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

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**SECTION: 10**



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To:

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☐ See Me

Re Attorney Linnch

These taps scheduled to  
Stop Sunday Night  
Unless you desire renewal

H. H. CLEGG



U. S. Department of Justice  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
~~Bureau of Investigation~~  
Suite L  
Federal Building  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
February 19, 1934.

MR. NATHAN.....  
MR. TOLSON.....  
MR. CLEGG.....  
MR. E. W. EY.....  
MR. EDWARDS.....  
MR. EGAN.....  
MR. QUINN.....  
MR. LESTER.....  
MR. LOCKE.....  
MR. MOHR.....

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.  
cc-ST. PAUL-PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
O KIDNAPING.

Pursuant to telephonic instructions received  
from Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni on February 12, 1934,  
Special Agent C. C. Drexler

and at about 8:30 p.m. that date, a tap was placed on the follow-  
ing telephones of Mr. Vernon Lynch, an attorney of Des Moines, Ia.:

Telephone No. 3-3271  
Office of Vernon Lynch,  
601 Des Moines Building,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

Telephone No. 5-0425,  
Residence of Vernon Lynch,  
Apartment 9,  
3927 Ingersoll Avenue,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

Information of the above mentioned tap was furnish-  
ed to Mr. H. H. Clegg of the Division during my telephonic conversa-  
tion with him on February 15, 1934, the information also having  
been furnished prior thereto by me to Assistant Director H. Nathan  
at St. Paul.

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Further telephonic conversation was had with Mr. Clegg of the Division by me relative to the period this tap should be maintained, and on February 19, 1934, a telegram was received from the Division of that date indicating that the tap should be maintained under the present arrangements for a week.

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During my conversation with Mr. Clegg, I further advised that Special Agent L. D. Nichols, who was at Des Moines, had told me that he understood Vernon Lynch might leave for Washington, D.C., this coming Thursday, February 22, 1934; Agent Nichols has been instructed to obtain further information concerning the contemplated departure of Mr. Lynch and to keep this office advised. Mr. Clegg requested that in the event Lynch departs from Des Moines, Iowa, he be shadowed by Agents of this Division, and these instructions will be followed closely.

For the Division's information, Special Agent Dewey has advised that Vernon Lynch is a lawyer associated in practice with William(Newt)Lynch, a relative, at the office address given above. Ralph Lynch resides at Apartment 6, #3612 Ingersoll Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, Telephone Number 5-7142.

Agent Dewey advised that Vernon Lynch is believed to be a graduate of Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., and represents most of the big brewing companies in Iowa. He is reputed to have a close contact with the Underworld and has defended many bootleggers in court. It is alleged that he made considerable money practicing law; he is a flashy dresser; was recently married; was recently sued for failure to remit a collection he made for a client. He is not regarded in Des Moines as a reputable lawyer.

Special Agent Dewey has been advised to follow the telephone tap on Mr. Lynch's telephones very closely and to submit information regularly concerning the results of the tap, and, in event any information of apparent importance is received from the tap, he, Dewey, has been instructed to communicate the same immediately direct to the St. Paul office. Mr. Nathan has been advised of these arrangements, during telephone conversation with him.

Very truly yours,



M. C. SPEAR, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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From  
**THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

to  
Official Indicated below by check mark

MR. NATHAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. TOLSON \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. CLEGG \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. COWLEY \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. EDWARDS \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. EGAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. QUINN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. LESTER \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. LOCKE \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. RORER \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM

*Here you are.  
Show me some results.  
Clegg  
2-13-34*

Solicitor General Biggs \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant to the Attorney General Stanley \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant Attorney General Stephens \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant Attorney General Wideman \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant Attorney General Keenan \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant Attorney General Sweeney \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant Attorney General Blair \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant Solicitor General MacLean \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hoover, Director of Investigation \_\_\_\_\_ ✓  
Mr. Bates, Director of Prisons \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ *W.C.* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ *W.C.* \_\_\_\_\_

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OKLAHOMA STATE PENITENTIARY.

McAlester, Oklahoma

Feb. 12, 1934

U. S. Atty. General.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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I notice by the papers that you are wanting Fred Barker, in connection with the Bremer Kidnapping case. I am enclosing here- with photos of his Brother and associate who are out of here on Clemency. I have information that Valney Davis, had been in St. Paul prior to the Kidnapping, do not know about Doc Barker, only that he and Davis fell here together and are more than likely to- gether now. You will note from letter head that this is not my line of work now, However, I can't help but being interested, in seeing all crooks kept in the pen. Will ask that you please treat this confidential, so far as I am concerned.

My sincere hope is that this may be of some help to you in the wonderful work that you and your department are doing.

Respectfully,

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(Signed) [Redacted]

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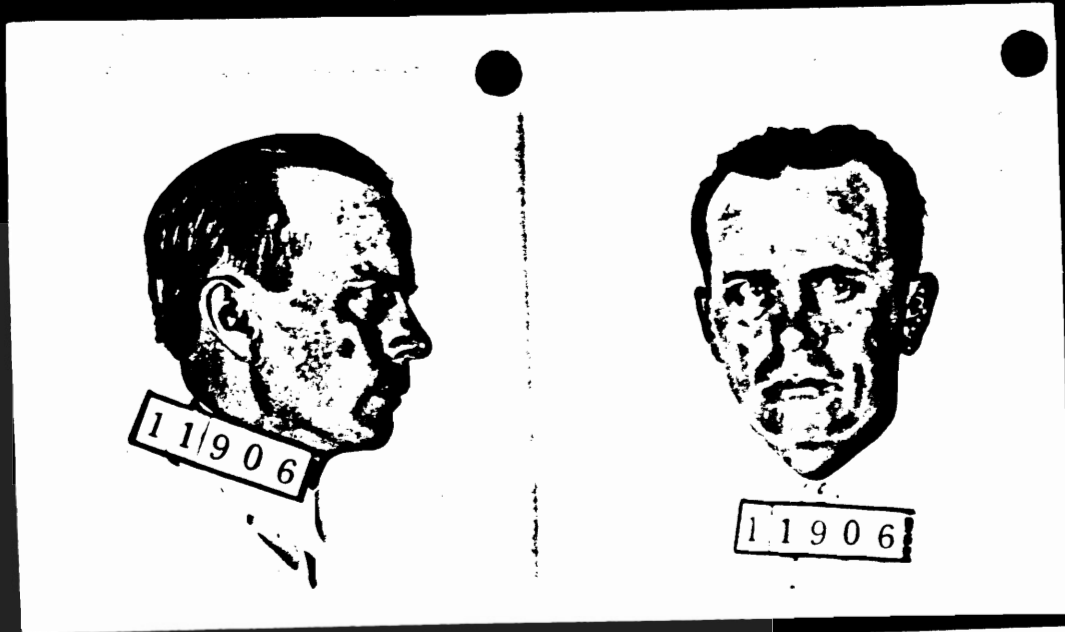
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ENCLOSURE





Name Volney Davis  
Rec'd. OKLA. STATE PEN. 2-3-23  
From Tulsa County  
Term Life  
Crime Murder  
Disposition Leave of Absence  
11-3-32

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21-1923 Okla.  
Blue L. Chest.  
Fair Slend.  
5-8-3/4 123  
Good Printer

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Name Dock Barker  
Rec'd. OKLA. STATE PEN. 2-10-22  
From Tulsa County  
Term Life  
Crime Murder  
Disposition Paroled 9-10-32

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22-1922 Mo.  
Blue Chest.  
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Oklahoma State Penitentiary,  
McAlester, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you for your letter of February 12, 1934, transmitting photographs of Volney Davis and "Doc" Barker, in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

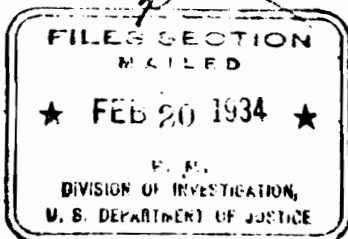
Your interest and cooperation in this matter are appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

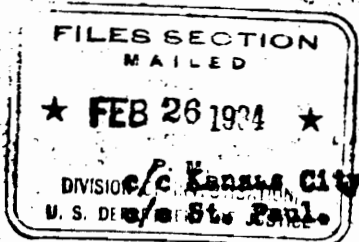
There has been referred to the Division a letter dated February 12, 1934, addressed to the United States Attorney General by [redacted] Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, with which he transmitted photographs of Volney Davis and Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, and set forth certain information relative to these individuals.

You are instructed to have an agent interview [redacted] at the earliest practicable date in order to obtain from him whatever information he has concerning the possible contacts that members of the Barker - Karpis gang may have in your district.

A copy of [redacted] letter is inclosed herewith for your information.

Very truly yours,

Director.



Incl. 691274

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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February 26, 1934.

MR. NATHAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. TOLSON \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. CLEGG \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. COWLEY \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. EDWARDS \_\_\_\_\_  
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MR. LOCKE \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. ROBER \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The Washington field office communicated with Mr. Alexander Jamie of the Secret Six, Chicago, at the Willard Hotel in Washington, where he is stopping and Mr. Jamie advised that the Holland, Michigan bank robbery details were known to Lieutenant Hutson of the Michigan State Police, Lansing, Michigan.

He further stated that he had received a letter from his Son in Chicago advising that Mr. Purvis had requested certain information in connection with the Woolverton kidnaping case and Holland, Michigan bank robbery case and he had written to his Son to let Mr. Purvis have any facts available in his files at any time they were requested.

He desired to be informed whether Mr. Purvis had received this information as he claims to have issued such instructions. A letter is being prepared for the Chicago office advising them of this fact.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 22, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is an emergency requisition  
made necessary by the circularization in connection with  
the Edward George Bremer kidnaping case.

It is respectfully requested that these supplies  
be furnished as soon as possible to the St. Paul office.

Very truly yours,

*Werner Hanni*

WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*PER.*

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BUTTE				231			381					612
CHARLOTTE					381		180	872				1 433
CHICAGO		1086				1086						2 172
CINCINNATI					1295			1176				2 471
DALLAS				440				468	100			1 008
DETROIT			340	350			790	382				1 862
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JACKSONVILLE					296			531				827
KANSAS CITY		1200	1031			2231						4 462
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NEW ORLEANS				359				1050				1 409
NEW YORK					5273		1000	1500	1225			8 998
OKLAHOMA CITY				740			740					1 480
PHILADELPHIA					720		100		1203			2 023
PITTSBURGH				703				1150				1 853
PORTLAND				369			469	130	60			1 028
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 19, 1934.

RCR/ds

MR. NATHAN...  
MR. TOLSON...  
MR. CLEGG...  
MR. COVILLY...  
MR. EDWARDS...  
MR. EGAN...  
MR. QUINN...  
MR. LUTER...  
MR. LOWE...  
MR. ROSEN...

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

This is to advise you of the progress made in connection with circularizing the Division Field Offices with copies of the lists of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases.

The attached sheet indicates the number of circulars and the date on which they were forwarded to each office.

As you will note, we have already sent 49,751 copies to the field and I am now preparing 10,000 additional copies, 3500 of which will be sent to New York for distribution by the Western Union Telegraph Company and the balance will be held here for any calls from the field for additional copies.

Respectfully,

R. C. Renneberger  
R. C. Renneberger.

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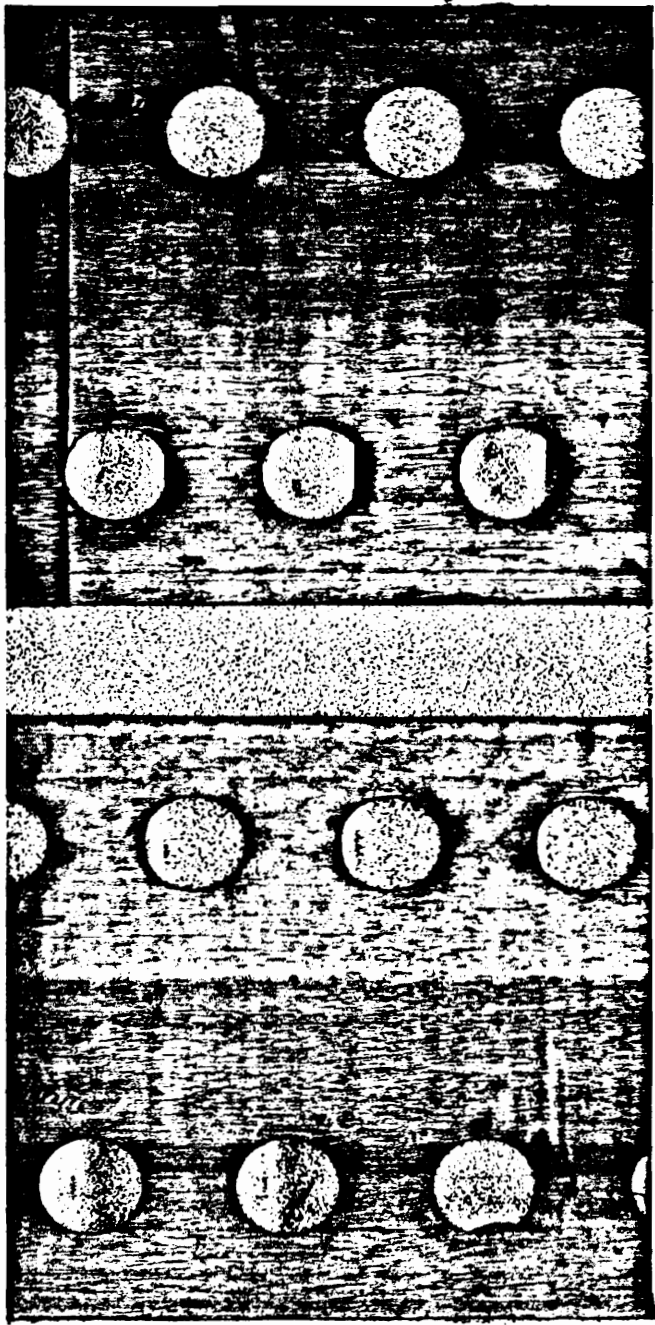
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*For your information -*

*Will send copies to*

*St Paul, N. C., Chi., Okla City & St Paul*  
*offices if you agree. H. CLEGG*





Mr. Clegg:

From the attached memo you will note that La Rue alias Lang should also be considered as a likely suspect in our K.C. case. See registration dates in 2nd paragraph, 1st page.

The colored doctor referred to on page 4 has been interviewed and corroborates Dr. Fazio's story.

The George Lindsey, Jr., referred to on page 4 has a number of underworld connections, drives a green Cadillac sedan. Several witnesses to the K.C. shooting state that there was a green car used by the gunmen, indicating that it might have been an Auburn. An Auburn could very easily be mistaken for a Cadillac,  
R.P.R.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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February 12, 1934

MR. NATHAN	_____
MR. TOLSON	_____
MR. CLEGG	_____
MR. COWLEY	_____
MR. EDWARDS	_____
MR. FOAN	_____
MR. GINN	_____
MR. LESTER	_____
MR. LOCKE	_____
MR. ROBER	_____

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Reference is made to Mr. Larson's letter dated February 9, 1934, particularly to the third paragraph on page one, wherein it is noted that Kathryn Kelly states that she and her husband have known LaRue (Edward Doll, Identification Order #1214), for a number of years; that he had visited them in Texas on several occasions; that she and Kelly spent a good deal of the time with him in and around Chicago and St. Paul; that between two and three years ago George Kelly left her in Texas and proceeded to Chicago, ostensibly for the purpose of engaging in some gambling enterprises; that he was gone for a considerable time when she received a communication from him instructing her to proceed to Kansas City, Missouri, and upon her arrival in Kansas City she was met at the station by Kelly and LaRue, and all three proceeded to the Phillips Hotel, which is near the Muehlebach Hotel, where she and George Kelly registered as P. G. Shannon and wife, and she recalls that LaRue registered as L. E. Lang, or Fern. Kathryn Kelly further described how George Kelly and LaRue kidnaped a Mr. Woolverton, a wealthy manufacturer of South Bend, Indiana. (A letter from the Chicago Office, dated February 10th, sets forth that this kidnaping took place during February, 1932.)

Corroborative of the above information, attention is invited to the Kansas City letter dated September 13, 1933, addressed to the Chicago Office, in the Kenmo Case, wherein it is noted that investigation conducted at Kansas City disclosed that an individual using the name "L. E. Lang", registered at the Stats Hotel, Kansas City, between the dates May 13, to 17, 1933. During the time of his stay at this hotel, he telephoned the local number, Harrison 6995, which developed to be a house of prostitution operated by Mrs. Mamie Hightover, alias Mamie Goss. The Kansas City letter points out that Mrs. Hightover is an unreliable character, but she, however, after several interviews, finally identified the telephone call as being for one of the prostitutes at her house named Maxine Miller, whose true name is [REDACTED] that she has never seen the party who called Maxine, but that she understood that Maxine met this individual some time on or about April 15, 1933, when he was stopping at the Muehlebach Hotel, under some unknown alias; that Maxine later met him and spent the night with him at the Stats Hotel, at which time he refused to give her any money; that thereafter Maxine proceeded to

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Chicago some time during July, 1932, and resided for a short time at the home of [redacted] telephone number [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, but that [redacted] has since departed from this address.

The Kansas City letter further reflects an interview with Mrs. Emma Hitchings, 1629 Central Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, which is the same building occupied by Mrs. Hightower.

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Mrs. Hitchings stated that she has known Maxine Miller for some time; that Maxine is a close friend of William Weisman (one of the suspects in the Kanmo case, who is closely associated with the criminal underworld of St. Paul, Minnesota); that Maxine informed her, Mrs. Hitchings, that she is well acquainted with Louis Stacci, and that she formerly stayed at the O-P Inn in Chicago. Mrs. Hitchings further explained, during the interview with her, that the reasons for Maxine's hurried departure from Kansas City, was that she had "rolled" a man at the Phillips Hotel in Kansas City for the sum of \$150 and that the victim of her dishonesty was a very close friend of John Lazia, a noted gangster politician of Kansas City. Mrs. Hitchings also furnished information which indicated that the man from whom Maxine stole the money is the same man with whom she had been in telephone communication while he was registered at the Stats Hotel. This is indicated by the fact that Mrs. Hightower, above referred to, mentioned that the man with whom Maxine associated had won \$400 at a gambling establishment operated by Freddie Stross, at Kansas City, and that Mrs. Hitchings had also made reference to the same fact. Mrs. Hitchings further stated that Maxine is a very dangerous and treacherous woman, and that her entire game is that of "rolling" the men with whom she associates, but that she is well entrenched in the underworld gang in Chicago, with which Stacci is associated. Her home is in Dubuque, Iowa.

Mrs. Hitchings further stated that Maxine Miller told her that shortly after the murders committed at the Union Railway Station, at Kansas City William Weisman informed her before he left Kansas City that John Lazia and his gang had a part in the

actual shooting. Mrs. Hitchings identified a photograph of Weisman which was exhibited to her, and stated she personally saw Weisman, together with three or four other men, in the apartment of Mrs. Hightower on the day which she recalls to have been June 16, 1933 (the day before the Kansas City shooting), but could not identify other photographs exhibited to her as being likenesses of other men in company with Weisman, and stated that she did not notice them as closely as she did Weisman. She stated, however, that Mrs. Hightower handles liquor and that the men in company with Weisman were purchasing liquor from her on the occasion when she saw them.

The Kansas City letter also contains this paragraph:

"The situation in Kansas City is somewhat delicate politically, due to police connections with the John Lazia faction, and, therefore, very discreet action is being taken with reference to identification of the man at the Phillips Hotel who was presumably robbed by Maxine Miller."

The Kansas City letter also lists a number of long distance telephone calls made from the apartment of Mrs. Hightower which should be given careful consideration.

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With reference to the letter from the Kansas City Office dated February 7, 1934, outlining the investigation to be made in connection with the Kansas City Massacre case, under section one, it is noted that attention is being given to the "Curly" angle. Briefly, an individual identified as "Curly" was seen to leave Chicago the day before the Kansas City shooting, according to information obtained by the Chicago Office from a confidential informant named [REDACTED]

Three days after the Kansas City shooting, Dr. Farr, accompanied Sheriff Tom Bash to the Kansas City Office, and related how an underworld character, whom he had known during the past fifteen years solely by the name of "Curly" had approached him in Cas Welch's place on 15th Street, between Troost and Forest Avenues, and asked him if he wanted to make some ready cash, and upon being told that he was agreeable to the proposition "Curly" stated some gangster in the city had been wounded. Dr. Farr agreed to meet "Curly" later in Cas Welch's place, but in the meantime reported the matter to Sheriff Bash and in turn to the Kansas City Office, where it was arranged that Dr. Farr should meet "Curly" and render the medical

aid desired and then to immediately advise Sheriff Bash where he went and to whom he had rendered aid.

Dr. Farr met "Curly" in accordance with the appointment had with him and was advised that the plans had been changed; that the wounded man was being taken to Seminole, Oklahoma, the following morning (January 21, 1933), where a negro doctor would take care of him temporarily, and that they would return him to Kansas City the following morning or Tuesday, in the event serious complications set in. "Curly" advised Dr. Farr that he could be reached over telephone Victor 6550, where he should simply ask for "Curly". This appears to be the Schuyler Hotel.

