannot expect any favors from the Government in regard to leniency or cutting his sentence or anything else. Perhaps both you and Mr. Rensch will think me foolish, and perhaps lawyers do not usually make inquiries of another lawyer like that, but frankly I am worried for fear he has signed something that is going to hurt him. Ann Scanlan was in Chicago for a week during which time

we did see a lot of each other and she told me you had been ill. I was sorry to hear of it and hope you have fully recovered. I have not forgotten that money I owe you and you really have been very nice about it, but I have just gotten to work and as soon as things are not quite so difficult I assure you I will send it to you. Meanwhile I am very grateful to you for being so patient. Please do what you can do about Rensch and also write to me. I would appreciate it a great deal, so hoping to hear from you soon and thanking you I remain,

"Sincerely yours,"

/s/

West End
Chicago, Ill.

The above letter was exhibited to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley on August 28, 1935, and discussed with Special Agent T. P. Sullivan and Agent, and it was deemed advisable for Miss Conliff to omit from said letter the statements pertaining to Harry Sawyer before sending it away, for the reason that it was thought best that McMeekins should not know about Miss Conliff's knowledge of Sawyer's presence in Bensenville.

Agent contacted Miss Conliff on the following day and suggested to her that she not mention Harry Sawyer's name in her letter to McMeekins, which she agreed to do. The advantages for this were pointed out to Miss Conliff and she was entirely cooperative in this regard. The original letter written in Miss Conliff's handwriting to Mr. McMeekins is in the possession of Agent and will be retained in the Chicago Bureau Office files for future reference.

While Agent interviewed Elmer Farmer in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on September 6, 7, and 8, 1935, relative to other angles of this case, he was specifically questioned concerning his knowledge of Harry Sawyer. Elmer Farmer advised that he does not know Harry Sawyer personally, and that the first time he met him was in May, 1935, at the Ramsey County Jail; that on this occasion Sawyer was brought to his cell and Robert Rensch, attorney, questioned him, Farmer, as to whether he had ever

seen that man, meaning Harry Sawyer, before. Farmer stated that he replied in the negative, whereupon Rensch drew up a statement to the effect that he, Farmer, had observed Sawyer on this date and that he positively asserted that he had not seen Sawyer at any time previously. Farmer signed this statement. He further advised that it is his understanding that Harold Alderton, Jimmie Wilson and Ollie Berg likewise signed statements to this effect.

Elmer Farmer, of course, emphatically denied that Harry Sawyer was ever in Bensenville, Illinois. He stated that to his knowledge Sawyer was not the finger man in the Bremer kidnaping case, and that the only part he played in the abduction was to arrange hideouts and contact places in St. Paul, Minnesota. He further advised that Sawyer had an "in" with the St. Paul Police Department, and that he was furnished advance information of all contemplated raids on friends of his; that Sawyer did the boys, meaning the Barker-Karpis gang and the Dillinger gang, many favors and generally took care of them when they were in St. Paul. Farmer advised that on one occasion, shortly after the release of Mr. Bremer, he overheard Fred Barker, "Doc" Barker and Alvin Karpis discuss the cold nights and sleeping conditions while they were in a boathouse in the vicinity of St. Paul, Minnesota, during the ransom negotiations there. Farmer stated that although he is not absolutely certain, he believes that this boathouse was obtained by Harry Sawyer and was used as a meeting place.

Farmer further advanced the information that while he and "Doc" Barker were on trial at St. Paul, Minnesota, he had frequent conversations with him about the case; that on one occasion Barker informed him that the ransom money collected in the instant kidnaping was split ten ways, and that each of the following persons received \$18,000.00: "Doc" Barker, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, Fred Goetz, Harry Sawyer, Bill Weaver, Charles Fitzgerald, and a St. Paul detective whose name Farmer believes is Brown.

At this point Agent asked Elmer Farmer whether he was willing to go to St. Paul to testify in the coming trial of Harry Sawyer, and Bill Weaver, advising him that his action in this regard might encourage the United States Attorney to favorably consider any requests he, Farmer, might make in the future. He stated that he had received several communications from the United

States Attorney of St. Paul to this effect, but that he had definitely made up his mind not to do any testifying for the reason that he knows that any such action would jeopardize his life within the penitentiary. He then stated that there was nothing he could testify to against Harry Sawyer as the information furnished above is true and correct.

Agent again contacted informant Helen Conliff at Chicago, Illinois, on September 15, 1935, at which time she advised that she is now residing at 1234 West Madison Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, with a husband.

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7-576-7718

October 24, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 612,
Chicago, Illinois.

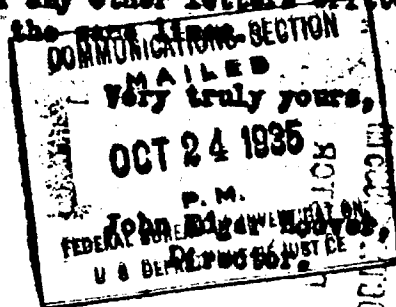
Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John L. Madala, dated at Chicago, Illinois, October 16, 1935, in the above entitled case, on pages two and three of which are noted excerpts from letters written by Elmer Farmer to Helen Conliff.

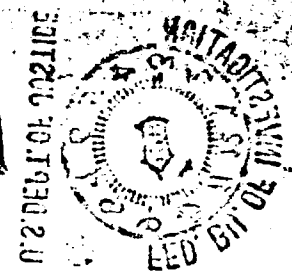
In view of the fact that Elmer Farmer has executed a signed statement for Attorney Robert Rensch at St. Paul, Minnesota to the effect that he, Farmer, did not see Harry Sawyer in Bensenville, Illinois during the kidnap period, it is desired that efforts be made by the Chicago Office to obtain the originals of these letters from Helen Conliff. It is believed that they may be used for rebuttal purposes at a later date in the event that Farmer testifies in keeping with the signed statement which he made to Attorney Rensch.

The Chicago Office should also obtain from Helen Conliff any other letters written to her by Elmer Farmer along the same lines.



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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

October 16, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

As the Bureau was advised in my teletype on
October 15, 1935 pertaining to the Bremer case, Special
Agent T. G. Melvin departed from Milwaukee, Wisconsin at
8:50 P.M. October 15, 1935 for Waukegan, Illinois. He
returned to Milwaukee at 1:39 A.M. October 16, 1935.

Very truly yours,

V. W. Peterson

V. W. PETERSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO. 7-2

REPORT MADE AT Little Rock, Ark.	DATE WHEN MADE 10/17/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/5-6-7-11/35	REPORT MADE BY R. G. Coulter
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 J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. 1239; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Individual residing at Hot Springs, Arkansas, prior to October 2, 1935, suspected of being Karpis. Investigation indicates he is Fred Hunter of Leavittsburg, Ohio. Richard Galatas claimed not to know past activities of Cassius McDonald. Dog race tracks not permitted at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated August 15, 1935, and letter from the Kansas City office dated October 9, 1935.

DETAILS:

During the afternoon of October 5, 1935, Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers, Hot Springs, Arkansas, called Special Agent in Charge R. L. Shivers by telephone and advised him that a person using the name of Parker, residing in an out of the way fishing camp on a lake, had been in Hot Springs for some time and was driving a Hudson Coupe, bearing Ohio license H372M, which was listed to E. F. Parker, 323 North Phelps Street, Youngstown, Ohio, and that the Chief of Detectives of that town had advised him by telegraph that Parker was unknown at that place. He further stated he had checked and found that the Hudson Coupe in question bore serial #551492 and was purchased August 1, 1935, from the Manning Marino Company at Youngstown by cash.

At Hot Springs, Arkansas.

During the evening of October 5, 1935, Chief of Detectives Akers of Hot Springs was contacted by Special Agent B. L. Damron and the writer, at which time he stated he had never seen the person referred to as Parker. However, information had come to him that this individual

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had been residing on Lake Hamilton at Dyer's Landing for several weeks, and that when he came to the city of Hot Springs, he generally wore smoked glasses. He stated he personally called at Dyer's Landing early on the morning of October 2, 1935, and secured the license number attached to the Hudson Coupe, on which he wired the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio, and received information to the effect that the license was issued to Parker at the above referred to address, and that the Hudson Coupe in question was a 1935 model, bearing motor #60348.

Thereafter, Akers and Lieutenant Cecil Brook of the Hot Springs Police Department accompanied Agents to Lake Hamilton, which is about seven miles south of Hot Springs, and designated the vicinity in which Parker was reported to be residing. Akers also advised that there was another individual with Parker, about whom he knew nothing.

On the morning of October 6, 1935, Agents proceeded to Burch's Landing, which is adjacent to Dyer's Landing, and secured a boat and remained on the lake until approximately 1:00 P. M. that date. Nothing was observed about Dyer's Landing, and the automobile in question was not noted. These Agents thereafter interviewed the caretaker at Dyer's Landing, who stated his name was Morris B. Loftis, Box 400, Hot Springs, Arkansas. It was determined that Dyer's Landing maintained but two cottages, and that both were vacant. Loftis was then openly interviewed, and he stated that about six weeks before the date of the interview a man, giving his name as Fred Parker, moved in to the smaller of the two cottages and was accompanied at that time by a man known as Harold King. He stated King remained awhile and left, and about three weeks before the interview a man known as Tommy Coleman came and lived with Parker. He stated these individuals were visited on one or more occasions by a man called "George," who claimed to be stopping at the Arlington Hotel. Loftis stated "George" also possessed a Hudson Coupe, bearing 1935 Ohio license H85M; that "George" claimed to have gone to the fight in New York between Baer and Louis, and King was also reported to have attended the fight. He stated that, according to conversations, it was "George's" intention to fly from Little Rock to the East. Loftis was also under the impression that "George" left Little Rock on September 21, 1935, for New York. However, inquiry at the American Airways ticket office reflected the sale of only one ticket on September 21, 1935, and that was to H. G. Perry, 71 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Loftis stated that on one or two occasions Parker and his friends were visited by two girls, who apparently were local Hot Springs girls. However, Loftis stated he did not know these girls and could not furnish an accurate description of them. He stated also that Parker employed a cook, who lived in the servants' quarters back of the cottages and who worked for them up to and including the day they left. He stated this cook was a negro woman about twenty-one years of age, medium complexion, medium weight, and medium build. She was known as "Mina." He stated he took her home on one occasion, in company with Mrs. Al Dyer, wife of the owner of Dyer's Landing, and it was his impression that she lived either one block off Malvern Avenue on Grand, or the next block north about the second house from the corner. Loftis further stated that Parker and the other individuals claimed to be Cleveland, Ohio, gamblers, and that Parker claimed he was in this section of the country on account of his health; that the doctors in Cleveland told him he had tuberculosis, and that a doctor in Hot Springs had also treated him and gave him the same information, advising him he had a hole in one of his lungs. Loftis said Parker claimed he did not have tuberculosis and that the hole

in his lung was caused by an accident which he had in the East some time past, in which one of his ribs was broken and one of his lungs was punctured.

Loftis further advised the cottage was not equipped with telephone service, and that Parker and his associates did not receive any telegrams or other correspondence at the camp while residing there. He stated they claimed they were going to San Diego, California, having received a call through "George" from a friend there, and so far as Loftis knows, they departed from Dyer's Landing on the afternoon of October 2, 1935, for San Diego. However, he stated he knew very little about these individuals, and the fact that they claimed they were proceeding to San Diego may have been to mislead him as to where they actually intended to go. Loftis further advised he never saw any high-powered firearms about the cottage, but one of the men did possess a .22 calibre pistol and a .22 calibre rifle, and they practiced some with these firearms, but not very much. Loftis supplied the following descriptions of the individuals in question:

Name	Fred Parker
Age	32
Height	5 ft., 8 in.
Weight	160 lbs.
Build	Slender
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brownish gray
Teeth	Four upper teeth probably false
Eyeglasses	Wore rimless eyeglasses, equipped with ear pieces
Characteristics	Left handed; left shoulder drooped

Name	Tommy Coleman
Age	37 or 38
Height	5 ft., 8 in.
Weight	144 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Gray
Teeth	All front teeth, upper and lower, gold crowned
Mustache or Beard	Smooth shaven

Name	Harold King
Age	30 to 35
Height	5 ft., 8½ in.
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Characteristics	Thin-faced

Name	"George"
Age	30 to 35
Height	5 ft., 7 in.
Build	Medium

An examination was made of the cottage which had been occupied by Parker, and it was determined that same had been thoroughly cleaned and there was nothing left in the cottage which had belonged to Parker or his associates. An examination was made of the door facings and mirrors, but no fingerprints were found. In the garbage refuse, some distance from the building, there were found three empty bottles, which apparently had contained prescriptions filled by the Southern Pharmacy, 244 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, bearing Nos. 592557, 592559, and 594182. The name of Dr. P. Z. Browne was also inscribed on the labels. The name of the person to whom the medicine had been sold was partly obliterated, but appeared to be "Mr. Hunter."

On October 7, 1935, a teletype was dispatched to the Cleveland office, requesting that it be determined whether Parker and his associates were known to the Cleveland police.

The above mentioned bottles were processed for fingerprints, but owing to the fact that they had been outside for some time, no prints or fragments thereof were developed. The bottles were subsequently destroyed.

Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers, Hot Springs, was again interviewed on October 7, 1935, at which time he stated he was not acquainted with Dr. P. Z. Browne, and so far as he knew, Browne bore a good reputation.

Dr. Paul Z. Browne, 702 Medical Arts Building, Hot Springs, was contacted and he stated he had no recollection whatever of treating anybody in the past month or two by the name of Hunter or Parker. He stated he had at one time treated a man by the name of Fred Hunter, who claimed to be from the state of Iowa. He examined his records, which reflected that he treated Hunter from June 15 to July 16, 1935. On making a further examination of his records, he found that on March 25, 1930, Fred Hunter first visited him, with an acute infection of gonorrhea. At this time Hunter stated he was a welder by occupation, and that he resided at Leavittsburg, Ohio. Dr. Browne stated that on the second visit, which was in June, 1935, he asked no further information from Hunter, inasmuch as he paid his bills cash in advance, and that he knows very little about him. He stated Hunter was a pleasant, nice appearing fellow, and inasmuch as he undressed in his office on each occasion, he did remember that the man did not carry a pistol or firearm of any type. He stated he was unable to give a description of the man, except that he had black hair and was of medium height and build. Dr. Browne examined the photographs of Karpis and Campbell, after which he stated he can positively state the photograph of Karpis is not a likeness of the individual known to him as Fred Hunter. By referring to the Identification Order on Karpis, it appears that Karpis was in custody for a considerable period of time from March 25, 1930, and it is unlikely that he and the Fred Hunter in question are identical. Dr. Browne stated he made no notes of Hunter's address in 1935, and that the fact that he lived some place in Iowa is recalled by him from memory.

G. A. Hogaboon, druggist, care of the Southern Pharmacy, 244 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, was contacted. On a check of his records he determined that prescription #594182 was prepared by him on August 9, 1935, for one Hunter. He stated this was a duplication of prescription #592557, which was prepared by him on May 14, 1935. He stated the actual date may have been June 14, 1935, as the notation

is very dim and in pencil. He stated he also prepared prescription #592559, which consisted of a tonic of iron and arsenic preparation. He stated the other prescriptions were for gonorrhea treatment, and that he recalled the individual who had the prescriptions filled. On viewing the photograph of Alvin Karpis, he stated there was some resemblance between the photograph and the individual, but that he could not definitely say that the photograph of Karpis was identical with Hunter.

In an effort to locate the negro cook named "Mina," inquiry was made in a large area surrounding Malvern Avenue, East Grand Avenue, and Jefferson Street. The negro girl in question does not reside at the places indicated by Loftis. However, a negro girl named Mina Lowe was located at 107 Palmetto Street, Hot Springs. She stated she had worked at Lake Hamilton during the past summer, but that she had worked for a family named Hall at Short's Landing, and that she never heard of Fred Parker or Fred Hunter. She examined the photographs of Karpis and Campbell and stated the individuals were not known to her.

Morris B. Loftis was thereafter contacted and he stated it was impossible for him to furnish any better address of the negro cook, but that Mrs. Al Dyer, who is presently absent from Hot Springs, probably knew the correct address of "Mina." At this time photographs of Karpis and Campbell were exhibited to Loftis, and he indicated the photograph of Karpis was identical to that of Parker, pointing out that Karpis' left shoulder apparently drooped considerably.

On October 11, 1935, Richard Galatas, 18 Dell Street, Hot Springs, was contacted and he stated, as best he could recall, he was in Detroit, Michigan, from 1926 to 1928, during which time he operated the Broadway Strand Theatre; that he knew Cassius McDonald as "Cash" McDonald, but knew him by sight only and never had any business dealings with him. Galatas stated he had known McDonald's father many years ago, and that the older McDonald was a Chicago and Detroit gambler, and it is generally believed "Cash" McDonald inherited about one quarter million dollars from his father; that "Cash" McDonald was dealing in stocks and bonds when living in Detroit; and that Ed Attis, who was his counsel in business dealings, was later employed by McDonald when he was arrested in Florida. However, so far as he knows, Attis was not acquainted with McDonald at the time he resided in Detroit. Galatas stated the foregoing was absolutely all the information he had regarding McDonald. From his attitude during the interview, he was apparently frank in his statements.

Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers advised no dog race tracks have ever been opened at Hot Springs and that the Mayor of Hot Springs will not permit dog racing in that vicinity, and that in his opinion, there will never be any dog racing conducted at Hot Springs. This information was secured from him in such a way as to not indicate to him that this Agent was officially interested in securing the above information.

Mr. Grumbley and Mr. Chester, managers of the Arlington Hotel at Hot Springs, were contacted inasmuch as Loftis previously stated Parker claimed to be friendly with the manager of the Arlington Hotel, and they stated emphatically that they knew no one named Parker or Hunter and that they knew no one by the name of "George" who could be identical with the person who claimed to be stopping at the Arlington Hotel.

Immediately thereafter, Frank Reynolds, manager of the Arlington Hotel Garage, was contacted and he checked his daily records of automobiles stored from that date to back of June 1, 1935, and found no record of Hudson Coupe, bearing Ohio license H85M. Mr. Reynolds questioned other employees and reported that none of them had a recollection of such a car being stored at the garage in the last few months.

Further inquiry was made at the storage garages in the vicinity of the Arlington Hotel, which produced negative results.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The CLEVELAND office at Leavittsburg, Ohio, is requested to conduct appropriate investigation to determine whether Fred Hunter is known at that place. In the event he is known, a description should be secured of him and recorded for the benefit of interested field offices, in order that it may definitely be determined whether the individual in question is in fact Fred Hunter.

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

Record of Telephone Call or Visit

Oct. 4 1935.

Time 1:15

Name Edw. Walsh, employee in the

Resettlement Administration.

Referred to Mr. Foxworth

Details:

Stated that he learned thru a female acquaintance that in a rooming house on M St., in the vicinity of 12th St., there is a man posing as a woman; that the identity of the supposed woman is not known, in as much as he is apparently travelling under an assumed name; that he receives no mail and nothing is known about him; that one day while passing the bathroom, the landlady noticed him shaving and immediately became suspicious; that when he went out that afternoon she searched his trunk and found there a quantity of men's clothing and a wig and a gun. Mr. Walsh stated this individual posing as a woman goes up to the Congressional Library every afternoon. He was referred to Mr. Foxworth in Mr. Tamm's office.

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Mr. McIntire, to whom Mr. Walsh was referred from Mr. Tamm's office, advises Mr. Walsh will call back and furnish them with the address of the above rooming house. cek

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The Daily Post-Tribune

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PRESTON F. GRANDON
Manager

October 18, 1935.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief,
Bureau of Investigation,
Dept. of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Some time ago, during the trial in St. Paul of the alleged Bremer kidnapers, a story was put on the various press wires telling of the reported gangland slaying of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, reputedly one of those who swung the ransom negotiations and subsequently handled the money paid for Bremer's release.

So far as we of The Daily Post-Tribune know, no formal statement was ever made by your department to substantiate the report of Moran's death and this letter is being written you to ascertain whether anything has since been developed on the matter. We know your policy regarding publicity on cases under investigation by the department but feel that if it has been definitely determined that Moran is dead there would be no breach of regulations if that fact were formally made known.

Dr. Moran was at one time a prominent resident of this community. He was convicted here a few years ago in an abortion case and sent to Joliet prison, where it is believed he formed the criminal associations which eventually involved him in the Bremer kidnaping.

Anything you can tell us regarding the Moran case, Mr. Hoover, would be very much appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Francis J. Arnold
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Mr. Francis J. Arnold,
Daily Post-Tribune,
La Salle, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Arnold:

I have received your letter of October 18, 1935, inquiring as to whether this Bureau has ever made any formal release pertaining to the alleged death of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, whose apprehension has been sought in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, Minnesota, and I desire to advise you that this Bureau has not issued any release upon this matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

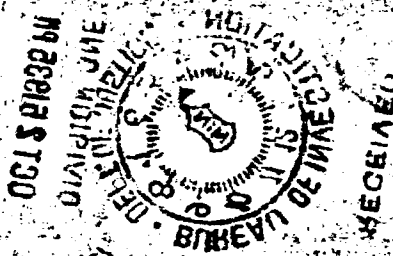
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Laboratory Report

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October 18, 1935

Case: ⁰
Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive
I.O. 1818, et al.; Edward G. Bremer -
Victim, Kidnaping.

Number: 7-576-7635

Specimens: 7-576-7635;

- A. Original letter dated September 15, 1935 and signed Arthur Barker.
B. Envelope addressed to Mr. C. E. Barker with register No. 46928.

Examination requested by: Kansas City Bureau Office

Date received: October 18, 1935

Examination requested: Bring out hidden writing

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel *myfner*

No evidence was found indicating that any secret message existed in the submitted letter and envelope.

The originals will be returned as soon as photographic copies have been made for the completion of our files.

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1-Chicago
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7-576-7724

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases -
Fugitive, I.O. 1218, et al.;
Edward G. Bremer - Victim,
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau October 12, 1935.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure: #375997

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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.

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted herewith the originals of two letters purportedly being written by George E. Barker, Joplin, Missouri, one to his son, Arthur Barker, and the other to his son, Lloyd Barker, both inmates of the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. These original letters were furnished by the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, through the co-operation of the Warden and his secretary.

It is desired that these letters receive appropriate analysis by the technical laboratory to reveal the presence of any secret writing on the same.

A copy of each letter is being transmitted to the offices designated below, together with a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith
W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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Laredo, Mexico
Oct 8, 1935.

Arthur Barker
Leavenworth Kan. Box 7.

