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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEEMAN

Attention: Judge George P. Jones

I am transmitting herewith a Summary of all the evidence available which may be used against Myrtle Eaton, during the course of her trial at Jacksonville, Florida, where she is presently under indictment, charged with having concealed and harbored William Weaver, a fugitive in the Bremer kidnaping case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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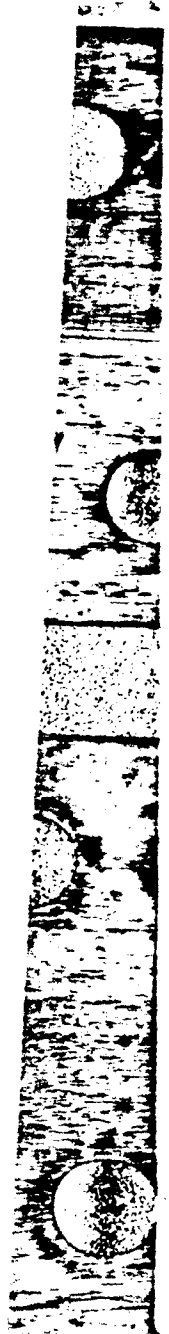
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MYRTLE EATON

Myrtle Eaton was born in Des Moines, Iowa, on March 14, 1902. She spent her adolescent years in Des Moines, and at the age of seventeen married one Fred Rowles, abandoning him after living with him for about one year. During the year 1919, she began living with Clarence "Doc" Eaton, who was then engaged in bootlegging. Eaton ran liquor into Des Moines, Iowa, from Chicago, Illinois, and St. Paul, Minnesota. Eaton was sentenced to serve a long term in the Minnesota State Penitentiary at Stillwater, Minnesota, on the charge of bank robbery. Thereafter, Myrtle Eaton proceeded to St. Paul, Minnesota, where she secured employment through Harry Sawyer in selling illicit liquor. During this time, Myrtle Eaton resided with Gladys and Harry Sawyer in St. Paul.

In the year 1931, Clarence "Doc" Eaton was released from the Minnesota State Penitentiary, whereupon Myrtle Eaton again commenced living with him in Des Moines, Iowa. Clarence "Doc" Eaton then established a large bootlegging syndicate in Des Moines, Iowa, and continued in these illicit liquor transactions until he was run out of town by the local Police Department. Myrtle Eaton thereupon left "Doc" Eaton, returning to St. Paul, where she met William Weaver. She commenced living with Weaver and continued to live with him until her apprehension in the vicinity of Allendale, Florida, on September 1, 1935.

Myrtle Eaton is a confirmed shoplifter, having engaged in this criminal practice throughout the Middle West. She maintained an apartment at 565 Portland Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, where she and William Weaver resided, keeping in close contact with Harry and Gladys Sawyer and the leading members of the Barker-Karpis gang. Investigation has disclosed that numerous meetings of the said gang were held in the apartment of Myrtle Eaton at St. Paul, Minnesota, immediately preceding the Bremer kidnaping.

Myrtle Eaton, together with twenty-one other persons who are alleged to have participated in the Bremer kidnaping, was indicted at St. Paul, Minnesota, by a Federal Grand Jury on January 22, 1935, on the charge of conspiracy to kidnap. She was also indicted at Orlando, Florida, on October 9, 1935,

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in two counts, the first count charging her with having harbored William Weaver on or about September 1, 1935, the second count charging her with conspiracy to violate Section 141, Title 18 of the Criminal Code. She and William Weaver were arrested by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in the vicinity of Allendale, Florida, on September 1, 1935. She was removed to St. Paul, Minnesota, on September 2, 1935.

The above mentioned indictment at Orlando, Florida, was filed at Jacksonville, Florida, and Myrtle Eaton's bond was set at \$25,000.00, made returnable at Jacksonville, Florida, forthwith. She is presently incarcerated in the Ramsey County Jail at St. Paul, Minnesota, in default of bond.

MYRONA BURDETTE,
Incarcerated -
United States Detention Farm,
Milan, Michigan.

This witness will inform that she joined Harry Campbell, Willie Harrison, "Doc" Barker and Fred Barker at the Savoy Hotel in Hammond, Indiana, during the last days of September, 1933; that the two Barkers, the witness and Campbell then proceeded to St. Paul, Minnesota, arriving at said point on the night of September 30, 1933; that the witness, Harry Campbell and "Doc" Barker immediately went to live with Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver, who were living together in an apartment in St. Paul; that the gang remained in St. Paul until about October 6, 1933, when said gang proceeded to Reno, Nevada, where they remained until about December 10, 1933, then returning to St. Paul, Minnesota.

The witness will advise that she resided with other women members of the gang in Chicago, Illinois, during the time that Mr. Bremer was held a kidnaped victim; that on or about February 15, 1934, she, Campbell and Willie Harrison moved from Chicago, Illinois, to Toledo, Ohio. She will state that the Casino Club was a favorite rendezvous for members of the Karpis-Barker gang, and that during the early summer of 1934, she frequently saw William Weaver, Myrtle Eaton and other members of the Karpis-Barker gang at the Casino Club; that William Weaver, Myrtle Eaton, Volney Davis and Edna Murray left Toledo, Ohio, during the latter part of May or the first part of June, 1934, renting a cottage on Lake Erie, approximately eight miles distant from Sandusky, Ohio; that on or about June 24, 1934, the witness and Harry Campbell left Toledo, Ohio, proceeding to Sandusky and thence to the cottage where Myrtle Eaton, William Weaver, Volney Davis, Edna Murray, Fred Barker and Paula Harmon were living together. She will inform that the eight persons above mentioned lived together in this cottage for about five days, after which the witness and Harry Campbell rented a two-story cottage about two blocks distant from the one occupied by Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver.

(This witness is the former paramour of Harry Campbell, who is now a fugitive in this matter. She is serving a five-year sentence in the above mentioned institution,

for her complicity in having harbored Harry Campbell. She testified in behalf of the Government during the first Bremer trial, in St. Paul, and has expressed a willingness to be of further assistance as a witness.)

(The above information will be found in the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated September 19, 1934 - pages 38, 41, 44 and 47.)

EDNA MURRAY,
Incarcerated -
Missouri State Penitentiary,
Jefferson City, Missouri.

This witness was an associate of the Karpis-Barker gang for a number of years. She was the paramour of Volney Davis. She will testify that in the fall of 1933, she and Volney Davis proceeded to Reno, Nevada, where they resided with members of the said gang; that on or about December 10, 1933, she, together with other members of the gang, proceeded to St. Paul, Minnesota. She will advise that while in St. Paul, during this period, she first met William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton. She will advise that these two persons were living together in an apartment at 565 Portland Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. She will further state that during the period from January 1 to January 17, 1934, the day of the Bremer kidnaping, she saw in St. Paul, on various occasions and in company with one another, Harry Campbell, William Weaver, Arthur "Doc" Barker, Paula Harmon, one Wynona Burdette and Myrtle Eaton.

Edna Murray will further inform that during the time Mr. Bremer was held a kidnaped victim, she, together with one Wynona Burdette and Paula Harmon, maintained apartments on the south side of Chicago, Illinois; that shortly after the release of Mr. Bremer, she and Volney Davis proceeded to Aurora, Illinois, where they rented an apartment from Mr. Frank Burkell. She will state that about three weeks after she and Davis arrived in Aurora, Illinois, William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton moved, and rented an apartment on Clair and High Streets, Aurora; that this apartment was likewise rented from Frank Burkell, whom Weaver and Eaton met through Edna Murray and Volney Davis. She will advise that Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver lived in Aurora, Illinois, as man and wife, and that on several occasions during their residence in Aurora, Eaton, Weaver, Davis and Murray were visited by other members of the gang, including "Doc" Barker and Harry Campbell. She will inform she recalls that on April 27, 1934, a considerable amount of publicity appeared in the Chicago, Illinois, newspapers, concerning the arrest of John J. "Boss" McLaughlin, for his participation in the exchange of Bremer ransom money; that the next day, April 28, 1934, William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton fled from Aurora, Illinois, and that she and Volney Davis departed from Aurora on April 29, 1934.

This witness will state it is her recollection that when Myrtle Eaton fled from Aurora, Illinois, she proceeded to her home in Des Moines, Iowa, and that William Weaver went elsewhere. Edna Murray comes to this conclusion because, as she will testify, she later met Myrtle Eaton in Toledo, Ohio, during the summer of 1934, at which time Myrtle Eaton indicated to her that she, Myrtle Eaton, had been home. She will state that her reason for thinking William Weaver did not accompany Myrtle Eaton to Des Moines, is in view of the fact Myrtle Eaton told this witness that she, Myrtle Eaton, was being watched in Des Moines, by the law, in an effort to apprehend William Weaver.

This witness will further testify that there was a close association between Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver and all members of the gang who visited at Aurora, Illinois, during the above mentioned period.

Edna Murray will advise that about two weeks subsequent to April 29, 1934, she proceeded to Toledo, Ohio, where she was to meet Volney Davis and other members of the gang; that during June, 1934, Volney Davis rented a cottage on the beach on Lake Erie, near Sandusky, Ohio; that when she arrived at this cottage, William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton were already living there, and that shortly thereafter, Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette rented a cottage in close proximity to the cottage occupied by Davis, Eaton, Murray and Weaver. She will inform that while at this cottage, the said persons were visited on numerous occasions by "Doc" Barker, Jimmy Wilson, Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and Paula Harmon; that during this period, Weaver brought two young girls, who were reported to be his nieces, to live with him and Myrtle Eaton, temporarily, at the cottage. These girls were known as Winnie and Betty.

(The above information will be found in the report of Special Agent E. P. Shanahan, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, February 21, 1935 - pages 14, 17, 18 and 20.)

The witness will further inform that while she and Davis were living with Weaver and Myrtle Eaton in a cottage on Lake Erie, near Sandusky, Ohio, they were visited on numerous occasions by Harry Sawyer and Gladys Sawyer; that on still another occasion while living with Weaver and Eaton, they were visited by

Harry Sawyer, Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis; that after Sawyer, Fred Barker and Karpis left the cottage, Myrtle Eaton began an argument with Weaver, stating that she did not want her home to be used as a hangout; that she was sorry she ever got tangled up with him, and that unless he told the boys to keep away from there, she would leave him.

(This woman has expressed a sincere willingness to testify in behalf of the Government.)

(The above information will be found in the report of Special Agent John L. Madala, dated at Chicago, Illinois, October 17, 1935, pages 36, 37 and 38.)

FRANK BURKELL,
50 South 4th Street,
Aurora, Illinois.

This witness will advise that he is the owner of the premises located at 50 South 4th Street, 411 Clain Street, and 415 Fox Street, Aurora, Illinois; that during the early part of March, 1934, Volney Davis, known to him as "Curley" Hanson, rented the first floor apartment in the building owned by Burkell at 415 Fox Street, which is next door to Burkell's home, the latter being located at 50 South 4th Street; that Davis continued living at said address until about April 28 or 29, 1934. (It is noted that Dr. Joseph P. Moran, who is under indictment in this matter at St. Paul, Minnesota, and who assisted in exchanging large blocks of ransom money, fled from Chicago, Illinois, on April 27, 1934, the day on which the Chicago newspapers carried a story of the arrest of John J. "Boss" McLaughlin, the latter having been one of the principals in the exchange of large quantities of Bremer ransom money in Chicago.) Mr. Burkell will identify the photograph of Edna Murray as that of the woman who lived with Davis at 415 Fox Street.

This witness will state that William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton came to his home at about the same time that Davis came there; that Weaver and Eaton rented from him a sleeping room with a private bath in the Burkell home at 50 South 4th Street, Aurora, Illinois; that after occupying this room at the Burkell home for about two weeks, Weaver, who was known to Burkell as William Thornton, rented from Mr. Burkell the first floor rear apartment in the building of Mr. Burkell located at 411 Clain Street; that during the time that Weaver and Eaton were living at said address, "Doc" Barker came to visit them and was introduced to Mr. and Mrs. Burkell as Mr. Morley, and that when Weaver and Eaton moved to the apartment at 411 Clain Street, "Doc" Barker went there to live with them.

Burkell will further advise that Davis, Weaver, "Doc" Barker, Edna Murray and Myrtle Eaton were very friendly and were together much of the time in either the room at 50 South 4th Street or the apartment at 411 Clain Street. Mr. Burkell will also state that on a few occasions he had drinks with Weaver, Davis and "Doc" Barker, in consequence of which he came to know them quite well.

Burkell is not able to produce any books or records showing the period during which the above mentioned parties lived on his properties, since he did not keep such a record, but he will be able to testify from his memory.

(It is noted that Mr. Burkell testified in behalf of the Government at St. Paul, Minnesota, during the course of the first Bremer trial.)

(Report of Special Agent E. E. McIntire, St. Paul, dated April 19, 1935 - pages 181-182)

JAMES J. WILSON
Incarcerated -
United States Industrial Reformatory,
Chillicothe, Ohio.

This witness was a defendant in the first Bremer trial, held in St. Paul, Minnesota, during April and May of 1935. He was convicted of conspiracy to kidnap Edward George Bremer, and was sentenced to serve five years in the above mentioned institution.

Wilson will advise that he participated in the ransom money transactions at the Irving Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, during the month of April, 1934; that on or about April 22, 1934, he proceeded with Russell Gibson, now deceased, from Chicago, Illinois, to Aurora, Illinois; that they visited at the home of William Weaver, who was living in Aurora under the name of William Thornton; that William Weaver and Gibson went off into a room alone and remained there about ten minutes behind closed doors; that during this time Wilson remained alone, though he heard someone moving about in the kitchen, apparently washing dishes; that Gibson thereupon returned to the living room, and he and Wilson left; that at this time Wilson did not observe any package or brief case in Gibson's possession.

Wilson will state that on or about April 25, 1934, he and Gibson again drove to Aurora, Illinois, where they made contact with William Weaver once again. He will state that this contact on this occasion was made through Volney Davis, who was also living in Aurora; that after making contact with Weaver, the said parties, to wit, Weaver, Gibson and Wilson, then proceeded to the Weaver home where Wilson was introduced to a man known as Morley, whom he has positively identified as Arthur R. Barker, and another man known as George, whom he knows to be identical with Harry Campbell. This meeting occurred in the Weaver home. He will state that after this meeting, Barker, Campbell, Weaver and Gibson went into a separate room in the Weaver home and closed the door, leaving Wilson alone; that Weaver and Gibson remained in this closed room for about fifteen minutes, after which time Wilson observed Gibson come out of said room carrying a package wrapped in newspaper, which package was approximately twelve inches long, about four or five inches wide and about four inches high.

Previous mention has been made of a woman washing dishes in the kitchen of this home. On this occasion, Wilson went into the kitchen and was introduced to a woman by Weaver whom he introduced as his, Weaver's, wife. Wilson has positively identified this woman as being Myrtle Eaton.

(It should be noted that the above mentioned facts were testified to by James J. Wilson during the course of his trial in St. Paul. The above mentioned transactions in the Weaver home were in anticipation of the exchange of further quantities of the Bremer ransom money. These data are set out to show that under the circumstances, Myrtle Eaton undoubtedly had knowledge of the activities of William Weaver. A transcript of the testimony of James J. Wilson has not been prepared to date.)

(Report of Special Agent K. E. McIntire, St. Paul, Minnesota, April 10, 1935 - pages 149-150)

MRS. FRED WILGRUBE,
Route 1,
Euron, Ohio.

This witness will testify that in June, 1934, a Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Orhood, whom she identifies as William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, rented a cottage from her, Mrs. Wilgrube, at Grand Forest Beach; that Grand Forest Beach is about two miles from Euron, Ohio, and is also situated near Sandusky, Ohio; that the Orhoods paid \$175.00 rental, to run from the latter part of June to September 4, 1934.