A letter from the Oklahoma City Office, dated June 29, 1933, addressed to the Kansas City Office, reflects that a letter dated June 21, 1933, was received from the Sheriff's Office at Chickasha, Oklahoma, containing information concerning a Cadillac Sedan, driven by an individual giving the name of "Lindsay", of Kansas City, Missouri, who was referred to as a racketeer. It does not appear that investigation was made of this matter, although the Sheriff in his letter indicated suspicious circumstances concerning this car and its occupants. The letter from the Oklahoma City Office, dated January 13, 1934, addressed to the Kansas City Office, reflects that investigation at Chickasha, Oklahoma, discloses that a green Cadillac Sedan, bearing Missouri tag numbers 313-398, and its occupants, had been in the vicinity of Chickasha, Oklahoma, from June 15 to June 25, 1933, as nearly as can be established by witnesses interviewed. Deputy Sheriff Al Marlow at Chickasha, places the date as June 14, 1933, when he was called to a residence two miles south of Chickasha to investigate a drunken driving charge, it being alleged that the operator of the above described sedan was driving the car in a reckless manner. The car was driven to the residence of a Mrs. Belle Downey, and when the Sheriff arrived, the sedan was parked in front of the house. The owner of the car gave his name as George Lindsey, Jr.

Mrs. Downey was interviewed by Special Agent T. M. Birch, whom he describes as being a very flashy woman, very indiscreet in her conversation, and under the influence of intoxicating liquors at the time she was interviewed. Mrs. Downey stated that Lindsey had married the daughter of her husband by a previous marriage, and that she had no use for the Lindsey family because of their underworld connections, and that she would certainly like "to see the law get them." Mrs. Downey places the date as June 15, 1933, when Lindsey

and his associates arrived at Chickasha, and stated that they had been on a drinking party. She also described the sedan as containing a recess back of the rear seat wherein two machine-guns, and a various assortment of pistols and ammunition were kept; that the drinking party at her house lasted until the night of June 16th, when George Lindsey received a telegram from Kansas City, and upon receiving this telegram he made several long distance calls from the McFarland Hotel, in Chickasha to Kansas City. Immediately upon making these telephone calls, George Lindsey announced that he and his two associates were going to Fort Worth and Dallas, departing about 8:00 o'clock; that Lindsey and his associates returned to Chickasha on the morning of June 13, 1933, between 12:00 and 2:00 o'clock; that they slept all day and night; that during their stay they requested a negro boy, who lives near her, to go to Chickasha and obtain all the papers, and their conversation seemed to center around the Kansas City Massacre.

Mrs. Downey's statement is corroborated by a mechanic at Chickasha named Bob Bostwick, or Boston, in that he states that the Cadillac Sedan, driven by Lindsey, was equipped with puncture proof tires, shatterproof glass throughout, and made the statement to Special Agent Birch that "no damn machine-gun could ever have hurt anybody in that car".

An unsuccessful check was made of the telephone calls emanating from the McFarland Hotel on the night of June 17th. The Oklahoma City letter simply sets this information forth for what it is worth. It appears from this letter that considerable additional investigation should be conducted at Chickasha, relative to the above facts.

Returning to the corroboration of the statement made by Kathryn Kelly to Special Agent in Charge Larson, reference is made to a letter from the Chicago Office, dated November 13, 1933, addressed to the Kansas City Office, reflecting an interview had with Maxine Miller. She was interviewed by Special Agent J. J. Keating, in apartment 407, 1430 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, where she was found to be residing, and she stated that during the month of April, 1933, she met a Mr. Martin, who was a guest at the Muehlebach Hotel; that she took this man to a gambling establishment, operated by Freddie Stross, of Kansas City, Missouri; that he cleaned up the dice game with loaded dice; that because she was a sporting woman she stayed with him that night at the Stats Hotel; that on this occasion

Mr. Martin gave her \$20.00; that she later met this man again in Kansas City, Missouri, and that she visited him at the Phillips Hotel where she ascertained that he was registered under the name of L. E. Lang; that she stayed with him all night, and that on this occasion he refused to pay her, stating that he only had \$45. She stated that due to the fact that this individual appeared to be a "wise guy", while he was out of the room she ordered a quantity of cosmetics and other toilet articles and charged them to his bill.

A photograph of George Bates, one of the subjects in the Urschel Kidnaping Case, was exhibited to her for the reason that up to this time it was believed that L. E. Lang was identical with Bates, but she stated that the party known to her as Martin, or Lang, was not Bates.

She selected the photograph of Edward Doll, alias Eddie LaRue, as being identical with the individual known to her as Martin or Lang. She also identified the photograph of William Weisman, who beat her up in Kansas City, Missouri, during July, 1933, and stated that this individual at that time was living with a gambler named "Red Ward", in a double room at the President Hotel, and that he was working in a gambling house at 1104 and 1106 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, taking bets; that this gambling establishment is near the President Hotel; that Weisman is a close friend of Sammy Sadlow, who operates this gambling house, and that Sadlow would give no information relative underworld connections. She further advised that Weisman follows the races very closely and may be found in Florida during the winter time.

Maxine Miller agreed to supply the Chicago Division Office with any information which she might obtain relative to the possible whereabouts of Weisman.

She also advised that she is a native of Dubuque, Iowa, but disclaimed any knowledge concerning the Kansas City Massacre case.

The above information is submitted for your consideration in connection with the efforts now being made to locate LaRue, as the principal suspect in the Bremer Kidnaping Case.

Respectfully,

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

RCR/ds

February 19, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

This is to advise you of the progress made in connection with circularizing the Division Field Offices with copies of the lists of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases.

The attached sheet indicates the number of circulars and the date on which they were forwarded to each office.

As you will note, we have already sent 49,751 copies to the field and I am now preparing 10,000 additional copies, 3500 of which will be sent to New York for distribution by the Western Union Telegraph Company and the balance will be held here for any calls from the field for additional copies.

Respectfully,

R. C. Renneberger.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
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Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

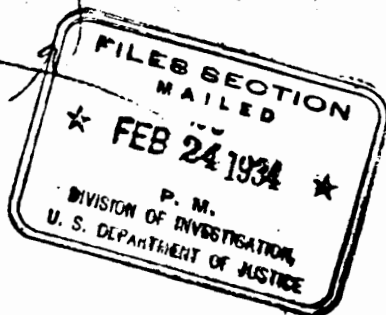
There is enclosed herewith a copy of a memorandum dated February 12, 1934, relative to activities recently reported to the Detroit Office by Kathryn Kelly with particular reference to Edward Doll alias Eddie LaBue, Identification Order #1214, who was recently taken into custody at St. Petersburg, Florida.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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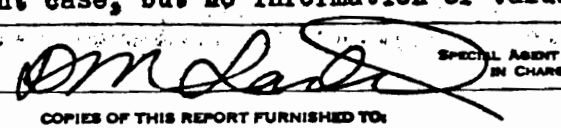
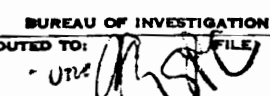


# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minn.**

**St. Louis** FILE NO. **7-43**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Louis, Missouri</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2-26-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2-19/25-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>H. G. MAYNOR, HGM:N.</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, alias George Dunn, alias R. E. Hamilton, alias Raymond Hadley, alias George Haller, UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Sears Roebuck &amp; Company, retail stores, and all stores of the Gebhart Motorist Supply Company, located in the St. Louis Division Office territory, interviewed concerning flash lights and filmolens used but with negative results. News agencies in the principal cities covered by the St. Louis Office contacted regarding sale of St. Paul and Minneapolis papers, but no information obtained. Investigation made at Lincoln, Ill., in an effort to locate house mentioned by George Kelly Barnes to Agents of the Kansas City Office. Plat showing house plans at 1428 Pekin St., Lincoln, Ill., forwarded to St. Paul Office with its copies of this report.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent E. N. Notesteen, St. Paul, Minn., February 20, 1934; letter from the Chicago Division Office dated February 14, 1934; telegram from the St. Paul Division Office dated February 16, 1934.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents G. B. Norris, J. O. Hichew, F. F. Yearsley, B. L. Demron, D. W. Maher, and H. G. Maynor of the St. Louis Division Office.</p> <p>Personal contact was made by above Agents with managers of each of the following Sears Roebuck &amp; Company retail stores located in the territory covered by the St. Louis Division Office, in an effort to obtain information as to the identity of the party purchasing the Light Master Pocket Lantern used by the subjects in instant case; also to obtain information concerning the colored lenses used in said pocket lantern, as well as the three Merit Flash Lights also used by subjects in instant case, but no information of value was obtained from any of the following</p>			
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managers of Sears Roebuck & Company retail stores:

B. B. Kinder, 312 North Center Street, Bloomington, Ill.  
A. M. Smith, 321 South Adams Street, Peoria, Ill.  
W. D. Johnson, 1620 - 5th Avenue, Moline, Ill.  
L. J. Darnell, 457 East Main St., Galesburg, Ill.  
E. E. Day, 507 Main Street, Quincy, Ill.  
M. E. Martin, 301 Collinsville Ave., East St. Louis, Ill.  
Charles L. Joseph, 100 West Main St., Belleville, Ill.  
L. E. Coffmann, Springfield, Ill.  
H. L. Bourman, Lincoln, Ill.  
O. F. Broyer, Decatur, Ill.  
C. E. Logue, 31 North Hazel St., Danville, Ill.  
C. A. Bruggeman, 43 Main St., Champaign, Ill.  
W. L. Hampton, 148 Schuyler Ave., Kankakee, Ill.

The above Agents also contacted the managers of each of the branch stores of the Gebhart Motorist Supply Company, located in the territory covered by the St. Louis Division Office which company handles the colored lenses used by subjects in the flash lights and Light Master pocket lantern in instant case. No information of value was obtained from the managers of any of the clerks of the following Gebhart stores:

Joe House, 104 West Front Street, Bloomington, Ill.  
Stan Summers, 420 South Adams Street, Peoria, Ill.  
H. E. Anderson, 114 East Williams Street, Decatur, Ill.  
Glen Flanders, 614 East Eldorado Street, Decatur, Ill.  
Roy Barnhart, 1045 North Water Street, Decatur, Ill.  
Robert McKinney, 502 West Side Square, Clinton, Ill.  
Harold Campbell, 42 North Side Square, Jacksonville, Ill.  
E. H. Lilly, 100 East Kirkham Street, Mitchfield, Ill.  
Floyd Steivers, 114 East Second Street, Pana, Ill.  
Harold Maxeiner, 312 East Adams Street, Springfield, Ill.  
Dick Jones, 112 East Main Street, Taylorville, Ill.  
Joe Kinney, 178 South Schuyler Street, Kankakee, Ill.  
Clay Rigdon, 410 Gallatin Street, Vandalia, Ill.  
Bill Eagen, 141 South Locust Street, Centralia, Ill.  
John Spears, 47 Main Street, Champaign, Ill.  
Jack Peyton, 26 North Hazel Street, Danville, Ill.  
Leo Roche, 1623 Charleston Avenue, Mattoon, Ill.  
Kenneth Andrews, 227 North Main Street, Paris, Ill.  
Harry Ford, National Auto Supply Company, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

The above Agents while making above investigations also contacted the principal news agencies in the following cities, for the purpose of ascertaining if anyone had purchased either St. Paul or Minneapolis news papers since instant kidnaping under such circumstances as would arouse suspicion.

It was found that St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers are not sold in any of the following cities:

Benton, Illinois.  
Mattoon, Illinois.  
Danville, Illinois.  
Kankakee, Illinois.  
Centralia, Illinois.  
Peoria, Illinois.  
Galesburg, Illinois.

Mt. Vernon, Illinois.  
Paris, Illinois.  
Champaign, Illinois.  
Vandalia, Illinois.  
Bloomington, Illinois.  
Moline, Illinois.

At St. Louis, Missouri the following news agencies were interviewed:

A. R. Mendelson and William Krell, 8th and Olive Streets.  
Union News Stand, 325 North Grand Blvd.  
Harvey News Stand, Union Station.  
Coronado Hotel News Stand.  
Melbourne Hotel News Stand.  
Jefferson Hotel News Stand.

It was ascertained that none of the above mentioned news stands sell St. Paul or Minneapolis Newspapers, except A. R. Mendelson and William Krell at 8th and Olive Streets. This news stand is not located in any building, but the above parties operate same on the street corner at 8th and Olive Streets during the day time only, and no information was obtained from them as to the identity of any person who may have purchased either St. Paul or Minneapolis papers under suspicious circumstances.

Special Agent G. B. Norris conducted the following investigation at Lincoln, Illinois:

Agent Norris interviewed Sheriff William A. Moore and Lynn Parker, abstractor, who stated they have been life long residents of Lincoln, Illinois; that Lincoln has a population of 12,855, and that Mr. Parker, who is a highly respected citizen, has been an abstractor of titles to real estate for a period of twenty years in Lincoln. Sheriff Moore and Mr. Parker stated that there are two coal mines in the vicinity of Lincoln, Illinois, one known as the North Mine, and the other as the East Mine, both being owned by the Brewington Coal Company, an Illinois corporation; that the East Mine has not been in operation for a long period of time, however, that the North Mine is in operation. Mr. Parker stated that he is certain that there is no yegg owning coal mining property in Lincoln or vicinity, and that to his knowledge there is no yegg in Lincoln who owns property in the coal mining section; that he does not believe there is an old man in Lincoln who goes about in a wheel chair; that if there is any such character in Lincoln, Sheriff Moore



would know of and have information about such a character.

Sheriff Moore stated that Lincoln does not have a former safe cracker as described by George Kelly Barnes; that the men who have criminal records in Lincoln, in his opinion, could not open any safe if they knew the combination; that Thomas Moos, alias "Tommy the Boy", has always been a bootlegger in Lincoln and vicinity, and is widely known among the criminal element of Illinois; that he owns about one block of improved city property in the vicinity of the East Mine, and that the basement windows of one of his houses looks out toward the open prairie land; that Moos often harbors criminals who pass through Lincoln, Illinois, and that undoubtedly George Kelly Barnes knew him; that he, Sheriff Moore, has known Moos since childhood and attended school with him; that Moos has never been a yegg, but has always been a bootlegger.

that Moos has been arrested twice for liquor law violations and convicted on both occasions, but that he has never been convicted of any other offense.

Agent Norris made a careful search in the vicinity of the North and East Mines in Lincoln, Illinois, for other houses which would tally with the description furnished by Kelly. The majority of the houses in the vicinity of the North Mine are said to be owned by business men of Lincoln, Illinois, and the majority of them do not have basements. Said houses are in groups.

Agent Norris ascertained that the house near the East Mine owned by Moos, which tallies with the description furnished by George Kelly Barnes, is occupied by Ross James and family. This family moved into the house on January 26, 1934, after the house had been redecorated throughout. Moos attends to the rental of his property and it was learned through a neighbor of Moos, who is a personal friend of Sheriff Moore, that the house now occupied by the James family was vacant for more than three months prior to January 26, 1934.

Agent Norris ascertained at the Illinois State Home for Feeble Minded Children, Lincoln, Illinois, that Mr. and Mrs. James have been employed at that institution since January 14, 1930; that James is employed as a painter and bears a good reputation. He has two children attending school in Lincoln, Illinois.

The address of the above mentioned house is 1428 Pekin Street, Lincoln, Illinois. This house was examined by Agent Norris and a plan of it drawn. It is a two story frame house with a cement basement, approximately 25 feet by 28½ feet, having five windows in it. The house is heated by a

hot air furnace. The basement has a coal room and a shower bath room. There is a small coal laundry range in the basement. The rear door of the house serves as an entrance to the basement and the kitchen. Inside of this door there are five steps leading to the basement and five steps leading to the kitchen. The first floor of the house has a kitchen, dining room, living room, and bedroom. There is no bath on this floor. However, there is a closet off of the bedroom and a pantry off of the kitchen. There is a gas range in the kitchen, however, it appears that this gas range replaced a coal range as there are fresh soot marks on the chimney in the kitchen. The walls of the first floor are decorated with what is known as "oatmeal" paper, and the hall on the second floor is also decorated with the same kind of paper. Mr. James stated that all of the walls were painted prior to the time when the house was redecorated shortly prior to the time when he moved in. Mr. James is a painter and stated that he could tell that the walls had not been papered until recently. The second floor of the house has two bedrooms, a hall, and a bath. The walls of these rooms, except the hall, are painted. There are two wall lights in the bathroom and the switch for these lights is in the hall near the bathroom door. The tub is built in and extends the length of the bath room. There is one step up to the level of the bathroom floor.

Further details concerning the plan of this house are set out in the house plans drawn by Agent Norris, which are being forwarded to the St. Paul Division Office with its copies of this report.

No wallpaper of the pattern described by victim was observed, it being apparent that this house does not fit the design of the house where victim was held.

The following description of Thomas Moos was furnished to Agent Norris by Sheriff William A. Moore of Lincoln, Illinois:

Name	- THOMAS MOOS.
Age	- 48 years.
Height	- 5' 10".
Weight	- 180 lbs.
Build	- Medium.
Hair	- Brown.
Complexion	- Dark.
Race	- White.
Nationality	- American.
Residence	- Lincoln, Illinois.
Marital status	- Married; no children.
Occupation	- Grocery store proprietor and bootlegger.
Peculiarities	- Thick lips; squints eyes when he talks.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota.**

**St. Paul** FILE NO. **7-30**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Paul, Minn.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2-20-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2/17, 18, 19/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>W.A. Rorer</b>
TITLE: <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Goggles used by Victim, two of letters delivered by kidnapers, and hand bag and pillow delivered by kidnapers, obtained and transmitted to Division. Sketch of wall paper design at hideout furnished New York Division Office. Victim claims that old trapper visited hideout once; that he had fresh fish which kidnapers claimed they caught and that they told him the game warden was troubled by children fishing with several lines.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Inspector W.A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 2-16-34.

**DETAILS:**

At St. Paul, Minnesota,

**DETAILS:**

On previous interviews, Victim stated that he was given nothing to read but he now claims that he was furnished at least two detective story magazines, the names of which he cannot recall, but that the covers were torn therefrom; that he was also furnished one copy of the Liberty magazine, with the covers torn therefrom; that on one occasion, one of the men asked him if he could play solitaire, indicating that he would furnish the Victim a deck of cards, but that in view of the fact that he could not play, the person told him that he was sorry he could not play cards with him.

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He states that on each afternoon a short time after the blowing of the factory whistle he heard what appeared to be a horn, or whistle, which was on a moving object but he is unable to give any information indicating whether this sound came from a bus, a truck, or a small railroad truck. He stated that, at the time, he wondered if it could be on one of the small electric, or gasoline propelled, railroad trucks. He cannot describe this sound and stated that he does not know whether it was a horn, or whistle. Further questioning failed to elicit any additional information concerning this sound, which would lead to identify it as belonging to a bus, a truck, or a railroad conveyance. He does not know whether this sound was heard on Sundays.

Victim was questioned concerning the various times when he signed, or wrote, any notes, or letters. He was handed a photostatic copy of the first note which was delivered to CHARLES McGEE and which, according to Victim's previous statements, were signed on the morning of his abduction and at the time he was transferred from his own automobile to one of the kidnapers. When he first glanced at this photostat, he stated that the only writing which was on the note he signed it was the last two lines above his signature. Victim had previously stated that, due to the fact that blood was in his eyes, he saw nothing after being struck that morning and did not see the paper which he signed. After making this statement as to the contents of the paper which he signed, he appeared to realize that he had previously stated that he saw nothing and recalled his statement and said that he does not know what was on the paper and that his remark concerning there being two lines thereon applied only to subsequent letters, which he signed. He cannot say whether this first note was signed before he was taken from his own car, or after being placed in the kidnapers' car.

After signing some papers on the morning of the kidnaping, he claims that the next time he was requested to sign anything was on the second night at the hideout, which was midnight, January 18, 1934; that, after being asleep for some time, he was awakened by a man and that he estimates it was approximately midnight; that the man who was most instrumental in awakening him and getting him to sign his name was the roughest and harshest of the lot and handled him roughly; that, on that occasion, he wrote three letters, one of which was to Dr. NIPPERT, another was addressed to his wife, as "Dearest Pat", and the third to WALTER MAGEE, addressed: "Dear Walter". He stated that he was told to write Friday at the top of each of these three letters, although they were written by him at midnight, Thursday, January 18, 1934.

The second time he was called upon to write, or sign, any letters was approximately the Wednesday prior to the second Saturday of his captivity. He fixes this date by the conversation concerning the bet of the box



of cigars that he would soon be returned. On this occasion, he signed several letters on which were typed only two lines. Some time prior to the second writing, or at the second writing, he recalled that he wrote a letter to Father Deere, which he is quite sure was not delivered. In this connection, he stated that he complained to the kidnapers that the man for whom he had previously signed notes and letters was too rough in handling him and that he would not sign any more for him. Whereupon, the kidnapers told him that he would not be called upon to sign any more letters for that person inasmuch as that person and another man had gone to St. Paul, where they had been picked up by the police in a barber shop. He does not recall just what was in the first letter to Father Deere but stated that the contents were somewhat similar to the contents of the second letter to Father Deere, which letter was received by Deere. The third time he was called upon to write letters was on the last Sunday of his captivity at which time he wrote one letter to MISS DICKMAN, one to FATHER DEERE, one to his wife, and one to his father. He stated that these were written prior to his usual bed time.