Dear Son: Well here I am down in Mexico seeing lots of new things. Mrs. Dixon and a friend of her's is with me. I stood the trip fine and am enjoying it. The funeral was teusday after I saw you. had a nice service, friends sent lots of flowers. It was hard but things were carried on nice.

I will try and get up to see you about the 10th of next month. We may go back by way of California as I have never been there.

Love

Your Father

G. E. Barker
Box 724, Joplin, Mo.

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COPY

Laredo, Mexico
Oct 8, 1935

Lloyd Barker #17243
Leavenworth, Kansas. Box 7.

Dear Son:

Well here I am down in Mexico seeing things I never saw before made the trip fine am feeding well Mrs. Dixon and a friend of hers is with me they take good care of me and are good company. The funeral was Tuesday after I saw you. had a nice service and friends sent lots of flowers. it was Hard but things went off nice we may go to California before we go home.

I will see you soon and tell you all I saw, and some day maybe we can make this same trip together.

Love

Your Father
G. E. Barker.

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#6458

Laboratory Report

Case: BREKID.

Number: 7-576-7725

Specimens:

- 7-576-7725 A. Original letter from G.E. Barker to Arthur Barker, beginning,
"Dear Son:- Well here I am down in Mexico seeing lots of new".
" B. Envelope in which above letter was mailed, postmarked "Nuevo
Laredo, Tam., 9 Oct., (yr. illegible) 18-19", and addressed to
Arthur Barker.

Examination requested by: Kansas City Missouri Office.

Date received: 10-21-35, jwh.

Examination requested: Treat for secret writing.

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel

- 7-576-7725 C. Original letter from G.E. Barker to Lloyd Barker, beginning,
"Dear Son:- Well here I am down in Mexico seeing things".
" D. Envelope in which above letter was mailed, postmarked "Nuevo
Laredo, Tam., 9 Oct., 1935, 18-19", and addressed to Lloyd
Barker.

CC: Mr. Connelley at Chicago.
CC: St. Paul Office.
CC: Cincinnati Office.

*Parallel light beam - Neg -
Ultra Violet Light - "
Heat from flat iron - "
Iodine fuming - "*

FJM:FS

October 24, 1935

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Mr. W. A. Smith,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report #3458 in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive, I.O. 1218, et al.; Edward G. Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping.

In accordance with the statement contained therein, there are returned herewith the following specimens, photographic copies of same having been made for the completion of our files:

- A. Letter from G. E. Barker to Arthur Barker, beginning "Dear Son:-- Well here I am down in Mexico, seeing lots of new things."
- B. Envelope addressed to Arthur Barker.
- C. Letter from G. E. Barker to Lloyd Barker, beginning "Dear Son:-- Well here I am down in Mexico seeing things I never saw before."
- D. Envelope addressed to Lloyd Barker.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #376159

REGISTERED MAIL

cc-Mr. E. J. Connelley - Chicago

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MAILED
St. Paul
Cincinnati

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Special Agent in Charge,
Washington, D. C.

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

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Dear Sir:

This will advise that on October 4, 1935, Mr. Edward Walsh, 1205 North Capitol Street, Washington, D. C., called at the Bureau and advised that a lady friend of his, whose name he declined to mention, has a girl friend who is living at a rooming house on 17th and M Streets, Washington, D. C.; that the landlady at this rooming house has advised there is a party living there whom she believes is impersonating a woman but who in fact is believed to be a man, and that on one or more occasions the landlady has observed this questionable person shaving in the bathroom. This suspicious person is alleged to have lived at this rooming house for approximately three months and is said to spend most of "her" time at the Congressional Library. The landlady is reported to have gone through the wardrobe of this suspicious person and to have found several suits of men's clothing, a blonde wig and a size seven shoe.

Mr. Walsh advised the Bureau that he had no more specific information to offer at this time but believed there was some possibility that the questionable person might be identical with Alvin Karpis. He further advised that he would obtain the correct address of the instant rooming house and would telephonically advise the Bureau. He has failed to do this, however, and it is requested that an Agent of the Washington Field Office immediately make proper inquiries of Mr. Walsh to learn the location of said rooming house. Thereafter, pertinent and immediate inquiries should be made in an effort to learn whether the suspicious person is in fact identical with Alvin Karpis.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Cincinnati
Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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DIRECTOR

SAC CLEVELAND

PHONE. BREKID. * LOU HAS RETURNED EDITH'S PLACE TOLEDO BUT NO OTHER MATERIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND HAVE DISCONTINUED FOR PRESENT TELEPHONE TAP AND AGENTS MCKEE BARBER AND DEVEREAU RETURNED TO CHICAGO. AGENT MUZZEY PROCEEDED DETROIT AND AGENT C. E. SMITH PROCEEDED CLEVELAND WHERE HE WILL CHECK POSSIBLE CONTACTS SHOWN BY TELEPHONE CALLS FROM EDITH'S PLACE AND AT LEAST ONCE EACH WEEK WITH CONTACT INFORMANTS AT TOLEDO. BELLE BORN LOCATED 124 SOUTH MARTEN, WAUKESHA WITH PARTY APPARENTLY SISTER OR CLOSE RELATIVE AND WE ARE CONTINUING CHECK ON HER MOVEMENTS WITH NO MATERIAL DEVELOPMENTS AS YET.

CONNELLEY.

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Edward G. Bremer - Karpis

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[REDACTED] NO MATERIAL DEVELOPMENTS TOLEDO EXCEPT "LOU" DISAPPEARED
FOR SHORT TIME YESTERDAY AND EDITH EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN AS TO
HOW MUCH SHE KNEW AND THAT SHE "LOU" SHOULD NOT BE "ON THE LOOSE".
BELLE BORN PROCEEDED MILWAUKEE TO WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS AND WILL COVER
HER MOVEMENTS HERE. KARPIS PARENTS RECENTLY PURCHASED CONSIDERABLE
NEW CLOTHING INDICATED WELL SUPPLIED FUNDS AND ENDEAVORING TO GET
SUITABLE CHECK ON THEM.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
October 17, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

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

On October 15, 1935 Special Agents R. C. Suran, M. V. Kirkland, and G. A. Paulson trailed Belle Born to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where she did some shopping in Dayton's store and then proceeded by bus to the bus depot in St. Paul. She was kept under surveillance until about 2:30 in the afternoon, when Agents Suran and Kirkland followed her to the Union Depot, where she took the Northwestern train, known as The 400, apparently enroute for Milwaukee. Agents Suran and Kirkland boarded the same train with her. The Milwaukee Office was immediately notified telephonically, with the request that it in turn notify Mr. Connelley at Chicago.

On the same date Special Agent G. A. Paulson was directed to return to Mankato to maintain telephone tap with Special Agent Robert Tonis on Belle Born. This tap will be maintained until Mr. Connelley directs otherwise.

Judging from the telephone conversation overheard by Agents on this tap on October 12, 1935, it appears that Belle Born's visit to Waukegan is of a temporary nature and will last probably a week or a week and a half, inasmuch as on that date Belle Born ordered some flowers from a florist, stating that she would return within a week or a week and a half to pay for same.

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Special Agent G. A. Paulson advised me on the night of October 16, 1935 that the telephone conversations have not given any evidence of where Belle Born might be at the present time.

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Very truly yours,
H. E. Andersen
H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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E. J. Connelley, Chicago
Milwaukee

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 16, 1935.

Time - 9:17 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Karpis and Campbell.

Dwight Brantley called me from Oklahoma City to discuss certain phases of the investigation in that district relative to the two above named individuals.

Special Agent Paul Hansen at Tulsa, Oklahoma, got in touch with the Sheriff's Office there, and one of the deputies, Tony Benson, gave Hansen a story to the effect that there is a woman by the name of Mabel Crabtree operating a certain beer tavern near Tulsa, Oklahoma, she being the wife of an ex-convict. Her husband is running a similar place in Tulsa. This woman appears to be living with a brother of her husband, Norris Crabtree. Deputy Sheriff Benson told Hansen a story to the effect that he suspected Karpis and Campbell are frequenting this beer tavern operated by Mabel Crabtree. Benson apparently got this idea through information furnished to him by some underworld character in Tulsa, the name of whom he would not furnish to Hansen. Benson a night or two ago, posing as a cab driver, drove up to this place with his informant and loafed around a while. While he was there, the woman and some man in there had a fight, and the woman ran out and got into the cab with Benson and his informant, after which they drove around while the informant of Benson's talked to her. During the conversation which the informant had with Mabel, mention was made to the effect that "Harry and Alvin" are going in there, the inference being that the two above named subjects are frequenting these beer taverns in Tulsa.

Benson told Paul Hansen that he would like to have the Bureau install a telephone tap on the telephone leading to this tavern. Mr. Brantley said that both he and Mr. Hansen are somewhat skeptical of this for the reason that they believe Benson wants this telephone tap put on so that information might be obtained for the Sheriff's Office on other matters. Mr. Brantley said, however, that Benson is "a fairly good officer, although a little garrulous". Campbell has threatened to "get him" in the past, and Benson, in addition to gaining the advantage of any momentary consideration to be derived from apprehending Campbell, wants to get even with him. Mr. Brantley asked me for my idea relative to this telephone tap.

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I told Mr. Brantley that I am somewhat adverse toward installing a telephone tap under such circumstances, particularly in the absence of indications that something is going on over the telephone in which we should be interested. Mr. Brantley said, therefore, that this tap would not be put on at this time, but the idea would be borne in mind for possible future

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Mr. Brantley continued that Agent Hansen was informed yesterday by Joe Anderson, Kansas State Highway Policeman, that he, Anderson, had obtained information from some informant that Tommy Hill of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, a man by the name of Coker, Alvin Sherwood and Harry Campbell have on foot a plot to rob the home of some wealthy elderly man living near Vinita, Oklahoma, name and address of this man not being known at this time. This old man is supposed to have a large sum of money hidden in his home, and it is their intention to make the old man tell where the money is hidden, or to crack the safe in his home. Joe Anderson says he is trying to ascertain the identity of the old man in order that his cooperation can be obtained in order to arrange for a plant. Joe Anderson is apparently getting his information from some individual who is in turn getting his information from Tom Karpis(?) who, according to Mr. Brantley, was arrested in Neosho, Missouri, the other day.

Mr. Brantley said that there appear to be rumors of this kind going on around Vinita most of the time, and he does not believe there is anything the Bureau can or should do in this matter at this time. I told Mr. Brantley that under these facts, it certainly would not appear to be worth putting an Agent in anyone's house or anything like that at this time. Mr. Brantley said he told Mr. Hansen to keep in touch with Joe Anderson, and if anything definite turns up on this, we will, of course, go along with him.

Mr. Brantley mentioned the newspaper publicity recently emanating from Miami, Oklahoma, to the effect that Karpis and Campbell are the ones who tried to kidnap a boy from school up there the other day. He said that "those officers up there are enjoying this publicity a whole lot"; that, however, the Agents of the Oklahoma City Office have carefully checked this matter and no person has at any time appeared around this school building who in any manner resembles Karpis or Campbell.

Respectfully,


E. A. TAMM.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
October 18, 1935

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; etal
EDWARD G. OBREMER - Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau letter dated July 27, 1935, there are transmitted to the Bureau and to the offices listed below, copies of a letter written by Wynona Burdette, an inmate of the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan, to Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Burdette, 536 Valley Street, Lewistown, Pennsylvania.

Very truly yours,

AAM:RES
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cc-St. Paul
Chicago
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W. J. West
Special Agent in Charge

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Milan, Mich.
Oct. 17, 1935.
Box 1000.

Darling Bro and Sis:-

I'm going to try and answer your sweet letter's although, as you have probably already seen, I'm not much of a hand at it. You're right, Helen, when you say a card isn't like a letter. It's like a starving man being shown a steak and then given a glass of milk, not very satisfying. Of course when you can have the card and letter, too, it's pretty nice.

Any one could be excused for making mistakes in a mere letter when Art is playing his violin. How you could ever keep your mind on the letter, Helen, is more than I'll ever know. I know I couldn't. Gee, but wouldn't I love to hear you play big brother o mine, would that be a treat - Oh, man! and how! Helen, when Art ask's you to stop and listen to him play don't spank him, give him a great big kiss. That's what he deserves for playing so well.

It's getting awfully cold here, too, and going up on that roof in this weather is no laughing matter. The wind seems to come from every which way and just takes your breath away. We wear overalls; a sweater, a leather jacket and a big heavy mackinaw and still freeze.

Helen, that picture you sent me was real cute but id doesn't half do you justice. Someday when you can - get a real nice one taken and drag that big brother of mine down and make him have one make, too. Will ya, huh?

Listen, Buddy, don't feel so blue - thing's will pick up and you're bound to get a real good job. Just wait and see if I'm not right, honey. Someday, soon, some one will hear you play that violin and give you a job just like that. Won't that be dandy? Sure, will, darlin, and it's the truth too - so help me!

Where are you expecting to go from Lewistown? And what are you expecting to do? When you get there (Wherever there is)? I sure wish you were going to Okla. - that's the only place in the world, Isn't it, honey? I never really feel at home any place else.

Art, I don't know Opal's address and any way I can only write four letter's a month and I need that many for my own family. I would love to hear from her tho' but it's out of the question right now.

I wish you could see me now, am I ever looking cute. I've got some glasses! Yes - believe it or not. Had my eyes examined a couple of

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weeks ago and I am just a little bit near sighted - have the glasses, Wouldn't
you just love to see em, and me too? I look just like an old grand-Ma, no
foolin! -

Well Honey's, I'm tired and it's about bed time so nightie to you
both.

Loads and Loads of Love.

Your baby sis Monie. B.

P.S.

Be sure and write me next month.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida

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October 17, 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, etc.

With respect to the cases of harboring, et cetera,
pending in the Federal court at Miami, Florida, against Joe Adams,
et al, please be advised that I am in receipt of a memorandum from
Resident Agent B. F. Fitzsimons at that place in which he advises

"I was informed by Miss Kathryn Brady, secretary to
the Assistant United States Attorney, Miami, this
afternoon (October 15, 1935) that the cases now
pending against Joe Adams, et al, in Miami were
continued to the April term of court. Miss Brady
stated that the continuance was granted by Judge
Ritter at the request of Mr. Barlow who communica-
ted with Assistant United States Attorney Gramling
by long distance telephone from Washington today."

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

cc E.J. Connelley at Chicago
St. Paul
Cincinnati
Jax #7-24

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

OCTOBER 19, 1935.

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

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

Dear Sir:

With further reference to my letter dated September 16, 1935,
relative to the cover being maintained on the mail of Elmer
Farmer, register #47103, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth,
Kansas, there are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau
and each of the field offices designated below copies of the
following correspondence:

Letter from Elmer Farmer to Helen Conliff, Chicago,
dated October 6, 1935;

Letter from Elmer Farmer to Blanche Brabant, dated
October 6, 1935;

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, postmarked
Chicago, Illinois, October 7, 1935;

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, postmarked
Chicago, Illinois, October 8, 1935;

Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer, postmarked
Elmhurst, Illinois, October 10, 1935;

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, postmarked
Chicago, Illinois, October 10, 1935;

Letter from Elmer Farmer to Blanche Brabant dated
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Letter from Elmer Farmer to Helen Conliff dated
October 13, 1935;

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, postmarked
Chicago, Illinois, October 14, 1935.

Very truly yours,



W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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cc-E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Encls.
cc-Cincinnati, Encls.
cc-St. Paul, Encls.

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Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, #47103. Postmarked Chicago, Ill.,
October 8, 1935.

Tuesday Evening, 6:30 P.M.

Dearest Elmer:

I thought I would hear from you today but did not receive your letter so I
guess I will write to you.

How are you getting along ol' dear?

I guess, I told you I was going to the agencies as soon as I received the money
from Sue. Well I did and yesterday I went to a place on Dearborn St. but the
position was filled, then this morning I went to a Drugstore on Milwaukee &
Dawn Ave, but the position was filled and so in the morning I am going to a tea
room on Michigan & Chicago Ave, so here's hoping I get it. Honestly, even
trying to get a job through an agency is hard.

Well, there's not much news to tell you about. Have not done much of anything
outside of running around and trying to get located. I am not so sure whether
we will like that apartment or not so write to me here until I tell you of any
changes. Did you get your job back? I certainly hope you did. How is Harold
getting along? I suppose you have heard from Jim by this time? He really is
funny, not ever caring to write to you only when he thinks he can make trouble.
You know of course I am not to blame after all you are not so narrow minded
as to believe I am.

I hope you are not angry about the whole affair after all. Why should you be?

Have never heard from Lil. I wonder what happened to her? Her mother's
telephone has been disconnected so there is no way of locating her. Well,
Elmer, this is just about all for this time, though rather short. I will write
an answer to your letter if I hear from you tomorrow and let you know how I
made out, so hoping you are getting along O. K. and best regards from all of the
folks and they all say "hello" to you, so until I hear from you will close with
lots of love.

Helen Conliff
4143 West End Avenue
Chicago, Illinois.

Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer, #47103, postmarked, Elmhurst, Ill.,
Oct. 10, 1935.

Oct. 9, 1935.

Dear Elmer,

I just received your letter this morning. I'll write you now and get it in the mail so it will go out tomorrow morning.

Chub had to go to West Chicago in regard to the \$150 Fisher wants to collect and who do you think the witness against him was - Mrs. Helen Conliff, he said he was dumfounded, she was Fisher's witness and she said he would have to pay it as he promised he would and she said he (Chub) put them out and took everything of yours, and you wanted them to stay in Bensenville until you come back, that had nothing to do with the \$150., but she tells that story to anyone who will listen. She said a lot more too. Smoke went over with Chub and she started getting personal with him but he shut her up. It was in a Justice of the Peace house. Chub told them that he never had a thing to do with getting the attorney. He only saw them once when they came in the tavern and they did not mention anything about his fee - he said he understood the bill was all paid. She got all the money from the sale of your car and money owed you and she handled all that, its just spite work on her part. They continued the case and Chub will have to go over Saturday again. She asked Tesner if he wanted her to come out again and he said he did not think it would be necessary. They cant collect that as it isn't owed to them. They never did a thing for you. They thought they could scare Chub. Gifford told Chub he would go over with him Saturday so I'll let you know how it turns out. I suppose she has written you about it, but you ought to tell her where to go. You paid them plenty when you paid 1500 to McMeeken and 300 to Fisher. I suppose she expects to get half of the \$50 if they can collect it. She sold the furniture at the house and kept that money so she did pretty well for herself.

I hope you get steady work there and you wont be moved farther away. If you think you are going to be transferred I would come to see you now, but I was waiting until you had steady work so we could have a better visit.

I hope you can have your time cut and I'm sure Mr. Dunteman and others will do what they can to help you. It's too soon now but later on we'll see if something cant be done. Things are going along allright here, the restaurant is doing good, also the Tavern. Chub has been doing good since the Hennifins left, they left owing \$260 grocery bill also \$20 telephone \$150 water and three months rent.

Well thats about all the news for this time. Its raining here today. Im going downtown to-morrow, if you ever want anything that I can send you, let me know. I got the tax bill for Belmont and their only \$18 this year. We owe several years back taxes and we'll try to pay them this coming year.

I'll surprise Chub again and maybe get another \$20, he gets \$25 a month for the restaurant. He comes over now once a week to hear what you have written. You know he's not much on writing letters but he will be writing you one of these days.

I'm glad you are feeling alright. Time really passes quickly, we'll soon be in 1936. I'll look for your letter next week. I hope you get this one Friday.

I'll say Good-bye now. Much love from both of us.

Blanche Brabant.

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, 47103, postmarked, Chicago, Oct. 10, 1935.

Wednesday evening.

Dearest Elmer:

Received your very nice letter this afternoon so thought I would write you. I am so very tired, I am shaky. I wrote to you last night and told you I was going to a place on Michigan Ave. I did and when I talked to the woman in charge she told me they had not called the agency for anyone. Well, I then walked all the way back from Chicago & Mich to Dearborn and Madison and talked to Mr. Bresin, a man who does the hiring for Raklios and asked him to try and put me on steady if he could and then I walked to Washington & Wells to the agency and talked to the girl at the agency and told her not to send me on anymore wild goose chases, so as she had nothing for me I came home and had not more than arrived in the house when she called and told me about a fountain job at Milwaukee & Damin Ave. So I went over there and the man said he did not want anyone for two weeks, so thats out and I came home and believe me, very tired, so I guess I will go downtown tomorrow and try again. Well Elmer, your letter was nice as I told you before but I wonder how you feel about me, now that you have read that other letter and all about Court and of course, you must have heard from Jim? I hope it has not made any difference between you and I, however I will wait until next week and see whether you write to me or not. Which I hope you will. Irene was telling me last night when she called up that Jim was held up and robbed Saturday night in the Tavern. Now I suppose he will blame me for that, he dislikes me so much. I read in the Evening American last night that a man who owns a Restaurant in Elmhurst by the name of Campbell and Al Wilde bet on the Baer - Louis fight and this Campbell lost and had to wheel Al Wilde around in a wheelbarrow while he was dressed in pajamas. You mentioned Mike in your letter I never hear from those people at all. McMeekin is supposed to be in Chicago this week in Federal Court on a case, perhaps he will get in touch with me. I will let you know if he does or not. I am glad you did not wear those bracelets on the train. You evidently looked nice from your description of your clothes. Nick is about the same, he really went out today tho' to the Marbro to see pictures of the fight. Dont you have movies there? Not so terribly important about Harold's mother. I just thought I might write her a letter sometime. Hope you get to working steady before it gets too cold to enjoy being outdoors for you.

Well ol' dear there is not much more to tell you about. As long as we are not located in a job as yet we are staying here with Mae and Nick so continue to write to me here until I let you know differently.

Hoping you are feeling O. K. and write to me soon will close with lots of love.

Helen Conliff.

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Blanche Brabant.

Leavenworth, Kansas, October 13, 1935.