The witness will state that following the rental of this cottage, the Wilgrube family noted that their new tenants were having several visitors, and they identified photographs of Paula Harmon, Wynona Burdette and Harry Campbell, and partially identified Fred Barker, "Doc" Barker, Harry Sawyer and Volney Davis; that there was also one in the crowd known as "Willie" (William Harrison); that Mrs. Wilgrube had occasion to go to the cottage once or twice and observed that the three women did considerable drinking; that she remembered that Weaver was called "Bill" and that Eaton was called "Myrt". She believes that she also saw Harry Sawyer there on one occasion.

Mrs. Wilgrube will state that about two weeks after the Orhoods (Weaver and Eaton) had rented the cottage, Wynona Burdette, using the name of Mrs. George Swanson, approached Mrs. Wilgrube, stating that she and her husband, George Swanson, who has been identified by Mrs. Wilgrube as Harry Campbell, desired to rent a cottage; that there was only one vacancy, which was the cottage located a short distance behind the residence of the Wilgrube family, and that this cottage was rented to Wynona Burdette and Harry Campbell for the period from June 27 to September 3, 1934, at the cost of \$134.00; that the man who was called "Willie" moved into this back cottage with Burdette and Campbell, and that a Mr. and Mrs. Hanson occasionally appeared at both of the cottages. (These persons undoubtedly are Edna Murray and Volney Davis, who have used the alias "Hanson".)

This witness will advise that she recalls in all perhaps five or six different cars were seen going to and coming from these two cottages; that the majority of the cars seemed to be new Chevrolets and one or two Ford V-8 cars; that one of the parties had a delivery truck. (It is noted that Volney Davis had such a truck.)

Mrs. Wilgrube will state that on or about July 1, 1934, Weaver and Eaton left, stating they were going to Eau Claire, Wisconsin, for the purpose of bringing back their two children, who were attending the Catholic school in that place; that about five days later, Weaver and Eaton returned with two girls, one called Betty and the other called Winnie; that these two girls stayed with Weaver and Eaton until the latter two departed on about the middle of August, 1934; that these parties never returned; that Wynona Burdette, Campbell and Willie departed about a week after the departure of Eaton and Weaver.

(The above information will be found in the report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, St. Paul, Minnesota, April 10, 1935 - pages 184-185.)

D. P. SULLIVAN and
E. C. SURAN, Special Agents,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Agent Sullivan will inform that on September 1, 1935, he, together with other Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, took Myrtle Eaton into custody at a house which she and William Weaver were occupying as man and wife in the vicinity of Allandale, Florida. He will advise that Myrtle Eaton was removed from Allandale to St. Paul, Minnesota on September 2, 1935 and that she was interviewed by Agents Sullivan and Suran at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota immediately thereafter. They will state that Myrtle Eaton informed them she has lived with William Weaver continuously since they first took up residence as man and wife in St. Paul, Minnesota during 1933 until the time of her apprehension near Allandale, Florida on September 1, 1935. She was shown photographs which had been received in evidence in the trial of Arthur R. "Doc" Barker and others during April and May of 1935 at St. Paul, Minnesota and identified Exhibits #52, photograph of Volney Davis, #55, photograph of William J. Harrison, #56, photograph of Harry Campbell, #57, photograph of Harry Sawyer, #58, photograph of Alvin Karpis and #59, photograph of Fred Barker. She informed that she is well acquainted with "Doc" Barker and that she had an acquaintance with Fred Barker.

In explanation for having taken no part in the Bremer kidnaping, she advised that in the early part of January 1934 she took a trip to Texas and Oklahoma for the purpose of shoplifting, in company with two other women whose identities she would not disclose. She stated she was either at Oklahoma City or Fort Worth, Texas when she first read of the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer. She advised that one of the two women accompanying her was facing a five year sentence in case she was apprehended; that she, Myrtle Eaton, returned to St. Paul probably during the early part of February 1934 before Mr. Bremer had been released and that she stayed at her apartment, 565 Portland Avenue, for two or three days, after which she met William Weaver alone. She advised that thereafter she and Weaver obtained an apartment in Chicago, Illinois; that in either March or April of 1934 she and Weaver moved to Aurora, Illinois where Edna Murray and Volney Davis were already residing; that she and Edna Murray frequently went horseback riding at the Riding Academy located at Montgomery, Illinois and that she and Weaver later moved to

Grand Forest Beach near Sandusky, Ohio. The witnesses will state that Myrtle Eaton denied knowing where other members of the gang resided, but she did state that some of the mob moved into cottages at Grand Forest Beach near the residence occupied by Eaton and Weaver; that after living at the cottage on Lake Erie for a short time, she and Weaver went to the State of Maine for the purpose of locating a house where they could settle down; that failing to succeed, they proceeded to Florida where they located the cottage in which they were living at the time they were arrested on September 1, 1935; that she, Myrtle Eaton, purchased this cottage from her own money.

The witnesses will advise that Myrtle Eaton informed them she did not know that she and Weaver had been indicted in the Bremer kidnaping case at St. Paul until she read in the Daytona Beach and Jacksonville, Florida newspapers during the trial of "Doc" Barker and other defendants in the spring of 1935 at St. Paul, Minnesota; that subsequent thereto she saw Weaver's picture in the line-up on the first few pages of a Detective Story Magazine. The witnesses will state that Myrtle Eaton showed them a picture of Weaver which she had clipped from the March 1935 issue of the Warner Detective Magazine which, she stated, was the first picture she had seen of Weaver indicating that he was a fugitive on a Federal Charge.

She stated that she and Weaver first heard of the death of Fred Barker and his mother, Kate Barker, at Oklawaha, Florida in the Daytona Beach newspapers the same afternoon upon which they died and subsequent thereto in the Jacksonville newspapers the following morning. The witnesses will advise that Myrtle Eaton stated both of these newspapers were delivered to the Eaton-Weaver home near Allandale, Florida daily. The witnesses will state that during a conversation with Myrtle Eaton on the night of September 2, 1935 at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, she advised Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and R. C. Suran that she did not think the photograph appearing on Identification Order No. 1236 was very good of William Weaver and at this time she remarked that she had seen a good photograph of Weaver in a detective magazine which she believed to be the Startling Detective Magazine, which magazine published the photograph of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton and carried a story of the Bremer kidnaping case, indicating that Weaver was a fugitive on that charge. She further stated that this same issue of the magazine published a photograph of Volney Davis reading a book, which photograph apparently was taken subsequent to his apprehension in Chicago in June 1935 and that this same magazine also carried a photograph of Alvin Karpis dressed in women's clothes.

Myrtle Eaton stated that at no time during her acquaintanceship with the Karpis-Barker gang had anyone ever injured or threatened her; that William Weaver had been very good to her; that he was easy to get along with and when questioned as to her reason for living with him, knowing that he was a badly wanted fugitive who might resist if an effort were made to arrest him, she stated she had no reason other than she wanted to be with him.

The above information will be found in the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, St. Paul, Minnesota, September 7, 1935, pages seven to ten inclusive.

JOHN E. BRENNAN,
Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
232 Uptown Station and
Federal Courts Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will advise that on September 27, 1935
he, together with Special Agents S. E. McKee and J. H. Hanson,
interviewed Myrtle Eaton at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul,
Minnesota; that during this conversation Myrtle Eaton stated
the first she knew that she and Weaver were wanted for the
Bremer kidnaping was when she read about it in the newspapers
at the time of the trial of Arthur R. "Doc" Barker and others
in St. Paul, Minnesota during April and May of 1935.

This information will be found in the
report of Special Agent John E.
Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota, October
7, 1935, page two.

M. J. CASSIDY,
Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

This witness will advise that he was present at the time Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver were taken into custody by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation near Allandale, Florida on September 1, 1935; that he assisted in the examination of the house occupied by Weaver and Eaton immediately subsequent to their arrest; that he found in said house the following firearms and items of firearm equipment:

- (1) .22 caliber Colt automatic "Woodsmen" pistol, fully loaded, with .22 caliber long ammunition, serial #85506. This gun was found by Agent Cassidy in the upper left hand drawer of a dresser located in the bedroom generally occupied by Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver, which room faced northeast.
- (2) .380 caliber Colt automatic pistol, serial #113058 with one loaded clip and one shell in the chamber.
- (3) Winchester repeating .410 gauge shotgun, model 42, serial #3489, loaded with two shells and located in a clothes closet in the above described room.
- (4) 42 shotgun shells for the .410 shotgun, the shells being designated as "Sportload" long range express.
- (5) Six (6) boxes containing 50 each of .22 caliber long range rifle ammunition, "Kleanbore".
- (6) One box of 50 .380 caliber "Kleanbore" ammunition.

(7) One box of 25 .12 gauge Super-X long range shotgun shells #8.

(8) 12 gauge leather shotgun case with extra 12 gauge barrel marked "T. T. Weizky, Daytona Beach, Florida". This name was scratched out and below it appears the name "Gene Johnson" and the number 56.

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This item was located in the closet in the above-mentioned room.

(9) .45 caliber United States Army 1917 Colt revolver, serial #104773 on stock and #159805 on gun. This gun, together with a .45 caliber extension clip, trade-mark "Multi-shot", and 15 .45 caliber shells were wrapped in a burlap sack and located in this closet.

The above information will be found in the report of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, September 7, 1935, page seven.

E. J. CORNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge and
R. D. BROWN, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

These witnesses will advise that they were present when William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton were apprehended in the vicinity of Allandale, Florida on September 1, 1935 and that they immediately conducted an examination of the house occupied by Eaton and Weaver and found therein a .12 gauge Remington automatic shotgun, serial #261109, fully loaded with 00 buckshot, Super-X. This gun was located behind a door leading to the room ordinarily occupied by Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver.

Special Agent R. D. Brown will advise that the following guns and items of firearms equipment were located by him in the said house:

- (1) .380 Colt automatic pistol, serial #112352 and three loaded clips located under the pillow on the bed in the room in which William Weaver was apparently sleeping just before his apprehension, which bed was located in the only other bedroom of the house, which was located on the opposite side of the house to the room in which the baby crib was located. This gun was fully loaded and in addition thereto carried one shell in the chamber.
- (2) .45 Colt automatic pistol, model 1911, serial #545182, labeled "United States Property - United States Army" fully loaded with a shell in the chamber.
- (3) 6 loaded .45 caliber clips for .45 automatic Colt pistol and one box of 50 .45 automatic Colt ammunition, labeled "Kleanbore" found together with

the above listed .45 Colt automatic.
A leather brief case designated "Mashek"
brand was located in a closet in the
room previously described as being the
room of Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver,
located in the northeast corner of the
house.

- (4) One small black leather blackjack,
located in the right upper drawer of a
dresser located in this room.

The above-mentioned guns were all taken from the house
occupied by William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton to the office of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation in Jacksonville, Florida, on
September 1, 1935 by Special Agents in Charge E. J. Connelley and
R. A. Alt and Special Agent LaCour, and on September 4, 1935 the
said guns were shipped to the Technical Laboratory of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D. C. for technical
examination. These guns are now located at the Technical Labora-
tory of the Bureau in Washington, D. C. The ammunition has not
been preserved.

The above-mentioned information is
contained in the report of Special
Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley,
Chicago, Illinois, September 7, 1935,
pages seven and eight.

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

This witness will advise that he was present at the time Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver were apprehended near Allandale, Florida by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on September 1, 1935; that he assisted in the examination of the house occupied by Eaton and Weaver immediately following the arrest of said parties and recovered from a purse and from dresser drawers the sum of \$1,002.32 in United States Currency. He will state that all of this money was recovered in his presence and was taken possession of by Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt, of the Jacksonville Office. He will advise that the sum of \$555.00 was found in the pocketbook of William Weaver and counted in his presence and verified by Special Agents in Charge E. J. Connelley and R. A. Alt.

He will inform that there was found in the pocketbook of Myrtle Eaton the sum of \$547.32, which was counted in her presence by Special Agents in Charge E. J. Connelley and R. A. Alt and Special Agent M. J. Cassidy and verified. He will inform that the sum of \$100.00, composed of \$5.00 bills, was found below and behind the lower left hand drawer of a dressing table in the southwest bedroom of the Eaton-Weaver home by him and Special Agent R. D. Brown; that this sum was also counted and verified in the presence of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton. He will advise that considerable of the above-mentioned money was in the form of \$100.00 bills and that none of the money recovered was found to be a portion of ransom paid in any kidnaping case in which the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been interested.

The foregoing information will be found in the report of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, September 7, 1935, page six and also in the report of Special Agent M. W. Keekins, Jacksonville, Florida, dated September 9, 1935, pages sixteen, seventeen and eighteen and a detailed description of the money above-mentioned is found in the report of Agent Keekins on the pages noted.

R. A. ALT,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
412 U. S. Court House and Post
Office Building,
Jacksonville, Florida.

This witness will advise that on September 24, 1935
the \$1,002.32, which was recovered at the house occupied by
Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver, was forwarded by registered
mail by him to the St. Paul, Minnesota Office of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation for appropriate disposition pending
the trial of William Weaver at that point on January 6, 1936.

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
252 Uptown Station and Federal
Courts Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will advise that on or about September 29, 1935 he received, via registered mail, from Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt, of the Jacksonville Office, the sum of \$1,002.52 which had been previously recovered in the house occupied by Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver near Allendale, Florida and that this money has been held in his custody and possession since that time.

C. C. FREEMAN
Manager - Motor Sales Company,
74 Wilson Avenue,
Johnson City, Tennessee.

This witness will produce books and records of the above mentioned Motor Company disclosing that on March 15, 1935, J. W. Osborne of Clyde, Ohio, accompanied by his wife, traded a black 1934 Master Chevrolet Sedan with trunk locker on rear, motor #4,432,615, serial #1-DA-06,435 to his firm for a Buckingham gray 1935 Oldsmobile Four Door Sedan with trunk locker on rear, motor #F-424,262, serial #TS-121,752; that the value of the automobile was \$972.50, the trade in value of the Chevrolet Sedan \$560.00, leaving a balance of \$412.50, which was paid with bank notes.

(Report of Special Agent Truett E. Howe, Nashville, Tennessee, October 8, 1935 - page 2.)

G. W. CROWE
Motor Sales Company,
74 Wilson Avenue,
Johnson City, Tennessee.

This witness will advise that he sold to J. W. Osborne on March 15, 1935 the Oldsmobile Sedan described under the testimony of C. C. Freeman, and that at this time Osborne was accompanied by a woman whom he represented as his wife; that he can positively identify J. W. Osborne and wife as being identical with William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton.

The witness will state that the balance of \$412.50 was paid to him by the man identified as Weaver; that Weaver took a billfold out of the inside pocket on the right side of his coat, from which he counted out \$412.00 in bank notes. It further appeared that Weaver apparently had a considerable amount of money left in his billfold after paying the \$412.00. Crowe also noticed that Weaver carried some money in his left hip pocket; that the bank notes used to pay the above mentioned balance were of large denominations, but the exact amount of the notes is unknown.

(Report of Special Agent Truett E. Rowe, Nashville,
Tennessee, October 8, 1935 - page 2.)

JOHN CARSON
Deputy County Clerk,
Jonesboro, Washington
County, Tennessee.

This witness will produce books and records showing that on March 15, 1935 Mrs. J. W. Osborne, giving her address as 517 Maple Street, Johnson City, Tennessee, registered a 1935 Oldsmobile, four door sedan, motor #F-424,262, serial #18-121,752 in Washington County, State of Tennessee, and that on the same date he issued to Mrs. J. W. Osborne at the above address 1935 Tennessee license plates 151-912.

(Report of Special Agent M. W. Meekins, Jacksonville, Florida, September 9, 1935 - page 7. See also report of Special Agent Trustt E. Rowe, Nashville, Tennessee, October 8, 1935 - page 3.)

TRUETT E. BOWE
Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
508 Medical Arts Building,
Nashville, Tennessee.

