

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
AND  
PRIVACY ACTS**

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

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SACS DALLAS, OKLAHOMA CITY

PHONE BREKID. DALLAS WILL REFER REPORT GLEASON 12-17-35 AS TO TRIP 12-21-35

PAMPA TEXAS TO TULSA OKLAHOMA TULA BEE CAMPBELL AND ARRANGE IMMEDIATELY TO

DETERMINE WHEN SHE MAKES THE TRIP, WHO SHE CONTACTS AND ADVISE OKLAHOMA CITY

IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY TAKE UP DISCREET SURVEILLANCE IMMEDIATELY SHE ARRIVES

TULSA AND WHICH SHOULD BE CONTINUED IN CONNECTION OKLAHOMA CITY SURVEILLANCE NOW

BEING MAINTAINED AS TO MOTHER AND FATHER CAMPBELL AT TULSA. IF NO OTHER SUITABLE DEFINITE

CHECK CAN BE ARRANGED BY DALLAS THEN AN AGENT SHOULD PROCEED ON THE BUS TRIP WITH CHILD

UNDER COVER. OKLAHOMA CITY SHOULD CHECK CAREFULLY PACKAGES MAIL EXPRESS OR OTHERWISE TO

CAMPBELL HOME TULSA.

DALLAS SHOULD CONTINUE INQUIRY BY HAVING AN AGENT CONTACT ALL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

THEIR DISTRICT APPROXIMATELY TEN DAY INTERVALS UNTIL DEFINITE INFORMATION OBTAINED.

CONNELLY

CC CINCINNATI, ST PAUL, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY, CLEVELAND.

PLEASE ACK

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DALLAS OK FBI DALLAS MH THESE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN PERFECTED DEC 21 1935 A.M.

OKLAHOMA CITY OK FBI OKLAHOMA CITY CGC HAVE CONFERRED WITH DALLAS IN THIS CONNECTION

AND ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO MAINTAIN SUCH SURVEILLANCE

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Post Office Box 2807  
Jacksonville, Florida  
December 19, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your memorandum to all field offices dated December 12, 1935, requesting that an appropriate flash card be placed with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles in their respective districts for the purpose of securing information concerning 1935 Plymouth sedan, motor number PJ 322772, serial number 2419837, please be advised that the Motor Vehicle Commissioner at Tallahassee, Florida, has informed that application to register this car has not been made in the State of Florida; that a Stop card has been placed in his files, and in event application is made to register this car for title or tag the Jacksonville office will be promptly advised.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

RAA:C

cc: Bureau  
Cincinnati  
Mr. Connelley, Chicago  
St. Paul.

Box #7-24

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*Ed. George O'Brien*

630 Glenn Ward Hotel Building,  
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

December 18, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218,  
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1236,  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; et al,  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping,  
Aberdeen file 7-8

Dear sir:

With reference to circular letter issued by the  
Cleveland Office under date of December 12, 1935, in the  
above matter, a stop order has been placed with the Motor  
Vehicle Departments at Pierre, South Dakota and Bismarck,  
North Dakota, against 1935 Plymouth Sedan Motor #PJ-322,772,  
Serial #2,619,857.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI  
Special Agent in Charge

WH:MR  
cc: Cleveland  
cc: Bureau

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1200 BANKERS' BUILDING  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

C H A R G E

DECEMBER 19, 1935

J. H. HANSON  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
617 Federal Building  
Los Angeles, California

BREXID REFER REPORT; GLEASON DALLAS DECEMBER SEVENTEEN AND MAKE SURE

SUITABLE INQUIRY ADDRESSES GIVEN LOSANGELES

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J H HANSON  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
617 FEDERAL BUILDING  
LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA

BREKID AGENT J H JONES LEAVING CHICAGO THREE THIRTY AM  
TOMORROW ARRIVING VIA PLANE LOS ANGELES THREE FIFTY PM  
THURSDAY IN ORDER INSTALL TELEPHONE TAPS.

CONNELLEY

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

December 18, 1935

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated December 13, 1935 instructing that appropriate steps be taken to return Buick automobile, motor number 2845179 to Helen Ferguson at an early date.

Please be advised that on December 17, 1935 Special Agent R. C. Suran conferred with Assistant United States Attorney R. P. Drymalaki concerning this matter and Mr. Drymalaki stated that in his opinion it would not be necessary to file a petition on behalf of Helen Ferguson in order to return the said Buick automobile to her. However, Agent Suran suggested to him that perhaps, although not necessary, it would be better procedure to have such a petition filed inasmuch as this Buick was in the possession of this Bureau by Court order.

Mr. Drymalaki, after further consideration of the matter, stated that he would file a petition requesting that the court return the said automobile to Helen Ferguson and that the petition would be filed some time during the present week.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

December 19, 1935

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your teletype, dated December 17, 1935, which advised that on November 13, 1935, at 12:30 am a telephone call was made from the apartment of Mrs. Robertson, which is known as the Victoria Apartments, Los Angeles, to Murray Cook of the Swallows Restaurant at Ashtabula, O., telephone number 2513, which information was also telephonically communicated to Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland on December 17th, 1935.

Special Agents E. J. Wynn and C. E. Smith made a search of the Ashtabula city directory and ascertained that the Swallows (not Shallows) is a restaurant and cocktail lounge located at 1107 Prospect Street, Ashtabula, Ohio, telephone number 2170. The city directory further reflects that Edward S. Dempsey, of 1301 Bunker Hill Road is manager of the Swallows as well as a restaurant and beer parlor located at 4504 Main Street, Ashtabula, Ohio, and his wife, Irene, is President of the Ashtabula Distributing Co., located in the rear of the Swallows Restaurant.

The city directory further reflects that Murray Cook, occupation - attorney, resides at 1301 Bunker Hill Road, together with Mrs. Nora Cook, widow of H. D. Cook, and Edward S. Dempsey and Irene Dempsey; telephone No. 2513 is listed to Mrs. Nora Cook at 1301 Bunker Hill Road.

Mr. Mark Miller, postmaster, and Mr. H. L. Watrous, assistant postmaster, were interviewed and advised that H. D. ("Hi") Cook was the father of Murray and Nora was his, Hi's, widow. Nora Cook's maiden name is Barrett and she has resided in Ashtabula practically all her life and bears an excellent reputation.

It was learned that H. D. Cook was killed in an automobile accident at the outskirts of Painesville, Ohio, about April 1929. The elder Cook had built up a fortune in excess of \$300,000 through sales of gasoline stations to The Standard Oil Company. The elder Cook bore an excellent reputation in business and was considered scrupulously honest; however, he was

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known to be a very crooked poker player and was barred from all the larger games between Cleveland and Chicago. Mr. Miller advised that Murray Cook had been more or less of a spendthrift and had attended some school in Michigan, the exact school not known, and had been admitted to the Bar; however, he did not practice at his profession.

About 1921 he married a girl by the name of Pauline Miller, who, he thought, was from Toledo, Ohio. Murray and Pauline separated approximately eight years ago and were divorced in 1930. During the time they were married Pauline and Murray had purchased an apartment house at 917-27 Bunker Hill Road and it was Mr. Miller's impression that Pauline had put up \$10,000 of the original amount, and on June 21, 1922, a local building and loan association, of which the postmaster is a director, loaned them \$14,000 to complete the building. However, the notes on the mortgage and the taxes have not been paid, and the building association is endeavoring to foreclose on the mortgage. As a result of this action the association has been endeavoring to cause service to be made upon Pauline Miller through her attorney, Mr. T. Warren, of Ashtabula, Ohio, who has either failed or refused to supply the association with her present address; however, a waiver of personal service was signed by Pauline through her attorney, and at the present time the association is collecting the rent on the apartment.

A check of the register records at the Ashtabula Post Office reflects that on December 11, 1935, Mr. T. Warren, attorney for Pauline Miller, forwarded a registered letter bearing No. 2499 to Pauline Miller at 3211 River Road, Toledo, Ohio. Continuing, Mr. Miller stated that it was his recollection Murray Cook took over the active management of the Swallows about eight or nine months ago and the present bank report shows a steady increase and better rating.

Edward S. Dempsey, who operates a joint restaurant and cafe at 4504 Main Street, Ashtabula, Ohio, according to Mr. Miller, is a first engineer on boats operating on the Great Lakes out of Ashtabula, O., and while he has never known the man intimately stated that he does not know of anything wrong about him. About fifteen years ago Mr. Dempsey married Irene Cook, a sister of Murray Cook, and at present she is president of the Ashtabula Distributing Co., which is a beer distributing company controlled by the Cook family.

Agents proceeded to the Swallows and found same to be a rather high-class restaurant and cocktail lounge, which has a small platform for an or-

chestra of about six members, dance floor surrounded by tables and with a bar on one side of the room. Both the interior and exterior of the Swallows appeared to be very clean and neat.

During the time agents were in the Swallows they engaged in conversation with Murray Cook relative to various brands of liquors for the purpose of observing him.

The following description of Murray Cook as noted by Agents Smith and Ryan is herein set forth:

Name	-	Murray Cook
Age	-	38 to 40
Height		5' 10"
Weight		180 lbs.
Hair		dark chestnut, receding at temples; slightly bald spot on top; parted on left side;
Eyes		dark, slightly popped
Teeth		good
Complexion		medium
Scars and marks		light colored molds on left and right cheek bones, left and rt. cheeks and right upper lip
Appearance and peculiarities		well groomed; pleasant disposition; used left hand to serve and pour drinks and wash glasses.

A check of the occupants of the Miller apartment located at 917-27 Bunker Hill Road was made at agents' request by Mr. Miller through the bank, and it was ascertained that all had been in there more than six months; that they are all local people, known and respectable.

As with other bars located upon all first class night boats, at the Swallows and at 1301 Bunker Hill Road. Miller stated that he recalls rumors to the effect that Pauline Miller had been traveling in Florida, Los Angeles and Chicago; however, he was unable to furnish any definite information relative to her present whereabouts.



It was deemed advisable upon the basis of this information to endeavor to ascertain the present whereabouts of Pauline Miller by tracing the registered letter sent her at 3211 River Road, Toledo, Ohio, before conducting any further investigation at Ashtabula, Ohio, and in this connection Special Agent B. M. Hirsh conducted an investigation at Toledo, Ohio, and ascertained the following pertinent facts:

Special Agent B. M. Hirsh telephonically communicated with the writer today at 4:30 pm from Toledo and advised that he had ascertained from the mail carrier that registered letter No. 2499 had been received at that city on December 12, 1935; that it was addressed to Pauline Miller or Mrs. A. V. Watkins, 3211 River Road, Toledo, O., and had been delivered to Mrs. A. V. Watkins. A return receipt was requested. The carrier recalled that about one and one-half or two years ago he had delivered a registered letter from an attorney by the name of T. Warren to Mrs. Watkins. According to the carrier, there has not been much correspondence between Warren and Mrs. Watkins. Mrs. Watkins is the mother of Pauline Miller.

It was mentioned by the mail carrier that he does not recall seeing Pauline Miller since last Christmas. He remembered, however, that Mrs. Watkins received a letter about one week ago from some place in California, probably San Francisco or Los Angeles, which bore the return address of P. Miller. He was not positive of this, but will make further effort to verify the same.

According to Agent Hirsh, 3211 River Road is in a nice residential section of Toledo. Mrs. Watkins, upon the death of her husband, received quite a bit of money, and Agent Hirsh ascertained that Pauline and her brother spent about \$150,000 in a very short period of time, owning about five or six cars and "hitting all the high spots". Mrs. Miller later married Dr. Watkins, who is an advertising dentist. The boy went to work. Pauline is said never to have been engaged in any gainful occupation. Agent Hirsh has been unable to develop anything criminal about the activities of Dr. Watkins.

Agent Hirsh also ascertained that there was a bit of publicity about Dr. and Mrs. Watkins about three years ago. It seems that they were returning from the LaTabernilla Tavern and met with an accident in which Mrs. Watkins was injured and laid up for quite awhile. This tavern is supposed to be operated by an honest man, but it does contain gambling tables. However, it is considered respectable. The entrance is by card.

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Pauline Miller is supposed to be about thirty years of age and good looking; a nice dresser. She is said to have married a bango player, but Agent Hirsh was unable to develop any more information in this regard, that is, as to his name, occupation, where the marriage took place, etc.

A further check will be made at Ashtabula in an endeavor to ascertain long distance telephone calls made in connection with the Swallows, the home of Murray Cook and also the restaurant operated by Edward S. Dempsey, and other investigation pursuant to your telephone conversation this afternoon.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau  
Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Los Angeles

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

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December 19, 1935.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Confirmation was made by Agent W. E. Smith  
that E. F. Wynn of this office is a day man,  
effective December 19, 1935, at 1301 Banker Hill Road,  
Street, Ashtabula, Ohio, and is not to be  
made in connection with an official matter.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

WFW/MS

CC - Bureau ✓  
- Cincinnati  
- Chicago  
- St. Paul

F. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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PHONE BREKID REFER TELETYPE CHICAGO OFFICE 12-17-35 RELATIVE TELEPHONE

CALL MADE TO MURRAY COOK ASHTABULA OHIO FROM FITZGERALD LOS ANGELES. MURRAY

COOK IS OPERATOR OF SWALLOWS RESTAURANT. IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY OF KARPIS AND

CAMPBELL CONTACTING THERE SAC CONNELLEY SUGGESTED THAT THIS OFFICE REQUEST BUREAU

FOR TWO AGENTS TO MAINTAIN SURVEILLANCE AT SAID RESTAURANT AGENTS TO BE SELECTED

SHOULD BE INCONSPICUOUS TYPE SMALL OF BUILD LEVEL HEADED AND CONSERVATIVE DRESSERS.

SPECIAL AGENT B M HIRSH OF THIS OFFICE WILL START SURVEILLANCE THIS RESTAURANT

TOMORROW. OTHER AGENTS PRESENTLY ASSIGNED THIS OFFICE UNSUITABLE THIS ASSIGNMENT

AND ARE KNOWN AT ASHTABULA. ADVISE

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SAC CONNELLEY

PHONE. BREKID. REFERRING SAC CONNELLEYS TELETYPE YESTERDAY AND BUREAU  
LETTER DATED DECEMBER 5, 1935 TO KANSAS CITY OFFICE REQUESTING INTERVIEW  
WITH VOLNEY DAVIS. EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW DAVIS ON DECEMBER 10, 1935  
RESULTED IN HIS REFUSAL TO BE INTERVIEWED DUE TO LIGHT WHICH IT

WAS IN WITH OTHER INMATES. WARDEN JOHNSTON WAS PERSONALLY  
CONTACTED BY AGENT RAMSEY OF THIS OFFICE AT ALCATRAZ TODAY AND HE  
ADVISED ATTITUDE OF DAVIS HAD NOT CHANGED, DAVIS REFUSING TO BE INTER-  
VIEWED.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

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REPORT MADE AT <b>DALLAS, TEXAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/17/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/4, 10, 11/14/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>D. W. ALEASON</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

McNeels have moved from R # 1, Electra, Tex., to R # 2, Iowa Park, Tex. They also send and receive mail at Holliday, Texas. Mail covered from Dec. 17-21, 1935, and tracing from Dec. 17-35. Harry Campbell apparently not in contact with Mildred or Eula Bee Campbell or Mrs. Gibson. Investigation at Pampa indicates Mildred Campbell has remarried and is now Mrs. R. Mackie.

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**REFERENCE:** Letter from Special Agent E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, dated November 27, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

**AT ELECTRA, TEXAS:**

W. N. Owen, Rural Mail Carrier, Route 1, Electra, Texas, was interviewed by Agent at the Post Office in Electra, Texas, on December 4, 1935. Owen advised that he is now out of contact with Howard L. McNeel and wife, Myrtle, who, with their family consisting of four children, formerly lived on a farm on Owen's mail route; namely, Route 1, Electra, Texas. Owen informed that the McNeels moved from the farm and consequently his route in July, 1935, and he believes the McNeels now live on Route 2 out of Iowa Park, Texas, on a Cappel Oil Lease. He stated the McNeels, therefore, since July, 1935, must receive their mail at the new address mentioned above. Owen further advised that he has been informed of all mail that has been received at the new address.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>F. J. Beary</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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communications to the McNeels, and that the last mail package from Buffalo, New York. He could not recall particular details of the package, but said the information concerning the package was given by his recollection, and was given by Special Agent E. J. Dowd, as he thought was Special Agent E. J. Dowd, as the mail "spoiled" by him before 1935, and came to the attention of the Dallas Office.

Owen further informed that the rural mail carrier on Route 2 out of Iowa Park, Texas, is one Boyd, but whose first name is unknown to him. Agent asked Owen if Boyd were the type of person and the type of mail carrier who would understand the situation and cooperate as he, Owen, had done, and Owen was somewhat doubtful. He stated that Boyd is about fifty years old, had been in ill health, and is inclined to be rather "cranky." Owen further stated, however, that he has had only a few contacts with Boyd, and these only by reason of the fact that their mail routes intersect at one point. He suggested that it would be better to interview the Postmaster at Iowa Park, Texas, and place the mail cover through him, and inquire of him concerning Boyd's ability to serve as a confidential informant in this case.

Since Owen has been a most dependable contact at Electra, Texas, Agent asked him if he could suggest any other person to take his place, and he advised that O. E. Whisnand, County Highway Officer, residing in Electra, Texas, was not a talkative person, and might be able to assist in determining definitely whether Harry Campbell is living with the McNeels or associated with them in their new vicinity or making contacts of any kind through them. Owen informed that he believed Special Agent E. J. Dowd had either consulted Whisnand on a prior occasion or had referred to Whisnand as a dependable person. Owen stated that H. G. Whisnand, a younger brother of O. E. Whisnand, was at present Constable in Electra, but is inclined to be talkative.

Agent's visit renewed Owen's interest in this case and he promised to advise the Dallas Office at any time that he receives any information that might be helpful in locating Harry Campbell.

Efforts to contact O. E. Whisnand were unsuccessful for the reason that he was out of the city, at Wichita Falls, Texas, at the time of Agent's transactions in Electra.

The investigation reported above was made on the second day of Agent's present road trip, and Agent returned to Iowa Park, Texas, from Amarillo, Texas, on December 14, 1935, and the investigation requested in reference letter to be made at Electra, Texas, was made at Iowa Park, Texas; however, efforts to contact O. E. Whisnand at Electra, Texas, were again unsuccessful on December 14, 1935.

At Iowa PARK, TEXAS:





was sent by H. L. McNeel, from R 2, Iowa Park, to the Ingersol Waterbury Co., Waterbury, Conn.

That on 9-19-35, Money Order No. 71479, in the amount of \$3.00 was sent by H. L. McNeel to W. F. Quarri Co., Chicago, Illinois.

That on 11-1-35, Money Order No. 71897, in the amount of \$7.00 was sent by H. L. McNeel to the same company in Chicago.

Mrs. Darden stated that the McNeels used to get mail out of the Holliday Post Office, but that they had not received or sent any mail there for a long time; however, she promised that she and Mr. Stegall would handle the mail cover conscientiously.

On Tuesday morning, December 17th, the Dallas Office received a letter from J. W. Stegall reporting that a letter had been deposited on the morning of December 16th with the following superscription:

"McNeel  
R. 2 Iowa Park  
Texas

Mrs. I. W. McNeel  
3284 Olympic Blvd.  
Uptown  
Los Angeles, Calif.

On Tuesday afternoon, December 17th, the Dallas Office received the following letter from J. W. Stegall, dated December 16, 1935:

"My dear Sir:

The son of H. L. McNeel got M. O. B. in amount of \$3.00 made to W. F. Quarrie & Sons, 35 East Whacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois. This order was secured this afternoon and mailed by the boy."

AT PAMPA, TEXAS:

Sergeant R. H. Routh, Texas Highway Patrol, a resident of Pampa, Texas, was interviewed by Agent at the office of Sheriff Earl Tally, Pampa, Texas, on December 10, 1935. Sergeant Routh advised that until very recently he has carefully watched the home of Mildred Campbell, wife of Harry Campbell, and the home of Mrs. Ralph E. Gibson, mother of Mildred Campbell, with special reference to any strange automobiles or any automobile that might have brought Harry Campbell to Mildred or Mrs. Gibson, but that he had made no observation indicating that Harry Campbell is with them at the present time or has "slipped" in to Pampa to see them. He did not know if Harry Campbell has been in communication with them at any time. Sergeant Routh explained that because of the nature of his work he is very familiar with cars and license plates, and has a book in his possession at all times

to which he can refer when in doubt as to any license. He informed that he has always been interested in this case since he first worked with Special Agent E. J. Dowd and interviewed Mrs. Gibson on the pretext that there was a defect in the registration of her car, and through her learned of Mildred Campbell's location in Pampa. Routh is of the opinion that Harry and Mildred must be definitely out of contact with each other, basing his opinion on the following reasoning: That when he and Agent Dowd learned from her that Harry had a sister who was a school teacher at Tulsa, Oklahoma, who gave Harry money occasionally when he needed it, that she, Mildred, and daughter had made some trips to Tulsa to see Harry's folks, therefore, Mildred and Harry must have been definitely separated and out of contact with each other or she, Mildred, would not have given that much information. Further, that if Mildred and Harry had not been out of contact at the time that information was given by her, then upon further consideration she probably notified Harry of what she had said, and that after that they would not be apt to communicate with each other. However, Sergeant Routh evidenced renewed interest in this case and promised that he would gladly make immediate and continued effort to verify definitely whether or not Harry is now or in the future making any contact with Mildred or Mrs. Gibson.

E. C. Rupp, Clerk, Pampa Post Office, a former resident of Casper, Wyoming, where he knew Mildred Campbell and her mother, and who had previously promised his assistance, was interviewed in the Post Office on December 11, 1935. Mr. Rupp advised that he had not seen Mildred Campbell in Pampa for at least a month; that he was under the impression that some person had told him Mildred Campbell had remarried and was now living on a ranch, the location of which he could not state; that he was quite sure the information as to Mildred's remarriage and removal to a ranch had come to him from Charles Yantes who lives in the cottage next door to the one occupied by Mrs. Gibson in Pampa. Agent inquired of Mr. Rupp whether Charles Yantes was the type of person who could be established as a confidential informant, and Mr. Rupp informed that it would be inadvisable to consult Yantes for the reason that Yantes "would talk" and is referred to around Pampa as "Huey Long." Rupp stated that Mrs. Gibson has given up Box 611 in the Post Office and now has Box 1673, through which box he was quite certain both Mrs. Gibson and Mildred Campbell receive mail. It was Rupp's opinion that Mr. R. E. Gibson, husband of Mrs. Gibson, is a respectable person and does not live with Mrs. Gibson. Rupp further advised that about six weeks ago his young son, who sells and delivers Liberty Magazines, was in Mrs. Gibson's neighborhood looking for a former customer, and saw and talked with Mrs. Gibson. Rupp could not inform, however, definitely whether or not Harry Campbell has been in communication with Mildred or Mrs. Gibson, or whether or not Harry is with them at the present time. During the course of the next reported interview, Cecil, Rupp was called back into the Postmaster's office and instructed by the Postmaster, in Agent's presence, to watch the mail of Mrs. Gibson and Mildred Campbell very closely with particular reference to any mail coming from Cleveland, Ohio, or vicinity, in accordance

with the desire expressed in reference letter.

David E. Cecil, Postmaster, Pampa, Texas, was interviewed in his private office at the Post Office. Mr. Cecil advised that he sees Mildred Campbell quite often, and that it has not been many days since he had last seen her in Pampa. He informed that only a few days before Agent's visit he had seen Mildred in company with a young man who did not appear to be more than 17 years old, in a grocery store buying groceries. Mr. Cecil stated that Mildred looked "ragged and worn down", and with the young man was riding in an "old wreck Ford Coupe." He is of the opinion, therefore, that she does not have much money; that Harry has definitely "ditched her"; and that she and Harry are not in communication. Mr. Cecil had not seen Mrs. Gibson for a long time. He recalled the following incident: Two years ago he was opening a Christmas package in his office that had arrived for Mrs. Gibson, and while he was in the process of unwrapping the package in search of information that would assist in this case, Mrs. Gibson called at the Post Office for the package; however, he was able to get the package to her with little delay, with an explanation that it had been misplaced in another box. No information was obtained, and this incident will, of course, be treated with utmost confidence, and is cited only to evidence that Mr. Cecil will give effective cooperation in this case.

