

Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
December 12, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. O. 1218; ET AL;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.
Kidnaping; Harboring and Obstruction of
Justice; National Firearms Act.

With further reference to the letter addressed to you by this office the tenth instant, it is stated that I am today in receipt of the report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, rendered at Kansas City, Missouri, December 9, 1935, with which was transmitted to the Little Rock office a photograph of George Dunn. This report contained a lead for the Little Rock office to locate and interview Dunn at Fort Smith, Arkansas, concerning his contacts with the remaining fugitives in this case. As only one copy of this report was received at the Little Rock office, I am submitting for your information an excerpt from it relating to Dunn's possible relationship with Alvin Karpis:

"While in the vicinity of Coffeyville, Kansas, Mate Smith, Special Agent, Missouri Pacific Railroad, Coffeyville, Kansas, was contacted and he advised that he had been recently approached by one Charlie Harris, an Indian, of Coffeyville who had offered to put Karpis and Campbell on the spot for a suitable price. Mr. Smith related that Harris had resided in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, for approximately twenty years and had spent a great deal of time at Tom Hill's place. He felt Harris was well informed as to any and all criminal activities in South Coffeyville in that he had associated with the criminal element at that place for numerous years and had served a year and a day at the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, for violation of the Internal Revenue Act.

"Harris was interviewed in Mr. Smith's office and informed that, although he is not personally acquainted with either Karpis or Campbell, he knew certain contacts of theirs and believed that after some effort of his he could ascertain their present whereabouts. He stated that his brother,

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Fred Harris, had worked for Tom Hill a number of years and that he personally had spent a great deal of time at Hill's place and that consequently he knew a great many criminal characters in that vicinity. Harris stated that he believed George Dunn, a former inmate of the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, presently employed as a glass blower in Fort Smith, Arkansas, would be Karpis' best contact in that vicinity. He described Dunn as an older man than Karpis but stated that they had served time together at Lansing and during that time had been the best of friends. Harris said that Dunn was released from Lansing in 1931 but during his incarceration Harris described Karpis as "Dunn's punk" and that Dunn was the "main man." After the release of Karpis from Lansing, he adopted Dunn's name as an alias, according to Harris, and he felt they were still in close contact. However, Harris advised that he had been informed that George Hill, postal inspector at Tulsa, Oklahoma, believed that Dunn had participated in the robbery of a mail clerk in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, in 1933 and that Dunn was more or less in hiding at the present time although he had made several visits of late to South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. Harris remarked that George Hill had sought his services in ascertaining Dunn's whereabouts and that he had intended to negotiate with Hill the day following the interview in an attempt to find Dunn at Fort Smith, Arkansas. Harris advised that he believed within a month's time, with the aid of an Agent and necessary expense money, he could locate both Karpis and Campbell by discreet inquiry through Burr Head ready of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Dunn, both of whom he is intimately acquainted with. He was informed that the Bureau would pay \$2,500.00 for Karpis and \$1,000.00 for Campbell for confidential information furnished exclusively to the Bureau and leading to their arrests but that the interviewing Agents had no authority to furnish expense money and that this matter would be taken up with the Special Agent in Charge of the Kansas City Office and a decision reached at an early date. He was further informed that he should make every effort in the meantime to obtain all possible information concerning those Subjects and transmit the same to the Kansas City Bureau Office.

"Mr. Smith advised that Harris could be located at any time through his office and stated that he felt that Harris was thoroughly reliable and that he had assisted him in numerous cases.

"At the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, two photographs of George Dunn, alias George Davis, alias Dummy, alias Charlie Williams, alias George Donley, alias George Darling were secured. He was sentenced on 1-18-23 from Phillip County, Kansas, to serve one to five years for burglary and larceny. He is described as follows:

Age	39
Height	5' 7"
Weight	116 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium
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The photograph of George Dunn is being transmitted herewith for your use in conducting the required investigation in your district.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Shivers,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Dear Sir:

In re: BREMER

In connection with previous investigation conducted at Tulsa, Oklahoma, Special Agent T. M. Birch now on special assignment in connection with this matter at Cleveland, Ohio advises me as follows:

The writer recalls that while working in Tulsa, Oklahoma in the early part of 1934 with the late Special Agent H. E. Hollis, on the above entitled case, contact was had with one Melissa Bevens, who operates a beauty parlor in Tulsa, this woman being a sister of Carrie Strickland.

Mrs. Bevens stated, when interviewed by these agents, that she was more than willing to cooperate in this matter and related the following experience:

That some time prior to the Bremer kidnaping case she had been induced by Harry Campbell's sister and mother to sign a bond for Harry Campbell in a state court in Tulsa, Oklahoma; that Harry Campbell had jumped this bond and a judgment had been obtained and was at the present time being held in abeyance by the county attorney.

It is the writer's recollection that Mrs. Bevens furnished the information relative to Laura Campbell's two trips to the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota at which time she was there for an operation.

The Cleveland file is not very complete in this matter, and there is no indication that Mrs. Bevens is being contacted at the present time. It is the thought of the writer that Mrs. Bevens should be contacted and would gladly give any information she might have in this matter. Her address can be found in the telephone directory at Tulsa, Okla.

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It is also the recollection of the writer that one Buford (Pats) Wright, a brother of Glenn Leroy Wright, now incarcerated in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, was at that time working as a

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delivery boy for the Tulsa World and that one of the friends of Wright was a man by the name of Lett. It is not known, however, if he is identical with Milton Lett of Mann, Okla. It is possible that the Chicago file contains information relative to recent activities on the part of both of these people as informants. In the event this is not the case, it is thought that the Oklahoma City office should be reminded of these two informants and that they make the proper investigation with a view to making use of these informants in this matter.

With reference to Mrs. Bevans, she is the mother of an eighteen year old daughter, who at that time was frequenting the Campbell home, and some of this information came from that source. Mrs. Bevans' clientele consists mainly of prostitutes and girls who are associated with the criminal type in and around Tulsa, Okla. and it is also from this source that Mrs. Bevans has secured considerable information.

Deputy Sheriff Tony Benson of Tulsa, Oklahoma is well known to Mrs. Bevans, and has given him much information of value in the past; however, the writer recollects that Mrs. Bevans does not desire Mr. Benson to know that she is giving any information to the Bureau, and this should be borne in mind when contacting her.

It is also known by the writer that Special Agent Paul Hansen of the Oklahoma City office is known to Mrs. Bevans."

It is believed that the above information should be considered in connection with the present investigation being conducted at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

In connection with the surveillance we are maintaining of the home of the father and mother of Harry Campbell at Tulsa, it is requested that after suitable use of same has been made by your office in preparing reports as to this, provided of course that they are not in their entirety quoted in such reports, that the daily log maintained of the activities at the plant being maintained by the three agents who are watching the

senior Campbell home, be forwarded to me for my information, and if necessary they can of course be returned to your office later.

This log should contain a more or less detailed chronological sequence of observations, together with an indication of the names of the Agents who made the observations, if this log is not being maintained in this detail at the present time. Also in connection with the observation of the Campbell home it is believed that the Agents should make periodic reports which summarize the results of their observations from week to week.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CORNELLY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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FILE NO. 7-3 ME

REPORT MADE AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA	DATE WHEN MADE 12-11-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-27-35	REPORT MADE BY J. W. VINCENT									
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 FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.										
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Thomas J. O'Dell not wanted by Savannah, Georgia police.												
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REFERENCE: Telegram from the New York Office dated November 27, 1935.												
DETAILS: Upon receipt of telegram of reference, telephonic inquiry was made of Identification Officer Doney of the Savannah, Georgia Police Department, who advised that his department had no information that Thomas J. O'Dell is at present wanted. He advised that his records disclosed that O'Dell was arrested on October 4, 1933, and held for investigation under their number 3231. He stated that O'Dell gave the name of Harold Lee Bradley when arrested but later furnished the name of Thomas J. O'Dell. He was delivered to the Sheriff at DeLand, Florida, on October 16, 1933. He furnished the following description of O'Dell, as obtained from his records:												
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<p>The New York Office was notified ^{By TELEGRAM} on November 27, 1935, that O'Dell is not wanted by the Savannah, Georgia Police Department.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P E N D I N G -</p>												
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U. S. Department of Justice
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Cleveland, Ohio

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Previous investigation conducted in this case has established that subject Karpis at one time expressed himself as being interested in the promotion of slot machines in Europe in company with Clarence Heberbrand, William J. Mitchell and William Fergus of Cleveland, Ohio.

Clarence Heberbrand, William J. Mitchell and William Fergus have been in Europe for some time, presumably being there for the purpose of making contacts, in order to promote the slot machine racket in Europe, and the information available in Cleveland at this time is that these men contemplate returning to Cleveland to spend the Christmas holidays.

[REDACTED] has advised that three Roumanians accompanied Heberbrand, Mitchell and Fergus to Europe and that these three unknown Roumanians have since that time returned to the United States.

Information available at the State Department, Washington, DC, reflects that [REDACTED]

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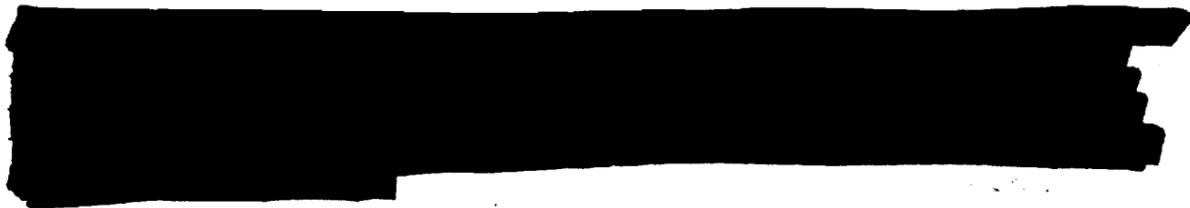
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The following are the descriptions of the aforementioned men:

Name - Clarence Heberbrand
Age - 43 years (1934)
Height - 5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Hair - light
Eyes - blue
Distinguishing marks - tattoo on left hand
Occupation - carpenter

Name - William J. Mitchell
Age - 47 years (1934)
Height - 5' 7"
Hair - dark brown
Eyes - brown
Distinguishing marks - none
Occupation - real estate and builder

Name - William Fergus
Age - 43 years (1934)
Height - 5' 5"
Hair - brown
Eyes - blue
Distinguishing marks - none
Occupation - salesman

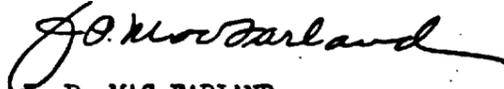
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It is respectfully requested that the State Department

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for the purpose of determining the identities of any other persons traveling with Heberbrand, Mitchell and Fergus, it being noted, as set out hereinbefore, that undoubtedly three Roumanians accompanied this party on the trip from the United States, and also to conduct such investigation as is possible for the purpose of determining whether or not these persons, in fact, made an effort to introduce slot machines into Roumania.

Very truly yours,



J. P. MAC FARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Cincinnati
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Special Agent in Charge,
Louisville, Kentucky.

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 13, 1935, wherein you refer to the report of Special Agent E. J. VanLandingham of your office in the above entitled case, and request to be advised as to whether any steps should be taken to assist Mr. and Mrs. Walter March in obtaining a permit to carry a pistol.

You are advised that the Bureau cannot approve any procedure which will result in the procurement of any permit to carry a pistol. The Bureau feels that no part should be taken by your office in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago
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REPORT MADE AT Kansas City, Missouri	DATE WHEN MADE 12-13-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-1 to 5-35	REPORT MADE BY A. E. FARIAND
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Information from confidential informant indicates that Karpis and Campbell are probably in the vicinity of Coffeyville, Kansas at the present time but intend to return to Kansas City shortly to join up with remnants of "Irish" Malley gang. Efforts being made by informant to obtain information as to present whereabouts for the purpose of apprehending these individuals.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 11-16-35.

DETAILS:

On December 1, 1935, the writer received information from Detective Joseph Schick of the Kansas City, Kansas that he had information to the effect that Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell had been in Kansas City, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri, but had left a short time ago for Coffeyville, Kansas, where they were reported to be in hiding at this time. Detective Schick had furnished other information prior to this time but the writer was never able to contact the informant who gave him this information.

On December 2, 1935, the writer was called to the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department and contact was made with Detective Schick and Jack Jenkins, Chief of Detectives. Jenkins appeared to be very much interested and believed that the informant

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in this case could be depended upon. For purposes of identification this informant will be known as [REDACTED] b7d

An appointment was made with the writer to go to the home of Detective Schick, who lives at 2407 Park Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas, for a conference on December 2, 1935. Shortly after arriving at this house Detective Schick stated that he would go and get the informant and bring him there, the writer having informed him that the Special Agent in Charge of the Kansas City Bureau Office would like to confer with him. Schick left the house and shortly thereafter returned with the confidential informant in this case, whose name is being furnished the Bureau by letter under personal and confidential cover.

After a short conference between the confidential informant, Chief of Detectives Jenkins and Detective Schick and this Agent, the writer called Special Agent in Charge Smith at his residence and informed him that a contact had been made with the confidential informant and a meeting was arranged for about 9 P.M. or 9:30 P.M. to be held in the office of the Special Agent in Charge of the Kansas City Office.

The confidential informant stated he had been contacting a number of wanted men at a hotel and saloon, whose address he did not furnish. He further stated that he had been in contact with Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell but they were not in the city at this time, stating they were in hiding at Coffeyville, Kansas; that he had made his first contact with these men about three or four weeks ago. He further stated, and had informed Detective Schick heretofore, that on one occasion Campbell and Karpis were in an automobile parked on Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas. Detective Schick informed Agent that he had told him this was three or four days prior to this meeting, but upon being questioned by this Agent and Special Agent in Charge Smith he stated that he had not seen Karpis or Campbell for about three weeks.

The confidential informant stated he intended to go to this place where the gang met that night and needed some money for expenses. Agent gave him \$15.00 cash. The informant also wanted a gun of some kind but Agent informed him that the Government did not allow employees to furnish informants firearms of any kind. The informant also mentioned an automobile and was informed that the Government did not furnish automobiles to anyone; that he had the necessary cash and could proceed to this spot of his by taxicab.

After leaving the Kansas City Bureau Office the informant stated he intended to go to the hangout. He was not seen again until the next evening when Agent made an appointment with him to meet him at the Schuyler Hotel about midnight, December 3, 1935.

Upon his arrival he appeared to have had a number of drinks. He was questioned very carefully and finally admitted that the gang was hanging out in a hotel and saloon run by a man known to the Kansas City Bureau Office as "Slim" Good, but whom informant states goes under the name of Duke Dudman. Questioned as to who was hanging around this place he stated that Russell Lane alias "Spike" Lane; Clarence Sparger, whom he states goes under the name of Sprague; Virgil Dickson alias Virgil Dickinson alias Virgil Lemon; Blackie Doyle; Slim Good's brother, Lonnie, also known as Onnie Good; and a man known to him as Blackie Manguero. He states he does not know whether that is his true name but identified him as the man who had killed a man named Carpenter in Kansas City sometime ago. He further stated that there were four or five other men hanging around there whose names he did not know and a number of women. He stated that directly over the saloon was where this gang held their parties; that they had plenty of firearms, having several sawed off shot guns; one rifle; all having one or two pistols apiece and plenty of ammunition.

The informant stated he was to make a trip to Topeka, Kansas for the purpose of making a contact on December 4, 1935, and that if any results were obtained in Topeka he would get in touch with Agent by telephone.

About 3:30 P.M. December 4, 1935, Chief of Detectives Jack Jenkins of the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department called Agent at the Kansas City Office and stated he had just received a telephone message from informant, who had telephoned from the office of the Chief of Police, Topeka, Kansas, stating he was there and intended to leave about 3:45 P.M. and wanted to have Agent and Officers Schick and Jenkins meet him at the corner of 38th and State Streets, Kansas City, Kansas at 5:35 P.M.; that he was traveling in a Terraplane Sedan, tan color, with a Kansas "3" license.