This witness will state that after examining the records of the Deputy County Clerk at Jonesboro, Tennessee, and after learning that 1935 Tennessee license plates 151-912 had been issued to Mrs. J. W. Osborne of 517 Maple Street, Johnson City, Tennessee, he personally conducted an investigation at that point, to wit, 517 Maple Street; that this investigation on his part was conducted on October 1, 1935; that he inspected the location which would normally be designated as 517 Maple Street, Johnson City, Tennessee, and he found it to be a vacant lot.

(Report of Special Agent Truett E. Bove, Nashville, Tennessee, October 8, 1935 - pages 2 and 3.)

REGISTRAR OF MOTOR VEHICLES
State Capitol,
Tallahassee, Florida.

This witness will produce books and records showing that on March 19, 1935 Mrs. J. W. Osborne, giving her address as the Rollins Hotel, 312 West Forsyth Street, Jacksonville, Florida, registered the aforementioned Oldsmobile Sedan under 1935 Florida license plates D-18-088.

(These fictitious addresses were given at the time when Weaver and Eaton had an established residence at Harbor Oaks, Florida, which property was purchased by Weaver on November 22, 1934.)

(Report of Special Agent M. W. Meekins, Jacksonville, Florida, September 9, 1935 - page 7.)

M. W. HICKINS
Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
412 U. S. Court House and P. O. Building,
Jacksonville, Florida.

This witness will advise that he was present on September 1, 1935 when Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver were taken into custody in the vicinity of Allendale, Florida by Special Agents of this Bureau.

He will state that immediately subsequent to the arrest he made an examination of the home and the garage occupied by Eaton and Weaver, and that he found in the garage a 1935 Oldsmobile Sedan, and that inspection of the same disclosed it to be identical with the automobile which had been purchased by Weaver and Eaton at Johnson City, Tennessee on March 15, 1935.

This witness will also advise that he immediately searched the automobile and found therein a 1935 certificate of automobile registration issued by the State of Tennessee on a 1935 Oldsmobile Sedan, motor #F-424,262 in the name of Mrs. J. W. Osborne, address 517 Maple Street, Johnson City, Tennessee. He will advise that he also found therein a new car order issued by the Motor Sales Company of Johnson City, Tennessee dated March 15, 1935, covering above described Oldsmobile Sedan, which new car order was issued to Mrs. Jane (J. W.) Osborne, giving her address as Clyde, Ohio.

He will further inform that he found in said automobile a motor vehicle certificate of title issued by the State of Florida, dated at Tallahassee, Florida April 9, 1935, covering the above described Oldsmobile Sedan, this certificate of title being issued in the name of Mrs. J. W. Osborne, giving her address as the Rollins Hotel, 412 West Forsyth Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

He will also inform that he found in said automobile a Florida automobile registration card for the year 1935, issued to Mrs. J. W. Osborne, address Rollins Hotel, 312 West Forsyth Street, Jacksonville, Florida on the above described Oldsmobile.

He will inform he also found in said car an Oldsmobile
Owner Identification Card, certifying that Mrs. J. W. Osborne of
Slyde, Ohio took delivery of the hereinbefore described Oldsmobile
from the Motor Sales Company of Johnson City, Tennessee on March
15, 1935.

(Report of Special Agent H. W. McKinn,
Jacksonville, Florida, September 8,
1935 - page 7.)

H. G. SKILES,
Salesman for the Peoples
Building and Loan Association,
Clark Building,
Daytona Beach, Florida.

This witness will advise that during November of 1934 William Weaver, who was known to him as Bill Osborne, came to him, Skiles, for the purpose of purchasing some real estate; that an arrangement was made between him, Skiles, and Osborne for the purchase of a house in Harbor Oaks, Florida; that Osborne agreed to pay \$1600 for this property and that the agreement of sale was dated November 22, 1934, on which date a deed to the property was made out in the name of Jane W. Osborne (Myrtle Eaton) on instructions of Bill Osborne to do this. The witness will state, however, that Jane Osborne had no part in this transaction and that the \$1600 purchase price was paid by Bill Osborne in sixteen (16) \$100.00 bills. This property was also insured in the name of Jane W. Osborne by the Old Colony Insurance Company of Boston, Massachusetts, policy #220549, dated December 5, 1934.

The above information will be found in the report of Special Agent M. W. Meekins, Jacksonville, Florida, September 9, 1935, page ten.

CLERK OF RECORDER'S OFFICE,
Volusia County,
Probate Court, DeLand, Florida.

This witness will be able to produce book #257, on page twenty of which is shown deeds and conveyances, reflecting that a warranty deed dated November 22, 1934 to Lot 11, Block 15, Harbor Oaks, Florida, Unit #1, was made to Jane Osborne, a married woman, and signed by the Peoples Building and Loan Association in Daytona Beach, Florida. The records reflect that this deed was recorded on November 30, 1934.

The above information will be found in the report of Special Agent H. W. Meekins, Jacksonville, Florida, September 9, 1935, pages ten and eleven.

ADRIAN DAGLEY
Port Orange, Florida.

This witness will inform that the Florida Times Union of Jacksonville, Florida, a newspaper, has a branch office at Daytona Beach, Florida, and that he personally made deliveries of the above mentioned newspaper to Weaver's home daily in the vicinity of Allendale, Florida.

He will be able to produce issues of this paper dated April 15, 1935 and May 18, 1935, which issues carried a story listing both Weaver and Eaton as being wanted in the Bremer kidnaping case. The May 18, 1935 issue of this paper carried an Associated Press article from St. Paul, Minnesota reporting the conviction of Arthur R. "Doc" Barker and listing the names of the persons indicted at St. Paul, Minnesota whose apprehensions were still being sought at that time. This article listed William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton as being fugitives.

(Report of Special Agent R. B. Donaldson,
Jacksonville, Florida, November 20, 1935 -
page 3.)

MILFORD V. CLIFTON
Assistant Circulation Manager,
Daytona Beach News Journal,
Daytona Beach, Florida.

This witness will advise that during the early part of December, 1934, he talked to William Weaver, known to him as Mr. Osborne, about subscribing to the Daytona Beach News Journal, a newspaper; that Weaver agreed to take the paper and deliveries began on or about December 20, 1934. This witness continued to deliver the said paper to Weaver's home until June 1, 1935.

He will be able to produce the May 17, 1935 issue of the Daytona Beach News Journal, which issue carried an Associated Press article from St. Paul, Minnesota, reporting the conviction of Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, and listed the names of the persons indicted at St. Paul who were then being sought as fugitives. This article listed William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton as being fugitives.

The witness will also be able to produce the January 24, 1935 issue of the Daytona Beach News Journal, which issue carried an Associated Press story reporting the indictments of numerous subjects in St. Paul in the Bremer case, listing all of the defendants so indicted, including William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton.

(Report of Special Agent R. B. Donaldson,
Jacksonville, Florida, November 20, 1935 -
page 2.)

STARTLING DETECTIVE MAGAZINE,
September 1935 Issue,

It is recalled that Myrtle Eaton has admitted she read an article concerning the Bremer kidnaping case in the above-mentioned magazine, which disclosed that she and Weaver were wanted as participants in the said kidnaping. It has been learned that it is the practice to release an issue of this magazine about the twenty-fifth day of the month preceding the month for which the issue is written. It would, therefore, appear that the September issue of Startling Detective Magazine was actually placed in circulation throughout the country on or about August 25, 1935.

MASTER DETECTIVE MAGAZINE,
March 1935 issue.

It is noted that Myrtle Eaton has informed that she read a news item appearing in the above-mentioned magazine, indicating that she and Weaver were fugitives in the Bremer kidnaping case. This magazine contains a photograph of William Weaver in the line-up. It has been ascertained that the said magazine is placed on sale to the public between the tenth and fifteenth of the month preceding the month for which the magazine is issued. The March issue would, therefore, have been placed on sale to the public sometime between February 10 and February 15, 1935.

PAULINE VICKERS
Assistant Postmaster,
Post Orange, Florida.

This witness has readily identified photographs of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton as being identical with persons known to her as Mr. and Mrs. Osborne, who lived in the vicinity of Allandale, Florida. She will inform that Mr. Osborne personally rented Post Office Box 321 on October 1, 1934; that he left a quarter on the counter and walked away without waiting for his receipt, telling her to place the same in the box and he would get it later.

This witness will state she recalls very definitely that at the time of the shooting at Oklawaha when Fred Barker and Kate Barker were killed that neither Mr. nor Mrs. Osborne put in an appearance at the Post Office for a period of six weeks.

(Report of Special Agent R. B. Donaldson,
Jacksonville, Florida, October 14, 1935 -
page 4.)

CRIMINAL RECORD

The files of the Identification Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, disclose that Myrtle Eaton has the following criminal records:

As Ruth Martin, #23113, arrested Police Department, Minneapolis, Minnesota, February 27, 1930; charge grand larceny - shoplifting; charge changed to petty larceny and fined \$100.00.

As Sue Bond, alias Sue Hubble #22402, arrested Police Department, St. Paul, Minnesota, December 9, 1930; charge shoplifting; dismissed by County Attorney.

As Mrs. Alice Martin, alias Myrtle King, #5805, arrested Police Department, Des Moines, Iowa, December 29, 1931; charge investigation; released.

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MYRTLE EATON

Myrtle Eaton was born in Des Moines, Iowa, on March 14, 1902. She spent her adolescent years in Des Moines, and at the age of seventeen married one Fred Rowles, abandoning him after living with him for about one year. During the year 1919, she began living with Clarence "Doc" Eaton, who was then engaged in bootlegging. Eaton ran liquor into Des Moines, Iowa, from Chicago, Illinois, and St. Paul, Minnesota. Eaton was sentenced to serve a long term in the Minnesota State Penitentiary at Stillwater, Minnesota, on the charge of bank robbery. Thereafter, Myrtle Eaton proceeded to St. Paul, Minnesota, where she secured employment through Harry Sawyer in selling illicit liquor. During this time, Myrtle Eaton resided with Gladys and Harry Sawyer in St. Paul.

In the year 1931, Clarence "Doc" Eaton was released from the Minnesota State Penitentiary, whereupon Myrtle Eaton again commenced living with him in Des Moines, Iowa. Clarence "Doc" Eaton then established a large bootlegging syndicate in Des Moines, Iowa, and continued in these illicit liquor transactions until he was run out of town by the local Police Department. Myrtle Eaton thereupon left "Doc" Eaton, returning to St. Paul, where she met William Weaver. She commenced living with Weaver and continued to live with him until her apprehension in the vicinity of Allendale, Florida, on September 1, 1935.

Myrtle Eaton is a confirmed shoplifter, having engaged in this criminal practice throughout the Middle West. She maintained an apartment at 565 Portland Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, where she and William Weaver resided, keeping in close contact with Harry and Gladys Sawyer and the leading members of the Barker-Karpis gang. Investigation has disclosed that numerous meetings of the said gang were held in the apartment of Myrtle Eaton at St. Paul, Minnesota, immediately preceding the Bremer kidnaping.

Myrtle Eaton, together with twenty-one other persons who are alleged to have participated in the Bremer kidnaping, was indicted at St. Paul, Minnesota, by a Federal Grand Jury on January 22, 1935, on the charge of conspiracy to kidnap. She was also indicted at Orlando, Florida, on October 9, 1935,

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in two counts, the first count charging her with having harbored William Weaver on or about September 1, 1935, the second count charging her with conspiracy to violate Section 141, Title 18 of the Criminal Code. She and William Weaver were arrested by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in the vicinity of Allandale, Florida, on September 1, 1935. She was removed to St. Paul, Minnesota, on September 2, 1935.

The above mentioned indictment at Orlando, Florida, was filed at Jacksonville, Florida, and Myrtle Eaton's bond was set at \$25,000.00, made returnable at Jacksonville, Florida, forthwith. She is presently incarcerated in the Ramsey County Jail at St. Paul, Minnesota, in default of bond.

WINGOLD BURDETTE,
Incarcerated -
United States Detention Farm,
Milan, Michigan.

This witness will inform that she joined Harry Campbell, Willie Harrison, "Doc" Barker and Fred Barker at the Savoy Hotel in Hammond, Indiana, during the last days of September, 1933; that the two Barkers, the witness and Campbell then proceeded to St. Paul, Minnesota, arriving at said point on the night of September 30, 1933; that the witness, Harry Campbell and "Doc" Barker immediately went to live with Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver, who were living together in an apartment in St. Paul; that the gang remained in St. Paul until about October 6, 1933, when said gang proceeded to Reno, Nevada, where they remained until about December 10, 1933, then returning to St. Paul, Minnesota.

The witness will advise that she resided with other women members of the gang in Chicago, Illinois, during the time that Dr. Bremer was held a kidnaped victim; that on or about February 15, 1934, she, Campbell and Willie Harrison moved from Chicago, Illinois, to Toledo, Ohio. She will state that the Casino Club was a favorite rendezvous for members of the Karpis-Barker gang, and that during the early summer of 1934, she frequently saw William Weaver, Myrtle Eaton and other members of the Karpis-Barker gang at the Casino Club; that William Weaver, Myrtle Eaton, Volney Davis and Edna Murray left Toledo, Ohio, during the latter part of May or the first part of June, 1934, renting a cottage on Lake Erie, approximately eight miles distant from Sandusky, Ohio; that on or about June 24, 1934, the witness and Harry Campbell left Toledo, Ohio, proceeding to Sandusky and thence to the cottage where Myrtle Eaton, William Weaver, Volney Davis, Edna Murray, Fred Barker and Paula Harmon were living together. She will inform that the eight persons above mentioned lived together in this cottage for about five days, after which the witness and Harry Campbell rented a two-story cottage about two blocks distant from the one occupied by Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver.

(This witness is the former partner of Harry Campbell, who is now a fugitive in this matter. She is serving a five-year sentence in the above mentioned institution.)

for her complicity in having harbored Harry Campbell. She testified in behalf of the Government during the first Bremer trial, in St. Paul, and has expressed a willingness to be of further assistance as a witness.)

(The above information will be found in the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated September 19, 1934 - pages 38, 41, 44 and 47.)

EDNA MURRAY,
Incarcerated -
Missouri State Penitentiary,
Jefferson City, Missouri.

This witness was an associate of the Karpis-Barker gang for a number of years. She was the paramour of Volney Davis. She will testify that in the fall of 1933, she and Volney Davis proceeded to Reno, Nevada, where they resided with members of the said gang; that on or about December 10, 1933, she, together with other members of the gang, proceeded to St. Paul, Minnesota. She will advise that while in St. Paul, during this period, she first met William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton. She will advise that these two persons were living together in an apartment at 565 Portland Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. She will further state that during the period from January 1 to January 17, 1934, the day of the Bremer kidnaping, she saw in St. Paul, on various occasions and in company with one another, Harry Campbell, William Weaver, Arthur "Doc" Barker, Paula Harmon, one Wynona Burdette and Myrtle Eaton.

Edna Murray will further inform that during the time Mr. Bremer was held a kidnaped victim, she, together with one Wynona Burdette and Paula Harmon, maintained apartments on the south side of Chicago, Illinois; that shortly after the release of Mr. Bremer, she and Volney Davis proceeded to Aurora, Illinois, where they rented an apartment from Mr. Frank Burkell. She will state that about three weeks after she and Davis arrived in Aurora, Illinois, William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton moved, and rented an apartment on Clair and High Streets, Aurora; that this apartment was likewise rented from Frank Burkell, whom Weaver and Eaton met through Edna Murray and Volney Davis. She will advise that Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver lived in Aurora, Illinois, as man and wife, and that on several occasions during their residence in Aurora, Eaton, Weaver, Davis and Murray were visited by other members of the gang, including "Doc" Barker and Harry Campbell. She will inform she recalls that on April 27, 1934, a considerable amount of publicity appeared in the Chicago, Illinois, newspapers, concerning the arrest of John J. "Boss" McLaughlin, for his participation in the exchange of Bremer ransom money; that the next day, April 28, 1934, William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton fled from Aurora, Illinois, and that she and Volney Davis departed from Aurora on April 29, 1934.