Agent made specific inquiry of Mr. Cecil as to Eula Bee Campbell, daughter of Mildred Campbell, to ascertain whether Eula was attending school in Pampa for the purpose of determining whether Mildred had moved from Pampa, and also made known to Mr. Cecil a desire to verify definitely whether or not Mildred had remarried. Mr. Cecil then suggested that if Eula were attending school in Pampa it would be the Baker School, since she would now be about nine years old.

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[redacted] would tell him if Eula was in school or had transferred to another place. Upon further consideration, and before calling [redacted] it was further suggested by Mr. Cecil that if a proper pretext was arranged for [redacted] to work on, [redacted] would cooperate fully, and might, [redacted] ascertain much more than the fact of her attendance. After several possible pretexts were discussed, Mr. Cecil accompanied Agent to [redacted] at the Baker School where it was ascertained that Eula Bee Campbell was attending the Baker School, and has been in attendance there for the last three years.

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[redacted] recalled that not very long ago [redacted] engaged in a conversation with a man who was repairing a sidewalk in Pampa, and that this man had told [redacted] that Mildred Campbell was his wife. Mr. Cecil has promised that he would make discreet inquiries to learn the history and identity of Mackie. [redacted]

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[REDACTED] talked to as being about 25 or 26 years old, Mr. Cecil did not think that person (apparently Machie) could be the same person he had seen in the grocery store with Mildred Campbell, but Mr. Cecil admitted that he may have been mistaken in judging the man he saw to be about 17 years old.

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At El Paso, Texas, Agent placed a mail cover with Mr. Cecil, covering mail to Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. E. Gibson, Mrs. E. Gibson and Mrs. E. Gibson. This mail cover was placed on December 11, 1955, and it would not only make particular reference to the above mentioned persons, but would cover all mail from any point to the above mentioned persons.

At WHITE DEER, TEXAS, Agent interviewed Alice Pipes, Postmistress, and placed a mail cover on mail to E. Gibson. Upon the advice of Alice Pipes that mail sometimes came to E. Gibson for Mr. E. Gibson, a mail cover was placed on mail to her at White Deer, Texas. For the purpose of this cover, it was stated that communications about 20 miles from White Deer, Texas, that communications addressed to [REDACTED] as not [REDACTED] know Mr. Gibson personally; she knows only [REDACTED] for mail at the Post Office at White Deer. This mail cover on the mail of Mr. and Mrs. Gibson was placed on December 11, 1955.

Mail tracings have been received at the Dallas Office as a result of the following mail covers as follows:

(1) From White Deer, Texas:

One tracing of letter addressed to "Ralph Gibson, White Deer, Texas, Box 611", return address: Edna Vroman, 1131 East Yellowstone, Casper, Wyo.

308 E. 10th St.  
Tulsa, Okla

Mrs. Mildred Campbell  
Pampa, Texas  
Box # 1672

This letter was postmarked Tulsa, Oklahoma, December 13, 1935. At the bottom of this tracing appeared a notation by the Postmaster: "This looks like Harry Campbell's writing - Yours truly, David E. Cecil, P.M."

One tracing of letter addressed to Mickey Mackie, Pampa, Texas, return address: Edna Vroman, 1131 East Yellowstone, Casper, Wyo., postmarked, Casper, Wyo., Dec. 13, 1935, 9:30 A.M. At the bottom of this tracing appeared a notation made by the Postmaster: "This is Mildred Campbell. Postmaster says Mr. Rupp who lived in Casper Wyo - Yours truly, David E. Cecil."

One tracing of letter address: Mrs. Mickey Mackie, Pampa, Texas, return address, 308 Central Cheyenne, Wyo. Postmarked Cheyenne, Wyo., December 13, 1935, 10:30 A.M. This letter was received in Pampa December 16, 1935.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

#### THE DALLAS OFFICE

At Pampa, Texas: When an Agent again visits Pampa, interview Postmaster Cecil, to ascertain if he has obtained any information concerning R. R. Mackie, which may explain his true identity and relationship to Mildred Campbell, and what part, if any, he is playing in this case. Determine if Mr. Cecil or Mr. E. C. Rupp have secured any leads in this case concerning the Mackies and Gibsons.

THE DALLAS OFFICE AND OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE:

Will make appropriate investigation based upon the trip of Eula

Bee Campbell to Tulsa as described in the body of this report. It is suggested that Oklahoma City Office have Agents place the occupants of Harry Campbell's father's home, as well as the home, under suitable surveillance. It may be that because Eula Bee Campbell will be there during that period, Harry Campbell might try to see her at the house or at some point to which Harry's father may bring her for the purpose of a meeting. She may be taken directly from the bus upon arrival in Tulsa to some location other than her grandfather's home. The Dallas Office could have an Agent in Pampa to report directly to Agents in Tulsa on the morning of December 21st the bus taken by Eula Bee and the time of her departure and a description of her clothing as she boards the bus in Pampa, and advise Tulsa whether accompanied or alone.

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It is not known in the Dallas Office whether or not investigations have been made at the addresses in Los Angeles, California, at which mail has been addressed and from which received, as indicated in the body of this report, and a lead for such investigation by the Los Angeles Office is being left to the discretion of the supervisory office.

ADDENDUM BY S. A. C.

All mail tracings mentioned herein as having been received by the Dallas Office are being furnished with copies of this report to the Chicago Office for the use of Mr. E. J. Connelley.

P E N D I N G

Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
December 19, 1935

9-30

Special Agent in Charge  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

REKID

In compliance with your request of  
the 18th instant, I am enclosing two copies of the  
photograph of Eddie Green, alias Eugene Green, Minnesota  
State Penitentiary #7529.

Very truly yours,

E. K. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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Cincinnati  
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago

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PHONE. BREKID. EDNA MURRAY CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISES VOLNEY DAVIS TOLD  
HER VOLNEY, FRED BARKER AND GEORGE GOETZ MET IN BOAT HOUSE REDWING,  
MINNESOTA NIGHT OF PAYOFF THAT HARRY SAWYER DIRECTED VOLNEY DAVIS TO  
THIS PLACE- THAT WILLIAM WEAVER HAD APARTMENT FROM ABOUT TWO WEEKS  
BEFORE JANUARY IV, 1934 OVER MOONLIGHT GARDENS NIGHT CLUB RUN BY ONE  
MILLER POSSIBLY ON LAKE STREET ST PAUL WHERE WEAVER, FRED BARKER, GOETZ  
ETAL MET DURING AND BEFORE PAYOFF.

SAN FRANCISCO WILL INTERVIEW VOLNEY DAVIS FOR DEFINITE LOCATION OF  
THIS BOAT HOUSE OTHER DESCRIPTION AND DETAILS. ST PAUL WILL CHECK  
ADDRESS WEAVER AND ENDEAVOR TO GET IDENTIFICATIONS AT SAME OF ANY  
SUBJECTS WHO WERE THERE. ALSO MAKE ANY CHECK POSSIBLE AT REDWING TO  
IDENTIFY BOAT HOUSE PARTICULARLY ANY OWNED OR RENTED BY SAWYER ETAL.

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F B I LOS ANGELES 12-18-35 9-30 P.M. GBO

DIRECTOR AND SAC CONNELLEY CHICAGO

PHONE. BREKID. INVESTIGATION HERE TODAY CONSISTED OF CHECKING PERSONAL EFFECTS OF FITZGEARLD, REVEALING THAT HE IS APPARENTLY ENGAGED IN PURCHASE OF OIL PROPERTIES IN CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO HAVING CORRESPONDENCE FROM GEORGE F. GETTY OIL COMPANY, 2 HOLLEY LA CAVERNA HOTEL, AND WITH E BURCH HARRISON, PRESIDENT CARLSBAD NATIONAL BANK, ALL OF CARLSBAD. ALSO WITH A FRED HARRIS, WHO IS POSSIBLE CONNECTED WITH CUBAN-AMERICAN AUTO COMPANY, SAN LA MARO, 99 B, EVIDENTLY HAVANA ADDRESS. OTHER NAMES, ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OBTAINED WERE FURNISHED TELEPHONICALLY TO CONNELLEY. PHYSICAL SETUP IN VICINITY OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN APARTMENTS, 312 SOUTH HOBART BLVD., LOS ANGELES. WHERE FITZGEARLD IS RESIDING IN APARTMENT 603, MAKES SURVEILLANCE OF HIM DIFFICULT. FITZGEARLD HAS HOUSE TELEPHONE CONNECTED THROUGH SWITCHBOARD IN APARTMENT. HE REMAINS THERE UNTIL APPROXIMATELY NOON EACH DAY WHEN HE TELEPHONES HIS SECRETARY IMogene ROBERTSON WHO RESIDES IN APARTMENT 107 VICTORIA APARTMENT, 527 SOUTH HOBART BLVD., LOCATED ON WEST SIDE OF STREET, WHEREAS BENJAMIN FRANKLIN APART. IS LOCATED ON EAST SIDE. HE THEN GENERALLY CALLS AT HER APARTMENT AFTER WHICH BOTH OF THEM DRIVE AWAY IN FITZGEARLD AUTOMOBILE WHICH IS KEPT IN THE GIRLS CUSTODY IN THE GARAGE LOCATED UNDERNEATH THE VICTORIA APARTMENT. ENTRANCE TO GARAGE IS ON HOBART BLVD. TELEPHONE IN GIRLS APARTMENT IS DIRECT LINE NOT OPERATED THROUGH AN HOBART SWITCHBOARD. IT APPEARS MOST OF FITZGEARLD TELEPHONE CALLS ARE SENT OUT

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
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DIRECTLY BENEATH FITZGERALD APARTMENT AND WHICH WOULD MAKE POSSIBLE TAPPING OF FITZGERALD PHONE TO THAT APARTMENT, BUT PERMITS NO SURVEILLANCE OF MOVEMENTS IN OR OUT OF BUILDING. NO APARTMENT IS AVAILABLE IN VICTORIA APARTMENT BUT HAVE HOPES OF OBTAINING WITHIN FEW DAYS IN THAT BUILDING APARTMENT 201 IN BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WHICH IS FACING ON HOBART BLVD. AND WHICH WOULD PERMIT SURVEILLANCE OF BOTH VICTORIA AND BENJAMIN FRANKLIN APARTMENT ENTRANCES, INCLUDING GARAGE ENTRANCES. NOT DEFINITE AS YET WHEN THIS WILL BE AVAILABLE. AT THIS TIME ALSO HAVE AVAILABLE A FRONT APARTMENT ON THIRD FLOOR IN GRAYSTONE APARTMENT LOCATED ON EAST SIDE AT 520 SOUTH HOBART BLVD. NEXT TO BENJAMIN FRANKLIN APARTMENTS AND DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM VICTORIA APARTMENT. THIS LATTER APARTMENT WOULD BE IDEAL SITUATION FOR SPOT TO MAINTAIN TELEPHONE TAP OF FITZGERALD AS WELL AS COMPANIONS APARTMENT ALSO SURVEILLANCE OF BOTH ENTRANCES. UNABLE TO SECURE COOPERATION OF TELEPHONE COMPANY TO INSTALL TAP AND DO NOT HAVE MAN SUFFICIENTLY EXPERIENCED TO HANDLE JOB. BECAUSE OF FACT NEIGHBORHOOD CONSISTS CHIEFLY OF HIGH-TYPE RESIDENCES. UNABLE TO LOCATE SUITABLE SPOTS FOR MAINTAINING AGENT TO CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE. FITZGERALD APARTMENT LOCATED IN MIDDLE OF BLOCK APPROXIMATELY FOUR HUNDRED FEET LONG. STREET BEING INTERSECTED BY BUSY STREETS, MAKING IT PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE CONTINUE WITH SURVEILLANCE SUCCESSFULLY UNLESS FITZGERALD CAR IMMEDIATELY PURSUED. COULD NOT MAINTAIN MEN IN CAR ON STREET WITHOUT FACT BEING REPORTED TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND AROUSING CONSIDERABLE SUSPICION IN NEIGHBORHOOD. TELEGRAM JUST RECEIVED ADVISING THAT SA J. M. JONES ENROUTE LOS ANGELES BUT TRANSMITTING THIS FOR YOUR INFORMATION CONCERNING SETUP.

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503 1/2 U.S. Courthouse & P.O. Bldg.  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
December 17, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

Re: BREYER

Dear Sir:

Under date of December 9 the Reno Evening Gazette received the following letter:

"Enclosed please find a one dollar bill for the insertion of the PERSONAL notice in the Evening Gazette. Not being familiar with your standard of rates for personal notices I've enclosed what, I believe, will be sufficient for a nominal number of insertions. The personal notice is to read thusly:

"Catherine, please be at Lido Apts. Hollywood in January. Memory un-restored when you were at Tahoe in 1930, and Richter's in S.B. in 1935. Baited, I refused to follow false clues. Wish to acknowledge you..(Signed) Catherine"

Mr. Graham Sanford, editor, called Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin and referred the letter to him for whatever action he deemed advisable, stating that it was possible, since members of the so-called Bremer gang were one time in Reno and Lake Tahoe, this might have some connection with their location. He further advised he would not place this ad in the paper if the Government desired to have it withheld. He was advised that the Government had no objections to inserting the ad and accordingly same was placed in the newspaper December 13.

It is suggested that appropriate investigation be conducted at the Lido Apartments to determine if any of the fugitives wanted by the Government might possibly be located there, and to conduct what further investigation you might deem advisable.

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Very truly yours,

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W. A. RORER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT: CHICAGO, ILL.	DATE WHEN MADE: Dec. 21, 1935	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12/13-14-16-17-18/1935	REPORT MADE BY: D. P. SULLIVAN IPS:JMS
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236 et al Edward George Bremer, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Jesse Doyle interviewed at the Nebraska State Penitentiary. Doyle provided little information of value as to the location of fugitives in this case, and denied knowledge of information connecting Police Officers Tom Brown and William Crumley, St. Paul Police Department with Bremer kidnapping. Edna Murray interviewed at Missouri State Penitentiary stated that Volney Davis informed her during ransom negotiations that Brown was keeping the gang informed of the Bureau's activities.			
REFERENCE: Bureau letter to St. Paul October 31, 1935; letter from Omaha to the Bureau November 11, 1935; letter from San Francisco to the Bureau November 18, 1935; Bureau letters to Chicago November 19 and December 12, 1935.			
DETAILS: JESS DOYLE was interviewed at the Nebraska State Penitentiary on December 13 and 14, 1935. Doyle was questioned at length concerning his knowledge of the connection between members of the Karpis-Barker gang and members of the St. Paul Police Department. He stated that he had no definite information indicating that members of the Karpis-Barker gang were kept advised and tipped off when raids were imminent. In general it was Doyle's opinion that the members of the gang and other badly wanted fugitives were comparatively safe in St. Paul from Police interference as long as they had the proper connections. However, Doyle stated that he did not know what these connections were or how they came about. He was questioned			
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thoroughly as to his connection with Harry Sawyer from the time he first went to St. Paul in the late fall of 1932 until he left St. Paul in January 1934. He stated that in the late fall of 1932 while he, Fred and Doc Barker and Kate Barker resided in St. Paul, Fred Barker told him that in case he should ever be arrested or get into difficulty he should immediately get in touch with Harry Sawyer. Fred Barker did not mention what action Harry Sawyer would take in order to secure the release of Doyle should he be arrested. He did not mention the name of Detectives Tom Brown or Bill Crumbley, and Doyle stated that he could not recall any members of the gang mentioning Crumbley or Brown, in connection with the possible "fixing" of cases or tipoffs to members of the gang concerning Police raids. Doyle stated that he could recall having seen Brown on only two occasions; that on one occasion while he and Fred Barker were parked in a car drinking beer at the parking lot immediately in the rear of Sawyer's place on Wabasha Street, a car drove up which contained a tall heavy set man who was driving, and who was in civilian clothes. With this man was a Police Officer. Fred Barker left the car and went over and engaged the two men in conversation. Upon his return Doyle stated that he is certain that Fred Barker mentioned that the tall man was named Brown. Doyle stated that he never met officer Bill Crumbley and does not know of any possible connection he may have had with members of the gang.

In connection with the letter from the Omaha office to the Bureau dated November 11, 1935, reporting interview had with Doyle in which Doyle mentioned that a man in the State Apprehension Bureau at the State Capital, St. Paul, was used to tip off the gang, Doyle stated that it was his understanding that this man was one and the same as Brown; that he felt certain that Brown at that time held the position in charge of the State Bureau of Criminal Identification, and had an office in the State Capital Building in St. Paul; that it was merely hearsay with him but that he understood that it was through Brown that the mob was tipped off; that apparently the information concerning Police raids was given to Harry Sawyer, inasmuch as it was the custom of the gang to immediately install a telephone in their apartments, and this telephone was to be used for no other purpose than the reception of telephone calls from Harry Sawyer concerning tipoffs of Police raids. Doyle stated however, that he could not recall any occasion when a telephone call of such nature was received. In connection with the above letter in which mention is made of the fact that Doyle stated that it was his opinion that some of the "higher ups" implicated in the Bremer kidnaping had not been apprehended, Doyle stated that this statement was in answer to a question put to him by the interviewing Agent, who asked him whether he thought that all of the "higher ups" implicated in the Bremer kidnaping case had been apprehended. Doyle stated that he did not. When asked for a reason for his statement he

stated that he felt certain that inasmuch as it was generally known that the St. Paul Police Department was "crooked" it was his idea, not based on any information or knowledge, that undoubtedly some members of the St. Paul Police Department had previous knowledge of the Bremer kidnaping. He stated that he had no information indicating that Brown and Crumley were in any way involved in the Bremer kidnaping.

Reference is here made to a separate report submitted by this Agent, setting out the activities of Doyle prior to and during the Bremer kidnaping. It will be noted here that Doyle stated that in the Spring of 1933 he became involved in several arguments with members of the gang; that he was firmly of the opinion, based on facts, that they intended to "bump him off" and as a result he was not in close contact with them and did not know that they intended to kidnap Bremer, and inasmuch as he left St. Paul on January 15, 1934 he does not have any information concerning activities of the gang during the time that Bremer was being held.

Concerning the incident which occurred on March 4, 1933 at which time the gang is reported to have been advised of a Police raid by Gladys Sawyer, Doyle stated that approximately two or three days before the above date, he, Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis had rented an apartment at 1290 Grand Avenue. Volney Davis likewise was residing in another apartment in the same building; telephones had not yet been installed in the apartments. At about 8 P.M. on the above date Jess Doyle returned to his apartment alone. A squad car containing three policemen was parked in front of the apartment building. As Doyle drove up to the side of the building Gladys Sawyer was standing beside an automobile, and a man was sitting in the automobile, but as it was dark he did not know who it was, although he stated possibly it may have been Pat Riley. Gladys Sawyer asked Jess Doyle where the rest of the gang was and he informed her he did not know, whereupon she advised him that the Police were going to raid the apartments. Doyle stated that he thereupon went downtown and attempted to locate the rest of the gang but failed to do so. Upon his return Gladys told him that Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Volney Davis had been there but had gone and that they would meet him at Harry's saloon. Contrary to Gladys Sawyer's wishes Jess Doyle entered the rear of the building and packed two suitcases. On leaving the apartment building, being under the impression that the squad car had pulled away he stated he left the building by the front entrance, and saw that the car was still parked immediately in front of the apartment building. He walked right past this squad car without being stopped by the officers. He thereupon proceeded to Harry Sawyer's saloon where he met Karpis and Fred Barker outside. He stated they told him they had seen Volney Davis, Doc Barker and mother Barker



and that they were on their way to Chicago. They did not enter the saloon and Doyle stated he did not see Sawyer. Fred Barker, Karpis and Doyle thereupon proceeded to Chicago, Illinois. He stated that he left a wardrobe trunk in the apartment and the rest of the gang left their clothes there; that he did not know what happened to these articles subsequently and has no information indicating that these things were returned; that he never did recover his wardrobe trunk and contents. He recalls however that some months subsequently when he was again in St. Paul he went to Harry Sawyer's place and saw some bed linen that had been in the apartment and he was asked by one of the young fellows who worked for Sawyer and whose identity he does not know, whether they belonged to him. He stated that he denied to this young man that they were his property. Doyle stated he has no information indicating that the clothes that were left in the apartment were taken by the St. Paul Police and later turned over to Sawyer to be given back to members of the gang.

Doyle was questioned thoroughly as to his subsequent activities which he related in much the same words as contained in the written statement obtained from him upon his arrest in Kansas City in February, 1935. He was likewise questioned as to statement made by him that he saw Alvin Karpis in the vicinity of the County Jail at Fairbury, Nebraska on June 12, 1935. Doyle stated that he was brought to Fairbury on about June 12th, remained overnight in the county jail, and was then transferred to the Nebraska State Penitentiary, and on June 17, 1935 was returned to Fairbury for a preliminary hearing, at which time several witnesses faced him. He stated that he was placed behind a barred window of the courthouse and while awaiting arrival of the witnesses he saw a dark blue 1935 four door Dodge sedan parked immediately outside, his attention originally having been attracted by the fact that a young man was sitting inside looking up from the driver's seat, at the courthouse. Doyle stated that he recognized the man as Alvin Karpis. After approximately ten minutes the young man got out of the car and walked across the street. Doyle stated he is absolutely certain of his identification; that Karpis was dressed in a gray snap brim hat and light gray suit; that he went out of sight in crossing the street and returned about ten minutes later and was still sitting in the car looking up at the courthouse when Doyle was called out of the room. On Doyle's return he stated that Karpis and the car were gone. Doyle stated that no one was with Karpis, and he has no idea of the reason for Karpis' presence there other than that Karpis and other members of the gang might possibly have figured they might have an opportunity to "bump him off".



Doyle was questioned at length concerning possible knowledge on his part of contacts of Karpis and Campbell. He thereupon stated that in the Fall of 1934 while he was traveling through Missouri and Oklahoma he obtained information indicating that members of the gang were attempting to locate him. Doyle stated that he felt certain they would locate him for only one purpose and that was to kill him. On one occasion at the Sportmans Club on Southwestern Boulevard in Kansas City a bartender, when he learned that Doyle's name was Jess, stated that two men had been in the saloon a few days before inquiring for him. Doyle felt certain that these men were members of the gang, and he decided to hunt for them rather than have them hunt him. He went to South Coffeyville, Oklahoma where he contacted Al Sherwood, at that time employed by Tom Hill. Sherwood told him that Fred Barker and Harry Campbell had passed through on their way from Chicago to Florida; that they intended to visit relatives of Harry Campbell at Tulsa, Oklahoma; that they inquired for Doyle and desired to know his address. Sherwood likewise told him that a man named Bill Donald whom he described identically with William Weaver, was likewise with Fred Barker; that he (Sherwood) had received a letter which he had in his possession, from Weaver, inviting him to go fishing at his place located about five or six hours from South Coffeyville. Doyle stated that Sherwood likewise stated that a slender young man who looked like an Englishman, had also stopped at his place making inquiry about Doyle. Doyle stated he felt certain from this description that the man referred to was Alvin Karpis. He stated that he had no information indicating that Volney Davis was acquainted with or visited Al Sherwood's place. However it is to be noted that William Weaver was apprehended upon information originally obtained by Volney Davis from Al Sherwood.

Doyle was also questioned as to the statement he had made in a previous interview to the effect that Karpis had contacts from coast to coast. He advised that he had no information concerning any possible contacts of Karpis, and had no idea where Karpis or Campbell might be located at the present time.

Doyle was questioned concerning his knowledge of the Hamm kidnaping, concerning which he stated he had no information.