Agent, together with Officers Jenkins and Schick, proceeded to this location and waited at the corner designated until 6:10 P.M. when a maroon colored Terraplane Sedan bearing a "3" license was seen to pass, occupied by two men, traveling at a slow rate of speed, the machine not stopping. Same was followed to 10th Street, Kansas City, Kansas, where it stopped and parked, the informant getting out of the machine, entering a house where he remained about ten minutes; then left and proceeded to his home where he remained a few minutes, the officers and this Agent going to the top of the hill around the corner, and a few minutes later informant appeared.

He stated that when he returned to his home with the party who came from Topeka with him he found Virgil Dickson in his home waiting for him; that they intended to go then to the hangout of Slim Good's together, and that he would give us the results of his visit later on. Nothing further was heard from him that day.

Informant stated that he had information that John Langdon had been badly injured in a wreck on U. S. Highway 71, but that he had been unable up to this time to locate him; that he had made a contact with John Langdon about two weeks ago when John Langdon appeared at informant's home in Kansas City, Kansas, driving a Ford Coupe, accompanied at that time by Blackie Doyle; that no contact has been made between informant and John Langdon since that time.

Informant stated, when first questioned about John Langdon, that he had information that Langdon was in some hospital either in Kansas City, Kansas or Kansas City, Missouri; later, when speaking of this matter, he stated that he believed that John Langdon was now being treated by a doctor whom he stated was Dr. Jarman, being treated in this doctor's house. He also stated that John Langdon could be found some where in the neighborhood of 27th and Troost, Kansas City, Missouri.

Further questioned about his trip to Topeka, he stated he had gone there for the purpose of contacting a man named "Swede" Erickson alias Anderson, and who is known by this office and has been interviewed by both this Agent and Agent Norstrom. The other man he claims he met there was named Lester Stone alias "Rock", whom he states came from Detroit; that they were to join the mob at Slim Good's place that night; that "Swede" Anderson had two new machine guns and one 30.30.

Informant told Chief of Detectives Jack Jenkins that when he had gone to Slim Good's place they had furnished him with a .38 caliber revolver. This information was given Agent by Chief Jenkins, and while interviewing informant Agent asked to see this pistol and informant did not have it stating he had returned it. Jack Jenkins advised he had previously furnished informant with his own personal .380 caliber Colt's automatic pistol for his protection. This pistol was later taken from informant by this Agent and returned to Jack Jenkins, who later made arrangements to secure a .38 caliber Colt's revolver, which he gave to informant and which he now has in his possession.

Informant was asked whether any new men had arrived since he had been going to this hideout and he stated they expected a man named "Swede" Benson to come there that night from St. Louis.

Informant was further questioned as to whether or not he had any further information. He stated that if he could get in touch with Jack Rich he might be able to get further information; that he had information that a number of guns had been smuggled into the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, and that they were contemplating making a break at that institution. He did not say where he got this information.

When asked if he was acquainted with Tony Rose the informant replied that he was; that he believed Tony Rose was now in Coffeyville, Kansas with Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and a man he knows as "Shorty" Lord and that he believed he would be able to point out the place where they are hiding.

On December 5, 1935, Agent made a contact with this informant at the Schuyler Hotel, where he appeared with Detective Schick. At this time there were no indications that informant had been drinking any intoxicating liquors. He stated that after leaving Agent the night before he had returned to Slim Good's place for the purpose of making a contact with Virgil Dickson and when he asked Slim Good where Virgil was Good told him he had better go up to the cottage; that the gang was at that place at that time. He asked where the cottage was and Slim Good made no reply. He was later informed that Virgil Dickson was looking for him. Agent advised him to return to his home; that if Dickson was looking for him he would certainly make his contact with him there. This he agreed to do.

Informant further stated that at one of the meetings with Virgil Dickson and the gang at Slim Good's hotel they were contemplating robbing a place, he believed a bank, located a short distance out of Kansas City. He was unable to furnish the name of the bank or the place where the robbery was to be. He stated that they had been looking for a man to act as outside man and also to drive a car, and from their conversation he states they believe that he, the confidential informant, is "hot" and were going to take a chance with him. The conversation went so far as some one suggesting that the informant steal a car; that the car was to be a good car, a sedan, and fast.

Informant also stated that "Spike" Lane and he had been on the verge of having a fight several times, stating that "Spike" Lane did not like him, but that he did not fear Lane.

Arrangements have been made to contact this informant at a later date and the results of any information he might furnish will be set out in future reports.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

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REPORT MADE AT Louisville, Ky.	DATE WHEN MADE 12/13/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/10,11/35	REPORT MADE BY Z. J. VANLANDINGHAM CAK
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING HARBORING OF FUGITIVE OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Mrs. Walter Marsh, former wife of Gus Winkler, positively identifies photograph of Harry Sawyer as the person who was the actual ring leader of the St. Paul-Minneapolis underworld. Advises she has never been to St. Paul and knows nothing of the St. Paul connections in this case. Has not as yet written Lillian Holden in an effort to learn where Karpis is, as does not believe Holden would impart this information to her if she knew, but promises to make the attempt. Identifies the photograph of John Russell Moran as the party who disposes of stolen bonds for the Chicago and St. Louis gangs. Gives information relative to former "leaks" in this Bureau's activities in Chicago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from the Bureau dated December 5, 1935. Letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, dated December 9, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.</u></p> <p>By appointment Mrs. Georgette Marsh, the former wife of the late Gus Winkler and her husband, Walter Marsh, 113 Southwestern Parkway, Louisville, Kentucky, appeared at this Bureau Office on December 10, 1935.</p> <p>When questioned regarding statements made by her to Special Agent F. E. Hurley of this Office concerning the actual ring-leader</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>O. C. Dwyer</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>[Signature]</i>	
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of the St. Paul-Minneapolis underworld, the person whom she said ran a very select cabaret in St. Paul and who had handled the Eddie Libenburger bonds, Mrs. Marsh picked out the photograph of Harry Sawyer immediately from a group exhibited to her as the person she had in mind. She was very positive in her identification, although she stated that she had seen him only once. On that occasion Sawyer appeared with his wife at her home when she was living with Gus Winkler in Chicago at 3300 Lake Shore Drive. She said that Sawyer spent the evening at their home; that he told her he was going to give her an ermine coat and at the present time he owes her \$500.00. She said that Sawyer bragged about having St. Paul as he wanted it, and that he could "fix" anything there; he invited them to come visit him in St. Paul and said that it was perfectly safe there for his friends.

Mrs. Marsh stated that she had never been to St. Paul in her life and therefore did not know any of the connections of the St. Paul underworld; that all the information she had gotten relative to Sawyer being the leader of the St. Paul underworld and running a large and elaborate cabaret there came from Gus Winkler. She was unable to furnish any information whatsoever regarding any connection the gangsters in St. Paul had with the Police Department, although she said that she knew that such a connection existed as she had heard Gus Winkler and other gangsters speak of it.

She stated that she knew for a fact that there was a very close connection between the underworld in Chicago and the Chicago Police. That one Al Lehman, known generally as "Mouny", a government agent, she thought with the Prohibition Department, was on the payroll of the underworld and drew \$300.00 a month from that source; that she had often seen him paid off; that because of his government connection he was able to get information from the police and our Bureau Office in Chicago and thereby "tip" off the gangsters as to what to expect. That two Chicago detectives by the name of Buck Kimster, and Howell, who were assigned to Melvin Purvis to work on these cases were on the active payroll of the gangsters and would tip them off as to the government's plans; that Kimster and Howell would often meet members of the gang at her house at night and tell what was transpiring with Purvis during the day.

Mrs. Marsh immediately identified the photograph of John Russell Moran, alias "Bads" Moran, whom she said she knew well. She said that Moran was the one who handled all the stolen bonds for the gangs in St. Louis, St. Paul and Chicago. That he was the one who disposed of the bonds in the Lincoln, Nebraska, bank robbery in St. Louis; that he had a powerful political "hookup" in St. Louis. She said that he

worked with a man by the name of Bab Brown in St. Louis. That both of these men were backed by Howard Quinn, a powerful political figure in that city. She said that Quinn was the head of most of the large dog race tracks in this section of the country; that Moran usually could be found following horse and dog racing. It is recalled that agents of this Bureau kept John Russell Moran under constant surveillance during the racing of the Kentucky Derby at Louisville, Kentucky, the latter part of April, 1935, in the hope that he would attempt to contact Willie Harrison.

Mrs. Marsh identified the photograph of Charles Joseph Fitzgerald known to her as "Old Chuck", and stated that she knew him well. She advised that Fitzgerald, his wife, Isabell Born, known generally as "Belle" and Lillian Holden were the ones who "spotted" the bank at Lincoln, Nebraska, at the time of the bank robbery; that they spent a week or more in that vicinity "running the roads" determining the best roads to travel in making the getaway. She said that Fitzgerald usually ran around with a man by the name of "Big Homer." She did not know his last name, but stated positively that it was not Homer Van Meter.

She advised that she knew Alvin Karpis, although she had seen him only one time. That when she and Gus Winkler were living in Chicago, Joe Bergel had sent her to a saloon on First Avenue and Twenty-second Street, near the Speedway Hospital to tip Karpis off to get out of town; that this was the only time she had ever seen him. She stated that Lillian Holden knew Karpis well; that she had not as yet written this woman in an effort to learn where Karpis is, as Lillian Holden is still on the payroll of this gang and she did not feel that she would divulge any information to her especially in view of the fact of her recent magazine articles regarding this gang. She stated that if she happened to run across Holden on the street and had a talk with her, she might get such information, but not from writing a letter. However, after consideration, she said that she would write such a letter, as she was really curious as to what kind of a reply she would receive. She further advised that Verne Miller's wife, "Vi," knew Karpis real well and if she would, could possibly give valuable information as to his location.

Mrs. Marsh stated that the St. Paul and Chicago gangs were very closely allied; that in her opinion it would be impossible to break up the St. Paul gang until the Chicago gang was wiped out. She stated that Irene Dorsey was well acquainted with Harry Sawyer and his gang and the underworld generally in St. Paul. That if she would talk she could possibly give information regarding the connection between the St. Paul underworld and the St. Paul Police.

It might be here stated that Mrs. Marsh has never in any way attempted to feel out agents of this Office regarding any financial consideration for any information she has given, nor has she ever stated that she might be able to get further information were she advanced funds. She at this time stated however, that she would appreciate this Office using its influence in helping her and her husband get a permit to carry a gun, as she thought that in view of the recent articles she had written for publication, that some attempt might be made upon her life. Agent Hurley accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Marsh to the Police Headquarters for the purpose of introducing them to the Chief of Police and the Chief of Detectives. They were informed there, that such a permit would have to be granted by Judge Ewing. The matter was dropped at that stage.

On the following day Mrs. Marsh telephoned this Office and requested the writer and Agent Hurley to call upon her as she had a matter she wanted to discuss. Agent Hurley contacted Mrs. Marsh and she stated that she knew a very powerful and prominent lawyer in Chicago that was exceedingly well thought of. That the mention of his name in connection with gang activities in Chicago would be a sensation and very startling. She said that he did a great deal of charity work, but that his large fees, amounting at times to \$10,000.00 and over, would come from gangsters for exerting his influence in their behalf when they got in "hot water." That he never appeared in court to defend them, but acted as the "man behind the scene." She refused to reveal his name at this time, stating that she believed that this Office, by exerting its influence, could assist her and her husband in securing a permit to carry a pistol for the protection of their lives; that if this Office would assist her in this matter, she would be glad to give what information she could in matters in which the Bureau is interested. She was given no assurance that this Office would be able to assist her in this matter. The Bureau is being requested by special letter to advise this Office if any steps should be taken towards granting Mrs. Marsh's request.

P E N D I N G

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

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January 4, 1936

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In the attached report submitted in the Bremer Case by Special Agent Z. J. VanLandingham of the Louisville Office, it is to be pointed out that Mrs. Georgette Marsh, the wife of the late Gus Finkler, stated that two Chicago detectives by the name of Buch Kimster and Howell who were assigned to "Melvin Purvis to work on these cases, were on the active payroll of the gangsters and would tip them off as to the Government's plans; that Kimster and Howell would often meet members of the gang at her house at night and tell what was transpiring with Purvis during the day."

Kimster, you will recall, was the individual who figured rather prominently in the articles of Mrs. Lockerman and it is a fact that he worked on a number of Bureau cases, he being the officer who was present on the night that Verne Miller shot his way out of an apartment in Chicago.

Respectfully,

EAT
E. A. Tamm

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

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

Dear Sir:

The criminal record of Matthew Gleason discloses that he was arrested by the United States Marshal at Chicago, Illinois, on February 2, 1931, charge R. P. Act; no disposition is given. It is requested that you immediately obtain the disposition of this case and submit a disposition sheet to the Bureau.

The record also shows that Gleason as Matt Gleason was arrested by the United States Prohibition Department in 1929, charge V. P. L.; disposition, fined. It is requested that you obtain the disposition of this matter and submit it in the form of a disposition sheet immediately. It is noted that the latter arrest is unsupported by fingerprints.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - St. Paul
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December 15, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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

Dear Sir:

The Bureau desires to obtain from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas a photograph of Lloyd Barker, who is incarcerated therein under #17243.

It is noted he was received at Leavenworth Penitentiary on January 16, 1922 on a charge of mail robbery to serve twenty-five years.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover, Director,

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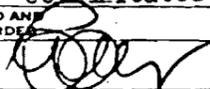
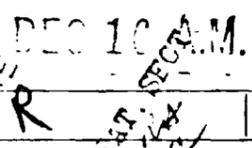
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Cincinnati, Ohio.

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REPORT MADE AT Jacksonville, Fla.	DATE WHEN MADE 12-14-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-27-12-9-35	REPORT MADE BY B. F. Fitzsimons
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, IO 1218, FUGITIVE HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, IO 1236, FUGITIVE DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, IO 1232; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta \$1,000.00 note, serial F-00022483, deposited with First National Bank of Miami by one George L. Griley, Miami, Florida, on 11-23-35, which was apparently received from the Jacksonville Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta on June 25, 1935.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter to Cincinnati Office, dated Jacksonville, Florida, November 25, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:</p> <p>As noted in the letter of reference, the First National Bank of Miami, Florida, advised the Jacksonville Office, by letter on November 24, 1935, that a \$1,000.00 note on the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, serial #F-00022483, had been discovered on that date, but was unable to determine the source from which it was obtained.</p> <p>Interview was had with Mr. Vernon L. Lowe, Chief Teller, First National Bank of Miami on November 27, 1935, at which time he advised that on November 23, 1935, one George L. Griley, a reputable depositor, had deposited to his checking account with the First National Bank the sum of \$20,000.00, consisting of twenty-one-thousand dollar bills; that when Mr. Griley made the deposit the teller receiving same had neglected to observe the serial numbers on the bills and it was not until the following day, when the deposit came to Mr. Lowe, that the bill in question was observed. Mr. Lowe stated that he immediately communicated with the Jacksonville Office, by letter, and in accordance</p>			
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with the request in the letter of reply from the Jacksonville Office, on November 26, 1935, Mr. Lowe forwarded the bill to the Jacksonville Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta requesting that it be held pending further instructions from the Jacksonville Office.