In connection with the statement by the kidnapers that two of their men had been picked up in a barber shop in St. Paul, by the police, Victim stated that a few days after this conversation by the kidnapers, they read to him from a newspaper to the effect that VERNE SANKEY had been picked up by Government men in a barber shop in Chicago. Victim stated that the facts which they read to him concerning the arrest of SANKEY corresponded with the facts which they had furnished him previously in connection with the arrest of two of the kidnapers in a barber shop in St. Paul. Further intensive questioning failed to elicit any further information from Victim in connection with this matter.

It may be stated here that on at least four previous occasions Victim had been questioned thoroughly as to whether the name of SANKEY, or several other criminals, whose names were specifically mentioned to him, were ever called, or discussed, by the kidnapers and each time he replied that no name was ever mentioned. On this occasion, it appeared that he unwittingly mentioned the fact that SANKEY'S name had been called in his effort to explain the kidnapers' statements concerning the arrest of one of their men. He stated that nothing further was said concerning SANKEY and they, in no way, indicated they knew him.

On several occasions, previously, Victim was specifically questioned as to whether the kidnapers ever discussed the payment of ransom with Victim, and whether any amount was ever mentioned, and each time he stated that ransom, amount, or payment, was never discussed. Upon questioning, he now admits that shortly after his arrival at the hideout the kidnapers questioned him very thoroughly as to how much money could be raised quickly and that he explained to them the large financial losses of his father in

recent years. Victim was asked what amount he told them his father could raise and replied that he "never went above \$100,000.00".

Reference is made to letter from the St. Paul Office to the Kansas City Division Office, dated February 6, 1934, concerning MARTIN WUNDERLICH, who claims to have, at one time, borrowed \$200,000.00 from E.G. BREMER'S bank. When Victim was first questioned in this connection, he stated that WUNDERLICH did not borrow \$200,000.00 but only \$100,000.00 for which he gave as security a \$100,000.00 liberty bond and subsequently paid his indebtedness of \$100,000.00. Victim was, subsequently questioned at more length in this matter and he stated that on the 4th of July, two or three years ago, WUNDERLICH came to him and told him that on the previous day he had visited the Plantation Night Club at White Bear Lake, Minnesota, with a woman, who was not his wife, and had lost \$5,000.00 gambling; that he had given an I.O.U., and asked BREMER what to do about it. Victim stated that, on that occasion, he arranged with the owner of the Plantation Night Club to settle WUNDERLICH'S indebtedness for either \$100,000.00 or \$200,000.00. He claims that in connection with the \$200,000.00 loan to WUNDERLICH, that WUNDERLICH came to him and stated that he needed \$200,000.00 in order to obtain road contracts in the State of Kentucky; that WUNDERLICH, at that time, had on deposit a little more than \$100,000.00 and Victim loaned WUNDERLICH \$200,000.00 in currency, at which time WUNDERLICH secured the debt with certificates of deposit in something more than \$100,000.00 and, subsequently, sold liberty bonds in the extent of \$100,000.00, or a little more, and paid off the debt. Victim was asked whether, in view of the various rumors which had been circulated during his absence in connection with this affair, if he would not welcome an investigation of this loan by this Division in order to clear his own name, whereupon, he replied that he would not welcome the investigation. He was told that positively this Division would necessarily investigate this loan and the record of the bank in order to clear the matter and Victim was asked if he would cooperate with Agents and he stated that he would. He suggested that WUNDERLICH be interviewed for a verification of Victim's statement. After Victim was told that an investigation of the bank record would be made, he explained that this loan was made shortly after the bank holiday and that Victim was afraid that the money of the brewery would be tied up and had withdrawn approximately \$100,000.00 of the brewery money and placed it in a safety deposit box and that the \$100,000.00 which he loaned to WUNDERLICH was this money.

Victim was questioned as to any further notes which he wrote during his captivity and he stated that he addressed, in his own handwriting, a letter to JOHN MILLER, the "SILVER FOX". He stated that he does not recall

what was in this letter but that the contents mentioned the fact that MAGEE was to be the contact man. He stated that "SILVER FOX" is a nickname which he has always called MILLER. This is the first information which this office has obtained concerning such a letter and inquiry of JOHN MILLER, WALTER MAGEE, and ADOLPH BREMER, failed to disclose that such a letter was received and it is probable that it was not delivered, just as the letter first written to FATHER DEERE was not delivered. In checking over the letters which Victim explained that he wrote, it was found that this office had not obtained one letter which was addressed by Victim, in his own handwriting, to: "My dear Pa". This letter, together with a typewritten letter addressed to: "Charles Magee, or Adolph Bremer", was obtained from the home of ADOLPH BREMER, where it had been placed in a drawer. These two letters were immediately dispatched to the Division by air mail.

A check of the records of this office disclose that the black hand bag, which had been placed by the kidnapers in a locker in a St. Paul Bus Station, had not been obtained by this office and it was found at the home of ADOLPH BREMER and immediately transmitted to the Division. This hand bag had in it a sofa pillow, which was forwarded to the Division. This bag is the one which contained a letter of instructions to MAGEE to proceed to a hotel in Iowa and register.

Victim was, again, questioned thoroughly concerning the circumstances surrounding the occasion on his return trip when gasoline cans were taken from the car and the tank filled. He now states very positively that he believes the car he was in on the return trip, at about the half-way mark of the journey to Rochester, Minnesota, turned off from a paved road and, after ten or fifteen minutes, appeared to pull to the side of the road and the two men in the front seat and the one in the rear got out and took out of the car at least two tin cans containing gasoline, one of which was taken from the front, and the other from the rear. Victim cannot say whether there were more than two cans of gasoline in the car but stated that it is possible that three or four cans could have been there. He now says that he is quite sure that no other car was present at that time and that it took only approximately five minutes to put in the gasoline and leave. It is his belief that the car he was in turned around and went back down the road on which it had come and re-entered the main highway.

Investigation by Special Agent S.K. McKee, at the point where four or five gallon gasoline cans were found, disclosed that the car which left said cans was not accompanied by another car and that the car which discarded the cans turned around thereafter. Agent McKee's investigation

disclosed, however, that this car stayed there approximately thirty minutes. Victim stated that, at the time the car stopped to put in gasoline, on this occasion, he is quite sure that the two men in the front seat and the man in the back seat got out of the car while Victim remained sitting on the floor. He was questioned as to whether the shot gun remained in the car beside him and he stated that it did. On the return trip, Victim claims to have remained on the floor of the car until about one and one-half hours before arriving at Rochester, Minnesota, at which time he was permitted to sit on the rear seat because of darkness. Victim appears quite certain that gasoline was not put into the car but once on his return trip and that the point at which it was put in was approximately at the half-way distance point. He believes that, after putting the gasoline in the car, he travelled between four and five hours before reaching Rochester, Minnesota. If this is true, then Victim left the hideout at approximately four to five hours before reaching the point where gasoline was changed and, consequently, left the hideout during daylight. When these facts were brought to Victim's attention on this occasion, he stated emphatically that he is positive that he now believes that he did leave the hideout during daylight; that he is quite sure that he was permitted to get out of bed on the last day three or four hours earlier than usual and that he usually got up at approximately 10:00 A.M.; that he believes he arose on the last morning at approximately 8:00 A.M., after which he sat at the table in his room beside the window and was shaved. He claims that, while being shaved, he noticed that it was daylight outside and he could see the light reflected through the crack in the window. On the last morning, when the factory whistle blew, he believes he had not then been shaved. He estimated that he left the hideout on the last day at between 9:00 and 10:00 A.M., but admits that it could have been a little later, but he is convinced that it was before noon. If it can be relied upon, as Victim states, that the kidnapers put in additional gasoline at the half-way point, they then had travelled, at the most, not more than five hours before reaching that point. He stated that it is possible that he left the hideout as late as 11:00 A.M., but does not believe that it was later. Concerning the number of cans of gasoline in Victim's car on his return trip, he stated that he is positive that there was at least one can in the front of the car and at least one can in the rear, on which he rested his elbow and, upon further questioning, admitted that it is possible that more cans were in the car. He said he could furnish no information which would indicate more than two cans. In connection with the shape of these cans, on the first day that they were discussed with him, he stated that he believed they were round. He now said that it is possible that the cans were square with rounded corners but that he is sure that they did not have sharp corners or these corners would have impressed themselves against him in such a manner that he would have noticed them.



Further questioning of Victim concerning the food which he had at the hideout elicited information that, on one occasion, he was furnished with fresh fish of the size of from six to eight inches in length, which he believed to have been perch. He stated that the men told him that some of them had caught these fish by breaking the ice and fishing through a hole. Further questioning in this connection elicited information from the Victim that some five to seven days prior to his release, a short time after dark, one evening, an outsider, a man, paid a visit at the hideout; that on that occasion, two of the men at the hideout came quickly into the Victim's bedroom and partially closed the door, turned out the electric light, and sat on Victim's bed during the entire time that the caller was at the house, which was approximately one hour. He stated that during the time that this caller was there he is quite sure that two of the kidnapers remained in the living room, which was adjacent to Victim's bedroom, and that the door between the living room and the kitchen was closed and that one of the kidnapers stayed in the kitchen where the caller was received and that the caller spent the entire time in the kitchen and that the other four men made it a point to keep quite still and not let the caller know that they were in the house. He stated that his captors explained to him that the caller was an old trapper who lived near the lake and he gained the impression that they had met him while they were fishing. Absolutely no further information concerning this old trapper was obtained except that Victim was told that he was very fond of dogs. Further questioning concerning fishing, by the kidnapers, disclosed that Victim was told that the Game Warden in that vicinity was having trouble with the children and Victim believes that he was told that the trouble was occasioned because the children were fishing with more than one line. Efforts are being made, at this time, to obtain the names of Game Wardens in the lake sections of Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, and a portion of Indiana.

Concerning the return trip of Victim, he stated that the person who drove the entire way was the same man who drove most of the way on the day of the abduction and who took the wheel on the day of the abduction about three-fourths of an hour after leaving St. Paul; that he was, undoubtedly, a much better driver than the one who first drove and who drove, what the Victim believes to have been a roadster on the morning that he left the hideout. Victim is not certain as to whether one of the men got out of the car with him when he got out in Rochester, Minnesota, but he recalls that a man took him by the shoulders and turned him in a particular direction, facing the direction from which his car had come, just before they drove off.

The New York Division Office has been furnished with a drawing of the wall paper design on Victim's room at the hideout with the request that investigation be made to identify this pattern.

On February 17, 1934, after obtaining more particular information as to the place where Victim threw away the goggles at the time of his release, the goggles were found by Special Agent Glynn, together with a police officer of the Rochester, Minnesota, Police Department. These goggles were immediately transmitted to the Division Laboratory for examination.

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GEO. A. SHEA  
DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATION

OUR FILE NO. 138

MONTREAL, QUE. February 26, 1934.

Mr. J. E. Hoover,  
Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 8th instant, together with lists showing number of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnapping cases.

If convenient I would thank you to forward a copy to our United States representative, Mr. Hugo Brandes, Superintendent of Investigation, Grand Trunk Western Lines, Detroit, Mich.

Assuring you of our hearty co-operation at all times, I remain

Yours faithfully,

*Geo. A. Shea*  
Director of Investigation

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Mr. George A. Shea,  
Director of Investigation,  
Canadian National Railways,  
Investigation Department,  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Dear Mr. Shea:-

I am in the receipt of your communication dated February 26, 1934, wherein you request that a list of bank notes used as ransom in kidnapping cases be furnished your United States representative, Mr. Hugo Brandes, at Detroit, Michigan.

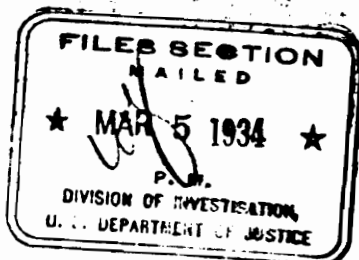
I am pleased to comply with your request and am today directing Mr. William Larson who is the Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit office of this Division to furnish Mr. Brandes with the desired list.

I desire to thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

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February 25, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Inspector Rorer telephoned and stated that he had received two transcripts from Agent Dewey who is working on the Lynch angle at Des Moines, Iowa; that nothing of value had been obtained from these transcripts and he desired to ascertain the wishes of the Division with regard to continuing that particular angle of the investigation.

Inspector Rorer further stated that as a result of circularization of ministers, information had been received from a Lutheran minister at Brookfield, Illinois, which coincides in part with the information relative to the ringing of bells and whistles. He stated that he had telephoned Purvis relative to this angle and had been informed that Agents were being put on the matter immediately to check that particular town with a view to locating the hide-out. Inspector Rorer also requested that the Identification Unit include in its single fingerprint file the name of Tom Carroll, St. Paul, Minn. Police #22180.

With reference to tracing the manufacturer of the four 5 gallon tin cans, Mr. Rorer stated that this angle was very important and he desired information as to whether any progress had been made in Washington. I advised him that no progress had been made in this direction but that he would be advised in the event any information is received along this line.

He also requested that the Technical Laboratory give immediate consideration to the cap which he had sent in with a view to ascertaining the manufacturer so that the ultimate retailer can be traced down coincident with the investigation being conducted with regard to the other clothing.

Respectfully,

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REPORT MADE AT: Washington, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE: 2/27/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2/26, 27/34	REPORT MADE BY: E. M. HIRSH
TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Inquiry develops that the two 5 gallon square cans in instant case were not manufactured by the American Can Company in its Philadelphia or Jersey City plants, though possibly manufactured in the Chicago plant of that office. Inquiry also develops that the two instant 5 gallon cans were not manufactured by the Continental Can Company, Inc., by the Metal Package Corporation or by the Maryland Square Can Company. This information was obtained from the Baltimore, Md., offices of the above named concerns. No information of value could be obtained from the United States Patent Office in Washington, D. C. With respect to the black handbag, the pillow and the goggles, no definite information secured relative to manufacturers of these articles. It may be that information can be developed in New York City as to the manufacturers of the goggles and the pillow and in Chicago relative to the manufacturer of the handbag.

**DETAILS:**

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

This is a joint report of Special Agents Leon Levin and B. M. Hirsh.

This investigation is predicated upon a request of Mr. E. P. Coffey, Identification Unit of the Division, who furnished Agents

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two 5 gallon cans of different design, a handbag, a pillow, a cap, and a pair of goggles. These articles are connected with the above entitled case. Mr. Coffey requested that appropriate investigation be conducted for the purpose of ascertaining the names of the person or persons who last had possession of these articles before they were found, and suggested that the names of the manufacturers of the articles be learned and from the manufacturers obtain the names of the distributors or any others to whom the manufacturers may have sold the articles within a region of 1,000 miles surrounding St. Paul, Minn.; more specifically, in that region consisting of the States of Illinois, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana and Minnesota, for the purpose of checking with each of these distributors, if necessary, in an attempt to accomplish the desired result. It was also requested that this investigation be given expeditious attention. Accordingly, the following investigation was conducted.

Special Agent R. P. Burruss interviewed Mr. H. W. Bearce, Bureau of Standards, who advised that he could furnish no helpful information, except the suggestion that the several large can manufacturers in Baltimore, Md., be interviewed. The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Hirsh.

Mr. E. H. Brown, in charge of the searching room at the Patent Office, made a search of the patents covering designs for cans. He also searched the list of mechanical patents covering end reinforcing of cans, wall structures and filling cans. The results of his search were negative. Mr. J. F. Oberlin, Chief Examiner of the Division which handles cans in the Patent Office, advised that the two 5 gallon square cans which were exhibited to him by Agent were standard cans with no peculiar wall or end construction, and that he could furnish no helpful information as to who was the manufacturer of the cans.

AT BALTIMORE, MD.

Mr. C. L. Lovell, Sales Manager, of the American Can Company, Oak and 26th Streets, made an examination of the two 5 gallon cans in question, and compared them with a can manufactured by his company. The can manufactured by the American Can Company was also examined by Agent, and although the American Can Company product was



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somewhat similar to the can on which appears the circular design on the top, in the possession of this Agent, it was not identical, and Mr. Lovell stated that the two cans which were in the possession of this Agent were not manufactured in the Philadelphia or Jersey City plants of his concern. He stated, however, that because of the similarity of the design, it was possible that this can may have been made in the Chicago plant of their company, and because he was not familiar with the design of the dies used at that factory, he hesitated to express a definite opinion on this matter. Mr. Lovell, upon examining the cans originally stated that it was his opinion that they were western cans. He supported his contention by stating that the construction of the tops were not very strong, and that it was his opinion that most of the can manufacturers in the eastern States had sometime in the past begun to manufacture a can with a stronger top. Mr. Lovell described the two cans in the possession of Agent as being 5 gallon, square, oil cans fitted with  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch screws (opening), with turned wire handles and constructed of plain tin throughout. Mr. Lovell also stated that the two cans were a standard product and could have been manufactured by possibly several hundred can manufacturers. He also stated that these products were sold to any and all kinds of consumers and to distributors of all sorts. Mr. Lovell also advised that the majority of can manufacturers were located in New York and Brooklyn, and in Chicago, Ill., and that it was his opinion the best information could be obtained at the above two cities.

Mr. W. C. Crawford, Sales Manager of the Continental Can Company, 3500 E. Biddle Street, examined the two 5 gallon square cans in the possession of this Agent, and compared them with the can made by the Continental Can Company, and with the can made by the Southern Can Company, which company has since been taken over by the Continental Can Company. The designs on the two cans were not identical with those manufactured by the Continental Can Company. Mr. Crawford stated that the two cans exhibited by Agent were not and could not have been manufactured by his company at any of its plants. He advised that the Continental Can Company marked its cans with a "C", which is part of



the pattern contained on the can. Mr. Crawford did not concur in the opinion expressed by Mr. Lovell that the two cans in question were probably manufactured in the west, but stated that he knew that several can manufacturers in New York and Brooklyn manufactured cans similar in construction to that of the cans in question. He stated that possibly the Acme Can Company, 1150 Broadway, New York City, may manufacture a 5 gallon square can which may have a pattern identical with that on one of the instant cans. Mr. Crawford stated that there were several other can manufacturers in New York and Brooklyn who might manufacture either of the two instant 5 gallon cans. Mr. Crawford also stated that it is highly improbable that the Chicago plant of his concern manufactured the instant 5 gallon cans. It was suggested by Mr. Crawford, and also by Mr. Lovell of the American Can Company, that manufacturers of cans manufacture cans which contain no identifying data, but that they also manufacture identical cans which contain descriptions of some sort, i. e., names of distributors or manufacturing plants, or others. It was suggested that inasmuch as the decorated cans would carry identification data as to the name of the manufacturer of same, that should a decorated can be found which was identical with the instant cans, the name of the manufacturer could then very easily be ascertained. This information is being furnished merely for the information of the auxiliary offices.

At the Acme Supply Company, Carolina and Fayette Streets, Agent compared instant 5 gallon cans with that believed to have been manufactured by the Enterprise Can Company, McKees Rocks, Pa., and they were found not to be identical. The manager of the Acme Supply Company was not absolutely certain, but felt reasonably sure that the can which he handled was manufactured by the mentioned concern.

Mr. E. F. Dudley, Metal Package Corporation, S. Wolfe Street, compared the two 5 gallon cans with one of the cans manufactured by his company. The cans were not identical. Mr. Dudley advised that his concern has a warehouse in Chicago, but that the product on hand at that warehouse is identical with that shown to this Agent. It appears therefore unnecessary that the Chicago office contact the Metal Package Corporation at Chicago.

At the Maryland Square Can Company, 1130 Rankin Place, Agent compared instant 5 gallon cans with the product of the above named company. They were not identical. The Maryland Square Company makes a plain can with no design at all on it, and is only a very small company.

The above information was reported orally to Mr. J. J. Edwards of the Identification Unit, who suggested that the two 5 gallon cans be forwarded to the Chicago office with instructions that the Chicago office conduct appropriate investigation. Mr. Edwards also advised that in the event the Chicago office was unsuccessful in its investigation, the two 5 gallon cans should then be forwarded to the New York office for the use of that office in making its investigation. The five gallon cans referred to were left in the custody of Mr. Renneberger of the Identification Unit to be forwarded by him to the Chicago office under separate cover for its investigative use. In the event the Chicago office is unsuccessful in determining the names of the manufacturers of the cans, that office should immediately forward the cans to the New York Office.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent L. Levin.

#### The Cap

Mr. Coffey advised Agent Levin that the cap bore a Union label of the Cloth Hat, Cap Millinery Workers, which label bore the stamped letter "E" and also the following serial number, 946641. In this connection, Mr. Appel of the Textile Section of the Bureau of Standards advised Agent that information could possibly be secured through the following association with respect to the identity of the manufacturer of this cap. The association was named "Cloth Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union, 621 Broadway, New York City.