This witness will state it is her recollection that when Myrtle Eaton fled from Aurora, Illinois, she proceeded to her home in Des Moines, Iowa, and that William Weaver went elsewhere. Edna Murray comes to this conclusion because, as she will testify, she later met Myrtle Eaton in Toledo, Ohio, during the summer of 1934, at which time Myrtle Eaton indicated to her that she, Myrtle Eaton, had been home. She will state that her reason for thinking William Weaver did not accompany Myrtle Eaton to Des Moines, is in view of the fact Myrtle Eaton told this witness that she, Myrtle Eaton, was being watched in Des Moines, by the law, in an effort to apprehend William Weaver.

This witness will further testify that there was a close association between Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver and all members of the gang who visited at Aurora, Illinois, during the above mentioned period.

Edna Murray will advise that about two weeks subsequent to April 29, 1934, she proceeded to Toledo, Ohio, where she was to meet Volney Davis and other members of the gang; that during June, 1934, Volney Davis rented a cottage on the beach on Lake Erie, near Sandusky, Ohio; that when she arrived at this cottage, William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton were already living there, and that shortly thereafter, Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette rented a cottage in close proximity to the cottage occupied by Davis, Eaton, Murray and Weaver. She will inform that while at this cottage, the said persons were visited on numerous occasions by "Doc" Barker, Jimmy Wilson, Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and Paula Harmon; that during this period, Weaver brought two young girls, who were reported to be his nieces, to live with him and Myrtle Eaton, temporarily, at the cottage. These girls were known as Winnie and Betty.

(The above information will be found in the report of Special Agent R. P. Shuchman, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, February 21, 1935 - pages 14, 17, 18 and 20.)

The witness will further inform that while she and Davis were living with Weaver and Myrtle Eaton in a cottage on Lake Erie, near Sandusky, Ohio, they were visited on numerous occasions by Harry Sawyer and Gladys Sawyer; that on still another occasion while living with Weaver and Eaton, they were visited by

Harry Sawyer, Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis; that after Sawyer, Fred Barker and Karpis left the cottage, Myrtle Eaton began an argument with Hoover, stating that she did not want her home to be used as a hangout; that she was sorry she ever got tangled up with him, and that unless he told the boys to keep away from there, she would leave him.

(This woman has expressed a sincere willingness to testify in behalf of the Government.)

(The above information will be found in the report of Special Agent John L. Madala, dated at Chicago, Illinois, October 17, 1935, pages 36, 37 and 38.)

FRANK BURKELL,
50 South 4th Street,
Aurora, Illinois.

This witness will advise that he is the owner of the premises located at 50 South 4th Street, 411 Clair Street, and 415 Fox Street, Aurora, Illinois; that during the early part of March, 1934, Volney Davis, known to him as "Curley" Hanson, rented the first floor apartment in the building owned by Burkell at 415 Fox Street, which is next door to Burkell's home, the latter being located at 50 South 4th Street; that Davis continued living at said address until about April 28 or 29, 1934. (It is noted that Dr. Joseph P. Moran, who is under indictment in this matter at St. Paul, Minnesota, and who assisted in exchanging large blocks of ransom money, fled from Chicago, Illinois, on April 27, 1934, the day on which the Chicago newspapers carried a story of the arrest of John J. "Boss" McLaughlin, the latter having been one of the principals in the exchange of large quantities of Bremer ransom money in Chicago.) Mr. Burkell will identify the photograph of Edna Murray as that of the woman who lived with Davis at 415 Fox Street.

This witness will state that William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton came to his home at about the same time that Davis came there; that Weaver and Eaton rented from him a sleeping room with a private bath in the Burkell home at 50 South 4th Street, Aurora, Illinois; that after occupying this room at the Burkell home for about two weeks, Weaver, who was known to Burkell as William Thornton, rented from Mr. Burkell the first floor rear apartment in the building of Mr. Burkell located at 411 Clair Street; that during the time that Weaver and Eaton were living at said address, "Doc" Barker came to visit them and was introduced to Mr. and Mrs. Burkell as Mr. Morley, and that when Weaver and Eaton moved to the apartment at 411 Clair Street, "Doc" Barker went there to live with them.

Burkell will further advise that Davis, Weaver, "Doc" Barker, Edna Murray and Myrtle Eaton were very friendly and were together much of the time in either the room at 50 South 4th Street or the apartment at 411 Clair Street. Mr. Burkell will also state that on a few occasions he had drinks with Weaver, Davis and "Doc" Barker, in consequence of which he came to know them quite well.

Barkell is not able to produce any books or records showing the period during which the above mentioned parties lived on his properties, since he did not keep such a record, but he will be able to testify from his memory.

(It is noted that Mr. Barkell testified in behalf of the Government at St. Paul, Minnesota, during the course of the first Bremer trial.)

(Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, St. Paul, dated April 10, 1935 - pages 181-182)

JAMES J. WILSON
Incarcerated -
United States Industrial Reformatory,
Chillicothe, Ohio.

This witness was a defendant in the first Bremer trial, held in St. Paul, Minnesota, during April and May of 1935. He was convicted of conspiracy to kidnap Edward George Bremer, and was sentenced to serve five years in the above mentioned institution.

Wilson will advise that he participated in the ransom money transactions at the Irving Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, during the month of April, 1934; that on or about April 22, 1934, he proceeded with Russell Gibson, now deceased, from Chicago, Illinois, to Aurora, Illinois; that they visited at the home of William Weaver, who was living in Aurora under the name of William Thornton; that William Weaver and Gibson went off into a room alone and remained there about ten minutes behind closed doors; that during this time Wilson remained alone, though he heard someone moving about in the kitchen, apparently washing dishes; that Gibson thereupon returned to the living room, and he and Wilson left; that at this time Wilson did not observe any package or brief case in Gibson's possession.

Wilson will state that on or about April 25, 1934, he and Gibson again drove to Aurora, Illinois, where they made contact with William Weaver once again. He will state that this contact on this occasion was made through Volney Davis, who was also living in Aurora; that after making contact with Weaver, the said parties, to wit, Weaver, Gibson and Wilson, then proceeded to the Weaver home where Wilson was introduced to a man known as Morley, whom he has positively identified as Arthur R. Barker, and another man known as George, whom he knows to be identical with Harry Campbell. This meeting occurred in the Weaver home. He will state that after this meeting, Barker, Campbell, Weaver and Gibson went into a separate room in the Weaver home and closed the door, leaving Wilson alone; that Weaver and Gibson remained in this closed room for about fifteen minutes, after which time Wilson observed Gibson come out of said room carrying a package wrapped in newspaper, which package was approximately twelve inches long, about four or five inches wide and about four inches high.

Previous mention has been made of a woman washing dishes in the kitchen of this home. On this occasion, Wilson went into the kitchen and was introduced to a woman by Weaver whom he introduced as his, Weaver's, wife. Wilson has positively identified this woman as being Myrtle Eaton.

(It should be noted that the above mentioned facts were testified to by James J. Wilson during the course of his trial in St. Paul. The above mentioned transactions in the Weaver home were in anticipation of the exchange of further quantities of the Bremer ransom money. These data are set out to show that under the circumstances, Myrtle Eaton undoubtedly had knowledge of the activities of William Weaver. A transcript of the testimony of James J. Wilson has not been prepared to date.)

(Report of Special Agent K. H. McIntire, St. Paul, Minnesota, April 13, 1935 - pages 149-150)

MRS. FRED WILGRUBE,
Route 1,
Euron, Ohio.

This witness will testify that in June, 1934, a Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Orhood, whom she identifies as William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, rented a cottage from her, Mrs. Wilgrube, at Grand Forest Beach; that Grand Forest Beach is about two miles from Euron, Ohio, and is also situated near Sandusky, Ohio; that the Orhoods paid \$175.00 rental, to run from the latter part of June to September 4, 1934.

The witness will state that following the rental of this cottage, the Wilgrube family noted that their new tenants were having several visitors, and they identified photographs of Paula Harmon, Wynona Burdette and Harry Campbell, and partially identified Fred Barker, "Doc" Barker, Harry Sawyer and Volney Davis; that there was also one in the crowd known as "Billie" (William Harrison); that Mrs. Wilgrube had occasion to go to the cottage once or twice and observed that the three women did considerable drinking; that she remembered that Weaver was called "Bill" and that Eaton was called "Myrt". She believes that she also saw Harry Sawyer there on one occasion.

Mrs. Wilgrube will state that about two weeks after the Orhoods (Weaver and Eaton) had rented the cottage, Wynona Burdette, using the name of Mrs. George Swanson, approached Mrs. Wilgrube, stating that she and her husband, George Swanson, who has been identified by Mrs. Wilgrube as Harry Campbell, desired to rent a cottage; that there was only one vacancy, which was the cottage located a short distance behind the residence of the Wilgrube family, and that this cottage was rented to Wynona Burdette and Harry Campbell for the period from June 27 to September 3, 1934, at the cost of \$134.00; that the man who was called "Billie" moved into this back cottage with Burdette and Campbell, and that a Mr. and Mrs. Hanson occasionally appeared at both of the cottages. (These persons undoubtedly are Edna Murray and Volney Davis, who have used the alias "Hanson".)

This witness will advise that she recalls in all perhaps five or six different cars were seen going to and coming from these two cottages; that the majority of the cars seemed to be new Chevrolets and one or two Ford V-8 cars; that one of the parties had a delivery truck. (It is noted that Volney Davis had such a truck.)

Mrs. Wilgrube will state that on or about July 1, 1934, Weaver and Eaton left, stating they were going to Eau Claire, Wisconsin, for the purpose of bringing back their two children, who were attending the Catholic school in that place; that about five days later, Weaver and Eaton returned with two girls, one called Betty and the other called Winnie; that these two girls stayed with Weaver and Eaton until the latter two departed on about the middle of August, 1934; that these parties never returned; that Wynona Burdette, Campbell and Millie departed about a week after the departure of Eaton and Weaver.

(The above information will be found in the report of Special Agent E. R. McIntire, St. Paul, Minnesota, April 10, 1935 - pages 184-185.)

D. P. SULLIVAN and
R. C. SURAN, Special Agents,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1800 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Agent Sullivan will inform that on September 1, 1935, he, together with other Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, took Myrtle Eaton into custody at a house which she and William Weaver were occupying as man and wife in the vicinity of Allendale, Florida. He will advise that Myrtle Eaton was removed from Allendale to St. Paul, Minnesota on September 2, 1935 and that she was interviewed by Agents Sullivan and Suran at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota immediately thereafter. They will state that Myrtle Eaton informed them she has lived with William Weaver continuously since they first took up residence as man and wife in St. Paul, Minnesota during 1933 until the time of her apprehension near Allendale, Florida on September 1, 1935. She was shown photographs which had been received in evidence in the trial of Arthur R. "Doc" Barker and others during April and May of 1935 at St. Paul, Minnesota and identified Exhibits #52, photograph of Volney Davis, #55, photograph of William J. Harrison, #56, photograph of Harry Campbell, #57, photograph of Harry Sawyer, #58, photograph of Alvin Karpis and #59, photograph of Fred Barker. She informed that she is well acquainted with "Doc" Barker and that she had an acquaintance with Fred Barker.

In explanation for having taken no part in the Bremer kidnaping, she advised that in the early part of January 1934 she took a trip to Texas and Oklahoma for the purpose of shoplifting, in company with two other women whose identities she would not disclose. She stated she was either at Oklahoma City or Fort Worth, Texas when she first read of the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer. She advised that one of the two women accompanying her was facing a five year sentence in case she was apprehended; that she, Myrtle Eaton, returned to St. Paul probably during the early part of February 1934 before Mr. Bremer had been released and that she stayed at her apartment, 565 Portland Avenue, for two or three days, after which she met William Weaver alone. She advised that thereafter she and Weaver obtained an apartment in Chicago, Illinois; that in either March or April of 1934 she and Weaver moved to Aurora, Illinois where Edna Murray and Volney Davis were already residing; that she and Edna Murray frequently went horseback riding at the Riding Academy located at Montgomery, Illinois and that she and Weaver later moved to

Grand Forest Beach near Sandusky, Ohio. The witnesses will state that Myrtle Eaton denied knowing where other members of the gang resided, but she did state that some of the mob moved into cottages at Grand Forest Beach near the residence occupied by Eaton and Weaver; that after living at the cottage on Lake Erie for a short time, she and Weaver went to the State of Maine for the purpose of locating a house there they could settle down; that failing to succeed, they proceeded to Florida where they located the cottage in which they were living at the time they were arrested on September 1, 1935; that she, Myrtle Eaton, purchased this cottage from her own money.

The witnesses will advise that Myrtle Eaton informed them she did not know that she and Weaver had been indicted in the Bremer kidnaping case at St. Paul until she read in the Daytona Beach and Jacksonville, Florida newspapers during the trial of "Doc" Barker and other defendants in the spring of 1935 at St. Paul, Minnesota; that subsequent thereto she saw Weaver's picture in the line-up on the first few pages of a Detective Story Magazine. The witnesses will state that Myrtle Eaton showed them a picture of Weaver which she had clipped from the March 1935 issue of the Master Detective Magazine which, she stated, was the first picture she had seen of Weaver indicating that he was a fugitive on a Federal Charge.

She stated that she and Weaver first heard of the death of Fred Barker and his mother, Kate Barker, at Oklawaha, Florida in the Daytona Beach newspapers the same afternoon upon which they died and subsequent thereto in the Jacksonville newspapers the following morning. The witnesses will advise that Myrtle Eaton stated both of these newspapers were delivered to the Eaton-Weaver home near Allandale, Florida daily. The witnesses will state that during a conversation with Myrtle Eaton on the night of September 2, 1935 at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, she advised Special Agents E. P. Sullivan and R. C. Egan that she did not think the photograph appearing on Identification Order No. 1276 was very good of William Weaver and at this time she remarked that she had seen a good photograph of Weaver in a detective magazine which she believed to be the Startling Detective Magazine, which magazine published the photograph of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton and carried a story of the Bremer kidnaping case, indicating that Weaver was a fugitive on that charge. She further stated that this same issue of the magazine published a photograph of Volney Davis reading a book, which photograph apparently was taken subsequent to his apprehension in Chicago in June 1935 and that this same magazine also carried a photograph of Alvin Karpis dressed in woman's clothes.

Myrtle Eaton stated that at no time during her acquaintanceship with the Karpis-Barker gang had anyone ever injured or threatened her; that William Weaver had been very good to her; that he was easy to get along with and when questioned as to her reason for living with him, knowing that he was a badly wanted fugitive who might resist if an effort were made to arrest him, she stated she had no reason other than she wanted to be with him.

The above information will be found in the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, St. Paul, Minnesota, September 7, 1935, pages seven to ten inclusive.

JOHN E. BRENNAN,
Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
232 Uptown Station and
Federal Courts Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will advise that on September 27, 1935
he, together with Special Agents E. K. McKee and J. H. Hanson,
interviewed Myrtle Eaton at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul,
Minnesota; that during this conversation Myrtle Eaton stated
the first she knew that she and Weaver were wanted for the
Bremer kidnaping was when she read about it in the newspapers
at the time of the trial of Arthur R. "Doc" Barker and others
in St. Paul, Minnesota during April and May of 1935.

This information will be found in the
report of Special Agent John E.
Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota, October
7, 1935, page two.

H. J. CASSIDY,
Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

This witness will advise that he was present at the time Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver were taken into custody by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation near Allandale, Florida on September 1, 1935; that he assisted in the examination of the house occupied by Weaver and Eaton immediately subsequent to their arrest; that he found in said house the following firearms and items of firearm equipment:

- (1) .22 caliber Colt automatic "Woodman" pistol, fully loaded, with .22 caliber long ammunition, serial #85508. This gun was found by Agent Cassidy in the upper left hand drawer of a dresser located in the bedroom generally occupied by Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver, which room faced northeast.
- (2) .380 caliber Colt automatic pistol, serial #115033 with one loaded clip and one shell in the chamber.
- (3) Winchester repeating .410 gauge shotgun, model 42, serial #3489, loaded with two shells and located in a clothes closet in the above described room.
- (4) 42 shotgun shells for the .410 shotgun, the shells being designated as "Sportload" long range express.
- (5) Six (6) boxes containing 50 each of .12 caliber long range rifle ammunition, "Kleanbore".
- (6) One box of 50 .380 caliber "Kleanbore" ammunition.