With regard to Charles Fitzgerald, Doyle stated that he recalled that during the Fall of 1932 while in Sawyer's saloon he saw an elderly man conversing with Sawyer; that this was the only time he ever saw this man, but that later in conversing with Volney Davis who was speaking of "Old Chuck", he recalled the man he had seen in Sawyer's

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saloon. Davis at that time stated that in South St. Paul bank robbery which was perpetrated on August 30, 1935 Fitzgerald was badly wounded; that one leg was shorter than the other; that Fitzgerald was taken to Willie Harrison's home on Waltham Street at Calumet City, Illinois and later received treatment in a hospital which he believed was located in Denver, Colorado. Doyle however was not certain of the location of this hospital. He stated that he had heard that Fitzgerald was considered an outstanding bank stickup man, especially good in "casing" banks; that Fitzgerald had been a close friend of Harrison, and that both Harrison and Fitzgerald were heavy drinkers. Doyle recalled that at the time he saw Fitzgerald in Sawyer's saloon, someone was kidding him about being a big owner of real estate. Doyle however did not know the location of any real estate that Fitzgerald might own. Doyle was questioned as to any information he might have obtained from Volney Davis after the kidnaping of Bremer and stated he recalled that Davis on one occasion mentioned to him that Karpis had talked about going to Canada where he had relatives. Doyle likewise stated that he did not believe there was a close connection between members of the Karpis-Barker gang and the Syndicate in Chicago; that the Syndicate felt that members of this gang were "too hot" to deal with. He stated however that during the trial of Arthur R. Barker and others in St. Paul in the Spring of 1935, he overheard a trustee whose name and identity he did not recall, mention the fact that Harry Campbell was in St. Paul trying to get a lawyer for Wynona Burdett. Doyle had no further information regarding this statement. He was questioned concerning the possible contacts of the mob in the vicinity of Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio and other parts of the country, with negative results.

EDNA MURRAY was interviewed at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri on December 16, 17 and 18, 1935, as is noted in separate report submitted by this Agent and which report contains information of possible value in the prosecution of Sawyer and Weaver and Myrtle Eaton. Edna Murray reiterated her statement that she believed there was a close connection between Officers Tom Brown and Bill Crumbley and members of the Barker-Karpis gang. She stated that she felt certain in her own mind that it was through Brown that Sawyer was tipped off concerning raids to be conducted by the St. Paul Police Department at apartments where the mob resided. She stated that she had on various occasions seen Brown in Harry Sawyer's saloon speaking with Sawyer and other members of the gang. She could not recall however, seeing Brown in the company of Sawyer or any of the other members of the gang shortly prior to the Bremer kidnaping, nor could she recall having seen Brown visiting any of the apartments where the gang resided. In general Edna Murray stated that it was her idea that

when Brown learned that a raid was to be conducted, he would get in touch with Sawyer who would in turn notify members of the gang so that they might move before the raid took place. Edna Murray stated that during the time that Bremer was being held, while she was residing with Wynona Burdett and Paula Harmon in the vicinity of 63rd Street and University Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Volney Davis visited the apartment on one occasion and advised that Tom Brown was keeping the gang informed of the activities of the Bureau; that Brown had ascertained that Doc Barker and other members of the gang were suspected of the kidnaping, and brought pictures of Doc Barker and several other members of the gang to Harry Sawyer, and advised him of the Government's suspicions. She also stated that she understood from general conversations she had with Davis at that time and thereafter that Brown was to get a "cut" out of the Bremer ransom money. She recalled that in the latter part of November, 1934 when she and Davis visited Elmer's saloon in Bensenville, Illinois on the occasion when Davis obtained from Farmer the \$500.00 he had given Farmer for the purchase of a machine gun, Farmer stated to Davis that he had \$10,000 coming to him; that Doc Barker had stated that they had cut Brown out of his share of the Bremer ransom money. At that time Davis stated to Farmer that if that were true he would not receive \$10,000 but only his share which would be \$1000. On an occasion shortly before this while at Kahn's Barbecue stand located on North Avenue near Elmhurst, Illinois when Doc Barker, Russell Gibson and Byron Bolton drove up, and while she was engaged in conversation with Doc Barker and Russell Gibson, Doc Barker stated with reference to Detective Brown: "I guess you saw where that dirty ----- killed Van Meter". Edna Murray stated that she understood from Davis that Brown was deprived of his share of the Bremer ransom money because he had double crossed Van Meter by "putting him on the spot". She stated that she recalled Davis advising her on one occasion that in the Spring of 1933 shortly after the robbery of the Third Northwestern Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota on December 16, 1932, for which robbery Lawrence Duval is serving a life sentence in the Minnesota State Penitentiary, a man named Hankins was to be put on trial for this robbery. Davis informed her that it was intended that Duval was to be brought to Minneapolis as a witness. Detective Brown notified Karpis and some of the other boys in Chicago of the route that Duval was to take when he was to be brought from the Minnesota State Penitentiary to Minneapolis, in order that the mob might make arrangements to release Duval. She stated however that Davis told her that the plans were made to release Duval but that they fell through because Duval was for some reason not brought to Minneapolis.

Edna Murray when questioned concerning the places visited by the mob, stated that while they were residing in Maywood, Illinois the gang occasionally visited the Moulin Rouge night club, which was operated by Jessy O'Brien. Edna stated that this night club was located on First Avenue in Maywood, Illinois and was approximately one quarter of a mile north of Roosevelt Road on the right hand side of the street.

She also stated that the gang occasionally visited a night club the location of which she described as follows: From her residence at that time on Second Avenue in Maywood, they drove south to Roosevelt Road, turned left and went to the first through thoroughfare, then turned right and at the first intersection there was located on the south east corner a place called Buck's. This place was operated by a man named Buck who was acquainted with Karpis, Campbell and other members of the gang and was apparently very friendly with them.

When questioned further as to the possible contacts of Karpis and Campbell, Edna Murray stated that she recalled that in the latter part of November, 1933 shortly before she and the rest of the mob left Reno, Nevada for St. Paul, Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney and another member of the gang, whose identity she could not recall, made a trip to Las Vegas. On their return Karpis mentioned visiting a night club at Las Vegas which was operated by a friend of his. She was not certain whether this Las Vegas referred to by Karpis was in Nevada or New Mexico. She further stated that shortly after his release from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in 1932 Davis stayed for a while in Los Angeles where he had several friends. She stated that Harry Campbell likewise has acquaintances in Los Angeles, and indicated that Davis undoubtedly would know of these acquaintances of Campbell. She further stated that shortly before she and Davis left Sandusky, Ohio in the summer of 1934 she and Davis made a trip to Buffalo, N.Y. Before leaving Karpis asked Davis whether he wanted the name and address of a friend of Karpis in New York City. Davis advised Karpis at that time that he did not intend visiting New York.

Edna Murray stated that she had no information concerning other acquaintances of Karpis and Campbell and had no idea where they might presently be located; that she was not acquainted with Shimmy Patton and Arthur Heberbrand or any other acquaintances or hangouts of the gang, in the vicinity of Cleveland or Toledo, Ohio, nor had she ever heard of any woman called Edith at Toledo. She recalled having heard the name "Nig" Cousins. She was questioned at length concerning possible knowledge on her part regarding the Hamm kidnaping, concerning which she stated she had no information.

Regarding Charles J. Fitzgerald however, she stated that it was her information, obtained from Davis and others of the gang, that Fitzgerald financed the mob in the kidnaping of Bremer; that Fitzgerald at that time was living at the Kleanor Manor Apartments, 7130 Cyril Ave. Chicago, Illinois; that during the time Bremer was held Davis mentioned to her that Fitzgerald was living in that apartment; that they had intended moving into that apartment house but changed their mind because he did not desire to "turn the heat" on the apartment house by his presence there, and warned Edna not to mention to any of the rest of the gang that Fitzgerald was residing there.

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December 19, 1935

Time-12:07 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Karpis suspected of Kidnaping  
Caleb J. Milne.

Mr. Suydam telephoned me and stated that the Associated Press had just received a message from New York that Alvin Karpis was suspected in the Milne case. I advised Mr. Suydam to make no comment because if the Bureau is reported in suspecting Karpis, then the newspapers will inquire if Mahan and Robinson are logical suspects. I further advised that, as a matter of fact, we don't know who to suspect.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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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 18, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

In compliance with the request of Mr. Emrich, I have caused a search of the files of the Identification Division to be made for a possible record of Mose Don East. Please be advised that a search of the files, on the basis of the information furnished, fails to disclose any record of this person.

Respectfully,

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

Dear Sir:

In reply to your telegram of December 18th, 1935,  
I desire to advise that Special Agent (A) Lee A.  
Beckstead will report to the United States Attorney  
at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 6th, 1936, to  
testify in connection with the trial in the Brekid  
case.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

cc - St. Paul

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% U. S. Attorney  
Tucson, Arizona

December 21, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to letter from the St. Paul to the Phoenix Office under date of December 16, 1935, enclosing subpoena calling for my presence in St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 6, 1936, to testify in the above styled case.

It will be noted that the U. S. Attorney has advised that my presence will be necessary in view of which I shall make arrangements to be present on the date indicated unless contrary instructions are received from the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,  
H. E. Andersen

cc-Bureau 3 (1 Jurob)  
1 Mr. Connelley, Chicago.  
1 St. Paul

H. E. Anderson  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Oklahoma City, Oklahoma</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-18-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/25-12/14/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>Paul Hansen</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Additional confidential informants developed at Tulsa, Okla., but no additional information of value obtained. Mrs. R. D. Wilson, Arondale, Okla., interviewed regarding visit with her sister, Wynona. Confidential informant at South Coffeyville, Okla. re-interviewed, but no further information obtained. Numerous informants re-interviewed at Tulsa and vicinity, but no additional information of value obtained. Surveillance being maintained at Campbell home in Tulsa continuously by three Agents, but no information of any apparent value has been obtained to date. Parents of Campbell and Laura Campbell, Harry's sister, re-interviewed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of SA Paul Hansen, Oklahoma City, dated 11-25-35; Letter from SAC E. J. Connelley to Cleveland Office, dated 11-19-35; Personal and confidential letter from SAC Connelley dated at Chicago, Ill., 11-26-35; Letter from SAC Connelley to Oklahoma City Office dated at Chicago, December 13, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS: Through the cooperation of Mr. R. M. Campbell, Toll Traffic Superintendent, and Robert Burns, Division Traffic Superintendent of the Telephone Company at Tulsa, Oklahoma, Mrs. Gordon (Dicia) Carpenter, sister of Mrs. L. B. Webb, previously mentioned as a confidential informant in this case at Tulsa, Oklahoma, was confidentially interviewed by the writer at the telephone office in Tulsa. Mrs. Carpenter is the wife of Gordon Carpenter, who is a brother of Tom Carpenter, previously mentioned by this Agent on numerous occasions as being a former associate of Harry Campbell and who is now in jail at either Sedan or Independence, Kansas, where he is being tried on some thefts and burglaries that he committed with Campbell. Mrs. Carpenter and her husband live in Apartment 305, 6 East 11th Street, in Tulsa, and they can be reached over telephone 2-0712,</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>Joseph Brantley</i> <b>150 MAR 23 1936</b>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7-576-8522 DEC 23 1935</b> <b>JAN -2 1936</b>	
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which is in the hall near their apartment. Mrs. Carpenter claimed that she has seen Harry Campbell only once, which was on about April 20, 1935 when Campbell and Wright stayed with her and Gordon all night in Tulsa, following which she and her sister, Mrs. L. B. Webb, and Tom Carpenter, were arrested by the police in Tulsa, the details of which are set out in the report of this Agent dated at Oklahoma City December 6, 1934. She was at first very hesitant about anything she said and was extremely nervous and frightened. She later, however, talked freely and said that she had not seen nor heard anything definite of Harry Campbell since he left Tulsa sometime in 1933. She stated that she is very friendly with Laura Campbell and that she has visited her on numerous occasions, usually at her work, however, and has only seen the elder Campbells on one or two occasions. She is of the opinion that Laura knows something about the whereabouts of her brother, Harry, though she does not believe that Laura would tell a soul in the world as she appears to be extremely careful about anything she says about her brother. She said that she had no idea where Harry Campbell is at the present time and would not know anything about how to get in touch with him. She manifested a willingness to cooperate by advising the writer of any information she receives regarding Campbell or his associates, but she stated positively that she would not go out and try to get any information regarding him, as she does not want to see him again and does not want to be associated with anyone who has any connection with him. She stated that she is aware of the fact that she barely missed being sent to prison for harboring Campbell and Wright, and is so thankful for the fact that she did not get into any serious trouble over this that she does not want to be associated with them or their associates again. Mrs. Carpenter is a long distance toll checker at the Telephone Company and works different shifts each week. She said that she did not mind her husband knowing that she had been interviewed and in fact would tell him about this interview and advised the writer that if he wishes to contact her further that it will be all right to see her at her apartment at any time. While it is felt that the intentions of this girl may be as she states, it is not felt that she would likely communicate any information of any consequence she hears of Harry Campbell, especially due to the fact that she would be too frightened to do it. She stated positively that if she thought Campbell was at the home of his parents or any other place she would not go around there, regardless of the amount of money that would be offered her. She and her husband, Gordon, visited Tom Carpenter when he was in the County Jail at Sedan, Kansas on two or three occasions and Harry Campbell's name was mentioned several times in their conversation with him and she is definitely of the opinion that Tom Carpenter has no information regarding Campbell's present activities and does not believe he has seen Campbell since Carpenter and she were arrested in 1933.

Gordon Carpenter, husband of Mrs. Carpenter, mentioned above, was interviewed by the writer at the latter's hotel room for a period of five hours. Carpenter, at first, was frightened and reluctant to talk freely, though later admitted to the writer that he had "made some money" with Harry Campbell, and indicated that he had been on probably two or three different jobs with him though he did not wish to enumerate or explain these particular jobs. The admission Carpenter made of being implicated with Campbell and others on some jobs indicated that he was being frank and honest with the writer, especially in view of the fact that his brother, Tom, is now being prosecuted in Kansas

for burglaries he helped Harry Campbell and others perpetrate; the admissions of Carpenter, of course, being made upon the promise of the writer that said information would not be divulged to any State officers. Gordon confirmed what his wife said regarding their visits with his brother, Tom, by stating that he felt positive that Tom Carpenter had no idea where Campbell is at the present time and has had no connections with him since Carpenter's arrest by the Tulsa police in 1935 in connection with harboring Campbell and Wright. Carpenter is of the opinion that Campbell is cunning and that he uses a lot of judgment about what he does and who he contacts. He said that it is possible that Campbell might be in Tulsa but if he shows up around Tulsa, he will be arrested. He believes, however, that the only sure person that Campbell is likely to contact in the vicinity of Tulsa is his sister, Laura. Both Harry and Laura, he said, are extremely fond of each other and so much so, Gordon advised, that they are like brothers and sisters. He has the opinion that Laura can probably hear from Harry, but he has no definite idea about how this is accomplished. His reason for believing this, he said, is because he knows his mother is fond of him. He said that he has seen her often, especially because they feel sorry for her sickly condition. He does not believe that she will live very much longer. He also advised that Harry is very friendly with his sister, Edith, and he does not believe that she would communicate with her in any way. Carpenter said that on a few occasions he had asked Laura what she heard from Harry and he was sure that she had heard nothing from him, but she rather smiled when she talked to him, indicating, Gordon believes, that she really knew something about him but would not disclose it. He also stated that Harry is very fond of his mother and he would not be surprised, he said, if Campbell would walk into his home and ask for a visit with his mother and sister, Laura. He said that Campbell often did this when he was around Tulsa, though he does not know whether he would do it now or not, in view of the fact that he is "so much hotter now than he was then". Carpenter said that he operated with Campbell such a short time that he does not know a lot of his contacts, but does know that he has some connections with the Hill and the Sobbe brothers of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, and with George "Barhead" Eady, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and seemed to hang out around Oklahoma City some. The writer has been advised on two or three occasions of a man who was connected with Campbell at one time and Carpenter advised that this man was a pretty good fellow in Tulsa, who is most probably connected with the "Barhead" Eady. He is of the opinion that Campbell would not only have a lot of contacts in Tulsa, but he believes he would also have friends in other parts of the state. Carpenter stated the different photographs he had seen of Campbell and stated that the one taken by the Sheriff's Office in Tulsa in 1935, which is the latest and best likeness of Campbell, it being very characteristic of his usual pose. It might be stated here that a negative of this photograph was found in the Sheriff's Office at Tulsa and while Mrs. Wilcox, the Sheriff's wife, did not want to part with the negative, she had several prints made of it. At the writer's request, which were furnished the Bureau and interested offices, Carpenter said that Campbell has a habit of standing around with his hands in his pants pockets, with his head tilted slightly to one side and rather nervously kicking his feet about. He did not know of Campbell ever being lame and never noticed his limp.

When asked if he would cooperate with this Agent by obtaining any information, that he might be able to, regarding Campbell's activities, he said that while he would feel like a "rat" in doing so, he believed that it was his duty as a citizen to do so and as he is broke and without a job at present, he would also be happy to receive the remuneration the Bureau will pay for the confidential information leading to Campbell's arrest, and he promised definitely to advise the writer of anything he hears concerning Campbell, though he stated that he would not go out looking for this information and hopes he never sees Campbell again. He would not go to Campbell's home, he said, if he thought he were there, for any amount of money as he has an idea that Campbell may have trusted him at one time and he does not want to take the chance of being killed. He will visit Laura from time to time, he says, and if he obtains any information from her he will advise the writer of it. Carpenter does not know Karpis and could furnish no information concerning him. He said that he has no idea as to whether Karpis and Campbell are together at the present time.

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[redacted] previously mentioned as confidential informants in this case, have been interviewed again since the typing of the reference report and advised that they have received no information since they were last interviewed. [redacted] and confidential informant [redacted] of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and confidential informant [redacted] of Skiatook, Oklahoma, have also been re-interviewed, but advised that they have obtained no further information since they were last interviewed by the writer.

Frank D. Billingslea, alias Pistol Billingslea, who is presently employed by the Hicks Night Club on the Oklahoma side of the Oklahoma-Kansas line on U. S. Highway No. 75, near Caney, Kansas, advised the writer that he has worked as a card dealer for Tom Hill, South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, over a period of several years, when he has not been in the penitentiary. He said that he was well acquainted with Fred Barker and is slightly acquainted with Karpis, but was in Leavenworth Penitentiary when Harry Campbell was operating around Oklahoma and does not know him personally. He said that he has heard nothing about Karpis and Campbell being down in this part of the country and sincerely hopes that they do not come around his place, as "We don't want that kind of men around here". He promised in a rather earnest way that if he receives any information regarding either of these fugitives he will immediately advise the writer.

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[redacted] confidential informant at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, has been interviewed on two occasions since the typing of the report of reference, and advised on both occasions that he has obtained no information concerning these fugitives.

[redacted] South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, was again interviewed and talked probably a little freer than he has ever talked with this Agent before. He talked of being arrested and being taken to Independence, Kansas by State officers and of making a \$10,000 bond and explaining his innocence in that case. It might be stated here that this charge is in connection with [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he believes that he is the only person in that part of the country who is well acquainted with Karpis, and stated that "I know 'Chi', as well as I do my own brother." He believes that if Karpis ever comes to the vicinity of Coffeyville that he will contact him.

He is not so sure, however, that Campbell would contact him if he came around there, but he believes that he will get in touch with "this boy I told you about", and he will tell me what he knows. This boy, as indicated in reports before by this Agent, is apparently Milt Lett.

Numerous efforts were made to re-interview Milt Lett, but he could not be located on the streets of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma or Coffeyville, Kansas, and his car was not seen at his home near Wann, Oklahoma until December 11, 1935, when his car was observed parked in the yard at his home. He was contacted there and the writer suggested that we meet some other place for a conversation and he said that he believed that it would be less suspicious to talk right there in the automobile in his yard, as his mother would then suspect that this Agent was a car salesman. Milt stated that he had received no information whatever, since he was last interviewed. The reason he has not been around home, he said, is because he had been working for Ted Thornton, who is operating or getting ready to operate a small night club on the Missouri side of the Missouri-Kansas line on the road between Nevada, Missouri and Fort Scott, Kansas. This is partially confirmed by the fact that Lett told the writer of another pick-up order which the police and Sheriff's Office had for him at Coffeyville, Oklahoma, which he found out about and discussed the matter with Ted Thornton, then went to the Sheriff at Iola, Kansas and submitted to arrest for the theft of some guns that were stolen at Iola and recovered from a merchant at Coffeyville, Kansas. He said the Sheriff at Iola was of the opinion that there had been no actual theft of these guns and, therefore, did not desire to arrest Lett. This is also partially confirmed by a letter received from Lett, Milt, dated December 11, 1935, Nevada, Missouri, Fort Scott, Kansas. Lett said that Thornton, who has been in some kind of a dairy business at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma for several years, is opening a small night club between Nevada, Missouri and Fort Scott, Kansas, as indicated above, and that he, Milt, is trying to get to be some sort of a partner with him, though he has no money to invest. If his plans work out as he wishes them to, he will be working at this night club all the time and can be contacted either there or at his home near Wann, where he may be on some week ends. Lett would not admit any association with Campbell or any of his associates and said that he did not believe that he would recognize Campbell or Karpis if they were to come to him. However, he seemed to be interested in continuing to cooperate with this Agent and asked again the amount of money the Bureau would pay him for the confidential information that would result in apprehending these fugitives. He said that even \$1000.00 would be more money than he had ever seen and as long as these fugitives are doomed to be caught anyway and in view of the type of work they are now engaged in, he said that he would not feel a bit bad about turning either or both of them in. When the interview was partly over, the writer offered Lett some money to help him along a little until he got started with the business he is trying to get into, and he refused it, stating that he had a little money at the present time and did not need it and is perfectly willing to work on a C.O.D. basis. At the expiration of the interview, the writer again attempted to give him some money by making it under the guise of a Christmas present, for the confidence and good will that the writer was enjoying, and this was done to build up more fully a confidence, and good will with Lett, to make him more secure as a confidential informant, but he again refused and told the writer to give that money to his wife for Christmas, again stating that if he needed the money he would take it, but he did not need it and would not ask for



anything until he had earned it. When asked if he still had the writer's address he stated positively that he had it in his billfold and that he will advise of any information he receives regarding either of these fugitives. He will be contacted frequently in the future.

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With further reference to the letter from the Detroit Office to the Bureau dated November 6, 1935, Mrs. R. D. (Esther) Wilson, of Arondale, Oklahoma, a sister of Wynona Burdette, was interviewed for some time and freely discussed her visit with Wynona at Milan, Michigan, some time ago. The details she related about the things she and Wynona talked about are almost exactly the same as those set out in the above mentioned letter as overheard by Agent Muzzy. She did not, however, say that she had any information about Harry Campbell having been at his home at any time since he left Tulsa with Wynona in 1933. She was questioned concerning this and as to her ideas as to whether Campbell made some contact with his folks and she said that she did not know and did not believe that he would for fear that he would be caught in doing so. She was then asked if she did not think Campbell had called to see his mother when he called by the Wildred Jones home at Burley, Oklahoma in April, 1935 and she said that he may have, being so close to home, but she had not heard of him doing so. She was asked if Wynona had ever said something to her about how Harry kept in touch with his family or how he communicated with them and she said that Wynona had never told her anything about this and she did not believe that Wynona knew. Wynona has asked her, she said, to call on the Campbell family for her, but she has never done it, to date, and does not like the idea as she does not think she has any business at the Campbell home and does not want to get mixed up with them in any way. She said that the only person she knows of who has said anything to her about having ever seen or heard anything of Harry Campbell is Mark Whinnery, [redacted] and she did not put any confidence in anything he has ever said because she knows that he is "so unreliable and the biggest liar I know of". Mrs. Wilson said that she is pleased to have Wynona where she is at the present time so that she and the other sisters know that she will not get into any trouble or be killed by being with Harry Campbell and she and all of her sisters want her to stay there until Harry Campbell is apprehended and taken completely out of circulation. She says that she is satisfied that Wynona will not be paroled as long as Campbell is a fugitive and for that reason she and her other sisters would be very anxious to cooperate with this Bureau by transmitting any information they have which would result in apprehending Campbell, whom they all dislike and feel is the sole cause of Wynona's being in the trouble she is at the present and being an inmate of a penitentiary. Mrs. Wilson seemed sincere when she said that she would cooperate in every respect and it is apparent that she and her husband are working in coordination in this regard, as she remarked that her husband still has the writer's telephone number and address in his billfold and they intend to advise this Agent of anything they hear regarding Campbell or any of his associates. Mr. R. D. Wilson was also interviewed again by this Agent in the presence of Agent L. E. Kingman and Agent Kingman discussed this matter with Mr. Wilson while the writer was interviewing Mrs. Wilson. It is apparent that Wilson is very bitter toward Campbell and that he would be pleased to hear of him being apprehended or killed and he seems sincere when he says that he fully intends to advise this Agent of any information he receives and this opinion is also felt by Agent Kingman.