#### The Black Handbag

In connection with this article, Mr. Appel, above referred to, suggested that the Lutz & Company and the Becker's Leather Store, both located in Washington, could probably furnish information with

respect to the manufacturer of this bag.

At Lutz & Company, 1325 G Street, N. W., Agent interviewed Mr. Pluege, who has been connected with that firm for 53 years. He stated, his opinion was concurred in by several other members of the firm, that the bag was not manufactured by any eastern concern, and in all probability had been manufactured in or near Chicago, Ill. He suggested that Mr. Ben Hahn of Lyons & Hahn, leather dealers, Chicago, Ill., would be the best informed person in order to secure the identity of the manufacturer.

At the Becker Leather shop, 1340 F Street, N. W., Agent interviewed Mr. J. E. Kelly, the buyer of leather goods. Mr. Kelly advised that the 725 which appears on the bottom of the bag was a stock number, and that the 18 appearing on the bottom is merely the size of the bag. Mr. Kelly did not recognize the bag and felt that it had been made in the middle west. Mr. Kelly suggested, in addition to Mr. Hahn, as related above, that inquiry be made of S. Dresner & Sons, Chicago, Ill.

#### The Goggles

Mr. Appel of the Bureau of Standards, stated that information could probably be secured with respect to the manufacturer of this article either from the Bakelite Corporation, 247 Park Ave., New York City, or the General Plastics Corporation, located at North Tonawanda, N. Y.

#### The Pillow

Mr. Appel of the Bureau of Standards stated that in all probability information could be secured through the Silk Association of America, Inc., 468 Fourth Ave., New York City, as to the manufacturer of this article. He suggested that at that office the Textile Design Registration Bureau might have on file the particular design appearing on the cover of this pillow. With further respect to the pillow, Mr. Appel suggested that Agent check at the Patent

Office the textile designs on file there. Accordingly, Agent, with the aid of Miss Hallam, room 2609 Textile Designs Division of the Patent Office, Commerce Building, checked the designs on woven fabrics of rugs, pillows and handkerchiefs, which designs had been patented, but was unable to find a design even remotely approximately the design appearing on instant pillow.

At the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, room 3840 Commerce Building, in the office of Wharton Moore, Administrative Assistant, Agent was advised that information could probably be secured from the office of the National Association of Manufacturers of Novelty Curtains, Draperies, Bedspreads and Pillows, Inc., 7 East 44th Street, New York City. It was suggested to Agent that perhaps buyers in large department stores located in Washington might be of some assistance in tracing the manufacturer of this pillow. Accordingly, Agent interviewed Mrs. J. C. Nourse and her assistant, Mrs. Edwards, buyers at the Woodward & Lothrop department store. Mrs. Nourse advised that she believed the pillow to be imported, probably from Paris, France, but was unable to state who the domestic manufacturer might be. She felt, however, that the top cover had in all probability been imported, and that the pillow had been made up in its entirety in the United States. Mrs. Nourse suggested that inquiry be made of large department stores in New York City, preferably B. Altman and Wanamaker's. In addition, she stated that a good authority on pillows was one Charles Bloom, 15 East 26th Street, New York City.

Mr. Miller, the upholstery buyer in Woodward & Lothrop, after viewing the pillow, could offer no further suggestion than that set out above.

The articles referred to, namely, the cap, the pillow and the goggles are being furnished the New York office by registered mail under separate cover. The bag is being furnished the Chicago Office by registered mail under separate cover. These articles, concerning which Agent Levin made inquiry, were delivered to Mr. J. J. Edwards of the Identification Unit of the Division on February 26, 1934.



UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The CHICAGO OFFICE will conduct appropriate investigation in its district to determine the names of the manufacturers of the two 5 gallon cans mentioned herein, which are being forwarded to that office under separate cover, for the purpose of ascertaining the names of the person or persons who were last in possession of these cans before they were found. If unsuccessful, that office will forward the cans to the New York Office for the use of the latter in making its investigation.

At Chicago, Ill., with respect to ascertaining the identity of the manufacturer of the bag, will make appropriate inquiry of Ben Hahn of Lyons & Hahn, and also of officials at St. Dresner & Sons.

The NEW YORK OFFICE at New York City will make appropriate investigation through the National Association of Manufacturers of Novelty Curtains, Draperies, Bedspreads and Pillows, Inc., 7 East 44th Street, also through prominent department stores and through Charles Bloom, 15 East 26th Street, all with a view to determining the manufacturer of the pillow.

To determine the manufacturer of the cap, appropriate inquiry should be made of the Cloth Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers, International Union, 621 Broadway.

With respect to the goggles, appropriate inquiry should be made through the Bakelite Corporation, 247 Park Avenue. At North Tonawanda, N. Y., will make appropriate inquiry through General Plastics Corporation.

The New York Office will hold its investigation in abeyance pending receipt of the two 5 gallon cans from the Chicago Office. Upon completion of this investigation by the New York Office, in the event the cans are forwarded to that office, will transmit the cans to the Identification Unit of the Division or to the St. Paul Office.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
311 Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There is returned herewith the original report  
rendered by Special Agent E. M. Hirsh, dated at Washington,  
D. C., February 27, 1934, which was received in the Division  
without your signature, relative to the above entitled case.

If this report is approved by you, kindly place  
your signature thereon and return to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

February 26, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Reference is made to memorandum of Special Agent R.L. Nalls, dated February 13, 1934, at St. Paul, Minnesota, copy of which has previously been furnished to the Division, and Division memorandum for the Director, dated February 21, 1934, in which reference is made to reports of:

Special Agent W.F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 7-15-33;  
Special Agent W.F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 8-11-33;  
Special Agent O.G. Hall, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 8-27-33;  
Special Agent William R. Ramsey, Jr., San Francisco, California, dated 9-19-33;  
Special Agent R.G. Suran, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 9-22-33;  
Special Agent O.G. Hall, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 12-7-33;

submitted in the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (deceased), et al, CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER; and reports of:

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Special Agent F.S. Dunn, Dallas, Texas, dated 6-12-33;  
Special Agent Raymond J. Caffrey, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 7-29-32;  
Special Agent S.P. Cowley, Chicago, Illinois, dated 10-12-33;  
Special Agent John D. Glass, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 11-1-32;

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ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER.

Particular reference is being made to page 3, paragraph 3, of Division memorandum for the Director, dated February 21, 1934, and page 2, paragraph 1, of memorandum of Special Agent R.L.Nalls, dated February 13, 1934, at St. Paul, Minnesota, previously referred to herein. It will be noted that in each of these paragraphs some mention is made relative to the finding of the body of a man named ANDERSON alias DUNLOP, near Webster, Wisconsin. Mention is also made of several addresses:

1050 Robert Street, West St. Paul;  
1031 and 1035 South Robert Street,  
West St. Paul.

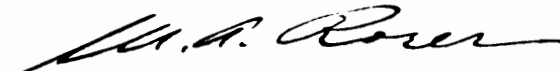
It appears that the references made in the two memoranda applied to the same gang.

The letter addressed to Mr. Coy O. Hardwick, dated March 23, 1933, posted at 12:30 P.M., March 27, 1933, Normal, Illinois, bearing the signature of C.E. Moore, and pencil note to Mr. Hardwick, signed J.J. Burns; C.E. Moore; and S.E. Rockwood; which note was delivered to a drayman, April 26, 1933, are being submitted herewith attached to the Division letter for scientific analysis in order that the handwriting may be compared with that of suspects in the BREMER case and a comparison made of the typewriting with that in the ransom notes.

These notes were handled by innumerable persons prior to the receipt of same by this office. Investigation in this matter is proceeding and an attempt will be made to locate COY O. HARDWICK and the drayman for questioning.

The Division is requested to return the letter and note, above referred to, to the St. Paul Division Office inasmuch as Mr. Burke of the Alcoholic Beverage Unit, from whom they were obtained, has promised that he would return the same to the person from whom he obtained them.

Very truly yours,



W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 26, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

Reference is made to my report of 2-14-34 and that of  
Special Agent John E. Brennan dated 2-17-34 entitled as above.

Two mimeograph copies of these reports have been  
received at this office and it is noted that the mimeograph  
copy of my report has been assembled with page 18 of Agent  
Brennan's report, and vice versa.

It is suggested that the various offices to which  
these copies have been forwarded be informed of the proper  
sequence.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Rorer*  
W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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In conversation with Special Agent in Charge Alt, at Tampa, Florida, he indicated that the Chicago Office had requested an interview with [REDACTED] who probably is Maxine Miller, who is acquainted with LaRue.

The Chicago Office requested that Maxine Miller be interviewed, and she is at the Patricia Hotel in Miami, but the Agent at Miami had been called in to assist in the investigation at Tampa.

I told him to defer this interview until the Agent could be released from Tampa.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

Max. Miller  
Edna Miller

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

February 26, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

In connection with captioned case, this Division Office is making an effort to locate an individual who appears to have some connection with the delivery of one of the ransom notes.

This man is described as being a white man between thirty-five and thirty-six years of age; about six feet tall; of medium build; swarthy complexioned; having square shoulders; well dressed, wearing dark clothes. His outstanding characteristics are large eyes, probably blue or hazel, and very wide upper front teeth which protrude to the extreme, giving the impression that they are not his natural teeth. He also has high cheek bones.

*Photos furnished*

This man was seen by an individual who believes she can identify him should she see him again and is reasonably sure she can identify his photograph. It might be further stated that she advised that the man did not have an excessive stomach and was well built.

I should like to ask that this Division Office be furnished with photographs of persons listed in the kidnaping files, who may be identical with the above mentioned, in order that these photographs may be properly exhibited.

Copies of this letter are transmitted to the Kansas City, Chicago, and Oklahoma City Division Offices with the request that they forward to this office the photographs of any persons of a similar description as that noted above.

Very truly yours,

*M. A. Roper*  
M. A. ROOPER, INSPECTOR

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CITY OF AMES  
COUNTY OF STORY, STATE OF IOWA

OFFICE OF W. J. CURE  
CHIEF OF POLICE

Feb, 21st 1934

Mr J.E.Hoover  
Washington D.C.

OTTO Schreck No, 345,

Dear Sir,

File BP-I43730 OTTO Schreck i wish to state he was arrested here by my self and an other officer the 7-31-31 Charge, Machine guns and Burgler tools, he was arrested here with with Theadore and harry Ebser Brothers, all three were realeased to Neb, Officere and was taken to Red Cloud Neb, and tried for Robbery of the Bank there the Ebsens wer convicted Otto Schreck was braught back here and was tried in Dict Co on a charge of Burgler Tools and was realeased, when arrested here the had plenty of Fire arms in the car,

*W. J. Cure*  
Chief of Police

PS, if you havent got a line on the St Paul Kidnaping case have one o your Agents stop in here if it is handy, i talked to one of them a fe Days ago but sience then i ran into one of these grape vine storries i dont know weather it ammounts to any thing or not but it might stat something,

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Mr. W. J. Cure,  
Chief of Police,  
Ames, Iowa.

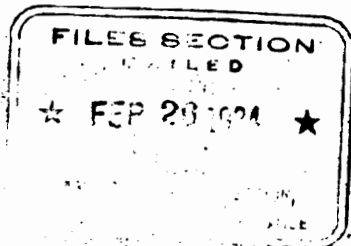
My dear Chief:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 21, 1934, wherein you state in a postscript that you are in possession of information concerning the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

Please be advised that I have referred a copy of your letter to Mr. E. E. Conroy, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Suite L, Federal Building, Kansas City, Missouri, with the request that he assign an Agent to interview you at the earliest practicable date.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I

am



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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

A smaller, more fluid handwritten signature, possibly of a subordinate or another official, written in dark ink.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
POST OFFICE BOX 515  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 26, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
et al - UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul file 7-30

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that some doubt might be entertained relative to the credence which may be placed in the statements of victim Bremer concerning the location of his hide-out, your attention is invited to the fact that it is reasonable to believe that his statements are truthful. This is borne out by the fact that he stated that his automobile was not accompanied by another, on his return from the hide-out, and that at the half way point the gas tank was filled by means of two or more tin cans. Investigation has substantiated these statements of victim, both as to the gasoline cans and as to the fact that no car was accompanying him at the time that his tank was filled. He further stated that four or five hours after putting gasoline in his car he arrived at Rochester, which is approximately 196 miles. This checks with victim's previous statements. He further stated that about one hour before arriving at Rochester, he was taken out of the car and guarded by two men while one remained in the car and drove off for some purpose. This statement has been corroborated by investigation at Lewiston, Minnesota, which is on a route directly connecting Portage, Wisconsin with Rochester, Minnesota, which point is 38 miles south-east of Rochester.

Investigation at Lewiston further disclosed that a man driving a 1933 Buick Sedan put fifteen gallons of gasoline in the tank at precisely the time which victim was out of the car and guarded by two men. This time element is substantiated through the fact that a passenger train passed through Lewiston at that time, and victim had previously stated that a passenger train passed him while he was out of the car. Victim has stated that at that time one or more rifles or guns were in the car, which was substantiated by the filling station attendant. Victim has previously stated that he believed that the car in which he returned from the hideout was a Buick, which fact was borne out by the Lewiston filling station attendant.

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In view of the fact that insofar as it has been possible to substantiate the victim's statements concerning his travel and hideout, his statements have proved to be correct, it is believed that full credence must be given to his further statements as to the location of the hideout.

The victim appears certain that an airplane passed very close to the hideout at approximately 6 P.M. January 27, 1934, or at least about two minutes prior to the ringing of the ~~Sunday~~<sup>Saturday</sup> afternoon church bell. It is believed that this is an important and potential lead, and efforts are now being made to thoroughly check it. It has been ascertained that in Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois, on that particular day, there was a very strong wind, and flying weather was considered dangerous, and aviation officials have expressed the opinion that undoubtedly only a commercial ship would have been in the air at that time. It has been further determined that due to strong cross winds, undoubtedly any commercial ship would have been off its course.

Insofar as weather conditions described by the victim are concerned, it is believed that investigative possibilities have been about exhausted. The only definite information which we have received is to the effect that on January 28, 1934, it was extremely cold, which condition appears to have been general throughout this section of the country, and that about five days prior thereto, there was a general thaw. This thawing condition centered about Chicago, and is a large area west and south of Chicago.

Three agents are working in the Twin Cities and in South St. Paul, with a view toward developing identifications in connection with the possible purchase of the Lightmaster lantern, the Filmo-lens, the cap which was found in the payoff car, the writing paper, the gasoline tanks, and the camping or hunting outfit, which is somewhat unusual, and which was being worn by Alvin Karpis at the time when he purchased the three flashlights. It is probable that an identification will be made in South St. Paul in connection with the purchase of the high-laced boots, the cap, and a zipper wool lumber jacket by Karpis. South St. Paul is known to be a logical place wherein the subjects of this case could have resided prior to and during the kidnaping. Every

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attention will be given to a thorough investigation there in connection with possibilities concerning the Shell gasoline signs, possible storage of automobiles, and purchase of gasoline, with a view toward locating the house wherein they resided.

Very thorough attention is being at this time given to the location of a Corona typewriter (portable). Every establishment in the Twin Cities and South St. Paul is being contacted to determine all concerns which sell, repair or service Corona machines. We are also endeavoring to make thorough investigations at all questionable garages and to obtain fingerprints in such places.

The Oklahoma City office advised by telephone today that subject HARRY CAMPBELL has a sister named LAURA CAMPBELL presently residing at 825 South Rockford Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, who is believed to have received treatment while confined in a hospital in St. Louis, Mo. during January, 1934. It further advised that it is believed that her brother, Harry Campbell, who is evidently fond of her, is the source of her finances. It was further stated that information has been received by the Oklahoma City office that Laura Campbell will probably enter the Mayo Brothers Clinic Hospital, Rochester, Minnesota, during March, 1934, or prior thereto. In view of the fact that the Mayo Brothers clinic generally makes charges proportionate to the financial rating of its patients, it is not unusual for patients to register under aliases. In view of this fact the Oklahoma City office is requested to keep a close check on Laura Campbell with a view toward determining the date and the particular train on which she leaves Tulsa for Rochester, in order that Agents from St. Paul may properly determine her identity when she enters the hospital.

Very truly yours,



W. A. RORER,

Inspector.

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CC Chicago  
CC Kansas City  
CC Okla. City

C O P Y

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February 24, 1934

Mr. Harold E. Andersen,  
c/o Tampa Terrace Hotel,  
Tampa, Florida.

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Dear Sir:

Upon completion of the questioning of Edward Doll alias Eddie LaRue at Tampa, Florida, it is desired that you proceed to Washington, D. C. for a conference, after which it is planned that you interview Kathryn Kelly at her present place of incarceration and subsequently I wish you to proceed to Canon City, Colorado for the purpose of interviewing the prisoner by the name of "Red", who is alleged to have information that Gus Stone is the individual for whom the Division should be looking in connection with the Kansas City massacre case.

I am advising you of these plans at this time so that you may organize all of the information which is available to you now in order that you may be prepared to interview Kathryn Kelly and subsequently to handle the investigation relative to the allegations concerning Gus Stone.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P.O.Box 515, St.Paul, Minn.

February 17, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting attached hereto a communication  
received from Mr.Sheldon E.Melone, 100 Orange Street, Tarpon  
Springs, Florida, and copy of my reply thereto.

Very truly yours,

*H. Nathan*

H.NATHAN,  
Assistant Director.

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P.O.Box 515, St Paul, Minn.

February 17, 1934.

Mr. Sheldon E. Malone,  
100 Orange Street,  
Tarpon Springs, Florida.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of February 11, 1934 with regard to assignments on investigative cases in the field. These are all perforce made at Washington.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., and assume that you will hear from him in due course.

Very truly yours,

H. NATHAN,  
Assistant Director.

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Larson Springs, Fla.  
Feb. 11, - 1934

Mr. Harold Nathan.  
First Assistant.  
Dept. of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been following the Bremer case very closely in the news papers. What a shame this country has such menaces to society.

I followed Detective work for five years in Tulsa Okla. Had some stiff cases assigned me while there. In fact all the hard ones seemed to be steered in my direction, but (am happy to say) I delivered the goods in every instance.

The company I worked for are involuntarily therefore cannot give them for reference. Certainly wish I could, as I am sure the Manager Mr. J. R. Johnson would convince you, that what I say I can. So, I am always in a position to back the statement up by producing whatever the case might be. I say I can solve.

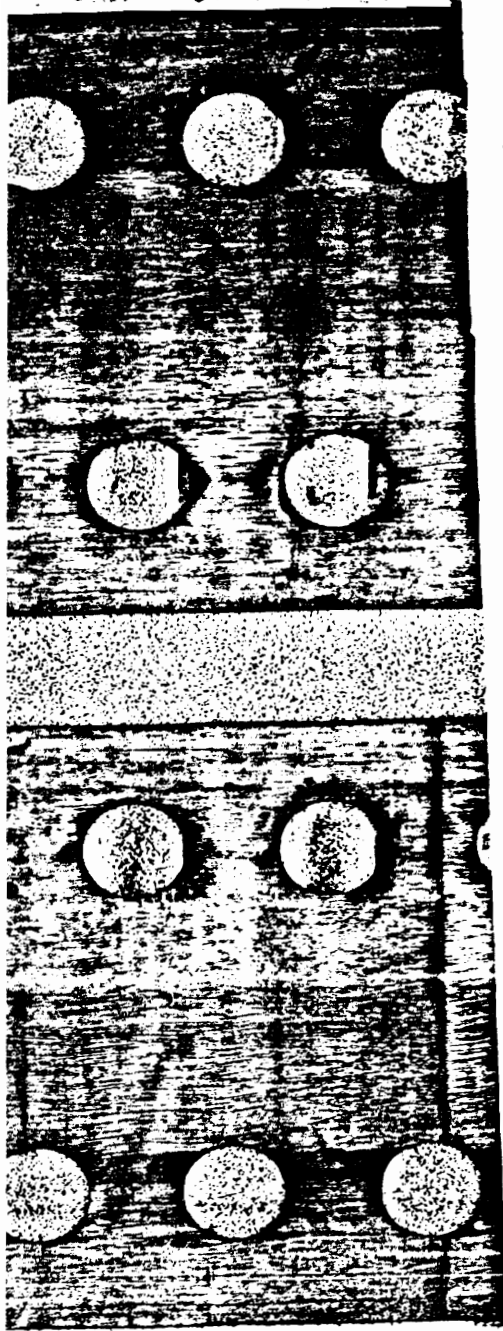
The company I worked for was the Southwestern Detective Bureau.  
I have mixed with the toughest yeggs in the country and had their full confidence, which I have never found.

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so hard to do. I resigned from the employ of the above named, for the simple reason, I got to where I despised the methods I had to employ to get the goods on the party I was after, the underhand methods, being pals with some kind, (even though a yegg) long enough to get the goods on him, or some pal, or associate of his, then turning them up. I swore I would never again do any detective work, and have stuck by it for sometime. But after following the Bremer case. Well! It just has my blood stirred up to such a pitch. I cannot rest without making an effort to get in a position to run these kidnapers down. I am as sure of myself in this, as I am that I am, that I am writing you now. I have got to have a crack at this. Can't stand to see these kinds getting away with this stuff.