- (7) One box of 25 .12 gauge Super-X long range shotgun shells #6.
- (8) 12 gauge leather shotgun case with extra 12 gauge barrel marked "T. T. Keizky, Daytona Beach, Florida". This name was scratched out and below it appears the name "Gene Johnson" and the number 23.
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This item was located in the closet in the above-mentioned room.
- (9) .45 caliber United States Army 1917 Colt revolver, serial #104773 on stock and #259803 on gun. This gun, together with a .45 caliber extension clip, trade-mark "Multi-shot", and 15 .45 caliber shells were wrapped in a burlap sack and located in this closet.

The above information will be found in the report of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, September 7, 1935, page seven.

R. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge and
R. D. BROWN, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

These witnesses will advise that they were present when William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton were apprehended in the vicinity of Allendale, Florida on September 1, 1935 and that they immediately conducted an examination of the house occupied by Eaton and Weaver and found therein a .12 gauge Remington automatic shotgun, serial #281109, fully loaded with 00 buckshot, Super-X. This gun was located behind a door leading to the room ordinarily occupied by Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver.

Special Agent R. D. Brown will advise that the following guns and items of firearms equipment were located by him in the said houses:

- (1) .750 Colt automatic pistol, serial #112552 and three loaded clips located under the pillow on the bed in the room in which William Weaver was apparently sleeping just before his apprehension, which bed was located in the only other bedroom of the house, which was located on the opposite side of the house to the room in which the baby crib was located. This gun was fully loaded and in addition thereto carried one shell in the chamber.
- (2) .45 Colt automatic pistol, model 1911, serial #345172, labeled "United States Property - United States Army" fully loaded with a shell in the chamber.
- (3) 6 loaded .45 caliber clips for .45 automatic Colt pistol and one box of 50 .45 automatic Colt ammunition, labeled "Kleanbore" found together with

the above listed .45 Colt automatic.
A leather brief case designated "Kasbek"
brand was located in a closet in the
room previously described as being the
room of Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver,
located in the northeast corner of the
house.

- (4) One small black leather black jack,
located in the right upper drawer of a
dresser located in this room.

The above-mentioned guns were all taken from the house
occupied by William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton to the office of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation in Jacksonville, Florida, on
September 1, 1935 by Special Agents in Charge E. J. Connelley and
E. A. Alt and Special Agent LeCour, and on September 4, 1935 the
said guns were shipped to the Technical Laboratory of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D. C. for technical
examination. These guns are now located at the Technical Labora-
tory of the Bureau in Washington, D. C. The ammunition has not
been preserved.

The above-mentioned information is
contained in the report of Special
Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley,
Chicago, Illinois, September 7, 1935,
pages seven and eight.

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

This witness will advise that he was present at the time Myrtle Eaton and Millie Weaver were apprehended near Allendale, Florida by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on September 1, 1935; that he assisted in the examination of the house occupied by Eaton and Weaver immediately following the arrest of said parties and recovered from a purse and from dresser drawers the sum of \$1,002.32 in United States Currency. He will state that all of this money was recovered in his presence and was taken possession of by Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt, of the Jacksonville Office. He will advise that the sum of \$555.00 was found in the pocketbook of Millie Weaver and counted in his presence and verified by Special Agents in Charge E. J. Connelley and R. A. Alt.

He will inform that there was found in the pocketbook of Myrtle Eaton the sum of \$347.32, which was counted in her presence by Special Agents in Charge E. J. Connelley and R. A. Alt and Special Agent E. J. Cassidy and verified. He will inform that the sum of \$100.00, composed of \$5.00 bills, was found below and behind the lower left hand drawer of a dressing table in the southwest bedroom of the Eaton-Weaver home by him and Special Agent R. D. Brown; that this sum was also counted and verified in the presence of Millie Weaver and Myrtle Eaton. He will advise that considerable of the above-mentioned money was in the form of \$100.00 bills and that none of the money recovered was found to be a portion of ransom paid in any kidnaping case in which the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been interested.

The foregoing information will be found in the report of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, September 7, 1935, page six and also in the report of Special Agent M. W. Meekins, Jacksonville, Florida, dated September 8, 1935, pages sixteen, seventeen and eighteen and a detailed description of the money above-mentioned is found in the report of Agent Meekins on the pages noted.

S. A. ALT,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
412 U. S. Court House and Post
Office Building,
Jacksonville, Florida.

This witness will advise that on September 24, 1935
the \$1,002.32, which was recovered at the house occupied by
Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver, was forwarded by registered
mail by him to the St. Paul, Minnesota Office of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation for appropriate disposition pending
the trial of William Weaver at that point on January 6, 1936.

E. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
152 Uptown Station and Federal
Courts Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will advise that on or about September 19, 1935 he received, via registered mail, from Special Agent in Charge E. A. Alt, of the Jacksonville Office, the sum of \$1,002.52 which had been previously recovered in the house occupied by Kyrle Eaton and William Weaver near Allandale, Florida and that this money has been held in his custody and possession since that time.

S. C. FREEMAN
Manager - Motor Sales Company,
74 Wilson Avenue,
Johnson City, Tennessee.

This witness will produce books and records of the above mentioned Motor Company disclosing that on March 15, 1935, J. W. Osborne of Clyde, Ohio, accompanied by his wife, traded a black 1934 Hatter Chevrolet Sedan with trunk locker on rear, motor #4,482,615, serial #1-DA-06,435 to his firm for a Buckingham gray 1935 Oldsmobile Four Door Sedan with trunk locker on rear, motor #F-424,262, serial #13-121,752; that the value of the automobile was \$972.50, the trade in value of the Chevrolet Sedan \$560.00, leaving a balance of \$412.50, which was paid with bank notes.

(Report of Special Agent Truett E. Rows, Nashville, Tennessee, October 8, 1935 - page 2.)

G. W. GROVE
Motor Sales Company,
74 Wilson Avenue,
Johnson City, Tennessee.

This witness will advise that he sold to J. W. Osborne on March 15, 1935 the Oldsmobile Sedan described under the testimony of C. C. Freeman, and that at this time Osborne was accompanied by a woman whom he represented as his wife; that he can positively identify J. W. Osborne and wife as being identical with William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton.

The witness will state that the balance of \$412.50 was paid to him by the man identified as Weaver; that Weaver took a billfold out of the inside pocket on the right side of his coat, from which he counted out \$412.00 in bank notes. It further appeared that Weaver apparently had a considerable amount of money left in his billfold after paying the \$412.00. Grove also noticed that Weaver carried some money in his left hip pocket; that the bank notes used to pay the above mentioned balance were of large denominations, but the exact amount of the notes is unknown.

(Report of Special Agent Truett E. Rowe, Nashville,
Tennessee, October 8, 1935 - page 2.)

JOHN CARSON
Deputy County Clerk,
Jonesboro, Washington
County, Tennessee.

This witness will produce books and records showing that on March 15, 1935 Mrs. J. W. Osborne, giving her address as 517 Maple Street, Johnson City, Tennessee, registered a 1935 Oldsmobile, four door sedan, motor #F-424,262, serial #TS-121,752 in Washington County, State of Tennessee, and that on the same date he issued to Mrs. J. W. Osborne at the above address 1935 Tennessee license plates 151-912.

(Report of Special Agent M. W. Beckins, Jacksonville, Florida, September 9, 1935 - page 7. See also report of Special Agent Truett E. Eowe, Nashville, Tennessee, October 8, 1935 - page 3.)

TRUETT E. ROWE
Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
508 Medical Arts Building,
Nashville, Tennessee.

This witness will state that after examining the records of the Deputy County Clerk at Jonesboro, Tennessee, and after learning that 1935 Tennessee license plates 151-912 had been issued to Mrs. J. W. Osborne of 517 Maple Street, Johnson City, Tennessee, he personally conducted an investigation at that point, to wit, 517 Maple Street; that this investigation on his part was conducted on October 1, 1935; that he inspected the location which would normally be designated as 517 Maple Street, Johnson City, Tennessee, and he found it to be a vacant lot.

(Report of Special Agent Truett E. Rowe, Nashville, Tennessee, October 2, 1935 - pages 2 and 3.)

REGISTRAR OF MOTOR VEHICLES
State Capitol,
Tallahassee, Florida.

This witness will produce books and records showing that on March 19, 1935 Mrs. J. W. Osborne, giving her address as the Rollins Hotel, 312 West Forsyth Street, Jacksonville, Florida, registered the aforementioned Oldsmobile Sedan under 1935 Florida license plates D-18-088.

(These fictitious addresses were given at the time when Weaver and Eaton had an established residence at Harbor Oaks, Florida, which property was purchased by Weaver on November 22, 1934.)

(Report of Special Agent M. W. Meeking, Jacksonville, Florida, September 9, 1935 - page 7.)

M. W. NEEDINS
Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
412 U. S. Court House and P. O. Building,
Jacksonville, Florida.

This witness will advise that he was present on September 1, 1935 when Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver were taken into custody in the vicinity of Allendale, Florida by Special Agents of this Bureau.

He will state that immediately subsequent to the arrest he made an examination of the home and the garage occupied by Eaton and Weaver, and that he found in the garage a 1935 Oldsmobile Sedan, and that inspection of the same disclosed it to be identical with the automobile which had been purchased by Weaver and Eaton at Johnson City, Tennessee on March 15, 1935.

This witness will also advise that he immediately searched the automobile and found therein a 1935 certificate of automobile registration issued by the State of Tennessee on a 1935 Oldsmobile Sedan, motor #F-424,262 in the name of Mrs. J. W. Osborne, address 517 Maple Street, Johnson City, Tennessee. He will advise that he also found therein a new car order issued by the Motor Sales Company of Johnson City, Tennessee dated March 15, 1935, covering above described Oldsmobile Sedan, which new car order was issued to Mrs. Jane (J. W.) Osborne, giving her address as Clyde, Ohio.

He will further inform that he found in said automobile a motor vehicle certificate of title issued by the State of Florida, dated at Tallahassee, Florida April 9, 1935, covering the above described Oldsmobile Sedan, this certificate of title being issued in the name of Mrs. J. W. Osborne, giving her address as the Rollins Hotel, 412 West Forsyth Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

He will also inform that he found in said automobile a Florida automobile registration card for the year 1935, issued to Mrs. J. W. Osborne, address Rollins Hotel, 312 West Forsyth Street, Jacksonville, Florida on the above described Oldsmobile.

He will inform he also found in said car an Oldsmobile
Owner Identification Card, certifying that Mrs. J. F. Osborne of
Clyde, Ohio took delivery of the hereinbefore described Oldsmobile
from the Motor Sales Company of Johnson City, Tennessee on March
18, 1935.

(Report of Special Agent E. W. Mackins,
Jacksonville, Florida, September 9,
1935 - page 7.)

H. G. SKILES,
Salesman for the Peoples
Building and Loan Association,
Clark Building,
Daytona Beach, Florida.

This witness will advise that during November of 1934 William Weaver, who was known to him as Bill Osborne, came to him, Skiles, for the purpose of purchasing some real estate; that an arrangement was made between him, Skiles, and Osborne for the purchase of a house in Harbor Oaks, Florida; that Osborne agreed to pay \$1600 for this property and that the agreement of sale was dated November 12, 1934, on which date a deed to the property was made out in the name of Jane W. Osborne (Myrtle Eaton) on instructions of Bill Osborne to do this. The witness will state, however, that Jane Osborne had no part in this transaction and that the \$1600 purchase price was paid by Bill Osborne in sixteen (16) \$100.00 bills. This property was also insured in the name of Jane W. Osborne by the Old Colony Insurance Company of Boston, Massachusetts, policy #122549, dated December 5, 1934.

The above information will be found in the report of Special Agent W. W. McKinn, Jacksonville, Florida, September 9, 1935, page ten.

CLERK OF RECORDER'S OFFICE,
Volusia County,
Probate Court, Deland, Florida.

This witness will be able to produce book #157, on page twenty of which is shown deeds and conveyances, reflecting that a warranty deed dated November 22, 1934 to Lot 21, Block 15, Harbor Oaks, Florida, Unit #1, was made to Jane Osborne, a married woman, and signed by the Peoples Building and Loan Association in Daytona Beach, Florida. The records reflect that this deed was recorded on November 30, 1934.

The above information will be found in the report of Special Agent E. W. Meekins, Jacksonville, Florida, September 9, 1935, pages ten and eleven.

ADRIAN BAGLEY
Port Orange, Florida.

This witness will inform that the Florida Times Union of Jacksonville, Florida, a newspaper, has a branch office at Daytona Beach, Florida, and that he personally made deliveries of the above mentioned newspaper to Weaver's home daily in the vicinity of Allendale, Florida.

He will be able to produce issues of this paper dated April 15, 1935 and May 18, 1935, which issues carried a story listing both Weaver and Eaton as being wanted in the Bremer kidnaping case. The May 18, 1935 issue of this paper carried an Associated Press article from St. Paul, Minnesota reporting the conviction of Arthur R. "Doc" Barker and listing the names of the persons indicted at St. Paul, Minnesota whose apprehensions were still being sought at that time. This article listed William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton as being fugitives.

(Report of Special Agent R. B. Donaldson,
Jacksonville, Florida, November 20, 1935 -
page 3.)

MILFORD V. CLIFTON
Assistant Circulation Manager,
Daytona Beach News Journal,
Daytona Beach, Florida.

This witness will advise that during the early part of December, 1934, he talked to William Weaver, known to him as Mr. Osborne, about subscribing to the Daytona Beach News Journal, a newspaper; that Weaver agreed to take the paper and deliveries began on or about December 20, 1934. This witness continued to deliver the said paper to Weaver's home until June 1, 1935.

He will be able to produce the May 17, 1935 issue of the Daytona Beach News Journal, which issue carried an Associated Press article from St. Paul, Minnesota, reporting the conviction of Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, and listed the names of the persons indicted at St. Paul who were then being sought as fugitives. This article listed William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton as being fugitives.

The witness will also be able to produce the January 24, 1935 issue of the Daytona Beach News Journal, which issue carried an Associated Press story reporting the indictments of numerous subjects in St. Paul in the Bremer case, listing all of the defendants so indicted, including William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton.

(Report of Special Agent R. B. Donaldson,
Jacksonville, Florida, November 20, 1935 -
page 2.)

STARTLING DETECTIVE MAGAZINE,
September 1935 Issue.

It is recalled that Myrtle Eaton has admitted she read an article concerning the Bremer kidnaping case in the above-mentioned magazine, which disclosed that she and Weaver were wanted as participants in the said kidnaping. It has been learned that it is the practice to release an issue of this magazine about the twenty-fifth day of the month preceding the month for which the issue is written. It would, therefore, appear that the September issue of Startling Detective Magazine was actually placed in circulation throughout the country on or about August 25, 1935.

MASTER DETECTIVE MAGAZINE,
March 1935 issue.

It is noted that Myrtle Eaton has informed that she read a news item appearing in the above-mentioned magazine, indicating that she and Weaver were fugitives in the Bremer kidnaping case. This magazine contains a photograph of William Weaver in the line-up. It has been ascertained that the said magazine is placed on sale to the public between the tenth and fifteenth of the month preceding the month for which the magazine is issued. The March issue would, therefore, have been placed on sale to the public sometime between February 10 and February 15, 1935.

CRIMINAL RECORDS

The files of the Identification Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, disclose that Myrtle Eaton has the following criminal records:

As Ruth Martin, #22113, arrested Police Department, Minneapolis, Minnesota, February 27, 1930; charge grand larceny - shoplifting; charge changed to petty larceny and fined \$100.00.