Dear Blanche:

I received your letter on Friday night and was surprised to hear she was in court again against Chub, but I don't but any thing past those people as they are in for all they can get out of any one. It looks like they are trying to collect what every they can from Chub and split it up between them one cent as Fisher was no lawyer of mine and why he was paid anything at all I can't see as he did nothing for me. McMeeken told me the day I paid him that I didn't need an other lawyer that he would go to Bensenville his self. so I gave him another hundred dollars for that, so if I had Fisher down there in Chicago why would McMeeken have to go there also. I received a letter from Helen yesterday and she was telling me all about it and that she had to go as they wanted her to pay it that's her excuse. I haven't answered her letter yet, but will do so tomorrow and hope she doesn't write to me any more. She also said McMeeken was coming to Chicago he wrote her. I don't see why he doesn't write to you about my case and not her. we had rain down here this week also, only one nice day so I only got out to work one day. When it rains we don't get out to work the most I can go out is three days as we have to share days every week and no work on Saturday or Sunday. I don't think they will keep me on this job much longer and the sooner I get placed some where else the better it will be for me on other jobs when you are not working you can still stay out in the yard, but on this one I am on you have to go in again. you can't send me anything down here as they don't allow any one to have things sent in to them. so Chub is doing pretty good now that's fine I hope he keeps up like that and he may give you some money to pay up the back taxes with. She also said in her letter that Chub was held up Saturday night, it seems like her sister is still out there going to school and staying some place in town there and she told her about it. They seem to know every move that's going on out there and that's all I hear about. it will take some time before I can have my case brought up before the board as all the people in this case are not tried yet but some will be soon now and there is others yet they haven't got, so I will have to wait until it's all cleaned up first. Best regards to you and Gifford.

Elmer Farmer.

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Helen Conliff, 4143 West End Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Leavenworth, Kansas, October 13, 1935.

Dear Helen:

Received your three letters last week. its been raining most of the week down here and is raining today also. I onley worked one day this week so hope I get out to work more this comming week. so your were in court aginst Chub. I dont think that was the right thing to do. Fisher has nothing comming from him. if you told Fisher Chub would pay him anything for me, thats not ture as I dont owe him anything and never did want him. it was you who draged him around with you so I gess you paid him plenty any way. he got three hundred and sixty dollars for nothing and McMeeken told you not to give him any thing. in the first place I didnt want any lawyer and thing would of been about the same as the lawyer didnt do me any good. Harold had one appointed and made out just the same as I did. so all the money you gave them lawyers was just throwing away. So i dont think you are spiting any one but your self by having Chub in court and I hope he doesn't have to pay one cent to any one. I sure have my troubles both in here and out side. best regards to May and Nick.

Elmer Farmer

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, #47103. Postmarked, Chicago,
October 14, 1935.

Sunday afternoon.

Dearest Elmer:

It certainly is a nice day and I hope you are out in the yard and enjoying it. How are you getting along? I hope you are feeling well. Did Jim write to you? I suppose he did and informed you as to what a terrible person I am. Of course I told you the judge reserved his opinion until yesterday and we were all supposed to appear in West Chicago at 2 o'clock but Fisher called and the judge told him he would like more witnesses for Fischer so knowing he had no more and feeling sure Jim had everything fixed for himself he withdrew his suit and I think he intends to file one in Wheaton, so thats that. I saw Bill Palmer the other night, that is Mary Rose & I went to a Chapel to see a lady who was dead. A girl by the name of Mary Capparelli, who I knew a long time ago lost her mother and her maiden name was Granata. Her brother is a State Senator by the name of Peter Granata. Very high class and I met same and his wife there and just oodles of people, so some took me over and we talked to this Mr. Granata about you. I hope he can do you some good. I am going to the funeral tomorrow morning with Rose Bill & Mary. Bill said to say "hello" to you. You know that Fisher's partner Mike Romano, who was supposed to come to St. Paul to see you? Well, if you please he has given up law and is going into the movies. You remember I told you he was very good looking.

Well, ol' dear have not received a job as yet but I am going to see a man who owns an Ice Cream Parlor and liquor store tomorrow about a job, after the funeral so heres hoping I am successful. Nick is just about about the same, no changes bur everyone else is fine and they all say hello and hope you are well. I guess this is about all so write to me as soon as you can, so will close with lots of love.

Helen Conliff

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Helen Conliff, 4113 West End Ave., Chicago.

Leavenworth, Kansas, October
6th, 1935.

Dear Helen:

I received your two letters last night also one from St. Paul you wrote to me there. I guess I told you about that one last week. So you are getting along some better now or at least hope to when you get the fifty. I hope that starts you off to a good job and then everything will be alright. I am not working steady yet onley one day and a half last week not so good and I am still in the same place down here. If I could onley get out in the yard every day it would be fine but I dont, but mabey I soon will any way, I look for it each day. I dont get to talk to Harold so I cant get you his mother's address, but if I get to talk to him some time I will get it and send it to you. I seen that in the paper about the Itasca Country Club burning down. I havent seen anything in the paper about Mike of late suppose he is still in Chicago yet. So McMeekin wrote to you saying he went over to see me Monday but I was gone. I dont think he cares to see me very bad if he did he would of came there when he knew I was there. He did the same thing the other time I was up there he always waits until I am gone before he comes to see me. I was dressed in a blue suite tan shoes and white shirt and cap. It was a nice trip both ways. We knew the men that took us as there were from St. Paul and came down with us the first time so that made it much better. They didnt keep the Jewlry on us in the train onley when we were on the street so no one on the train knew where we were from. Blanche sent me ten dollars and Harold had money sent to him so we had plenty of money to eat on while we were there and I had four dollars left when we got back here. I dont think they will want us back in St. Paul anymore as we didnt know any of those people up there thats on trial. We both look at Weaser and Sawyer up there but never seen eather of them befor. So that was all thay wanted of us thay thought these people were in the house at Bensenville and at my Taserm there but if they were I never seen them so could not stay for the trial. Monte will take the stand aginst them up there Nov 5 then I look for him to come down here as he wont get out of this so easy. he may not get as much time as the rest but will get some time to do down here or some other place like this. So Nick is about the same hope he get better soon. Give May and Nick my regards. Will say good by for now.

Elmer Farmer.

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Blanche Brabant, 275 Geneva Ave.,
Elmhurst, Ill.

Leavenworth, Kansas, October 6th, 1935.

Dear Blanche:

I received your letter friday also the five dollars. So Chub is to be in court about me owing Fisher \$50. I dont owe him any money at all and never did. He came to St Paul twice to see me and I told him I didnt want him and he sent McMeekan to me. I took McMeekan for fiteen hundred and paid him in full. Then Fisher wanted some thing for what he had done and he got three hundred and sixty dollars for commong up to St Paul twice. If I had it do over again I wouldnt have any lawyer at all. So you tell Chub not to give them any money and dont let them take him to any court in Chicago, make them come out there. I think thay are just trying to scare him. Thay thought he might be afraid and come in and pay them something. I only worked one day and a half this week not so good. I am still in the same place here but hope to get out to work steady some time soon now. If they dont put me to work here I will have to be transferred some place else. Thats why Sullivan told me he would have it done if I wanted it. I told him to do so if he could. He said he would write to Cumming for me. Thay were very nice to me in St Paul and I dont think thay will want me up there agin. McMeeken didnt come to see me while I was there. I suppose he will write to you and say he was there but I had left. I dont think he wants to see me very bad. So Mr. Duntzman was asking about me, he would be fine to sign my papers for me but thats some time to go yet, but mabey I can have my time cut before then and he could help me to get out. He knows lots of people that could help me and I am sure he would do it for me. If I am transferred from here it wont be any closer to Chicago it will be farther away. This place here is the nearest to Chicago. I see in the paper about the fire in the Itasca Country Club, it was just a frame building but it looked very nice and thay had it fixed up nice on the inside. The ford is still in good shape and running fine. Gifford can do more with it than I could. My cars were not much good after I drove them one year, they look alright but didnt run very good any more. Chub must be going along alright to hand you twenty at one time, you must have took him by supprise to get that from him, so you might try that again soon. This is about all the news best regard to you and Gifford.

Elmer Farmer.

Letter to Elmer Farmer, #47103, received from Helen Conliff, Chicago,
Postmarked Oct. 7, 1935.

Sunday afternoon.

Dearest Elmer:

I suppose you are looking for a letter from me so thought I would send you one. How are you getting along ol' dear? My uncle has the "World Series" ballgame on the radio. I wonder if you can listen to it there?

Well Elmer, I want to tell you something that happened. Of course you know that there was a balance of \$150.00 owed to Fischer for handling your case.

Before I begin to tell you about it, I want it understood by you that all of the money that was paid to attorneys by me, was raised through me selling all of the things you told me to and trying to collect money owed you by different people and when I paid McKee's expenses down here, I raised the money on my rings and the pins. What I am trying to make clear to you is that not at any time did Jim nor anyone else give me a nickle. Well anyway, Fischer knows what my circumstances are as far as collecting from me, so though in all sincerity I feel he received enough. He started a suit against Jim to collect. You know Elmer, Jim has everything just the way he wants to have it, the boxes of yours I let him have, the tavern and no expenses for anyone but himself and he has a new car so he really is living very nice.

Well, anyway Fischer wrote to him and asked him to arrange terms or any way he would find it convenient for himself to pay. Jim ignored him entirely. Sam called Jim and he hung up on Sam, so of course there was nothing else to do but go to Court.

I am not taking sides, I don't care if he collects or not, but I had to go to Court and explain how I engaged Fischer and why. If I would not have gone of my own accord, he would have had me served with a subpoena. I talked it over with Sam and he suggested I go for the simple reason he feels that through Fischer and his brother he can do you a lot of good. I told you what a high position Fischer's brother holds. With the G. It came up yesterday in West Chicago. You know Smoke Lang is from there., so I guess he put a "fix" in and he was there with Jim and before I forget, Jim has a new girl friend, an old frowzy looking woman who was there with him. Anyway, to go on, he spoke up and asked for a change of venue so we had to go to another Judge, who I guess was a friend of "Smokes". You know how I have always felt about Jim. I do not like him and never have and I feel that in all respect and decency he should pay this and he should not have subjected both of us to a courtroom. With all of the gawding hicks who heard all the details of your case and it was all aired out in Court for their benefit. Smoke was Jim's witness and what a witness he was. They were both about half plastered and so was that woman. The Judge asked why I acted as agent and transacted all of the business and Fischer said I was your fiancée and that you trusted and had confidence in me, but your friend Smoke was not content with that, he had to say in front of all those people "Elmer

had a lot of confidence and trust in her, he thought so little of her he spent his days and part of his nights with another girl and went home to her at night". I spoke up and said, well, Smoke you are not hurting me a bit, because I knew that a long time ago and you really are a "heel" to tell that in a Courtroom about Elmer". It went on like that, very pleasant you know and the Judge is reserving his opinion until next Saturday at two o'clock in the afternoon, when we are supposed to go out there again, at which time Sam will be there too. You see Jim feels that I should pay the money and if I had it I would but I have not and I am well aware of the fact that it was me who "hystled" up all of the money and I think that as long as he did not pay for anything else, he could pay this. About that remark of Smoke's, its true I guess, because I heard other things too and from reliable people and even that girl herself, so forget it, but it was not a very nice way to treat me. I guess Jim will write and tell you about it or Blanche, but Elmer throughout your trouble I was the only one who tried to help you as best I could and even now I am trying to help you too, so I hope you will not be angry about it all. I have nothing to say about it and if you and I are sorry.

Well, I suppose you are out in the yard to-day. Did you get your job back? Well, I got that money from Sue and so I guess, we will be getting situated soon. We went to see a woman to-day who wanted to have two women share an apartment with her and it really is a lovely place. It would only be \$25. - per month for the two of us, so it is reasonable. I will let you know more about it the next time, I write to you. I have money enough now to go to an Agency so tomorrow I intend to and then I will have a steady job and as soon as I can save enough I will come and see you. I know that will be before the holidays. Irene was in yesterday and I told her to go and see Pete Leinpeter and see if he would take Scottie for me. I cannot keep him if we get another place and my aunt will not keep him if I am not here to clean up after, that is, pick up bones and wipe up the floor when his feet are dirty, so I hope he will and I know Pete would be good to him. There is not much news to tell you about. Martha and I went to the show last night, Les was working.

I wrote to Sullivan but have not heard from him so far, so I suppose he will write soon. Nick is just about the same, still has those spells, but will not go to the Doctor, so what can you do with him?

Well, honey, write to me soon and I hope you will not feel bad about us being a Court. Jim could have saved us all this trouble if he would have arranged some terms or something but per usual he is the same louse he always was. I hope you are feeling O. K. and getting along nicely and so until I hear from you will close with lots of love.

Helen Conliff.

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October 19, 1935

Special Agent in Charge, RECORDED
St. Paul, Minnesota. &
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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1218, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
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Dear Sir:

It is the understanding of the Bureau that shortly prior to the trial of numerous subjects in the above entitled case at St. Paul, Minnesota, during the spring of 1935, a question and answer statement was obtained from William Bryan/Bolton by United States Attorney George F. Sullivan and Special Agent J. E. Brennan. It is desired that a copy of this question and answer statement be forwarded to the Bureau immediately.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Cincinnati
Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago

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Edward George Bremer

Jacksonville, Florida
October 16, 1935

MEMORANDUM

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.
FUGITIVE; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING, etc.
Jacksonville File #7-24

With reference to teletype from Mr. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, October 15, 1935, investigation to be made at Sarasota, Florida, was assigned to Special Agent F. F. Yearsley.

At 8:15 PM, October 16, 1935, Agent Yearsley reported by long-distance telephone that at the home of Ruth Potts, 143 - 5th Street, Sarasota, he observed a Packard Sedan, 1930 or 31 model, bearing Indiana License tags 1-431. This car is supposed to belong to Ruth's brother, name and address unknown. He is described as follows:

Age:	35-40 years	Height:	5' 8"
Weight:	145 lbs.	Hair:	Black
Complexion:	Medium, side burns, long nose.		

He is frequently accompanied by a woman, supposedly his wife, described as follows:

Age:	35	Eyes:	Dark
Weight:	140-145 lbs.	Complexion:	Fair
Hair:	Brown	Wears glasses	

No better descriptions of this man or his wife than above set out for the reason that they were observed by Yearsley from a window in a nearby house.

These persons are living with Ruth Potts and her sister Ada Potts. They are supposed to have married brothers. Ruth and Ada have lived at the house at 143 - 5th Street in Sarasota, since June 10, 1935, however they have been in Sarasota since November 24, 1933. They have lived previously in more than half a dozen places. Ada has a little girl 3 years of age and is supposed to have another child with her parents, names and address unknown. Ada is about 35 years of age and is employed in Sarasota as a waitress.

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Most of the aforementioned information was obtained by Agent Yearsley from some old folks who live near Ruth Potts home.

Ada and Ruth are frequently with a Mrs. Mead of Chicago, presently residing at the Louise Apartments in Sarasota. Her husband is E. A. Mead of Chicago, however E. A. Mead does not appear to be in Sarasota at the present time. Mead and his wife have been coming to Sarasota every Winter since 1930.

They have resided at the Villa Woodrich Hotel in Sarasota, operated by Edward Ropp from Chicago. Ropp has been coming to Sarasota during the winter seasons since 1930. He is reported as operating a roadhouse in the suburbs of Chicago. He is an associate or intimate of Lou and Sam Alport, both of Chicago, and Emil Gonderman of South Bend. The Alports and Gonderman, when they came to Sarasota several years ago, bought three of the best hotels in town and frequently have as their guests various men from Chicago.

Mrs. E. A. Mead, previously mentioned, is presently driving a new Plymouth Sedan bearing Florida license tag #205263 which was issued on January 1, 1935, for a Ford V8 Tudor Sedan.

Agent Yearsley has placed a cover on the mail of Ada and Ruth Potts as well as that of Mrs. Mead. He will obtain further information concerning this matter in Sarasota from informants, who have resided near the Potts and whom he is cultivating at this time.

E. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

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October 17, 1938

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your teletype of October 15, 1935, requesting that we discreetly determine if Ruth Potts, described, is now residing at Sarasota, Florida; also the identity of her friends and manner in which she makes her living, et cetera.

I am wondering whether any of the names mentioned in this memorandum have come to your attention previously in the investigation of this case.

has been placed in the Hall
Men's Hall is also being

Very truly yours,

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318 Security Building
Phoenix, Arizona

October 17, 1935

Special Agent In Charge,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 4, 1935, to the Los Angeles Bureau office, setting forth certain undeveloped leads in the territory covered by the Los Angeles office which have not been covered.

Your attention is directed to the second paragraph of reference letter which sets forth certain undeveloped leads at Flagstaff, Arizona, as set out in the report of Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin, dated at Salt Lake City, Utah, March 8, 1935. Flagstaff, Arizona, now being in the territory covered by the Phoenix office you are requested to advise this office whether this lead has been covered and if not please furnish this office with a copy of the report of Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin, dated at Salt Lake City, Utah, March 8, 1935.

It is also noted that paragraph four, page four, of reference letter calls to the attention of the Los Angeles office investigation to be conducted at Phoenix, Arizona. However, a review of the file in the Phoenix office reveals that this investigation was covered as set forth in the report of Special Agent N. E. Marshall, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated 6-10-35.

It is noted that none of the serials of the Los Angeles file of this case were transmitted to the Phoenix office at the time of the opening of this office. It is therefore requested that the Los Angeles office furnish the Phoenix office with any serials containing leads for the territory covered by the Phoenix office.

Very truly yours,

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Chapman Fletcher
Special Agent in Charge

OCT 22 1935

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cc: Bureau

St. Paul; Cincinnati; Chicago

Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
October 18, 1935

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

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith
a letter written by Wynona Burdette, an in-
mate of your institution, to her brother,
Art Burdette, and his wife, Helen.

The contents of this letter
has been carefully scrutinized and appears
to contain no information of value.

Thanking you for your interest
and cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

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cc-Bureau ✓

W. J. West
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
October 18, 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; Obstruction of
Justice; National Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

Special Agent Paul Hanson, of this Office, working in Tulsa and vicinity, has learned that one Milton Brooks and Tom Carpenter are in jail at Sedan, Kansas, where they have entered pleas of guilty to some charges against them in State Court, and probably are awaiting sentence; that rumors are current that Carpenter and probably Brooks are alleged to be acquainted with Harry Campbell and perhaps some of the other subjects in this case.

It is recalled that Carpenter recently was arrested at Neosho, Missouri, and there were press reports to the effect that he was associated, in some manner, with Harry Campbell.

It is suggested, if it has not already been done, appropriate discreet interviews be had with Carpenter and Brooks, at Sedan, Kansas, for any information they may be able to furnish with respect to Campbell or any of the other subjects herein.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Bureau RECORDED & INDEXED
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Chicago (Mr. Connelley)
Cincinnati

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REPORT MADE AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.	DATE WHEN MADE 10/17/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/3,5,16/35	REPORT MADE BY J. V. BLAKE 82769
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

P. E. HARRISON, at Gulfport, Mississippi was reported to resemble subject WILLIAM J. HARRISON. Comparison of subject's photo with P. E. Harrison fails to disclose marked likeness. P. E. Harrison was employed by Alcohol Tax Unit for six months, beginning December 4, 1934; now employed by construction company as night watchman.

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DETAILS:

Under date of September 20, 1935, a letter was received from P. J. Morris, 1602 19th Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi, forwarding a likeness of subject Harrison, clipped from a magazine. Mr. Morris advised that subject, or his twin brother, was working at Gulfport and was signing his name "P. E. Harrison".

AT GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

P. J. Morris was interviewed and he advised that the clipping which he had sent to the New Orleans Office had been taken from the September, 1935 issue of "Startling Detective Adventures" magazine. He stated that he, Morris, is employed as a night watchman by the Gaines Construction Company. This company is building a new pier in the bay at Gulfport. The foundation work for the warehouses is being constructed by Williams Brothers, and P. E. Harrison is employed as night watchman for Williams Brothers. Harrison has been working there about a month and a half. Before that, he was some kind of special officer and night watchman and had also been in some prohibition work.

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The writer interviewed P. F. Blair, Superintendent, Williams Brothers. Harrison was employed without any doctor's or other examination being made, and no card record of his past employment is on file. He has a temporary job as night watchman, working alternating nights with another employee.

E. I. Ferguson, Agent of the Alcohol Tax Unit, Gulfport, was interviewed and advised that P. E. Harrison was on temporary employment with the Alcohol Tax Unit from December 4, 1934 to June 4, 1935, under try-out employment. He did not measure up, and was let out at the end of the six months probationary employment. He was from Vicksburg, Miss., and had been employed by the railroad there. On entering the service of the Government, his fingerprints had been taken, and Mr. Ferguson thought that the record of them was at present in the office of Mr. Chapman at Jackson, Miss. Mr. Ferguson said that Harrison had worked with him, Ferguson, during the time of his temporary employment. Mr. Ferguson viewed the likenesses of subject Harrison and said that he was quite sure that they were not identical with P. E. Harrison. 82770

Without disclosing his identity, Agent met and talked with P. E. Harrison at the pier where the latter was employed as night watchman. The writer compared him to the likeness on Identification Order #1239 and to the likeness taken from the magazine, and feels quite certain that P. E. Harrison is not identical with subject Harrison.

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

At the office of the State Director, Alcohol Tax Unit, it was learned that Mr. Chapman, in charge of the office, was out of the city. Mr. Read, Chief Clerk, advised that he was well acquainted with P. E. Harrison, and on viewing the photos which the writer had, he was quite positive that they did not resemble P. E. Harrison. He also advised that Harrison had his fingerprints taken at the time of his employment, but that the fingerprints would now be in Washington, probably in custody of the Civil Service Bureau.

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JEH:AS

October 18, 1935

Time: 12:43 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

RE: Bremer Kidnaping; Willie Harrison.

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Mr. Pinkerton of the Associated Press telephoned and stated that he had received a report from an Illinois newspaper that a report on how Willie Harrison had been killed had been sent to me. Mr. Pinkerton wished to know if I intended to release any information in the matter. I stated that a statement concerning Willie Harrison had been released by Colonel Gates two days ago, but that no statement regarding the manner of Willie Harrison's death had been released. Mr. Pinkerton said that there was a rumor to the effect that Harrison had been killed as a result of internal gang warfare. I said that there had been no official statement to that effect.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
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Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida

RAA:SH

October 19, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 818,
Chicago, Illinois

51554

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to letter dated October 17, 1935, to you from the Indianapolis Bureau office, advising that Indiana license tags number 1431 were issued to William A. Perry, 5519 Grand Street, East Chicago, Indiana.

As a result of a cover placed on the mail of Ada and Ruth Potts and Mrs. E. A. Potts at Sarasota, Florida, the enclosed information was received from the Postmaster at Sarasota, Florida, dated October 18, 1935, 7:30 AM, October 18, 1935, covering his investigation of this matter at Sarasota, Florida, agreeable with your teletype to the Jacksonville office of October 15, 1935, which report is going forward to you today.