As the reason of this letter, if you want, these kinds the kidnaped Bremer. I am the one that can land them for you. You no doubt will think this a broad statement, but I have made statements before that sounded that way, but never failed to come through with the goods yet.

That is the reason I feel so sure of myself. I can furnish you A-1 references as to character, and skills, but cannot furnish reference as to my past record as a detective, for reasons already named, have lost track of J. M. Johnson, the man that would certainly convince you as to my ability, as a detective. He always turned cases over to



Dr. H. D. Thomson 1745- Jackson St. E. St. Petersburg, Fla.  
Mr. Bill Moutsator of Bill's bakery, Tarpon Springs, Fla.  
Mr. C. C. Thompson. Kirksville, Missouri.  
Mr. Shelton Gregory. Kirksville, Missouri.  
Mrs. J. Opa Vandoren. 711- N. Lee. Oklahoma City, Okla.

me, gave me the facts, the full story, in other words. Never told me how, but let me go it my own way, got every bit of assistance I might need, and I never failed to bring in the goods.

That is exactly what I would want if I started out to get the Bremer Kidnapers. Full story. Start right out on my own hook without interference of any kind, just knowing all assistance I might need, would be within reach at a moment's notice, (reliable assistance) as I might need it, this case, any time.

I hope you will not think me boasting, as I have merely stated facts, not meaning to be boastful. I hope I have convinced you, as I would like to start as soon after you receive it as possible, every day that is lost counts, the quicker I am started the better chance I have of getting the goods on them right away. The longer I wait, the longer it may take.

I hope to hear from you by wire, with my fare & expenses there, so I can be sure in before the following week is up, so I can start right out. If you want the Bremer Kidnapers brought to justice.

I am your man.

I am 31 years of age. 5 ft. 10½ in tall. Weigh 145 lb. and can certainly mix it when the case arises. Have am cautious enough to avoid suck, if possible. My references follow on next page. Please wire me at once. I must have a crack at this gang. Please treat this as confidential.

Very sincerely yours,

Sheldon E. Malone.  
100 Orange St.,  
Turkington Springs, Fla.



# U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois  
February 20, 1934

MR. NATHAN	.....
MR. TOLSON	.....
MR. CLEGG	.....
MR. EY	.....
MR. EDWARDS	.....
MR. GAN	.....
MR. QUINN	.....
MR. ESTER	.....
MR. LOCKE	.....
MR. KUNEN	.....

AIR MAIL  
SPECIAL DELIVERY

PERSONAL and  
CONFIDENTIAL

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

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to the letter from Washington Field Office dated February 14, 1934, in regard to obtaining from Mr. Alexander Jamie of Chicago, who is at present in Washington, D. C., some notes used in the Woolverton kidnaping case in South Bend, Indiana in 1932, said notes being desired by Mr. Harold Nathan of the Division for comparison in the Bremer kidnaping case.

Please be advised that Mr. Wallace N. Jamie was contacted Saturday Evening, February 17, 1934, and the necessary information was obtained from him.

Further conversation with Mr. Jamie developed that his father had had in his custody, a complete file relative to the robbery of the First State Bank of Holland, Michigan, and also a general kidnaping file which contains information collected by Mr. Jamie with regard to the kidnaping racket in general. A request was made of Mr. Wallace Jamie for the temporary use of these files for the purpose of photostating, but he was reluctant to comply with this request without authorization from his father. Inasmuch as it is thought possible that the Holland Bank robbery is closely allied with the Bremer case, insofar as the participants are concerned, it is deemed advisable that these files be obtained for purposes of photostating, and the matter made a part of our file in connection with this case.

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It is suggested that if you believe this action advisable, that the Washington Field office be requested by the Division to contact Mr. Alexander Jamie, who is stopping at the Willard Hotel in Washington, with a view to obtaining the desired files, in order that if advisable, photostatic copies may be made, or the desired information obtained.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

MHP/dr

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

FROM

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

TO

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

Mr. Nathan	.....	( )
Mr. Tolson	.....	( )
Mr. Clegg	.....	( )
Mr. Appel	.....	( )
Mr. Baughman	.....	( )
Mr. Coffey	.....	( )
Mr. Cowley	.....	( )
Mr. Edwards	.....	( )
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Mr. Lester	.....	( )
Mr. Locke	.....	( )
Mr. Pennington	.....	( )
Mr. Quinn	.....	( )
Mr. Rorer	.....	( )
Inspector	.....	( )
Unit	.....	( )
Secretary	.....	( )

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Remarks:

*Scheurer*

*Knows hide out*



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February 27, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
625 Lafayette Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

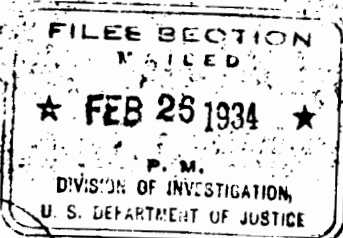
Dear Sir:

Information has been received by the Washington field office recently from Mr. Janie of Chicago that the investigation of the Holland, Michigan bank robbery was conducted principally by Lieutenant Mutson of the Michigan State Police, in Lansing, Michigan. Mr. Janie stated that all details relative to this matter would probably be known to Lieutenant Mutson.

Very truly yours,

Director.

c/c Chicago



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POST OFFICE BOX 515  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 26, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
412 U.S. Courthouse and Post Office,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
et al - UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul file 7-50

Dear Sir:

In confirmation of my wire of the 26th instant, it was  
believed advisable to cover the Carnara-Loughran fight with a view  
toward locating suspects in this case.

This fight would afford a good opportunity for subjects  
to exchange a large amount of ransom money by hedging bets. Efforts  
should be made to check any possible money of the book-makers.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,

Inspector.

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POST OFFICE BOX 515  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 23, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
801 Title Guaranty Building,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul file 7-50

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 23, 1934,  
to the Kansas City office, regarding the above entitled case.

Please furnish this office with a copy of the photograph  
of Thomas Carroll, Dorothy Tralle, Viola Dea Carroll, John Arthur  
Winters, and Joe Howard and Ernest Michie, notifying the Division to  
place the above named individuals in the single fingerprint file.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,

Inspector.

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Carroll - no  
Michie - yes  
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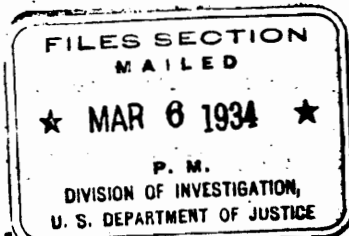
March 6, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
801 Title Guaranty Building,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Inspector Rorer's letter of February 25, 1934, addressed to your office in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, Kidnaping, requesting copies of photographs of Thomas Carroll, Dorothy Tralle, Viola Dee Carroll, John Arthur Winters, Joe Howard and Ernest Hickie. It is requested that your office advise the Division of sufficient identifying data in connection with the above named individuals, that these fingerprint records may be located in the Division files for entry in the Single Fingerprint Section.

Very truly yours,



Director.

CC to:  
W. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
St. Paul, Minn.

POST OFFICE BOX 515  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 25, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al  
EDWARD G. BREWER, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul file 7-30

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Division's letter of February 21, 1934, regarding this case.

It is requested that the attention of each Special Agent attached to your office be called to the above letter, and that he be impressed with the importance of submitting to the Division the names of all associates and members of the Karpis-Barker gang, as well as the arrest numbers, in order that the Division may place the fingerprints of such persons in the single fingerprint file, for comparison with the unidentified latent fingerprints obtained by the Division's Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory. There are a large number of latent fingerprints obtained by the Division which remain unidentified and it is for this reason that it is of the utmost importance that the Division be furnished with the above information promptly.

This letter has also been addressed to the Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas, City, Oklahoma City, San Antonio and Detroit offices.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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POST OFFICE BOX 515  
ST. PAUL MINNESOTA

February 25, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1216 Smith-Young Tower Bldg.  
San Antonio, Texas.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al.  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREWER, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul file 7-30

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Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,

Inspector.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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ST. PAUL, MINN. 55011

February 25, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul file 7-80

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Division's letter of February 21, 1934, regarding this case.

It is requested that the attention of each Special Agent attached to your office be called to the above letter, and impressed with the importance of submitting to the Division the names of all associates and members of the Karpis-Barker gang, as well as other possible suspects in this case, such names to be accompanied by the arrest numbers, in order that the Division may place the fingerprints of such persons in the single fingerprint file, for comparison with unidentified latent fingerprints obtained by the Division's scientific crime detection laboratory. There are a large number of latent fingerprints obtained by the Division which remain unidentified, and it is for this reason that it is of the utmost importance that the Division be furnished with the above information promptly. This letter has also been furnished to the St. Louis, Kansas City, Oklahoma City, Dallas, San Antonio and Detroit offices.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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POST OFFICE BOX 515  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 25, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
801 Title Guaranty Building,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul file 7-30

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Inspector.

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POST OFFICE BOX 515  
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February 25, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Suite L, Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul file 9-50

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 25, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul file 7-30

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W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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POST OFFICE BOX 515  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 23, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
625 Lafayette Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Division's letter of February 21,  
1934, regarding this case.

It is requested that the attention of each Special Agent  
attached to your office be called to the above letter, and that he be  
impressed with the importance of submitting to the Division the names  
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W. A. RORER,

Inspector.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Ill.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2/26/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/23, 24, 25/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. R. WELLES</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>News Stands in Chicago handling St. Paul and Minneapolis papers show a rather positive identification of Bernard Philips as having been a recent purchaser at the Sherman Hotel and Palmer House; also Volney Davis as a possible purchaser at the City Hall Book Shop. All news stands are watching for suspects.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Letter to St. Paul Office, dated at Chicago, Illinois, 2/19/34. Letter to Chicago Division Office, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, 2/23/34.</p>			
DETAILS: <p><b>AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.</b></p> <p>Acknowledgement is made of receipt of letter from the St. Paul Office, dated February 23, 1934, to the Chicago Office, listing the news stands in the Chicago District handling St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers. An investigation at these places will go forward immediately.</p> <p>In furtherance of the investigation at the 14 news stands handling the St. Paul and Minneapolis papers in Chicago, Agent again called on each of these places. In addition to the pictures of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker, and Harry Campbell, the pictures of Bernard Philips and Mrs. Catherine Barker were also displayed.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>M. H. Quinn</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:  Division - 3 St. Paul - 2 Chicago - 2		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <b>7-576-838</b>  <b>FEB 28 1934 A M</b>            BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION            ROUTED TO: <i>one</i> </div> <div> <b>FEB 28 1934</b>  <b>MAR 13 1934</b> </div> </div>	

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At the Post Office News, 37 West Monroe, the La Salle Hotel, La Salle and Madison, the news stand at Clark and Madison, the news stand at 84 West Madison, and the news stand at Quincy and State, no information of value could be obtained.

At the news stand at State and Monroe the man in charge thought that he had seen Bernard Philips, but he was very indefinite and said that the picture may have been seen by him in a newspaper.

At the Queen City news stand, State and Randolph, no further information could be obtained but the manager again stated that he believed Karpis had purchased papers from them. He was unable to give a description.

At the Congress Hotel, Michigan and Congress Sts., the only information obtained was from the bell captain, who was of the opinion that he had seen Fred Barker at some time, but he was unable to give a description of Barker, or state how recently he had seen him.

At the World News Company, 141 North Clark Street, the man handling St. Paul and Minneapolis papers said he believed Philips had purchased papers from him, but his information was very indefinite.

At the Morrison Hotel, Mr. McDonough, who on Agent's previous visit, had identified La Rue, alias Doll, very positively, when shown the additional pictures of Bernard Philips and Mrs. Catherine Barker was unable to recognize either of them.

At the City Hall Book Shop, 111 North Clark Street, a different person was on duty than on Agent's previous visit. On the previous visit, Doll had been quite positively identified. On the later visit, the person in charge, when shown the pictures, said that a man resembling Volney Davis has purchased papers from him within the last few weeks. When asked for a description, he gave the following: about 5'6" tall, weight about 140 lbs., not well dressed and probably wearing a gray overcoat. It should be noted that when Miss Dreana recognized the picture of Doll on Agent's first visit, she was unable to identify Davis as having been in their shop, although she did state that when Doll purchased the St. Paul paper from them, there was another man with him.



At the Palmer House, State and Monroe Streets, a Miss Williamson was on night duty. She is a different person than the one selling papers on Agent's previous visit. She says that recently she has sold quite a few St. Paul papers and believes that Philips was buying St. Paul papers there week before last. However, as she works in the lunch room at times, it may have been there that she saw him. She was quite positive of her identification. The description of Philips as given by her was that he was about 5'9" tall, weighed about 180 lbs., was clumsy, fat, had big ears, curly hair, and no matter how good his clothes were, they always looked sloppy. She believes he was wearing a black or dark blue overcoat made of a curly material. This information was obtained on February 23, 1934, and on February 24, 1934, another visit was made at this news stand, and the person then on duty stated that Philips' picture looked familiar, but she could not identify him. In view of the fact that Miss Williamson was quite sure that Philips had purchased papers from her, or that she had seen him, a check was made of all employees including the house detectives, and pictures of all suspects were displayed. No additional information could be obtained.

At the Post Office News, 63 West Randolph Street, the same person was interviewed as on the previous visit, and he again stated that he believed Karpis and Davis had purchased papers from him, but his information was very vague.

At the Sherman Hotel, Clark and Randolph Streets, Miss Sheldon on night duty, 2/22/34, was positive that Philips bought St. Paul papers from her last week. She stated that he bought three days in succession, and then stopped. She gave the following description of the person she thought was Philips: he had a rather dark complexion, was of stocky build, broad shouldered, had a long nose, was not very tall, wore a dark overcoat, a dark slouch hat, and was rather untidy looking. At a subsequent call, on 2/24/34, at the Sherman Hotel, the lady at the stand during the day time said that a short stocky man, somewhat resembling Philips had purchased a St. Paul paper that morning, and had been purchasing the same paper most every day recently. When Agent asked her to give a description of this man, she said she was unable to give any description other than that he was short and stocky. Mr. Dallas, the chief house detective, was out, but

his assistant, Mr. Crowe stated that he had seen Phillips; that he believes it was at Keikeefers Billiard Parlor at 32 East Randolph Street. Mr. Miller, a house detective, was positive he has seen Phillips in the hotel, but he could not say how recently. Both Mr. Crowe and Mr. Miller suggested that a surveillance of the hotel be made between the hours of 12:30 and 2 P.M. on any day other than Saturday or Sunday, as it was at this time that the tough guys met at the hotel. On 2/26/34 Agent kept the news stand at this hotel under surveillance from the time the St. Paul papers arrived, at 9 A.M., until 10:30 A.M., but no one resembling any of the suspects in this case purchased any paper, and no St. Paul paper was sold. Before leaving, Agent requested that Mr. Dallas, Mr. Miller and Mr. Crowe keep a look-out for any of the suspects whose pictures were displayed to them.

At the suggestion of Mr. Dallas, Agent went to the Keikeefers Billiard Parlor at 32 East Randolph Street, but was unable to identify anyone there as a suspect in this case.

At all the places where St. Paul and Minneapolis papers are being sold Agent asked the person on duty to make a close inspection of anyone calling for one of these papers, and to ask whoever relieves him to do the same, as a subsequent call would be made to determine the description of anyone who might purchase one of these papers.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: A close check will be kept by the Chicago Office on all news stands where any of the suspects have been partially or positively identified, and an occasional visit will be made to all news stands handling St. Paul and Minneapolis papers to determine the identity of persons purchasing them. On each call pictures of suspects will again be displayed.

A review of the list of stands in the Chicago District, handling St. Paul and Minneapolis papers, as shown in the letter of the St. Paul Office to the Chicago Office, dated 2/23/34, and received on this date, will be made for the purpose of covering these places.

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February 27, 1934

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Re: RICHARD TAILMAN GALATAS with  
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#1201, et al.

ALVIN KARPIS, et al.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM.  
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to the request from the Division and from the St. Paul office to the effect that immediate investigative activity should be commenced here in connection with the location of those believed involved in the Bremer kidnaping case, to wit: Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker, Harry Campbell and Volney Davis. Due to the absence of tangible leads in this district, and the fact that the informant who furnished said information to the Division has failed to appear at this office, the only possible investigative work that can be done in the matter is to acquaint the 8th Precinct Detectives who worked on the Kansas City case with the fact that the apprehension of the above named five individuals is desired in the Kansas City case.

To that end Inspector Sullivan was interviewed and he communicated with Captain McDermott, in charge of the 3rd Detective District, and advised him to revive the arrangements which were in effect last Fall in the Kansas City case. Captain McDermott advised that he would call the eight detectives together for a conference just as soon as photographs of the individuals could be secured. Letter has gone forward to the Division requesting these photographs.

At the same time information was secured that Captain Leahy of the Confidential Squad working under Inspector Sullivan had information with respect to Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd. 1934 A.M. Inspector Sullivan immediately communicated with Captain Leahy

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and advised him to cooperate in every way with this Division of Five in connection with his efforts looking toward the capture of Floyd.

Captain Leahy was interviewed and said that he received information a short time ago that Floyd is going in and out of the building at 1819 Broadway. This is a large building owned and operated by the Manufacturers Trust Company, and the manager of the building is absolutely reliable. The building holds a number of liquor dealers and tenants with unenviable reputations. Captain Leahy said that in the building are Johnny Torrio, famed New York and Chicago gangster and liquor operator, Ciro Terranova, the artichoke king and friend of Torrio, Pauly Amersia, bondsman for "Dutch" Schultz. It is also observed from the telephone directory that Hyman Vogelstein, attorney for the slot machine interests, is also located in this building. Captain Leahy said that the gang has headquarters on the 12th and 22nd floors and that on the 22nd floor is the concern known as the Long Island Drug Company, which is a blind, and that on the other floor is located an Italian genealogist by the name of Margano. He said that photograph of Floyd, #5999, has been identified by the elevator operators as a person who comes into the building once or twice a week and gets off at the 22nd floor, and that his most distinguished characteristic is the soft Southern drawl of his voice. Captain Leahy said that he received information from the manager of the building that Floyd came in around five o'clock Wednesday, February 21st, but the manager, was unable to get in touch with him; however, since that date he has had two men planted in the building in the office of the manager, and should the person who is supposed to be Floyd come in the building, they will be notified.

This information was immediately conveyed to the Agent in Charge and steps are being taken whereby this office will work in conjunction with the two detectives assigned to this building.

cc Division (2)

T. H. TRACY,  
Special Agent.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 21, 1934.

HFC:DSS

MR. NATHAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. TOLSON \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. CLEGG \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. COWLEY \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. EDWARDS \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. EGAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. QUINN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. LESTER \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. LOCKE \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. RORER \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In talking with Agent R. E. Nathan at New York on another matter he advised that Agent Tracy is familiar with the underworld in New York and that it was their idea, in connection with the information given by an individual giving the name of Korn, to employ the same methods as employed by Agent Tracy in the Kansas City massacre case and to indicate that the inquiries being made are in connection with the Kansas City massacre case rather than the Bremer case. Agent Nathan asked as to the action to be taken in the event a request were made for information given. Agent Nathan was advised to take each request of this kind up with the Division prior to taking any action thereon. He was also advised of the policy of the Division that information is not paid for until it has been proven worth while.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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February 22, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Mr. Schenken called from the Washington Field Office, yesterday, February 21, 1934, and stated that the Baltimore police had arrested one Richard Williams, alias Albert Newman, alias Robert Jackson, alias Charles Howell, and Angeline Williams, nee Angeline Brets, on February 20, 1934, and that they are now being held on a charge of violating the White Slave Traffic Act; that the victim had stated she was acquainted with four of the Bremer children, and that some newspaper men had been making some inquiries as to whether they were being held in connection with the Bremer case.

Mr. Schenken stated that Mr. Traub had interviewed both of them, and there was no indication that they had any information concerning this kidnaping case, but in view of the fact that the newspaper men were making inquiries concerning same, he thought it best to advise the Division so that in the event any newspaper articles appeared concerning these people, the Division would be informed.

Respectfully,

E. P. Cowley

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Laboratory Report

February 23, 1934.

Case: Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Number: 7-576  
Kidnaping.

Specimens: 1 leather bill-fold; 1 envelope flap with pencil notation on same "Wickersham 2-5900"; 1 membership card #49, of E. G. Bremer, in the St. Paul Chapter, American Institute of Banking; 1 1933 membership card of E. G. Bremer in the Lafayette Club; 1 membership card #457963 (1934) American Legion, St. Paul #8; 1 business card of Carl L. V. Exselsen; 2 pieces of celluloid; 4 season tickets Bowling League, #44, #47, #46, and #50; 2 blank checks of Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minn.  
Examination requested by:

St. Paul Office.

Date received: February 16, 1934.

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A.Appel.