Mrs. Chuck (Eunice) Hughes, and Mrs. Mark (Ruth) Whinnery, sisters of Wynona Burdette, and the latter's husband, Mark Whinnery, have been re-interviewed



but they have no further information to offer and each of them expressed a willingness to continue their cooperation with this Agent by furnishing any information they might receive.

It was ascertained that John Cromer, who is mentioned in the report of this Agent dated August 2, 1935, was employed by the Home Undertaking Company, 2023 South Phoenix Street, West Tulsa, Oklahoma. Inquiry at that place revealed the fact that Cromer is presently residing in Beggs, Oklahoma and is apparently connected with an Undertaking Company there. He will be interviewed in the near future.

Theed Palmer, previously mentioned as an acquaintance of Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette, according to information obtained from Postmaster Tom Whittenburg of Skiatook, Oklahoma, is presently engaged as an oil driller near Drumright, Oklahoma, and his present address is apparently General Delivery at Drumright. While living in Skiatook he was living with an Indian woman by the name of Mary Wilson and is apparently working with Roy Wilson, a nephew or son of this Wilson woman. He will be interviewed in the near future for any information he can supply regarding Harry Campbell and his present whereabouts.

The Oklahoma City Office is in receipt of a letter from the Jacksonville Office, dated December 7, 1935, regarding the confiscated Ford Sedan, Motor No. 16-1190702, which was purchased by Harry Campbell, under the name of G. F. Summers, at Gainesville, Florida, requesting that the relatives of Harry Campbell at Tulsa, Oklahoma be interviewed to ascertain if they will accept this automobile. G. C. Campbell and Lissa Campbell, Harry's parents, and his sister, Laura Campbell, were interviewed in this respect and expressed a willingness to accept this car if there are no storage charges against it or if the storage charges are not too great and if the car can be properly registered in Oklahoma in the name of G. C. Campbell. The details of the handling of this car are being handled in a separate case. Campbell's relatives were asked if they had received any word from Harry lately and they stated that they had not and seemed extremely anxious to make this Agent believe that they had not received any word from him. They talked freely of him and of the cause of him getting into serious trouble, and what a good boy he was when he was home. They said that the last time they saw him was in 1933 and at that time he still had a noticeable limp caused by the accident he had in Wyoming when his leg and head were severely cut. They do not remember or at least would not say, which leg was affected, but they said that the top of his head would likely show several prominent scars.

These relatives were interviewed on two different dates and on the second date Mr. Campbell followed the writer out of the house onto the porch where a conversation with him was continued for a few minutes and Campbell stated that he did not wish the writer to speak of or indicate this to any of his family, but about a year before Harry left Oklahoma he and his father got into an argument over some unnamed man and since then Harry and his father have not been on speaking terms. Campbell then said "but we don't hear a thing from him and haven't heard for about a year—it was about a year ago that we heard from him through another party". This is likely the time that Campbell came by the Mildred Jones home at Turley, Oklahoma on the 28th day of April, 1935 when he probably stopped by to see his mother, according to the rather indefinite information which has heretofore

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been furnished this Agent by [redacted] of South Coffeyville. Campbell's folks seemed to think a lot of him but are resigned to the fact that he will be killed when he is apprehended, especially because of the fact that he is apparently associated with Alvin Karpis, the so-called American Public Enemy No. 1.

During the conversation with Campbell's relatives, they advised that they originally came from Mercer County in western Pennsylvania, and regarding that, the attention of the Pittsburgh and Cleveland Offices especially is called to a mail tracing received by the Oklahoma City Office, indicating that Mr. Campbell had received a letter without a return address, which [redacted] West Middlesax, Pennsylvania. [redacted] is quite [redacted] letter was from a friend [redacted] the Campbell family.

With reference to a letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley dated at Chicago, Illinois, November 19, 1935 to the Cleveland Office, inquiries were made at the Post Offices at Wann, South Coffeyville, and Tulsa, Oklahoma, regarding any money orders that might have been cashed by Milt Lett or any member of the Campbell family. At Wann and South Coffeyville, it was ascertained that no money orders of this description had been cashed. Money orders which are cashed at Tulsa, Oklahoma are all filed together in the day's business and it appears at the present time as if it would be impractical to endeavor to make a check of money orders which may have been cashed in Tulsa, especially in view of the fact that no information was obtained at Brunswick and Cleveland, Ohio that money orders were purchased by the person who mailed [redacted] letters to Milt Lett at Wann, Oklahoma. Inquiries were made in the neighborhood of the Campbell home at 11th and Rockford Streets in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the Crown Drug Store, Superior Cafe, and four different grocery stores, but no information was obtained that any member of the Campbell family or any other person was in the habit of getting money orders cashed at any of these places.

Inquiries were also made at the four banks in Tulsa as to whether George C., George, Lissa, Laura Lee, or Pearl Campbell have bank accounts or a safety deposit box with any of these banks, but no account was had with any of these banks [redacted]

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It was ascertained that Mrs. L. B. (Irene) Hoffman, sister of Volney Davis, had moved from 1115 South Yorktown, to 1720 North Atlanta Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma. She was interviewed there and expressed a good and cooperative attitude toward Bureau Agents. She believes that her brother, Volney, has been treated fairly by the Government and has no ill feelings toward any Agent. She said that she knew Harry Campbell when he was a young boy, but had never seen him after he

became a man. She is only slightly acquainted with members of the Campbell family and stated that she was visiting with them about two years ago and asked if they had received any word from Harry and they told her that they were not hearing anything from him. She does not believe that the Campbell family would tell her anything if they knew, though she says that she would be willing to cooperate with this Bureau and furnish any information she receives that would help to apprehend Campbell and this she promised to do.

With reference to a letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley to the Oklahoma City Office, dated at Chicago, Illinois December 15, 1935, Mrs. Melissa Devan has been interviewed by this Agent on numerous occasions and has furnished some bits of information regarding small petty offenses in other matters and has expressed a willingness to advise concerning any information she might receive regarding the location of Harry Campbell. She has communicated with this Agent several times and it is believed that she will advise of any information she receives regarding Campbell or his associates. She will be contacted frequently in the future.

Regarding Harold Wright, alias Fat Wright, a brother of Glen Levey Wright, a close associate of Harry Campbell at one time, this man was interviewed by the writer and stated that he knew Harry Campbell personally though he is not acquainted with Karpis. He said that he had never been an associate of Campbell or his brother, Glen, on any jobs, though he knew that several officers around Tulsa, Oklahoma believed that he had run several errands for these men while he was delivering his papers to some of the small towns around Tulsa. He said that he did meet his brother on the road a few times and on one or two occasions Harry Campbell was with him, but they never did ask him to run any errands for them and he had merely taken some message from his brother to his mother. The writer explained to him that either he or his brother, Louis, has been known to do a lot of favors for Glen and Harry Campbell and some of their associates at different times and he said that he believed that his brother, Louis, had driven these fugitives on several occasions, as Louis was driving a taxi cab at the time these criminals were operating around Oklahoma. In this connection, it is definitely known that Louis Wright is most unreliable, and for that reason an interview with him has been delayed. As it appears that there would be no harm in openly interviewing him, he will be interviewed in the near future.

Louis Jacobs, proprietor of the Jacobs Mercantile Company and a beer saloon on 1st Street in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and an eminent friend of Laura Campbell, was interviewed and stated that he had received no information regarding Harry Campbell since he was last interviewed. He again reiterated the fact that Laura does not discuss her brother with him. He stated that he presently is employing Laura to check his electric victrolas, run change records on them, and that he has these victrolas placed in numerous towns around Tulsa, having sixty-four in all. This fact is confirmed by what Laura Campbell advised the writer that she is doing at the present time. Jacobs manifested a willingness to continue to cooperate with this Agent and will advise of any information he receives regarding the activities of Harry Campbell.

On November 20, 1935, Lieutenant Earl Gardner of the Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department, advised Special Agent L. E. Ringman that he had obtained some confidential information from a source he would not disclose, that there had been a sixty or sixty-five thousand dollar payroll robbery or bank robbery in the vicinity of Chicago a short time before that, and that it was Gardner's idea that Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell participated in this job. According to Gardner's information, Sam Coker, an Oklahoma former convict and outlaw, participated in this robbery. He indicated that Tommy and Morris Crabtree of Tulsa, Oklahoma, were also members of this so-called gang he refers to and that a certain unnamed Jew is alleged to have come to Tulsa from Chicago with a portion of the proceeds of this robbery and that \$500.00 of it was used to obtain the release from the State Prison of Eddie Shacquette; that Shacquette escaped from the penitentiary November 17th which escape was planned by this mob. Gardner advised that this mob is supposed to be driving a V-8 Ford with 1935 Oklahoma tag #45-363. It was also Gardner's information obtained from the same confidential source, that this mob intended to pull some job within a day's drive from Tulsa, Oklahoma, which they expected would net them \$40,000.00, and be back in Tulsa Friday or Saturday, November 22nd or 23rd. No information has been obtained concerning this alleged planned robbery. The State Highway Department has advised that the license tags numbers start with sixty thousand and the license tag number, therefore, obtained by Gardner, was apparently an error. The correct spelling of Shacquette is Shouquette. The Oklahoma City Office immediately directed a teletype message to the Chicago Office on November 20, 1935, asking to be advised if a sixty or sixty-five thousand dollar payroll robbery or bank robbery had been committed in the vicinity of Chicago within a few days period before and the next day the Chicago Office answered by advising that no robbery had been committed in that vicinity during the past two months amounting to more than \$5,000.00. It appears, therefore, that Gardner's information was not reliable.

As set out in the report of reference, there is being a twenty-four hour surveillance maintained of the Campbell home at 818 South Rockford Street in Tulsa, Oklahoma by Agents C. J. Endres, W. J. Buchanan, and D. I. McCain, who are in 820 South Rockford Street, an adjoining house to the Campbell home. There is very little activity about the Campbell home and they have very few visitors, and apparently very few friends. When this surveillance was first begun a 1935 grey Plymouth Sedan, bearing license #402-437, being driven by Laura Campbell, was immediately checked and it was ascertained that it was sold by the Bobst Motor Company of Tulsa to Mrs. F. H. Miracle, 510 South Houston Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma and that the car was financed through the C.I.T. Corporation at Tulsa. Inquiries at this place from Mr. Ryan, the Manager, revealed the fact that this car, Motor No. PE87808, Title No. 1220016, was demonstrator and that the original price was \$585.00, that the Bobst Motor Company took in a "62" Chrysler Sedan and they financed this car to Mrs. Miracle for \$486.00 on March 20, 1935. According to their records, Mrs. Miracle runs a boarding house at the above address. Their records further reflect that on June 12, 1935, the title of this car, as well as the mortgage was transferred to Laura Lee Campbell of 818 South Rockford Street, Tulsa. Their investigation shows that this person is employed by the Jacobs Mercantile Company as cashier, and has been so employed for four years. The payments on this car are \$27.00 per month and they are being made very promptly, in fact, the payments are about one month ahead of time. It might be stated here in this connection that when the writer was talking with Laura Campbell at her

home and when the conversation centered around Laura driving an automobile, she stated that she had to purchase an automobile to use in the work she is doing for Jacobs. She also said it was necessary to build another garage as she could not put a car in the old garage from the alley, which is the only entrance to the old garage. Mr. Ryan, the Manager of the C. I. T. Corporation at Tulsa will advise this Agent if the remaining part of the mortgage on Laura Campbell's car is paid off in a lump sum.

The observations being made by these Agents at 820 South Rockford reveals the fact that Laura Campbell leaves her home from 10:30 A. M. to 12:00 noon each day and that she returns home from 10:30 P. M. to 1:00 A. M. the next morning. In this connection, it might also be stated that Laura advised this Agent that she does most of her checking of the electric victrolas for Jacobs in the afternoons and nights.

On November 28, 1935 a young man wearing glasses arrived at the Campbell home in a 1930 Model Dodge Sedan, dark blue in color, with yellow wheels, bearing a 1935 Oklahoma plate, #73-594. A check at the State Highway Department at Oklahoma City reveals the fact that this license tag was issued to T. F. Nash, care of Frick Reid Supply Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma, for a 1930 Model Dodge Sedan, Motor #DD-2477, Title #962387. This man drove the Campbell Plymouth during the afternoon, accompanied by all of the family except the elder Mr. Campbell. The driver departed in his own car about dark. He did not agree with the description of Harry Campbell.

During the evening of November 28, 1935 an old Pontiac Sedan, 1935 Oklahoma tag #402-497, stopped at the Campbell home. An elderly tall man entered the Campbell house for a few minutes and then drove away. The identity of this person has not been established to date, but the car was apparently registered in Tulsa and his identity will be established in the near future.

On this same date a 1935 Plymouth Coupe, which has later been found to have Motor #PD-23051, Title #1204795, bearing 1935 Oklahoma tag #376-488, appeared at the Campbell home and a young couple, the woman apparently Edith Campbell, appeared with some lamp shades, which they placed in the old Campbell garage. This car has been seen at this home on numerous occasions since that date and sometimes is being driven by a woman and sometimes a man, apparently the latter being the husband of Edith, who is Charlie Stevens, and at the present time they are being divorced. It was ascertained that this tag on this car was issued to J. K. McClarren, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Investigation at Muskogee disclosed the fact that McClarren met with an accident while driving this Plymouth Coupe, damaging it, after which he secured a 1935 Model Chevrolet Coupe, which he is now driving. The official records at Muskogee do not reflect the transfer of the title by McClarren of this Plymouth Coupe, and this is due to the lax laws in Oklahoma regarding motor vehicles. It is apparent, however, that this car is presently in the possession of Charlie Stevens, the husband of Edith Campbell, though this will be checked definitely within the very near future.

On December 1, 1935 about 4:00 P. M., an elderly man, driving an old model Studebaker Sedan, with 1935 Oklahoma license #120-575 came to the Campbell home and took Mr. Campbell for a ride. He returned home in the same car about 7:30 P. M. with Campbell and then left. The records at the State Highway Department, Oklahoma City, show that this tag was issued to John Sliz, Okarche, Oklahoma, for a 1929 model DeSoto Sedan, Motor #33350, which car was purchased by him new April 15, 1929 from Archie Stetler Motor Company, Kingfisher, Oklahoma. It is possible that some mistake was made in obtaining this particular tag number.

On December 3, 1935, an Acme Cab, bearing 1935 Oklahoma tag #752,333, arrived at the Campbell home and left a package. No passengers were in the taxi cab.

On this same date, December 3rd, a Model A Ford Coach, bearing 1935 Oklahoma license #686-625, and advertising a local cleaner and dyer, called for clothes. Since that date, this same car has called at the Campbell home, calling for cleaning and pressing.

On December 8, 1935, just at dark, Agent Endres advised the writer that a man called at the Campbell home in a yellow taxi cab, license number unknown, with a small package or box, entered the Campbell home and a few minutes later left in the Campbell car. His identity could not be established though it is felt that he was not Harry Campbell. The writer, with Agent J. E. Kingman immediately made a surveillance of the Campbell home and about 8:00 P. M. that same night the Campbell car returned with apparently the same man in it. This man went into the house and a very few minutes later returned to the car with Laura Campbell and they proceeded to the business part of Tulsa and parked on 1st Street in front of the Jacobs beer saloon on 1st Street. A few minutes later Agent Kingman and the writer went into the beer saloon and drank a couple of glasses of beer and Laura Campbell and Louis Jacobs were observed drinking beer there also. It is quite conclusive that the person who called at the Campbell home was Jacobs, who calls there frequently.

On December 13, 1935 about 11:30 A. M., Agent Endres advised this Agent that Mrs. Campbell and Laura had just put several packages in the latter's car and that Laura was just leaving their home. It was felt that it would be unwise for these surveilling agents to attempt to follow her and it was impossible for this Agent to observe her car, and an arrangement was made through the cooperation of Mr. W. W. Haines, a Post Office Inspector at Tulsa, to have the parcel post section of the main Post Office in Tulsa, also the branch office in the Brown-Dunkin Department Store, the Whittier branch station, and the West Tulsa station, to watch for a girl described as Laura Campbell is described, and to advise him if she mailed any packages. A watch was kept by these various places during the entire afternoon of December 13th, but she apparently did not mail any packages in Tulsa. It is apparent that if these were Christmas packages she mailed them at some small town where she would have less trouble and have a shorter wait than she would in Tulsa, which would likely be one of the towns where she went to check these electric victrolas.



Due to the fact that there is a possibility that if any of the persons who called at the Campbell home were interviewed immediately afterwards or even within a few days, and they had not been at the Campbell home for several months preceding that, they may suspect as to how the information was obtained regarding their connection with the Campbell family, they are not being immediately interviewed, but their identities will be established, if possible, and if advisable some or all of them will be interviewed in the future to determine if they have any information regarding the location of Harry Campbell.

Mention is made on page five to the effect that a letter was received by Maggie Lett, mother of Milton Lett, with the return address of Ted Thornton, 505 Herpk (?), Nevada, Missouri. The Kansas City Office, by telephone, has been requested to cover mail at that address, bearing in mind particularly that Milton Lett may be receiving mail there or through the general delivery window at Nevada, or elsewhere in that city. The Kansas City Office, however, has in mind the possibility that Lett may be receiving registered mail, special delivery, and parcel post.

Reference is also made to a letter dated December 16, 1935 from the Cleveland Office, which requests that the records of the Vehicle Division of the various States be searched for the names E. R. Benton, George Benton, and Mary Worth, aliases of Harry Campbell. The only manner in which the Highway records are maintained in Oklahoma is by motor and serial numbers. Chauffeurs' and drivers' licenses are not required in the State of Oklahoma.

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December 20, 1935.

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

With further reference to negotiations with officials of the National City and Chase National Banks, New York City, relative to their employees in Havana, Cuba branches proceeding to St. Paul for the purpose of testifying in the trial of the above captioned case, which begins January 6, 1936, there are attached hereto copies of memorandum of even date prepared by Special Agent J. A. Genau. The substance of the above information was today furnished by teletype to the Jacksonville Office.

Very truly yours,

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

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cc: Jacksonville  
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cc: Mr. E. J. Connelley Chicago

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MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE R. WHITLEY:

RE: BREKID

The writer contacted Mr. FRANK E. RASMUSSEN, Assistant Comptroller of the National City Bank, who was acting in place of Mr. R. E. HUGHES, Comptroller, and informed him that this office would be unable to furnish him with a letter to the effect that a suit and overcoat and general expenses would be supplied the employees of the Havana Branch of the National City Bank for their trip to St. Paul, Minnesota, and return, and explained the reason therefor. Mr. RASMUSSEN took no exception to not receiving a letter, and stated that the employees of the Havana Branch of the National City Bank were being instructed today to proceed to St. Paul upon receipt of instructions by telegram from the U. S. Government. Mr. RASMUSSEN also stated that he did not know, nor did he believe that Mr. HUGHES knew of the fact that the desired employees in the Havana Branch were wavering as to whether to go to St. Paul or not; that the officials of his bank were willing to cooperate with the Government in every way, and intended to do so in the instant case.

The writer also contacted Mr. SHEPHERD SMITH, Vice President of the Chase National Bank, 15 Pine Street, New York City, with regard to the employees of the Havana Branch proceeding to St. Paul. Mr. SMITH stated that the desired employees of the Havana Branch will proceed to St. Paul upon receipt of instructions from the U. S. Government. The writer also advised Mr. SMITH that this office would be unable to furnish him with a letter mentioning that a suit and overcoat and general expenses would be paid for by the Government covering the travel of the employees of the Havana Branch to and from St. Paul. Mr. SMITH, however, likewise took no exception to this, and stated that no letter was necessary; that his bank is willing and ready to cooperate with the Government in this case.

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Special Agent

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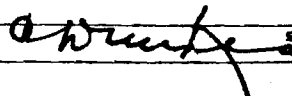
*George Bremer*

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-30 LKE**

REPORT MADE AT <b>BOSTON, MASS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/20/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/17 and 12/18/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>PAUL M. PLUNKETT</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236 et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">No record existence Tufts Medical or Dental School of subject Moran's teeth. Other persons contacted have no knowledge thereof. Close friends of Moran's while medical student will be interviewed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
REFERENCE: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, dated 12/10/35.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">At Tufts Medical School, Huntington Avenue, Boston, Mass., this agent contacted Mrs. Miller, secretary to Dean F. E. Stearns, who was on this occasion absent. Mrs. Miller produced the records of the medical school on Joseph Patrick Moran which show that he registered in the pre-medical school on February 10, 1919 and in the medical school in September of 1920. He was graduated from the school in 1924, having attained a cum laude rating. Both Mrs. Miller and subsequently Dean Stearns made inquiry at the office of the Dental Department and informed this agent that the Dental School has no records of dentistry performed by them before the year 1927. The Dean also stated that the practice which now exists of giving complete medical examinations to every medical student was not in vogue until very recently and that therefore no examination was made of Moran at the time of his entrance into the medical school or during his attendance.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">A letter in the file, however, shows that the Dean of the school at that time, Dr. Steven Rhahmore, believed Moran to be a tubercular type since he so stated, adding that Moran had lost weight and become very pale presumably from overwork.</p>			
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Dean Stearns also attempted to ascertain whether Moran had interned in a Boston hospital but could find no records to show that he had. The files further showed that Moran had spent some weeks at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Allston under Dr. Joseph Stanton while in medical school.

Dr. Stanton was contacted in his office at 432 Beacon Street, Boston, and stated that he remembered Moran rather well; that he at one time had visited Moran in his apartment on Hemenway Street and met Moran's wife. He did not, however, recall that Moran had any dentistry done and has heard nothing of him since 1934.

The files of the Medical School contain two letters apparently written by Moran signed with his name as Second Lieutenant in the Air Corps, the latter dated January 25, 1919 in which he applied for admission to the pre-medical school. There is also in the file the application of Moran for admission to the Medical School also apparently in his own handwriting. The information thereon is wholly contained in the Bureau's files and is not being set out herein. The handwriting samples were not obtained but should they be desired may be had on the promise to substitute therefor photostatic copies.

Dr. F. E. Haskins, now Professor of Pharmacology at Tufts Medical School was formerly secretary at the time of Moran's attendance and upon being contacted by this agent, stated that his memory of Moran was very vague and that he could not recall anything in the dental line concerning him.

A calling card in the file bore the printed name, Bernard F. Sweeney, Willis Filene's Credit Department, and pencilled thereon the name Joseph P. Moran, 176 Huntington Avenue, which it is assumed was Moran's address while attending school.

Dean Stearns was very cooperative and has ascertained for this agent that while in medical school Moran's closest companions were the present Dr. William C. Inman, 2346 Lowell Street, Dedham, Massachusetts, and Dr. Roger E. Hubbard, 78 Federal Street, Northfield, Massachusetts. On the possibility that either of these gentlemen may recall something of Moran's dentistry they will be contacted with reference thereto.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:** THE BOSTON OFFICE will contact Doctors William C. Inman and Roger E. Hubbard to ascertain any information they have concerning subject Moran with particular reference to dental history.

P E N D I N G

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-25

REPORT MADE AT: DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE: 12/20/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12/18/35	REPORT MADE BY: W. B. MATNEY LBC
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE. I. O. #1218; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Wynona Burdette advises 1935 picture of Harry Campbell buried in five pound tin cracker box on unknown oil lease near Ponca City, Oklahoma, but declines to give the exact location.			
REFERENCE: Letter of Special Agent in Charge, D. F. Ladd, Chicago, Illinois, dated December 11, 1935.			
DETAILS: AT MILAN, MICHIGAN  Wynona Burdette was interviewed at the U. S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, and was questioned concerning her willingness to allow the Bureau to secure her most recent picture of Harry Campbell.  It is noted that at the time that she was formerly requested by Agents of the Bureau to allow them to have possession of this photograph she refused to divulge its location or to allow the Bureau Agents to have possession of the same.  Miss Burdette was questioned at length concerning the above mentioned picture and during the interview the following information was secured:  Miss Burdette advised that she has the only copy of this picture of Harry Campbell which was taken in 1933 and advised that Harry Campbell's mother does not have a copy of this picture. She stated that			
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the picture was taken in Montana, but refused to give the name of the town or the name of the establishment at which this picture was taken. Miss Burdette at first definitely refused to give any information concerning this picture and stated that for sentimental reasons she would not divulge the present location of this picture but at that time advised that if there was any other way she could cooperate with the Government she would be glad to do so.