Description of William A. Perry in the Indianapolis office letter dated October 17, 1935, is somewhat similar to that of the person thought to be Will Potts, brother of Ada and Ruth Potts. The description of this person is set out on page 4 of the report of Special Agent F. P. Yearsley, Jacksonville, Florida, dated October 19, 1935, covering his investigation of this matter at Sarasota, Florida, agreeable with your teletype to the Jacksonville office of October 15, 1935, which report is going forward to you today.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge

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506 Fletcher Trust Building
Indianapolis, Indiana

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October 17, 1935

E. J. Connelley,
Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Confirming long distance telephone conversation had
with you today by Special Agent E. J. Tynn of this office,
please be advised that a telegram was received in this office
from the Jacksonville office today requesting an investigation
be conducted to ascertain the identity and reputation of the
owner of Indiana license #1431, together with the type of car
for which issued, said telegram requesting the information be
furnished the Jacksonville office and also to you at Chicago,
Illinois.

A check of the records at the Bureau of Motor Ve-
hicles, State House, Indianapolis, Indiana, indicates that
Indiana 1935 automobile license plates #1431 were issued to
William A. Perry, 3519 Grand Street, East Chicago, Indiana.

The title records in connection with the license
plates reflect that Perry purchased a Packard Sedan, motor
#342097, serial #503-1638, new on March 27, 1933 from a dealer,
William Mettler, 121 East 5th Avenue, Gary, Indiana. This is
the car covered by 1935 plates #1431 and is further covered by
automobile title #1876738.

A check of the driver's license issued to William
A. Perry was made, reflecting the following information with
reference to him:

Name:	William A. Perry
Age:	40 (b. 3-1-94)
Race:	White
Eyes:	Gray
Weight:	160
Height:	5'10 1/2"
Hair:	Dark brown.

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In applying for the driver's license, which is numbered 798042, William A. Perry stated he had never been convicted of a felony.

Pursuant to the above information, which was furnished to you in the long distance telephone conversation, you advised that you would have an Agent from the Chicago office conduct an investigation at East Chicago, Indiana for the purpose of determining the reputation of Mr. William A. Perry, 2519 Grand Street, East Chicago, Indiana.

The Indianapolis office is taking no further steps to notify the Jacksonville office of the above information other than by this letter.

Very truly yours,

H. H. REINECKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul
Cincinnati
Jacksonville



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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

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REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 10/17/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/26, 8/2, 9, 16, 18, 24, 9/6-9, 10/9-18/35	REPORT MADE BY JOHN L. MADALA JLM:LM
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 J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1259; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING & OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Mike Moreno, alleged contact for members of this gang, interviewed without results. Informant advises Lawrence Imburgio, member of syndicate, friendly with Alvin Karpis and possibly hiding him out. Helen Conliff advises of visit of Imburgio and Karpis to her home in February, 1935, offering assistance for Elmer Farmer. Brief surveillance on some of John Karpavicz, Chicago, Illinois, father of Subject Karpis, materially unproductive. Volney Davis, Edna Murray and Elmer Farmer interviewed at their respective places of incarceration, all furnish pertinent information relative to this case. Edna Murray agrees to testify in coming trial at St. Paul, Minnesota, against Harry Sawyer and Bill Weaver, also in any subsequent trial in connection with this case.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Reports of Special Agents R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated June 10, 1935; D. P. Sullivan, Chicago, Illinois, dated September 5, 1935; and John L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, dated July 12, 1935.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">7 576-7744</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">OCT 21 1935</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">OCT 24 1935</div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">OCT 21 A.M. ONE KRO STAT. SECT.</div>	
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The following investigation was conducted and reported by Special Agent John L. Madala:

While Agent Madala was in the New York Bureau Office on general assignment informant Helen Conliff advised him by letter on July 26, 1935, that Lillian Moreno, the wife of Mike Moreno, telephoned her and advised that Mike had been arrested for attempted robbery, and that while he was being questioned at the Summerdale Police Station of the Chicago Police Department, he made an effort to escape through a window, and in doing so was shot in the hip, the bullet coming through his stomach, and was taken to the Bridewell Hospital for a few days, and then was removed to the County Highway Police Station at Morton Grove, Illinois. Lillian Moreno further informed informant that she was endeavoring to get someone to put up a \$10,000.00 bond for her husband's release.

On August 2, 1935, Miss Conliff was contacted by Agent Madala at Chicago, Illinois, at which time she stated that Lillian Moreno had contacted Frank Mangum at his place of business in Cicero, Illinois, for the purpose of securing a bond, and that to her knowledge Mangum furnished her this bond, but that the judge at Morton Grove, Illinois, refused to accept it for reasons unknown to her. She further stated that Lillian Moreno told her that Mangum had inquired of her, Lillian, if she knew where Miss Conliff was residing, and then requested her to have informant get in touch with him at her convenience. Miss Conliff stated that Mangum did not indicate to Lillian Moreno why he wanted to see her, informant, but she was of the opinion that it was with reference to Willie Harrison and possibly her trip to St. Paul, Minnesota.

Informant further stated at this time that shortly before Mike Moreno's arrest he came to her home in Bensenville, Illinois, and inquired when she was going to St. Paul. Informant stated she had previously not mentioned Harrison's visit to Moreno or anyone else except Agent Madala, and that in view of the above it is apparent that Mike Moreno is in contact with Willie Harrison and possibly other members of the Barker-Karpis Mob. She further stated that she informed Moreno she was willing to go to St. Paul, but that Harrison had not contacted her again in this connection. According to Miss Conliff Moreno then stated that he would see Willie

Harrison that night and would let her know within the next few days concerning what she was to do. It developed, however, that Moreno was arrested the following night and she has not seen him since that time.

Concerning Frank Mangum's request to Lillian Moreno that informant get in touch with him, Miss Conliff was instructed by Agent to visit him at his place of business, 4811 West Cermak Road, Cicero, Illinois, and thereafter report the substance of their conversation to this Office, which she agreed to do.

Upon Agent's return to Chicago from New York City on August 9, 1935, informant was again contacted. She stated that she did not go to see Frank Mangum as was suggested to her inasmuch as she learned from Lillian Moreno that the reason Mangum desired to see her was to secure her present address, as he had received information that she had moved from Bensenville. According to informant Lillian Moreno furnished Mangum with this address.

At this point Agent questioned Miss Conliff concerning the length of time she has known Frank Mangum and she advised that she had been acquainted with him for approximately five years; that he formerly was engaged in the real estate business and sold considerable property in and around Bensenville. She further stated that Mangum was very friendly with Fred Goetz and Byron Bolton, and prior to Goetz' death, the latter frequently drove Elmer Farmer and her to Mangum's place in Cicero for drinks. It will be recalled that Fred Goetz was killed in front of Mangum's place on March 21, 1934. Informant further advised that Mangum's place and the Hy-Ho Club, also in Cicero, are well known hangouts for hoodlums and members of the syndicate; that she recalls on one occasion she accompanied Elmer Farmer to the Hy-Ho Club, and although she is not positive, she believes that this club is under the operation of the syndicate.

Inasmuch as it now appears that Mike Moreno is a possible contact for Willie Harrison and other members of the Barker-Karpis mob, an investigation was conducted in Morton Grove, Illinois, for further details concerning Moreno's arrest. Agent interviewed Lt. L. J. Laird, of the Cook County Highway Police, District #1, and he advised that at about 11:30 A.M., July 23, 1935, Andrew Vazzano, owner of The Lone Tree Tavern, Niles Center, Illinois, telephoned

his station and reported that three men, driving a 1935 model gray Dodge Coupe, attempted to hold up his place and carry away two slot machines; that he observed these men from his bedroom window, located on the second floor of the building, and threatened to shoot them with a shotgun if they carried off the machines. He stated that the bandits used his bartender as a hostage in getting into their car, after which they hurriedly drove away leaving the bartender behind. Mr. Vazzano reported that he did not fire at the bandits for fear of hurting his employee, but that he made a note of the license number on this car. Lt. Laird further advised that in checking this license he found that it was issued to Mike Moreno, 624 - 22nd Avenue, Bellwood, Illinois. He stated that the above described automobile was subsequently seen parked in front of the above address by Jack Griffen, constable of Bellwood, Illinois, who reported it to the County Highway Police, and thereafter Mike Moreno was taken into custody.

Continuing, Lt. Laird advised that Andrew Vazzano positively identified Moreno as one of the bandits who attempted to burglarize the slot machines, and in this connection signed a complaint which charged Moreno with armed robbery. On July 25, 1935, two officers of the Cook County Highway Police took Moreno to the Summerdale Precinct Station, Chicago Police Department, for further questioning, and a show-up; that while he was being questioned at this place he jumped out of the first story window and in attempting to escape running east on Foster Avenue, he was fired upon and hit in the hip, the bullet penetrating his stomach; that he was immediately taken to the Bridewell Hospital in Chicago where he remained in custody for one week. Lt. Laird further advised that on August 5, 1935, Mike Moreno appeared before Justice of the Peace Sanstock at Morton Grove, Illinois, for a hearing, and at the instance of the State's Attorney the hearing was continued to August 14, 1935, and the judge fixed Moreno's bond at \$10,000.00. Lt. Laird advised that Moreno's two companions in the above hold-up have not as yet been identified. He stated that a sister of Moreno presented a bond in the above amount, and Moreno was released on said bond.

Agent Madala interviewed Justice of the Peace L. W. Sanstock at his office in Desplaines, Illinois, concerning this matter, and particularly for the purpose of ascertaining the identity of the sureties who signed Moreno's bond, Agent having in mind the previous information received from Helen Conliff that Lillian Moreno was sue-

cessful in securing a bond for her husband's release from Frank Mangum.

The judge advised Agent that there were two \$10,000.00 bonds posted in Moreno's case; that the original bond was signed by John Cucci, 1612 North 20th Avenue, Melrose Park, Illinois, and George E. Christos (restaurant owner), 4823 West Cermak Road, Cicero, Illinois. It will be noted that the latter party has his place of business only a few doors away from Frank Mangum's tavern. Judge Sanstock advised that the above bond consisted entirely of real estate, and an investigation by the Bond Department of the State's Attorney's office determined that the value of the property scheduled was not sufficient to cover the amount of the bond; that in view of this the State's Attorney's office recommended that Moreno be rearrested and held in custody until a new bond was furnished. He stated that Moreno was thereafter arrested, and on the following day Moreno's father and sister posted a new bond for his release, which likewise was in the amount of \$10,000.00. According to the records of the Justice of the Peace, the signers of this bond were Josephine Rosati, 151 North 22nd Avenue, Melrose Park, Illinois, and Rocco Moreno, 1010 North 23rd Avenue, Melrose Park. The judge advised that he questioned Josephine Rosati concerning the property scheduled by her and was informed that she inherited same from her father, Dominic Rosati; also that she is a very good friend of Mike Moreno's sister, who prevailed upon her to furnish a bond for him. Rocco Moreno is the father of Mike Moreno, and he scheduled his home which is at 1010 North 23rd Avenue, Melrose Park. The judge advised that upon the recommendation of the State's Attorney's office he accepted this bond and ordered Moreno released pending further court action.

It might be stated that on August 14, 1935, Mike Moreno again appeared before Judge Sanstock for a final hearing, and after hearing the evidence in the case the judge ordered him held over for action by the Grand Jury and released him on his present bond. This hearing was attended by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan and John L. Madala, and immediately after the judge approved said bond Agents asked Moreno to accompany them to the Chicago Bureau Office for questioning. He agreed to go voluntarily, and at the Chicago Bureau Office he was interviewed by Special Agent Sullivan and this Agent. He was shown various photographs of the Barker-Karpis mob, including those of Volney Davis and Byron Bolton, whom he denied knowing.

with the exception of Elmer Farmer. He was also questioned with reference to the Ford Coupe which Volney Davis had in his possession at the time of his arrest by Bureau Agents at Chicago, Illinois, and which Davis stated he received from Tony Moreno (believed to be Mike Moreno) after calling Jim Farmer in this regard. Moreno likewise disclaimed any knowledge concerning this car and steadfastly denied knowing Volney Davis. It was obvious that Moreno did not intend to tell the truth of his knowledge regarding this case, and therefore the remainder of the interview with him was limited merely to his personal history.

Moreno advised that he was born in Melrose Park, Illinois, on June 3, 1907; that he attended the Melrose Park Public Schools and resides at 1010 North 23rd Avenue, Melrose Park, which is the home of his parents; that in 1924 and 1925 he was employed as a core maker by the National Malleable Steel Company, and since that time he worked as a construction laborer for the Midwest Cartage Company located at 5400 West Harrison Street, Chicago. He stated that his brother-in-law Pascal Larry is the manager of this company.

With reference to Elmer Farmer, Moreno advised that he first met Farmer about six years ago through Tony "Chinky" St. Luci, who is not deceased; that on this occasion "Chinky" invited him to Farmer's place for a poker game and thereafter Moreno frequented the place on many occasions, and naturally became very friendly with Farmer.

The following is a list of the names and addresses of Moreno's immediately family, which is contained in this report for future reference:

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Mike Moreno stated that he was arrested in 1930 by the Sheriff's office, Du Page County, Illinois, for hi-jacking; that he was subsequently convicted and fined \$150.00 on this charge. He stated that his two cousins, Tony and Joe Moreno were arrested with him in this crime but were dismissed for lack of evidence; that Tony and Joe are at present employed with a private trucking company located at 24th Avenue and 14th Street, Melrose Park. He

also advised that Tony Moreno is married and lives in Melrose Park, address unknown, with his mother-in-law; that Tony and Joe are brothers.

The following is a description of Tony Moreno as furnished by Mike Moreno:

Name	Tony Moreno
Age	28
Height	5'9"
Weight	175 lbs.
Hair	dark
Eyes	dark
Complexion	dark

Mike Moreno stated that he was also arrested at Chicago, Illinois, in February, 1935, on suspicion; that he was photographed and fingerprinted and then released without being booked.

With reference to the 1935 Dodge Coupe which was taken from his possession at the time of his arrest by the County Police in Morton Grove, Illinois, Moreno stated that he purchased said car on June 14, 1935, from the Anderson Brothers Motor Sales Company, Ogden Avenue near Wesley, Berwyn, Illinois; that he traded in a 1933 Plymouth Coupe on which he received credit for \$307.00; that the transaction was handled by Al Armstrong, salesman for the above automobile concern.

It was deemed advisable to release Mike Moreno until such time as more definite information could be obtained indicating his connection with the Subjects in this case. In this regard informant Helen Conliff, who appears to be very friendly with Mike and Lillian Moreno, promised that she will keep in touch with these persons and keep Agent advised of their activities.

Moreno was fingerprinted and photographed at the Chicago Bureau Office, and same were forwarded to the Bureau under date of August 15, 1935, with the request that his criminal record be furnished this Office. The Bureau subsequently advised that the identification files did not reflect any record of this subject.

While Agent was at the Cook County Highway Police Station, Morton Grove, Illinois, he met Lt. Charles Egan of the State's At-

torney's office, who was then assigned to assist Lt. Laird of the Cook County Highway Police in solving and cleaning up the then recent holdups of golf clubs in Cook County, Illinois. Lt. Egan advised that his investigation disclosed that these holdups were perpetrated by a band of hoodlums from Melrose Park, Illinois, and that witnesses had identified Mike Derrico, Rocco Pranno and George Bougadis as three of the bandits. He stated that these three persons, together with other bandits not yet identified, committed the holdups at the Lake Lawn Hotel & Golf Club at Delavan Lake, Wisconsin, on August 9, 1935; that preceding the holdup they stole a 1935 model Packard Sedan at Summit, Illinois, and after the robbery at Delavan Lake, Wisconsin, they returned to the State of Illinois, and abandoned the car immediately outside of Woodstock, Illinois, which of course is in violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

At this point Lt. Egan advised that heretofore he has experienced considerable difficulty in the State Courts of Illinois in getting convictions, and likewise in getting prisoners extradited to other states. He stated that the State's Attorney at Delavan, Wisconsin, has a very good case against Derrico, Pranno and Bougadis, and Lt. Egan was of the opinion that when these men are apprehended and if they can be removed to Wisconsin for trial, there will be no question about a conviction and long sentences. In this connection Lt. Egan expressed that he would appreciate it if this Bureau would cooperate with him in getting the above named persons removed to the State of Wisconsin through Federal process when they are apprehended; that in order to facilitate this arrangement it will be necessary to file complaints in the Eastern District of Wisconsin charging them with violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. Lt. Egan was advised that the Chicago Office of the Bureau will be glad to cooperate with them in this regard, and Agent suggested that he immediately call Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd when his office has apprehended these persons.

Some time ago informant Helen Conliff advised Agent that she was very familiar with the set-up in Melrose Park, Illinois, and indicated that the town is more or less controlled by the syndicate. In this connection she stated that for years Rocco DeGrazia was the syndicate boss of Melrose Park, Illinois, and when

he was convicted and sentenced for income tax evasion his brother, Andrew DeGrazia, replaced him in this capacity; that Andrew DeGrazia is presently operating a handbook in the old bank building located on Broadway near the railroad tracks in Melrose Park, Illinois; that this book is in fact owned by the syndicate which receives a cut on the net profits. The informant further stated that she is extremely friendly with Andrew DeGrazia and his wife, and often-times previously visited them at their home at 1415 North 23rd Avenue, Melrose Park. She stated that they have an unpublished telephone number which is Melrose Park 9006.

Informant further stated that she is well acquainted with Rocco Pranno and Mike Derrico; that they usually can be found at Karras' restaurant at Broadway and Main Streets, Melrose Park, and Al "The Polack's" Tavern, located at 100 North 23rd Avenue, also in Melrose Park; that Al "The Polack's" correct name is Albert Strumiwitz, and at one time to her knowledge he harbored Rocco Pranno for about two weeks. With further reference to Pranno informant stated that about three years ago while she was working at her uncle's drugstore in Bensenville, she was held up by three men who obtained \$90.00 from the cash register; that she recognized two of them as Rocco Pranno and Tony Lullo. She stated that on the next day she contacted Andy DeGrazia at Melrose Park, Illinois, and informed him of the holdup and of her recognition of Pranno and Lullo; that she further told DeGrazia that if these two men did not return the stolen money to her within the next twenty-four hours, she would report the theft to the State's Attorney's office and swear out a complaint against Pranno and Lullo; that on the following day Mike Moreno appeared at her place of employment and gave her \$50.00, advising that that was all the money he could salvage. Informant stated that Elmer Farmer told her not to report the theft, and that he would endeavor to secure the remaining \$40.00 for her, and which he subsequently did.

Miss Conliff further advised that Mike Moreno, Jack Provinzano, alias "The Fish", and Bert Spino, Moreno's cousin, committed a number of hi-jackings in Du Page County, Illinois, but in each instance they "beat the rap" because of a pay-off to the State's Attorney of that county, and most of their hi-jackings were carloads of butter and eggs.

Informant also stated that Richard Larry, the postmaster at Malrose Park, is a brother-in-law of Mike Moreno, and that he was placed in that office through the efforts of the syndicate.

With further reference to the investigation relative to the make of the automobile which informant advised Harrison was driving at the time of contacting her at her home in Bensenville, Illinois, in July, 1935, Agent had Miss Conliff observe various makes of automobiles including De Sotos, Chryslers, Plymouths, Chevrolets, Dodges, Oldsmobiles, and Pontiacs at their respective salesrooms on Broadway in Chicago, Illinois, and she definitely decided that the car in question was a Dodge Coupe of a stratosphere blue color. In this connection she stated that she in the first instance was certain that the car was of the identical make as that owned by Mike Moreno but that it was of a different color.

Informant further advised that on August 16, 1935, she received a telephone call from Clara Gibson, inviting her to visit Clara at her apartment, 4325 Clarendon Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. She subsequently advised Agent that Clara Gibson had just returned from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with considerable merchandise, most of which consisted of women's apparel, and which according to informant Clara Gibson had shoplifted in that city. She stated that Clara Gibson exhibited this merchandise to her in the hopes of selling it. She further stated that Clara is now living with a Jew by the name of Louis Shapiro, and that he drove with her to Kansas City, Missouri, over the weekend of August 17, 1935. Informant also stated that Clara Gibson had been in Pittsburgh two months previous, and likewise returned with a large quantity of clothes which she had shoplifted in that city.

It also should be noted here that Clara Gibson informed Miss Conliff that she believed she saw Willie Harrison walking along Sheridan Road on the north side of Chicago a few weeks previous to this visit; that she did not stop to talk to him in view of the fact that she was not entirely certain it was he, although she claimed that his general appearance and manner of walk greatly resembled Harrison. Mrs. Gibson also indicated to informant that she had received two or three letters from "Doc" Barker while he was incarcerated in the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul.

Agent questioned Miss Conliff concerning her knowledge of John Hamilton and she advised that Elmer Farmer had told her on one occasion that Hamilton was dead, and that the boys of Melrose Park buried the body on Grand Avenue near the northwest bridge in Cook County, Illinois.

Agent endeavored to get in touch with Jack Liberty, who in the past has proved to be a valuable informant in this case, as well as in the Dillinger case, and it was ascertained through his mother that this informant had been in custody at the Cook County Jail since June, 1935, and that he is awaiting trial for armed robbery. Agent proceeded to the Cook County Jail and interviewed Liberty, and was advised that he was arrested by the Chicago Police Department on June 10, 1935, for robbery with a gun; that he is under a \$20,000.00 bond, and that his trial is set for August 19, 1935, in Judge McKinley's court. Liberty stated that he is confident he will be acquitted on this charge, advising that although two people have positively identified him he is not guilty of the robbery for which he is charged, and claims to have a good defense alibi.

With reference to the information contained in the report of Special Agent J. E. Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated July 24, 1935, that Byron Bolton advised that Joey and Bobby O'Brien furnished machine guns and other weapons to both the Dillinger and Barker-Karpis gangs, Liberty advised that these guns were undoubtedly obtained through the efforts of Arthur "Fish" Johnson, a close associate of Joey O'Brien, Bobby Barrett and Johnny Moore. He stated that Johnny Moore is in fact Claude Maddox, and that these three individuals operate the Hy-Ho Club in Cicero, Illinois, for the syndicate; that "Skinny" Johnson, who for a long time was associated with "Klondike" O'Donnell, also has an interest in the Hy-Ho Club; that Johnson drives a Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, 1934 model.

Liberty further advised that Jack McGurn, a prominent member of the syndicate, recently opened a tavern in the old Citizens State Bank Building in Melrose Park, Illinois, and that all the hoodlums in Cicero, Berwyn, and Melrose Park, Illinois, hang out in this place. It will be noted that informant Helen Conliff previously furnished the information that Andy DeGrazia was operating a handbook for the syndicate at this location. Liberty further ad-

vanced the information that Joey O'Brien, Bobby Barrett, Claude Maddox, alias Johnny Moore, can be found at the Hy-Ho Club almost every night; that after one o'clock closing time they go to Jack McGurn's place and hang out there until four and five o'clock in the morning, and that they likewise spend considerable time in Frank Mangum's place.