February 16. An examination was made of the above exhibits and there is nothing about them which was discovered. They are being treated for latent fingerprints. It should be noted that the flap of the envelope (only) was apparently used by Mr. Bremer for the purpose of a memorandum of the following: "Wickersham 2-5900, extension 1349" which is on the outside, and a word which is not clear but which may be either "hanni" or "hamm" 2-77-88 on the glued side. This has been folded for a long time and is thoroughly stained from the leather. The latter notation looks like a combination for a safe or something of that sort, whereas, the other is surely a telephone number. While these numbers probably have no significance, it might be advisable to ascertain their meaning.

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MHC:GAS February 27, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division February 16, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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February 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Rorer called from St. Paul (10:25 A. M.). He stated that before the Attorney General made his recent announcement concerning conditions in St. Paul and Minneapolis Mayor Mahoney, of St. Paul, had planned to call for a Grand Jury investigation. This Grand Jury investigation will take place immediately and he has announced that he will call the Attorney General and the Special Agents of the Division under subpoena before this Grand Jury to testify as to the conditions in St. Paul. Mr. Rorer thought the Director should be informed in advance of the fact that these subpoenas were likely to issue.

In connection with the Bremer case, Mr. Rorer believes it will be advisable to issue a release to the newspapers concerning the fact that the ransom numbers are available. He stated that the fact that the Division had these numbers had already been given publicity and he thinks that something might be gained by informing the public that if they receive any large amount of money or receive money under unusual circumstances they might go to the bank or the Police Department and make a comparison of the numbers with the lists furnished.

I inquired of Mr. Rorer as to whether the latent fingerprint of Frank Nash found on a beer bottle and identified by the Division had subsequently been discussed with the Police Department at St. Paul so that they knew that the identification had been made.

I inquired as to whether the photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang had been shown to Father DeLo and Mrs. Dehmer, and others, who witnessed the kidnaping for identification purposes. Mr. Rorer said that he had ordered all witnesses to be re-interviewed for this purpose.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 23, 1934

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MR. Nathan	_____
MR. Tolson	_____
MR. Clegg	_____
MR. Glavin	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Purvis telephoned. He had in his office James Martin, alias James Moore, alias James Lawrence, a man who admittedly had a previous record, who claims that he was acquainted with Frisco Dutch in St. Paul, and for the sum of \$50 and his travel expenses he offered to go to St. Paul to aid in determining if Frisco Dutch were involved in the Bremer Kidnaping. Mr. Purvis had previously requested the criminal record of Martin, and inquired as to why it had not been sent. An examination of the records at the Identification Unit revealed that this record had been sent to Mr. Purvis, by air mail, on February 20th, the date he requested it. However, the record, as furnished by telephone from the Identification Unit, was read over the telephone to Acting Special Agent in Charge Smith, at Chicago.

In the meantime I had talked with Mr. Rorer in St. Paul, and inquired as to whether the services of this man would be desired. He indicated that if Martin really knew of conditions in the twin cities, and really could serve in obtaining information about Frisco Dutch, he might be valuable, but that someone in Chicago should talk with him and advise him as to whether the man was a hoax, and in the event Mr. Rorer believes that he can subsequently be of value, he will telephone the Division.

Mr. Smith was informed as to this and stated he would have Martin interviewed in order to try to reach a determination as to whether his services would be of value to Rorer, and he would then inform Rorer as to his conclusions.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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MR. NATHAN.....
MR. TOLSON.....
MR. CLEGG.....
MR. COWLEY.....
MR. EDWARDS.....
MR. HAN.....
MR. QUINN.....
MR. LESTER.....
MR. LOCKE.....
MR. ROSS.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Edward G. Bremer is the President of the Commercial State Bank of St. Paul, Minnesota. His father, Adolph Bremer, is reported to have made a considerable amount of money in the brewery business, and also controls a chain of banks in the Northwest, one of which is the Commercial State Bank, which is known as the "Racketeer Bank of St. Paul." A majority of the racketeers and those engaged in questionable enterprises have their accounts at that bank. Edward G. Bremer is said to be personally acquainted with all of these parties. Many of the depositors in this bank have their accounts under assumed names, presumably with the consent and knowledge of Edward G. Bremer.

This bank is a depository for Leon Gleckman, who is known as the leader of the underworld at St. Paul. Gleckman is now the subject of an income tax inquiry, and it is reported that Edward G. Bremer was called upon to testify for the Government before Grand Jury proceedings against Gleckman. A true bill was returned, but the officials were disappointed in the character of the testimony afforded by Mr. Bremer, it being expected that he would be in sympathy with the Government's investigation.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Washington, D. C.  
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MR. NATHAN	.....
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MR. CLEGG	.....
MR. COWLEY	.....
MR. EDWARDS	.....
MR. EGAN	.....
MR. QUINN	.....
MR. LESTER	.....
MR. LOCKE	.....
MR. RORER	.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Rorer telephoned. He stated that they had tentatively located the place where the cap and shoes were purchased, in fact, in St. Paul, and he advised that he desired to obtain from Mr. Coffey the identifying marks on the lining of the cap. The call was transferred to Mr. Coffey and I subsequently ascertained that the conversation had occurred between Mr. Coffey and Mr. Rorer.

Respectfully,

H. W. Clegg.

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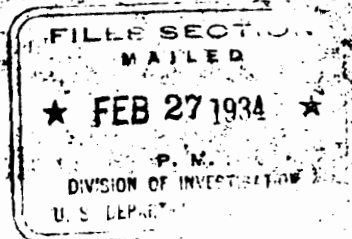
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Special Agent W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

During the course of the investigation of the Edward G. Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping Case, the Saint Paul Office advised the Division that the victim, as Cashier of the Commercial State Bank, entered to the "racketeer" business and that a majority of the racketeers or those engaged in questionable enterprises have their accounts at that bank; that Edward G. Bremer is reported to be personally acquainted with these parties; that many of the depositors of this bank have their accounts under assumed names, presumably with the consent and knowledge of Mr. Bremer; that Leon Gleckman, a leader of the underworld in Saint Paul, has an account with the Commercial State Bank; that Gleckman is the subject of an income tax inquiry and that it had been reported Edward G. Bremer was subpoenaed to testify as a witness before the Grand Jury proceedings in the case against Gleckman, but that the officials were disappointed in the character of the testimony given by Mr. Bremer.

It is requested that the above information be verified and the Division advised.

This should be given immediate attention.



Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al.  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim  
7-576 -847

Number:

Specimens: 2 checks showing signature of Mrs. Paula Harmon.  
3 notes showing signature of Mrs. Paula Harmon.

Examination requested by: Dallas Division Office

Date received: March 6, 1934

Examination requested: Handwriting

Result of examination:

*W/O*

Examination by:

*W/O signatures on checks etc are  
identical with that on fingerprint  
card. Nothing else to compare with*

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

ST. PAUL, MINN.

REPORT MADE AT DALLAS, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 2-28-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-28-34	REPORT MADE BY G. B. WINTERS
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER (Victim)		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No photograph of Paula Harmon located at Beaumont. Specimen of handwriting obtained. She received insurance or bonus check in October 1932. Charlie Harmon's correct name Curtis Preston Harmon. Paula claimed to have been arrested several times with Harmon; may have been printed and photographed.			

## DETAILS:

Mr. M. F. May, owner of Smith-May Motor Company, 776 Broadway, Beaumont, Texas, stated that he traded to Paula Harmon in November, 1932, a Buick and took a Ford Coupe in trade, upon which he had to pay off the notes securing the unpaid balance. Mr. May furnished to Agent the three cancelled notes, together with two cancelled checks drawn on the First National Bank of Port Arthur, Texas. Both the notes and checks bear her signature and were obtained for handwriting specimens. The notes are herewith submitted to the Division.

Mr. May also advised that Paula had a Government check for about fifteen hundred dollars, he believed to be a War Risk Insurance Check, issued pursuant to her husband's death; that this check cleared through the American National Bank after the bank had telegraphed for verification.

Mr. May also stated that Paula Harmon made some payments on the Buick car by checks drawn against her account in some Houston, Texas, bank. Neither Mr. May nor his bookkeeper could recall the name of the bank, but the bookkeeper stated to the best of his recollection it was the Houston Union National or Union Trust Company. At any rate he was of the opinion that the word Union appeared in the title.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

*R. J. Beatty*

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Mr. A. S. Denman, Assistant Cashier, American National Bank, Beaumont, Texas, furnished Agent a copy of telegram which reads:

October 31, 1932

Treasurer of United States  
Washington, D.C.

"CHECK OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION J B SHOMMER DIS-  
BURSING CLERK, BY - IT LOOKS LIKE - BUSUK, DEPUTY,  
11-499 NO. 229714, PAYABLE MRS. PAULA HARMON \$1585.00  
PRESENTED WIRE IF GENUINE (SIGNED) AMERICAN NAT BANK

Ann Cannon, 2219 Railroad Avenue, Beaumont, Texas, former wife of Dennis Woods of Port Arthur, Texas, Paula's first husband, stated that she knew Paula but all she knows about where she went upon leaving Beaumont is what Theo Riley and Dennis Woods have told her, and they said she went to Chicago. Ann Cannon went to Port Arthur and searched through Dennis Woods' trunks, but could find no letters or photographs of Paula. She suggested, however, that Phillip Mauhar (pronounced Mohair), husband of one of Charlie Harmon's sisters who was very much in Paula's company in Beaumont in 1932 and early part of 1933, might have her photograph and may know where she is.

Tombaugh's and the Art Craft Photograph Studios' indexes were searched at Beaumont. No record of Paula being photographed.

Jack Etie stated that he was in Chicago between July 15 and August 1, 1933, and thought he saw Paula on a No. 5 street car going toward South Chicago. He was not sure it was she, but the car was crowded and he lost her in the crowd about 10 miles out of the principal business district.

Jackie Reynolds, 2590 Sabine Street, Beaumont, Texas, a prostitute, stated that she only met Paula Harmon a time or two, but Vivian Childs was a close friend of Paula's.

William Sekaly, partner of DeLotte, at the Pool Hall, Beaumont, Texas, stated that the Cosmopolitan Magazine still comes to the Pool Hall, addressed to Preston Harmon; that about four months ago a letter came from the Cosmopolitan Publishing Company; that he opened it, and the company advised that the contract could not be cancelled, as though she had written the Publishing Company to stop sending the magazine to her; that the magazine is addressed to 994 Center Street, Beaumont, but is delivered to the Pool Hall, because Theo Riley ordered the Post Office to do so.



Mrs. Velma Turk, 2540 Magnolia Street, Beaumont, Texas, again was interviewed and now states that either shortly before or after Easter Sunday, 1933, not more than two weeks before or after Paula Harmon left Beaumont, that before leaving Paula came by and asked her for Mrs. Nora Mauhar's address in Kansas City, Kansas; that Mrs. Mauhar is a sister of Curtis Preston Harmon, alias Charlie Harmon; that she gave Mrs. Mauhar's address to Paula; that Paula was gone about a week and returned on a Thursday to Beaumont. Upon her return Paula stated that she had missed seeing Mrs. Mauhar in Kansas City as she had moved to Houston, Texas; that Paula also stated she had arranged for a room in a hospital, had engaged a physician and two nurses in Chicago, and was going to have a plastic operation on her nose; that she would be gone four weeks, and would write and let her know when the operation was performed and also the address to which she (Mrs. Turk) could forward mail to her; that Paula left here on the Saturday following the day of her return on the first trip.

Mrs. Turk further stated that Phillip Mauhar, and his wife Nora have been separated for eight years; that Mauhar and Mr. Matt Turk have been barrel stave making in East Texas for many years; that Phillip Mauhar was very fond of Paula, and he was at her house 994 Center Street the day she departed the last time; that Phillip said Paula was going to Chicago, and get rid of Theo Riley of whom she was afraid, and when she came back they (Mauhar and she) were going to be married; that Phillip Mauhar and her husband, Matt Turk, now are making barrel staves six miles from Evergreen, Texas.

Mrs. Turk stated that while Paula Harmon was living in Beaumont with Theo Riley they lived at 775 Madison Street and also at 994 Center Street, and at each place she had a telephone. The number at each place was 6855.

That the first time she saw Paula after Charlie Harmon's death, was after Paula had been in the automobile accident at Lake Charles, La.; that Paula came to her home in Beaumont one Sunday afternoon accompanied by a woman whom she introduced as "Mrs. Madeline Snyder, a friend of mine from Chicago;" that Paula has told her about operating a beer flat in Chicago, and said she sold whiskey and beer for a year or three years, and said she was never bothered by the law; that she mentioned the fact that she had been arrested a few times with Charlie Harmon, but she never said where those arrests occurred.

Paula associated with Vivian Childs (a prostitute) in Beaumont, Texas.

Mrs. Turk in her conversation with Agent referred to a Government Check Paula Harmon received, as Charlie's bonus money. As he was in the Navy during the World War.



UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

DALLAS OFFICE - check telephone bills on phone 5855, Beaumont, Texas. See Vivian Childs. Check First National Bank and Photographers at Port Arthur, Texas.

SAN ANTONIO OFFICE - interview Phillip Manhar at Evergreen, San Jacinto or Walker County, Texas.

CHICAGO OFFICE - check police vice-squad records for arrest of Paula Harmon.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE - check the records of the Veterans Administration to see whether Paula Harmon, widow of Curtis Preston Harmon, is now receiving compensation of any character.

NEW YORK CITY OFFICE - ascertain what addresses are available to Paula Harmon, alias Mrs. Charlie Harmon, alias Mrs. Curtis Preston Harmon at the Cosmopolitan Magazine Offices.

The Division, by letter, is being requested to search the arrest record of Charlie Harmon through the Identification Unit for the purpose of ascertaining whether Paula was arrested at the same time with the thought that she might have been photographed and fingerprinted.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 27, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -  
Victim. KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-30.

There is forwarded under separate cover  
Minnesota 1933 motor vehicle license plate No. B 327-634  
which was found in the payoff car used in the Bremer  
kidnaping case. This license plate has been in the  
possession of the St. Paul Police Department up until  
today and is being submitted for laboratory examination.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Rorer*  
W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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by them with negative results.  
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St. Paul, Minn.  
February 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

The following is a list of all concerns in St. Paul which might repair or deal within Corona typewriters:

Miller-Bryant-Pierce Co., 401 Builders Exchange  
Mittag & Volger, Inc. 95 E. 5th St.  
Panama Carbon, 1st National Bank Building  
Paramount Ink Co. 510 Price Ave.  
Underwood Elliot, 554 Cedar St.  
Office Equipment, 139 E. 5th St.  
Pioneer Co. 387 Minnesota  
Acme Ribbon & Ink, 510 Prior Ave. No.  
Auth and Nichorg, 127 E. 9th St.  
Columbia Carbon Co. 2295 University Ave.  
Corona and L.C. Smith, 350 Cedar St.  
P. W. Jackson, 412 Pioneer Bldg.  
Kee Lox Manufacturing Co. 312 Guardian Bldg.  
McClain and Hedman, 135 E. 5th Street.  
Remington-Rand, 210 1st Nat'l Bank Arcade  
Royal Typewriter, 325 Cedar St.  
Rental Agency, 134 W. 6th St.

Following is a list of companies which do in fact repair Corona typewriters, rent Corona machines, or sell them:

Corona-L.C. Smith, 350 Cedar St.  
Mittag and Volger, Inc. 95 E. 5th St.  
Underwood Elliot, 345 Cedar St.  
Office Equipment Co. 139 E. 5th St.  
Pioneer Company, 387 Minnesota  
Rental Agency, 134 W. 6th St.

Examination of the various ransom notes indicates that should a machine be discovered which might be the one in question, the following should be typed on paper similar to that used in the ransom notes:

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"The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog".

"You are hereby declared"

"You must be proud of yourself".

The machine, according to the Scientific Crime Laboratory of the Division, was a 1929 Portable Corona, with Pica type. R. A. Hart, at the L.C. Smith-Corona Company, advised that the only machine which he had had in his shop for many months for repairs, which would fit the description of the one in question, was a Corona portable, which was purchased by Pete Karas, a Greek who lives on Wabash Avenue in St. Paul, who brought the machine in for minor adjustment. Karas used to be part owner of the Cozy lunch. Karas' typewriter at one time had a Hectograph ribbon which is purplish, and slightly smudgy. The machine is a Corona No. 3, number 656647, and he bought the machine on October 31, 1932 new. Karas once lived at 76 West Summitt. He is 40 years of age, medium complexion, brown hair, slightly gray, slender, five feet eight inches. Karas can be located at 469 Wabasha.

This does not appear to be the machine sought.

Respectfully submitted,

O. G. HALL,

Special Agent

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MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file No. 7-30

Relative to recent investigation made in an effort to locate the concern from which the Filmo lenses were purchased by the kidnapers, please be advised that the following concerns have been contacted and employees interviewed:

Reinhard Brothers, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Western Automobile Supply Co. - 6 stores, Minneapolis and St. Paul  
Topnotch Tire Co. East Hennepin Ave. Minneapolis  
The Central Organization, Hennepin Ave. Minneapolis  
Gamble Stores, Hennepin Ave. Minneapolis  
National Sport Stores, Hennepin Ave. Minneapolis  
Montgomery Ward, University Avenue, St. Paul  
C. J. Sommers Co. St. Paul  
Nagel Hardware, 2nd Avenue, south, Minneapolis  
Hennepin Hardware, Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis  
The Leader Department Store, Nicolette Ave. Minneapolis  
Walgreen Drug Stores, Minneapolis and St. Paul  
F. W. Woolworth, St. Paul and Minneapolis  
Kresge Stores, St. Paul and Minneapolis  
Clark Stores, Minneapolis and St. Paul  
Grant Stores, Minneapolis  
Neisners Stores, St. Paul and Minneapolis  
United Motor Service, St. Paul  
Wolter Brothers, Electrical equipment, St. Paul  
Gruber Electric Co. St. Paul  
Graybar Electric Co. Minneapolis  
Sterling Electric Co. Minneapolis  
Karidio Electric Sales and Supplies, St. Paul  
Empire Automobile Accessories, St. Paul  
Nichols, Dean and Gregg, wholesalers, St. Paul  
Farwell, Ozmun and Kirk, Wholesalers, St. Paul  
Salute Auto Supply, St. Paul  
Ford Agency, 117 University Avenue, St. Paul  
Cwens Ford, University Avenue, St. Paul  
Central Ford, 9th St. St. Paul  
Minneapolis Iron Store, wholesalers, Minneapolis  
Sears Roebuck and Company, Lake St. Minneapolis  
Sears Roebuck and Company, North Broadway, Minneapolis

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Golden Rule, St. Paul, Minn.  
 Capital Auto Parts, University Avenue, St. Paul  
 American Stock Parts, University Avenue, St. Paul  
 Colby Ramm and Company, University Ave. St. Paul  
 U.S. Mail Order Company, St. Paul  
 Joe Novotny, Sport Goods, St. Paul  
 Emil Novotny, Sport Goods, St. Paul  
 Arcade Garage, Arcade St. St. Paul  
 Pearl Brothers garage, Arcade St. St. Paul  
 Arcade Transfer and Fuel Co. Arcade St. St. Paul  
 W. F. Smith Garage, St. Paul  
 Decker Hardware Co. St. Paul  
 Kennedy Brothers Sport goods, St. Paul and Minneapolis.  
 F. and W. Grand Silver Store, St. Paul

It may be noted that of the above list of concerns, only the following are dealers in Filmo lenses:

Reinhard Brothers, Wholesalers, Minneapolis  
 Western Auto Supply Co. - 6 stores, Minneapolis and St. Paul  
 Minneapolis Iron Store, Minneapolis  
 Nichols, Dean and Gregg, wholesalers, St. Paul  
 Farwell Ozmun and Kirk, wholesalers, St. Paul  
 Topnotch Tire Co. Minneapolis  
 Central Organization, Minneapolis  
 Salute Auto Supply, St. Paul  
 Arcade Garage, St. Paul

Reinhard Brothers in Minneapolis, one of the original wholesalers to whom shipments of Filmo lenses have been made by the factory, has sold only two Filmo lenses at retail during the period December, January and February. Other sales, as previously reported, were made at wholesale to branch stores in South Dakota. Employees have no recollection concerning the retail sale of two lenses.

Western Auto Supply Company stores have checked all of their records with sales slips, and all Filmo lenses have been accounted for through retail sales of single units, concerning which the employees have no recollection except in the case of the University Avenue store, where a check has

developed that a shortage of eleven Filmo lenses exists. Through the efforts of the General Manager of the Western Auto Supply Co. stores, a check of stock, sales slips and invoices has been made, and according to Mr. Derse, the General Manager, they are unable to account for the shortage of eleven of the lenses, except through thefts. All other lenses sold by the Western Auto Supply stores in the Twin Cities have been accounted for through individual sales of one unit, and concerning which none of the employees of the various stores have any recollection. The shortage in the general store which was previously reported has been accounted for through shipment of 24 Filmo lenses on December 27, 1933, to the Wichita, Kansas branch store, 24 Filmo lenses on December 27 to the Des Moines, Iowa branch store, and 24 Filmo lenses to the Kansas City branch store on December 29, 1933. Leads in this connection have already been set out for the Kansas City office.