As Sue Bond, alias Sue Hubble #22132, arrested Police Department, St. Paul, Minnesota, December 9, 1930; charge shoplifting; dismissed by County Attorney.

As Mrs. Alice Martin, alias Myrtle King, #5805, arrested Police Department, Des Moines, Iowa, December 29, 1931; charge investigation; released.

December 12, 1935.

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

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

Dear Sirs

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. F. Shanahan, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, February 21, 1935, on page 17 of which is a statement of Edna Murray in which she states that Volney Davis went to work for Corey Bales and Matthew Gleason in a "Bookie-joint" on South Broadway in Aurora, Illinois, operating a dice table. It is further noted that Matthew Gleason ran the "Bookie-making" end of this gambling enterprise.

The Bureau desires that when Special Agent D. P. Sullivan has completed his interview with Jase Doyle at Lincoln, Nebraska, he then proceed to Jefferson City, Missouri, to interview Edna Murray further, with regard to the case against Matthew Gleason. In this respect, reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. R. McIntire, dated at Chicago, Illinois, February 26, 1935, and to the summary report of former Special Agent A. A. Mussey, dated at Chicago, Illinois, April 18, 1935, which reports contain substantially all of the evidence against Matthew Gleason. The Bureau feels there is some possibility that Edna Murray who has indicated a willingness to testify on behalf of the Government, may be able to show that Matthew Gleason had knowledge of the fact that Volney Davis was under indictment in St. Paul, Minnesota, and was a fugitive in the Bremer matter at the time that he worked with Matthew Gleason in Aurora during the Spring of 1934.

The Bureau has prepared a summary memorandum for the assistance of the Criminal Division of the Department with regard to the prosecution of Myrtle Eaton. The Bureau feels that considerably more information can be obtained from Edna Murray and Wynona Burdette showing the intimate

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Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Chicago, Illinois.

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December 12, 1935.

association of Myrtle Eaton with William Weaver and other members of the gang, together with definite knowledge on the part of Myrtle Eaton that William Weaver was under indictment in St. Paul, Minnesota, at the time she was living with him as man and wife. The Bureau is transmitting to you and the Detroit Office a copy of the summary memorandum which has been prepared on Myrtle Eaton, with the request that Edna Murray be thoroughly interviewed by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan. The Detroit Office is requested to assign an Agent thoroughly familiar with the Bremer case to interview Wynona Burlette along the suggested lines.

It is desired that these interviews be conducted in the immediate future and the Bureau advised of the results of such interviews promptly.

The Jacksonville Office will be furnished with a copy of the summary memorandum on Myrtle Eaton in the immediate future. It will, therefore, be unnecessary for the Jacksonville Office to prepare a summary report on Myrtle Eaton as previously requested.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Encl. #301713.

AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

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Cincinnati. ✓
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Kansas City.
Jacksonville.
Omaha.
Detroit. (Enclosure - copy of summary memorandum on Myrtle Eaton.)

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December 12, 1935.

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

In re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the trial of MATTHEW GLEASON for the harboring of Volney Davis, which was set for December 9, 1935 please be advised that Assistant United States Attorney Warren Canaday advised Special Agent R. C. Suran that on December 9, 1935 the case was continued generally, subject to five days call.

When a definite date is determined for this trial you will be promptly advised.

Very truly yours,

[Handwritten signature]
Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

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CC St. Paul
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*Warren Canaday
Assistant U.S. Attorney*

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FILE NO. 7-9

REPORT MADE AT Indianapolis, Indiana	DATE WHEN MADE 12-11-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/4,5/35	REPORT MADE BY E. W. COSTELLO VLD
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGI- TIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">Investigation at Gary and Michigan City, Ind. fails to develop any information concerning the whereabouts of a roadhouse known as "Cohuts" (phonetic spelling) or the identity of one Miller, alleged to operate a chain of houses of prostitution in the vicinity of Gary and Michigan City, Ind.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>Reference: Letter from the Chicago office dated 12-3-35.</p> <p>Details: At about 9:45 A.M. on December 3, 1935, Special Agent in Charge Ladd of the Chicago Bureau office called the Indianapolis Bureau office by long distance and advised that Mr. E. J. Connelley's informant called at the Chicago office and reported that about a week or ten days ago Alvin Karpis was reported to have been seen at a road house on U. S. Highway #12 between Gary and Michigan City, Indiana with a man by the name of Miller of Gary, Indiana. His first name is unknown. His description is unknown. He stated that, according to the informant, Miller is reputed to operate a chain of houses of prostitution in the vicinity of Gary and Michigan City, Indiana. According to the informant the name of the roadhouse on U. S. Highway #12 between Gary and Michigan City, Indiana at which the two men were reported seen is known as the "Coe Hut" (phonetic spelling).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley was advised of the information furnished by Special Agent in Charge Ladd, and Mr. Connelley requested that an agent make inquiry in the vicinity of Gary and Michigan City, Indiana for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not there is any roadhouse known as the Coe Hut on U. S. Highway #12</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. W. Costello</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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and also whether or not there is any person in Gary, Indiana known as Miller who operates houses of prostitution.

Special Agent J. E. Jones was contacted by long distance telephone at Gary, Indiana and advised of the above information. He was instructed to ascertain whether or not there is a roadhouse known as the Coe Hut and also instructed to make efforts to ascertain the identity of Miller, his connections in Gary, his business associates, but that under no circumstances was he to make any direct contacts with Miller or at the Coe Hut roadhouse.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. E. Jones at Gary, Indiana December 4, 1935:

William W. Reichardt, Identification Unit, Gary Police Department, checked his records for a man named Miller and who is a pimp, but could not locate same. However, he furnished the name of one Thomas Miller, 420 Adams Street, Gary, Indiana, keeper of a gambling house at 25 W. 5th Avenue, Gary who he described as - age, 42; height, 5'5"; complexion, light; eyes, blue; arrested April 16, 1933 for operating a gambling house. There was nothing on which to suspect this man. Mr. Reichardt did not know of any place by the name of Cohut, etc. Sergeant Miller of the auto squad also had never heard of the place.

Captain Forbis, detective, Gary Police Department, states the only roadhouses on Highway 12 in the vicinity of Gary are the Bahutis Dine and Dance Gardens, located about two miles east of Gary (respectable place) and the Barnyard, operated by Norgstrand, located about one-half mile east of above Gardens on #12. Captain Forbis advised he did not think the above Thomas Miller would be associated with any large type criminal; that the only Miller he can think of is Ora Miller, who four years ago was convicted of highway robbery about Gary and Crown Point, Indiana and was sentenced to a lengthy term. Mr. Reichardt later advised that this party received a life sentence and is now serving same at Eddyville, Kentucky. Captain Forbis did not know of any place by the name of Cohut, etc. and made inquiry of other officers, with negative results. Captain Forbis recommended Sergeant Vinzant, State Police Barracks at Michigan City as the man who would most likely know of such a place if it existed.

Detective H. A. Sullivan, Michigan City, Police Department, who is familiar with most prostitute and road houses in the vicinity of Michigan City, stated he did not know of any place by the name of Cohut, etc. or of any procurer or loiterer at such houses by the name of Miller. He checked his files but could find nothing of probable value and made inquiry of other officers but with negative results. However, in checking his files, Sullivan ran across the name of one James M. Miller, Jr. who was arrested by the Michigan City Police Department June 23, 1932, #0520, charged with carrying concealed weapons

and fined \$100 and costs and 60 days. A description of this individual follows:

Age:	21
Residence:	Benton, Ill.
Born:	Illinois
Nationality:	American
Build:	Medium
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	186
Complexion:	Fair
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue

This individual was arrested at Romer's inn, just outside of Michigan City on #12, (prostitute house), which has been closed for two or three years. Detective Sullivan also stated that a new house of prostitution of the Nahas Brothers located west of Michigan City on #12 is managed by Buddy Colemand; that the name of this establishment is the Meadowbrook Inn.

Detective Sullivan stated that he was positive he could find out if there was such a place as Co-hut, etc. or a Miller who hangs around, by contacting one of the Nahas brothers under pretext. Agent consented to this and Sullivan so contacted Jack Nahas. Sullivan later stated that Nahas was very much concerned about the matter for fear another house was encroaching upon his territory; that he, Nahas, had never heard of any Cohut, etc. or of a Miller who hangs out at any house or houses along #12 between Gary and Michigan City. It was Sullivan's opinion that if Nahas did not know of any such place or person, then no one did. Sullivan recommended contact with Sergeant Vinzant of the State Police Barracks for further positive information.

Accordingly, because of the above recommendations, agent contacted Sergeant Vinzant who advised that he is familiar with all road-houses between Gary and Michigan City, Indiana on #12, but that he has never heard of any name similar to Cohut, Cohut, etc. Also, that he does not know of any Miller who hangs out at those places. The Sergeant had one of his men contact a confidential informant of his in order to determine if such a place existed or such a party was known presently, but his informant could give nothing but negative information. The Sergeant stated that he would make every effort to determine positively if such a man or place existed and that he would advise the writer at a later date, but that he felt certain there was no such place or man in that vicinity.

It should be stated that in making the above contacts, agent was careful not to divulge the name of Alvin Karpis inasmuch as it was thought that such procedure was not necessary to securing that information sought relative to the Cohut or Miller. Especially was every caution used in contacting Sergeant Vinzant and the same procedure will be followed in any future contact.

It might also be mentioned that Agent Jones again talked to Sergeant Vinzent of the State Police Barracks, Michigan City, Indiana on December 5, 1935. He stated that for one day and night he has had one of his confidential informants checking roadhouses on Highway #12 and can find nothing whatever regarding any Cohuts, Cohut, etc.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE -
At Chicago, Illinois

Will again contact confidential informant [redacted] for the purpose of ascertaining more specific information concerning the roadhouse known as Cohuts (phonetic spelling) alleged to be located on U.S. Highway #12 between Gary and Michigan City, Indiana and further information concerning the identity of Miller, who is alleged to operate houses of prostitution in the vicinity of Gary and Michigan City, Indiana.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
December 12, 1935

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, WITH ALIASES,
FUGITIVE, I.O.#1218; ET AL;
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau letter dated July 27, 1935, there is transmitted to the Bureau and to the offices listed below, copies of a letter written to Dolores Delaney, an inmate of the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan, by John Karpavicz.

Very truly yours,

W. J. West
W. J. WEST
Special Agent in Charge

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2842 N Francisco Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.
December 6, 1935

Dear Dolores:-

We received your letter and were truly sorry that you haven't been feeling well. Don't worry about Raymond, or about our kissing him. He has plenty of kisses All the girls in the neighbor hood kiss him. He's one big sport.

It turned cold right after he was baptized and we couldn't get any picture of him in his outfit. It snowed and everything so we have had a few taken in his winter clothes. We are enclosing the snaps. The best one was taken two weeks when we had a cold dry spell. We took the others while there was snow on the ground. They are not so good.

We are having some cold weather here but he never misses his out-door nap. He had a light cold but he got over that alright.

Your mother was here about two weeks ago and stayed over night with us. She was supposed to come last nite. She called just a minute ago and said she is coming over today and will probably spend the nite. She wants to see the pictures before we send them because we dont keep any pictures around here.

Raymond has gotten at the age where he thinks every thing he sees is his and he usually gets it too. In the last two weeks he has gotten so he goes every where. His cheeks are as red as apples and when he comes in his nose is like a cherry. He goes riding in the car with me when I go to work. He sits along side of me now. He weighs 22 pounds now. He isn't gaining because he's so active. He gets plenty of bumps and falls. He never fell real hard yet. He pulls himself up onto anything he can reach. He hasn't learned to sit himself down yet. When ever he cries you can just bet he's standing some where & can't get down.

He knows how to say "by - by" and to tell how big he is and lots of cute baby tricks, Whenever a car starts outside he looks for me.

Did you find out if you are allowed to receive anything for Christmas? We are enclosing \$5.00. You will be sure to get that.

Yours truly,

Dear Dolores

John Karpavicz

I am here with your
baby. Love & kisses from
both

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Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
December 12, 1935

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, wa - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1218; et al.
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith one letter addressed to Dolores Delaney, an inmate of your institution, written by John Karpavicz.

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

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

Very truly yours,

W. J. WEST
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

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December 12, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID

I have received and noted the Bureau's letter of the 2nd inst., to the effect that the Criminal Division of the Department has advised that a prosecution will be entertained against Nathaniel Heller who was indicted at Jacksonville, Florida, on February 7, 1935.

Recently the Jacksonville Office received from the Bureau one copy of a summary pertaining to the evidence against Heller, which had been prepared in the Bureau.

In view of this forthcoming prosecution it is believed that the Jacksonville Office should be supplied with three additional copies of this summary, so as to have same available for the United States Attorney as well as the Special Assistant to the Attorney General who will handle the case in this district.

Very truly yours,

R. A. ALT,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Chicago,
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Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 12, 1935
in the above entitled case, concerning the prosecution against
Nathaniel Heller, who was indicted at Jacksonville, Florida on
February 7, 1935, and the summary pertaining to this prosecution
which was recently received by your office.

Inasmuch as you have a copy of the summary in this
matter available, you should prepare the necessary additional
copies which you desire to be submitted to the United States
Attorney, as well as the Special Assistant to the Attorney General,
who will handle the case in your District.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago
St. Paul
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Chicago, Illinois
December 11, 1935

MEMORANDUM TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE J.P. McFARLAND
at Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREKID:

On December 8, 1935, the writer interviewed Frank Noonan, operator of the Noonan Detective Agency, 1900 West Euclid Avenue. The purpose for contacting Noonan was to attempt to learn from him any information which he might care to offer relative to recent developments at the Harvard Club. The conversation continued for a period of more than two hours.

During the conversation with Noonan he was reminded that the suspicious circumstances under which his pay envelopes were found in the house formerly occupied by Alvin Karpis in Cleveland had not yet been satisfactorily explained. Noonan then went on to make his usual explanation concerning the finding of these pay envelopes, which appeared in previous reports, but admitted that he is not entirely satisfied as to what took place. He advised he would gladly like to be of some assistance to the Cleveland Bureau Office in locating the two remaining fugitives. He stated he has valuable criminal connections both in Cleveland, Toledo and other parts of the United States, but admitted that he is hesitating about going to these contacts for fear that same will in some way "put him in the middle" should he learn information which might lead to the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell, as these people would immediately point the finger to him. In this connection he candidly admitted he is "considered right" with the underworld in Cleveland.

Noonan was questioned thoroughly as to Art Heberbrand and Shimmy Patton. He advised he has known these men for several years, and has frequently visited the Harvard Club which they operate, but has been unable to obtain any further information as to their associations with members of this gang during the summer of 1934. He volunteered the information that a man known as Tip O'Neil has recently been released from the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga., where he served about three years on a mail robbery charge. He is now spending a great deal of time at the Harvard Club and does not appear to be an employee, but a very close friend of Shimmy Patton. He advised he does not know the reason for

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O'Neil's association with Patton and knows O'Neil makes occasional trips away from Cleveland for purposes unknown to him, Noonan. He also stated he is well acquainted with O'Neil, and volunteered to attempt to secure some information concerning O'Neil activities. It will be noted that informant [redacted] has advised us Tip O'Neil's wife was paid the sum of \$200.00 a month by Patton and Heberbrand while O'Neil was in the penitentiary; that O'Neil's actions at the Harvard Club are suspicious, and that he is with Shimmy Patton almost constantly. It is believed further information relative to O'Neil should be obtained; his residence located and a cover placed on his mail; also the advisability of a tap on his telephone should be considered if other investigation has been made.

Noonan advised that members of this gang apparently frequented the Argonne Club, 720 East Superior Street, Cleveland, at the time. The Argonne Club is a gambling establishment which has been closed for approximately six months, it being located upstairs at this address. Noonan advised this place was actively operated by Frankie Zimmer and Frankie Verritt, both operating the club under the direction of Tommy McGinty, the well-known Cleveland gambler.