With reference to Jimmie "The Swede" Morand, an alleged close associate of Willie Harrison, Liberty advised that he has not seen him for some time, but that he, Jimmie, could be found at the Hy-Ho Club; that when he saw him last, Morand was driving a 1934 model Chevrolet Sedan.

Liberty furnished the following description of Jimmie "The Swede" Morand:

Name	Jimmie "The Swede" Morand
Age	36
Height	5'11"
Weight	175 lbs.
Hair	blond
Eyes	blue
Complexion	fair

Liberty stated that to his knowledge Morand has never been arrested.

Following are the descriptions of Joey O'Brien, Bobby Barrett and "Skinny" Johnson as furnished by Liberty:

Name	Joey O'Brien
Age	30
Height	5'7"
Weight	160 lbs.
Hair	dark, parts it on side
Eyes	dark
Complexion	dark
Nose	large, protruding
Nationality	of Italian extraction

Name	Bobby Barrett
Age	30
Height	5'10"
Weight	140 lbs.
Hair	brown, combed straight back
Complexion	fair

Name	"Skinny" Johnson
Age	30
Height	5'9"
Weight	140 lbs.
Hair	blond
Complexion	fair
Build	slender

Agent again contacted Jack Liberty at the Cook County Jail on August 18, 1935. At this time he advised that he had learned that Joey O'Brien's correct name is Joey Aiuppa, and that he was recently arrested by the County Highway Police in a dragnet which resulted in the arrest of several other persons from Melrose Park, Illinois, as suspects in the then recent golf club holdups. He further stated that he likewise heard that Alvin Karpis is at present hiding out in Melrose Park, Illinois. Agent questioned Jack Liberty as to the source of this information, and he advised that he received same from a person named Wassel (phonetic spelling), who is in jail awaiting trial for larceny of an automobile; that Wassel is from Melrose Park, Illinois, and claims to be a partner of George Bougadis. Liberty stated that he was further informed by Wassel that John Hamilton is dead and was buried in Cook County, Illinois.

On August 16, 1935, Lt. Charles Egan, of the Chicago Police Department, telephoned the Chicago Bureau Office and advised Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd that his office had arrested Michael Derrico and George Bougadis, and that they were available for interview by an Agent of this Office. Accordingly Mr. Ladd assigned Special Agent A. Dickstein to interview these two persons, and he obtained the following information from them:

After a long discussion with George Bougadis he consented to serve as a confidential informant for the Bureau, and stated

that it would be safe to contact him at his home at 918 North 15th Avenue, Melrose Park, Illinois. With reference to Mike Moreno Bougadis stated that he became acquainted with Moreno about three or four years ago in Melrose Park, but that he did not personally meet him until February of this year, at which time he was introduced to him by Moreno's cousin, Bert Spino. Bougadis stated that for the past four years Mike Moreno specialized in the hi-jacking of interstate shipments, and he knows of his own personal knowledge that Moreno, together with Bert Spino and Jack Provinzano were indicted on this charge about four years ago by the State of Illinois in Du Page County; that at that time these individuals were responsible for at least a half million dollars worth of hi-jackings all of which were committed in Du Page County. Bougadis further stated that when Moreno, Provinzano and Spino were arrested by the Melrose Park Police they were immediately released on a very small bond; that attorney Paul Brust of Melrose Park handled their case since he had a "fix in" with the State's Attorney's office of Du Page County, and he had their case continued over a period of three to four years. Bougadis stated that in order to effect so many continuances it was necessary for Moreno and his companions to pay considerable money to Chauncey Reed, and later to Lester Keany, who succeeded Reed as State's Attorney.

Continuing Bougadis stated that Mike Moreno, Jack Provinzano and Bert Spino were close friends of Elmer Farmer; that they as well as other hoodlums of Melrose Park hang out at the West Lake Tavern, located at 22nd and Lake Avenue, and at the candy store and poolroom at 23rd and Lake, both addresses being in Melrose Park. He furnished the following names as being those of persons known to him as bank robbers who reside in Melrose Park: Mike Darrico, Roscoe Pranno, Joe Leopold, and Jimmie DeGrazia.

Agent Dickstein next interviewed [redacted] and he also agreed to serve as a confidential informant for the Bureau. He stated, however, that his name should not be mentioned under any circumstances in connection with any information furnished by him as a slip in this regard may mean his life. [redacted]

With reference to the syndicate which is now controlled by the remnants of the old Al Capone mob, [redacted] that

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as "The Hindu", is one of the members of the syndicate.

conversations with Deburgio.

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[REDACTED] Avenue, and [REDACTED] Street, [REDACTED] Illinois.
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In this connection he stated that Straw, as well as Imburgio, is a dope addict, and that Straw's mother operates a tavern on the first floor of their home at the above address.

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great disappointment in not getting \$200,000.00 which in fact they had expected to secure on this raid. [redacted] that he was unable to furnish the name of this bank and stated he recalled that considerable publicity was had concerning this robbery at that time.

[redacted] further advised that "Hindu" Imburgio has strong political connections in Melrose Park, Illinois, and that his family consists of the following: Joseph Imburgio, mayor of Melrose Park for four years; Sam Imburgio, employed by the syndicate to sell beer and operates a place known as the "Little White House" located on 9th Avenue and North Avenue, Melrose Park; Charles Imburgio, district Democratic leader in Melrose Park; Rose Larry, sister of Imburgio and married to the postmaster of Melrose Park whose name is Richard Larry.

[redacted] stated that Richard Larry obtained the postmastership of Melrose Park through the efforts of the syndicate; that all letters coming through his post office, which appear to have some official bearing, are examined by Larry and he in turn advises the syndicate bosses of such letters. [redacted] advised that when any inquiry is made of Larry concerning a person in Melrose Park, Illinois, Larry will unquestionably furnish the correct information, but that he likewise will inform the person about whom the inquiry is made.

It was further learned through this informant that Imburgio spends considerable time at the Lake Street Tavern, 23rd Avenue and Main Street, Melrose Park, and that he drives a 1935 model Ford V-8 Coupe, red wire wheels, black in color with a radio installed in same. He stated that the syndicate have in the past harbored known fugitives from justice including Alvin Karpis and others; that in consideration the syndicate expects the persons whom they assist in this manner to commit any killings for them.

[redacted] stated that it is his knowledge that Fred Goetz, alias George Zeigler, who was killed in Cicero, Illinois, in March, 1934, was the man who killed Jake Lingle, newspaper man in Chicago a few years ago.

At this time [redacted] advised his reason for lending assistance to the Bureau is based on the fact [redacted]

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that in this connection he advised that if there was anything he could do in the way of breaking up that organization he would be more than glad to cooperate in this regard. He stated that should he be discharged on the charge presently pending against him he will make every effort to secure more information which might assist this Bureau in locating Alvin Karpis and others in whom the Bureau is interested.

A few days after Agent Dickstein obtained the foregoing information from [REDACTED] particularly with reference to the connection between Imburgio and Alvin Karpis, Agent questioned Miss Conliff as to whether she was acquainted with a man known as "Hindu." Miss Conliff stated that she knew this party very well, and without advancing any information to her she stated that his correct name is Lawrence Imburgio, and that he is a brother of the former mayor of Melrose Park. She stated that Lawrence Imburgio also has a brother named Sam with whom she is very friendly, and that both Sam and Lawrence were frequent visitors to Elmer Farmer's place in Bensenville, Illinois, while he was operating there. She also advanced the information at this time that on or about February 1, 1935, Lawrence Imburgio came to her home in Bensenville, Illinois, in company with Alvin Karpis and inquired whether Elmer Farmer had any legal assistance. Miss Conliff replied that Elmer Farmer had refused to permit them to obtain a lawyer for him, stating that he intended to plead guilty. She advised that Imburgio instructed her to see Farmer and to tell him not to be a "damn fool"; that the syndicate would provide him with sufficient money to obtain a good attorney. She stated that Sam Golan's name came up as the attorney for Farmer, but it was understood that he would not take Farmer's case in view of the notoriety which he anticipated this case would receive. She stated that both Imburgio and Karpis requested her to write to Farmer and suggest that his friends were willing to assist him in any way, and that the money item was the smallest part of it.

Special Agents White and Klees took up surveillance of the basement apartment of JOHN KARPAVICZ, father of subject Alvin Karpis, who resides at 2842 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. At 11 A.M. August 22, 1935, Agents were stationed in the home of Mr. Paul Kohler at 2846 N. Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

At about 7.30 P.M. on August 22nd agents observed a party in a Buick sedan bearing Illinois 1935 license 315-196 stop the car north of the house in which the agents were stationed and after sitting in the car for about ten minutes, went in to see Mr. Karpavicz. Mr. Karpavicz and this party came out after about ten minutes and sat in the car carrying on a conversation for about one half hour. On the following afternoon, Friday, August 23, 1935 at about 4 P.M. the same party drove up in the Buick car with two other men. The party driving the car was about 5 feet 2 inches tall, slender, light hair cut very short, wearing a blue shirt with sleeves rolled up and dark trousers; no hat. The other man in the car was about 18 years of age, wearing eyeglasses, and had light hair. The third man was about 26 years of age, 5 feet tall, weight about 180 pounds, light hair, no hat. The driver of the car went into Karpavicz' apartment and came out with the old man and got into Karpavicz' Ford coupe, which bears Illinois 1935 license plates 522-096. They drove away and were gone about two hours. In the meantime the other men remained in the Buick sedan where it was originally parked directly across the street from the house in which Agents were carrying on their surveillance.

That same evening about 10.30 P.M. Mrs. Karpavicz began to walk up and down the street, observing all cars which stopped in the vicinity. She kept this up until 3.30 A.M. and then returned to her home and did not reappear on the street until about 6.30 A.M. No unusual activity on her part was noted thereafter.

On Monday August 26th about 3 P.M. a policeman drove up in a Chevrolet coach with red wire wheels, bearing 1935 Illinois license plates 717-18 - (last digit not known). He talked with Mrs. Karpavicz for about ten minutes and then drove away. That same evening the party who had appeared before driving the Buick car came again with a woman in the car and stayed about one half hour, carrying on a conversation with Mr. Karpavicz.

On Wednesday August 28th, he returned again at about 5.45 P.M. This time he was alone, and again engaged in conversation with Karpavicz and left about 6.30 P.M. While he was talking to Karpavicz they got into the Buick car and drove away and were gone about fifteen minutes. They then returned and Mr. Karpavicz got out of the car and the Buick drove away.

~~Mrs.~~ Neubold, daughter of the Karpavicz people lives in a rear apartment in the same building. No activity was observed in her apartment during the day and she did not return in the evening before 3 P.M. On a number of occasions she was observed not to return until after midnight.

It may be noted here that a Mr. Bannick, a State Policeman, resides in the Karpavicz building on the third floor. Mr. Paul Kohler, Jr. son of the owner of the home in which Agents were stationed stated that he is acquainted with Bannick, and is of the opinion that he is a reputable person and would be glad to cooperate with the Bureau in connection with the apprehension of subject Alvin Karpis.

During the time agents were on the premises of the Kohlers all activity, such as the appearance of the party in the Buick car, and Mrs. Karpavicz' actions, were reported to the Chicago Bureau office, and agents observed other agents from the Chicago office in the vicinity on various occasions.

Surveillance was discontinued at 3 P.M. August 29, 1935, upon instructions of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley.

On August 24, 1935 Special Agent White who was maintaining a surveillance of the Karpavicz home, advised that a party had driven up to this address in a new Buick black sedan with Illinois license 315-196; that the family next door to where they were maintaining the surveillance had indicated that it was unusual for the senior Karpavicz to leave, he having gone away in this Buick car. Agent White indicated there was no resemblance between this party and Karpis; that he had observed the driver closely; that this party had returned Karpavicz to the house in a short time; that this party was about 5 feet 10 inches or 11 inches; weight 165 to 170 pounds; that his profile was somewhat similar to that of Karpis; that his hair was cut close to his head; that he was probably 35 to 38 years old, with dark complexion.

It was ascertained that license 315-196 was issued to JOHN POST, 1944 North Spaulding Avenue, Chicago, Illinois for a Buick, factory number 272-5164, engine number 288-4704.

Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley and Special Agent D. P. Sullivan observed the above car in front of the home of John Karpavicz, and two other individuals were therein, none of whom answered in any way the description of Karpis or other fugitives wanted. This party was talking to John Karpavicz, and thereafter the Buick left and was followed to 2004 North Spaulding where it stopped and the party went into the apartment house at this address. They later returned to the car and left that vicinity while agents were proceeding around the block.

Agent White on August 26th, 1935 advised that he had ascertained that apparently the activity around the Karpavicz home which had been noted on August 23rd and 24th was probably the result of the Karpavicz having lost their dog.

It is noted that John Karpavicz, the father of Alvin Karpis, is in possession of an old Ford coupe, and there is registered under Illinois license 522-096 a Ford coupe to John Karpavicz, 2842 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

The following investigation was conducted on September 11, 1935 by Special Agent S. K. McKee.

Carrier Charles Baylas of the Humbolt Park Post Office, 1400 North Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed for information concerning John Post who has been seen in the company of John Karpavicz, father of subject Alvin Karpis. Baylas stated that Post was formerly the janitor of the apartment building located at 1944 North Spalding Avenue and that he had been so employed for at least six years during which period Baylas has been carrying mail to this address. This apartment houses 43 individual apartments. Baylas stated that within the past month Post was "kicked out" of the Janitors Union because of noisy talking and radicalism. He now lives in the apartment building at 3300 West Armitage Street. It is to be noted that the building at 3300 West Armitage Street is identical with the building which has street entrances at 2004 and 2006 North Spalding Avenue, to which address Post had been followed by Bureau Agents on August 24, 1935.

It was stated by carrier Baylas that Post is a shortened name and that the true name of this man, which is Lithuanian, is much longer. He could not furnish the original spelling of this name.

Post was described as being about 43 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighing 155 pounds, of medium build and having light brown hair. He resides with his wife and two children and has a third child who is married and lives away from home. According to the carrier this family has never received mail for persons other than members of the family.

It was also stated by the carrier that Post is driving a new sedan automobile which he believes to be either a Buick or a Pontiac. The carrier was unable to furnish any information concerning persons who might be visitors of the Post family.

Through the [REDACTED] it was ascertained that the only information available as to John Post was that an inquiry concerning him had been made by Associates Investment Company, Chicago, Illinois, under date of September 19, 1933.

John Post is listed in the telephone directory at 1944 North Spalding Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, telephone Spalding 8394.

Interview was had with C. C. Davis of Associates Investment, Inc., 919 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and after referring to his file concerning John Post he informed that this individual financed a 1933 Buick sedan, motor number 2821965, serial number 2668825, through instant finance company on September 18, 1933, this car having been purchased from Felz Motor Sales, Inc. At the time of this transaction John Post advised he was 43 years of age, married and had two dependents; that he was employed by the firm of Curtis Murphy, 5702 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois as a janitor and had been in the employ of this concern for two years. The address of Post at the time of this transaction was 1944 Spalding Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

It was ascertained that the account covering the financing of the automobile, mentioned above, was paid out on March 13, 1934 and that on the same date the West Side Buick Company, Chicago, Illinois, made an inquiry as to Post. Mr. Davis stated that this inquiry was in all probability in connection with the purchase of another car on which the old car was traded in.

The records of this concern also reflected that three or four days before Post's account was paid out the General Motors Acceptance Corporation asked for credit information concerning him.

It was not deemed advisable at this time to make inquiries in the neighborhood of Post's home concerning him or persons who might be visiting him.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent John L. Madala at Leavenworth, Kansas, on September 10, 1935:

Volney Davis was interviewed by Agent Madala on the above date at the United States Penitentiary after Agent was introduced to him by Special Agent A. E. Farland, of the Kansas City Office. The interview was conducted in the Warden's Office at the penitentiary, and was of only one hour's duration.

Davis advised that the ransom money collected in the Bremer kidnaping was divided some time during the latter part of July, 1934, while the entire mob lived at Sandusky, Ohio. He stated that present on this occasion were "Doc" Barker, Fred Barker, Charles Fitzgerald, Harry Sawyer, William Weaver, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis, and himself; that he only received \$5,000.00 as his share, which was for the use of his automobile and for taking care of their women in Chicago. He denied being in St. Paul during the period Mr. Bremer was held at Bensenville, Illinois, and, of course, denied delivering any of the ransom notes. He stated that he resided in Chicago during the three weeks of Bremer's captivity, and that he spent considerable time in Fred Goetz' apartment on Gunderson Street in Berwyn, Illinois. In fact, he visited the apartment almost every day during the period in question, and on these occasions he saw Byron Bolton, Fred Barker and Fred Goetz there. Davis stated that he personally witnessed Byron Bolton type the ransom notes at Goetz' direction; that Bolton usually wore rubber gloves when he did this work to avoid leaving any fingerprint impressions on these letters. Davis scoffed at the information that Bolton visited the hideout on only two occasions, stating that Bolton made daily trips there.

Volney advised that prior to the kidnaping it was agreed among the boys that an equal split of the money collected by them be given to Tom Brown, who was then Chief of Detectives of the St. Paul Police Department. In return Brown was expected to keep the boys advised of all the developments in the case, as well as of the movements of the intermediary in order to insure them complete safety in collecting the money. Davis stated that the promised amount was not immediately paid to Tom Brown as there had been considerable difficulty in getting the ransom money exchanged; that Brown would not accept any of the ransom money. He stated that he learned, during the latter part of November, possibly from Elmer Farmer, that Brown was not given the contemplated split for the

reason that he was responsible for the killing of Homer Van Meter in St. Paul, Minnesota. He stated that the boys felt that Brown in putting Van Meter on the spot could not be trusted entirely, and feared that he would do the same to them under pressure, and that for this reason they did not desire to have anything more to do with him.

b7C Davis stated that upon learning that Brown would not be paid his contemplated share, he made frequent endeavors to get in touch with "Doc" Barker or some of the other boys and secure from them his end of the share which he pooled to go to Brown; that in this connection he contacted Elmer Farmer at Kahn's Tavern in Elmhurst, Illinois, some time in December, 1934, and according to Davis, Farmer advised him on these occasions that "Doc" Barker and the boys were out of town, but that they were expected to be back in a few days. Davis stated that he drove from Kansas City, Missouri, to Bensenville, Illinois, especially to see "Doc" Barker, and when Elmer Farmer informed him that they would be in town within a few days, he decided to wait for them. He stated that he lived at Bartholomew's house in Bensenville for two or three days during this time, and that Bruno Austin was also staying there;

Volney Davis, it appears, after two or three days went to Kansas City where he and Edna Murray had an apartment, and he contemplated returning to Bensenville some time later, but did not do so on account of the arrest of Byron Bolton and the killing of Russell Gibson in Chicago.

Davis further stated that he separated from the mob during the latter part of July, 1934, after he had engaged in a heated argument with Freddie Barker about his mother. Volney did not appear to be disposed to talk about the matter, and Agent Madala did not question him as to same.

With reference to Alvin Karpis, Davis stated that he and Karpis, whom he referred to as Ray, were very friendly, and during the last few days of his associations with the boys he had several conversations with Karpis. He stated that Karpis appeared very much disheartened about certain things, particularly because of the fact that they travelled and lived together without discretion. In this connection Karpis stated at one time that they were all fools to trust one another as they had been; that they were considered the hottest people in the country, and that they were taking a big

chance to trust persons outside and within their set.

At this point Karpis informed Davis that he had been offered a proposition by certain gamblers in Cleveland, Ohio, whereby he could purchase an interest in an international slot machine syndicate for \$5,000.00; that this outfit had been negotiating with several large gambling syndicates in Europe with reference to the possibilities of establishing slot machines in their respective countries. Karpis advised Davis that these men wanted him to travel to Europe and assist in the negotiations. Davis advised this to be a fact as he and Karpis discussed at length the possibilities of the latter's getting out of the country, and Karpis seemed confident that he could do so without apprehension. Karpis further informed Volney that he was so enthused about the proposition that he wanted to buy an interest at that time, but that the syndicate would not accept ransom money which was all that Karpis could offer them. Concerning this matter Karpis informed Davis that as soon as he was successful in exchanging the money he would return to Cleveland, Ohio, and connect with these people. Agent questioned Volney Davis as to whether the above mentioned persons to his knowledge were Art Hebrebrandt and "Shimmy" Patton, and he replied that he believed that they were. He went on to relate that Karpis has an explicit faith in both Art and "Shimmy" as he knows them inasmuch as they tipped him off on the contemplated raid on his place shortly after Paula Harmon, Gladys Sawyer and Wynona Burdette were arrested in Cleveland. Volney stated that it is his understanding that the cottages occupied by Alvin Karpis, et al, in Cleveland were obtained through these individuals; that Art is supposed to have an interest in a large real estate concern in Cleveland, Ohio, which bears his name.

Further information advanced by Volney Davis indicated that after the "tip off" at Cleveland, Ohio, the boys proceeded to Toledo, thence to Bensenville, Illinois, where they got in touch with Elmer Farmer; that Farmer took them, including Alvin Karpis, to Kahn's Resort, and established them in tourist cabins located in the rear of this place. He stated that this information was furnished to him by Farmer while they were cellmates at St. Paul, Minnesota. He further stated that the boys lived in these cabins for about one week, after which Alvin Karpis, together with Fred Barker, went to Florida. With reference to Kahn's Resort, Volney Davis advised that Elmer Farmer was very friendly with Mr. Kahn and his daughter, and that he knows of his own personal knowledge that Farmer had frequently brought fugitives to this place to

"cool off." He stated that he did not believe that old man Kahn was aware of the identities of these people, but probably had some indication that they were "hot."

Concerning Willie Heeney, an alleged contact for the Barker-Karpis mob, Davis stated that Heeney was introduced into their set by Fred Goetz; that he himself only met Heeney on one occasion, and that was in 1932 in Jack Davenport's place, which is located immediately outside of St. Paul, Minnesota. Davis stated that shortly after the Bremer ransom money was collected the boys needed ready cash for travelling and living expenses, and in this connection \$5,000.00 of the ransom money was exchanged through Heeney by Fred Goetz.

Volney further stated that during March, 1934, "Doc" Barker took a plane to Reno, Nevada, where he endeavored to exchange \$100,000.00 of the ransom money through Graham and McKay, operators of the Bank Club in that city; that "Doc" was successful in getting only \$10,000.00 exchanged, which money he received in \$1,000.00 bills. With further reference to Graham and McKay Volney stated that these people generally took care of them while they were in Reno, Nevada, during the Fall of 1933, and that they were aware of their identities.