Miss Burdette, after lengthy questioning, advised that the above mentioned picture was not in the possession of any of her relatives, and was not located in any trunks which she had left with any of her relatives or friends. Miss Burdette was asked in what sort of a container the picture was kept, and stated that it was kept in a five pound tin cracker box. Miss Burdette advised that this box is the type of tin box from which bulk crackers are sold at various grocery stores in and around Tulsa, Oklahoma. Agent attempted to ascertain the reason why Miss Burdette refused to allow Agents of the Bureau to have possession of this box and she advised that for sentimental reasons she did not want anyone to know where this box was located.

It was suggested to Miss Burdette that if she did not want outsiders to know of the location of this box or did not want outsiders to know that she had given this picture to Agents of the Bureau, that appropriate arrangements could be made whereby her giving the picture to the Bureau Agents would be kept in strictest confidence and in that connection it was stated to Miss Burdette that if the above mentioned box was not in the possession of any of her friends or relatives and was located in some storage house, that appropriate arrangements could be made to secure the pictures and the remaining contents of this box either forwarded to her at Milan, Michigan, or forwarded to one of her sisters, and all indications would lead the person receiving this box to believe that it was forwarded by Miss Burdette.

At that time Miss Burdette advised that the above mentioned tin box was not in the possession of any storage house, and upon being questioned further advised that the above mentioned box was buried in the ground. Miss Burdette was questioned and finally advised that during the first part of 1933 before she had become acquainted with any of the Barker-Karpis gang she and Harry Campbell placed this picture, as well as her picture and other personal effects, including rings and watches in this tin box and had buried the same on "some oil lease near Ponca City, Oklahoma."

Additional attempts were made to secure the exact location of this box, as Miss Burdette advised that the place was marked, but no

additional information could be obtained from Miss Burdette. While being questioned, Miss Burdette advised that anyone digging up this box would have to do so late at night as there were usually people on this oil lease all day. It is believed from the above information that the above mentioned tin box is possibly buried near a group of houses located on the above mentioned oil lease.

Miss Burdette requested that she be furnished with a small picture of Harry Campbell and requested a picture of herself. At the time these pictures are delivered to Miss Burdette she will again be interviewed relative to the location of the above mentioned picture.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:**

THE DETROIT OFFICE at U. S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, will interview Wynona Burdette relative to the present location of the tin box in which she states the picture of Harry Campbell is buried.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 7485

REPORT MADE AT: <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12/20/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>12/18/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>W. B. MATNEY</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Wynona Burdette advises Myrtle Eaton and Bill Weaver intimately associated with members of Barker-Karpis gang from September, 1933 to July, 1934. Myrtle Eaton seen with Barker-Karpis gang in St. Paul, Minnesota, Toledo, Ohio, and Sandusky, Ohio. Burdette possessed no information that Myrtle Eaton knew of indictment in St. Paul, Minnesota against William Weaver; Myrtle Eaton last seen by Burdette, July 25, 1934.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau letter dated December 12, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

AT MILAN, MICHIGAN

Wynona Burdette was interviewed at the U. S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, and in regards to her associations with Myrtle Eaton, she gave the following information:

**DETAILS:**

Miss Burdette was questioned concerning the information which she has previously given to Agents of the Bureau, as set out in the Summary Report, in regards to Myrtle Eaton, dated December 11, 1935.

Miss Burdette advised that during the last part of September, 1933, she met Harry Campbell at the Savoy Hotel in Hammond, Indiana, and she and Campbell were joined by "Doc" Barker and Willie

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O Harrison. Miss Burdette advised that this group then proceeded to St. Paul, Minnesota, and upon arriving in that city, Willie Harrison, "Doc" Barker, Harry Campbell, and herself proceeded to the apartment of William Weaver, where they stayed until approximately October 6, 1933. In this connection, Miss Burdette advised that Myrtle Eaton did not stay in the apartment with the mentioned parties during the above mentioned five day period, but according to the information given her by William Weaver, Myrtle Eaton had another apartment in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Miss Burdette advised that Myrtle Eaton came to the apartment of William Weaver each morning and prepared the meals for William Weaver, "Doc" Barker, Harry Campbell, and herself, but would always leave during the evening and not remain in the apartment over night. Miss Burdette advised that about October 6, 1933, she and Harry Campbell proceeded to Reno, Nevada, but William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, so far as she knows, remained in St. Paul, Minnesota, as she did not see either of the above mentioned parties during her six weeks stay in Reno, Nevada.

Miss Burdette advised that Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton's association during the above mentioned six day period was very friendly and their actions led her to believe that they were man and wife, although Myrtle Eaton did not occupy the same apartment with William Weaver at that time. Miss Burdette states that Myrtle Eaton was not very friendly with her at that time.

Miss Burdette advised that about December 10, 1933, she and Harry Campbell returned to St. Paul, Minnesota with Paula Harmon and Fred O Barker and that they were followed by other members of the Karpis-Barker gang. She stated that upon her return to St. Paul, Minnesota, she and Harry Campbell proceeded to the apartment of Myrtle Eaton and Bill Weaver, the address of which is unknown to her, and remained in that apartment for a period of two or three days and nights.

Miss Burdette states that at that time she and Harry Campbell occupied the bedroom of this apartment and lived together as man and wife, and that during that same three day period, William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton slept together on a bed which they made down in the living room of the above mentioned apartment. Miss Burdette advises that at the expiration of three days she and Harry Campbell secured a separate apartment in the Capitol Apartments in St. Paul, Minnesota, and that after she and Campbell moved into their own apartment they visited Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton on one occasion. Miss Burdette advised that she did not see either Bill Weaver or Myrtle Eaton on any other occasion while she was in St. Paul, Minnesota, but advises that their actions led her to believe that they were man and wife, and that they appeared to be very interested in each other. Miss Burdette advised that "I never talked shop or about the boys" with Myrtle Eaton. Miss Burdette advised that the topic of her conversation with Myrtle Eaton, while

in St. Paul, was in regard to the recent trip of Wynona Burdette and Harry Campbell to Reno, Nevada. As set out in previous reports, Miss Burdette advised that she remained in St. Paul until about January 16, at which time she and Paula Harmon proceeded to Chicago, Illinois, where they secured an apartment. Miss Burdette advised that she arrived in Chicago, Illinois about January 17, 1934 and that about two weeks after her arrival in that town she and Paula Harmon engaged in a fight in an unknown night club and subsequent to that time Paula Harmon occupied a separate apartment while in Chicago, Illinois.

Miss Burdette advised that Edna Murray continued to live with her in Chicago after Paula Harmon had moved from the apartment. In this connection, Miss Burdette advised that after she had left Chicago, Illinois, she and Paula Harmon made up and during the time Wynona Burdette was in Toledo, Ohio, Paula Harmon advised her that about two weeks after they had arrived in Chicago, Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton had visited her in her (Paula Harmon's) apartment.

According to the above information as given by Paula Harmon to Wynona Burdette, Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton visited her in Chicago some time about the first of February in 1934. Miss Burdette advised that about February 15, 1934, she, Campbell, and Willie Harrison moved from Chicago, Illinois to Toledo, Ohio, and upon arriving there she and Harry Campbell secured an apartment at the Jarvis Apartments at Toledo, Ohio, where they lived for approximately two months.

Miss Burdette advised that she did not see Bill Weaver or Myrtle Eaton during the one month period she spent in Chicago, Illinois or during the two months period which she and Harry Campbell spent in the Jarvis Apartments at Toledo, Ohio. Miss Burdette advised that about April 15, 1934 she and Harry Campbell moved into a house which is located on "the Point" in the suburbs of Toledo. Miss Burdette advised that while she and Harry Campbell were living at the above location, she and Harry Campbell visited the Casino Club in Toledo, Ohio, and while there saw "Doc" Barker, Fred Barker and other members of the gang, and that on one occasion she saw William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton at the above mentioned club.

Miss Burdette stated that William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton visited she and Harry Campbell at their residence, but states that she can not remember the subject of conversation, and is positive that the conversation did not pertain to Bill Weaver or Myrtle Eaton's connection with the Bremer kidnaping case. Miss Burdette advised that while she and Harry Campbell were living on "the Point" Willie Harrison and "Doc" Barker, as well as

Jimmie Wilson and "Doc" Moran lived with them. At this point Miss Burdette advised that it was at the above address that "Doc" Moran operated on the fingerprints of "Doc" Barker, Harry Campbell, and Volney Davis, and stated that this took place some time during the latter part of May, 1934, and that after these operations were performed she and Harry Campbell took "Doc" Moran to the railroad station, and he, at that time advised them that he was proceeding to Chicago, Illinois.

Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton advised Wynona Burdette at the time of their visit to Wynona's home on "the Point" that they had secured an apartment in Toledo, Ohio, which was located about three blocks from the Jarvis apartment house in Toledo, Ohio, which was the former residence of Wynona Burdette and Harry Campbell.

Miss Burdette states that on one occasion while she and Edna Murray were living together in Chicago, Illinois, Volney Davis came into the apartment and handed a newspaper to Edna Murray. Miss Burdette advised that Volney Davis pointed out to Edna Murray a picture of Edward George Bremer which was shown on the first page of this newspaper. Miss Burdette advised that Volney Davis did not say anything at that time but proceeded into the bedroom and after Davis had left the room she examined the picture and saw that it was a picture of Edward George Bremer. Miss Burdette advises that at that time she did not know why Volney Davis pointed out the above mentioned picture to Edna Murray and advised that she did not ask any questions concerning the above mentioned incident. Miss Burdette advised that she did not know that Harry Campbell or any of the boys were implicated in the Bremer kidnaping and stated that while she and Harry Campbell were living together in Toledo, she asked Campbell if Bremer was released and Campbell replied that according to what the newspapers said he would be released.

Miss Burdette advised that was about all of the conversation she and Harry Campbell had concerning Edward George Bremer. Miss Burdette advised that about June 24, 1934, she and Harry Campbell proceeded to Sandusky, Ohio, and from there to the cabin which Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton had rented. This cabin was located on Lake Erie, approximately eight miles from Sandusky, Ohio. Miss Burdette advised that after arriving at the cabin of Myrtle Eaton and Weaver, she and Harry Campbell lived in the above mentioned cabin for a period of about five days and at that time this cabin was also occupied by Bill Weaver, Myrtle Eaton, Fred Barker, Paula Harmon, Volney Davis and Edna Murray.

Miss Burdette advised that during the five day period in which she lived with the above mentioned people, they enjoyed themselves by

drinking heavily and by swimming at a beach which was located near to the cabin. Miss Burdette, incidentally, states that at no time during the above mentioned period was the Bremer kidnaping mentioned to her by any person with which she was living at that time. Miss Burdette advised that of her own personal knowledge, Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton are personally acquainted with all of the members of the Karpis-Barker gang, including Alvin Karpis, "Doc" Barker, Volney Davis, Jimmie Wilson, and Willie Harrison.

Miss Burdette advised that at the expiration of the above mentioned five day period she and Harry Campbell secured a cottage located a short distance from the cottage of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, and that they occupied this cabin with "Doc" Barker until approximately August 1, 1934. Miss Burdette advised that she did not know that Harry Campbell was connected with the Bremer kidnaping and when asked where she believed Harry Campbell was getting his money that she was of the opinion at that time that the Karpis-Barker gang were robbing banks. A short time after Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette secured their own cottage, Volney Davis and Edna Murray secured a cottage which was located about 20 miles distance, but Fred Barker and Paula Harmon remained with Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton in their cabin for approximately 30 days, after she and Harry Campbell moved from the cabin of Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton's.

Miss Burdette advised that while living in the cabin with "Doc" Barker and Harry Campbell she returned to Toledo, Ohio, and was in the hospital in that city from June 12, 1934 to June 26, 1934 and advised that she again returned to the above mentioned hospital on July 2, 1934 and remained in that institution until July 16, 1934. Miss Burdette advised that she did not see Harry Sawyer and his wife while they were living in the above mentioned cabin, but stated that Harry Campbell advised her upon her return that Harry Sawyer and his wife had visited his cabin and had also visited the cabin of Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton.

Miss Burdette advised that about July 25, 1934, Harry Sawyer visited their cabin and at that time was accompanied by Alvin Karpis and "Doc" Barker. Miss Burdette advised that she was extremely nervous when several of the Karpis-Barker gang visited her home and told Harry Campbell to keep them away from her house, as she did not want them coming there in groups. In this connection Miss Burdette advised that she was later informed by Harry Campbell that Myrtle Eaton had also told William Weaver that she would leave him if the Karpis-Barker gang kept coming to their house in groups. Miss Burdette advised that Harry Campbell accused she and Myrtle Eaton of "getting together." She stated, however, that she had never talked to Myrtle Eaton concerning the above mentioned subject.

After lengthy conversation, Miss Burdette remembered that during the time she was living with Harry Campbell in Toledo, Ohio, in the

Jarvis Apartments, she made inquiry concerning the afternoon paper which ordinarily arrived at about 4:00 P. M. Miss Burdette advised that there were several members of the gang in her apartment at that time but no answer was given to her concerning the above mentioned newspaper. Miss Burdette advised that after the boys left she examined the apartment and under one of the cushions of the divan she found the afternoon newspaper which had a picture of Alvin Karpis on the front page. Miss Burdette advised that she hurriedly looked at this picture and replaced it under the cushion of the divan. Miss Burdette advised that she learned from this picture that Alvin Karpis was wanted by the police, but states she did not have sufficient time to ascertain for what Alvin Karpis was wanted. Miss Burdette denies that she later questioned Campbell concerning this and stated the following day she looked for this paper but the same was gone.

Miss Burdette advised that she did not know anything concerning the boys' connection with the Bremer kidnaping, but states that the newspaper picture which she saw was the first information she received concerning Alvin Karpis being wanted by the police and advised that before she and Harry Campbell came North, she knew that Fred and "Doc" Barker were "criminals at heart." Miss Burdette advised that during the time she and Harry Campbell lived at Toledo, Ohio, and Sandusky, Ohio, they were driving a new Ford V 8 Coupe.

Miss Burdette advised that of her own personal knowledge Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver associated freely with all members of the Barker-Karpis gang, but states that at no time did she have any conversation with Myrtle Eaton or any of the other members of the Karpis-Barker gang concerning the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer.

Miss Burdette advised that about July 25, 1934, she and Harry Campbell moved to Cleveland, Ohio, and were accompanied by "Doc" Barker. Miss Burdette stated that she has not seen William Weaver or Myrtle Eaton since that date.

As set out on page 14 of the summary report in regards to Myrtle Eaton, Miss Burdette was questioned concerning any knowledge she might have of the alleged shop lifting tour of Myrtle Eaton. Myrtle Eaton advised that during the early part of January, 1934, she took a trip to Texas and Oklahoma for the purpose of shop lifting and that while she was in either Oklahoma City or Fort Worth, Texas, she read of the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer. Miss Burdette advised that she had no information concerning the above and again stated that she did not see Myrtle Eaton from about January 10, 1934, until approximately February 20, 1934.

Miss Burdette advised that during her above mentioned meetings with Myrtle Eaton she seemed to be very well acquainted with all of the members of the Barker-Karpis crowd and stated that she would consider Myrtle Eaton a personal friend of all the members of that crowd. She advised that she did not have any information which would lead her to believe that Myrtle Eaton had definite knowledge that William Weaver was under indictment in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Miss Burdette again advised that she has not seen her since July 25, 1934. Miss Burdette advised that she was very anxious to cooperate with the Government in any way that she could and in that connection advised that she would willingly testify to the associations of Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver with the different members of the Karpis-Barker gang and would give any other information in her possession.

P E N D I N G

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

December 20, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

With further reference to Buick Coupe, motor #2845179, serial #2691033, which is presently in the possession of the Chicago Bureau Office, please be advised that on December 20, 1935, Federal Judge J. Earl Major entered an order instructing that the Federal Bureau of Investigation return to Helen Ferguson the above described property, to be used by the said Helen Ferguson as her own personal property.

Immediately upon this order being entered the Cleveland Office was informed by teletype, and advised that Buick car is available at Chicago, Illinois, to be delivered to Mrs. Ferguson at such a time as the Cleveland Office makes the appropriate arrangements for Mrs. Ferguson to proceed to Chicago. It is my understanding that Helen Ferguson is without funds, and it will probably be necessary to advance the same to her in order that she can proceed to Chicago. The Bureau is requested to advise the Cleveland Office in this respect. The Cleveland Office is being requested to expedite this matter in order that Helen Ferguson might leave Toledo, Ohio, at the earliest possible date.

A copy of the petition and order entered at Chicago, Illinois in connection with this matter is being attached to the copies of this letter for the Bureau and Cleveland Office.

Very truly yours,

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v

D. C. No. 43561

ONE BUICK COUPE,  
 MODEL 868,  
 Motor No. 2845179  
 Serial No. 2691033

ORDER

Upon reading the petition of MICHAEL L. IGOE, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division thereof, and it appearing to the Court that the true owner of the Buick Coupe referred to in said petition is Mrs. Helen Ferguson:

It is therefore ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the said Buick Coupe, Model 868, Motor No. 2845179, Serial No. 2691033, be, and the same hereby is declared to be owned by the said Mrs. Helen Ferguson as against all persons excepting the true owner thereof, and

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the said Buick Coupe aforesaid be, and the same hereby is ordered to be delivered to and retained by the said Mrs. Helen Ferguson, to be used by the said Mrs. Helen Ferguson as her own personal property.

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Dated at Chicago, Illinois,

this 20th day of December, A.D.1935.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS,

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )

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Serial No. 2691033.

P E T I T I O N

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, EASTERN DIVISION THEREOF:

Your petitioner, MICHAEL L. IGOE, United States Attorney for  
the Northern district of Illinois, Eastern Division thereof, respectfully  
represents to this Honorable Court that on, to wit, the 23rd day of April,  
A.D. 1934, J. J. Metcalfe and S. K. McKee, Special Agents, Division of  
Investigation, United States Department of Justice, did find and take  
possession of, and now have in their possession, one Buick Coupe, Model  
868, Motor No. 2845179, Serial No. 2691033.

Your petitioner further represents that the said Buick Coupe  
aforesaid, was abandoned by one John Dillinger and one Tommy Carroll,  
then fugitives from justice; that the said Special Agents investigated  
and caused to be investigated the title of the said automobile, and  
that from the investigation made by themselves and other members of the  
said Department of Justice, it was found that all names connected thereto,  
including the name of one Mrs. Helen Ferguson, were fictitious, and

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furthermore, your petitioner states that at no time was this property owned by the said John Dillinger and/or the said Tommy Carroll.

Your petitioner further states that the said automobile has been in the possession of the said Department of Justice since the 23rd day of April, A.D. 1934, and that on August 7, A.D. 1934, an order was entered by his Honor, Judge Walter G. Lindley, declaring the said Buick Coupe aforesaid, to be owned by the United States of America as against all persons, excepting the true owner thereof; that on the said date the automobile was delivered to the said Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, to be used by the said Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, in the regular course of business.

Your petitioner further states that on August 18, A.D. 1934, the said Mrs. Helen Ferguson was taken into custody by agents of the Division of Investigation and was subsequently identified as being the individual concerning whom previous investigations had been made and whose name at the time of the investigation was considered fictitious inasmuch as no such person could be found. Shortly after Mrs. Helen Ferguson was taken into custody she advised said Division of Investigation that she purchased the said automobile through the Burgl Motor Sales at Cicero, Illinois, on or about June 10, 1933; that she registered this car in the State of Illinois to Secretary of State in the said year of 1933 and that subsequently she learned that a check was being made upon the car by the said Division of Investigation and that shortly after the purchase of the said car she drove the same to Fox River Grove, Illinois, and turned it over to an individual by the name of Louis Cernocky, now deceased, who was at the

time a contact man for the various members of the Dillinger gang. According to Mrs. Helen Ferguson this car was turned over to the said Thomas Leonard Carroll, a Dillinger gangster, by the said Louis Cernocky, without her knowledge or consent.

Your petitioner further respectfully submits that since the acquisition of this car the said Division of Investigation, Department of Justice, has been supplied by the United States Government with official cars for their own use in the conducting of official business and that a fund has been set aside for the purchase, care and maintenance of said official cars, and furthermore, that at the present time the said Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, is without funds with which to care for the custody and control of the said Buick Coupe aforesaid.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays that an order be entered declaring the said Buick Coupe aforesaid, to be owned by the said Mrs. Helen Ferguson for all practicable purposes and as a result of all investigation is apparently the true owner thereof, and that the said Buick Coupe aforesaid be returned and delivered by the said Division of Investigation for the said United States Department of Justice, to the said Mrs. Helen Ferguson as her own personal property.

United States Attorney

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS )  
EASTERN DIVISION ) SS.

R. C. SURAN, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes  
and says that he has read the above and foregoing petition, knows  
the contents thereof and that the same is true to his own knowledge, with  
exception as matters therein said to be on information and belief, and as  
to those matters he believes it to be true.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
20th day of December, A.D. 1935.

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Notary Public

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December 26, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter of the Chicago Office, dated December 20, 1935, a copy of which was furnished your office, concerning confiscated Buick Coupe, motor #2845179, which was ordered by the Federal Judge in Chicago to be turned over to Helen Ferguson.

Providing that Helen Ferguson is without funds to proceed to Chicago to obtain the car, it will be satisfactory to pay her a reasonable amount to cover her transportation to Chicago for this purpose. Reimbursement for any amount paid to Helen Ferguson should be claimed by blue slip.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC: Chicago.

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DIRECTOR

SAC LOS ANGELES

PHONE. REFERENCE MURRAY COOK, ASHTABULA, OHIO, OPERATES RESTAURANT  
SHALLOWS CLUB PREVIOUSLY POSSESSED CONSIDERABLE MONEY ALSO FORMER  
WIFE HAS MONEY. FORMER WIFE PAULINE MILLER NOW RE-MARRIED TO R. BUCKLIN.  
UNDER COVER INQUIRY MOTHER WIFE TOLEDO, OHIO INDICATES PAULINE POSSIBLY  
USING NAME MILLER LOCATED PALM SPRINGS CALIFORNIA PAST YEAR, COOK AND  
PAULINE IN LITIGATION SETTLEMENT CERTAIN JOINT OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY,  
PAULINE HIGH FLIER. LOS ANGELES MAY FIND PAULINE LOCATED VICTORIA APARTMENTS  
OR IN ASSOCIATION WITH ROBERTSON WOMEN AND IF SUCH IS CASE MAY ACCOUNT FOR  
TELEPHONE CALL NOVEMBER 13.

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cc via Tamm

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Mr. E.A. Tamm  
Chief Clerk  
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Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Joseph  
Mr. Keith  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Schilder  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

*[Handwritten signature]*  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 11, 1935.

Time - 3:40 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

During a telephonic conversation which I had with Acting Special Agent in Charge Stein at the St. Paul Office, he mentioned the fact that they have been questioning Belle Born relative to the above matter for the past two days. He said that she absolutely and emphatically denies knowing anything about the case, and particularly, about Charlie Fitzgerald. I asked Mr. Stein how she accounts for the statements which she has made to the effect that Fitzgerald is dead. Mr. Stein said that she does not account for them, she denies them. Mr. Stein further said that the person to whom she is alleged to have made such a statement is now working for us as an informant, and we do not want to expose the informant at this time.

Mr. Stein said that he is going to talk with Mr. Connelley later in the day and see if he has any suggestions; that if not, and there is nothing further we can do, Belle Born will be released.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Mr. Tolson .....  
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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

December 21, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID.

From my recent conversation with Special Agent E. T. McKee in Havana, and from the information contained in teletype received from the New York Office yesterday, concerning the witnesses employed by the City National Bank in Havana, it appears that all witnesses in Cuba subpoenaed by the United States Attorney at St. Paul, will be present in St. Paul on the dates desired.