Due to the absence of Mr. Griley on a hunting trip, it was not possible to interview him prior to December 9, 1935, at which time he was questioned, at his residence, 51 Southwest Twenty Second Road, Miami, concerning the source from which he had obtained the bill. Mr. Griley stated that he obtained it from the First National Bank of Miami, explaining that on or about June 24, 1935, he received a check from Fenner and Beane, Stockbrokers at Miami, for \$34,174.70. He took the check to the First National Bank to have it cashed and asked for thousand dollar bills. On that occasion he claims that the bank did not have the amount in thousand dollar bills, but promised to obtain the bills for him. On the following day he called at the bank and received thirty-four one thousand dollar bills which he put into his safety deposit box in the First National Bank. In verification of his claim, Mr. Griley exhibited his statement from Fenner and Beane indicating that he had received the above mentioned amount, by check, on June 24, 1935. Mr. Griley informed that he had taken about four of the bills from time to time; had deposited twenty thousand to his checking account with the First National Bank on November 23, 1935, and still had ten thousand in his safety deposit box. He volunteered to accompany Agent to the bank for the purpose of checking the bills he still possesses. After having observed the serial numbers on each bill, it was determined that none of them bears any numbers to show a connection with this case. While checking the bills in his deposit box, Mr. Griley exhibited to Agent a memorandum which indicates that on July 1, 1935, he withdrew one thousand dollars; on July 31, 1935, three thousand and on November 23, 1935, twenty thousand. It may be stated that Mr. Griley is a wealthy retired realtor of Miami; of good character and reputation.

Through inquiry of Mr. H. B. Oliver, First Vice President, First National Bank of Miami, it was ascertained that on June 24, 1935, after Mr. Griley had sought to cash the check in question, the First National Bank wired to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Jacksonville Branch, requesting \$40,000.00 and this amount was received on June 25, 1935, when the check was cashed for Mr. Griley. Therefore, Mr. Oliver presumed that the one thousand dollar bills given to Mr. Griley were received from the Jacksonville Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank, but he was not positive since the bank has no record of the denomination of bills which made up the shipment of forty thousand dollars.

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE JACKSONVILLE OFFICE, at Jacksonville, Florida, through inquiry of officials of the Jacksonville Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, will endeavor to determine whether the shipment of \$40,000.00 to the First National Bank of Miami, on or about June 24, 1935, contained one thousand dollar bills and if so, whether the bill in this instance was included therein.

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627 Broad Street National Bank Building
Trenton New Jersey

December 16, 1935

Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
State House
Trenton, New Jersey

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

ATTENTION: MR. J. R. HALLOY

Dear Sirs:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is kindly requested that a stop notice be placed on the following described automobiles:

1935 Plymouth 4-door sedan
Motor number -- R32272
Serial number -- 26157

In the event an effort is made to register this automobile, it is further requested that this office be notified immediately by telephone, Trenton 3-0321.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

W. L. LITTLEMAN
Special Agent in Charge.

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PHONE. BREKID. AGENT D.P. SULLIVAN IS PROCEEDING LINCOLN, NEBRASKA
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 BARRY HAS NOT APPEARED BUT INFORMANT IS SUGGESTING SHE COME IMMEDIATELY.
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P. O. Box #1525
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December 14, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

As suggested in your letter of December 10, 1935, in the matter entitled above, there are attached hereto two copies of a report submitted by Special Agent C. E. Greaney at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 27, 1935, pertaining to an investigation conducted at West Middlesex, Pennsylvania, based on teletypewriter message emanating from the Oklahoma City Office, November 12, 1935.

The teletypewriter message herein mentioned did not suggest that HARRY CAMPBELL might have used the aliases of Mar. North, G. B. Benton, or George Benton at West Middlesex, Pennsylvania, and no examination of the West Middlesex Post Office records was made on the basis that money orders might have been purchased by CAMPBELL under such names, or that CAMPBELL might have, under said aliases, registered any letters.

Further examination at the West Middlesex, Pennsylvania Post Office will be made in the premises and reports of the investigation will be furnished your office.

Yours very truly,

G. K. FIERSTONE
Special Agent in Charge

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

DECEMBER 16, 1935

Transmit the following message to: SAC JACKSONVILLE

PHONE BREKID, TRANSMIT FOLLOWING TO AGENT MCKEE. WITH REFERENCE TO EXPENDITURES BY STATE DEPARTMENT INSURING PRESENCE OF CUBAN WITNESSES, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT ALL SUMS EXPENDED THROUGH MEDIUM OF STATE DEPARTMENT ARE IN TURN CHARGEABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. THIS INFORMATION SHOULD NOT, HOWEVER, SUPERSEDE YOUR PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS BUT SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND WHEN CONFERRING WITH AMERICAN STATE AUTHORITIES IN CUBA RELATIVE THE AMOUNT THEY WILL AUTHORIZE EXPENDED TO REIMBURSE SUCH WITNESSES AS ARE NEEDED FOR ANY FINANCIAL LOSS THEY MAY SUFFER AS A RESULT OF THEIR ABSENCE FROM CUBA.

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P. O. Box #1887,
Charlotte, N. C.

December 14, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

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

The Charlotte office is in receipt of a letter from the Jacksonville, Florida, office, dated December 11, 1935, requesting that the attached subpoena be served on L. E. Gray, Statesville, North Carolina. The Jacksonville office also attached to the letter above mentioned a copy of the letter of United States Attorney George F. Sullivan, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated December 2, 1935.

An effort was made to serve the enclosed subpoena at Statesville, North Carolina, where it was ascertained from Mrs. L. E. Gray, wife of this prospective witness, that Mr. L. E. Gray is now permanently located as assistant manager of the Hotel Carteret, 23d Street at Seventh Avenue, New York City. It is requested that your office immediately serve the subpoena in accordance with instructions contained in copies of the above mentioned letters, which are enclosed herewith for your information.

Very truly yours,

G. M. LONDON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc--E. J. Connelly, Chicago.
cc--St. Paul
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REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minnesota	DATE WHEN MADE: 12-14-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12/9-13/35	REPORT MADE BY: JOHN E. BRENNAN
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>BELLE BORN, Mankato, Minnesota, voluntarily accompanied Agents to St. Paul Office for interview 12-9-35. She denied knowing C. J. FITZGERALD or subjects this case. Refused relate her movements when away from Mankato. She stated she hauled liquor during prohibition, but refused to name associates. Expressed desire to consult her attorney at Mankato before making statement. Was returned to Mankato, 12-12-35, and purpose of interview related to her attorney, who will bring her to St. Paul Office 12-16-35 for further interview. Several of BELLE BORN'S neighbors advised man strongly resembling FITZGERALD seen at her Mankato home in November 1933. C. A. Ward, formerly Assistant Manager Newbern Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, advised C. J. FITZGERALD was a guest during summer 1933 and acquainted with E. R. Kilpatrick, now salesman Kingsbury Brewing Company, and that BELLE BORN strongly resembles Mrs. C. J. Murphy.</p>			
DETAILS:			
REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated December 4, 1935.			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: H. E. Anderson	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-8416	RECORDED AND INDEXED: DEC 17 1935
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DETAILS:

On December 9, 1935 Special Agent S. W. Hardy and Agent proceeded to Mankato, Minnesota, and met Special Agents E. Tonis and M. V. Kirkland, who had theretofore been detailed on the telephone tap on the telephone of BELLE BORN. Special Agent Kirkland pointed out the residence of BELLE BORN, about three miles southwest of Mankato, where BELLE BORN was located and informed that the Bureau desired her cooperation in connection with the investigation of the case involving the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, and that interview was desired with her at the office of the Bureau in St. Paul. She suggested that such interview might be conducted in her home. However, she was informed that the files in this case were so voluminous that it would not be possible to carry all of the papers around with Agents that would be necessary in the conduct of this interview, whereupon she agreed to accompany Agents to St. Paul for questioning.

Upon arrival at the St. Paul Office she was informed by Acting Special Agent in Charge Clinton Stein that in the course of the investigation in the Bremer case, which had been going on for nearly two years, it had been ascertained that CHARLES J. FITZGERALD alias Murphy, and other aliases, had been associated with the perpetrators of this kidnaping for some time prior to as well as after the kidnaping; that information had been developed indicating that she in turn had been associating with FITZGERALD over a period of years and that the primary object of the interview was to secure such information as she might have which would ultimately lead to the location of such of the kidnapers as have not yet been apprehended, and also as a means thereto to ascertain the present whereabouts of FITZGERALD, as well as such connections as he might have in various parts of the country, and that while it was not expected that she would relate any of her activities which might be of evidentiary value in the prosecution against herself, it was believed that she could furnish certain information which would be of value without necessarily implicating herself.

Her first impression seems to have been that the Agents would procure a statement or admissions from her which might be used against her, and she related that she expected that an attempt would be made to procure such a statement by any means whatsoever, as she had read of and seen motion pictures of the manner in which representatives of this Bureau operated. When photographs of FITZGERALD were exhibited to her she stated that she had never seen the person represented; did not know FITZGERALD or anyone of this name or any of

the aliases used by him; did not know any of his associates; was not acquainted with any of the participants in the kidnaping whose photographs were shown to her, and knew very little about it other than what she had read in the headlines of various newspapers. She was interviewed continuously by Acting Special Agent in Charge Stein and Agent for the three days that she was in St. Paul, but at no time would she admit an acquaintance with FITZGERALD or any of his known associates. She did state that she had known Jack Davenport and his wife for several years, and that on one occasion, possibly during 1933, Mrs. Davenport was taking care of a little girl about five years of age named Francine James; that Mrs. Davenport had to go to Chicago and informed her that this child belonged to a lady who was in a hospital and requested that she, BELLE BORN, take care of the little girl until Mrs. Davenport returned from Chicago, and that she did take care of this child for a few days. It will be recalled that HARRY SAWYER and wife were known in Cleveland under the name of JAMES, and that Gladys Sawyer brought Francine with her to St. Paul while Mrs. Sawyer underwent an operation. BELLE BORN stated she did not know that this child belonged to the Sawyers and did not know either Harry or Gladys.

Every effort was made to persuade BELLE BORN to advise as to whether or not FITZGERALD was dead or alive, but when no headway was made in this manner it was intimated to her that there were numerous witnesses who had identified her as having been present with FITZGERALD, particularly in Ohio, Illinois, and California, and that on at least one occasion there were several witnesses who could identify her as having resided with FITZGERALD at which time certain of the defendants in this case who were then fugitives visited FITZGERALD, and that she ought to realize that her continued silence in the face of such identifications might be looked upon by the prosecuting attorney in another jurisdiction as an indication of guilty knowledge of the identity of these fugitives, which might possibly lead to a prosecution being instituted against her on a charge of harboring these fugitives. She stated that such witnesses must be mistaken as she did not know FITZGERALD or his associates.

In this connection the information contained in reports of Special Agents T. G. Melvin, St. Paul, 4-22-35; D. E. Hall, Detroit, 3-14-35, as well as numerous inter-office communications relating to registration of various automobiles by FITZGERALD were discussed with BELLE BORN so as to convince her that it could easily be established that she was acquainted with FITZGERALD, but she continued to maintain that such persons as had furnished such information were probably mistaken as to the identity of the BELLE referred to. She maintained that she had been engaged in the transportation and sale of liquor during prohibition and a portion of the funds obtained therefrom were

used to purchase half of the property owned by herself and sister, Mae Neurenberg, in Mankato and vicinity.

Her uncle, Otto R. Neuenfeldt, who is employed in the Hamm Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, was interviewed by Agent and stated that he did not know FITZGERALD; had never seen the person represented in the photograph shown to him; that BELLE BORN had made numerous trips about the country up to about a year ago and she would never inform him of where she was going or of any of her affairs. He stated that Charles White, heretofore reported as an adopted son of BELLE BORN, was in fact the illegitimate child of BELLE'S sister, Mae Neurenberg, and that BELLE had taken care of Charles White for a short time several years ago, but had told him to leave her home when White insisted on carrying a pistol.

BELLE BORN was questioned concerning the identity of Charles White and stated that he was a young man she had taken from the Minnesota Reform School; that he had been expelled from school and that on one occasion he had shown her a pistol, stating that he was going out and hold up a store and get a slot machine; that she could not control him and notified the reform school to come after him. It was suggested to her that this boy was a child of her sister, to which she replied that this could not be proven. When inquiry was made as to whether or not he is now in the Illinois State Reformatory at Pontiac, she stated that this is true but that she does not know the nature of the charge which resulted in his incarceration.

In the course of conversation with her she stated that she had been in San Francisco but was unable to recall whether it was in 1932 or 1933 or 1934. She stated that she had never heard of the Vallejo General Hospital; did not know of anyone who had been treated there for a leg injury; did not know MA BARKER; had not accompanied MA BARKER to an oculist or optometrist, and otherwise denied any information in this regard which has been procured through investigation by the San Francisco office. She would neither affirm nor deny that she had ever been in Toledo, Ohio. She stated that she had been in Chicago on several occasions and stayed at "a hotel", and stated that she could not recall the name of the hotel and did not desire to tell whom she visited while in Chicago.

During the time that she was in the St. Paul Office she was extremely nervous, ate little or nothing for the three days

that she was in St. Paul, and the matron who stayed with her at the hotel for three nights stated that she had little or no sleep. She stated that she was somewhat surprised at the manner in which persons who might be accused of crime were treated by Agents of this Bureau in that she felt that she had been accorded every courtesy, and had some confidence in the Agents conducting the interview but felt that there might be some disposition on the part of the Government to seek to obtain information from her which could be used as a basis for her prosecution. She agreed that if she could consult some attorney in whom she had confidence that she would be guided by the advice of this attorney even though it would be that she relate her connection with FITZGERALD or any other person who might have become involved in the commission of some crime, and stated that Attorney Phau of Mankato, Minnesota, had always handled her legal affairs and was like a father to her, and that should the nature of this inquiry be laid before him and he so advised, she would answer any questions relating to the persons under inquiry truthfully.

Interview was had between BELLE BORN and Acting Special Agent in Charge Stein and will be set forth in another portion of this report. Special Agent S. W. Hardy, who conducted investigation at Mankato in an effort to procure witnesses who might be used to confront BELLE BORN in an endeavor to convince her that it was known that she was acquainted with FITZGERALD, is also contained in another portion of this report.

Agent accompanied BELLE BORN to the law offices of Phau and Phau, Mankato, Minnesota, where interview was had with the junior member of the firm, a graduate of Georgetown University, and who numbers several Special Agents of the Bureau among his friends and acquaintances. The purpose of the interview sought with BELLE BORN was outlined to him. Mr. Phau stated that he would like to arrange an interview between himself, his father, who was at that time absent from Mankato, and BELLE BORN so that they might be sufficiently informed by her of her activities, and that while he would, of course, endeavor to protect his client when making any disclosures which could be used against her, that if the information sought might be obtained from BELLE BORN without placing her in jeopardy he would advise her to furnish this information; that after this conference he would notify the St. Paul Office by telephone and make arrangements for further interview with BELLE BORN.

On the afternoon of December 13, 1935 Mr. Phau telephoned to Acting Special Agent in Charge Clinton Stein and stated that he

would bring his client to the St. Paul Office on the afternoon of December 16, 1935, where she can be interviewed.

Special Agents M. V. Kirkland, R. Fonis, and G. A. Paulson, who have been detailed to Mankato, Minnesota, to maintain telephone tap and surveillance of BELLE BORN, have been withdrawn, as well as covers on mail at Mankato and St. Paul.

It might be stated that during the time BELLE BORN was in the St. Paul Office contact was maintained with the Bureau and the Chicago Office, who were kept advised, and it might be well to state that her detention in St. Paul was entirely voluntary and that she was returned to Mankato. She stated that she had no cause for complaint as to the treatment accorded her.

The following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent E. W. Hardy on December 15, 1935:

On December 11, 1935 Special Agents E. W. Hardy and Glenn A. Paulson went to Mankato, Minnesota, under instructions to ascertain from the neighbors of BELLE BORN, who lives approximately three and one-half miles southwest of Mankato, on U. S. Highway 169, whatever these neighbors could state with regard to CHARLES J. FITZGERALD, who was alleged to have stayed at BELLE BORN'S house for several months about the Fall of 1933. In this investigation Agent Paulson remained in the background as he had been under cover on investigations at Mankato heretofore.

Herb Crane, who lives approximately one mile northeast of BELLE BORN'S home, stated that he had never seen FITZGERALD personally but that he had been told by Ernest Sorrell, another neighbor, that there had been an old man staying at BELLE BORN'S home for a period of time about November 1933.