Noonan stated he believes that Patton and Heberbrand, if properly approached, were made to understand that the Government is in the possession of full information as to their activities with members of this gang during the summer of 1934, they might offer assistance due to their fear of having the Harvard Club closed. He stated he will attempt in his own way to determine if Heberbrand and Patton are actually aware that the Government is in possession of this information.

The question of payment of confidential rewards for the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell was taken up with Noonan. He was made to realize this reward would be payable for information relative to the location of these two men furnished the Federal Bureau of Investigation only. Noonan had stated he would like to collect this reward and stated it will be necessary for him to do so through a second person probably, as he would not want his name connected in any way with the location of these two men. He appeared quite interested and apparently, while Agent was talking with him, was making some sort of plans in this direction. He admitted the detective business is not good.

Noonan stated he would rather confer with the writer or with Special Agent in Charge MacFarland direct as to any information he is able to obtain, and would prefer not to be interviewed unless specific requests for information were made of him; that as soon as he obtains information which he believes might be valuable he will immediately confer with either Mr. MacFarland or with the writer.

Relative to the identity of the person or persons who tipped off members of this gang immediately after the arrest of Gladys Sawyer, Wynona Burdette and Paula Harmon in September, 1934, he stated he is satisfied the "tip" came from headquarters of the detective bureau in Cleveland. However, he would not give the writer any indication as to the identity of the person who gave this tip.

It is believed Noonan may make a fresh effort to secure information for this Bureau, and it is believed his reason for assistance will be mainly because of his fear that he will some day become involved because he will not assist us due to the finding of his pay envelopes in the Karpis house, and further, he would like to collect the confidential rewards which the Bureau will pay for the apprehension of these men. It is the writer's belief that as soon as he obtains any information along this line Noonan will immediately confer with Mr. MacFarland.

Respectfully submitted.

R. D. BROWN
Special Agent

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Ed. George O'Brien

Special Agent in Charge
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

IN RE: BREKID

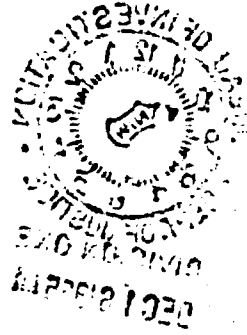
Kindly forward to this office two copies of the photograph of Eddie Green, deceased husband of Bessie Green.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
December 13, 1935

MEMORANDUM TO ALL EMPLOYEES
OF THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE:

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

The Bureau desires that hereafter two copies of all reports in this case containing information of evidentiary value, which would be of assistance to the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota in the prosecution of any of the subjects of this investigation, be designated for the United States Attorney at St. Paul.

The Bureau does not desire that a report which is to be furnished the United States Attorney at St. Paul contain information which is of interest from an investigative viewpoint only. In other words, if a report is being prepared and it contains information of a dual character, i. e., of evidentiary value and of informative value, two reports should be prepared, one for the United States Attorney at St. Paul, and the other not to go to him.

In view of recent indications that the subjects of this case may be in the vicinity of Cleveland, Ohio, or have contacts in that vicinity, it is desired that copies of all investigative reports and communications containing pertinent information be designated for the Cleveland Office of the Bureau.

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DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
December 14, 1935

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, wa, Fug.
I.O. #1818; et al
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith letters written by Dolores DeLaney to Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz and to Dolores DeLaney from her brother Bud.

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

Thanking you for your interest and co-operation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

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cc-Bureau ✓

W. J. West
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL EMPLOYEES:

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

The Bureau by letter of December 10, 1935, (7-576) advised that hereafter, on all reports in the above entitled case containing information of evidentiary value or data which would be of assistance to the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, in the prosecution of any subjects of this investigation, two copies be designated for the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota.

However, in preparing investigative reports, should you have material or information both of evidentiary value as well as information which is of interest from an investigative viewpoint, separate reports should be dictated and only reports containing evidence of value be transmitted to the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Recent indications have disclosed that the subject of this case may be in the vicinity of Cleveland, Ohio, or have contacts in that vicinity. Therefore, the Bureau has requested that copies of all investigative reports and communications containing pertinent information be furnished the Cleveland Bureau Office.

D. W. Magee
D. W. Magee,
Special Agent in Charge.

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November 29, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Joseph T. Miller,
Sale of Machine Guns to
Gangsters.

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

On September 17, 1935 the Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Office directed a letter to the Bureau advising that certain rumors were current to the effect that Joseph T. Miller of Tulsa, Oklahoma, representative of the Federal Laboratories in that State, may have supplied members of the Barker-Karpis gang with Thompson submachine guns. Special Agent in Charge Brantley desired to know whether the Bureau could confidentially learn through the Federal Laboratories, Inc., the names and addresses of all persons in law enforcement bodies or firms who may have purchased submachine guns from Mr. Miller.

The Bureau by letter dated September 30, 1935 advised the Oklahoma City Office that it was not considered desirable to directly contact the Federal Laboratories, but that the sources of the above mentioned rumor should be cautiously and thoroughly exhausted in order to determine whether Miller had in fact engaged in the unlawful sale of machine guns.

By letter dated November 13, 1935 the Oklahoma City Office advised the Bureau that the rumor with regard to Miller was brought to Mr. Brantley's attention by Lieutenant Robert Houston of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation. Houston's remarks were vague and were apparently obtained from one of his confidential informants. No information was obtainable from Houston as to the sale of firearms by Miller to members of the underworld.

Mr. Brantley informed that in addition to his connection with the Federal Laboratories, Miller is a "private investigator," insurance adjustor, and is presently engaged in some investigations for mining companies in Northern Oklahoma relating to strikes and labor disorders.

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If we get any substantive facts we should press case against Miller. I would have no objection to securing information marked from Federal Lab without indicating reasons.

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The only machine gun known to have been sold by Miller was a Thompson submachine gun sold to the City of Ada, Oklahoma, Police Department several years ago. Inquiry disclosed that this machine gun is still in the possession of the Ada Police Department and bears serial No. 5276, Model of 1921.

Lieutenant Houston could not advise that Miller had sold firearms to the Barker-Karpis mob within the past few years, but stated that he "believed possibly that he has". No further tangible information could be obtained from Houston.

Carol Tankersley [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] former wife of the deceased Herman Barker, has known Miller for many years. She advised that Miller was a contact for Herman Barker as a fence for stolen property; that on one occasion she and Herman Barker were entertained in Miller's home in Tulsa, Oklahoma, when police officers knocked at the door inquiring for Herman Barker; that Barker was concealed behind the door and Miller advised the police he had not seen Herman Barker. Carol Tankersley could not advise that Miller had ever sold firearms to members of the Barker-Karpis group.

The above is the substance of all communications relating to Joseph T. Miller.

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire

K. R. McIntire.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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

Dear Sir:

On September 17, 1935 the Oklahoma City Office directed a letter to the Bureau advising that certain rumors were current in Oklahoma to the effect that Joseph T. Miller of Tulsa, Oklahoma, representative of the Federal Laboratories, Incorporated in that State, may have supplied members of the Karpis-Barker gang with Thompson sub-machine guns.

The Bureau has ascertained that Miller is a man of doubtful character, that in addition to being a salesman for the Federal Laboratories, Incorporated he is a "private investigator", insurance adjuster, and is presently engaged in some investigations for mining companies in Northern Oklahoma relating to strikes and labor disorders.

No concerted investigation has been made to date in an effort to determine the persons, firms or Police Departments to whom Miller has sold Thompson sub-machine guns, or other items of firearms equipment. It is further noted that the Bureau has not to date obtained any information of value as to the identity of any underworld characters to whom Miller may have sold Thompson sub-machine guns, or other items of firearms equipment.

The Bureau has learned, however, that Miller was a close associate of Herman Barker, the brother of Fred and Arthur Barker, and that he entertained Herman Barker in his home at Tulsa, Oklahoma at a time when the apprehension of Herman Barker was being sought by the Tulsa Police Department. For your information Herman Barker committed suicide at Wichita, Kansas on August 29, 1927, at which time he was about to be apprehended by police officers.

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Enfor

December 11, 1936.

It is the desire of the Bureau that you arrange for the proper Agent to conduct a careful and discreet investigation of the Federal Laboratories, Incorporated in an effort to learn the identity of the persons, firms or parties who have purchased Thompson sub-machine guns and other items of firearms equipment from Joseph E. Miller, 28 1/2 Superior, St. Louis, Missouri. It is requested that the persons buying this information should not be disclosed to the Federal Laboratories. It will be incumbent upon you to obtain this information under a suitable pretext.

The Bureau desires to be advised of the results of your inquiries at an early date.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago
Cincinnati
St. Paul
Oklahoma City

POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

December 13, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

Reference is made to report of Special Agent W. B. Matney, Detroit, Michigan December 9, 1935, and his investigation conducted at Ishpeming, Michigan, in which reference is made to the "Old Ropes Gold Mine" now being operated by the Calumet and Hecla Company, about five miles north of Ishpeming.

In this connection it is believed that a further intensive and more thorough investigation should be made as to this situation, particularly as to the vicinity where this old gold mine is being operated, that is, we should have information as to the character of the operation being carried on at this place; whether or not there are people living in that vicinity, together with full and complete details as to any underworld activities being carried on either through gambling sources or otherwise. This should be given immediate attention and full information developed at the scene of this mining operation, as well as through the sheriff of the county if he is reliable, and other law enforcement officers or any others who might be in a position to put us in contact with underworld characters or persons in a position to know what is going on, and who might be developed as informants, to determine whether or not Campbell and Karpis may have a hideout in this vicinity.

Recent developments in this case indicate that Karpis may have been in the vicinity of Gary, Indiana recently, and at that time indicated he was heading north. Also as indicated by the file, our previous information indicated a very definite possibility that Farpis and Campbell were possibly in the northern part of Michigan, and by reason of the reference to a renewed operation of an old gold mine the investigation previously conducted was carried out. However it is

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believed that a more thorough and satisfactory effort should be made to develop something tangible as to this in the vicinity of Iahpening, Michigan.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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December 15, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

In re: BHF 19

Reference is made to report of Special Agent G. D. White, November 26, 1935, which covers the results of the inquiry made to locate Charles J. Fitzgerald alias C. J. Murphy, as per my teletype of November 12, 1935, and from which it will be noted no definite information was obtained.

It is believed that this inquiry should be pursued further and if possible some information developed through informants or informants to be developed, as to whether or not Fitzgerald is active or residing in Los Angeles at this time. Fitzgerald is an old time bank robber and apparently widely known in the underworld, and it is possible that if informants are developed at Los Angeles they may be able to furnish information as to where he is presently located, and the investigation should be continued vigorously along these lines.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

December 15, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

In re: BURKID

Reference is made to report of Special Agent C. E. Greeney,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania November 27, 1935, which covered investigation
previously requested in teletype from the Oklahoma City office.

In this connection it is believed that a further intensive
investigation should be made in the vicinity indicated through any and
all possible sources of information, to determine whether or not
Campbell and Karpis are now making their headquarters in that vicinity.
As has previously been indicated to you in letter of the Cleveland
office, we have reasons to believe that Campbell has recently been for-
warding over a period of several months, registered letters from Cleve-
land, Ohio and Brunswick, Ohio to an intermediary, Maggie Lett, route 2,
Lann, Oklahoma, possibly intended for his mother, and as is noted in
teletype in question, apparently a letter was sent from West Middlesex,
Pennsylvania to Tulsa, Oklahoma, and it is believed this has particular
significance in view of recent developments in the vicinity of Cleveland,
Ohio. This inquiry as requested should cover the various local law
enforcement officers having any knowledge of the immediate vicinity
from which the letter in question was mailed, together with a further
effort on the part of the Agent conducting such investigation to learn
of any and all possible underworld characters in that vicinity who
might afford a hideout for these individuals, similar to that which
was previously arranged at Toledo, Ohio and which is now believed to
exist somewhere in the vicinity of Cleveland, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, WITH ALIASES,
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; ET AL;
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau letter dated July 27,
1935, there is transmitted to the Bureau and to the offices
listed below, copies of a letter written by Wynona Burdette,
an inmate of the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan,
to her sister, Mrs. Eunice Hughes.

Very truly yours,

W. J. West
W. J. WEST
Special Agent in Charge

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Milan Mich.
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Box 1000.

Darling Sister O Mine:-

I sure was disappointed when you didn't come with Esther - darn - is right - I could hardly keep from bawling, I want to see you so much. Well I'll do as you say and be your sweet little girl until you can all come together - That will be a happy day for me - And how! Why, honey, I'm sure glad you're finally convinced that they dont beat us here every day for breakfast - I'll bet you thought we walked around with a ball and chain - didn't you? ha, It's tough - but we get three meals a day - (no matter what they're like) and a bed to sleep in - isn't that all that's necessary? No Im just kidding cause we have a commissary and can order twice a week Tuesday's & Friday's We order candy, tabacco, tooth paste, soap, etc. So you see we even have some of the luxuries - What a life - tak - tak-

Poor Mildred, she sure has her trouble I'll swear - When bad luck once gets in your door it seem's like it never knows when to leave - What is she doing now? Has she any company at her house -----? I feel so sorry for little old Dickie - how is his arm now? Gee, I hope it's Okay real soon, Eunice you said Mildred & Cecil went to Esther's & stayed a few day's but Where are the other Kiddies? Please let me know won't you?

Yes, you old onion top, a radio is lot's of company - I know cause when I was alone so much I guess I'd have blown my top if it hadn't been for mine. Im sure glad you've got one at last.

Yes, I've got a very sweet picture of Helen but it's not as nice as the one she sent you kids before - remember? I got another one of her & one of Art - too - but are they awfull - goodness they both look about twenty years older than they are, They promised to have some real nice one's taken and send them to me soon.

Art has written a song and he sent me the words - boy, it's a knock out - the name of it is "Underneath The Silvery Moon" it has the sweetest words - he didn't send the music but he say's he is going to publish it as soon as he can, and then I am going to coax him to send me a regular copy - Wont that be dandy? He say's that Helen think's the tune is even sweeter than the words - It's hard to believe, it would really have to go some to beat them.

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Hey, Dumpling, Why don't you kids write to him once in awhile? He said he hasn't heard from any one but me in a long time - Come on - honey - Write him a real sweet letter soon and encourage him in his song Writing Won't you? He would sure love to get one - I know. Tell the other kids too and you can all write to him and surprise him. Don't forget his birthday is the 25th of this Month be sure and drop him a cute card.

Helen has been pretty sick and will have to go to the hospital for an operation soon. She has an abscessed ovary. Pretty tough - isn't it? She and Art have gone into housekeeping and she say's they are really happy and just like a couple of kids playing house. She say's keeping the apartment clean and cheerful and planning nice meals for Art makes her feel like a different person. It's the first time they have had their own place since they were married and she say's they're both just as proud as they can be of it. I guess Helen is really good to that darling brother of ours and I am sure glad. I like to know he's happy and if she can keep him so - I'll love her all my day's.

Yes, Keit, my hair is getting pretty long - it's quite a few inches past my shoulders. When I first came in here I was going to have it cut short but Dolores said she would just go ahead and shave it all off if I cut one inch off. She say's that any one who can wear their hair long as nice as I can is just off their noodle to get it cut - so you see it's still long.

No, honey, I haven't heard from Millie for a couple of months but I know she is thinking of me and is just too busy to write. Honey if you see any suspicious drops on this paper dont think Im crying - cause Im not it's just my nose, I have an awfull cold, and Im trying to take care of it and write to.

Poor little Hootie-toot so she's feeling bad again tell her she had better start taking care of herself or she will be in the same physical condition Im in.

Yes, I think it would be best for all concerned if Jimmie & Shorty would go back together - I always did think Shorty was just as sweet as could be and he & Jimmie always looked so nice together. Tell Jim to take good care of little Ellen she is such a precious little thing, and all of we kids love her so much.