Special Agent McKee in his memorandum to the Jacksonville Office, dated December 19, 1935, advised that boats leaving Havana for Miami during the week beginning January 5, 1936, sail on January 5, 1936, which is Sunday, and Thursday, January 9th. Most of the Cuban witnesses will have to spend the day of their arrival in Miami purchasing clothes.

Agent McKee does not think it advisable to request some of the Cuban witnesses to travel by plane in view of the efforts at intimidation, and he believes it desirable, in order to maintain the morale of these people, to have them travel together, that is those who desire to do so. There is also the problem that some of them do not speak any English, and will have to rely on the others to translate for them.

Agent McKee believes that they will all feel better about the proposition of proceeding to St. Paul on the dates desired, if they are advised definitely of the date of their departure. Agent McKee has assured them that they will be used as soon as possible after their arrival in St. Paul, and that their departure will be expedited.

It is respectfully suggested that United States Attorney George Sullivan at St. Paul be contacted immediately in an effort to have the departure date of the Cuban witnesses fixed now, if possible. They have their plans to make, and there is also the matter of ship sailing dates to consider.

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*Ed George Bremer*

TO SAC ST PAUL, MINN.  
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Please advise the Jacksonville Office of the results of your conference with the United States Attorney concerning this matter, as soon as possible so that Agent McKee in Havana can be advised and be in a position to inform the witnesses. They are continually questioning him concerning their departure.

Very truly yours,

R. A. AIT,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Bureau ✓  
E.J. Connelley, Chicago,  
Cincinnati.

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Box No. 7-24-

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

December 19, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TALL

Time - 4:50 P. M.  
(12/18/35)

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

Mr. Fisher of the Criminal Division called the writer and stated he had ascertained from the State Department that instructions had been sent by the State Department to its representatives in Cuba, informing them that Special Agent S. K. McKee is in Havana at the present time in an effort to secure the attendance of certain witnesses in Cuba for the trial to be held in connection with the above entitled case at St. Paul on January 6, 1936, and instructing the State Department's representatives to cooperate to the fullest extent with Special Agent McKee in his efforts.

Mr. Fisher further stated that he had ascertained from the Division of Accounts of the Department that \$20 would be allowed for each of the two persons who had stated they could not come to St. Paul because of the cold, in order that these persons may procure overcoats and that further, authorization has been granted for one of the witnesses to fly from Havana to Miami and then proceed by train to St. Paul and return in the same manner, in order that he might not be away from his business for too long a period. Mr. Fisher further stated that he has a communication which would indicate that the banks in Cuba are not certain as to what records will be necessary at the trial. Mr. Fisher stated that if this matter has not already been taken care of he believes it advisable that Agent McKee should be fully informed as to what bank records are needed.

Mr. Fisher also brought up the question that due to Cuban laws it may be impossible to obtain certain of the original records. In that event he stated he had looked up the law on the subject and found that photostatic copies of the original records might be used in Federal Courts in the event they are properly substantiated as the true and correct copies of the original records. He stated that this process probably would involve some photographer making the copies and then testifying on the stand as to how these copies were made. He stated it would also be necessary for someone to testify that it was possible to have the original evidence there and that further some official would have to testify that the photostatic copies were exact copies of the original records.

Mr. Fisher stated that, while he is not certain the original records can not be taken from Cuba, he deemed it advisable to look up the

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Memo for Mr. Tamm.

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law on this subject in order that preparations might be made for the production of secondary evidence at the trial. Mr. Fisher further suggested that Agent McKee probably could testify that the original records were in Cuba and that they could not be taken from the country. In this connection Mr. Fisher seemed to take it for granted that Mr. McKee would be at the trial at St. Paul.

Respectfully,

*E. L. Richmond*  
E. L. Richmond.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

EAT:CSH

December 21, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

12:07 PM

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

Mr. Fierstone called from Pittsburgh and advised that he had just received a telephone call from [REDACTED] minutes ago. [REDACTED] the Postmaster states he knows MacFarland, who in turn called Connelley, and Connelley had just called Fierstone. Fierstone states he is going up there right away with a number of Agents.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
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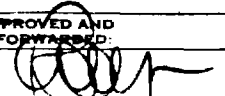
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **7-24**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Jacksonville, Fla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-21-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-14 to 12-19-35.</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>S. K. McKee</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE. I.O. #1218, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Investigation and observation of Roger Dugad, Neon Sign Manufacturer, Havana, Cuba, revealed he is not identical with subject Harry Campbell. Entire floor of Edificio Paseo, 25th &amp; Paseo Sts., Havana, Cuba, is occupied by Geo. P. Foster and family. Foster is President of Compania Litografica de la Habana, Vice-President of American Club of Havana, and is above reproach. Arrangements being made through Consul-General and with Cuban witnesses for their appearance in St. Paul, Minn. In approaching trial in this case. Contacts with individual witnesses indicate envoy of subject Cassius McDonald has been making efforts to intimidate witnesses and prevent their appearance at trial. Bureau advised of efforts to tamper with witnesses.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Letter to Director from SAC Whitley, New York, N.Y., dated Nov. 27, 1935; Letter from Director to SAC Connelley, Indianapolis, Ind., dated Dec. 2, 1935.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p><b>AT HAVANA, CUBA.</b></p> <p>The writer arrived in Havana on December 13, 1935, and on the same date interviewed Ambassador Jefferson Caffery, at which time he was informed that Agent was in Cuba on official business, and that communication would be had with him when the business had been concluded in order that the date of Agent's departure might be furnished. Interview was, likewise, had with Consul-General C. R. Cameron and Vice-Consul Donald Edgar as to negotiations between State</p>			
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Department representatives and the Cuban witnesses in this matter as to appearance of the witnesses in St. Paul, Minn., during January, 1936, at the approaching trial. They informed that there had been some difficulty with the witnesses at the National City Bank of New York, and that the Bank was presently in communication with their main office in New York regarding the travel requested of these witnesses. They also stated that four witnesses, namely: Faustino Munos of Mir & Guas, James Ennis and Gerald Hernandez of the National Hotel, and Nicholas Rodriguez of the National City Bank had informed that they would not consider travelling to St. Paul on account of the cold weather, also because of local business conditions. The Consul-General's Office had not, as yet, been able to complete arrangements with Juan P. Ruiz. Agent advised both Messrs. Cameron and Edgar that he would be glad to aid in perfecting arrangements with the various witnesses, and would also try to persuade the four persons who had stated they would not appear to reconsider the matter. Agent was informed that his assistance in this matter would be appreciated. Details as to negotiations with the various witnesses will be reported separately.

R. V. Waters, President, Electrical Equipment Company of Cuba, Galiano & Animas, Havana, was interviewed relative to the information he had furnished to Agents of the New York Bureau Office, as related in letter from SAC R. Whitley, to the Director under date of Nov. 27, 1935. Mr. Waters volunteered to produce J. E. Rogers for interview at his home in the Miramar Section of Havana on the night of Dec. 14, 1935.

In accordance with the above arrangements interview was had with J. E. Rogers, address 176 16th St., Vedado, Havana. Rogers informed that he has been unemployed for some time, but that he earns some money from time to time through the sale of various types of display signs and other advertising equipment. He related that he occupies a duplex house with a German, whose name he did not care to furnish, and that this man about a year ago introduced him to one Roger Dugad, stating that he conducted a factory for the manufacture of neon signs. The German suggested that Rogers might be able to make a connection with Dugad in way of merchandising the signs, and with this in mind Rogers was taken to the factory in question. He stated that he endeavored to deal with Dugad, but was never successful in securing prices or in having a small number of signs made up. He claimed that his understanding was that Dugad was a Frenchman, speaking only broken English and Spanish; that

he tried to converse with Dugad in French and learned the man could not speak the language. In short he gathered the impression that Dugad was not operating a legitimate business, as he could not deal with him. About two months ago he stated he saw pictures of Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis in "Startling Detective Magazine", and seeing a strong resemblance between Dugad and the photograph of Campbell, he related the matter to Mr. Waters with the result of the present investigation.

Agent was accompanied during the above interview, also, during later investigation in this matter by U. S. Customs Agent Willis D. George, who is stationed in Havana and who has cooperated fully with the writer and other Bureau Agents in the past.

Rogers furnished the following physical description of Dugad: Age - about 35 years; height - 5' 5"; Hair - Dark; Eyes - Bluish gray; Weight - about 140 lbs; build - medium. He was shown several different photographs of subject Campbell and, after viewing same, advised that he thought Dugad and Campbell to be identical.

It should be stated that Rogers is extremely deaf and one has to shout in his ear in order to make him hear what is said. He appears perfectly sincere, but it is the opinion of the writer, also of Mr. George, that he is inclined to be a bit imaginative. At the time of the interview he stressed the fact that he did not want his name mentioned in any way as he feared possible reprisal, and said he was only willing to cooperate to the point of pointing out the Dugad establishment to Mr. Waters.

On the morning of Dec. 16, 1935, Mr. Rogers drove with Mr. Waters and pointed out the place of business of Roger Dugad. A short time later the place was pointed out to the writer by Waters. The address in question is #53 San Francisco Street. It is a good sized building consisting of only one floor with the entrance opening directly onto the street so automobiles can be driven in from the street. The interior is one very large room with several smaller rooms opening off of same. The smaller rooms are used as offices and store rooms for sign equipment. There is no sign on the outside of the building, but it should be stated that very few business establishments are equipped with outside signs. When the location was pointed out to Agent at least five or six men were noticed in the place, and the front door was open.

On the same morning the writer and Willis D. George went to the above described place and endeavored to secure information re prices, etc., for a small Neon sign. There were some five men, all Cubans, in the place and dealings with them were not satisfactory. It was learned, however, that the proprietor, Mr. Roger Dugad, would be in at 2:00 P. M., and that



he could supply any information he wanted. During the time we visited the place we wandered about and learned that there was no place which was being used as living quarters. All of the small rooms were for office and storage purposes. There was a good quantity of Neon sign equipment present, also designing boards, and other materials. A truck bearing the name "Anuncios International, S.A." was, also, in the building. Agent noticed a large Neon sign being prepared for a funeral Director by the name of Alfredo Fernandez, and Willis George informed that he was personally acquainted with Fernandez.

Alfredo Fernandez, Gral M. Suarez 63, Telephone A-6348, Havana, was interviewed for information concerning Dugad. He advised that he has known Dugad for approximately three years; that he has been in the sign business for almost that length of time; that he is a Frenchman and was located in Havana about ten years ago, but left Cuba, and returned about three years ago. He stated Dugad is a tough person to do business with, as he has an independent income through the family of his wife, and does not have much interest in the sign business which he operates on only a small scale. Fernandez was shown the photograph of subject, Harry Campbell, and he stated emphatically that the two men were not the same, although he advised that there was some facial resemblance.

During the above interview with Fernandez, which occurred in the Grill Room of the Hotel Plaza, one Panchito Arango, Secretary to the Mayor of Havana, came up and Fernandez inquired if he knew Roger Dugad. Arango stated that he did, and when the picture of Campbell was shown to him he said it was not a likeness of Dugad. Both Fernandez and Arango are well known to Willis D. George, and they were requested by him to treat the interview in a confidential manner.

Roger Dugad was interviewed at his place of business concerning the purchase of a small Neon sign, and at the same time an opportunity to observe him was had. The writer and Mr. George did not reveal their official connections to him. It is stated that there is some slight resemblance between Dugad and the photograph of Campbell, but the physical makeup of Dugad is such that he could not be mistaken for Campbell by a person who knew the physical proportions of Campbell. Dugad is at least 5' 10" in height, and has black hair. He speaks neither English nor Spanish. During the course of the efforts to talk with him, both in person and through an interpreter, it was learned that he only converses in the French language.

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R. V. Waters was also interviewed for data on the suspicious person at the Paseo Apartments, 25th & Paseo Sts., whom he thought might be subject Karpis masquerading as a woman. He communicated by telephone with his friends in this Building and learned that the person in question lives on the eighth floor, which floor is entirely taken up by one apartment.

Willis D. George informed the writer that a friend of his by the name of Falla Batista, a wealthy sugar grower, formerly resided on the seventh floor of the Edificio Paseo; that Batista is connected through marriage with the sugar people named Gutierrez, whom he believes own the apartment building in question; that the apartment is the most exclusive residential building in the city and that he was positive that new tenants would be thoroughly investigated before they would be accepted as tenants. Mr. George advised that he could learn the identity of the occupants of the eighth floor apartment through Davis Suero Jr., a son-in-law of Falla Batista, who is employed in the management of the Gutierrez Estate.

David Suero, Jr., was interviewed at the Gutierrez Estate Offices by Mr. George and the writer. In response to inquiries he ascertained that the eighth floor of the Edificio Paseo has been leased for the past six months by George P. Foster and his family. He stated that Foster is President of Compania Litografica de la Habana, the largest printing and engraving firm in the city and has been a resident of the City for many years. He advised that he is personally acquainted with Mr. Foster, and that his reputation is above reproach.

Reference to the Havana Telephone Directory indicated that George P. Foster has telephone #f-4873 listed to him at Apartment 801, Edificio Paseo. It should also be stated that telephone #F-3962 is listed to Renaud Roger Dugad, Banos 50, Vedado.

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[redacted] was also asked for information as to George P. Foster. He advised that Foster has been a resident of Havana for about thirty years, is prominent in the American Colony, owns the largest printing and engraving firm in the City, is president of the American Club, and is regarded by all as one of the outstanding residents of the City. He stated that the integrity of the man is without question.

Under date of Dec. 16, 1935, a cablegram was dispatched to SAC Alt at Jacksonville, Fla., advising that the information furnished the Bureau by Messrs. R. V. Waters and J. E. Rogers was without base.

Since the arrival of the writer in Havana contact has been effected with all of the persons who are desired at St. Paul as witnesses in the coming trial in this matter. Without exception they have informed that a man has been to see them, stating he was a friend of Cassius McDonald, and asking that they not go to St. Paul to testify against McDonald. This man did not furnish his name to any of the prospective witnesses and it so happens that none of the witnesses asked him his name. In some instances he did not contact the witnesses directly, but talked to other persons, at their places of employment and asked them to communicate his conversation to the witnesses. He has stated that he knows McDonald well and has visited at his home in Detroit, Mich.; that McDonald did not know the money he switched in Havana was kidnap money but thought it came from gambling in the United States; that McDonald cannot be convicted at St. Paul if the witnesses do not appear against him; that McDonald is willing to pay the witnesses if they refuse to furnish testimony; that if the witnesses go to St. Paul they are liable to be killed by gangsters with machine guns or that they might be put in jail by the Federal authorities.

It should be stated that most of the prospective witnesses are Cubans, and that they become frightened very easily. The writer has endeavored to allay any fears they might have, and has assured them that they will receive good treatment in the United States and have no reason to anticipate bodily harm from gangsters. The above information was communicated to the Bureau telephonically on Dec. 14, 1935, and subsequent instructions were received by the writer to remain in Havana until the forepart of January, 1936, and then accompany the witnesses to St. Paul. The writer is maintaining contact with all of the witnesses in order to keep advised of any new efforts at intimidation.

Bene Bolivar, one of the witnesses, has learned through Arturo Beale that the man who has been attempting to influence the witnesses is named Bosque. Bolivar was told that Mrs. McDonald had been in Havana and had conferred with Beale with the result as set out above. The visits to the various witnesses, apparently by Bosque, occurred during the week ending Dec. 14, 1935. All of the witnesses who were approached furnished the same description of their visitor. Instructions have been received not to make an open investigation in order to learn of the identity of Bosque. No such action has been taken, but arrangements have been made to learn more about the man in the event he again calls upon any of the witnesses.

On the afternoon of Dec. 12, 1935, the writer was in the office of the Pan-American Airways at Miami, Fla., making reservations for a seat on the plane to Havana, and Mrs. Cassius McDonald was seen leaving the airport bus. It was learned that the most recent plane arriving at the air base was the ship from Havana, but a telephone call to the base failed to indicate that Mrs. McDonald had been a passenger on the incoming plane from Havana. On the following morning the writer examined the passenger list on the plane in question and learned that Mrs. McDonald had been a passenger, but had travelled under the name of Edith Gordon, which was her maiden name. She went to Havana two days before her return.

At the present writing (12-19-35) arrangements have been made with the following witnesses to go to St. Paul: Bolivar, Ruiz, Zalacain, Feijoo, Garrido, Munoz, Frazer, Ennis and Hernandez. The remaining three, namely - Dominguez, Rodriguez, and Elsner all of whom are connected with the National City Bank of N. Y., are awaiting word from the head office of the Bank in New York City before making any decision. It is anticipated, however, that they will agree to appear in St. Paul.

It is being borne in mind that some of the prospective witnesses might change their minds about going to St. Paul or might receive further visits from the man Bosque or other persons. For this reason a steady contact is being maintained with them.

P E N D I N G

DECODE

Telegram

Cleveland, Ohio

R. WHITLEY  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
370 LEXINGTON AVE., ROOM 1403  
NEW YORK CITY

BREKID WILLIAM FERGUS REPORTED TO ARRIVE NEW YORK BETWEEN NOW AND  
TWENTY THIRD INSTANT. WIFE HAS GONE TO NEW YORK TO MEET HIM

MAG FARLAND

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cc: Bureau

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

FILE NO. **7-39**

REPORT MADE AT <b>PITTSBURGH, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-21-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-17-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. H. HEYWOOD</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; etal. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">* Plymouth Sedan, Motor # PJ 322772, not registered in State of West Virginia. Flash card placed with West Virginia State Road Commission.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from the Cleveland Bureau Office dated 12-12-35.</p> <p>DETAILS: <b>AT CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">ALLEN TEMPLE, Automobile Bureau, West Virginia State Road Commission, advised that Plymouth Sedan, Motor # PJ 322772, is not registered in the State of West Virginia.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">A flash card was placed with the Automobile Bureau, and in the event this car is registered in West Virginia, the Pittsburgh Bureau Office will be notified immediately.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <span style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">RECEIVED</span> <span style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">RECEIVED</span>  </div> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.</p>			
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FROM: CHICAGO COURT ORDER ENTERED AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS TODAY INSTRUCT-  
ING BUICK COUPE MOTOR 2345179 BE RETURNED TO HELEN FERGUSON. CAR  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-12

REPORT MADE AT Butte, Montana	DATE WHEN MADE 12/16/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/3,7,11,16/35	REPORT MADE BY W. T. Gray TM
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE; I. O. #1218, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  Postmaster at Billings, Montana, advised that information was available. Mr. & Mrs. H. S. Green, Great Falls, Montana, residents of long standing in that community and character apparently good. Mae Neurenberg of Butte, correspondent of Isabelle Born, operates rooming house at 516 South Montana Street; has reputation as briber; neighborhood investigation indicates no suspicious circumstances; former husband is presently Postmaster at Missoula, Montana. W. J. Edmunds,ampa, Idaho, states information of Agent J. T. McLaughlin was furnished to Edmunds by Archie Kirkpatrick, Eureka, California, policeman, all of which conveyed to Agent McLaughlin.  References: Report of Special Agent E. M. Plunkett, Boston, Massachusetts, 11-13-35; copy of letter of Special Agent in Charge H. E. Anderson, St. Paul, Minnesota, 11-14-35, addressed to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Chicago, Illinois; report of Special Agent J. S. McLaughlin, Salt Lake City, Utah, 11-29-35; report of Special Agent L. C. Ramsey, Detroit, Michigan, 12-2-35.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>W. T. Gray</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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**DETAILS:**

With reference to the letter of Special Agent in Charge H. E. Andersen, St. Paul, Minnesota, November 14, 1935, addressed to Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago, Illinois, Special Agent W. T. Gray, Butte, conducted the following investigation at Philipsburg, Montana:

Postmaster McKenzie regarding a letter mailed from the Phillipsburg Post Office, October 19, 1935, addressed to Miss Isabelle Born, Mankato, Minnesota, and no return address. Mr. McKenzie advised that he had no means of determining the origin of the letter and recalled no such letter of the sort. He stated that he had never seen a mail which came by accident or some unusual influence. He stated that he had no knowledge of any person in Phillipsburg who would write to Mankato, Minnesota.

Inquiry at the Sheriff's Office elicited results similar to those of

Further inquiry of residents of long standing at Philipsburg, personally known to the writer, developed no information of value regarding this matter.

With reference to the lead contained in report of Special Agent P. M. Plunket Boston, Massachusetts, November 13, 1935, requesting that the identity be determined of Mrs. H. S. Green of Great Falls, Montana, who is corresponding with Mrs. J. E. Hayes, wife of confidence man interviewed at Boston, Special Agent R. C. Connell, Butte, ascertained from Mr. C. R. Klane, Assistant Postmaster, Great Falls, that he has known both Mr. and Mrs. Green for the past twenty years. Mr. Klane could make no criticism as to their characters.

Mr. E. H. Chellquist, mail carrier on the route including residence of the Greens at 324-4th Avenue West, advised that he has known the Greens for the past two years, and to his recollection Mrs. Green has been corresponding with Mrs. Hayes in Boston since that time.

It was ascertained further that Mr. Howard S. Green was former County Attorney, and is now a practicing attorney, at Great Falls, Montana.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin, Salt Lake City, Utah, dated November 29, 1935, directing an interview with W. J. Edmunds, former Special Agent, Indian Service, regarding Eureka, California, police officers who might know or be assisting Karpis. Special Agent R. C. Connell contacted W. J. Edmunds at Nampa, Idaho, and reported that Edmunds had advised him that he (Edmunds) had received the information referred to by Agent McLaughlin from Archie Kirkpatrick, Eureka, California, policeman, that Karpis is hiding at that point. Edmunds advised Agent Connell further that he (Edmunds) had given all information in his possession to Agent McLaughlin.

at Elko, Nevada, last August, and Edmunds suggested that Kirkpatrick be contacted for further particulars.

With further reference to copy of letter of Special Agent in Charge H. E. Andersen, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated November 14, 1935, addressed to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, containing information that ~~on November 1, 1935~~ ~~Gabelle, born had received mail containing return address, "Mae Neurenberg, 516 South Montana Street, Butte, Montana,"~~ no additional information has been obtained from Assistant Postmaster W. J. Corbitt, Butte, Montana, nor has Deputy U. S. Marshal Dimitri Batchoff been able to develop further information.

Inquiry of a Mrs. Liton, living at 608 South Montana Street, Butte, developed the information that Mae Neurenberg operates a rooming house at 516 South Montana Street. Mrs. Liton could furnish no information concerning the number of roomers or any of the activities about the house other than to advise that Mae Neurenberg had a reputation for drinking.

Through a series of inquiries it was ascertained that a Mrs. Ferrero and family resided at 518 South Montana Street, which house is situated next door to that of Mae Neurenberg's. It was ascertained further that James Giovanetti, Clerk for the local office of the U. S. Secret Service, was well acquainted with this family. Mr. Giovanetti accompanied Agent to the home of Mrs. Ferrero where it was learned that Mrs. Neurenberg was operating a rooming house at 516 South Montana Street; that she presently had but two roomers, the names of whom were unknown to Mrs. Ferrero, but she advised both were elderly men and both were employed. Mrs. Ferrero advised further that Mrs. Neurenberg was a heavy drinker; that from her (Mrs. Ferrero) observation she noted no suspicious parties about the premises; that Mrs. Neurenberg has lived in this house for the past five or six years, and that previous to this time she had operated a rooming house somewhere on the west side for the previous fifteen or twenty years. Mrs. Ferrero recalled from conversations with Mae Neurenberg that the latter was raised in Minnesota. She could not, however, recall the name of the town mentioned by Mrs. Neurenberg. Mrs. Ferrero advised further that Mae Neurenberg had numerous relatives in Minnesota, the names of whom or location of whom she could not furnish.

~~that Mrs. Neurenberg's former husband (Mr. Neurenberg), from whom she has been separated or divorced, is presently the Postmaster at Missoula, Montana. Believing Mr. Neurenberg to be a valuable contact in regard to immediate investigation, no further inquiries were made until interview is had with Mr. Neurenberg, which is expected in the very near future.~~

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The BUTTE OFFICE at Missoula, Montana, will contact Postmaster Neurenberg, obtaining from him the family history including names and addresses of relatives of Mae Neurenberg, her contacts, and will discreetly endeavor to learn of the possibility of Mae Neurenberg having any contact with Subjects in this case.

The SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE at Eureka, California - with reference to report of Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin, Salt Lake City, Utah, November 29, 1935, will interview Archie Kirkpatrick, policeman, regarding his statements to W. J. Edwards concerning knowledge of Eureka police officers who might know or be assisting Karpis.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
December 12, 1935.

Time - 1:55 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Special Agent Clinton Stein, acting in charge of the St. Paul Office, telephoned me relative to BELLE BORN. You will recall that the Agents of the St. Paul Office have been questioning this woman for the past two days with reference to statements made by her to the effect that Charlie Fitzgerald is dead. Mr. Stein said that vigorous questioning of this woman has failed to make her state that she knows anything about Fitzgerald or any other members of the gang. Mr. Stein said that he has discussed this situation with Mr. Connelley, and upon the approval of Mr. Connelley, the following plan is pending the approval of the Bureau.

Belle Born will be taken back to Mankato this afternoon by Special Agent Jack Brennan of the St. Paul Office. She says that she wants to talk things over with her family attorney, a man by the name of Pfau. Brennan is going back with her, and with her consent and approval, will accompany her to see this attorney. Mr. Brennan is going to tell this attorney pretty much of what we have so that he can advise her what to do under the circumstances.

I told him that I could see no objection to this.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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

W. G. Brennan

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

December 21, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Re: BRINK

Reference is made to your letter dated December 16, 1935 referring to the report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett dated at Boston, Massachusetts, November 15, 1935 which requested an interview with Gus B. Rose.

Please be advised that investigation has been conducted at 7241 Morton Street, Chicago, Illinois, the residence of Miss Marion Gray. Through Miss Gray, Gus B. Rose was located. She advised that her husband, Gus B. Rose, until about one year ago, was connected with the Rose Metal-izing Company located in the 1800 block of Chatham Court, Chicago, Illinois, and since that time has been unemployed. She stated that her husband is presently located at 130 South 18th Street, LaCrosse, Wisconsin where he has a brother residing by the name of George B. Rose. Mrs. Rose was interviewed concerning William E. Meade and she advised she did not know this individual. She stated, however, that she had heard her husband speak of a man by the name of Graham but she knew no more concerning this.

It is requested that our office interview Mr. Rose at La Crosse, Wisconsin as requested in the report of Agent Plunkett.

Very truly yours,

L. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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420 Post Office Bldg.,  
Dallas, Texas.

December 19, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREKID - Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent D. W. Gleason, Dallas, Texas, dated December 17, 1935.

There are transmitted herewith eight additional mail tracings which were received at this office on December 19, 1935, from the Postmasters at White Deer and Pampa, Texas.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Ed. George Bremer*

Post Office Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
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Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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RE: BREXID

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Dear Sir:

DEC 26 1935

With reference to your letter of December 15th concerning the surveillance which is being maintained of the residence of the parents of Harry Campbell in Tulsa, you are advised that such a log as described therein has not been maintained, but the same has been instituted and you will be furnished therewith in the future. Hitherto, only rough draft notes thereof were kept, the contents of which are included in a report of Agent Hanson dated 12-18-35.

With reference to your letter of December 15th, wherein you refer to some .45 caliber automatic pistols which may be the property of the United States, please be advised that appropriate steps will be made with the Chief Ordnance, War Department, Washington, D. C., in connection with these weapons.

Reference is made to a letter from the Cleveland Office dated December 12, 1935, which refers to a 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor No. PJ222772, Serial No. 2819857. Appropriate flash card has been placed with the Highway Department, Division of Motor Vehicle Registration, Capitol Building, Oklahoma City, Okla., in connection with this matter.

Reference is also made to a letter dated December 16, 1935 from the Cleveland Office, which requests that the records of the Vehicle Division of the various States be searched for the names G. W. Benton, George Benton, and Mary Smith, aliases of Harry Campbell. The only source in which the Highway records are maintained in Oklahoma is by motor and serial numbers. Chauffeurs' and Drivers' licenses are not required in the State of Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma City Office will continue the investigation in this case.

Very truly yours,

cc Bureau  
St. Paul  
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Cleveland

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Re: **WILLIAM 13 1936**

**Dear Sir:**

Reference is made to report of Special Agent D. W. Gleason, Dallas, Texas, dated December 12, 1935, in the above-captioned matter, reflecting the result of investigation in the Dallas district to determine the present whereabouts of Harry Campbell.

For your information, Special Agent E. J. Howd, now presently at Cleveland, Ohio, on special assignment on this case, advised me of certain suggestions offered by him for the benefit of future investigations based on his experience in conducting previous investigations in this case while he was assigned to the Dallas Bureau office.

According to Agent Dowd, it has been definitely established that Harry Campbell in the past has been using Mrs. Howard Myrtle McNeil, his oldest sister, as an intermediary in contacting other members of the family and that on one occasion Harry Campbell took Wynona Burdette to Wichita Falls, Texas, where for a period of about a month she remained at the home of Howard McNeil. The information concerning this visit will be found on page 99 of report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, of St. Paul, Minn., dated April 10, 1935.

Prior to July 1938 Agent Wood advised that mail was frequently received and distributed by Mrs. Howard Myrtle Maxwell to the members of the family from Los Angeles, El Centro, Santa Maria and other points in California. The mail was received by the family through the El Centro post office.

Shortly thereafter the McNails moved to route 2 out of Iowa Park, Texas, which is located close to Wichita Falls, the county seat of Wichita County, in which Elestra and Iowa Park are located.

Agent Dowd advises that just prior to his transfer from the Dallas Bureau office he recalls contacting C. E. Whisnand, former con-



stable at Elstera, Texas, and now County Highway Officer operating out of Wichita Falls; that Whismand, who is a fearless officer and one of the very few officers in Wichita County who can be trusted and depended upon, stated that he had arrested Mrs. Howard Myrtle McNeil's eldest son on a burglary charge and that the case was pending at the time; that he was acquainted with the McNeil family and would make discreet inquiries with a view to locating Harry Campbell, notifying the Dallas Bureau office of any developments. Whether Whismand ever communicated with the Dallas office Agent Dowd is unable to state; however, he advises that O. E. Whismand is considered an excellent source of information and should be contacted.

Agent Dowd further advises that inasmuch as Harry Campbell is suspected of being in contact with his mother at Tulsa, Okla., by registered mail through the post office at Oklahoma City, being the names of Harry Hinton, G. E. Benton and Mary Forth, it is believed that he is also sending registered mail to Mrs. Howard Myrtle McNeil, his sister, who is probably receiving and, perhaps, sending such mail through the post office located at Wichita Falls, Texas.

In this connection Agent Dowd advises that according to information received by him from Mr. Jack Hanley, Assistant Superintendent of Mails and Superintendent of the Registry Division of the Cleveland, Ohio, Post Office, registered mail from Cleveland and vicinity clears through the Cleveland Post Office, and any such mail addressed to Holliday, Texas, where Campbell's sister formerly received her mail, is dispatched in a pouch to Wichita Falls, Tex., a distributing post office, from which post office Holliday and near-by towns are served by star route. A pouch of registered mail dispatched from the Cleveland Post Office to the post office at Wichita Falls, Tex., is an authorized route and can be traced by consulting the authorized list of names of the office of origin and registry numbers in the Registry waybills.

Agent Dowd advises that persons living at Iowa Park and Holliday, Texas and on rural routes and in small towns in that vicinity usually go to Wichita Falls, Tex., particularly on Saturdays to do their shopping and quite a number of them have been known to send and call for mail at the Wichita Falls Post Office, where a large number of post office boxes are rented by transients.

According to Agent Dowd, Wichita Falls, Texas, has the reputation of being a hideout for bank robbers and potential criminals from Texas and other states, particularly Oklahoma, and that such criminals usually are given protection through the political influence of John Davenport, a former County Attorney, an unscrupulous underworld criminal lawyer and for a number of years political manager, pardon and furlough representative for Jim and Ma Ferguson, former governors of Texas. It is,

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therefore, reasonable to assume that inasmuch as reference report indicates that the McNeils have not received or sent any mail for some time through the Holliday, Tex., post office and Harry Campbell has been known to visit Wichita Falls, that the McNeils might now be using the post office at Wichita Falls, at which place it is also possible that Harry Campbell is contacting his sister, Mrs. Howard Myrtle McNeil.

It is requested that the Dallas office interview County Highway Officer O. E. Whisman at Wichita Falls, Tex., for the purpose of seeking his cooperation in this investigation, it being thought by Agent Dowd that he is probably the leading peace officer in Wichita County who has numerous underworld contacts and confidential informants. In this connection, Agent Dowd advises that the sheriff's office and local police by reason of their alliance with political factions and John Deavenport should not be consulted.

Another good source of information at Wichita Falls, Tex., according to Agent Dowd, is Captain W. E. Wyatt, Special Agent for the Fort Worth and Denver City Railroad Company, who is well known to Whisman and also has numerous underworld contacts and confidential informants.

As indicated above, there is a strong possibility that Harry Campbell is communicating with his mother through his sister, Mrs. Howard Myrtle McNeil and probably using the names of George Benton, G. E. Benton and Mary Forth, which are identical with the names used by him in addressing his letters to an intermediary in Oklahoma.

The Dallas office is requested to check the registry records for all registered mail sent from Cleveland, Ohio, (in any name), and check the registry records for mail from Cleveland, Ohio and vicinity sent out to George Benton, G. E. Benton, Mary Forth, and any mail sent right to Harry Campbell. It is suggested that it be noted that this may disclose an intermediary between Harry Campbell and his sister from May 1935 to the present time.

Very truly yours,

J. P. SAS FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau  
E. J. Connelley  
Chicago  
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Cincinnati

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington Field Office, Room 5252,  
Washington, D. C.

December 21, 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:

Reference is respectfully invited to letter addressed by this office to the St. Louis Office on December 11, 1935, to reply thereto dated December 18, 1935 relative to the present location of Browning Automatic Rifles Nos. 211,774 and 211,349, and of a .45 caliber Colt automatic pistol No. 18,001. Attention is further invited to your letter dated October 24 addressed to the New York City Office, expressing the anticipation that the trial of the various subjects in the Bremer kidnaping case, in Florida, will take place during the month of April, 1936.

In connection therewith, it is pointed out that information has also been received to the effect that Adam Richetti is now perfecting an appeal from his conviction, and it is the Bureau's understanding that it will probably take two years to dispose of the appeal. Under these circumstances, the desire is expressed by you that the above mentioned guns be retained by the New York City Office until such time as the proper Army authorities make a request upon the Bureau for their return.

Mr. E. L. Kahlert, Field Division, Ordnance Office, War Department, has been informed by Special Agent Burruss of the above and he indicated his desire to cooperate fully with this Bureau. He stated that the above described guns are the property of the United States and that accountability for same has to be taken periodically. In view of the desire of the Bureau

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to retain these guns for a rather indefinite period, he stated that he would inform the commanding officer of the Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Illinois, as to the present location of these arms and that he would suggest to the commanding officer that further inquiry be made by him concerning these arms towards the end of the fiscal year, 1936. Mr. Kahlert stated that he would make a notation to follow up this matter at that time.

Very truly yours,

*J. M. Keith*

J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

**SYNOPSIS of FACTS:**

**DETAILS:**

**REFERENCE:**

Letter from Chicago Office to Bureau of 12/17/35; letter from Chicago Office to Jacksonville Office of 12/18/35; and letter from Cleveland Office dated 12/12/35.

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H. E. Anderson

**SPECIAL AGENT  
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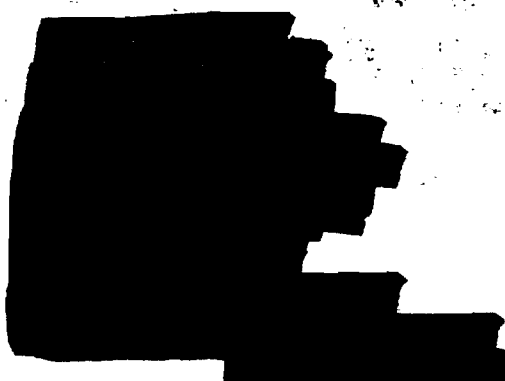
Letter from Chicago to Bureau dated December 12, 1934  
states that [REDACTED] had received [REDACTED] letter or package  
at the Benjamin Franklin Apartments, 513 South Hobart Avenue, Los  
Angeles, California under the name of J. A. ROYER, December 9, 1934  
from Minneapolis, Minnesota, Registry [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Postoffice Substation in Minneapolis,  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] received this letter  
[REDACTED] the sender giving the name of H. Marsden,  
3830 [REDACTED], the address being [REDACTED] 513 South Hobart  
Avenue, Los Angeles, California. The declared value of the letter  
or package was \$150.00. Forty cents postage and registry fees were  
paid and the letter or package was marked fragile.

This was the only record available of this letter or  
package at the Local Postoffice Substation. Mr. [REDACTED] was unable  
to give a description and had no personal recollection of anything  
further regarding this matter. He was [REDACTED] the address and  
telephone number of the St. Paul Office and stated he would be on  
the lookout for any further registered mail which may be sent by  
[REDACTED]. He was unable to recognize the photographs of FITZGERALD  
or BILLIE BOEN as anyone whom he had seen or as the party who had  
mailed this package. He stated that in the event another registered  
letter is sent by H. MARSDEN, he will endeavor to get a description  
of this party and will follow the party out of the [REDACTED] office  
secure a license plate number if this party [REDACTED] in a car and will forward this data immediately to the  
St. Paul Bureau Office.

At the Minneapolis Police Department the only party in  
their records by the name of MARSDEN is HARRY W. MARSDEN alias ROBERT  
MERSON alias R. A. WILLIAMS alias D. W. CHAMPLIN, Minneapolis Police  
#22944, described as follows:

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From the above it will be noted that he may be now serving a sentence in the State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado.

*office* His photograph is being furnished the Los Angeles Police *Bureau* Department herewith.

At the St. Paul Police Department the only party by the name of MARSDEN listed in their records is WILLIAM H. MARSDEN alias WILLIAM HARRISON, #188010 of the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Police Department, [REDACTED]

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There is no H. MARSDEN listed in the Minneapolis City Directory nor in the records of the [REDACTED]



Ray Harrington, Superintendent of the Minneapolis Police Identification Bureau, former Chief of Police William Meehan, present Chief of Police Frank Forrestal and present Chief of Detectives James F. Mullen of the Minneapolis Police Department, knew of no other MARSDEN than HARRY W. MARSDEN, whose photograph is being furnished the Los Angeles Office herewith. These parties stated that they had never heard of EUGENE C. KLAKMAN of 3820 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, being in trouble of any kind.

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KLAKMAN is president and treasurer of the River Terminal Coal and Coke Company, 2048 Aldrich Avenue, South, Minneapolis, which also has an office at 2694 University Avenue in St. Paul; that JAMES P. DUDLEY of 54 Baldwin Street is vice president of this company and ARTHUR H. ANDERSON, 5112 Dupont Avenue, South, Minneapolis, is secretary; that the articles of incorporation being instrument #1765409 in the Register of Deeds Office, City Hall, Minneapolis, filed September 5, 1934, show that the place of business of the River Terminal Coal and Coke Company is 538 Security Building, Minneapolis. (These premises are vacant). That the nature of business is the refining, mining, producing, buying, selling, dealing, in coal, coke, wood, fuel oil, fuels of all kinds, ice; wholesale and retail; that there are 250 shares of common stock with unit par value and 250 shares of preferred stock at \$100.00 per share; that the stated capital is \$10000.00; and that the incorporators are the officers previously named; that in 1934 EUGENE C. KLAKMAN filed a trade name by which he was allowed to do business as the Minneapolis Ice and Fuel Company, the address of the Minneapolis Ice and Fuel Company being 2201 Kennedy Street, Minneapolis.

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Superintendent of the Bloomington Substation Postoffice in Minneapolis, Mr. J. E. Gillis, advised that Carrier H. W. Briggs (home 'phone Draxal 8736) carries mail to 5320 Park Avenue in Minneapolis. Carrier Briggs was interviewed at the Bloomington Substation, 1510 E. Lake Street, and states that he is quite well acquainted with the KLAKMAN family, having delivered mail there for many years; that they have one boy about 12 years old, and may have another smaller child; that there has been no mail for anyone by the name of MARSDEN delivered to the KLAKMAN residence and has not noticed any visitors there lately; that no mail has been delivered at the KLAKMAN home for any parties other than KLAKMAN's family. This information was furnished by Acting SAC Stein to SAC Connelley and the St. Paul Office is awaiting instructions as to whether KLAKMAN should be interviewed as to who the H. MARSDEN might be. He gave the address of KLAKMAN's home when sending Registered letter or package #17480 to E. S. Foster of Los Angeles on December 2, 1935.

Regarding letter from the Chicago Office to the Jacksonville Office dated December 18, 1935, the address 8907 Cedar appears. There is a Cedar Avenue in Minneapolis, but the numbers do not run as high as 8907.

Regarding the telephone number "Gladstone 6944 Howe", it was ascertained that there is a Gladstone exchange in Minneapolis and also in the Hollywood district area of Los Angeles; that there are no Gladstone numbers in Minneapolis between 6900 and 7000; hence, it is thought that some city other than Minneapolis is meant by the notation.

Regarding the reference in letter from the Chicago Office to the Jacksonville Office of December 18, 1935, mentioning Eva Toots Kopy and the registered envelope bearing the return address of Cullen Kopy, 1221 N. Grand Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri, Special Agent John E. Brennan states that there is a radio announcer at

Radio Station KMOX named ESPY; however, he does not know whether such an announcer is connected with Eva Toots Espy or Cullen Espy.

Regarding the reference letter from Chicago to Jacksonville dated December 18, 1935, stating that in FITZGERALD's apartment was a small box in which a watch had been contained from the J. B. HUDSON JEWELERS, Minneapolis, and a Christmas card signed "Sis".

At the J. V. HUDSON JEWELERS in Minneapolis, Mr. J. D. Dougherty, the manager, turned over his records to this agent for inspection and assisted in going through all the records of watches sold from November 1 to December 15, 1935, but no record could be found of the names or aliases used by CHARLES J. FITZGERALD or Belle Born, neither could any record be found of EUGENE C. ELAKMAN nor H. MARSDEN. Mr. Dougherty states that all makes of watches are placed in the same kind of boxes of the Hudson Company and that for him to check the sale of a watch, he would have to know the case number and serial of the watch and suggested if a watch sold by the Hudson Company is found subsequently and any investigation made, that the small number scratched on the inside of the back of the case be secured and furnished to him and he can immediately tell by these code numbers the party to whom the watch was sold, unless it was an isolated transaction for cash, in which case the name of the customer was not secured; however, that in most instances even the cash customers are recorded in the records of the Hudson Company. It is to be noted that the Hudson Jewelry Company is one of the largest and best established stores in Minneapolis being located in Dayton's Department Store.

Photographs of Belle Born and Fitzgerald were displayed to various employees of the Hudson Jewelry Company, Minneapolis, to ascertain whether they recalled these parties making purchases or recalled a Christmas card signed "Sis" with negative results.

Reference is made to that portion of the letter of Mr. Connelley dated at Chicago, December 18, 1935, in which it was shown that the address "Gladstone 6944 Howe" was secured from the personal effects of C.J. FITZGERALD. Attention is directed to numerous reports in this case indicating that WILLIE HARRISON frequently used the alias of E. N. HOWE and CLARA GIBSON has informed

that HARRISON had the initials R.N.H. inscribed on his luggage. Reference is also made to investigation conducted by the Los Angeles Office which disclosed that during the fall of 1934, WILLIE HARRISON visited in Long Beach, California with relatives, at that time becoming enamored with the daughter of WILLIAM DICK. It is understood that the DICKS are in some manner related to HARRISON. A suggestion is made, therefore, that the above noted address with the name HOWE may have reference to a telephone call to which WILLIE HARRISON might be connected.

The Motor Vehicle Division of the Secretary of States Office in St. Paul, Minnesota has no record of a 1935 Plymouth four door Sedan, motor PJ 322,772, serial 2,619,857, having been registered in the State of Minnesota. A Stop Notice containing the motor and serial numbers of this automobile have been filed in the office of the Motor Vehicle Division so that the St. Paul Office will be notified immediately should the number be registered thereafter.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

EAT:CSH

December 19, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

I called Mr. Connelley at Chicago and advised a wire had been received from MacFarland, requesting an Agent for the surveillance down at Ashtabula, Ohio. He is sending Agent B. M. Hirsh down there, but he will need another man. I asked about Agent Thornton at Cincinnati, and Connelley stated Thornton is very tall and thin and would be rather conspicuous. I asked about Agent Townsend, and Connelley stated that this Agent is now working on judicial office examinations and that it was Connelley's understanding that he was on probation or something of that kind. Mr. Connelley stated that Agent Dill, while not a good investigative Agent, is a pretty good fellow for surveillance work, but that he would need direction on an assignment of this kind. Connelley stated he thought Hirsh and Dill would be all right for this assignment. I told him I would call Reinecke at Indianapolis and have him send Dill over to Cleveland and have Smith arrange to take him out there where they are going to work.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

10:05 PM

I talked with Connelley, advising him of Mr. Hanson's desire to secure an Agent experienced in installing telephone taps to place the taps on the telephones of Fitzgerald and his girl, and asked whether he knew anyone who could do this. Connelley stated that he did not know anyone on the West Coast; that the only one would be Agent Jones at Chicago, who has been installing a tap there, and since this tap has now been installed I suggested that Jones be sent out to Los Angeles by plane as soon as possible. Connelley stated this would be arranged.

I asked Connelley about the lead at Ashtabula, Ohio, and he stated Fitzgerald had apparently made a call from his girl's apartment to one Murray Cook at the Shallow's Club in Ashtabula, which is probably similar to the Casino Club in Toledo. He stated Agents were checking on this today. Connelley stated if this lead looked good he might go over there himself.

I suggested to Connelley that if he talked to St. Paul he might indicate the desirability of Agents endeavoring to secure information from Belle Born as to where the letter came from about the fellow dying, and Connelley stated he had tried to have them impress upon her that we are really interested in having her tell us where the fellow is. Connelley stated he thought it was possible that Belle Born had sent Fitzgerald a watch for a Christmas present, judging from the registered package which was checked in out there on the 9th. She was in town that day from Mankato and they checked the sending out of a parcel marked "Fragile", and in Fitzgerald's apartment was found a box in which a watch had apparently been shipped. There was a Christmas card enclosed signed "Sis", and Connelley thinks this may have been Belle Born, which indicates that she knows Fitzgerald's exact address.

I asked Connelley whether he wanted Agent Birch back, Birch having been called to Philadelphia because of his wife's illness, and Connelley stated he thought Birch should go back to Cleveland when his wife's condition would permit him to do so.

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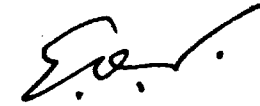
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I asked Connelley whether he has enough men, and he stated for the present he thought he had sufficient. He stated that, of course, if the lead at Ashtabula develops as he expects, he will probably need more men there.

I advised that McKee talked to Alt this afternoon and has all of the witnesses in line except three at the National City Bank, and Whitley advised that the National City Bank in New York had assured him that we do not need to worry about their witnesses, that they will be there. The only other two who are reluctant are the two in the hotel, but McKee thinks he will be able to line them up by tomorrow. Connelley asked whether it would be necessary for McKee to stay down there until the people got started out of there, and I advised that McKee had been told to stay until they were all on the boat, if necessary.

Connelley stated he would send in a teletype when Jones leaves by plane for Los Angeles.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm.

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420 Post Office Bldg.,  
Dallas, Texas.