Ernest Sorrell was interviewed at his home, approximately one quarter mile north of BELLE BORN'S home, and stated that he personally had never seen any elderly man who would fit the description of CHARLES J. FITZGERALD at BELLE BORN'S home, but that just after the kidnaping of Edward Bremer in January 1934 he had been told by Albert Johnson, who lives next door to BELLE BORN, and who at times has access to her house, that Johnson had seen an elderly man lying in bed at BELLE BORN'S house, and that this man was supposed to have been shot in the leg; that Albert Johnson was angry at BELLE BORN at the time he told Sorrell this.

Ernest Sorrell stated that BELLE BORN is approximately 49 years of age; that he was raised with her in the vicinity where they now reside, and that her maiden name was Isabelle Matilda Anderson; that her mother died some five years ago; that she has a brother named Ole Anderson, who operates a farm near Oshawa, which is approximately fifteen or twenty miles from Mankato; that she has one sister named Mary Neuerenfelt, who is married and lives at Butte, Montana; that BELLE BORN was sent to the reform school which was located at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, about 1902 from Mankato, Minnesota, for incorrigibility and released on coming 18 years of age, about 1904 or 1905, and soon thereafter married Tom Penhill of Mankato; was divorced from Penhill shortly thereafter at Mankato, and about 1917 she married Sergeant William Born, U. S. Army, who was stationed at Fort Snelling; that

Born was commissioned a Lieutenant overseas during the World War and BELLE BORN lived at Fort Snelling barracks during 1918, as Ernest Sorrell visited her there; that BORN divorced her about 1922 or 1923.

Mr. Sorrell states that BELLE BORN does not associate or mingle with the neighbors; that she seems to have money and he does not know the source from which it comes, as she and her family were raised on county relief; that she does not allow her neighbors to come into her house; that when neighbors contact her for any reason whatsoever she discusses the matters with them on the outside of her home; that the only parties who really gain admittance to her house are people who apparently come from the Twin Cities occasionally for a drinking party; that he does not know who they are, except that between 1921 and 1925 he knows that Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davenport of Minneapolis were frequently at her home, Jack Davenport being a bank robber for whom BELLE BORN appeared as an alibi witness sometime during the period 1921-1925 when he was charged with bank robbery in State Court in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Ernest Sorrell understands that the daughter of HARRY SAWYER also visited at BELLE BORN'S house while this Bureau was looking for HARRY SAWYER and after Mrs. Sawyer was located by Bureau Agents in Ohio during September 1934. Ernest Sorrell could give no further information regarding FITZGERALD, and his father, Lee F. Sorrell, had nothing further to offer. Lee F. Sorrell had not seen FITZGERALD at MRS. BORN'S home.

Albert Johnson, who lives in a small house just north of BELLE BORN'S home, states that he gets wood at BELLE BORN'S house and looks after the fires there when she or Mrs. O. R. Neuenberg are not there; that about November 1933, as nearly as he can recall the date, he saw an elderly man in bed in BELLE BORN'S house. He states that the photo of CHARLES J. FITZGERALD, Kansas State Penitentiary No. 6621, appears to him to be the photo of the man whom he saw in bed there. He states he saw this man in BELLE BORN'S house on a number of other occasions about that time, and that this man was called CHARLIE.

Albert Johnson is 80 years of age, and apparently quite friendly with BELLE BORN. HE gave the above information notwithstanding the fact that his sister-in-law during the interview kept telling him to "Keep your mouth shut - don't get mixed up in that".

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ullman, who reside on R.F.D. #1 out of Mankato, Minnesota, their farm being reached by going five miles west and one-half mile south on U. S. Highway 169, state that about November 1933 they went to the farm of Ole Anderson (brother of BELLE BORN) near Oshawa, Minnesota, to collect a debt from Ole Anderson, staying at Anderson's house for approximately an hour, and being introduced at that time by Ole Anderson and BELLE BORN to a tall elderly man as "Uncle Charlie". Both Mr. and Mrs. Ullman state that the photo of CHARLES J. FITZGERALD very much resembles the man whom they were introduced to as "Uncle Charlie", and they believe that FITZGERALD is the same party; that they talked to him for approximately an hour on this occasion but never saw him before or since; that from the conversation of BELLE BORN and Ole Anderson they gained the impression that this "Uncle Charlie" had been visiting for some time prior thereto at BELLE BORN'S home.

Mrs. Bertha Rogers, who lives approximately one-quarter mile south of BELLE BORN'S home, states she has known BELLE BORN for many years, but could not identify the photo of CHARLES FITZGERALD as anyone whom she has seen at MRS. BORN'S home, stating that she does not have admittance to MRS. BORN'S home. Her son Ralph Rogers, and his wife, Mrs. Mildred Rogers, could not identify the photo of FITZGERALD as anyone whom they had seen.

Will Smith and his wife, Mrs. Margaret Smith, who reside approximately a quarter mile from BELLE BORN'S home, state that Mrs. Margaret Smith furnished milk to BELLE BORN during 1933 and that they saw a tall elderly gentleman at MRS. BORN'S home for a period of at least a month during the Fall of 1933, but they did not observe him at a range close enough for them now to say whether the photo of FITZGERALD is or is not the photo of the man whom they saw. So far as they recall the party they saw at MRS. BORN'S house was not lame and did not limp.

At the farm of Mrs. Charles Jacobson, which is located approximately one quarter mile east of BELLE BORN'S home, the family, including Carl, Glen, Gladys, Virdo, and Mrs. Charles Jacobson were interviewed and none of these parties had ever seen a man resembling FITZGERALD'S description at the home of BELLE BORN. However, they had been told by Albert Johnson that there was a man at BELLE BORN'S house during the Fall of 1933. These parties could not identify the photo of FITZGERALD as any party whom they had ever seen in the

vicinity. They state that about the same time there was a young man called Chuck White, or Charles White, visiting at BELLE BORN'S home. (Note: Agent John E. Brennan of the St. Paul Office advises that this Charles White is now supposed to be serving a term in the Illinois State Reformatory at Pontiac, Illinois, and to be the illegitimate son of BELLE BORN'S sister MAE NEUERENBERG).

Herman Stydel, living one quarter mile west of BELLE BORN'S home, had no information of value regarding FITZGERALD, and had never seen FITZGERALD around the BELLE BORN home.

Mrs. Gertrude Pearson, who lives in a small house directly across the road from BELLE BORN'S house, proved to be a newcomer in the neighborhood and was not there during 1933 when FITZGERALD is alleged to have visited BELLE BORN.

At 322 State Street, Mankato, Minnesota, Mrs. Leon Hynson stated that her husband, Leon Hynson, was supposed to have been named as a correspondent in the divorce suit being brought by Ole Anderson against his wife; that she did not know exactly where her husband could be located in St. Paul, Minnesota, but that he was supposed to be working for J. S. Schweitzer and Son, contractors. She did not know whether he had any information concerning FITZGERALD or not, but that he had worked for several days repairing BELLE BORN'S home a number of years ago.

At J. S. Schweitzer and Son, telephone Cedar 5421, in St. Paul, Minnesota, it was learned by telephone that Leon Hynson was employed by them approximately three years ago but that they had not employed him since that time and did not know where he was at present; that he apparently is still telling people in St. Paul that he is working for them as they have received several calls recently inquiring about him; however, they made no record of the parties who had inquired.

At Oshawa, Minnesota, it was found that Ole Anderson and his children had taken Mrs. Otto R. Neuerenberg (who lives with BELLE BORN) away from Mankato on December 11, 1935, and these parties were not available for interview.

The following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent Clinton Stein on December 14, 1935:

Agent Stein has read the report of the interview with BELLE BORN as outlined by Special Agent John E. Brennan in the early part of this report, and has found that the information therein set out fully covers his interview with the exception of the following information:

Upon BELLE BORN'S being advised on December 11, 1935 that she would be taken to her home in Mankato by Agent Brennan, it was his opinion that she should make a full disclosure of all her knowledge in this case to her lawyer so that he would be in a position to give her his best advice. Upon the instructions of Mr. Connelley, she was also advised that she was not to leave Mankato without prior permission from this office; that her movements and actions would be constantly watched, and that if she left that vicinity it would be highly likely that she would be taken into custody.

She willingly consented to this arrangement, stating that she has no desire to depart until this matter has been cleared up one way or another. She did state that she had intended to visit her sister, Mae Neuerenberg, in Butte, Montana, leaving Mankato several days before Christmas with the intention of visiting her until several days after New Years. She was advised that it would be necessary for her to secure permission to make that visit from this office.

Surveillance of her movements will be decided upon after consulting with Mr. Connelley after the interview with her on December 16, 1935.

C. A. Ward, 3409 Lyndale Avenue South, Minneapolis, representing the American School, Chicago, Illinois, called at this office on December 11, 1935 in connection with his agency. During the course of the conversation he advised that he was formerly an Assistant Manager of the Newbern Hotel in Kansas City for about three and one-half years, prior to February 1934. During that period he stated that Special Agent Raymond Caffrey, now deceased, and Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimmons resided at his hotel, and thus he became acquainted with them. He recalled that he has been interviewed on several occasions by Agents of the Kansas City Office in connection with VERNIE MILLER, who resided

at the Newbern Hotel as Victor G. Mason, occupying Apartment 702, somewhat prior to the Kansas City Massacre.

He also recalled that a man named C. J. Murphy stayed at that hotel. When he was shown a photograph of CHARLES FITZGERALD he readily identified it as that of C. J. Murphy. He stated that to the best of his recollection Murphy was living at the Newbern Hotel several months prior to the Kansas City Massacre, and that on one occasion the maid advised him that Murphy's room was locked for several days, although she believed that he was in. Ward entered Murphy's room with a pass key and found Murphy reclining on a divan, and noticed that Murphy appeared to have either an artificial leg or one supported by braces. He was unable to state which leg it was. He also noticed that when Murphy would go to sit down he would place his hand on one leg, between the hip and knee, to assist apparently in the bending of his knee.

Ward also recalled that a woman, posing as Murphy's wife, stayed with Murphy at his hotel on several occasions. He was shown a photograph of BELLE BORN and stated that he believed that she was that person. For the purpose of viewing BELLE BORN, who was then in the St. Paul Office for an interview, Ward was brought back to the room where she was sitting, without indicating to her the purpose. Ward felt quite certain that she was the person who had been posing as Murphy's wife at the Newbern Hotel, but could not make a positive identification.

Ward further advised that C. J. Murphy appeared to be quite friendly with a confidence man named Kilpatrick, who was also residing at the Newbern Hotel. It was Ward's recollection that Kilpatrick later moved from the Newbern Hotel to the Wrennmoor Hotel in Kansas City.

The St. Paul Office is the office of origin in a case entitled "OVID E. BARNES, with aliases - Impersonation". The report of Special Agent R. J. Brandt, Kansas City, Missouri, December 10, 1935, in the above entitled case, reflects that BARNES, and EDWARD RAYMOND KILPATRICK, Kansas City Police Department #18652, were arrested at 47th and Millcreek Boulevard on January 14, 1933. His report further indicated that Kilpatrick has been quite friendly with Chief of Detectives Tom Higgins of Kansas City, Missouri, but that Higgins now claims not to know Kilpatrick's whereabouts. The report further indicates that Police Officer James Orford of the

Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, stated that he had seen Kilpatrick recently and that he believes he is employed somewhere in Kansas City, Missouri, or in that vicinity. The report further shows that it is now believed that Kilpatrick is now employed by the Kingsbury Brewing Company, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, as a salesman.

The above mentioned report set out a lead for the Milwaukee Office to ascertain from the officials of the Kingsbury Brewing Company at Manitowoc, Wisconsin, Kilpatrick's present location.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The Milwaukee Bureau Office

At Manitowoc, Wisconsin, will EXPEDITE securing the location of EDWARD RAYMOND KILPATRICK so that he may be interviewed regarding his knowledge of CHARLES J. FITZGERALD alias C. J. MURPHY. After securing his address it is believed that this information should be furnished directly to Mr. Connelley for instructions as to this interview.

The St. Paul Bureau Office

On December 16, 1935 will thoroughly reinterview BELLE BORN at the St. Paul Office when she appears with her attorney.

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December 14, 1935.

7-576

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

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

Dear Sir:

With regard to the present investigation which is going forward looking towards the apprehension of William Elmer ~~Lead~~, the Bureau desires to point out to you that one "Yellow Kid" Weill has been a prominent confidence man in Chicago for the last twenty years or more. On several occasions it has been indicated that Lead has contact with Weill.

It is noted that the Chicago Office has a photograph of Weill, a copy of which should be furnished to the Bureau. It is desired that in all future investigation concerning Lead that Weill be considered and the proper investigation instituted to determine whether Lead can be located through Weill.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
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It is noted that the Chicago Office has a photograph of Neil, a copy of which should be furnished to the Bureau. It is desired that in all future investigation concerning Mead that Neil be considered and the proper investigation instituted to determine whether Mead can be located through Neil.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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A Merry Christmas
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7-576-8418

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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

Dear Sirs:

The Bureau is in receipt of an anonymous communication post-
marked at Kansas City, Missouri, December 9, 1935, in which was enclosed
a photograph, enlarged copies of same being attached hereto. This
photograph has been enlarged twice the original size, and is a picture
of Lawrence DeVol and Alvin Karpis.

Transmitted herewith are photostatic copies of the anonymous
communication giving the following addresses:

"No. 9 ^{1/2} Gary Bee Runway
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"17 Van Radio shop
1107 or 9 - E 18 st

"17 Key shop - Harrington
18 & Highland ave"

The communication then informs, "Found picture in rear of
1404 Grand Kover Vacuum Co.". The anonymous communication also contained
a Christmas card bearing merely the inscription, "A Merry Christmas And A
Happy New Year", with no signature or other writing thereon.

Each office receiving a copy of this letter is also receiving
two copies of the enlarged photograph and two photostatic copies of the
anonymous communication. It is requested that appropriate inquiry be
made by the Kansas City Office at the above noted addresses to determine
whether there is any possibility that Karpis and Campbell may be located
through persons operating shops or living at such places.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
cc - Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago. (Enclosure)
St. Paul. (Enclosure)
Cincinnati. (Enclosure)

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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HM:CSH

December 14, 1935

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Mr. Henry W. Simpson,
Assistant Circuit Attorney,
Municipal Courts Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 9, 1935, addressed to Mr. Nathan, in which you express the desire of the family of the late William J. Harrison for information which will enable them to secure payment of two small insurance policies carried on Harrison's life.

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a Bureau record with regard to the death of Harrison, which may possibly serve the desired purpose. As you know, the prosecution of certain members of the gang responsible for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, in January, 1934, is still pending, and some information in the files of the Bureau must, of course, be held confidential. I trust, however, that the information furnished will be of assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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December 14, 1935

WILLIAM J. HARRISON

Using a ruse, Harrison, on the night of January 5, 1935, was lured by his companions to an abandoned barn in the vicinity of Ontarioville, Illinois. When he entered the barn in the hope of effecting his mission he was shot to death by several of his erstwhile associates. His body was then soaked in gasoline, placed in an appropriate position, and the barn was set on fire. The structure was completely demolished. On the following day, January 6, 1935, the charred outline of an apparently unidentifiable body of a human being was observed, lying in the smoldering embers. Only a torso remained.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

I. C. #7-576

October 30, 1935.

Identification of the Body of
William J. Harrison

William J. Harrison was born in St. Louis, Missouri, September 28, 1900. He spent the major portion of his adolescent years in St. Louis. In about 1926 he went to Calumet City, Illinois, where he operated numerous "Speak-easies" and dispensed alcoholic beverages during the prohibition era. He became associated with the Capone syndicate of Chicago and fraternized with persons of such notoriety as Gus Winkler, Big Homer Wilson and "Killer" Burke. Fred Goetz, alias George Zeigler was one of the leading Capone henchmen, and spent much of his leisure in pleasant golf games with Harrison who was a golf professional.