Further information advanced by Volney Davis indicated that Charles J. Fitzgerald and Willie Harrison, who was introduced into the gang by Fred Goetz, were responsible for their presence in Toledo, Ohio, in the Spring of 1934; that Harrison at one time was a partner of Bert and Ted Angus either in Calumet City or Chicago, Illinois, and that he vouched for their trustworthiness in that they would not betray the gang. Concerning Fitzgerald, who received a split of the ransom money in this case, Volney advised that Fitzgerald was very friendly with Al Woods, a small-time bootlegger around Toledo; that it was originally intended, through the suggestions of Harrison and Fitzgerald, to get rid of the ransom money in Toledo, Ohio, through the gambling places in that city, but that none of the persons whom they expected would exchange this money wanted to risk the chance, as at that time the money in question was considered the "hottest" in the country.

Volney further stated that Dr. Morrissey, of St. Paul, Minnesota, performed an appendix operation on Fred Barker shortly

prior to the Hamm kidnaping in 1933; that subsequently when they were in Reno, Nevada, the operation became somewhat irritated, whereupon Fred Barker returned to St. Paul where Dr. Morrissey gave him further medical assistance.

Davis also advised that Jack Pfeiffer, owner of the Hollyhocks Inn in St. Paul, Minnesota, has a brother who is a dentist; that Jack Pfeiffer solicits considerable business for his brother; that he, Volney, knows of his own personal knowledge that Pfeiffer's brother had done work on the teeth of Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and John Dillinger.

It was further learned through Volney Davis that Fitzgerald is supposed to own a couple of farms in the county in Illinois of which Mendota is the county seat. He said that these farms are probably in the name of C. J. Murphy, an alias which Fitzgerald has used for a long time.

Volney Davis further advised that he does not believe that Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis are travelling together at the present time; that Campbell has very good connections in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, and he believes that Campbell will undoubtedly go there in the future; that Tom Hill and Al Sherwood were very friendly with the Subjects in this case, and that neither of them would hesitate to take care of any of the gang should they seek to find refuge with them.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent John L. Madala on September 6, 7, and 8, 1935, at Leavenworth, Kansas:

Elmer Farmer, who received a twenty year sentence for his part in the instant kidnaping, was interviewed by Agent Madala at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. He stated that the day after Fred Goetz was killed at Cicero, Illinois, Alvin Karpis came to his place of business at Bensenville, Illinois, in the company of a person who was a total stranger to him; that this person got out of the car and entered the tavern and inquired for him; that he at first did not observe Alvin Karpis in the car, and not knowing the person who asked for him, he told the latter that Elmer Farmer was not in. He stated that this person returned to the car and later returned and said that Ray was outside and wanted to see him, Karpis apparently having noticed him in the place, and had therefore sent the man back after him. Farmer advised that Alvin Karpis questioned him concerning who killed Goetz, and Farmer replied that he had no knowledge whatsoever about it. Farmer stated that Alvin Karpis appeared very anxious to get in touch with Irene Dorsey, and he later learned that Irene had the entire ransom money in her uncle's place at Wilmington, Illinois, and that it was brought down there by Fred Goetz and Byron Bolton. Farmer stated that he noticed that Karpis' fingers were bandaged, and when he observed Farmer looking at them, he explained that he had just left a hospital in Ohio and that he drove all night after hearing of Goetz' assassination.

Farmer further stated that Byron Bolton came to his home about three or four days after Fred Goetz was killed and seemed very much worried about his safety, as he believed that the syndicate in Chicago had shot Goetz, and was afraid that he would be their next victim in view of his close association with Goetz. Farmer stated that Bolton remained at his home for about two weeks, and that Bolton had him go to Cicero, Illinois, several times to contact members of the syndicate in an effort to ascertain what his, Bolton's, status was with them; that it was during this time that Bolton made frequent efforts to get in touch with "Doc" and Fred Barker, as he was broke and needed money. Farmer stated that Bolton subsequently contacted some members of the Barker-Karpis mob in Chicago, Illinois, and that it was his belief that they at this time gave Bolton some money, and also a certain portion of Fred Goetz' share which he was instructed to give to Irene Dorsey, the common law wife of

Goetz. Farmer questioned Bolton at a later date as to whether he delivered this money to Irene, and Bolton replied that he did not, stating that he had to return the money to "Doc" Barker. In this connection Farmer advised that he subsequently asked "Doc" Barker, while they were together in the jail at St. Paul, Minnesota, whether Bolton had given him, "Doc", Irene's share as Bolton had alleged, and "Doc" replied that Bolton was a "damn liar", stating that he received more money out of this kidnaping case than anyone else. It was at this time that Barker informed Farmer that the money collected in this kidnaping was split ten ways, each of the following persons receiving \$18,000.00: "Doc" Barker, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, Fred Goetz, Harry Sawyer, Bill Weaver, Charles Fitzgerald, and a St. Paul detective named Brown.

Elmer Farmer further stated that "Doc" Barker spoke very highly of Charles Fitzgerald, mentioned above, stating that he was a grand old man who had been a thief all his life and a very good one; that Fitzgerald had made a number of good "scores" and had accumulated over a half million dollars in the last ten years. Farmer did not know what part Fitzgerald played in the abduction of Mr. Bremer, but was definite in his statement that Fitzgerald had received an equal split.

With further reference to the amount which the boys had promised to furnish Brown, Farmer stated that he was informed by Volney Davis at St. Paul, Minnesota, that after Brown shot and killed Homer Van Meter in St. Paul the boys felt that he could no longer be trusted and refused to pay him his contemplated share. He stated that when Volney heard that this money had not been paid to Brown, the former made efforts to get in touch with "Doc" Barker and secure his, Volney's, end of the share which was to have been paid to this police officer. Farmer advised that according to Davis, Brown was promised a split of the ransom collected with the bargain that he was to advise them of all the developments in the case which would make safe their contacts in negotiating for the ransom pay-off.

Farmer further advanced the information that he first met Willie Harrison around the time that Bremer was kidnaped, and that while Mr. Bremer was held at Bensenville, Illinois, Harrison frequented his place two or three times a week. He stated that although he is not entirely certain, he is of the belief that Harrison and

Bolton delivered the ransom notes to the boys who were stationed at St. Paul, Minnesota, at a point halfway between Chicago and St. Paul. He likewise stated that he learned through conversation with Alderton that Byron Bolton was in the hideout house almost every day, and that Alderton saw Bolton come out of the room in which Mr. Bremer was held with a sheaf of papers which Alderton believed were ransom notes. In this connection Farmer stated that Bolton had lied on the witness stand when he testified that he visited the hideout house only on two occasions.

Continuing, Farmer advised that at one time after Mr. Bremer's release, Willie Harrison came to his place of business in Bensenville and gave him \$400.00 to give to Harold Alderton with the instructions that Alderton should get out of town. Farmer stated that when Alderton received this money he went on a drunken spree and did not leave town as instructed; that about two weeks later Willie Harrison again came to Bensenville and on this occasion he gave Farmer \$500.00, stating that he should give this money to Alderton, and that he should tell him that if he, Alderton, knew what was good for him he should leave town immediately. Farmer advised that Alderton left a few days thereafter and went to live with his mother at Kokomo, Indiana. It might also be stated that Farmer furnished the information that Volney Davis and not Alvin Karpis purchased the flashlights at St. Paul, Minnesota. He claimed that Davis informed him of this fact.

Elmer Farmer further stated that it is his understanding that the Barker-Karpis gang had originally planned to kidnap Mr. Bremer while he was on a business trip in Chicago, Illinois, some time around the Christmas holidays; that no such opportunity presented itself, and that therefore they abducted him at St. Paul. He advised that on one occasion during the period of Bremer's confinement in Bensenville, Fred Goetz came to his tavern accompanied by a man who was introduced as "The Jew". Farmer stated that this person was unknown to him and was definite in his statement that he did not answer to the description of Harry Sawyer. Farmer was unable, or would not furnish a description of the party whom he met as "The Jew", stating that this man was sitting in Goetz' automobile and he did not pay much attention to him.

With reference to Alvin Karpis, Elmer Farmer stated that he considers Karpis as one of his best friends; that he had fre-

quent conversations with him, and that Karpis at one time told him that he was sending a young boy through college; that this boy was from Iowa and was not in the "racket". He stated that Karpis did not advance any information concerning the identity or the whereabouts of this person. He also advised that Karpis owned a bulldog, which he claimed he purchased from a very good friend of his who is in the business of raising fighting bulldogs, and that this person has a kennel somewhere in the mountains. Farmer further stated that Karpis is very fond of children, and it is his belief that Karpis will eventually contact his parents in an effort to see his young son. He stated that Karpis has good connections with the syndicate in Chicago, and he positively knows of his own knowledge that the syndicate has heretofore harbored and taken care of Karpis, as well as other persons fleeing from justice; that the syndicate provided a place of refuge for Verne Miller after he escaped from Bureau Agents in November of 1933. He stated that in cases where wanted criminals go to the syndicate for refuge the syndicate usually places them on a small farm and takes care of them there until things quiet down; that in consideration thereof the syndicate either charges the person a certain sum per day, that is, if he has money, or if he cannot afford to pay them any remuneration, they employ his services as a killer.

Farmer stated he is of the belief that should Karpis be in Chicago he will in all probability find refuge with the syndicate, and if this is so, he is probably living with a member of the syndicate or on a small farm on the outskirts of Chicago.

The following investigation was conducted and reported by Special Agent J. L. Madala:

On August 3, 1935, Edna Murray, former subject in this case, forwarded a letter to the Kansas City Bureau Office advising that she wished to see an Agent of this Bureau as she had changed her mind about certain things. Accordingly, Special Agent A. E. Farland of the Kansas City Office interviewed Miss Murray at the Missouri State Penitentiary where she is serving a 25-year sentence for highway robbery and she advised that if something could be done to reduce the time she will have to serve at the Penitentiary she could render the Bureau assistance that would possibly be of value. No promises were accorded Edna Murray and on August 3, 1935, a letter was transmitted to the Bureau advising her willingness to provide valuable information if some consideration is shown her.

This Agent and Special Agent A. J. Norstrom of the Kansas City Bureau Office again interviewed Edna Murray at the Penitentiary on September 13, 1935, and she was advised that under no circumstances could the Bureau bargain with her for any information that she might convey, but that any assistance rendered by her will be brought to the attention of the appropriate Penitentiary officials for whatever action they cared to take in her behalf.

It might be stated that Miss Murray was very much disheartened over her present predicament and was seemingly revengeful toward certain members of the Barker-Karpis gang as none of them apparently made any effort to provide her with legal advice while she was on trial at St. Paul, Minnesota. She made the statement that the small fellows were serving time for the instant kidnaping while the "big shots" who were actually responsible for the abduction were above suspicion. Agents questioned her as to the meaning of this statement and she replied that if she ever began talking things would certainly be stirred up in St. Paul. She went on to state that were it not for Tom Brown and Billy Crumbley of the St. Paul Police Department the Bremer kidnaping could not have been successfully accomplished and that certain members of this mob would have been in jail a long time ago.

Although Edna Murray had previously expressed a willingness to cooperate with the Bureau she would not furnish any information on the occasion of this interview unless a definite promise was made to her for an early release from the Penitentiary should her information be of some assistance to the Bureau. She was again informed that her request in this regard could not be granted, but that in the event she agreed to testify for the Government in a trial against any of the subjects connected with this case, the interested United States Attorney would certainly bring to the attention of the proper prison officials any action taken by her to this effect. Miss Murray advised that she would think the matter over and notify the Kansas City Bureau Office should she change her mind.

Edna Murray communicated with the Kansas City Bureau Office on September 18, 1935, advising that she was ready to furnish all information in her possession to an Agent of this Bureau. Accordingly, the writer together with Special Agent V. I. Parry of the Kansas City Bureau Office interviewed her at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, on October 10, 11 and 12, 1935. It might be stated that Edna Murray furnished considerable information concerning John Hamilton, Doctor Joseph P. Moran which is contained in separate reports.

With reference to Harry Sawyer, who is awaiting trial at St. Paul, Minnesota, for the instant kidnaping, Edna advised that she first met him in St. Paul, Minnesota, during December of 1933, shortly after she and other members of the Barker-Karpis gang returned from Reno, Nevada. She stated that she and Volney Davis were living at the Edgcombe Apartments at the time and that she accompanied Volney Davis on several occasions to Sawyer's saloon on Wabasha Avenue; that Sawyer was very friendly with Fred and "Doc" Barker, Bill Weaver, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and "Baby Face" Nelson. She further stated that Sawyer had an "in" with certain members of the St. Paul Police Department and in this connection related that on one occasion while they were in St. Paul, Fred Barker came to their apartment and advised that he had been at "Lion's" Place and Lion (who is Harry Sawyer) informed him that there was some heat on their place and that they, meaning Edna and Volney, had better evacuate their apartment for a few days. Accordingly,

she and Davis moved to Fred Barker's apartment on Grand Avenue in St. Paul where they remained until Sawyer notified them that everything was all right again. Edna advised, and it was later learned, that the St. Paul Police were not investigating them, but that they had the party living below them under investigation as it seems that the Police discovered that he was driving a car bearing fictitious license plates. She stated that the Police subsequently raided this person's apartment, but investigation proved that he was legitimate. What Edna was endeavoring to bear out was the fact that Harry Sawyer had advance knowledge of the contemplated raid at the Edgecombe Apartments where he knew Volney and she were living and not knowing definitely just who the Police were investigating at this place, he acted to warn them through Fred Barker lest it were they.

Edna Murray further advised that she and Volney visited Harry Sawyer's saloon and farm on several occasions during their stay in St. Paul, Minnesota, shortly prior to the Bremer kidnaping; that she and Volney usually went to Sawyer's farm with Paula Harmon, who was very friendly with Gladys Sawyer, the wife of Harry Sawyer; also that on visits to this farm they were joined by Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis. Edna likewise was acquainted with Betty Bierwald, whom the Sawyers employed as a maid. She stated that on one occasion while she and Paula Harmon were drinking in the Sawyer's saloon she saw Tom Brown there and when he left Sawyer referred to him as a "big-bellied sap." On another occasion while in his saloon she met "Baby Face" Nelson, whom she had previously known, having met him at Louis Cernocky's place in Fox River Grove the year before. Edna advised that neither Gladys nor Harry Sawyer visited them at their apartment in St. Paul.

Continuing, Edna stated that on the day after Mr. Bremer was kidnaped at about 10 a.m., Pat Reilly who worked in Sawyer's place as a bartender, came to their apartment and advised Volney that Harry Sawyer wanted to see him and Edna at his farm. Wynona Burdette and Paula Harmon were also present in the apartment at this time and were waiting for Fred Barker to drive them to Chicago. Volney told Wynona and Paula to leave the place by the front way and walk down Lexington Avenue; that he would contact Fred and let him know where to pick them up. Edna stated that she and Volney went out the rear and en route to Sawyer's farm, they stopped at Fred Barker's apartment and informed him that Wynona and Paula were walking west on Lexington

Avenue; that he would meet them when driving down that street, and that they were waiting for him to drive them to Chicago.

Volney also told Fred at this time that Sawyer sent word for him, Volney, to come to his farm. Edna stated that when she and Volney arrived at Sawyer's place he was standing on the front porch, apparently waiting for them; that Volney left the car and talked with Sawyer on the porch for about five minutes, none of which conversation she overheard. When Volney returned to the car Sawyer followed him and Edna overheard him say, "The town is sure full of fire and full of 'G' men." He then turned to Edna and asked whether she had noticed in the papers that Irene McCann had surrendered herself to the Chicago Police Department. It might be stated that Irene McCann served time with Edna Murray at the Missouri State Penitentiary and that she likewise had escaped from that institution. Edna informed Harry Sawyer that she read about it, whereupon Sawyer asked her whether she had been corresponding with Irene and whether Irene knew of her immediate whereabouts. Edna assured Sawyer that she had not been corresponding with Irene and that she had not been in touch with this girl since she escaped from the Penitentiary, and Sawyer apparently seemed considerably relieved.

Miss Murray stated that upon their return to the apartment she packed all of their bags and thereafter that same day Fred Goetz drove her to Chicago, Illinois. Her subsequent activities are contained in her signed statement included in the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Kansas City, Mo., dated February 21, 1935. Edna advised that she did not meet Byron Bolton in St. Paul nor did she see Harry Sawyer in Chicago or Aurora, Illinois, at any time.

Continuing, Edna advised that the next time she saw Harry Sawyer was during July of 1934 while she and Volney Davis were living with Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton in a cottage on Lake Erie near Sandusky, Ohio. On this occasion Sawyer was accompanied by Fred Barker and it is her understanding that they drove from Cleveland, Ohio. She stated that they remained for a few hours during which time Sawyer and Fred conversed confidentially with Volney Davis and Bill Weaver. She stated that a week or so later while she and Volney were visiting with Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, they were again visited by Harry Sawyer and Fred Barker. On this occasion Gladys Sawyer and her little girl, Francine, were with them, and after a brief

stay, Fred Barker drove Gladys Sawyer to Chicago in order that she could get a plane for St. Paul, Minnesota, where she was to undergo an operation. Although Edna is not entirely certain, she believes that Harry Sawyer accompanied Fred to Chicago on this occasion. A few weeks later Edna again saw Harry Sawyer this time at the home of Harry Campbell on Lake Erie, and in this instance she believed that Sawyer came from Cleveland, Ohio, with Fred Barker and Paula Harmon. Willie Harrison also was at Campbell's home on this day and he drove Paula Harmon to Chicago, Illinois, where she caught a train for St. Paul, Minnesota, the purpose of her trip being to take care of Gladys, who had been released from the hospital. On another occasion while Edna and Volney were visiting with Bill and Myrtle, they were joined by Harry Sawyer, Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis. The three of them drove from Cleveland, Ohio, in Karpis' Pontiac coupe. After Sawyer, Barker and Karpis left Myrtle began an argument with Bill Weaver, stating that she did not want her home to be used as a hangout; that she was sorry that she ever got tangled up with him and that unless he told the boys to keep away from there she would leave him. Edna stated that Myrtle's two nieces, Winnie and Betty, were living with them at the time.

Continuing, Edna advised that about two weeks after she and Volney rented the cottage at Vermilion, Ohio, under the name of Powell, they were visited by Harry Sawyer, Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker. At this point Edna advised that prior to this time Volney sensed that Fred Barker carried some ill-feeling toward him and oftentimes he remarked to her "I wonder what is the matter with Fred?" Edna advised that on the occasion of the above visit Fred appeared particularly angry and when he met Volney who came up from the lake in his bathing suit, a heated argument ensued between him and Fred. Edna heard Volney say, "Well, you can give me my share. I'm leaving." She stated that at one time Harry Sawyer told Volney to quiet down and Volney told him to mind his own business and that he had better stay out of his reach. She stated that a few minutes later Sawyer approached her in front of the cottage and remarked that "the damn fools didn't know what they were arguing about." After the boys left Volney told her when she questioned him about the subject of their argument, that Fred had accused him of saying something to his mother which she apparently had wrongly interpreted and complained to Fred about.

Edna advised that on another occasion shortly prior to the above incident, Volney heard that Fred Barker was at Bill Weaver's cottage, which according to Edna was located approximately 16 miles distant from their's; that Volney was low on funds and wanted to borrow some money from Fred. She stated that she accompanied Volney to Bill's place and when they arrived Harry Sawyer was with Fred Barker. She heard Volney tell Fred that he waited long enough for his money and that he was "broke." Fred apparently didn't have any money to loan Volney and told him so, whereupon Edna heard Sawyer say that he likewise was waiting for his money.

On the occasion when Fred Barker drove Gladys Sawyer to Chicago, where she was to get a plane for St. Paul, Minnesota, to undergo an operation, Volney remarked to Edna that Sawyer must have been paid off to afford the operation.

Edna stated that two days after the "blow-off" between Volney and Fred Barker, Volney went to Sandusky, Ohio, and returned with approximately \$12,000, a little of which was not ransom money. Edna advised that she is unable to furnish any information concerning the split made at Sandusky, Ohio, nor does she know who was present, nor what respective share each member received. She stated that Volney and she left Vermilion, Ohio, about ten days later and proceeded to Niagara Falls and then to Montana where Volney invested approximately \$7,000 in a gambling place which he and Corey Bales were to operate. She further stated that Davis had changed every dollar of the ransom money himself and that he passed a large portion of it at the bank in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Edna advised that she did not see any of the above mentioned persons after she and Volney left Ohio and when they learned that she and Volney were indicted for the Bremer kidnaping, Volney related to her practically the entire story concerning it. She stated that according to Davis, the boys in the first instance planned to rob Mr. Bremer's bank, but later decided for reasons unbeknown to her to kidnap him instead.

Edna stated that Volney as well as a few others were strenuously opposed to the kidnaping, but were ultimately swung over by others who conceived the idea. She further stated that Volney Davis informed her that Harry Sawyer "fingered" Mr. Bremer in the bowling alley a few weeks prior to the kidnaping and thereafter the boys constantly noted his habits and movements. She stated

that Volney Davis and not Alvin Karpis purchased the flashlights at St. Paul, Minnesota, and quite frequently lamented to her what a fool he was to have done so. She also advised that Davis delivered or caused to be delivered all of the ransom notes in the case and that he was assisted in these operations by Fred Barker; that Fred Goetz typed the ransom notes in Chicago and that Davis and Fred Barker secured them at this point after Mr. Bremer signed them and then drove to St. Paul where they were delivered. He further informed her that Tom Brown, who was then Chief of Detectives of the St. Paul Police Department, was to have received \$10,000 as his share of the ransom collected and in consideration thereof he was bound to keep them advised of the developments in the case. Although Edna does not know definitely she believes that Harry Sawyer secured Brown's services along this line. Edna further stated that on the occasion of one of the appointed times for the pay-off, the money could not be secured on account of the time lock arrangement on the safe in which the ransom money was readily kept, and in this instance Tom Brown got word of this fact to the boys who were waiting at the pay-off spot. They immediately abandoned their position.

Edna also stated that Volney Davis informed her that Harry Sawyer received \$5,000 as his share of the ransom collected.

Agents questioned Edna Murray at length concerning the activities of Tom Brown during the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer, but she definitely stated that the above information furnished by her pertaining to him is their entire knowledge of his part in the abduction.