Investigation at the Topnotch Tire Company and Central Organization Stores has previously been reported, indicating only wholesale shipments to South Dakota, in connection with the Central Organization, and no sales whatever during the period in question by the Topnotch Tire Co.

At the wholesale house, Nichols, Dean and Gregg, all sales slips were checked in an effort to determine sales either to local garages or individuals, during the period in question, and it was ascertained that no sales of this item were made in January or February.

Agent was particularly advised by Mr. Parnell, in charge of automobile accessories, that no retail sales whatsoever have been allowed by this concern during the past six months.

With reference to Farwell, Ozmun and Kirk, wholesalers, St. Paul, with the assistance of Mr. E. P. Aurelius, Manager of the stock accessories division, check was made of all invoices and sales slips, with the result that it was noted Pearl Brothers Garage purchased a dozen Filmo lenses last August, and the Arcade Garage also purchased a dozen of these lenses in September. Records of the wholesaler were again checked to determine specifically whether a sales of this article might have been made to Herb's garage, St. Paul. Herb's Garage, it will be remembered, is a concern of doubtful reputation, and has been for some months past under suspicion. Through the assistance of Mr. Aurelius, arrangements were made with Mr. Ingman a salesman, to visit Herb's garage with various types of tail light equipment

in an effort to determine whether or not Herb's garage carries Filmo lenses in stock. It was believed advisable to use Mr. Ingman in this connection, inasmuch as the proprietor of the garage has frequently been contacted by Agents of this Division concerning other matters. Mr. Ingman reported that Herb's garage carried no Filmo lenses in stock, and apparently had sold none for many months.

At the Minneapolis Iron Store, through Mr. George Kelley, Manager in charge of automobile accessories, it was determined after checking all sales records, that no retail sales had been made for Filmo lenses during the period in question, and no record of wholesale shipments for garages or truck fleets was found.

At the Salute Auto Supply Company, 389 Rice St. St. Paul, through Max Salute, proprietor, it was ascertained that Mr. Salute operates his business solely through the purchase of bankrupt stocks, and although he has seven Filmo lenses on hand, he claims that he has sold none during the past four or five months.

At the Arcade Garage, 1007 Arcade St. St. Paul, it was ascertained that this institution has only two Filmo lenses in stock, which were purchased last Fall from Farwell Ozmun and Kirk; that none have been sold since the first of December, and that all of those purchased from Farwell, Ozmun and Kirk were placed by the garage on trucks, as demands for same were made. Joe Brukow, proprietor, indicated that from time to time truck drivers stopped at his place of business for repairs, and up until quite recently he has carried Filmo lenses in stock to repair tail lights for these truckers; that during the last few months there has been very little demand for this article, and he has allowed his stock to become depleted.

William Pearl, Manager of Pearl Brothers Garage, 1198 Arcade St., advised that he has carried no filmo lenses in stock for approximately one year and has sold none during that period.

None of the other concerns contacted carry the Filmo lenses in stock, or have sold same during the past six months.

With reference to the Lightmaster, Sears and Roebuck, Lake Street, Minneapolis was again contacted, and the two persons employed in the electrical department were again interviewed, and advised that they have no recollection whatsoever concerning the sale of this item, although two Lightmasters have been sold since the 15th of January. Photographs of all

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subjects under suspicion were exhibited to both Mr. Andresean and Mr. Chatterton, and the description for Alvin Karpis as he appeared at the Grant Silver store, without result, ~~and~~ employees stating that they had no recollection whatsoever concerning these sales.

The Sears Roebuck Store on West Broadway in Minneapolis was visited, and Agent was advised that this branch had carried no Light-masters in stock since August last year, and had made no sales of this article.

Respectfully submitted,

E. N. NOTESTERN,

Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,  
February 24, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO INSPECTOR W. A. RORER:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,  
KIDNAPING,  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Pursuant to instructions, I have contacted telephone offices for St. Paul, and Minneapolis, Minnesota, and have obtained a list of toll calls, including St. Paul and Minneapolis calls, covering the period November 20, 1933 to February 22, 1934, inclusive, made by persons listed below:

The telephone of HARRY SAWYER, Emerson 2002, was discontinued prior to October, 1933. The residence telephone of TOM FILBIN, Emerson 6795, was checked but no record was found of any toll calls for the period mentioned. The telephone of BENNY HARRIS, ELKHURST 3776, was discontinued prior to 1933. The listed telephone number for TOMMY BANKS' residence, 3817 Drew Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, is Walnut 0253.

List of St. Paul and Minneapolis toll calls:

HERBS GARAGE

Cedar 1368

St. Paul, Minnesota,

To Mpls.	Main 1449	11-24-33
" "	Kenwood 4427	11-30-33
" "	Atlantic 0271	12-13-33
" "	Main 1449	12-18-33
" "	Atlantic 0271	12-20-33
" "	Geneva 8228	12-22-33
" "	Main 1449	12-29-33
" "	Atlantic 7272	1-1-34
" "	Atlantic 6411	1-2-34
" "	Kenwood 0303	1-2-34
" "	Kenwood 0303	1-2-34
" "	Atlantic 6411	1-5-34
" "	Atlantic 6700	1-8-34
" "	Atlantic 0271	1-12-34
" "	Geneva 8228	1-29-34
" "	Atlantic 0271	1-29-34
" "	Geneva 8364	1-29-34
" "	Dupont 8596	1-29-34
" "	Dupont 0985	1-31-34

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(HERB'S GARAGE CONTD.):

To Mpls.	Geneva 8228	2-3-34
" "	Colfax 9262	2-5-34
" "	Kenwood 4427	2-7-34
" "	Kenwood 4477	2-8-34
" "	Geneva 8228	2-13-34
" "	Geneva 8228	2-14-34
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" "	Geneva 8228	2-20-34

PATRICK NOVELTY (TOM FILBIN)

Cedar 4899

St. Paul, Minnesota

To Mpls.	Bridgeport 3311	11-21-33
" "	Geneva 8361	11-21-33
" "	Geneva 5084	11-21-33
" "	Main 3401	11-21-33
" "	Atlantic 1423	11-22-33
" "	Main 3401	11-22-33
" "	Atlantic 3882	11-22-33
" "	Main 0713	11-25-33
" "	Atlantic 2610	11-25-33
White Bear	745-R 2	11-25-33
White Bear	357 M	11-25-33
To Mpls.	Bridgeport 3311	11-27-33
Jamestown, N.D.	1001	11-27-33
Jamestown, N.D.	790	11-27-33
Kansas City Mo.	Wabash 5612	11-27-33
To Mpls.	Atlantic 1423	11-28-33
" "	Main 0713	11-29-33

Collect call from SWAN HOLBERG, Telephone 381

Cottage Grove, Minn.

Tracy, Minn. (Dick Pfeifer), Telephone 24

Fargo, N.D.

Jamestown, N.D.

To Mpls.

Kenwood 4340

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Main 0713

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Main 2566

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Kenwood 4316

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Aberdeen, S.D.	#4555	12-5-33	
La Crosse, Wis.	#83 Sheriff's Office	12-5-33	
To Mpls.	Kenwood 4340	12-6-33	
Redfield, S.D.	#49 (Central Ho)	12-7-33	
Redfield, S.D.	(Central Ho)	12-8-33	
White Bear #75		12-8-33	
White Bear #744 J 1		12-8-33	
White Bear #745 R 2		12-8-33	
Sioux Falls (R. Dickensen) res. 1404 S. Grange			
To Mpls.	Kenwood 4340	12-11-33	
"	Bridgeport 4571	12-11-33	
"	Main 0753	12-12-33	
"	Kenwood 4340	12-12-33	
White Bear	#503 R	12-12-33	
To Mpls.	Kenwood 4340	12-13-33	
"	Regent 5173	12-14-33	
Aberdeen, S.D.	#4555	12-16-33	
To Mpls.	Kenwood 4340	12-17-33	
"	Kenwood 6312	12-17-33	
White Bear	357 M	12-17-33	
White Bear	357 M	12-17-33	
To Mpls.	Atlantic 2181	12-17-33	
"	Main 0713	12-17-33	
"	Colfax 9995	12-19-33	
"	Atlantic 1423	12-19-33	
Collect call from HYBERG, Cottage Grove, Minn.			
	#381	12-19-33	
To Mpls.	Kenwood 4340	12-20-33	
"	Kenwood 4340	12-20-33	
"	Kenwood 3040	12-20-33	
"	Atlantic 1423	12-20-33	
"	Kenwood 2125	12-20-33	
"	Colfax 9995	12-22-33	
Aberdeen, S.D.	#4555	12-23-33	
To Mpls.	Regent 9572	12-23-33	
"	Locust 4986	12-24-33	
"	Kenwood 4340	12-24-33	
"	Colfax 9990	12-24-33	
"	Kenwood 4340	12-24-33	
"	Colfax 9995	12-24-33	
"	Kenwood 4340	12-27-33	
"	Kenwood 4340	1-2-34	
"	Main 0713	1-3-34	
"	Main 0713	1-5-34	
Aberdeen, S.D.	#4555	1-5-34	
To Mpls.	Main 0713	1-6-34	
"	Geneva 2185	1-6-34	
"	Geneva 2185	1-6-34	

Collect call from HOLBERG, Cottage Grove, Minn., #381		1-8-34
To Mpls.	Geneva 2185	1-8-34
" "	Geneva 2185	1-8-34
" "	Geneva 9041	1-11-34
" "	Geneva 2140	1-11-34
Jamestown, N.D.	390 Gladstone Hotel	1-11-34
Jamestown, N.D.	Gladstone Hotel	1-12-34
To Mpls.	Main 0713	1-12-34
" "	Geneva 2140	1-12-34
White Bear	357 M	1-14-34
White Bear	357 M	1-15-34
White Bear	357 M	1-15-34
Chicago	Ho 1266	1-15-34
To Mpls.	Atlantic 1425	1-16-34
Red Wing	5842	1-16-34
Mpls.	Geneva 2213	1-18-34
Mpls.	Geneva 2140	1-20-34
Mpls.	Kenwood 2125	1-25-34
Collect call from HOLBERG, Cottage Grove, Minn., #381		1-27-34
Mpls.	Atlantic 6466	1-27-34
Sioux Falls	#4378	1-29-34
Aberdeen, S.D.	#4555	1-31-34
Mpls.	Atlantic 6466	2-2-34
Collect call from HOLBERG, Cottage Grove, Minn., #381		2-2-34
East Grand Forks, Minn.	1885 or 524	
	Elmer Lucerson	2-3-34
Mpls.	Geneva 2140	2-5-34
Mpls.	Geneva 2140	2-10-34
Mpls.	Atlantic 6466	2-12-34
Aberdeen, S.D.	4555	2-14-34
Mpls.	Geneva 9041	2-16-34
Mpls.	Main 7244	2-17-34

HOLLYHOCKS (JACK PHIEFER) Emerson 2121 St. Paul, Minn.

To Tracy, Minn. (Dick Turner) #24		12-25-33
DePere, Wis.	#703	11-23-33
Beaver Dam, Wis.	937 W	11-24-33
Chicago	Delaware 1541	11-25-33
Chicago (Cinema Theatre)	Whitehead 5666	11-25-33
Chicago	Buckingham 9700	11-30-33
Chicago	Buckingham 9700	12-1-33
Duluth (G.E. McKenna - 4026 E. Superior) La 756 W		12-7-33
Tracy, Minn. #24 (Dick Pfiffer)		12-13-33
Aberdeen, S.D.	4555	12-14-33

Watertown	(Schulner Ciger Co.)	#157	12-16-33
Tracy, Minn.	#24		12-23-33
Northfield	599		12-25-33
Tracy, Minn.	#24		12-30-33
Benson rd, Minn.	(J.C. Piefer)		12-31-33
Duluth	La 756 W		1-2-34
Washington, D.C.	(Miss Audrey Billings)	Rm 6067	1-4-34
Chicago	Buckingham 0163		1-5-34
Chicago	Delaware 1655		1-7-34
Chicago (Mike Fritzel - Chair Parce Night Club)	Delaware 1655		1-7-34
Watertown (F.L. Sholder, res.)	#2157		1-10-34
Watertown (F.L. Schulner, res.)	#2157		1-11-34
Mandan, N.D. (McDonald)	#406		1-12-34
Watertown	#2157		1-14-34
Chicago	Buckingham 9700		1-17-34
Tracy, Minn.	#159		1-28-34
Milwaukee	La 1597		1-30-34
Chicago	Delaware 0718		
	Chair Parce Nite Club		2-1-34
Winnipeg	73382 (Risner, Heines, or Cutler)		2-6-34
Grand Forks	3253		2-6-34
Telegram billed to this number 2-7-34			
sent to East Grand Forks - signature of sender Edwin Larson			
Fargo - Verna Smith -	2104		2-18-34
Northfield	599		2-20-34

#### HARRY'S SPEAKEASY

To Mpls.  
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 Somerset, Wis.  
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 To Mpls.  
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 Somerset rd, Wis.

Cedar 9942  
 Geneva 0440  
 Atlantic 5674  
 Kenwood 5088  
 Main 9098  
 Colfax 5554  
 Main 3942  
 45 G (Seaga)  
 Atlantic 7509  
 Main 9098  
 Atlantic 6033  
 Cherry 4321  
 45 G  
 Bridgeport 4523  
 Geneva 1414  
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 Atlantic 4471  
 (Dahlberg) #14  
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 Main 9816  
 Kenwood 1011  
 Colfax 5320  
 Main 6526  
 Geneva 1034  
 Geneva 1414  
 Hyland 7905  
 Geneva 1078  
 Geneva 1414  
 Main 6526

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HOLLYWOOD (JACK DAVENPORT)

To Rosemont, Minn.  
 Port Washington, Wis.  
 Shakopee  
 Bloomington rd, Minn.  
 Winnipeg  
 Chippewa Falls, Wis.

Emerson 1931 St. Paul, Minnesota.

#54  
 #577  
 #3109 (J.E. McMann Farm)  
 #1408  
 #23105 (Beaugard Rgs.)  
 #65

11-20-33  
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 12-23-33

J. DAVENPORT

To St. Paul  
 Cicero, Ill.  
 St. Paul

MINNEAPOLIS

Locust 9948

Cedar 12877  
 Cedar 9443  
 Cedar 8220  
 Cedar 9948  
 Dale 3682  
 Cicero 4942  
 Elkhurst 1902  
 Cedar 9606  
 Cedar 9102  
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Charge telegram - Sender - J.B. Davenport  
Cicero, Ill. to Culver City  
Cicero 4942 1-9-34  
1-10-34

ABE GINSBERG Locust 4238 Minneapolis

To St. Paul Dale 2508 10-25-33  
Charge telegram - signed Ruth to Council Bluffs 11-15-33  
Charge telegram - Postal - signed Mort - subscribers  
name - A.S. Gaines - 3440 Dupont So., to

Telegram Denver, Colo. 12-22-33  
" Denver Ruth 12-23-33  
" Des Moines 12-30-33  
" Los Angeles 1-6-34  
" Denver A. Gaines

DOC STEINHARDT Regent 5178 Minneapolis

To - telegram N.Y. Billie & Gloria 11-29-33  
St. Paul Rutherford Jimmie & Gloria 11-29-33  
White Bear Cedar 6778 12-13-33  
Fargo #10 12-17-33  
#6979 12-25-33  
Detroit Lakes 384 R (Tischhauser res) 12-25-33  
White Bear #10 12-30-33  
White Bear #10 12-31-33  
White Bear #10 12-31-33  
" #10 1-1-34  
" #10 1-1-34  
St. Paul Tower 4200 1-25-34  
" Tower 4200 1-25-34  
" Tower 4200 1-29-34

TOM BANKS MINNEAPOLIS Geneva 8140

To St. Paul Humbolt 1874 12-11-33  
" " Cedar 4899 12-4-33  
" " Cedar 3716 12-4-33  
Troy, Ohio (Mrs. Edna Douglas Burton - Miami Co.,  
1112 So. Mulberry St., Dayton) 12-7-33  
St. Paul Cedar 4899 12-16-33  
" Dale 9177 12-18-33  
" Dale 9177 12-18-33  
" Cedar 9942 12-19-33

St. Paul

Cedar 9942 12-26-33  
Dale 2319 12-27-33  
Cedar 9942 12-27-33  
Garfield 1597 12-27-33  
Cedar 4899 12-28-33  
Cedar 2887 12-28-33  
Cedar 2887 12-28-33  
Cedar 9942 12-29-33  
Elkhurst 1555 12-30-33  
Cedar 9942 12-30-33  
Dale 3636 12-30-33  
Cedar 0606 12-30-33  
Cedar 9942 12-31-33

Garfield 1597 1-2-34  
Cedar 6600 1-2-34  
Garfield 1597 1-2-34  
Garfield 1597 1-4-34  
La 1050 1-8-34  
Garfield 1028 1-8-34  
La 4424 1-8-34  
Cedar 4899 1-9-34  
Cedar 0555 1-10-34  
Cedar 4899 1-10-34  
Cedar 6600 1-11-34  
Cedar 0606 1-11-34  
Cedar 9030 1-13-34  
Garfield 1028 1-13-34  
Elkhurst 4924 1-13-34  
Garfield 4612 1-15-34  
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Cedar 0606 1-15-34  
Cedar 9660 1-15-34  
Garfield 4612 1-15-34  
Cedar 6600 12-27-33  
#3109 1-7-34

Shakopee

(J.E. McMann - res.)  
Marquette 7940 1-8-34  
Edgewood 8442 1-8-34  
#4988 - Nick Meyers (Miller Ho) 1-8-34  
#34 - Majestic Ho. 1-11-34  
#4541 Saulpaugh Ho. 1-11-34  
#690 - Joe Healey res. 1-12-34  
#4988 1-12-34  
Call from J.B. Healy - Hibbing, Minn. #690 1-13-34  
St. Paul Cedar 0472 1-16-34  
" Garfield 4303 1-16-34

Milwaukee  
Milwaukee  
Winona  
Hot Springs, Ark.  
Mankato  
Hibbing  
Winona  
Call from J.B. Healy - Hibbing, Minn. #690  
St. Paul  
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St. Paul

Cedar 5781	1-16-34
Cedar 9403	1-19-34
Cedar 9403	1-19-34
Garfield 4612	1-19-34
Garfield 4612	1-19-34
Cedar 4100	1-20-34
Cedar 4100	1-20-34
Cedar 6600	1-20-34
Cedar 5155	1-20-34
Cedar 9660	1-20-34
Cedar 4100	1-20-34
Cedar 4100	1-20-34
Cedar 4100	1-21-34
Dale 0378	1-22-34
Cedar 6118	1-22-34
Tower 8128	1-22-34
Cedar 4100	1-23-34
Garfield 1351	1-25-34
Garfield 7515	1-25-34
Tower 3647	1-25-34
Garfield 2222	1-26-34
Cedar 9660	1-26-34
Cedar 9660	1-27-34
Cedar 6600	1-27-34
Cedar 4100	1-27-34
Garfield 2617	1-27-34
Cedar 9660	1-27-34
Cedar 4899	1-27-34
Cedar 4100	1-27-34
Cedar 4100	1-28-34
Cedar 6600	1-29-34
Cedar 4100	1-29-34
La 1052	1-29-34
Cedar 4100	1-29-34
Cedar 8585	1-30-34
Cedar 0606	1-30-34
La 1052	1-30-34
Cedar 4899	1-30-34
Elkhurst 0899	1-30-34
Cedar 6600	1-31-34
Cedar 4446	1-31-34
Cedar 4899	1-31-34
Cedar 9660	2-1-34
Cedar 9102	2-1-34
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Cedar 9660	2-2-34
Cedar 9102	2-2-34

St. Paul	Cedar 4899	2-2-34	
"	Cedar 9102	2-2-34	
"	Garfield 8617	2-6-34	
"	Cedar 4899	2-6-34	
"	Cedar 4446	2-7-34	
"	Tower 09216	2-7-34	
"	Cedar 9660	2-7-34	
"	Cedar 4446	2-7-34	
"	Cedar 4899	2-7-34	
"	Cedar 5020	2-8-34	
"	Cedar 4100	2-8-34	
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"	Cedar 4100	2-8-34	
"	Garfield 1597	2-8-34	
"	Cedar 8641	2-8-34	
"	Tower 7560	2-12-34	
Milwaukee	Hilltop 1821	1-17-34	
Winona	4988 - Nick Meyers	1-19-34	
Wash. D.C.	Strayers Bus. School, Miss Audrey Billings		
	Emerson 6087	1-19-34	
Milwaukee	Hilltop 1821	1-19-34	
Chicago	Delaware 0718	1-20-34	
Grand Forks	#524	1-22-34	
Grand Forks	#31 - Bye	1-22-34	
St. Paul	Cedar 4100	1-23-34	
Chicago	Thomas Sullivan		
	Sunnyside 9133	1-24-34	
Avon, Minn.	Joe Sky	#19	1-24-34
Grand Forks	Clarence Lucason #524	1-25-34	
Avon, Minn.	City Service Station		
	Sky #19	1-25-34	
St. Paul	Cedar 4899	1-25-34	
St. Paul	Cedar 4100	1-26-34	
St. Paul	La 1050	1-26-34	
Bloomington, Minn. rd.	Albert Wanas	1-27-34	
Grand Forks	C. Lukson, #524	1-27-34	
Agency, Ia.	2404	1-27-34	
Rayville, Mo.	#83	1-27-34	
St. Paul	Cedar 2140	1-27-34	
Bemidji	Pete Anderson Smoke Shop	1-28-34	
Tracy, Minn.	#334 Richard Pfeifer	1-29-34	
Grand Forks	C. Lukron #524	1-29-34	
Red Lake Falls, Minn. rd. #200	Joe Helm	1-29-34	
St. Paul	La 1582	1-30-34	
St. Paul	La 1582	1-30-34	
Chicago	Crawford 5900		
	Old Gold Distillers	1-30-34	
Chicago	Fairfax 7006 6400 Cottage		
	Grove	1-30-34	