Harrison became acquainted with members of the Barker-Karpis gang through Fred Goetz. Harrison had become a man of wide experience in his travels, and, as a result of his underworld activities was able to furnish to members of the Barker-Karpis group, some of their most valued contacts, and without whom many of their sinister designs would not have been consummated.

When plans were being formulated in Chicago and St. Paul, for the abduction of Mr. Edward George Bremer, arrangements had to be made for the removal of the women members of the gang from St. Paul, and finding them apartments which would serve as a safe rendezvous for their gangster companions. This task fell to Harrison, who lodged the women in pleasant apartments on Chicago's South Side, which were operated by a "right guy". During Mr. Bremer's twenty-two days of confinement in the Bensenville, Illinois, hideout, Harrison served as an outside "contact man" for the gang, thus insuring its continued safety during the abduction period. Harrison, despite his precarious undertakings, was a man of wit and humor, and served as the "court jester" or "court fool" to the amusement of his gangster affiliates.

Temporarily, after the release of Mr. Bremer, the gang quit Chicago, Harrison providing safe refuge, entertainment and invaluable contacts elsewhere. When it appeared to the gang, however, that the "heat was off", certain members returned to Chicago, using Harrison to rent apartments, thus allaying suspicions which might have arisen had the more notorious members of the gang secured the apartments themselves.

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Harrison was trusted, and even his garrulous nature had not, up to this time, given rise to doubt on the part of his companions. Unwittingly, however, he communicated to other associates of the gang who were not in the "inner circle", certain information which, it was felt, should not have been divulged.

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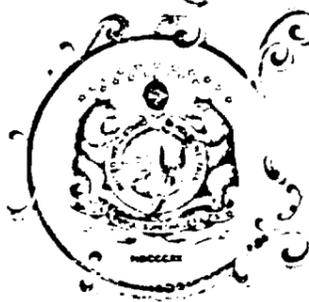
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Office of
Circuit Attorney

for the
City of St. Louis
Missouri

Franklin Miller
Circuit Attorney

Municipal Courts Building

December 9, 1935.

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Hon. Harold Nathan,
Bureau of Justice,
Department of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am a personal friend of a Harrison family whose one son, William J. Harrison, (according to a newspaper item, October 17, 1935,) a member of the Karpis gang, is reputed to be identified as a dead man found in Illinois. According to the article the identification was made by the Federal Bureau but apparently no coroner's inquest was held. The mother of this fellow, May Harrison, living at 4539 Gibson Avenue, carried two small life insurance policies on his life. The family have talked to the insurance company; apparently they want verification of the identification for their proofs of loss. I wonder if you could furnish me with the desired information since the family are in poor circumstances and could well use the small amount of money due upon the policies.

Hoping that you may be able to grant this favor, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Henry G. Simpson
Assistant Circuit Attorney.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 4907, Jacksonville, Florida

(Name and address of Contributor)

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Date November 8, 1935

Dear Sir:

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been mailed to the Division of Investigation:

Division File Number	Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
FBI-271926	FD, Miami, Fla., F-235	J. W. REED alias J. E. PARKER JOHN HENRY FOSTER J. W. BARKER	Arrested Miami, Fla., FD 12-18-20; charge - suspicious character (con). Disposition unobtainable.

NOTE: The file on the above described individual, F-235, Miami, Florida, Police Department, contains no information indicating the disposition in that instance. There are copies in the file of letters from the various police and law enforcement officials indicating that the man arrested at Miami on December 18, 1920, as J. W. Reed is identical with William Elmer Heade, with aliases, but nothing else, and neither the Bureau of Identification nor the Detective Bureau has any information to indicate when Reed was arrested or when he was released. J. C. Barker, in charge of the Bureau of Identification, advised that his records do not go back beyond 1926 and Edw. Melchen, Detective Sergeant, advised that records of the Detective Bureau do not go back beyond 1925.

Very truly yours

R. A. Alt, Special Agent in Charge
(Official Title)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
P.O.Box 812, Chicago, Illinois
(Name and address of Contributor)

Date November 15, 1935

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

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which
fingerprints have been mailed to the U. S. Bureau of Investiga-
tion:

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
Chicago, Ill. Police Dept. No. C-51004 Forwarded 8/11/33	⁶ WILLIAM E. MFADE aliases: J. W. Read E. E. Laird Edward E. Gaynor	Turned over to Postal Inspectors, Chicago, Ill. 8/14/33
U.S. Marshal, Chicago, Ill. No. 8227; Forwarded 8/15/33	⁶ one Clark alias W. Elmer Mead alias W. E. Mead	Arrested before Comm- issioner Edwin K. Walker Chicago, Ill. 8/15/33; ordered removed to Jacksonville, Fla.; released on \$10,000 bond same day.

This form to be submitted to the U. S. Bureau of
Investigation to report dispositions of cases in which prints
were forwarded previously. Dispositions include such informa-
tion as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines, discharges
from custody, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
E. J. CONNELLEY,
(Official Title) U. S. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
New York City
(Name and address of Contributor)

Date November 6, 1935.

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Following are the dispositions of cases on which
fingerprints have been mailed to the United States Bureau of
Investigation:

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
N.Y.P.D. #E-7739	WILLIAM ELMER MEADE alias WILLIAM ELMER MEAD alias J. W. REED alias "CHRIST KID" alias JOHN HENRY FOSTER alias J. W. PARKER alias J. E. PARKER alias J. W. PARKER alias EDWIN ELZA GAYNOR alias J. W. READ alias E. E. LAIRD alias EDWARD E. GAYNOR	As Edwin E. Gaynor, London, England; conspiracy; on 4/2/30 - six and six months consecutive; hard labor; Police Court.

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Very truly yours,
R. Whitley
R. WHITLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.
(Official Title)

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

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December 12, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Brekid

At 3:15 P.M. on December 12, 1935, I telephonically communicated with Acting Special Agent in Charge Clinton Stein of the St. Paul office. I explained to him the situation existing in Cuba with regard to the removal of witnesses from that point to St. Paul for purposes of trial.

He informed that the United States Attorney's office had not yet advised him that a letter had been received from the Criminal Division advising of this situation.. He stated that Mr. Sullivan, the United States Attorney at St. Paul, would be interviewed this afternoon and if he has received such a letter from the Criminal Division, the possibility of inducing the Court to grant a continuance in this matter will be considered. He stated he would inform the Bureau this afternoon of any decision which is made by Mr. Sullivan with regard to the date of trial in this matter and whether it is his intention to proceed with the trial of Sawyer and Weaver in the event it is not possible to try McDonald along with them.

Respectfully,
K. R. McIntire.
K. R. McIntire.

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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, w.a. FUGITIVE-I.O. #1218 HARRY CAMPBELL, w.a. FUGITIVE-I.O. #1236 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.a.-I.O. #1232, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM	CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: War Department has circularized the nine Army Corps Areas and the nine Ordnance depots and arsenals and is unable to locate any record of Government ownership or loss of .45 caliber Colt Automatic Pistol #345132.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. P. Burruss, Washington, D. C., November 11, 1935.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. E. L. Kahlert, Field Division, Ordnance Office, War Department, has completed the circularization of the nine Army Corps Areas and of the nine Army Depots and Arsenals and has advised that he was unable to locate any record of Government ownership or loss of .45 caliber Colt Automatic Pistol #345132.

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Washington, D. C.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, w.o., FUGITIVE -
I.O. #1218; MAHER CAMPBELL, w.o., FUGITIVE -
I.O. #1234; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report by Special Agent R.P. Burruss, Washington, D. C., dated 12/12/35. In connection therewith, there is annexed hereto photographic copy of a letter postmarked Dayton, Ohio, 3/9/35 addressed to one Corwin A. Ferguson, Federal Home Loan Bank, Washington, D. C., threatening to "get" wicth unless he returns certain money to the Miami Savings and Loan Company, Dayton, Ohio, which allegedly was stolen by him from depositors, named "two brothers". For the information of the Bureau and the other interested offices, the letter is quoted herewith below:

Dayton, Ohio,
March 9, 1935

C. Ferguson.

Several weeks ago through worry and grief we lost our beloved Father grief stricken our Mother is also down sick and all that caused it is this rotten crooked plans your setting over on the people of Dayton it a fraud and if you dont come here and tell the truth so hope we God it going to be the sorryest thing you ever did trying to steal millions from the people there life savings. they put in these B.L. we know how much is going to be paid out to depositors and other creditors I am warning you for the last time you better come clean. you wont get a chance to enjoy the money your stealing from the people. it a shame the misery and suffering you crooks have caused our people men supposed to come here and try to save the assets and help there B.L. all they can. but what have you done just the opposite there in worse condition than they ever was. you dirty bunch of alley rats why how can any body be so dirty to steal from the old the crippled orphans widows like you state men been doing. the talk is you

have been taking money out of the Miami and putting it in your own BB in Columbus. this money you are going to replace or else something else is going to happen. by parents money is in this Miami there us two brothers and we cant stand to see our mother suffering any more. you killed my dad. you hear me you killed my dad. and were going to get revenge if it the last thing we ever do if your in Washington or Columbus are were ever your at we will get you. your the chief barker of this unsound plan. so hope me God. if you dont make a clean confession and put this money back you stole from our parents in the Miami and see that this plan dont go through I am warning you for the last time this aint no threat were going to kill you. watch your step. two Brothers."

This letter is taken from the Washington Field Office file entitled, "MURKIN SURVEILLANCE; CORWIN A. FERGUS - VICTIM, EXTORTION, which file was closed by the Cincinnati Office, August 1, 1935, investigation having failed to reveal the identity of the author of the extortion note. I am sending this letter to you due to the possibility existing that William F. Fergus and Corwin A. Fergus may be related, as it will be noted that both formerly lived in Ohio, Corwin A. Fergus being, apparently, from Columbus, Ohio.

A report was submitted by Special Agent Donald McGovern dated at Cincinnati, Ohio, June 8, 1935, which in part relates to his interview with Mr. Carl Naugle, Liquidator, Miami Savings and Loan Company, Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Naugle was contacted at that time for any leads he might have in connection with the case of Corwin A. Fergus and furnished the following information. He stated that in January, 1935, he succeeded Mr. Fergus as Liquidator of the Miami Savings and Loan Company; that Mr. Fergus had occupied that position from approximately December, 1933; that prior to occupying this position, Mr. Fergus was State Supervisor in Charge of the liquidation of several of the closed Building and Loan Associations in Dayton, Ohio. He said that a plan had been worked out to help the Building and Loan Associations out of their difficulties by borrowing money from the FNC and paying a certain class of creditors and thus enabling stockholders to eventually realize more money for their stock; that Mr. Fergus was urging the adoption of this plan, but other interests, such as the Women's Building and Loan League were strictly opposed to this plan. Mr. Naugle said that both men and women belonged to this organization and that it met every Saturday night at 7:30 P.M. at 24 W. Fourth St., Dayton. He also said that Mrs. Susan Muist is President of this organization, but the names of the other officers and ardent supporters of the League are unknown to him. Mr. Naugle also said that this League publishes a bulletin intermittently expressing the League's views. He showed Agent several of these bulletins and called attention particularly to Bulletin dated 1/30/35 wherein the phrase "Chief Barker" is used.

It will be noted that this phrase is identical to the phrase used in the extortion note, although the report of Special Agent Warren Babcock, Washington, D.C., dated May 13, 1935, quotes it as reading "Chief Harper". After examining the photographic copies of the letter in question, it appears that this term should correctly read "Chief Barker".

I am forwarding this information to you for such value as it may have. Investigative reports concerning Corwin A. Fergus do not in detail furnish much data concerning his financial or personal background.

Very truly yours,

J. M. KEENE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Bureau
1-Chicago (S.J. Connelley)
1-Cincinnati
1-St. Paul

506 Fletcher Trust Building
Indianapolis, Indiana

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December 18, 1935

Postmaster,
Garden, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, I am interested to know whether the Enterprise Glass Company is located at Garden, Indiana, or vicinity.

I would appreciate your forwarding to this office any information relative to the above, and for your convenience in replying there is enclosed herewith a self addressed franked envelope.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I remain

Very truly yours,

H. H. WEINECKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

✓ cc Bureau

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Ed. George Bremer

Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida
December 16, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

On December 5, 1935, the Jacksonville Office received a letter from George F. Sullivan, United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated December 2, 1935, to which were attached seventeen subpoenas to be served on witnesses residing within the district of the Jacksonville Office, requiring their presence in Federal Court, St. Paul, on January 9, 1936.

There are being transmitted herewith original subpoenas, each bearing return of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, who served the witnesses therein, being thirteen in number, as follows:

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- James Grant
- Henry Debro
- William Milton Johnson
- Terese Carmichael
- Roy Stager
- Thiel Kpperson (not Thier Kffereson)
- Ethel Moore
- F. E. Covell
- Joseph Adams
- James Tinely (Duces tecum)
- Palmer Rosemond (Duces tecum)
- J. E. Johnson (not R.E. Johnson) (Duces tecum)
- Arthur Sanderoock (Duces tecum)

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In compliance with the request of the United States Attorney at St. Paul, each witness was advised that his presence is necessary in St. Paul on the date specified in the subpoena, unless he is advised to the contrary.

With the exception of Joseph H. Adams and J. E. Johnson, each of the above mentioned witnesses has indicated that a lack of finances will not permit the necessary travel, and it is, therefore, suggested that the United States Attorney at St. Paul be informed accordingly, in order that proper arrangements may be

George F. Sullivan

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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made with the United States Marshal's office at Miami to provide these witnesses with necessary travel funds in advance of their departure.

Subpoena duces tecum for Joseph H. Wallis, District Director, Immigration & Naturalization, was served on Mr. Wallis at Jacksonville, Florida, on December 11, 1935, by Special Agent R. B. Donaldson. The original subpoena, bearing Agent Donaldson's return, is also enclosed herewith. At the time of the service, Mr. Wallis stated that he had the original records requested by the United States Attorney and has sent them to the Immigration Bureau in Washington, D. C. to be photostated and properly certified.

Agent Donaldson was also informed that an arrangement had been perfected between the United States Attorney at St. Paul and the Immigration Bureau at Washington whereby, in view of the ill health of Mr. Wallis, his assistant, W. W. Eyster, will be an acceptable witness in lieu of Mr. Wallis to produce the records in St. Paul. Mr. Eyster will hold himself in readiness to answer a telegraphic request from the United States Attorney in St. Paul for his appearance, so that it will not be necessary for him to remain indefinitely in St. Paul.

The subpoena received from the United States Attorney in St. Paul, with his letter of December 8th, for L. E. Gray, c/o J. H. Gray, Statesville, North Carolina, or c/o Knott Hotels, New York City, was forwarded on December 11, 1935, to the Charlotte Office for service with my letter of December 11th, a copy of which was furnished your office.

The subpoenas for Special Agents J. H. Hanson and R. D. Brown were forwarded to the Bureau for service with my letter of December 5, 1935, a copy of which was furnished your office.

Very truly yours,

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R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

Enclosures.

Cc: Bureau ✓
Mr. Connelley
Cincinnati.

Jax #7-24.

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506 Fletcher Trust Building
Indianapolis, Indiana

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December 16, 1935

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Very truly yours,

H. H. REINECKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

Ed. H. H. Reinecke

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508 Fletcher Trust Building
Indianapolis, Indiana

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December 16, 1935

Postmaster,
Corydon, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, I am interested to know whether the Enterprise Glass Company is located at Corydon, Indiana, or vicinity.

I would appreciate your forwarding to this office any information relative to the above, and for your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a self addressed franked envelope.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I remain

Very truly yours,

H. H. REINECKY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Bureau

Ed. George Bremer

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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
December 16, 1935

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

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

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau letter dated July 27, 1935 there are transmitted herewith to the Bureau and to the offices listed below, copies of a letter written by Dolores DeLaney, an inmate of the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan, to Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz and copies of a letter to Dolores DeLaney from her brother Bud with which is enclosed a copy of a letter written by their father.