It's sweet of Homer to think of me so often and tell him I would love to be able to send him a picture just like the one I sent Ellen but I can't - so say "hello" to him any way and tell him I love him just as much as ever.

In still waiting patiently for the Uke and honey would you please put steel strings on it for me cause the others break so easy and it's rather difficult to have more sent in. If you can afford it I wonder if you would send an extra set. And if you do put them inside the Uke so they wont get misplaced.

Boy, if we get as good a dinner Christmas as we did Thanksgiving it wont be half bad. our Menu was -----Brown Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Cranberry sauce, Fruit salad-on-lettuce with All Mayonaise, Hot rolls & butter, and real good hot Coffee, mm-mm. dont that sound good? Honey, girl, did you mean you were sending those song's in with your letter or what? I didn't get them & it kinda sounded to me as if you were enclosing them. How's about it? I'll have to close now as I Want to Write a sweet Verse for you & Ruth and if Jimmie is there tell her I am sending her's with Millie's, so Bye - Bye - Darling. Answer real soon. Your Loving Baby Sis Monie. her didly.

Christmas Greetings.

Memories of day's gone by
When we grew up together,
Memories of happiness
And Childhood's sunny weather,
Memories of all the times
That we found joy so true,
Are in this Merry Christmas Wish
Sister's dear, for you!

You and Ruth Kiss each
other for me and again I
ask you to have Ruth
scribble a line to me or
at least drop me a card.

Your Loving Baby
Wynona B.

None.

P.S. XXXXXXXXXXXX

Tell Charles I appreciate him rebuilding the Uke for me. And I hope he's out of bed and feeling much better now.

POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

December 15, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

With reference to report of Agent Norstrom, Kansas City, Mo. dated December 9, 1935, in the above entitled matter, it is noted that CHARLES HARRIS who indicated that he would act as an informant in efforts to obtain information as to Harry Campbell, indicated that he could obtain this information through either George Nunn or Burr Head Keady of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

As indicated in addendum to this report it is not believed desirable to advance any funds for expenses to this individual for the reason indicated, and for the further reason that the party referred to as Burr Head Keady is acting as a confidential informant for the Oklahoma City office in this matter. If any arrangements are made with Harris to obtain information it is believed that same should be on a C.O.D. basis.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

December 14, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter dated November 16, 1935, transmitting photographs of Kate Mead alias Fern Davis.

Please be advised that this photograph has been shown to Mr. G. A. Barker, Janitor at 1533 West Fargo Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and also to his wife, Mrs. G. A. Barker, both of whom definitely state that the photograph of Fern Davis is not a likeness of Mrs. Marie Mead.

The photograph has likewise been shown to Mr. Charles P. Kenning, Mrs. M. E. Rabin and Postal Carrier Oertel, all of whom are well acquainted with Mrs. Marie Mead, and are definite in their assertions that the photograph is not a likeness of Marie Mead.

A copy of this photograph is being transmitted to the San Francisco Office to be exhibited to individuals in that district who are acquainted with Kate Mead, who is identical with Marie Mead, to ascertain if it can be identified as a likeness of her.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
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December 14, 1935

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

Dear Sir: RE: BREKID

With reference to Bureau letter dated November 30, 1935, (7-576) relative to Bruno Austin, please be advised that a check at the State's Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois, disclosed that this Subject did not appeal his conviction.

The results of the hearing relative to the motion for a new trial filed on behalf of Bruno Austin, which was to have been heard at Chicago on October 25, 1935, was covered in the report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, dated 12/10/35. It will be noted that the above motion was denied, and that Bruno Austin is now serving a life sentence for murder in the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois. RECORDED & INDEXED 7-576-7393

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley

E. J. CONNELLEY
Special Agent in Charge

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POST OFFICE BOX 812
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December 15, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

In re: BRFKID

With reference to report of Special Agent Paul Hansen, Oklahoma City, dated November 5, 1935, and page 10 thereof, in which reference is made to the recovery of three Colt 45 automatics which are designated as not Government property, please advise upon what this deduction is based, inasmuch as these 45 automatics are the usual automatics used by the United States Army and marked "property of the United States", although it is recalled one of these had been nickel plated.

It is believed that if these numbers are available they should be submitted to the Chief Ordnance, United States Army, Washington, D.C. for inquiry as to whether they can be traced as stolen from any corps area of the United States Army, although as I recall these numbers are the serial numbers of guns issued during the World War.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

December 15, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

In re: BREYD

Reference is made to your letter of November 30, 1935, in which it was indicated that possibly [redacted] could associate herself with someone who understood the Lithuanian language, she might be able to contact the Karpavicz family at Chicago, and thus obtain information when the Karpavicz people spoke in Lithuanian in her presence.

We have employed a young man at Chicago who understands the Lithuanian language, twenty-six years of age, and possibly if and when [redacted] again appears at Chicago we might have this young man visit the Karpavicz family with her as some relative, and at the same time conceal the fact that he is able to understand Lithuanian. In this way we might be able to ascertain what the Karpavicz family talks of when they talk in Lithuanian in the presence of persons they do not believe to understand this language. It is not believed that this young man could very well appear in the guise of the husband of [redacted] judging from my observation of her while here, and as indicated it might be possible to have him call upon these people with her under some such pretended character as previously above indicated. I do not believe however, that this young man would care to associate himself with this woman in an apartment as her husband, nor do I believe that we could very well sponsor any such arrangement, even though the arrangement was only a pretended one.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLY, SAC

Special Agent in Charge.

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

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REPORT MADE AT Jacksonville, Fla.	DATE WHEN MADE 12-14-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-13-35	REPORT MADE BY R. A. ALT
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mason Hotel, Jacksonville, Florida, was taken over by new management on November 11, 1929, now known as the Mayflower Hotel. Old records of the Mason Hotel no longer in existence.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Denver, 12-9-35.</p> <p>DETAILS: Mac Laird, present manager of the Mayflower Hotel, formerly the Mason Hotel, advised that the Mason Hotel was purchased by Robert Kloepfel, owner and manager of a number of Hotels in Florida, on November 11, 1929; that no records of the Mason Hotel are presently in possession of the new management.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Mr. Laird suggested that possibly the Mason Hotel records could be located in the possession of the former manager, who now operates the Everett Hotel.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The writer recalls having contacted this manager a number of years ago for records in connection with another case and was advised that all registration records of the old Mason Hotel had been destroyed.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">P E N D I N G</p>			
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Special Agent in Charge,
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

Report of Special Agent J. E. Dickerson, New York City, dated December 5, 1935, copy of which report was not furnished to either the Salt Lake City or San Francisco office, with reference to J. F. STRATTON indicates the following:

"At the Brevoort Hotel, fifth Avenue and 8th Street, New York City, it was ascertained that Mr. J. F. Stratton and his daughter, Grace, checked out of the hotel on November 3, 1935, and left a forwarding address of 415 Central Park West, New York City, Apartment 14E.

At the above address it was ascertained that Mr. Stratton had an office at 225 Broadway, Room 1612, New York City, telephone number Barclay 7-0740, and an appointment was made with Mr. Stratton for an interview on the following morning, which was November 20, 1935.

Mr. Stratton was interviewed at his office at 225 Broadway, New York City. This office is that of J. Allen, Financial Service Bureau, which Mr. Stratton claims he is now operating. In addition to this Financial Service Bureau, he claims to be operating a securities business in the development of the business of the Igo Mining Co. Redding, Cal., and the Echarta Hydraulic Gold Mining Co. Trinity Center, Cal. He claimed that he owns one-half interest in these two mines; that the Engineers' Exploration Company, of which John Hays Hammond is in charge, owns the remaining half. He advised that he has lived in New York City for the past twenty years, with the exceptions of trips west once in a while on business, and when he went to Reno, Nev. in the past year to secure a divorce from his first wife. He advised that while in Reno, Nev. he lived at the "Holcomb Place" on Virginia Street; that

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when he first arrived in Reno, he lived at the Parkway Hotel for only a couple of days until he secured the rental of the Holcomb Place; that he lived at the Holcomb Place from November, 1934 to January, 1935 when he returned east; that he again went west and was in St. Mary's Hospital in San Francisco in May, 1935; that he has been in New York City most of the time since returning to New York in June, 1935, with the exception of a few trips on business to Arizona and California,

Mr. Stratton was questioned as to whether he had ever seen subject Karpis and whether subject Karpis had ever visited in his home in Reno, Nev. He advised that he had never seen Karpis to his knowledge, and was sure that Karpis had never visited him in his home or at his hotel in Reno; also, that he does not recall ever having met any of the Barker-Karpis gang at any time and that, to his knowledge, he has never mentioned to anyone that he knew any member of this gang. Mr. Stratton seems to be in bad health and is a cripple. He advised that he was a pilot during the World War and that he had had a crack-up in the Argonne Forest and that he had a great deal of trouble with his spine; that he has to take morphine regularly to reduce the pain which he suffers with his spine. Mr. Stratton advised that he is, at present, under indictment on a narcotic charge in the west; that this charge was a result of a fellow, whom he employed as chauffeur, by the name of Mr. J. C. THAXLER, placing some morphine tubes in his home at the Holcomb Place and then reporting it to the officers; that he feels sure he will be able to beat this charge as it is nothing more than a frame-up by Thaxler who hopes to get some money in this case. Stratton advised that while he was in Reno he had some repair work done on his car by FRANK COCHRAN, Manager of the Air Service Co., which operates a garage on South Virginia Street, Reno, Nev.; that he understands Cochran, at the present time, is serving time as a result of harboring Baby Face Nelson; that harboring charges are also pending against Cochran's wife in the Baby Face Nelson case. Stratton advised that on several occasions, he became friendly with Cochran when Cochran was drinking, and that Cochran advised that Karpis and other

members of the Barker-Karpis gang had kept their cars in the Air Service Company garage in Reno, and that during a conversation with him, he (Cochran) had obtained information as to their activities. Mr. Stratton was of the opinion that if Cochran is interviewed properly and some assurance could be given him that probably his wife would not be prosecuted in the Baby Face Nelson case, Cochran might be able to furnish me information as to the hideouts and activities of the Barker-Karpis gang. Stratton stated for certain that he recalled Cochran advising that Campbell and Karpis had kept their cars in the Air Service Company's Garage, of which Cochran is the manager. Stratton was unable to furnish any information as to whether or not he had heard Cochran mention anything about Mr. J.J. Moran. Stratton was advised that the Bureau would not make any promises to Cochran in order to secure any information. However, Stratton prepared the following letter which is being set forth. This letter is written on the stationery of J. F. Stratton, Securities, 225 Broadway, New York City, N.Y., Barclay 7-0740-1, dated November 20, 1935, beginning "Dear Frank", and signed "As ever, your friend, Jack F. Stratton":

I have been trying for quite some time to do something to help you, if it were possible in your trouble. I have finally contacted some friends of mine who can possibly help you as well as your wife.

Saw Jim Draggi several times in Reno and told him I was doing all I could to help you.

The fact is that fellow Traxler I hired as a secretary certainly caused me plenty of trouble and I don't know what to make of it.

The chap that is bringing this letter is a friend of mine and trying to do something for you. I believe that by you cooperating with him it will be a way of accomplishing a great deal. Whatever you tell him I know will be

strictly confidential. If you feel you don't want to confide in him let me or I know at once and I will jump a plane and come out personally.

From information I have with your cooperation I think it is possible to have your wife's matter straightened out. While I cannot guarantee anything for certain, I am sure this can be done and am willing to do whatever I can to help you, let me know how you are anyway.

Also advise me whether I should pay the balance of my bill to the garage or hold it until I hear from you; Jim Draggi told me to hold it and I have waiting to hear from you."

Mr. Stratton was again advised that the Bureau would not make any promises to Cochran; that this letter would be submitted to the proper person in charge of the investigation for whatever use he may want to make of it in this case. This letter, submitted by Stratton, is being forwarded to the Chicago office for Mr. Connelley for whatever use he desires to make of the same. Mr. Stratton emphasized the fact that if Cochran were approached correctly, he would be able to furnish information of some value about the Barker-Karpis gang. However, he does not feel that Cochran is the type of man who would furnish the information to a federal officer unless the federal officer has some way to get in with Cochran through a letter from some friend, and, for that reason, Stratton furnished the above letter. Stratton further stated that Jim Draggi, an employee of the Air Service Company Garage, Reno, Nev. might also be able to furnish some information of value about the Barker-Karpis gang. Mr. Stratton stated that he would have furnished this information before this time about Cochran and Draggi, but that he did not want the Government to get the opinion that he was trying to obtain some favors in his own case on the narcotic charge; that he gives this information of his free will and does not expect any favors in return for same.

Grace Constantine, adopted daughter of Mr. Stratton was present during the course of the interview and she prepared the letter which Stratton addressed to "Frank" which is set forth above in this report. Stratton advised that Grace is his adopted daughter; that she was the daughter of a friend of his who died many years ago; that he has raised Grace ever since she was six years old; that her present age is 21. Stratton tried to impress agent during the interview with the fact that he was a big financial wizard and stated on several occasions that he could go out in the street and, in a few minutes, borrow \$100,000. He appeared to be a very talkative type, and it is doubtful if the information he furnished would be of much value.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent W. R. Hancey, Jr. San Francisco, Cal. dated November 24, 1934, in the case entitled Lester M. Gillis, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1223, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Conspiracy to Harbor Fugitives; Protection Violation, New York file 26-3092, in which is set forth a statement secured by Special Agents Vernon E. Criss, J. T. McLaughlin and C. E. Weeks, from Frank Bradford Cochran, manager of the Air Service Company, 241 South Virginia Street, Reno, Nev. This statement is dated at Reno, Nev., November 12, 1934,

Further reference is made to the report of Special Agent S. L. McKee, Chicago, Ill., dated October 31, 1935, in the case of John Paul Chase, with aliases, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act; Obstruction of Justice; Harboring of Fugitives; Murder of Inspector S. P. Cowley and Special Agent H. E. Hollis, New York file 26-3092, in which is set forth the fact that Frank Bradford Cochran was sentenced at San Francisco, Cal. on April 5, 1935 in this case, and the further fact that Anna E. Cochran is under indictment returned by the Federal Grand Jury, San Francisco, Cal., January 29, 1935, for conspiracy to harbor Lester Joseph Gillis; that she pleaded not guilty and that same was pending. It is noted in the statement signed by Cochran under date of November 12, 1934 that no mention is made of the Barker-Karpis gang."

The foregoing is quoted for your information in order to avoid re-writing of this entire report, which comprises 19 pages, and as you will recall the inquiry as to this party was initiated by Bureau letter of August 16, 1935 in which it was indicated that certain information had been furnished by the Bureau of Narcotics as to Doctor J. F. Stratton who had boasted, while under the influence of narcotics, that he had sheltered Karpis in his home at Reno, Nevada. As will be noted Stratton has been located at New York City and interviewed, and reference should be had to report of Agent McLaughlin, dated Salt Lake City August 27, 1935 which sets out the history of this individual, as well as his adopted daughter, and also one J. C. Traxler. The report of Agent McLaughlin, Salt Lake City dated September 11, 1935 also covers an interview with Doctor J. C. Traxler, who of course himself is not considered very reliable.

Taking into consideration all of the above situations it is suggested that if it is believed any possible results can be obtained by the use of the enclosed letter which I am forwarding to you as furnished by J. F. Stratton, that you interview Cochran accordingly. It is doubtful as to just how much information Cochran may be able to supply, even if he were willing to do so, as to the activities of the Karpis-Barker gang. With reference to Cochran's wife, I understand the local United States District Court refused to remove her to San Francisco for prosecution.

Copies of this letter are furnished to the San Francisco office in order that they may be advised of the developments in this case, in view of their interest in the prosecution of Cochran et al.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS, wa - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1218; et al.
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
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Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith one letter written by Wynona Burdette, an inmate of the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan, to her sister, Mrs. Eunice Hughes.

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

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

Very truly yours,

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