With reference to Charles J. Fitzgerald, who according to Volney Davis received splits in the Hamm and Bremer kidnapings, Edna advised that she does not believe that "Old Charlie", as she knows him, played any active part in the instant case; that if he did receive a certain portion of the ransom collected it was an obligated or sentimental gesture. In this connection she advised that "Old Charlie" was a very good friend of both Fred and "Doc" Barker and was well thought of by all members of the gang and when she saw him last, which was at Sandusky, Ohio, in July of 1934, he appeared to be in very bad shape and he had his hip in a cast; that according to her information he received a bullet wound, which shattered his hip, in the South St. Paul robbery. She further stated that she

first met "Old Charlie" at Long Lake, Illinois, when she and Volney Davis were living with Fred Barker and Paula Harmon in a cottage on that lake; that he likewise was very friendly with Kate Barker.

Continuing, Edna advised that "Old Charlie" was living in Toledo, Ohio, when the entire gang was there and that he spent considerable time with them at the Casino Club; that he was a very good friend of a man named "Al" who was a minor bootlegger around Toledo. She stated that she frequently talked with "Old Charlie" relative to her needed operation on her breast and that he also was in entire sympathy with her; that at one time he volunteered to pay all of her expenses for this operation. He also cautioned her not to have anything to do with Dr. Joseph P. Moran as he evidently heard that she had seriously contemplated having him operate on her.

With reference to the setup at Toledo, Ohio, namely, Bert and Ted Angus and their clique, Edna advised that these people were fully aware of their true identities. In this connection she advised that when "Doc" Barker brought Volney Davis to Toledo, Ohio, after they moved from Aurora, Illinois, "Doc" made the following statement: "You may not like this setup, but these people in Toledo who will put us up know who we are and what we did." Edna stated that Volney was very much opposed to this situation, particularly after he learned that a Police officer was among this clique. She continued that she was referring to George Timoney, a plain-clothes man of the Toledo Police Department, and a very good friend of both Bert and Ted Angus.

Edna further stated that the Angus boys as well as Rene and Thelma Holst, Madeline Angus, who was Bert's wife, and George Timoney all referred to them by their common names and that the boys referred to Timoney as "Tim." She advised that shortly after they arrived in Toledo, Ohio, "Doc" Barker and Russell Gibson either purchased or rented Timoney's motor boat; that during their entire stay in Toledo they had access to this launch and that the keys to it were kept at the Casino Club. She stated that both "Doc" Barker and Russell Gibson knew how to operate this boat and that "Slim" Gibson, especially, was very adept in the operation of it. She

described the boat as being dark maroon in color, seven-passenger capacity, built-in motor with a steering wheel. She could not recall the name on the front side of the boat, but is certain there was one. Edna stated that it was usually docked in the small harbor directly across from the Casino Club and near the golf course; that Charlie Becker, whom the boys always referred to as "Skipper", took care of the boat for them.

Continuing, Edna advised that it is her understanding that this boat had at one time been used as a rum runner; that through usage it became very dilapidated and every time it was taken out to the lake the boys had considerable bailing. She stated that on one occasion "Doc" Barker and "Slim" Gibson had the boat on shore and were doing some repair work on it; that someone apparently reported this fact to Mrs. George Limoney as she thereafter called the Casino Club and advised one of the Angus brothers that that boat belonged to her and that she had not given anyone permission to use it or do any work on it. Edna stated that the boys got quite a laugh out of that.

As an example which indicated that the Angus boys, et al, knew of their identities, Edna related that shortly after Madeline Angus was released from the hospital where she underwent an operation Wynona Burdette and she visited her, Madeline, at her home. On this occasion Madeline picked up a detective magazine and called to Wynona, "Come here, I want to show you a cute picture." Both Wynona and Edna looked at this magazine and Edna observed it to be a picture of Fred Barker. Underneath the photograph there was a paragraph which mentioned that Fred was wanted for the murder of the Sheriff at West Plains, Missouri, and that he also was wanted by the Government for the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer. Edna stated that she was flabbergasted when she saw this picture and upon returning to the lake, where she and Volney were living, she told Volney and "Doc" Barker about this incident. According to Edna "Doc" Barker merely laughed, but Volney was very much perturbed and said, "It looks like it is a family affair." Edna stated that Volney thereafter forbade her to go to the Casino Club.

Another occasion which indicated that the Angus boys made it safe for them to remain in Toledo without detection was on the night Harry Campbell was to have his fingers operate

upon by "Doc" Moran. In this instance Campbell came up from the basement of his home very much excited and told the boys that he believed someone was "casing" the place; that while they were discussing the possibility as to what to do, Fred Barker came in. When he was informed of Campbell's observations he said that he would go over to the Casino Club and find out whether there was any "heat" on the place. Edna advised that Fred returned that same night and said that "they" would find out. However, as a precautionary measure, everyone with the exception of Wynona Burdette and Harry Campbell temporarily moved out. Edna and Volney went to live with Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney at the Jarvis Apartments while Dr. Moran and Jimmie Wilson registered at the Fort Meigs Hotel. "Doc" Barker presumably stayed with his brother that night. On the next morning Fred Barker came to Karpis' apartment advising that Timoney said it was all right. Edna advised that the boys later conjectured that Campbell manufactured the story in order to avoid being operated upon that night.

Edna advised that on another occasion while at the Casino Club she was in a booth drinking with Rene Holst and Madeline Angus that George Timoney, who appeared to be drunk, came to their booth and asked Rene for a dance. Rene refused him and when Timoney walked away, Edna remarked to her, "What the hell does that ----- want?" According to Edna Rene laughed and said, "Oh, he's all right. You have nothing to worry about."

Edna further related that when she arrived in Toledo, Ohio, from Tulsa, Oklahoma, during the first part of May, 1934, Volney Davis sent Jimmie Wilson with her to look for an apartment; that they hunted all day, but couldn't find any which suited her; that thereafter Jimmie and she went to the Casino Club where Jimmie received from Bert Angus the name and address of the manager of the apartment building in which he was living; that Jimmie told her that Bert had called his landlord and learned that he had one apartment vacant and that he should reserve it for friends of his. Edna advised that upon renting the apartment Jimmie told the manager that they were friends of Bert Angus. Edna stated that at no time did either Bert or Ted Angus visit them at this place, however, Madeline Angus did on several occasions.

Continuing, Edna stated that the Angus boys certainly did fleece the boys while they were in Toledo; that

she personally observed in frequent instances Bert Angus ringing up a \$5.00 or \$10.00 denomination in cases where the bill was considerably below these amounts; that everyone was seemingly aware of this as it was frequently discussed among them, but in no instance to her knowledge did anyone ever protest their actions in this regard.

Edna advised that Joe Roscoe, Joseph Thompson, Edith Barry and Walter Belpash are unknown to her. She stated that Nick Couzens knew some of the gang, but she does not believe that he was aware of their identities. Edna referred to Couzens as the man "who runs the book downtown."

Further information provided by Edna indicated that George Timoney was the sweetheart of Rene Holst and that Rene and Mildred Kuhlman, who at that time was consorting with a man named Eddie, had frequent relations with certain members of the gang.

At one time while some of the boys were preparing to go on a boat ride they apparently were very boisterous as on this occasion a uniform Police officer entered the Casino Club and mentioned to Bert Angus that he wondered who that drunken bunch on the lake was. Edna stated that she and Fred Barker were present in the Club when this Police officer entered, and in response to his query, Bert informed him that they were a bunch of bootleggers from Chicago, and winked to her and Fred Barker.

With reference to the Kansas City Massacre Edna advised that she definitely knows that Adam Richetti, who is awaiting to be executed, did not take part in the actual shooting of Frank Nash and the four Police officers at the Union Station. She advised that two days after the Massacre, Verne Miller came to their home in Maywood, Illinois, having driven all night from Kansas City; that he had with him his little dog, Teddy, and was driving a Chevrolet Sedan. She stated that he appeared very haggard looking and when he entered the house he "flopped" on the couch and asked for a cup of coffee. She continued that Verne Miller subsequently related to Volney Davis in her presence that he learned of Nash's arrest in Kansas City; that he went to John Lazia's place in Kansas City for assistance and Lazia referred him to "Pretty boy" Floyd who was in Kansas City at the time. She stated that Verne informed them that he did not expect Floyd to participate in the shooting, and that he merely solicited him to do the driving. He went on to state

that Floyd was wounded in the shoulder and that he, Verne, received a slight wound on his left little finger; that he further stated that Floyd had the gumption of a bulldog, relating that in spite of his wound he did some excellent driving in their getaway. Edna advised that Verne referred to the newspapers which carried accounts to the effect that five men had participated in the Massacre, and laughingly said that there were only two of them, but they must have thought they had a whole army against them. She stated that in Verne's discussion with them concerning the Massacre, he in no instance mentioned the name of Adam Richetti and she sincerely believes that Richetti had not been at the scene of the shooting. She further stated that Verne felt very much depressed because he killed Frank Nash, but was consoled with the thought that he likewise had got Agent Caffrey, against whom he had a personal grudge because of his work in the apprehension of his friends Harvey Bailey, Francis Keating and Thomas Holden.

Edna further stated it is her knowledge that a month after the ransom was collected in the Bremer kidnaping, "Doc" Barker took a portion of it to Reno, Nevada, where he exchanged possibly \$10,000 of the money; that this money was paid in \$1,000 bills and that the \$1,000 denomination which Fred Goetz had in his possession at the time he was killed at Cicero, Illinois, was a "mate" of the one that Volney Davis had on his person at that time. She advised that she understood that the other boys had likewise received a thousand dollar bill which "Doc" Barker advanced to them around this period.

It might be stated that Edna definitely promised to testify for the Government at any trial in connection with this case should she be called upon to do so.

Agents asked her if she were willing to make a signed statement including the foregoing information, but she advised that she has stopped signing any papers, but that there won't be any question about her going to St. Paul or any other place to appear as a Government witness.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, will ascertain the present status of Michael Moreno and at a feasible date will again interview him regarding the matter of furnishing a stolen car to Volney Davis after his escape from Bureau Agents at Yorkville, Illinois; also for any information in his possession concerning his knowledge of the instant case. It should also be kept in mind that according to informant Conliff Moreno provided the alcohol cans which were abandoned by the kidnapers at Portage, Wisconsin.

Will keep in touch with [redacted] who is well acquainted with the set up at Cicero and Berwyn, Illinois, particularly with the movements of the syndicate who apparently are established in Cicero.

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Will also keep in contact with informant [redacted] for further information regarding Alvin Karpis' presence in Melrose Park, Illinois and his association with Lawrence Imburgio. This informant is also a good source of information for confidential data relative to the activities of the Capone syndicate.

Will continue to contact informant Helen Conliff for further information in connection with this case and for further particulars regarding the visit of Lawrence Imburgio and Alvin Karpis at her home in Bensonville, Illinois, as mentioned in the body of this report.

Will make further efforts to ascertain definitely the connections between John Karpavicz, father of Alvin Karpis, and John Post.

P E N D I N G

TELETYPE

Mr. Egan
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

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PHONE. BREKID. BELLE BORN STILL LOCATED WAUKEGAN AND AS YET NO CONTACTS
MADE OF SIGNIFICANCE.

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Edw. G. Bremer

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P. O. Box #709
Portland, Oregon

October 17, 1935.

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

Re: William Dismore, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I.O. #1882A, et al
George Meyerhanser, Victim
Kidnaping - Extortion
Alvin Karpis, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I.O. #1218, et al
Edward George Bremer, Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Reference is made to the teletype message of the Philadelphia office to this office dated October 14, 1935, advising that Patrick J. Lyons, whose cigarette case containing notations of possible hide-outs of subjects in the above entitled cases was found at Seattle, Washington, on September 18, 1935, had addressed a letter to the Philadelphia office return address to F. E. Blackie, Wilson Creek, Oregon.

On October 15, 1935, Patrick J. Lyons was located at Tillamook, Oregon, where he is at present employed by the F.E.R.A. in the construction of an air port in the outskirts of that city. Lyons was interviewed by Special Agents W.C. Ryan and M. B. Lindquist. Upon being approached and asked whether he had lost any of his property at Seattle, Washington, during the past month, Lyons immediately stated that he had lost a cigarette case in the railroad yards at Seattle and before any further questions could be put to him he immediately went on to explain that he knew nothing concerning the notations appearing on the contents of the cigarette case and began relating a story to the effect that he had obtained the cigarette case and its contents from one Blackie at Manhattan, Nevada, during April or May, 1934. Lyons went on to explain that he had not noticed the notations on the papers in the cigarette case until the day before he had lost it. He said that the maps which were drawn on one of the slips of paper represented drawings made by the individual Blackie of places where gold had been found at one time. When Lyons was asked how the name of Mahan appeared on one of the slips which he claimed to have received in 1934 when Mahan was hardly known outside of the state of Washington at that time, he was at a loss to explain this and continued

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to insist that he did not make the notations appearing on the papers in the cigarette case and knew nothing about them. Lyons was then asked to print the notations appearing on the slips of paper and upon doing so it was easily apparent that the notations found in the cigarette case were made by him. When confronted with the similarity in the printing Lyons admitted that he might have made the notations but stated that he would not discuss them advising that during the early part of the present year he had written a letter to J. Frank Staley, whom he claimed to be in charge of the Intelligence Division of the Navy Department, giving him some information and as a result of this his life was put in jeopardy and he was followed over the entire state of Montana by secret agents. It was apparent from this statement of Lyons that he no doubt labors under hallucinations that he is being followed at times.

Questioning Lyons further he stated that it worried him because of the fact he was from John Dillinger's home town, Indianapolis, Indiana, and he has expected for some time to be questioned concerning Dillinger. He stated he knew Dillinger's family when they operated a grocery store in Indianapolis although he did not know John Dillinger personally, only to see him. Lyons further indicated that he knows Mary Kinder, the girl friend of Harry Pierpont and has inferred that the information appearing in the cigarette case might have been obtained from Mary Kinder, stating that Mary Kinder would be able to furnish information concerning the persons and places mentioned in the notations. Lyons stated that the last time he saw Mary Kinder was five or six years ago when she was on trial in Indianapolis on a charge of participating in a bank robbery in that city. He also said that he saw John Dillinger, Harry Pierpont, Charles Makeley, John Hamilton and Clark in Indianapolis just before they went to Arizona and were captured in the early part of 1934.

Further questioning of Lyons concerning any acquaintanceship of his with Dr. Hollinger, Mr. Mizer or Dr. John Weirick brought denials from him that he is personally acquainted with any of these individuals or that he could furnish any further information about them than what appeared on the notations in the cigarette case.

It was apparent from conversation with Lyons that he is not entirely mentally sound, and in view of this condition the interview with him was not conducted at any great length as it was felt that the information appearing on the notations in the cigarette case are merely products of Lyons' imagination which is borne out by investigation conducted in the places appearing in these notations.

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On the interview with Lyons it was ascertained that his correct name is Patrick J. Lyons, that he is a World War veteran having enlisted in the U. S. Army at Indianapolis, Indiana, on June 25, 1918, being discharged at Fort Hamilton, N.Y., on June 1, 1920. Lyons stated that his claim number is 1,849,898 and his army serial number is 254,106. He stated that following his discharge from the army he worked for the Globe Automatic Sprinkler Co., at Indianapolis during 1923 and 1924 and later for the Imperial Drop Forge Co., of Indianapolis during 1924 and 1925; that from 1926 to 1929 he was confined to the Veterans Home at Bath, N.Y.; from 1929 to 1931 he was in the Soldiers Home at Leavenworth, Kansas, and in 1931 and 1932 he was in the Soldiers Home at Danville, Ill. He claims that his mother resides at Indianapolis and when he last heard from her she was confined to St. Francis Hospital there; that his wife resides at 1832 Tiega Street, Shamokin, Pa. Lyons stated that since 1932 he has been traveling throughout the western states obtaining employment through the relief agencies and has been working at his present job for about one month and that he intends to remain at Tillamook in hope of obtaining permanent employment with the Wilson Creek Project.

Very truly yours,

C. C. Spears
Special Agent in Charge

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Cincinnati
Philadelphia
Indianapolis
St. Paul
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October 4, 1935

Burnan Cummings
City Marshal
Jva Missouri.

DIRECTOR,
United States Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There is a doctor here that I think is hiding from something or someone. He has let it be known that he is here for his "health". And that may be right, but I just want to be sure about that.

There is a Dr. Moran I think it is that is wanted in this Bremer kidnapping case, I thought it might be him. Alvin Karpis and the Barker Brothers have been in this country before and may be here now, so if these fellows were in a crime together why shouldn't they hide in some out of the way place that is known by the Leader of the Gang (Karpis).

Here is what I want, I want a picture of this Dr. Moran or the one that is wanted in the Bremer kidnaping case and any thing else that will help me to identify him. I would like to have the names of any of the kinfelks of the Barkers or Karpis that live in this country

I am sending fingerprints of Carl Fredrick Heart. Heart was arrested by me on a charge of being drunk. I think it might be worth while to keep his fingerprints as they might be of some use later, but I want to know if he is wanted now.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Burnan Cummings
City Marshal.

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Mr. Burnen Cummings,
City Marshal,
Ava, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Cummings:

I am pleased to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated October 4, 1935, in which you advise that there is a doctor residing in your city whom you believe to be identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran, a fugitive in the Bremer kidnaping case.

In keeping with your request, I am transmitting herewith a photograph of and an Identification Order issued on Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

Please be advised that the information contained in your letter is being brought to the attention of Mr. W. A. Smith, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building, Kansas City, Missouri, who will arrange to have a Special Agent interview you in this matter in the very near future.

I wish to thank you for transmitting the fingerprints of Carl Fredrick Neert. These fingerprints will be immediately searched against those which are now on file, and you will be advised as to whether this person has a criminal record.

Please be assured that I am always anxious to cooperate in matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,

Director.

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Inclosure No. 285514

cc-Kansas City (with copies of incoming letter)
St. Paul (with copy of incoming letter)
Cincinnati

Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago



POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

October 19, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I.O. 1218; DOCTOR JO EPH P. MORAN
with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY
CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236 et al
Edward George Bremer, Victim -
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL
KIDNAPING ACT.

With reference to report of Special Agent E. H.
Williams, Cleveland, Ohio dated October 10, 1935, concerning investigation
requested by the Little Rock office as to the activities of E. F. PARKER
alias Hunter, TOBY COLEMAN and HAROLD KING, reputed Cleveland gamblers,
and covering investigation at Cleveland, it is believed that inasmuch
as these parties have a car registered at Youngstown, Ohio, inquiry
should be made at Youngstown for the benefit of the file, to determine
whether or not their real identities can be established, and further in-
quiry should also be made as to Ohio license H-85-M.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
OCTOBER 18, 1935.

Mr. F. G. Zerbet, Warden,
United States Penitentiary,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

ATTENTION: Mr. E. M. Bokholdt.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of the following letters you have forwarded to this office relative to the mail of Elmer Farmer, your number 47103:

Your letter dated October 7, 1935, enclosing a copy each of a letter to Blanche Brabant and Helen Conliff, by Farmer, both dated October 6, 1935;

Your letter dated October 8, 1935, containing a copy of a letter written by Helen Conliff to Farmer dated October 7, 1935, at Chicago;

Your letter dated October 10, 1935, enclosing a copy of letter from Helen Conliff to Farmer, dated October 8, 1935;

Your letter dated October 11, 1935, containing a copy of the letters of Blanche Brabant and Helen Conliff to Farmer, both of which letters were dated October 9, 1935;

Your letter dated October 11, 1935, enclosing a copy of a letter of Farmer to Blanche Brabant, dated October 13, 1935;

Your letter dated October 15, 1935, enclosing a copy of letter from Farmer to Helen Conliff dated October 13, 1935, and letter from Helen Conliff to Farmer of that same date.

I also beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 12, 1935, with which you enclose the original of two letters from G. E. Barker, Joplin, Missouri, one being to his son, Arthur Barker, and the other to his son, Lloyd Barker, both of whom are inmates at your institution.

Please accept my thanks for your co-operation.

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Very truly yours,

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W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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P.O. Box 4807
Jacksonville, Florida
October 17, 1935.



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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the penultimate paragraph in
my memorandum dated October 16, 1935, which I forwarded to
you today by Air Mail - Special Delivery.

The Motor Vehicle Commissioner at Tallahassee,
Florida, has advised that Florida tag number 203263 was
issued to Mrs. E. A. Mead, 303 S. Osprey, Sarasota, Florida,
on Ford Tudor Sedan, Motor Number 18-927820; that duplicate
title number 969303 covering this car was issued to Mrs.
Lillian T. Mead, 10559 S. Sealey Avenue, Chicago; that Flor-
ida title was taken up by the State of Illinois on September
30, 1935.

Very truly yours,

E. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge.

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October 19, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM,
KIDNAPING.
Bureau File 7-576.

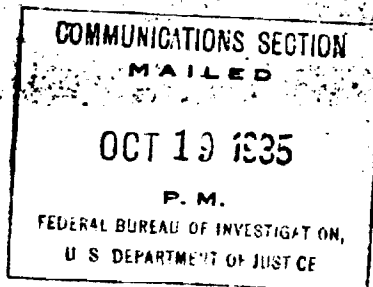
In view of the fact that the surveillance
of Belle Borne at Mankato, Minnesota has now been discontinued,
the Bureau desires to be immediately advised as to whether
the St. Paul Office can now dispense with the services of
Special Agent (A) G. A. Paulson, in the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



cc Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago



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REPORT MADE AT Jacksonville, Fla.	DATE WHEN MADE 10/19/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/16-17/35	REPORT MADE BY F. F. Yearsley
TITLE 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 J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. #1238; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Ruth Potts and sister, Ada Potts, of questionable character, reside in Sarasota, Florida. Investigation at that point established some of their relatives and intimates. No information obtained during investigation showing connection with Karpis and Campbell. Covers placed on both of Potts sisters and Mrs. E. A. Wood.</p> </div>			
REFERENCE: Teletype from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, October 15, 1935.			
DETAILS: <p>Upon receipt of teletype of reference, this matter was immediately assigned to Special Agent F. F. Yearsley, Resident Agent at Tampa, Florida. The information contained in this report was taken from a memorandum submitted by Agent Yearsley on October 17, 1935.</p> <p>For the information of the Cleveland Office, in the event investigation should be desired at Toledo, Ohio, reference teletype is quoted as follows:</p> <p>*Phone. Brekid. Discreetly determine if Ruth Potts, age 38, height 5 feet, 9 inches, 165 pounds, red bobbed hair, Chicago nurse until 2 years ago, now residing Sarasota, Florida, also identify her friends and manner in which she makes her living. This woman knows Edith Barry, madam, house prostitution, Toledo, latter being reputed contact Karpis and Campbell. Make discreet inquiry for possibility</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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"she is associated with or intermediary for subjects. Place cover on her mail."