Very truly yours,

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

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Cincinnati

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Dear Dolores:

Mother received your letter the other day. She wrote you a card yesterday. We didn't know you could receive cards every day. So from now on you will hear from us more often.

I had a letter from Dad and he asked about you so I suppose you will be hearing from him soon.

Mother is goang over to see the baby saturday. I guess she is going to stay over their a few days.

I am enclosing a picture of dad and his letter.

I am going to close for this time because I have to go to work

So be a good girl

Love Bud.

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Dear Dad.

Got your letter some time ago but have been so darned busy or to lazy to write, have you got Babes & Maggie's address, and where is Dolores is she in the same place Maggie was you say she can only have so many letters a month so she must be in where she cant get out, if she is when is her time up. and how long did Pat get Can Dolores get Christmas Cards or presents,

I am cutting wood on shares trying to make a few bucks to spend,

I am sure glad you have a good job, What is Babe and Maggie doing I hope they are working and not hanging out with the toughs anny more,

If Dolores can have presents would like to send her a carton of cigarets. Write and let me know and I will get them for her.

Well guess that is all for now I am feeling fine.

It has ben pretty cold here 4 below zero yesterday morning and skating is fine I was out a while this evening. (Dad)

Write soon and give me the News

Happy Thanksgiving to you all

Dad

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Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
December 16, 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 are transmitted herewith letters, one written by Dolores Delaney, an inmate of the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan, to her mother, Mrs. Helen Delaney, and the others written by Wynona Burdette, also an inmate of the Federal Detention Home, to her sister, Mrs. R. D. Wilson and her niece, Gwen.

The contents of these letters have been carefully scrutinized by this office and appear 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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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
December 16, 1935

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

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

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau Letter dated July 27, 1935, there are transmitted to the Bureau and to the offices listed below, copies of letters written by Wynona Burdette, an inmate of the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan, to her Sister, Mrs. R. D. Wilson and her niece, Gwen; also one written by Dolores DeLaney, an inmate of the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan, to her mother, Mrs. Helen DeLaney.

Very truly yours,

W. J. West

W. J. WEST
Special Agent in Charge

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P. S. tell any one who is going to
send me a card to put there full name
on it for other wise I wont get it.
Of Course we can receive Pictures at
any time

Milan Mich.

Dec 12, 1935.
Box 1000.

Darling Sister:-

Your letter just came up & I thought I would answer so
you would get it before the Holidays. Doesn't it seem strange that
another Xmas is almost here? Goodness, it doesn't seem possible
that a year has passed since the last one. And just think I was
arrested less than a month after last Xmas so I will be knocking
off the first year soon. If all my time goes as fast as it has so
far - it won't be long till I'll be home with all of you - Aint
that scampin.

Essie, Dear, do you really have to have your teeth out -
honest and truly? Course honey, if it will make you feel better
to have them out that is the proper thing to do - but, Oh, I hate
to think of it - you are so young to lose them all. But don't
talk about beeing a grandma - You will be just as sweet and pretty
as ever - if you do have false tooies, don't go thinking your
getting old or something like that. Cause it's not so. And, too,
your darling daughter will be just as proud of you as ever.

Honey, you wouldn't ever take me for a preacher would
you? Well, I guess I am one any way. We girls have been having
Church every Sunday evening and each time a different girl takes
care of the services. I had it Sunday before last and I hardly
knew what to do. My voice went back on me and my prayer was the
shortest you could ever expect to hear. It wasn't because I didn't
want to say something - I had lots of thing's in my heart - but I
just couldn't utter them. We sang and I called on one of the other
girls to read a few verses out of the Bible. We all enjoy having
the services. They seem to help us through the Week. While Im on
the subject, honey, if you haven't already sent the Bible to me
don't send it. You know I told you about the preacher and the two
women coming up every Tuesday -? Well, one of them - (Mrs. Kelsey)
gave me a Bible - she wrote in the front of it - "To my dear friend
Wynona." Wasn't that sweet of her? I sure appreciated it.

Gee, I hope we have as good a dinner Xmas as we had
Thanksgiving. It was really swell - Here's the Menu: Browned Pork
Chops - 2 apiece) Mashed potatoes - gravy - Cranberry sauce- hot
roles & buller - fruit solid on lettuce with Mayonaise - bananas -
and good hot Coffee um - um - doesn't that sound good? It was ---
and how!

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What in the world is the matter with Ruth? Gee, I got so mad when I think of her working so hard like she always does I could bawl. Tell her to take care of herself. Somebody ought to take care and tie her down in bed so she could get a good long rest - I guess she really need's one, poor kid.

We have had quite a bit of snow lately although there isn't a bit today. It's been dreadfully cold, too, but I guess it will be lot's colder before the winter is over. Boy, you should see us getting dressed to go on the roof. We wear sweaters, leather jackets and big heavy coat's also stacking caps boot's that are all size 10 and an extra pair of socks. It takes a good half hour to get ready, and then do we look cute or do we? Boy, Oh boy We're the Cat's Paw. Ha - Ha.- you can't see anything but our nose & it looks like pickled pig feet - wha - wha - wha,

Peach, blossom, I wan't to tell you now that we can't receive any Xmas Packages, the order just came up and all we can have sent in is - Xmas Cars's, Xmas Calendar's, And Money. Well hit dont make no difference no how, In three or four year's from now it'll all be the same to me, Well I guess your getting pretty tired of this, so will close for now so I'll have room for Gwen's letter, I am going to send you kid's a Xmas Verse, you know it's better than nothing. By, By, Darling. Loads & oodles of love. Your Baby Sis
Mona. B. XOXOXOXO

Long ago the Wise Men came,
Long ago the Wise Men came
While stars shone up above,
While stars shone up above,
Bringing a joyous message
Of friendliness and love,-
So do we still at Christmas time
So do we still at Christmas time
Bear greetings glad and true,
Bear greetings glad and true,
A Wish for Peace and Happiness
A Wish for Peace and Happiness
To those We love like You!

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

XOXOXOXO Love Mona XOXOXOXOXOXO

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year.

Thursday. 12-12-35-

Hallo, Apple Dumpling:-

Whatcha doin - anything in particular or just every-
thing in general. Ill bet you're a busy little girl right now,
practicing for your part in the operetta and every thing. Merrey
me, I sure hope that mean old cold get's Well so you'll make a
hit in your Play, Gee, Aunt Monie sure is proud of her little Gwen,

Honey, I think the best thing you could do if your tonsils
are in a bad condition is to have them out and the sooner the better,
you know bad tonsils can make you feel bad alllover, but honey girl
What you do dont try to sing to soon after you have them out for you
might strain your voice. Bundle up good and everything will be rosy
soon.

Sugar, youre sure right when you say we'll have a swell
time with you playing the piano & me singing, We'll get out every
body's favorites and play & sing till the "moon comes over the mountain"
tra - la - la - la,

Take good care of little Ellen when she get's to Aunties
house and see that she has a nice Xmas. Won't you Dear. Gee, re-
member when your mother got her the little breakfast set with the four
chairs & the Cabinet. Cant you just see her eyes when she walked in
the living room. and seen them? dont forget the letter your going to
have her write me. I'll be waiting for it.

Listen, even if Dick Powell did say that during leap year a
girl should do the dating and pay the expenses don't you believe that
honey, No real nice boy would want a girl to do a thing like that,

Gee, Im so sorry to hear that Aunt Ruth & Aunt Millie Were
I'll and sure glad to know theyre better,

Let me know what you thought of the Play over at Cleveland
and tell me what it was all about.

Now let Aunty know what every one gets for Xmas and especially
the kiddies. I sure hope they enjoy themselves, Gwen Darling do your
best to make Aunt Millies & her babies Xmas a happy one. Well Honey
I sent you & your Mother a Xmas Verse in your Mother's letter, It's the
best I could do and I hope you like it. Must close as Im out of paper.
So answer reall soon and be a nice girl for me.

Your Old Aunt Monie.

Loads of love
XOXOXOXOXOXOXO

Thursday - Dec. 12 - 35

My darling Mother;

Am going to drop you a few lines now so you will have it for Christmas. I wanted to let you know that I can't receive any packages at all - what a shock to me. I was just dreaming of some real good nuts and candies. Oh, well, pay it no mind - we can have Xmas cards, Xmas, Callendars or money - so don't forget to tell everyone to send me a card and also to sign their full name on them or they won't come in - Say "hello" to Kay, her mother and all the rest of the family and tell them if they still think of me once in awhile to let me know by dropping me a card.

I would sure love to be with you and the Rest. Just think it will be his first Xmas and then his first birthday comes soon after - am I getting old or am I? Me - with a son almost a year old - It doesn't seem possible -

I was sure having a time for myself last year about this time - buying presents for Alvin. I couldn't send anything to anyone else so I just got loads of them for him. I hid them all over the house and even hung our stockings over the fireplace. They sure looked cute hanging their together. I got just loads of presents - mostly for the coming of Little Ray. I lost most of them tho' and it sure made me mad. There were lots of cute little sweaters, blankets booties and just everything. I thought of you and the kids all Xmas day and especially white I was roasting my first turkey - I was wishing you could see me. We were expecting quite a few people for dinner so I got a fifteen pound turkey (wasn't that something for a beginner to start on) and then something happened and the people we were expecting couldn't get there so we had turkey for a week. I'd sure like to have some of it right now.

I got a card from Babe today. It sure was good to hear from her again & did that picture of Michigan Blvd. look good or did it - I'll say - I could just see myself riding along there. She asked if I would like some more views like that and I'll say I would. It brought back loads of happy memories.

I'm going to say goodbye now, Mumsy, and answer soon.
Next month I shall wait to hear from you before I write but this
month I wanted you to get this in time for Xmas 'cause I am
writing you a verse. Tell all the kids to write - please.

Loads and loads of love

Your baby

Dolores.

P. S. Have you seen Ray since you wrote last? Kiss him just
odles and odles of times for me and tell him his Mummy will
spend Xmas with him before so terribly long.

Love & kisses -

For My Mother.

If I could send the finest wish
In all this world today
I'd wrap it up in loving words
And send it on it's way....
And when the Christmas morning dawns
I'd whisper soft and low
Take this to my own dear "Mother"
Because I love her so.

P. S. - If you really want to send me a nice Xmas present send me
a picture of yourself, please. Tell the other kids I wouldn't mind
having one of each of them, and if possible I would like one of you
all together, any chance?

Have you seen Karpis' about my kodak yet? If you haven't
do it soon, and send me some sweet pictures.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.
Dec. 16, 1935.

7-30

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

Dear Sir:

BREKID

I am enclosing subpoenas for Mr. Rolf T. Harbo, and Mr. Lee A. Beckstead, returnable at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 6, 1936. The United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, has stated that the presence of these witnesses will be necessary.

I am also enclosing a subpoena duces tecum, directed to the Chief of the Division of Identification and Information, returnable at St. Paul on January 6, 1936, and to bring with him photographs of ARTHUR BARKER, WILLIAM HARRISON, HARRY CAMPBELL, ALVIN KARPIS, VOLNEY DAVIS, FRED GOETZ, BYRON BOLTON, ELMER FARMER, and HAROLD ALBERTON.

The United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, has stated that a witness qualified to testify that the photographs produced are official records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which are maintained as records of that Bureau in compliance with the Federal Statute, may be designated in lieu of the Chief of the Identification Unit.

Will you kindly acknowledge receipt of the aforementioned enclosed subpoenas.

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Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen
H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

7-576-8429

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Cincinnati*

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CC-Chicago
Cincinnati*

[Handwritten initials and signatures]

No. _____

United States District Court

UNITED STATES SUBPOENA
DUCES TECUM

THE UNITED STATES
vs.

U. S. Attorney.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S RETURN

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Received this writ at _____ on _____

and on _____, at _____, I served it on the within-named _____

a true and certified copy hereof with all indorsements thereon.

MARSHAL'S FEES

Travel \$ _____

Service _____

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U. S. Marshal.

By _____ Deputy.

District Court of the United States of America

THE UNITED STATES
vs.
ALVIN KARPAVICZ,
alias ALVIN KARPIS, et al

No. _____

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TO THE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, OR ANY OF HIS DEPUTIES, AND TO THE SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OR ANY OF THEM:

Chief, Division of Identification and Information,
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear in the DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the District of Minnesota, at the Courthouse, in the city of St. Paul, in said District, on the 6th day of January, A. D. 1936, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day, and also that you bring with you and produce at the time and place aforesaid official photographs of

- Arthur "Doc" Barker
William Harrison
Harry Campbell
Alvin Karpis
Fred Barker
Volney Davis
Fred C. Goetz alias Geo. Zeigler
Byron Bolton
Elmer Farmer and
Harold Allerton alias Harold Alderton

then and there to testify on behalf of the United States, and not depart the court without leave thereof or of the District Attorney.

Hereof fail not under penalty of what may befall you thereon.

WITNESS, the Honorable MATTHEW M. JOYCE

District Judge of the United States, this 12th day of December, A. D. 1935, and in the 160th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

(SEAL)

MARGARET L. MULLANE Clerk.
By Catherine Murphy Deputy Clerk.

GEORGE F. SULLIVAN
U. S. Attorney.

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No. _____

United States District Court

UNITED STATES SUBPENA

THE UNITED STATES

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ALVIN KARPAVICZ, alias

ALVIN KARPIS, et al.

GEORGE F. SULLIVAN
U.S. Attorney.

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UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S RETURN

Received this writ at _____ on _____
and on _____ at _____, I served it on the within-named

and left a true copy thereof, with the person named above.

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Travel \$ _____

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U.S. Marshal.

By _____ Deputy.

District Court of the United States of America

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TO THE MARSHAL OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, OR ANY OF HIS DEPUTIES, AND To TO THE SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OR ANY OF THEM:

Rolf T. Harbo

Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED that laying aside all and singular your business and excuses, you be and appear in the District Court of the United States for the District of Minnesota at the Federal Courts Bldg at the Courthouse, in the city of St. Paul, in said district, on the 6th day of JANUARY A.D. 1936, at ten o'clock A.M. of said day, then and there to testify and give evidence on behalf of the United States, and not to depart the Court without leave thereof, or of the District Attorney.

Hereof fail not, under penalty of whatever may befall you thereon.

WITNESS, the Honorable MATTHEW M. JOYCE

Judge of said District Court of the United States, this 12th day of December, A.D. 1935 and in the 160th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

(SEAL)

MARGARET L. MULLANE

Catherine [Signature] Deputy Clerk.

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No.

United States District Court

UNITED STATES SUBPENA

THE UNITED STATES

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ALVIN KARPIS, et al.

GEORGE F. SULLIVAN

U.S. Attorney.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S RETURN

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MARSHAL'S FEES

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Service..... \$

U.S. Marshal.

By Deputy.

District Court of the United States of America

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Lee A. Beckstead
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED that laying aside all and singular your business and excuses, you be and appear in the District Court of the United States for the District of Minnesota at the Federal Courts Bldg at the Courthouse, in the city of St. Paul, in said district, on the 6th day of January A.D. 1936 at ten o'clock A.M. of said day, then and there to testify and give evidence on behalf of the United States, and not to depart the Court without leave thereof, or of the District Attorney.

Hereof fail not, under penalty of whatever may befall you thereon.

WITNESS, the Honorable MATTHEW M. JOYCE

Judge

of said District Court of the United States, this 12th day of December, A.D. 1935, and in the 160th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

(SEAL)

MARGARET L. MULLANE

Clerk.

By

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Deputy Clerk

AR:MC

December 18, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of December 16, 1935, enclosing subpoenas for Mr. Rolf T. Harbo and Mr. Lee A. Beckstead, returnable at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 6, 1936, requesting their presence at that point in connection with the trial in the above entitled case, you are advised that these witnesses will appear as requested.

Receipt is also acknowledged of the subpoena duces tecum directed to the Chief of the Division of Identification and Information, returnable at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 6, 1936, in this same matter. You are advised that a witness qualified to testify that the photographs produced are official records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which are maintained as records of this Bureau in compliance with the Federal Statute, will be designated in lieu of the Chief of the Identification Unit to appear in connection with the instant matter.