Chicago	LA 339 (or may be 337)	1-30-34
Milwaukee	Marquette 3085	1-31-34
Avon, Minn.	#19 - Joe Sky	1-31-34
Fargo	#1192	1-31-34
Ortonville	81 J 2 R. U. Huzok	1-31-34
E. Grand Forks, Minn.	#521	2-1-34
" " "	Hilmer Lukerson #524 or 1885	2-4-34
Chicago	Franklin 2100 Sherman Hotel	2-8-34
Grand Forks	#31 or 1789 - Bye	2-9-34
St. Paul	Cedar 4899	2-9-34
Grand Forks	#524 - C Luknor	2-10-34
Grand Forks	#524 or 1990 - C. Lukason	2-10-34
St. Paul	Garfield 2222	2-11-34

TOM BANKS

Residence - 3817 Drew Ave. So.	Minneapolis	Walnut 0253
St. Paul	Garfield 2632	11-19-33
Hopkins	#681	11-24-33
"	"	11-25-33
"	"	12-2-33
St. Paul	Dale 6371	11-24-33
"	Elkhurst 4900	11-26-33
"	Elkhurst 4900	11-26-33
"	Elkhurst 0776	11-29-33
"	Elkhurst 4900	11-29-33
"	Dale 6371	12-2-33
"	Dale 2244	12-10-33
"	Dale 6371	12-10-33
"	Elkhurst 0776	12-15-33
Hopkins	#695	11-23-33
St. Paul	Cedar 6600	12-31-33
"	Cedar 6600	12-31-33
"	Cedar 6600	12-31-33
"	La 1052	1-5-34
"	Cedar 6600	1-5-34
"	La 1052	1-9-34
"	La 1052	1-13-34
"	La 1050	1-13-34
"	La 1052	1-14-34
"	La 1052	1-15-34
"	Cedar 9660	1-15-34
"	La 1582	1-15-34



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Long Prairie, Minn.,	#277 - Call 8	12-23-33
St. Paul	La 1080	1-5-34
Winona	#4988 Nick Meyers	1-9-34
Moorhead, Minn.	#695 Geo. Saunweber	1-9-34
St. Paul	La 1582	1-9-34
East Grand Forks, Minn.	E. Lukason #524	1-10-34
Lexington, Nebr.	#443 Harold Banks	1-15-34
Mendon, N.D.	#140 H.A. Smith	1-15-34
St. Paul	Cedar 4899	1-20-34
"	Cedar 4100	1-21-34
"	Cedar 4100	1-23-34
"	Garfield 1351	1-25-34
"	Cedar 9660	1-25-34
"	Cedar 9660	1-27-34
"	Elkhurst 1902	1-30-34
"	Elkhurst 1902	2-1-34
"	Cedar 4100	2-1-34
"	Cedar 4100	2-2-34
"	Cedar 6600	2-2-34
"	Cedar 6600	2-2-34
"	Cedar 4100	2-3-34
"	Cedar 4100	2-3-34
"	Cedar 1902	2-3-34
"	Garfield 1351	2-5-34
"	Garfield 1351	2-5-34
"	Cedar 6600	2-5-34
"	Cedar 4899	2-7-34
"	Cedar 9660	2-7-34
"	Dale 1902	2-9-34
"	Cedar 9660	2-13-34
Chicago	Superior 4927	1-19-34
St. Paul	Cedar 4899	1-23-34
Long Prairie, Minn.	#230, Jack Segert (John) Restaurant	2-15-34

Toll slips for the latter part of January and February, 1933, covering several exchanges at Minneapolis, are now in the audit department for billing and could not be had at this time for the purpose of checking. The informant at the telephone company at Minneapolis advised that the slips should be available in a day or two. He has promised to advise me when slips are available so a check can be completed.

Very truly yours,

D. J. NALLS, SPECIAL AGENT

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St. Paul, Minnesota,  
February 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO INSPECTOR W.A. ROKER:

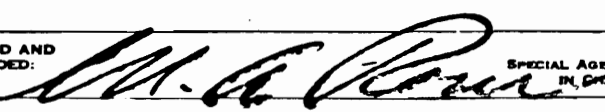
Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,  
KIDNAPING,  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Supplementing my memorandum of February 24, 1934, you will find listed below additional telephone calls which will complete the period of November 20, 1933, to February 22, 1934, inclusive:

<u>TOM BANKS</u>	<u>Minneapolis</u>	<u>Walnut 0253</u>
<u>Place Called</u>	<u>No. Called</u>	<u>Party Called</u> <u>Date</u>
Fargo, N.D.	3567	H.A. Schmidt    2-19-34
<u>TOM BANKS</u>	<u>Minneapolis</u>	<u>Geneva 2140</u>
St. Paul	Cedar 9608	2-16-34
"	" 4899	2-18-34
"	" 9660	2-18-34
"	" 4899	2-19-34
"	" 9660	2-19-34
"	Dale 9366	2-19-34
"	Cedar 9660	2-21-34
Red Wing	237 R	Zenith Rehder    2-21-34
<u>JACK DAVENPORT</u>	<u>Minneapolis</u>	<u>Locust 9948</u>
St. Paul	Cedar 12877	1-29-34
"	"	2-2-34
"	"	2-21-34
<u>DOC STEINHARDT</u>	<u>Minneapolis</u>	<u>Regent 5173</u>
White Bear	10	2-18-34
Philadelphia	(Telegram)	2-10-34
<u>ALVIN GINSBURG</u>	<u>Minneapolis</u>	<u>Locust 4238</u>
Duluth	Me 3600	Gaines    2-10-34
"	"	"    2-17-34

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1		THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT <b>ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA</b>		FILE NO. <b>St. Paul 7-50</b>	
REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY		
<b>ST. PAUL, MINN.</b>	<b>Feb. 27, 1934</b>	<b>2/22 to 26/1934</b>	<b>O. C. HALL</b>		
TITLE			CHARACTER OF CASE		
<b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>			<b>KIDNAPING</b>		
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:					
<p>Toll records of known local hoodlum connections of Karpis-Barker gang checked and analyzed. Investigation being conducted to locate type-writer and seller of socks, shirt, underwear, stationary, electric lamp, Filmo-lens purchased by kidnapers. Tommy Carroll purchased Ford coupe motor 40-283351 from Ford Motor Sales, St. Paul, May 13, 1933. Names of all possible suspects are being secured and submitted to Division to have fingerprints in single fingerprint file.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>					
DETAILS:					
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated February 24, 1934.					
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In connection with the attempt of this office to connect the kidnaping with known local hoodlum characters, known in the past to be friendly with the Karpis and Barker gang, telephones of the following individuals were checked for toll records during the period November 20, 1933 to February 22, 1934. This investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. L. Nalls at the St. Paul and Minneapolis telephone companies:

Herb's Garage, Cedar 1368, St. Paul, Minnesota  
Patrick Novelty (Tom Filbin) Cedar 4899, St. Paul, Minn.  
Hollyhocks (Jack Phiefer), Emerson 2121, St. Paul, Minn.  
Harry's Speakeasy, Cedar 9942, St. Paul, Minn.  
Hollywood (Jack Davenport), Emerson 1931, St. Paul, Minn.  
J. Davenport, Locust 9946, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Abe Ginsberg, Locust 4238, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Doc Steinhardt, Regent 5173, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Tom Banks, Geneva 2140, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Tom Banks, Walnut 0253, Minneapolis, Minn.

Memoranda submitted by Special Agent Nalls in this connection are not incorporated in this report, but are attached hereto for the information of the Division. The St. Paul office is analyzing the toll records, and such leads as are indicated will be set out by letter.

Edward George Bremer was given a shirt, pair of socks and a suit of underwear upon his release by the kidnapers. Investigation conducted by the Division and other offices developed the source of the above garments. Other information showed the names and addresses of the retailers. A table has been drawn, cross indexing the various towns and cities where two or three articles were sold. As a result of this cross index it was learned that the Mueller Clothing Company of Windon, Minnesota, sells both the shirt and the underwear, and that the J. H. Conley Co. Watertown, S.D. sells the underwear and shirt. Information received at the office as a result of investigation by Special Agent E. N. Notestein a few minutes prior to the dictating of this report indicates that Karpis purchased some clothing in South St. Paul, Minn. This phase of the investigation is being developed as rapidly as possible.

Investigation is also being conducted to locate the typewriter used in writing the ransom notes. When developments occur as to this phase of the investigation the Division will be promptly notified. In this connection there is attached to this report copy of a memorandum of Special Agent O. G. Hall, regarding investigation performed by him in an effort to locate the typewriter.

Investigation is being conducted by Special Agent E. N. Notesteen to locate the store in which the Filmo lens used by the kidnapers in the signal lights at the time of the payoff were purchased. In this connection there is attached hereto copy of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent E. N. Notesteen. This phase of the investigation is also progressing.

As has been previously stated in reports in this case, Walter Magee, contact man, was instructed by the kidnapers to proceed to 969 University Avenue, St. Paul, on the night of the payoff, where he would find a Chevrolet coupe identified by a Shell sign on each door, which car he was to drive in accordance with further instructions to be found in the car. This car was found to have been stolen on December 22, 1935, from Dr. J. L. Tomasek. Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry conducted the following investigation concerning the automobile:



St. Paul, Minnesota.  
February 24, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. BOKER:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -  
Victim. KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-39.

On the morning of February 23, 1934, I examined the Chevrolet Coupe used by WALTER MAGEE to deliver the ransom money in the BREMER case, and ascertained that the exact mileage on the car is 10,710.7 miles. I called the insurance company, the Northwestern Casualty Insurance Company, which company carried the insurance on the car, and they informed me that the mileage reported on the car at the time it was stolen was 8,000 miles; however, this was an estimate and the exact mileage is not known. This is the same statement given by DR. J. L. TOMASEK, who said that as near as he could remember, it was 8,000 miles but that he could not say the exact mileage.

After examining the route taken by WALTER MAGEE from 969 University Avenue to his return to the Schmidt Brewing Company at 882 West 7th Street, as nearly as could be ascertained, he drove between 135 and 140 miles on his trip.

I also exhibited the photographs of VOLNEY DAVIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, ARTHUR R. BARKER alias "DOC" BARKER, and FRED BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, EDWARD W. BENZ, THEODORE BENZ, MRS. KATE BARKER, to the men in the check room at the Bus Station and to various other employees at the Bus Station, and none of them were able to identify any of the above pictures as having been seen in the Bus Station at any recent date or at any time, as far as they could remember.

Very truly yours,

S. L. FORTENBERRY,  
Special Agent.

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For possible future use the St. Paul office obtained a list of all passengers arriving and departing from Minneapolis and St. Paul by Northwest Airways during the period January 16, 1934 to February 10, 1934, inclusive. This list is being kept in the office.

An investigation has been conducted by various Agents in the office in an effort to determine where the paper used by the kidnapers and the kidnaped victim, during the period of his abduction, was purchased. This investigation has failed to produce results to date, but is being continued. In this connection there is quoted herewith a memorandum submitted by Special Agent John E. Brennan:

"Referring to letter from the Boston office dated Feb. 19, 1934, and list of "Purchasers of Note Paper described", attached thereto, the undersigned made inquiry at the places listed in St. Paul and Minneapolis, but found none where the salesmen, salesladies or clerks had any recollection of the persons who had purchased this paper. Summarizing the various interviews it appears that the paper in question is the most staple kind available for public consumption, the most common bond paper in use, and requires no salesmanship to dispose of. The firms listed as above referred to have been direct purchasers from the Eaton Paper Company, but are by no means the only places in the Twin Cities where the paper may be purchased. They are, in fact, the largest purchasers, buying direct in order to obtain a larger discount, and in some instances pool their orders with smaller concerns, that it may be large enough, and in some instances act as jobbers, selling to drug stores and the like. The paper, particularly in lots P 202 and 4235 $\frac{1}{2}$ , is available in many corner drug stores in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Due to the many sources from which a box of this paper may be obtained and the remoteness of obtaining an identification of a purchaser, at the suggestion of Inspector Rorer, further inquiry is being deferred in favor of other matters in which the time element is an important factor, and in which there is a somewhat larger possibility of identifying the kidnapers.

John E. Brennan,  
Special Agent".

Reference is made to the incident in which it is claimed that Karpis, the two Barkers, and Tommy Carroll entered the home of a bank cashier at Topeka, Kansas, and attempted to force him to surrender the key to the bank of which he is an employee, for the purpose of robbing same. During their stay at the bank employee's home, they dropped a purse containing a conditional sales contract, of which Tommy Carroll was a party. The following investigation was conducted by this office regarding this phase of the investigation:

With reference to the Ford DeLuxe coupe, Motor No. 40-283351, purchased from the Ford Motor Sales Company, 117 West University Avenue, St. Paul, Special Agents O. G. Hall and R. C. Coulter, interviewed Herbert Imholte, Sales Representative of the above mentioned company at the St. Paul Division office. He claimed to recall the transaction, but not to be able to identify Carroll as the purchaser, stating the transaction involved their acceptance of a Chevrolet coupe. He later sent the company's original records to this office, at the request of Agents. These records disclose T. L. Carroll, 668 Central Park Place, St. Paul, purchased the Ford coupe in question on May 13, 1933, at which time 1933 Minneapolis Motor Vehicle license No. B337821 was assigned to the car in his name. Payment was made by actual allowance on Chevrolet Victoria 1931 model coupe, Motor No. 2460114, serial number 21 AE30513, bearing 1933 Minnesota Motor Vehicle license No. B316962, at \$365.00 and cash balance of \$421.04, with refund to Republic Finance Co. of \$115.00.

Agent Hall and this Agent interviewed Mrs. Adelia Filben, Apartment 010, Filben Court Apartments, 668 East Central Park Place, who stated that she had read about Carroll in the newspapers, and through that source knew who he was. However, he had never lived in that apartment building. She stated there was a girl by the name of Carroll who had occupied an apartment there, whom she believed to be a night club entertainer, but she left last winter and it was her understanding this girl went to New York. However, she left no forwarding address, and Mrs. Filben stated she knew none of the girl's associates. Mrs. Filben is the mother of Tom Filben, who substantially controls the slot machine racket in Ramsey County, in which St. Paul is the seat of Government. Filben is reported to own the apartment house in question and has become rather wealthy, although he has the reputation of associating with criminals.

A check at the Minnesota Motor Vehicle license bureau disclosed that 1933 Minnesota motor vehicle license B316-962, was issued to Ben Frank, 372 N. Smith Avenue, St. Paul, and later transferred to the Ford

Motor Sales Co. The date of transfer was given as October 20, 1933. However, this date was the day the Ford Motor Sales Co. sold the car to another individual, and is in accordance with the usual mode of sales.

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The signature of T. L. Carroll appearing on the retail buyer's order was checked with the signature on the St. Paul Police Identification records and was found to be identical.

The 1933 St. Paul Directory lists Thomas (Sally) Carroll, Apartment 106, 668 East Central Park Place.

Post Office Inspector John Strech, Post Office and Customs Building, St. Paul, who handled the postal cases against Carroll and others, informed me he interviewed Sally Carroll, wife of Tommy Carroll, after he became a fugitive, and that he definitely recalls that she told him that she and Carroll visited the Century of Progress at Chicago for a week after his release from the Ramsey County Jail, and that she told him where they had lived, but owing to the fact that it had no bearing on the inquiry he was making, he made no note of the above information. Strech stated Sally Carroll is a radio entertainer and is now residing at 3242-16th Avenue, South, Minneapolis. He stated Carroll, who originally came from the State of Oklahoma, had never been in any serious trouble until after his release on bond in connection with the post office burglary; that the bond, which was in the amount of \$10,000.00, was returnable at LaCrosse, Wisconsin the third Tuesday in September, 1933; that Carroll was not present on that date and it was continued until October, 1933, when he was present, but again continued until November 16, 1933, when Carroll failed to put in an appearance. He stated during the latter part of October, 1933, the First National Bank of Brainerd, Brainerd, Minnesota, was robbed, and a week or two later the Minneapolis Police received a call that a bank robber was living at 637 E. 17th Street, which is the residence of Carmel Tremont, this woman having assisted Carroll in providing bail bond on the Post Office burglary charge; that two detectives called at this address and found Carroll there with \$1400.00 in a suit case, and possibly a machine gun, with which he attempted to escape. He was arrested by one detective and left in custody of the other while the first completed a search of the house. Before the return of the first detective, Carroll slugged the second detective and escaped. He was positively identified and later the money was reported to have been positively identified as a part of a shipment to the First National Bank of Brainerd, from the Federal Reserve Bank. Carroll next appeared in San Antonio, Texas,

with one Fisher, who was recently returned and sentenced to a term in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, on charge of Post Office burglary from St. Paul, Minnesota. In addition to the Post Office burglary charge Carroll is wanted for murder of a San Antonio, Texas Police detective, which crime was committed at the time Fisher was arrested, or within a day or two of that time.

Mr. Strech further advised that investigation at San Antonio, Texas, disclosed that Carroll was associating with one Jimmie Williams, age thirty, blonde, about five feet six inches tall, and who weighed about one hundred and fifty pounds. He has a blonde wife, about thirty years old, and a child four or five years old, sex unknown.

Also with one Wayne Huttner, thirty-five years old; six feet tall, one hundred and seventy-five pounds, who had a dark haired wife. Both Williams and Huttner were reported to be driving new Essex Terraplanes, bearing California license plates, numbers not secured. Nothing further is known regarding these men.

Carroll was further reported to be associating at San Antonio with one Tommy Gannon, a St. Paul character, who drives a Buick Victoria coupe, listed in the name of Anderson at the Tailor Shop, next door to Harry Sawyer's former speakeasy on Wabasha Avenue, St. Paul.

Mr. Strech further advised that one Morris Goldberg was the person who arranged for Carroll's bond here, and that it is his understanding that Tom Filben put up a ten thousand dollar note to the principal owner of the real estate, when it became apparent that Carroll and Fisher were intending to jump their bonds and that Morris Goldberg received a fee of \$4,500.00 for securing the bond. Mr. Strech stated he was confident that Carroll would have stood trial had it not become known that he had been identified as one of the participants of the Brainard bank robbery. He stated after that time Carroll got "big" as he knew he would be sentenced to serve a life term in connection with that crime.

Mr. Strech stated he knew that Carroll was a friend of Karpis and the Barkers and that all were friendly with Harry (Dutch) Sawyer, and that they as well as Gannon appear to have substantial connections in St. Paul, as nothing ever happens to them here, although he was personally reported to the St. Paul Police Department instances when Gannon was well supplied with money and told them what bank it was reported to have come from. He stated from a confidential source he heard that Carroll was in St. Paul on January 19, 1934. However, he doubts that Carroll will attempt to communicate with his wife, as he was living with some other woman, name



unknown, when the trouble occurred in San Antonio. He further advised that he had been informed that the Burns Detective Agency had found where Carroll had been living in Topeka, Kansas, and that it had also been determined that Karpis and the Barkers had been residing in Topeka at another address. He stated that Karpis, the Barkers and Carroll are reported to have gone to Chicago after the unsuccessful attempt to rob the bank at Topeka, Kansas.

At a later date, if found advisable, Sally Carroll will be interviewed for information regarding the trip to Chicago with her husband. Some of the foregoing information does not appear relevant to the investigation at present, but has been recorded as received for whatever value it may be for future reference.

It is noted in the memorandum of Special Agent H. D. Bray, Kansas City, Mo. dated February 16, 1934, that reference is made to Sylvester Walters. There is a possibility that this man is an escaped convict from the Texas penitentiary, as he is known to Special Agent R.C. Coulter of this office, who stated he was sentenced to a term in the Texas State Penitentiary during or subsequent to 1925. He thereafter escaped, but was apprehended within a year or two, being arrested on a charge of robbery while armed, and was sentenced to serve a term of 99 years in the Texas State Penitentiary. Neither of these sentences was under the name of Sylvester Walters. However he is listed under that name as well as Stanley Stewart in the Identification Unit of the Division.

The investigation is continuing, and no leads are being set out.

The Division will be notified immediately of any developments of importance.

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