RUTH POTTS and ADA POTTS came to Sarasota, Florida, on November 24, 1933, from Chicago, Illinois, that is, according to the records of the Post Office at Sarasota, as supplied Agent by A. J. Knight, Clerk, who has been in the Postal Service since 1926 and is well acquainted in and about Sarasota. Mr. Knight is considered very reliable, truthful, alert and a very efficient employee, according to Post Office Inspector Frank Sanford of Tampa, Florida. Agent has, in the past, secured information from Mr. Knight and has found it to be accurate and reliable.

Further, the Post Office records reflect that when these two women came to Sarasota they took up residence at number 2A Howard Court, which is a group of garage apartments, owned and operated by Mr. C. M. Howard who lives on Virginia Avenue, Bay Haven, Florida, a suburb of Sarasota. The Postal record of the date of taking up this residence is November 24, 1933, and on an unrecorded date the Potts sisters returned to Chicago and on October 6, 1934, they returned to Sarasota and took up residence at the Palm Hotel, South Palm Avenue, Mira-Mar Block, which hotel at that time was operated by a Mrs. Helen Olmquist, who on March 16, 1935, left town and gave a forwarding order to 1768 Lanier Place, Washington, D. C., in care of Elizabeth Preston. The Palm Hotel is now operated by Mrs. Geneva Owsley Wrahse, the wife of a Sarasota policeman by the name of Gus Wrahse. According to Mr. Knight and also Mrs. Wrahse the Palm Hotel was formerly a house of prostitution and commonly known as such. Mrs. Wrahse was interviewed by Agent on October 16, 1935, and advised that she did not know the Potts women, hence the interview was ended with this statement. It is here stated that Mr. C. M. Howard was not interviewed because he does not live at the Howard Court and is there very little of the time, however, Agent made inquiry at said address, but was unable to find anyone who lived there in 1933 and 1934, the nature of the inquiry nor Agent's identity made known.

The Post Office records further reflect that the Potts women, on December 8, 1934, moved to the Villa Goodrich Hotel in Sarasota, which establishment is a place of questionable character and is owned by EDWARD ROPP of Chicago who came to Sarasota in either September or October, 1930, he having previously operated a liquor and roadhouse in the suburbs of Chicago. At present Edward Ropp is in Sarasota but he has leased said hotel to A. L. KLEIN of West Palm Beach, Florida.

It might be stated here that during the past few years, exact dates unknown, Lou Alport, Sam Alport and Emil Gonderman came to Sarasota, Florida and associated with Edward Ropp. The Alports came from Chicago, Illinois and Gonderman from South Bend, Indiana, where he is or was supposed to operate the Southern Hotel. These individuals together bought out or leased the Francis Carlton Apartments, the El Verano Hotel and the Villa Goodrich Hotel, all in Sarasota, Florida and operated them during which times groups of men from Chicago would come and vacation at said hotels; however, the identity of these men are unknown at this time. At the present time Emil Gonderman is moving some of the furniture out of the El Verano Hotel and to the Valencia Hotel in Venice, Florida. It is reported that the furniture is owned by the Alports and Gonderman.

The Potts women moved from the Villa Goodrich to 305 South Osprey Street, Sarasota, Florida on an unknown date, which address is a dwelling owned by F. A. Huyck, who now lives at 410 East Eighth Street, Sarasota, Florida from Chicago, Illinois. Neither Mr. Huyck or his son were interviewed because they do not bear the best reputations in and about Sarasota, Florida, and it is probable that they are friendly with the Potts women. It is here stated that when M. A. Huyck came to Sarasota, Florida in July of this year he rented from Mr. Knight a post office box and was very specific as to what mail should be placed in the box and what mail should be sent to his home. At the present time he does not use the box; however, it is in his name.

According to Mr. Knight the Post Office Records do not reflect the various dates that the Potts women lived at the addresses above noted, because they moved back and forth from the Villa Goodrich to the Palm Hotel, to the Osprey Street addresses, etc. frequently and since some of these addresses are located on the route of the same carrier he would not make a record of the change, but deliver the mail where they were located regardless of the address; however, it is known that on June 10, 1935 the Potts women moved to a dwelling located at 143 5th Street, Sarasota, Florida, where they now reside.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bright, an elderly couple residing at 137 5th Street, Sarasota, Florida, next door to the Potts women, are according to Mr. Knight, old reliable, respectable and trustworthy citizens, in view of which Agent interviewed them on October 16, 1935 at which time the following information was developed.

Ruth Potts and Ada Potts and a child about three years old whose mother is Ada Potts, moved into 145 Fifth Street on June 10, 1935 and both have declared to Mrs. Bright that they are married to brothers and their husbands are in Chicago, Illinois. Further, Ruth Potts has advised Mrs. Bright that she is a nurse and worked in a Doctor's Office for some ten years, but did not state where the Doctor's Office was located. At the present time Ruth Potts is not working, but remains home and takes care of the child of Ada Potts, who has an older child, but its age, name or location is unknown; however, it is supposed to be living with the parents of Ada Potts, whose names and address are unknown. The Potts women have spoken of having lived in Oklahoma and Chicago, but as far as known to Mrs. Bright, no other places; she never heard the Potts women mention Toledo, Ohio. Ada Potts works as a waitress in Ye Boston Coffee Shop, 237 Main Street, Sarasota, Florida, where she was observed by Agent. According to Mrs. Bright, Ada Potts has been working there since she has known her.

Mrs. Bright has permitted Ruth Potts to use her telephone on frequent occasions as the Potts do not have a telephone; however the Potts have never made or received any long distance calls over this telephone, and Mrs. Bright has never observed any telegraph messengers delivering messages to the Potts residence. For the past two weeks Ruth Potts has been telling Mrs. Bright that she was expecting her brother to visit them and that when he did come they were going to make trips to Miami, Florida and various other places of interest. About 4:30 P. M., October 16, 1935, there appeared at the Potts home a large, dark blue, Packard Sedan, carrying 1935 Indiana License #1-431, which car was occupied by a man and a woman whose descriptions are as follows:

	Thought to be Will Potts	Thought to be Mrs. Will Potts
Name		
Age	35-40 years	33-38 years
Height	about 5'8" or 9"	5'5"
Weight	150 pounds	140 pounds
Build	Medium slender	Stout
Hair	Black, combed straight back, sideburns & hair line goes back on each side of center.	Bobbed - brown
Eyes	Believed dark, no glass	Believed dark, glasses
Complexion	Medium dark, smooth shaven	Medium fair
Peculiarities	Long nose, speaks rapid	None known
Dress	Wears cap, and shirts with detachable collars and not well dressed.	Average, moderate style and not extreme.

It is not known whether this man is the brother of the Potts woman; however, they call him Will, and Ruth Potts advised Mrs. Bright that her brother had arrived. This man and woman had considerable luggage with them. They have not confined themselves at the Potts home, but have left the house frequently and proceeded to the business district.

The friends of the Potts woman are as follows, that is, according to both Mr. and Mrs. Bright, who know the persons who call at the Potts home well.

Mr. Clarence Roberts

Agent observed Roberts at the Potts home on the evening of October 16, 1935, having dinner with the family, including the alleged brother.

Roberts, according to the Brights and also Mr. Knight, who knows him well, is commonly known in the community as a "booze and female hound." He is married and the father of a daughter and who he has brought to the Potts home on several occasions. Roberts maintains a residence at Siesta Key, Sarasota, Florida and by occupation is a fishing guide, being the owner of a boat named "Ruth Marion" and docks the boat at the City Dock in Sarasota, Florida. On several occasions Ruth Potts has been seen with Roberts on this boat. Roberts is about forty-five years of age, 5'6" tall, weighing about 135 pounds, being a man of small build. His hair is sandy and he is partially bald. His eyes are blue and his complexion sandy. He is smooth shaven and does not wear glasses. He does not bear the best reputation in and about Sarasota, Florida.

Mr. J. B. Haley of Sarasota, Florida is known as the sweetheart of Ada Potts and he frequently visits her home and most every night brings her home from the restaurant where she works.

Haley, according to the sources of information above noted, operates Haley's Market, 439 Main Street, Sarasota, Florida, and has resided in Sarasota, Florida for years. He also has the reputation

of being very fond of liquor and women. He was recently divorced, having been married to one "Charlie Gordon" who works in a beer parlor in Sarasota, Florida on Main Street, just north of the Sarasota Hotel, which is known as the Tropical Garden. Haley is about 35 years old, 5'5" tall, weighing about 125 pounds. He is of small build, brown hair partially bald, florid complexion, smooth shaven and does not wear glasses, the color of his eyes being unknown.

According to Mrs. and Mr. Bright, the Potts women have other company frequently, but mostly local persons; however, there have been some strangers there who the Brights cannot identify or describe. Most of these visitors come in cars, however, the Brights do not recall the makes of the cars, license numbers, etc.

One Clark Warren, real estate salesman employed by J. E. Moore of Sarasota, Florida, is also a frequent visitor at the Potts residence. Warren resides at 442 West Seventh Street, Sarasota, Florida and he is a married man. He has been in Sarasota for many years and is about fifty years of age, 5'10" tall, weighing about 185 pounds. His hair is gray, eyes brown, complexion dark and bears the reputation of being a heavy user of liquor and very fond of women. It is not known just which one of the Potts women he is most familiar with, but he pays considerable attention to both of them.

Mrs. E. A. Mead, who now resides at the Louise Apartments on Laurel Street in Sarasota, Florida, is probably the closest friend of the Potts women. She visits them daily, eats meals with them, and enjoys social events with them. Mrs. Mead is reported to be the wife of a successful business man in Chicago, Illinois and she has, since 1933, been a winter resident of Sarasota, Florida. The Post Office records reflect that she came to Sarasota, Florida on November 24, 1933, and took up residence at #2 Howard Court, which is the same address as the Potts women resided when they came to Sarasota; in fact they both began receiving mail at this address at the same time. On October 6, 1934, she also moved to the Palm Hotel, above described. On December 8, 1934, Mrs. Mead took up residence at the dwelling of F. A. Huyck, 303 South Osprey, Sarasota, Florida, which is the same address where the Potts women lived. On September 14, 1935, Mrs. Mead moved to the Louise Apartments. According to Mr. Knight, the above records are not complete because he recalls that Mrs. Mead moves very often and always has difficulty with her mail, in fact she receives mail addressed to her at all of the above addresses and also the Villa Goodrich Hotel. Mrs. Mead has a daughter by the name

of Glad Mead and this daughter accompanies her to Sarasota each year. Prior to the arrival of Mrs. Mead in Sarasota, Florida this year (her arrival being on September 14, 1935) the Potts women told Mrs. Bright that they were expecting a very dear friend soon and gave her name as Mead. As far as known, Mr. E. A. Mead has never made a trip to Florida with his family and at the present time the Mead address in Chicago is unknown; however, Mrs. Mead receives mail frequently from someone in Chicago who posts return address in the name of E. A. Mead.

Mrs. Mead is driving at this time a 1935 Plymouth Sedan, gray in color, which carries 1935 Florida license 203-263, which license was issued to Mrs. E. A. Mead, 303 South Osprey, Sarasota, Florida on January 21, 1935 for a Ford Tudor, Motor #18-927820, that is, according to Mrs. Alma F. Price, Auto Tag Office, State of Florida, Sarasota, Florida.

Agent noted that on the morning of October 17, 1935, the Potts family and Mrs. Mead all left the Potts home together and with the alleged brother and sister-in-law of the Potts women in the Packard car aforementioned, they apparently being very close to each other. They were apparently taking a short-sight-seeing trip as they did not at this time take any luggage with them.

Through the aid of Mr. Knight, Agent talked with W. O. Williams, mail carrier who covers 143 Fifth Street and he advised that he has not observed any strange looking persons in or about said address, nor has he observed any foreign cars parked at said address, but it is possible that unknown persons could have been in the house and he not known it as he goes only to the porch with the mail because the mail box is on the outside of the porch. He recalls that the Potts women do not receive a great deal of mail. Further, Williams also carries Louise Apartments and the Palm Hotel, but he could supply no information in addition to that above noted. Williams is an older man and has been in the service some twenty years and is considered reliable.

Photographs of Karpis and Campbell were shown the Brights and Williams, but they could not recognize them as anyone observed in or around the Potts or Mead residences.

Mail covers were on October 14, 1935, placed upon all mail addressed to any of the Potts or Mead residences in Sarasota, Florida, and instructions were given to the mail carrier (who is personally handling the matter) to forward any mail to the Jacksonville Office daily. In the mail tracing reference is noted that the letter was addressed to the Potts residence although the Potts have not resided there for some time.

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The following descriptions of the Potts women was secured by Agent from personal observation and from Mr. and Mrs. Bright.

Name	Ruth Potts	Ada Potts
Age	About 38 years	35 years approximately
Height	About 5'7"	5'4"
Weight	150 pounds	140 pounds
Build	Medium large	Stocky
Hair	Red, dark, curly, long bob	Black, curly, long bob
Eyes	Believed blue, no glasses	Brown, no glasses
Complexion	Fair	Medium fair
Teeth	Unknown	Good, two center teeth (upper) far apart
Scars	None known	Small black mole left cheek under eye, outstanding dimples
Facial expression	Very pleasant	Average
Marital status	Alleged married	Alleged married, mother of 1 child, age 3 years and another older; age unknown
Occupation	Housewife	Waitress
Race	White	White
Nationality	American, apparently	American, apparently
Residence	Sarasota, Florida.	Sarasota, Florida.

Further description unknown.

The following description of Mrs. Mead was supplied Agent by the Brights.

Age	45 years
Height	5'5"
Weight	140 pounds
Build	Stout
Hair	Brown
Dress	Good
Race	White
Marital status	Apparently married
Occupation	Unknown
Residence	Sarasota, Fla.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bright advised Agent that they would take down the make and license number of all cars appearing at the Potts home and would observe any and all persons calling there and advise the Jacksonville Office of any information received. It is thought that the Brights can and will confidentially secure any and all information available and that they will cooperate with this Bureau in every way possible.

Mr. H. W. Whitman, Cashier, Palmer National Bank, Sarasota, Florida, well known to and friend of Special Agent in Charge, R. A. Alt, was contacted and he had no information concerning any of the persons noted herein, that is, the Potts women or the Mead woman.

The Motor Vehicle Commissioner at Tallahassee, Florida, has advised that Florida tag number 203263 was issued to Mrs. E. A. Mead, 303 S. Osprey, Sarasota, for Ford Tudor, motor number 18927820; that duplicate title 969303, covering this car, was issued to Mrs. Lillian T. Mead, 10559 S. Seely Avenue, Chicago; that Florida title for this car was taken up by the State of Illinois September 30, 1935.

In letters dated October 17, 1935, from the Jacksonville office to Mr. Connelley at Chicago, copies of which were furnished the Bureau, Indianapolis, St. Paul and Cincinnati, a great part of the information contained herein was furnished.

Chicago copies of this report there is being
tracing obtained by
Sarasota, Florida, of a letter
South Oprey St., Sarasota, Florida",
October 1, 1963, 11:30 AM, Englewood

Any additional information obtained at Sarasota, Florida, will be immediately transmitted to Mr. Connelley and all interested Bureau offices.

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October 25, 1935

RECORDED

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Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
F. F. Yearley dated at Jacksonville, Florida October 19, 1935
concerning an investigation with regard to Ruth and Ada Potts.
Particular attention is directed to pages 6 and 7 of said report
in which it is shown that Mrs. E. A. Head, who is presently re-
siding at the Louise Apartments on Laurel Street, Sarasota,
Florida, is probably the closest friend of the Potts women. It
is noted that she is reported to be the wife of a successful
business man in Chicago, Illinois, and that she has been a
winter resident at Sarasota since 1933. It is also noted that
Mrs. Head moves very frequently and has difficulty with her
mail, that, in fact, she receives mail at several addresses at
the present time. It is shown that Mr. E. A. Head has never
made a trip to Florida, and at the present time Mrs. Head is
receiving mail from a Chicago address giving the name of E. A.
Head.

In the belief there is some possibility that Mrs.
E. A. Head may be a paramour of William Elmer Heade who is
wanted for questioning in the Bremer case, there are enclosed
herewith three photographs of William E. Heade. The Jacksonville
Office is requested to conduct a discreet and appropriate in-
vestigation at Sarasota, Florida to determine whether William
E. Heade is known to contact Mrs. E. A. Head.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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E. J. [Signature]

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Office learn at the surface of the person of Wm. E. Meade
in Chicago, Illinois.

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A photostatic copy of the handwriting of Wm. E. Meade
submitted herewith to the Bureau for
comparison with the handwriting of the person
known as Wm. E. Meade, who was arrested in
Sarasota, Florida, on December 15, 1922, on a charge of
fraudulent use of the mails as a confidence or bunco man.
The person known as Wm. E. Meade, who was arrested in
Sarasota, Florida, on December 15, 1922, on a charge of
fraudulent use of the mails as a confidence or bunco man,
is known as William Elmer Meade.

The Bureau should be advised immediately if there is
any possibility that William E. Meade may be contacting Mrs. Meade
at Sarasota, Florida.

For your additional assistance, William Elmer Meade is
described as follows: Age, 64 years; height 5 feet 11 inches;
weight, 148 pounds; build, medium; complexion, fair; eyes, blue;
hair, gray; mouth distorted by wound.

For your further information Meade was indicted at Jack-
sonville, Florida on December 15, 1922 on a charge of fraudulent
use of the mails as a confidence or bunco man. The Post Office
Inspectors have been seeking his arrest since the return of the
above mentioned indictment.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure 935416

cc-St. Paul

Cincinnati

Mr. Connelley (Chicago) (photostat of handwriting of Wm. E. Meade

Los Angeles

attached and forwarded AIRMAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CHICAGO

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 10/21/1935	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/9, 10/18/35	REPORT MADE BY A. G. BERENS
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1218, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Informant [redacted] unacquainted with [redacted] or other possible sources of information concerning location of subjects; [redacted] well acquainted with Earl Morris and Al Sherwood but believes neither has knowledge of subjects' whereabouts; Earl Morris regarded as being untrustworthy as an informant.

REFERENCE:

Bureau letter dated October 4, 1935;
Report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom dated September 22, 1935 at Kansas City, Missouri;
Report of E. J. Connelley, dated Sept. 7, 1935 at Chicago, Illinois.

DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

[redacted], upon request, contacted this Office. Numerous photographs of the subjects still at large in this case were exhibited to [redacted] but he failed to identify any of them. He admitted knowing Volney Davis, William Weaver, the Barkers and Tom Hill but stated that he never had come into contact with either Harry Campbell or Alvin Karpis. [redacted] was also questioned as to any knowledge he might have of informant [redacted] and [redacted] mentioned in the Bureau letter of reference but [redacted] advised he has never known anyone by those names. He stated that it was possible they had used other names and if presented with photographs of these two individuals he might possibly recognize them.

DATE: 12/10/65

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

J. M. Knight
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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[redacted] stated that in regards to his acquaintanceship with Earl Morris, who is indicated in the Bureau letter of reference as a possible source of information, that he met Morris in April when he was in Coffeyville, Kansas; that Earl Morris was anxious to leave that part of the country because of the conduct of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Esther Twilly and that he therefore accompanied [redacted] to Washington, D. C. where the latter obtained a job for him as a bar tender at the Raleigh Hotel at a wage of \$35.00 per week. [redacted] stated that Morris worked at this job for approximately two weeks during the Shriners' Convention in Washington and that he left Washington very suddenly for an unknown destination. [redacted] received information concerning Earl Morris from Al Sherwood, shortly thereafter at which time Sherwood advised [redacted] that Morris had returned to Coffeyville.

[redacted] stated that Morris is a half breed Indian; that he married a daughter of Mrs. Esther Twilly of Coffeyville, which marriage Mrs. Twilly did not approve because of the Indian blood in Earl Morris. Morris informed [redacted] that his mother-in-law has been creating a disturbance in his domestic life; that she has attempted on several occasions to have him arrested and that his life in Coffeyville is made impossible by his mother-in-law inasmuch as he and his wife reside at her home. [redacted] was confident that Morris had no information concerning the location of Karpis or Campbell and was positive in his statement that Morris did not know either of these subjects. He also stated that during the trip East and while he was in Washington, no mention had ever been made of either of the subjects or of any matter which might be of assistance in locating these subjects.

[redacted] expressed the opinion that Morris is the type of person whom he would not place any confidence in regarding any matter which demanded secrecy. He stated that if any information would come to Morris that he believed such information would be divulged to the criminal element.

At attempt was made by Agent to solicit [redacted] aid in obtaining information from Morris in the event the latter possessed any pertinent information. [redacted] declined to communicate with Morris in any way, stating that he felt that such an attempt would come to light in Coffeyville and that it might prove dangerous for him, [redacted]

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Informant [redacted] was also questioned relative to con-
tacts of Al Sherwood and Tom Hill in Coffeyville, Kansas. White ex-
pressed the belief that Al Sherwood had gone straight and that he
would not be in the possession of any knowledge concerning either
of the subjects. He also expressed the same opinion of Tom Hill.

[redacted] was likewise questioned relative to the statement
made by Mrs. Esther Twilly concerning the possibility that Earl Morris
had been engaged in robbing a mail truck at Coffeyville, Kansas about
a year ago. [redacted] stated he had no information concerning this mail
truck robbery and did not recall the incident. He again stated he doubted
if Morris was mixed up in that affair, if such did take place and added
that Mrs. Twilly is probably circulating information of this nature in
an effort to molest her son-in-law, Morris.

[redacted] advised that in the event any information concerning the
location of the subjects in this case reaches him, he would immediately
contact the Washington Field Office.

It might be stated for future reference that [redacted] is
employed [redacted]

[redacted] is entirely reliable
and sincere in his efforts to be of assistance to the Bureau. It was
explained to him that photographs of [redacted] and [redacted] would be ob-
tained and exhibited to him for the purpose of ascertaining whether he
knows these individuals under any other name.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent in Charge,
E. J. Connelley dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 7, 1935 in which
it is indicated on page four that informant [redacted] had refused to admit
that he had been in actual touch with William Weaver and that there-
fore he was released. It might be stated as a matter of correction that
informant [redacted] was not released by the Washington Field Office but
the questioning was continued until the desired information was obtained.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE:

Will upon obtaining photographs of [REDACTED] forward a copy of same to the Washington Field Office so that it may be exhibited to informant [REDACTED] for the purpose of ascertaining whether [REDACTED] is personally acquainted with [REDACTED]

PENDING