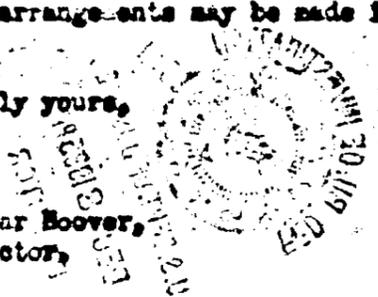
If for any reason the above named witnesses are not necessary at the trial on the dates previously indicated, you should immediately advise the Bureau so that appropriate arrangements may be made in accordance therewith.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc Cincinnati
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago

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Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
December 16, 1935

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Dr. Arthur A. Van Dyke
Postmaster
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

BRKID

Under date of November 13, 1935
you were requested to place a cover on all mail
addressed to O. R. Neunfeldt, 337 Walnut Street,
and on all mail addressed to any of the residents
at 254 Sherman Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

It is respectfully requested
that this mail cover be discontinued.

Thanking you for your cooperation;

I remain

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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Ed. George Bremer

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Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
December 16, 1935

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Postmaster
Mankato, Minnesota

Dear Sir: BREKID

It is desired that the mail
cover which this office requested to be placed
on all mail received by Mrs. Isabelle Bora,
Mankato, Minnesota, be discontinued.

Thanking you for your co-
operation, I remain

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN

Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.
Dec. 16, 1935.

7-30

Special Agent in Charge,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

BRKID

I am enclosing herewith a subpoena for Special Agent in Charge Harold E. Andersen, returnable at St. Paul, Minnesota, January 6, 1936. The United States Attorney has advised that the presence of Mr. Andersen will be necessary on the date indicated.

Will you kindly acknowledge receipt of the enclosed subpoena.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Ad. George Bremer

Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.
Dec. 16, 1935.

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7-30

Special Agent in Charge,
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

BREXID

I am enclosing herewith subpoena requiring your presence at St. Paul on January 6, 1936 for trial in the above entitled case. The United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minn., stated that your presence will be necessary here on that date.

Will you kindly acknowledge receipt of the enclosed.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 215,
St. Paul, Minnesota.
Dec. 16, 1935.

7-30

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

BREXID

I am enclosing herewith subpoenas for LEON G. ROSE,
Bureau Photographer, and Special Agents R. C. SURAN and JOHN L.
MADDAIA, returnable at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 6, 1936.
The United States Attorney has stated that the presence of these
witnesses will be necessary on the date indicated.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the enclosed subpoenas.

Very truly yours,

E. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Ed. George Bremer

Om

Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.
Dec. 16, 1935.

Ed George Bremer

7-30

Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

BRAND

I am enclosing herewith a subpoena issued for
Special Agent Story L. Fortenbury, returnable at St. Paul,
Minnesota, on January 6, 1936. The United States Attorney
has advised that the presence of this witness will be necessary
on that date.

Will you kindly acknowledge receipt of the enclosed
subpoena.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box #612

Chicago, Illinois

December 16th, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

In reply to your circular letter of December 12th, 1935, I desire to advise that this Office has caused to be placed in the files of the Automobile Protective and Information, Chicago, Illinois, a wanted notice for 1935 Plymouth Four Door Sedan, Deluxe Model, Motor No. PJ522772, Serial No. 2619857.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LAID
Special Agent in Charge

DL:LJM
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BREKID REFERENCE LETTER FROM NEWYORK OFFICE TO BUREAU
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1021 Bankers Building
Milwaukee Wisconsin

December 18, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, ET AL;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
K I D N A P I N G

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
P. M. Plunkett, dated at Boston, Massachusetts November 13,
1935, in which there is set forth an undeveloped lead for
the Milwaukee Office to conduct investigation at Land O'
Lakes, Wisconsin for the purpose of determining the identity
of Gus B. Rose and to interview him relative to the wherea-
bouts of William E. ~~Leads~~.

In accordance with my telephone conversation with
you tonight, investigation conducted by Special Agent W. R.
Walsh at Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin disclosed that the present
address of Gus Rose is 7241 Morton Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

V. W. PETERSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 16, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

4:15 PM

RE: PREMIER KIDNAPING CASE

Mr. Connelley called from Chicago and advised that they have located Charles A. Fitzgerald in Los Angeles. Fitzgerald is the alleged contact of Campbell and Karpis. It will be noted that a woman named Belle Born has been interviewed by a Special Agent attached to the St. Paul Office off and on for the past week, with a view to ascertaining information from her along these lines. Connelley states he is instructing the St. Paul Agents, who are to interview Belle Born further with her attorney, to continue to endeavor to get information from her in order that neither she nor her attorney, nor anyone else may know that we have Fitzgerald located.

With regard to the situation in Los Angeles, Connelley has talked to Hanson and instructed him to conduct a surveillance, using not less than three men. I suggested that Connelley watch the surveillance carefully and issue definite and complete instructions in order that the responsibility for any laxity may be properly fixed. He said he would do so.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Room 1103
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

RW:FS
7-120

December 17, 1935.

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

Re: BREKID CASE

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of December 13, 1935 to the Bureau, transmitting copies of memorandum submitted by Special Agent (A) J. A. Genau relative to contacts made with New York bank officials concerning witnesses employed in Havana, Cuba branches of the banks proceeding to St. Paul, Minnesota, January 6, 1936, for the purpose of testifying in the trial of some of the Subjects in the above entitled case.

For the Bureau's further information, I am attaching hereto copies of Agent Genau's memorandum dated December 16, 1935, relative to his further contacts with the bank officials. Agent Genau informs me that the higher officials of the bank are somewhat reluctant to order their Cuban employees in their Havana branches to proceed to St. Paul because of the peculiar temperament of the Cubans and the fact that should any of them become ill or anything happen to them enroute to, or returning from, St. Paul, or while they are in attendance at Court there, the bank would no doubt be held responsible by the employees' relatives. The bank would much prefer to have their Cuban employees proceed voluntarily, and it is my understanding that they are trying to encourage them to do this by making it plain that the bank will be glad to give them the necessary leave and is entirely agreeable to their proceeding to St. Paul in compliance with requests of the United States Attorney for their presence. Insofar as the American employees of the Havana banks are concerned, the officials in New York City state there will be no trouble about them, but, as pointed out above, they have to handle their Cuban employees very carefully, especially in a matter of this kind.

It will be noted in Agent Genau's memorandum that the bank officials, if possible, would like to have a letter which they could furnish to their Cuban employees relative to provisions being made for all expenses which might be incurred by them or be incidental to their trip to St. Paul. I of course will take no action in this connection pending Bureau instructions.

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Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Mr. E.J. Connelley, Chicago

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Room 1103
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

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December 16, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE R. WHITLEY:

RE: BREYID CASE

In compliance with your instructions, the writer again conferred with Messrs. R. R. HUGHES, Comptroller of the National City Bank, 55 Wall Street, New York City, and SHERRILL SMITH, Vice President of the Chase National Bank, 23 Pine Street, New York City, and advised them that the Bureau would be agreeable to furnish the employees of their Havana, Cuba branches with one suit and an overcoat to protect them against the rigors of winter while in St. Paul, Minnesota.

In addition thereto, Agent also advised Messrs. HUGHES and SMITH that airplane transportation would be furnished their employees from Havana, Cuba, to St. Paul, Minnesota, and return, if so desired, and also pay their expenses; further, that the banks in Havana would be notified by telegram the date the witnesses will be desired. The writer also advised that the Bureau would cooperate with the banks in every way possible, and have their employees testify and be released at the earliest possible date, and that their services would be required for a period of about one week.

The above is in compliance with your communications with Mr. McIntyre of the Bureau.

Messrs. HUGHES and SMITH requested a letter over your signature, setting out the above facts, stating that they desired to forward this letter to their Managers in Havana, so that they may exhibit said letter to their Cuban employees. I informed Messrs. HUGHES and SMITH that they would have said letter in their hands on the morning of December 17, 1935.

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December 16, 1935

During the writer's conversation with Mr. HUGHES, he informed Agent that the National City Bank is the only bank in Havana which has not had a demonstration enacted by some revolutionary forces during the chaotic conditions in Cuba.

Both Mr. HUGHES and Mr. SMITH informed Agent that the Cubans are very peculiar people to deal with, especially in instructing them to leave their country to testify in another country; that they may take exception to being directed to proceed out of their country, but felt that when a letter was exhibited to them, they would feel it an honor to immediately proceed to St. Paul and assist the U. S. Government in every way.

Mr. HUGHES stated that no difficulty will be experienced in having Mr. C. F. ELSNER, Sub-manager of the National City Bank, Havana, Cuba Branch, proceed to St. Paul, as Mr. Elsner is an American subject.

J. A. GENAU
Special Agent

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December 14, 1935.

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

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, 18 1935 - P. M.
Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al;
Edward George Bremer - Victim.
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Dear Sir:

In connection with efforts which are presently being made by the Bureau to locate and apprehend William Elmer Head, who is wanted for questioning in the Bremer case, and who is also under indictment in Jacksonville, Florida, charged with Mail Fraud, your attention is directed to the summary reports in the Dillinger case prepared by Special Agent V. E. Peterson, dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 6, 1934 and September 14, 1934. It is noted that the Kansas City office did not receive copies of these reports, for which reason a brief statement of the pertinent information contained therein with regard to Head is being set out herewith.

Dr. William Looser has informed that during the spring of 1934 he directed the attention of Louis Piquett to the fact that he, Looser, had, after a fashion, obliterated his fingerprints by the use of caustic soda. At this time Piquett was extremely interested in the obliteration, advising that he would soon return with a friend, and within a half hour he did return with Arthur O'Leary, who was notoriously mentioned in the Dillinger case. At this time O'Leary informed Looser that he and his cousin, Dr. Harold Cassidy, were doing the same kind of work and that he, O'Leary, had a customer, a Mr. Lane, whereupon both Piquett and O'Leary urged Looser to go with them to do the work on Lane's fingerprints.

The said parties soon thereafter proceeded to a hotel in Elgin, Illinois, where Looser was introduced to William Elmer Head who was then using the alias of Lane. The proposed alteration of fingerprints was then discussed and arrangements were made whereby Looser would meet Head in Louisville, Kentucky within a few days thereafter, where a fingerprint operation would be performed.

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In keeping with these arrangements, Looser proceeded to Louisville, Kentucky, where he contacted Mr. and Mrs. William E. Mead at the Louisville Hotel, and on May 25, 1934 he altered the fingerprints of William Elmer Mead.

Mead, using the alias of Charles E. Carter, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office at Northampton, Massachusetts on July 12, 1935 on a charge of Improper Registration of an Automobile. At this time his fingerprints were taken but the mutilation was so complete that it delayed the classification of the prints, thereby making it possible for Mead to arrange to be released on \$200.00 bond on July 13, 1935 before a positive identification could be effected.

Your attention is being directed to the close relationship between Louis Piquett, Arthur O'Leary, Dr. Looser and William Elmer Mead. It is therefore requested that an immediate interview be had with Arthur O'Leary and Dr. Harold Cassidy for any information they may have which will be of assistance in locating and apprehending Mead.

The Kansas City office is requested to conduct a similar interview with Dr. William Looser who is presently incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, on a charge of having violated his parole.

The Bureau wishes to be advised promptly of the results of these interviews.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-St. Paul
Kansas City
Cincinnati
Cleveland

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
December 11, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Brekid
Removal of Cuban Witnesses
to St. Paul.

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Baughman
- Chief Clerk
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Edwards
- Mr. Egan
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- Mr. Schilder
- Mr. Tamm
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- Miss Gandy

At about 4 o'clock P. M., December 10, 1935, I telephonically communicated with Mr. Fisher of the Criminal Division. He stated he had just received a communication from the State Department which Department advised that their representatives in Cuba had communicated with several of the various witnesses who are to be used in the trial against Cassius McDonald at St. Paul, Minnesota, January 6, 1936. It was learned that some of the witnesses are in the interior of Cuba and it has not been possible to locate them to date.

Mr. Fisher indicated that some of the witnesses do not care to go to St. Paul at this time of the year because of the cold weather, that other witnesses say that they were given to understand that they would have to go no farther than Miami, Florida, and further that they would not be compelled to bring with them any books or records. If the impression was given to the witnesses that they would have to go no farther than Miami, this was undoubtedly due to the fact that the Agent at that time believed that Cassius McDonald would be tried in Miami rather than St. Paul. It is very doubtful that any Agent ever informed a witness that it would not be necessary to produce books or records.

Many of the witnesses have indicated that the period which will be consumed by the trial is the busy season in Cuba; that this is the time of year which they make their money, for which reason they would not willingly proceed to St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. Fisher stated, however, that practically all of the witnesses had indicated a willingness to proceed to St. Paul for purposes of trial at some other time of the year. Mr. Fisher also informed that there is some question of law as to whether the books and records can be removed from Cuba. He informed that this question is being settled by attorneys for the various witnesses.

Mr. Fisher stated that on December 10, 1935, he dispatched an air mail special delivery letter to Mr. Sullivan, United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, advising him of the facts narrated above. He indicated that he was suggesting to Mr. Sullivan that the trial in this matter might be continued until such time as we could produce these witnesses in St. Paul.

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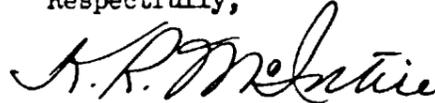
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December 11, 1935.

I will communicate with Mr. Stein, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the St. Paul Office, tomorrow morning, December 12, 1935, in order to obtain the views of the United States Attorney as to a continuance of the trial. As I suggested to you, there is a possibility that the court may not grant a continuance as to Harry Sawyer and William Weaver, and in that event there would of course be a severance and we would be forced to trial of these two persons to the exclusion of Cassius McDonald. It is of course highly desirable that McDonald be tried with Sawyer and Weaver, since it is understood that our chances for conviction would be considerably increased.

In view of the fact that Agent S. K. McKee will arrive in Havana, Cuba on Friday, December 13, 1935, it is felt desirable that he personally interview the various witnesses who will be needed at St. Paul. Since he is already acquainted with each of these persons, it is felt that he might be able to persuade them to proceed to St. Paul. Furthermore, in having an Agent in Havana the Bureau will be more completely advised as to the possibility of removing these witnesses than it would by relying upon the information furnished by the State Department.

Respectfully,



K. R. McIntire.



Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

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ATTENTION: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

December 17, 1935

Registered Mail

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a registration card of the Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio, No. F 9886, containing thereon the registration of Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. James and child, 1618 Sherman Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska, written in ink.

It is requested that the handwriting appearing on the above-described registration card be compared with the known handwriting of subject Harry Sawyer for the purpose of determining whether or not the handwriting of Sawyer is identical with that appearing on the registration card.

It is further requested that photostatic or photographic copies of the said registration card be made and furnished to the Chicago, St. Paul and Cleveland offices, and that the original registration card be returned to the Cleveland office by registered mail, inasmuch as the card is an original record of the Hotel Cleveland and must be returned.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland

J. P. MAC FARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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enc.
cc: St. Paul
Cincinnati
E. J. Connelley-Chicago

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Laboratory Report

Case: BREKID

Number: 7-576-8443

Specimens: 7-576-8443 A One registration card of Mr. & Mrs. Frank O. James & child.

Examination requested by: Cleveland

Date received: 12-20-35 (1:10 PM ft)

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Pickering # 2

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

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this case

Henry A. Sawyer

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Harry Sawyer
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business writing

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Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel # 1

RETURN SPECIMEN ✓ *send photographs to Chi. St. Paul & Cleveland office.*

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

Green Mrs. Mrs. Frank O. James ^{9 child}
1618 Sherman Ave
Omaha, Neb.

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Mary Sawyer

Mary Sawyer

H Sandbrook.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
December 17, 1935

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

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

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau Letter dated July 27, 1935, there are transmitted to the Bureau and to the offices listed below, copies of letters written to Wynona Burdette, an inmate of the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan, by her brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Burdette.

Very truly yours,

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

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Nov, 10, 1935
Lewistown, Pa.

Dearest Sis:-

Just a few lines after finishing up a peach of a ironing, Boy! Art and I have a wash as big as five people should have, but it's better that way than like pigs, Right?

Gee! only two weeks till Xmas it doesn't seem possible, I want to be in a different place by then but furnished places are so hard to find we were going to furnish our own place but winter time is rather a poor time to buy so we'll wait till spring.

Eather wrote and told us about being up to see you I just know how glad you were to see her, we also heard from Jimmy last week, said she was with Mildred for a while as Milly wasn't feeling so well, she sure has a lot of trouble, doesn't she?

Art's working to-day as usual, poor kid works every day and play four nights a week he's always on the move.

Honey you ask when I was going to be operated on, I don't know, I was supposed to go back four weeks ago, but was feeling pretty good and didn't go I do want to stay out till after Xmas if I can But I would love to have you take care of me in fact I couldn't possibly think of any thing more pleasant and listen Dear when you are permitted to come home Richard isn't the only one that wants you we do to, how would you like that living with your big Bro and little Sis?

It sure is getting cold here we had some snow already so you know (It is cold) Honey! you ask when the stork was going to visit us, well thats what we are wondering, you know it's four years on the "19th of Dec" But we haven't given up hopes yet, There are three couples. just young married people, that are looking for Mister Stork and two he just visited so you can't blame us for wondering, can you?

Gee! Honey I'll have you Bored to tears if I write much longer so I better stop and let Art write a few lines to night.

Hoping to hear from you real soon.

Your Ever loving

Bro & Sis

Helen & Art.

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Lewistown Pa
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Dear Baby sis

will try and drop you a few lines as hilene is dropping you a line and if they dont Brake we will mail em Well I am working out in the mountains about 15 mls seems funny down here no snow and up there 4 or 5 in of snow - ho Boy we have a swell time when a Big Boulder dont Roll down on you - then you are headed for the last Round up I Bet We saw a 1000 Deer today - fellows would Pass By with em on There Cars they got them just above us - of course there around us also Well I just got through Kissing a dirty Bland - ha - Dirty But nice - and I just got through writing a new waltz on the Back of Page one - you will find the lyrics of the chorus and I got to touch up the Verse a little so I will say ByBy for the time Being and you want to write when you can

your Loving Bro & sis

Art & hilene

Here I am again honey, thought I may as well use the other side of Art's letter, I wrote you two day's ago but as you see we haven't mailed it yet, But will tonight.

I've been cleaning house (Bath room) and Hall) (Yesterday) today) what a job and apartment tomorrow Art says I'm to clean but I don't think any one can be to clean, Do you? I get a kick out of it and besides it gives me something to do when Art isn't with me.

Art plays tonight and I'm going to a show then over with him so I better close and get Dressed, ans soon.

Love

Helen & Art

Title = "Love By The Water Falls"
I found love By the water falls of a Beautiful Prairie Stream it was there that I found you dear & in the shade of an elm-tree - fate had meant it for you and me - I could see in your eyes,, that I had found a prize - it was love at first sight - and the moon was shining Bright - it was love By the water falls

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Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
December 17, 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 are being transmitted herewith letters written to Wynona Burdette, an inmate of the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan, by her brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Burdette.

The contents of these letters have been carefully scrutinized by this office and appear 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

WJW:GHD
cc-Bureau

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CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-25**

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 12/17/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/6,7,11/35	REPORT MADE BY W. B. MATNEY
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Wynona Burdette, U. S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, advised she did not purchase socks, shirts, or ties for Harry Campbell or any of his friends from January 1, 1934, to approximately the last part of May, 1934.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from the Bureau to the Kansas City Office dated 12/5/35.

DETAILS:

AT MILAN, MICHIGAN

Wynona Burdette was interviewed at the United States Detention Farm, Milan, in regard to reference letter and she gave the following story:

On January 1, 1934, she and Harry Campbell had some friends over for Harry's birthday party and on January 13, 1934, they had friends at their apartment for her own birthday party. Miss Burdette advised that several weeks prior to Harry Campbell's birthday party she had purchased two suits of underwear for Harry Campbell in St. Paul, Minnesota, from a small men's shop which is located about three blocks from the State Capitol building in St. Paul. Miss Burdette could give no additional information concerning the location of the above-mentioned shop and states that she is positive that these suits of underwear were worn by Harry Campbell.

Miss Burdette advised that about three days after her birthday which is January 13th, she proceeded to Chicago where

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she lived for approximately one month. Miss Burdette stated that during the month following her departure from St. Paul, which was about January 16, 1934, she is positive that she did not buy any shirts, socks, or underwear for Harry Campbell or any other person. Miss Burdette stated that after the month which she spent in Chicago she proceeded to Toledo, Ohio, and that about three months after arriving in Toledo she purchased several light Manhattan shirts for Harry Campbell as well as several pairs of men's white broadcloth shorts and underwear tops. Miss Burdette advised that she is positive that Campbell did not take any of his own underwear, shirts or socks from their apartment in Chicago or Toledo and in that connection advised that while she was living in Chicago Campbell returned to their apartment on two occasions and while there bathed and changed his underclothing.

Miss Burdette advised that she would be willing to give any information to the Bureau which she might have in regard to the identity of the person who purchased any underwear, shirts, or socks for any of the other boys. Miss Burdett advised that the socks which she always purchased for Campbell were always full-fashioned silk and were always plain black or dark blue.

Miss Burdette was questioned concerning any information which she might have in regard to some other person buying socks, shirts, or underwear during the six weeks' period after her leaving St. Paul, Minnesota. Miss Burdette advised that she did not have any information concerning any such purchases.

It is worthwhile to note that Miss Burdette is very friendly and cooperative with Agents of this Bureau, and it is believed that if she had information concerning the request set out in reference letter, she would give same to Agents of the Bureau.

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

December 17, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Previous investigation in this case has established that apparently Harry Sawyer and his wife, Gladys Sawyer, together with the little girl, Francine Sawyer, were in Cleveland, Ohio associating with various members of the Karpis-Barker gang from about June, 1934 until September, 1934. Interviews with both Harry Sawyer and Gladys Sawyer, which have been conducted, developed the information from them that they came to Cleveland from Las Vegas by train and so far as the Cleveland file reflects they have never admitted being in possession of an automobile of their own while in Cleveland, Ohio.

It is the impression of the writer that Harry Sawyer has, in the past, driven a large Packard sedan automobile, and the investigation being presently conducted at Cleveland tends to indicate that Harry Sawyer, while in Cleveland during the summer and early fall of 1934, was in possession of a large sedan, possibly a Packard, and it is felt that if the Cleveland office is furnished with definite information concerning any Packard automobiles driven by Harry Sawyer in the past, such information may materially aid in the investigation at Cleveland. The St. Paul office is respectfully requested to furnish the Cleveland office with full particulars concerning any Packard automobiles recently owned by Harry Sawyer, including in this information the motor and serial numbers as well as the license data. It is also requested that Harry Sawyer be interviewed for the purpose of establishing whether or not he in fact had a Packard automobile at the time he was in Cleveland and in the event he admits he did have a Packard automobile he should be interrogated for the purpose of establishing whether or not this car was taken to any garage or automobile company for repairs, it being felt that if this information is secured it is very likely it can be corroborated by securing identification of Sawyer at the place where it was repaired.

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Generally speaking it has been rather difficult to secure positive identification of Harry Sawyer as having associated with the gang at Cleveland, although Mrs. Sawyer and the little girl, Francine, have been definitely identified by numerous people as having associated with various members of the gang during the summer of 1934 at Cleveland, Ohio. In this regard it may be well to re-interview Harry Sawyer for the purpose of securing definite information from him concerning his associations with the gang at Cleveland and, if possible, endeavor to secure such facts from him in this respect as will enable the Cleveland office to corroborate his statements by identifications at Cleveland.

Very truly yours,

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- Chicago

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
December 12, 1935

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

Dear Sir: **BREKID**

Reference is made to my telephone conversations with Mr. Tamm and Mr. McIntire of the Bureau on December 12, 1935 regarding the difficulties encountered in securing the witnesses and documentary evidence from Cuba.

Enclosed herewith are copies of a letter dated December 12, 1935 from United States Attorney George F. Sullivan, St. Paul, to this office regarding that situation. Enclosed with his letter was a copy of a letter which he had received from the Attorney General dated December 10, 1935, with an enclosure from the State Department. Copies of all those communications are attached to copies of this letter, as well as a copy of Mr. Sullivan's reply to the Department, dated December 12, 1935.

Mr. Sullivan in his conversation with me repeatedly emphasized that any severance of the defendants in this case would be fatal to a successful prosecution.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen
H. E. ANDERSEN *ed.*
Special Agent in Charge

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St. Paul,

December 12, 1935

The Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Honorable Joseph B. Keenan,
Assistant Attorney General.

Sir:

Re: U. S. vs. SAWYER, Weaver, McDonald,
et al.
(Bremer Kidnaping Case)

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 10th, initialed and numbered JHK-109-39-1, enclosing copy of a despatch together with a memorandum received from the American Consul General at Habana, Cuba, in the above-entitled matter, and wherein you ask to have our views thereon.

Your attention is called to my letters of October 1st, 22nd and 25th, 1935, concerning the attendance of Cuban witnesses in the above case, and also to the form of praecipe for subpoenas enclosed in my letter of October 1st, wherein the names of these Cuban witnesses are specifically set out.

The attendance of such witnesses whose names are set out in said form of praecipe for subpoena are absolutely necessary at the trial in order to tie in and connect up the defendant McDonald in the conspiracy charged. Many of the desired witnesses are employed in Cuban banks affiliated with the National City and the Chase National Bank of New York City, and it is my thought that if directions were issued by the two banks of New York City to the employees in the affiliate banks in Cuba, that the attendance of the bank employees desired as witnesses could be secured without great difficulty.

I refer you to an excerpt from my letter to you dated October 1, 1935:

"Confidentially, advice has been received here to the effect that the majority of these witnesses might not cooperate if the necessary arrangements are left in the hands of the American Diplomatic or Consular offices in Cuba. If this be true, I understand that Special Agent S. F. McKee of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who has interviewed all of these witnesses and who has their good will, would be the proper party to visit these witnesses and see to it that they report
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Can it not be suggested to the Consular Service that the cooperation of Mr. S. F. McKee of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, be secured to the end that, by reason of the reported friendly contacts of Mr. McKee with these Cuban witnesses, the attendance of such witnesses at the trial of the case at St. Paul may be more easily secured? I am informed that Mr. McKee is now in Cuba.

All of the Cuban witnesses, together with the documentary evidence which certain of them are asked to produce, are absolutely necessary at the trial, and we cannot proceed to trial as against McDonald without their attendance.

The trial date, January 6, 1936, was set at the opening of the term at St. Paul on November 6, 1935, by the Court upon the motion of the Government and over much objection on the part of the defendant Sawyer, so we cannot hope to secure a new date for the trial of this case.

Respectfully yours,

GEORGE F. SULLIVAN,
United States Attorney.

Copy to
H. E. Anderson, Spec. Agt. in Chg.
Fed. Bureau of Inv., St. Paul

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Washington, D. C.

HAF:LCB

December 10, 1935.

George F. Sullivan, Esq.,
United States Attorney,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Sir:

Reference is made to your letters of November 22d and 25th concerning the attendance of witnesses from Cuba in the case of United States v. Harry Sawyer, William Weaver, Cassius McDonald, et al., charged with conspiracy in connection with the Bremer kidnapping.

This matter has been taken up with the State Department, and there is enclosed herewith a copy of a memorandum, together with a copy of a despatch received from the American Consul General at Habana, Cuba, setting forth statements made by the persons listed in your letter with regard to their appearance as witnesses.

In view of the situation as presented the Department would like to have your views at the earliest practicable date.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

/s/ JOSEPH B. KEENAN

JOSEPH B. KEENAN,
Assistant Attorney General.

Enclosure #946699.

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Address Official Communications To
The Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Washington

In reply refer to
EA-102,5/1161

December 9, 1935.

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The Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Honorable the Attorney General and refers further to a letter (JFK:HAF 102-39-1) of December 2, 1935, from the Department of Justice, relating to the desire of the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, to have the twelve persons named in the letter appear as witnesses at the trial of the case of the United States versus Harry Sawyer, William Weaver, Cassius McDonald, et al., charged with conspiring unlawfully to violate the provisions of the Federal kidnapping statutes in connection with the kidnapping and interstate transportation of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, Minnesota. The case is set for trial on January 6, 1936, at St. Paul.

There is now transmitted herewith in the above connection a copy of a despatch received from the American Consul General at Habana, Cuba, setting forth statements made by the persons listed in the letter of December 2, with regard to their appearance as witnesses.

Enclosure:

From Consulate General, Habana,
No. 1008, December 6, 1935.

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No. 1008

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL

Habana, Cuba, December 6, 1935.

Subject: Information for the Department of Justice.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's air mail instruction of December 4, 1935 (file No. 102.5/1159), concerning the trial of the case of United States v. Harry Sawyer, William Weaver, Cassius McDonald, et al.

In approaching the various individuals listed in the Department of Justice's letter of December 2, 1935, the Consulate General has learned that the investigators of the Department of Justice who were in Cuba several months ago had advised these various witnesses that the trial would take place in Miami, Florida, and that they would need to bring no documentary evidence with them. Furthermore, the week beginning January 6, 1936, will be a very inconvenient time both for the banks and the hotel to spare the services of their key employees, inasmuch as it is Cuba's busiest season due to the tourist trade, the completion of the accounts of the calendar year just closed, and the preparations for the financing of the sugar crop, which begins the first of the year.

As a result of these factors, both the National City Bank and the local branch of the Federal Reserve Bank have advised the Consulate General that it will be necessary for them to refer the matter to their head offices in the United States.

Mr. Faustino Munoz, Cashier of Mercantil Nacional, S. A., states definitely that he would not consider going so far north as St. Paul, Minnesota, at that time of year.

Mr. Rene Bolivar, of Linea 112, Vedado, Habana, states that he will attend the trial provided that the Government, in addition to paying his travel expenses and \$5.00 per diem,

supplies him with a winter overcoat.

Mr. Juan P. Ruiz, whose address is given in the Department of Justice's letter as 14th Street between Third and Fifth Streets, Almendares, Marianao, Habana, is now understood to be in Guira de Melena, in the interior, and the Consulate General has not yet received a reply to its written inquiry. However, since Mr. Ruiz and Mr. Bolivar are personal friends, inquiry was made of Mr. Bolivar as to whether he believed that Mr. Ruiz would be able to attend the trial. He stated that he considered it probable that Mr. Ruiz would attend the trial, but that Mr. Ruiz would also undoubtedly need an overcoat.

The Chase National Bank advises that Joseph Carrido, the head of their accounting department, will attend, as will Jose Feijoo, another employee. At the present time Mr. J. M. Zalzeain is in the interior of the Island and can not be located, but there is no reason to believe that he will not be able to attend the trial. In the matter of the bank records which will be required, the question has arisen as to whether, under Cuban law, these records may be taken out of Cuba, and both of the banks in question have referred the matter to their consulting attorneys for an opinion. The Department will be advised as soon as that opinion is learned.

As regards the employees of the National Hotel, they advise that the months of January and February are the two months in which they may hope to make some money because of the tourist trade, and they do not feel that they are financially able to leave their positions in order to make this trip. The Consulate General has been unable to determine what type of proposition they would accept, but one of the many points mentioned so far has been the fact that it would be necessary for them to acquire heavy winter wardrobes, which would run into money. The Department will be advised as soon as any definite statement in this connection is obtained, but the above information is supplied so that the Department of Justice may know promptly of the difficulties they will encounter if they continue their plans to hold the trial in St. Paul, Minnesota, during the months of January and February.

Respectfully,

C. R. CAMERON,
American Consul General.

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