December 20, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREKID - kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to mail covers placed  
in this matter, there are transmitted herewith two  
tracings of mail addressed to Iowa Park, Texas, and  
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Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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RE: BREKID CASE

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/21/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/13, 14, 16, 17, 18/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>D. P. SULLIVAN</b> <span style="float: right;">NPS/ehc</span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"> <i>Handwritten:</i> Jess Doyle, at Nebraska State Penitentiary, and Edna Murray, at Missouri State Penitentiary, interviewed. Doyle states that he had broken with rest of the mob at the time of the kidnaping; that plans laid prior to kidnaping in December, 1935, directed robbing of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, and Fred Barker invited Doyle to participate. Doyle states that, fearing he would be shot in the back during the perpetration of the robbery by some of the Barker-Karpis mob who were gunning for him, he refused. Doyle states that he did not know that gang later changed their plans to kidnap Bremer instead of robbing above bank until some time after the kidnaping. Edna Murray provides information indicating she saw Harry Sawyer present at gang meetings immediately preceding the kidnaping; likewise provides information indicating that Corey Bales, Ted and Bert Angus knew that members of the Karpis-Barker gang were fugitives from a federal charge. </p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"> Bureau letter to St. Paul Office, dated 10/31/35;  Letter from Omaha Office to Bureau, dated 11/11/35;  Letter from San Francisco Office to Bureau, dated 11/15/35;  Bureau letters to Chicago Office, dated 11/19/35 and 12/12/35. </p>			
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DETAILS:

AT LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.

On December 13 and 14 Agent interviewed Jess Doyle at the Nebraska State Penitentiary, Lincoln, Nebraska, the interview extending over a full two day period, during which time Doyle was extensively questioned concerning his knowledge of the Bremer and Hamm kidnaping cases, his activities and the gang's activities during these periods, and contacts of the Barker-Karpis gang, with the purpose in view of obtaining information of possible evidentiary value in future prosecutions of persons charged with the kidnaping and on charges of harboring fugitives in this case. Particular attention was directed in questioning Doyle to the activities of members of the Barker-Karpis gang immediately preceding the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer on January 17, 1934.

Doyle in general denied all knowledge concerning the kidnaping of Bremer prior to and immediately after the day that he was kidnaped, advising as follows:

That in the spring of 1933, after the robbery of the Fairbury, Nebraska, Bank on April 3, 1933, Earl Christman, who was wounded in the bank robbery, was taken to Kansas City, Missouri, where he was nursed for several days by Volney Davis. After his death Fred Barker accused Jess Doyle of running out on the mob inasmuch as he did not stay in Kansas City to aid in nursing Christman. Doyle stated that he did not know where Earl Christman was kept during the time he was suffering from the gunshot wound received in the robbery of the above-mentioned bank, nor did he know where Christman died, but he stated that on one occasion while he was driving with Volney Davis in the Indian Hills section of Kansas City, Volney Davis motioned out of the car and stated, "I guess old Earl Christman is still lying over there." Doyle stated that he cannot recall the exact spot where he and Davis were at the time. Davis made the statement that the motion made by Davis was just a general gesture in a certain direction. He stated he believes from the above that Volney Davis knows where Earl Christman is buried.

As a result of the allegation made by Fred Barker, as stated above, Doyle stated that Fred and "Doc" Barker and other members of the gang treated him coldly. Doyle further stated that inasmuch as Doris O'Connor, with whom he was living, would not have anything to do with "Doc" Barker, "Doc" Barker began to circulate rumors concerning Doris and himself to Fred Barker and the rest of the gang, to the effect

that Jess Doyle was talking about other members of the gang. As a result of this, one morning Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis came to his apartment with pistols in their pockets and demanded to know what Jess Doyle was saying about them. Doyle stated he called their bluff and advised them he had not been talking about them, but that if they were looking for him they could find him any time they wanted to inasmuch as they knew where he lived. Thereafter, according to Doyle, for safety's sake, he did not travel about in the company of the rest of the mob except on rare occasions, although most of them were living either in or in the vicinity of Maywood, as will be noted in the statement made by Jess Doyle, as contained in the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Kansas City, Missouri, dated February 21, 1935. As mentioned in the above statement of Jess Doyle, he advised that thereafter he and Doris associated in great measure only with Volney Davis and Edna Murray; that in the latter part of June, 1933, they left Maywood, Illinois, and went to live at Gardin and Commerce, Oklahoma.

Doyle reiterated the information contained in his prior statement, above-mentioned, that he remained in the southwest until the latter part of the summer of 1933, and with Doris then proceeded to Three Lakes, Minnesota, where they lived for approximately a month with Eddie and Beattie Green; that thereafter the four of them rented a cottage on a lake approximately twenty-five miles south of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and on or about October 1, 1933, the four of them moved into the Whiteside Apartments at Minneapolis. Doyle stated that at this time he was not in communication with any other members of the gang and that he did not know their whereabouts; that for his own safety he likewise did not desire that they know where he was living; that around the first part of December, 1933, Volney Davis visited him and apparently Volney had obtained his address from Harry Sawyer, who in turn must have ascertained where Doyle was residing from Eddie Green. Thereafter, Fred Barker visited him on one or two occasions, and Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton visited him, likewise. Doyle stated that he and Doris were friendly with Weaver and Myrtle Eaton; that they used to exchange visits at each other's apartments; that occasionally he and Doris would visit Myrtle and Bill at Myrtle's apartment, located at 565 Portland Avenue.

Doyle here stated that all during this time he was very careful in his movements, inasmuch as he felt certain that the mob fully intended to bump him off; that on one occasion he returned to his apartment in the evening, and on ascending the stairs he saw Alvin

Karpis with another man whom he, Jess, could not identify, attempting to force their way into his apartment; that he felt certain they intended to get into the apartment and kill him as he entered.

Boyle stated that in the latter part of December, 1933, Fred Barker on one occasion approached him and stated that the mob intended to rob the Commercial State Bank, in which Edward George Bremer had an interest. Fred Barker asked Boyle if he desired to drive a car in the robbery. Boyle declined and stated to Agent that he felt certain that the only reason they invited him to participate in the robbery was for the purpose of shooting him in the back during the course of the robbery.

Concerning the allegation contained in the written statement of Paula Harmon, dated September 22, 1934, that Jess Doyle and Eddie Green were present during meetings held by members of the Karpis-Barker gang at Myrtle Eaton's and Fred Barker's apartments in the fall of 1933 when the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer was discussed, and indicating that Jess Doyle was closely connected with the gang, Boyle was questioned thoroughly as to this point. He advised that one night while he and Doris were playing bridge with Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton at Myrtle Eaton's apartment, 565 Portland Avenue, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis entered, and when they saw Doyle did not come into the dining room, but stayed in the living room where they talked in low tones with Bill Weaver. He overheard one of them state that the bank job was off because they had ascertained that the bank was only insured in the amount of \$20,000.00; that this indicated that little cash was kept in the bank; but that they had another job for Bill Weaver. Doyle stated that none of them indicated what this other job was but that he firmly believed that they intended to rob some other bank located in St. Paul or the vicinity. Doyle stated that Paula Harmon, Wynona Burdette, and Edna Murray were present on this occasion in the apartment. Doyle stated that this was the only occasion where any mention was made of any job that the gang intended to pull, and that he had no intimation that they intended to kidnap Bremer; that he remained in Minneapolis during that time and because he feared that he might be ambushed he did not frequent any of the night clubs at St. Paul where he might possibly meet other members of the gang; that he and Doris and Bessie and Eddie Green all remained in Minneapolis. He stated that Weaver and Myrtle Eaton never at any time discussed the prospect of the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, and it was not until January 15, when Fred Barker called at his apartment and suggested that he get out of town that he again saw members of the gang. Doyle stated, as mentioned in his written statement

of February 15, 1935, that he did not question Fred Barker's suggestion to get out of town; that he contacted Eddie and Bessie Green and with Doris O'Connor they left Minneapolis and proceeded to Oklahoma, as is set out in the above-mentioned written statement. Boyle here stated that the occasion when Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis came to Myrtle Eaton's apartment and talked with Bill Weaver was the first and only occasion that he met Harry Campbell.

Boyle was questioned thoroughly concerning his knowledge of, and any information he may have obtained from Volney Davis or elsewhere concerning, the Bremer kidnaping since January, 1934. He stated that he did not have any information concerning the above-mentioned kidnaping; that thereafter he took pains to keep away from members of the Barker-Karpis gang, because he feared that they would kill him should they find him. Boyle was especially questioned concerning the possible connection of William Weaver and Harry Sawyer with the kidnaping of Bremer, but he advised that he knew of no possible connection of these two men with the above kidnaping.

Boyle was likewise questioned as to the identity of the person or persons, members of the Barker-Karpis gang, who purchased the underwear, shirt and socks given to Bremer to wear immediately preceding his departure from the hideout at Bensenville, Illinois. Boyle stated that he did not know where these articles were purchased, nor did he have any information as to the identity of the person or persons who purchased same.

Boyle was likewise questioned as to persons who might possibly have information of value in the prosecution of Harry Sawyer for kidnaping. Boyle stated that Pat Reilly, who was employed by Sawyer at his tavern, was very close to Sawyer and apparently was used to run errands for Sawyer. He likewise stated that there were two young men employed as bartenders by Harry Sawyer during the time that Bremer was being held and who formerly had been employed during prohibition days by Sawyer as alcohol runners. Boyle described one as a young man approximately 26 years of age, 5'5" in height, slender build, dark complexioned, dark wavy hair, well-dressed. Boyle stated that this young man was employed by Sawyer at the time he first went to St. Paul in the fall of 1932 until the year 1934, when Sawyer moved out of his tavern located on Wabasha Street. Boyle stated that this young man sold tailor-made shirts which were manufactured by a California concern; that some of the members of the Karpis-Barker gang purchased shirts from this young man; that he could not recall this young man's

name but he recalled that this young fellow stored his car at Herb's Garage, located in the vicinity of Sawyer's tavern; that Herb, the owner of the garage, undoubtedly could identify this young man.

Boyle likewise stated that over this same period there was a tall slenderly built young man, approximately twenty-eight years of age, with dark hair, who worked as a bartender for Harry Sawyer; that this tall young man and the short fellow above-mentioned were friends and worked at the time of the kidnaping as bartenders at Sawyer's place; that undoubtedly either or both of these young men would have some information concerning the activities of Sawyer and other members of the Barker-Karpis gang shortly before and during the time that Bremer was being held captive.

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AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI.

Edna Murray was interviewed at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. She stated that sometime after the Hamm kidnaping in the summer of 1933 it was the plan of members of the Karpis-Barker gang to thereupon kidnap Edward George Bremer; that when the robbery of the Federal Reserve Bank messenger at Jackson Boulevard Boulevard and LaSalle Street, Chicago, on September 22, 1933, by members of the Karpis-Barker gang, resulted in the killing of Police Officer Miles Cunningham, the gang figured that things had become too "hot"; as a result thereof the kidnaping of Bremer was postponed.

In the fall of 1933, while the gang were at Reno, Nevada, the gang discussed the advisability of robbing the Commercial State Bank in St. Paul, Minnesota, in which bank Edward George Bremer had an interest. Edna Murray stated that she obtained this information in conversing with Volney Davis and others in the gang, and from what she overheard of their conversations. This apparently remained the plan of the gang up until approximately ten days before January 17, 1934, the day on which Bremer was kidnaped. On that day Harry Sawyer, Volney Davis, Fred and Arthur R. Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, William Weaver and Fred Goetz were present in Fred Barker's apartment. Paula Harmon, Wynona Burdette, and Edna Murray were likewise present in the kitchen. The above-mentioned men stayed in the other room and were apparently discussing some plans. Edna stated that suddenly Volney Davis arose as in anger, grabbed his hat, and telling Edna to



follow him he stormed out of the apartment. He was greatly incensed and when Edna asked him the reason he stated, without explaining further, that Harry Sawyer was always sticking his nose in things and changing everybody's plans. Edna Murray was questioned thoroughly on this point as to what exactly was meant by Volney Davis' statement. She advised that from Volney Davis' conversation she gathered that Sawyer had convinced the mob that it would be extremely difficult to rob the Bremer bank because of its construction; that, furthermore, inasmuch as the bank was only insured for \$20,000.00, it was highly probable that little cash was kept in the bank, and Sawyer convinced the mob that it would be more lucrative for them to kidnap Bremer inasmuch as he felt they could obtain more money thereby.

On January 15, 1934, two days before the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Fred Goetz, Bill Weaver, and Harry Sawyer were present in her and Volney's apartment in the Edgecomb Apartments, Lexington and Osceola Avenue, St. Paul. Edna stated that she remained in the kitchen while they talked and did not overhear their conversation, but that on one occasion when she went into the living room to serve some drinks she overheard Harry Sawyer say that the mob were "fools" to get in a jam over the shooting of McCord, the radio announcer; that the town was on fire, and that he thought they would have to put off the job for a couple of days. Edna Murray stated that this was the only part of the conversation that she overheard and the only statement made by Sawyer that she can recall hearing at that time; that although Sawyer did not expressly state so, she understood from his statement that he was referring to a job that they intended "to pull."

Edna Murray here stated that on approximately January 1, 1934, Weaver moved into an apartment located over the Moonlight Gardens Night Club, operated by a man named Miller. Edna Murray could not recall the address, but it is possible that the above address is 777 Selby Avenue, where Weaver is known to have had an apartment at the time that Bremer was kidnaped. Edna Murray was questioned as to whether she knew of an apartment Weaver had on Avon Street. She denied knowing of such an apartment.

Edna Murray stated that on January 16, 1934, she remained at home all day alone; that Volney Davis was away; that he returned that night with "Doc" Barker, who was staying with them, and that both of them left early the following morning, January 17; that before he left Volney Davis stated that Fred Barker or Harry Sawyer would be over to

visit her during the day; that, however, neither Sawyer nor Fred Barker showed up; that Volney Davis returned to the apartment at approximately 5:30 or 6 o'clock; that Fred Barker brought in a chicken and asked her to cook it; that when she refused he left and went over to his apartment, where he got Paula Harmon to cook same. Edna stated that she visited Paula Harmon later that evening, and that shortly thereafter Fred Barker called for the chicken and took it away; that Wynona Burdette was present in the apartment at that time. She stated that she did not know for whom the chicken was intended, but advised that from the testimony at the trial of Arthur R. Barker she ascertained that Edward George Bremer was fed the chicken during the time he was kept captive by the Barker-Karpis gang.

Edna Murray stated that that evening Fred Barker told her that she should leave her apartment; that she did not do so, and that on the following morning, January 18, 1934, Pat Reilly, who was working as a bartender at Sawyer's place, came to her apartment and advised Volney Davis that Harry Sawyer wanted to see him and Edna at his farm. Edna here reiterated the information as to her subsequent activities on January 18, 1935, and her trip to Chicago, Illinois, as set out in the report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, dated October 17, 1935.

Edna Murray stated that prior to the kidnaping, the members of the Karpis-Barker gang were always very friendly with Harry Sawyer; that they visited his saloon and talked with him; that it was generally understood among members of the gang that if they ever got in trouble they should get in touch with Harry Sawyer.

The Murray woman was questioned thoroughly as to any other meetings of the gang, prior to the kidnaping, at which Sawyer or Weaver was present, but the above was the sum of the information in her possession.

Edna Murray stated that after she had obtained an apartment in the vicinity of 65rd and University Avenue, Chicago, and after Wynona Burdette and Paula Harmon moved in with her, Volney Davis visited the apartment on various occasions during the time that Bremer was being held captive; that on one occasion he remained two or three days. She stated that Fred Barker, Fred Goetz, Willie Harrison, and "Doc" Barker likewise visited her apartment on several occasions.

Edna Murray stated that on Thursday night, approximately January 23, 1934, Fred Barker came to the apartment and stated that

he had gotten in touch with Willie Harrison and that he desired Harrison to go to Toledo, Ohio, to obtain a set of Ohio license plates. Harrison showed up at the apartment shortly thereafter, and he, accompanied by Wynona Burdette and Edna, drove to Toledo, Ohio. On the way all three of them became intoxicated. She advised that they arrived in Toledo the following morning, all in an inebriated condition; that they proceeded to the Casino Club, where Charles Becker and "Coolie" Monroe, bartenders, were present. Harrison asked "Coolie" to get him a set of tags, and gave "Coolie" the title to Fred Barker's car, which she feels certain was registered under the name of T. C. Blackburn. While they were there Bert Angus came in and engaged them in conversation. Wynona and Edna went to sleep in a back room until about noon. At that time she, Wynona, and Harrison proceeded to the Algeo Hotel in a cab, leaving the car in a shed in the rear of the club.

At the Algeo Hotel Wynona and Edna occupied one room, and Harrison occupied the adjoining room. They all three went to sleep and sometime thereafter she heard quite a commotion in Harrison's room but paid no great attention to it. She stated that when she awoke late in the afternoon Harrison was gone. She later ascertained from Harrison that while he was asleep Detective Timoney and another policeman named George, at the instigation of Bert Angus, made a fake raid on the Algeo Hotel, kicked in the door to Harrison's room, put Harrison under arrest, and proceeded to take him to the police station. Harrison, on the way, strenuously objected and stated that he was a friend of Bert and Ted Angus, whereupon Timoney took him to the Casino Club for the purpose of verifying Harrison's statements. At the Casino Club Bert and Ted Angus, "Coolie" Monroe, and Charles Becker were present, all three of whom denied knowing Harrison. Meanwhile they had planted a blackjack in the car Harrison had left there. All of those present, except Harrison, greatly enjoyed his discomfiture before they advised him it was all a joke. Harrison thereupon proceeded to become very intoxicated, and when he telephoned Edna at the hotel late in the afternoon she told him to immediately come to the hotel inasmuch as they had to return to Chicago. He returned to the hotel, and that evening at approximately 8 o'clock the three of them proceeded to the Casino Club, where they obtained a set of license tags from "Coolie" Monroe, and that night returned to Chicago.

Edna Murray stated that later on during May of 1934 while she and Volney were living in the same apartment house occupied by Bert Angus at Collingwood Avenue and Cherry Street, Toledo, on the

occasion when members of the gang were intoxicated and driving the boat belonging to Detective Timoney on the lake, she proceeded to the Casino Club alone and there engaged in conversation with Bert Angus alone. At that time Bert Angus, while referring to the above incident when Harrison was arrested by Timoney, stated, "When we arrested Willie we didn't know that that was a bunch of kidnapers at the Algeo Hotel."

Edna Murray stated that on several occasions during the ransom negotiations Volney Davis apparently was disgusted at the way things were going, inasmuch as he felt that the gang would not be successful in collecting the ransom. She recalls that on one occasion Volney Davis stated that the "old man" (referring to Mr. Adolph Bremer) was getting hard to deal with. She likewise recalls that Volney Davis mentioned to her on one occasion, four or five days before Bremer was released, that Volney and Fred Barker proceeded to the Chicago airport where they were to meet Fred Goetz; that as they entered the airport they saw Goetz, who motioned to them to come outside. Goetz then told them that the airport was full of "G men." Thereupon, they all three left in an old Chevrolet car that Goetz kept in the vicinity of the airport and proceeded to drive to St. Paul, Minnesota. Edna Murray likewise stated that Volney Davis mentioned to her on one occasion on one of his trips from St. Paul to Chicago during the ransom negotiations that Pat Reilly drove Volney in Harry Sawyer's Dodge car from St. Paul to the bus station at Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Edna Murray did not know whether Harry Sawyer was present when Reilly left with Volney Davis for Eau Claire.

Edna Murray likewise stated that it was her belief that Fred Goetz, Fred Barker, and Volney Davis, while they were in St. Paul, stayed at Bill Weaver's apartment, which as mentioned before was located over the Moonlight Gardens, and which apartment undoubtedly is located at 777 Selby Avenue.

Some time after the kidnaping, Volney Davis stated to Edna that on the night that the ransom was paid Volney Davis, Fred Goetz, and Fred Barker stayed on a houseboat located at Red Wing, Minnesota. Volney Davis stated to her that he was directed to the houseboat by Harry Sawyer. Edna Murray stated further that this was the only occasion during the ransom negotiations, or after, that this houseboat was used by the gang.

When questioned as to the identity of the person or persons who purchased the underwear, shirt, and socks given to Bremer to wear

immediately preceding his departure from the hideout at Bensenville, Illinois, Edna Murray stated that during the time that Bremer was held "Doc" Barker on one occasion visited her apartment and had under his arm a large bundle. She stated that this bundle contained the above-mentioned wearing apparel, which "Doc" Barker had purchased somewhere in the vicinity of 63rd Street in Chicago. The Murray woman was questioned as to the shop where Barker purchased the above wearing apparel but she was unable to provide any information more definite than the above, nor was she able to explain how she knew there was wearing apparel in the package Barker had.

No further information was obtained from the Murray woman of her and the gang's activities during the time that Bremer was held, and she reiterated the information as to the gang's activities thereafter as contained in her written statement, as reported in the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Kansas City, Missouri, dated February 21, 1935.

Further information was obtained from Edna Murray showing the close connection of Myrtle Eaton with Bill Weaver and other members of the Karpis-Barker gang subsequent to the Bremer kidnaping.

It is to be noted that Edna Murray stated that she did not desire to testify against Myrtle Eaton in any prosecution had against her; that she knew that Myrtle Eaton had in her own right several thousand dollars during the time she was living with Weaver, and that the Eaton woman frequently supplied Weaver with money when he was low on funds. She likewise stated that she felt that the Eaton woman had been placed in much the same position by the Barker-Karpis mob as she was, inasmuch as they were almost compelled to travel with the mob and to incur the consequent risks with little profit or benefit to themselves.

She stated, as set out in her previously-mentioned written statement obtained from her after her arrest in February, 1935, that about ten days after the release of Bremer she and Volney Davis obtained an apartment at 415 Fox Street, Aurora, Illinois, and shortly thereafter Myrtle Eaton and Bill Weaver obtained an apartment in Aurora, and that Volney Davis and Edna continued on very friendly terms with Weaver and with the Eaton woman; that they were very often in each other's company and visited in each other's apartments.

She stated that on April 26, 1934, two days after the Dillinger mob shot their way out of Little Bohemia, she understood that Joey

4 O'Brien, of Cicero, contacted Elmer Farmer and advised Farmer that he had several young men whom he desired to hide from the police, and who were considered "hot." During this time "Doc" Barker was residing with Edna and Volney at their home on Fox Street. "Doc" Barker, Bill Weaver, and probably Harry Campbell had a meet with the boys mentioned by O'Brien on the outskirts of Chicago, and ascertained that the three men were Dillinger, Van Meter, and John Hamilton. Hamilton was seriously wounded. Volney Davis suggested to Edna Murray that she move over into Bill Weaver's apartment, which she did. She later ascertained that the mob brought Hamilton, Dillinger, and Van Meter to her apartment on Fox Street. She understood that Hamilton died on Thursday, on the approximate date of April 26, two days after his arrival at her apartment. Edna thereupon returned and found her apartment in a filthy condition. Volney Davis told her that Hamilton had been shot and had suffered a punctured kidney. She stated that several spades and picks were found by her in the closet. Dillinger and Van Meter stayed over two days, and Davis was anxious to get rid of them, and in furtherance of his idea, arranged through Elmer Farmer to have a couple of ear thieves, whom Edna described as "young punks" and whose identity she does not know, steal a Ford Sedan. Volney and Edna drove east from Aurora to one of the suburbs on the west side of Chicago and picked up the Ford Sedan, which Volney drove back to Aurora and left on the street. Dillinger and Van Meter thereupon left her apartment for an intended destination somewhere in Ohio. Edna stated that Frank Burkel, the owner of the apartment house, certainly should have known something of what was going on in the apartment.

Edna refused to commit herself as to Myrtle Eaton's knowledge concerning the presence of Dillinger, Van Meter, and Hamilton at Edna's apartment, Edna stating that she and Myrtle Eaton did not visit Edna's apartment during the time the three above-mentioned badly wanted fugitives were in her apartment.

In connection with their stay at Aurora, Edna Murray here mentioned the following incident, which indicates that Myrtle Eaton had knowledge that Weaver was a fugitive. The Murray woman stated that on about April 15, 1934, the ransom money contained in a bag or suitcase was kept at Bill Weaver's apartment, and Myrtle Eaton was staying with Weaver at this time; that the money had formerly been in Volney Davis' apartment and thereafter was moved to Weaver's apartment after "Doc" Barker and Harry Campbell arrived in Aurora from Toledo, Ohio. Edna Murray stated that Harry Campbell and "Doc" Barker

stayed with Bill and Myrtle Eaton during this time, when efforts were being made to exchange this ransom money through "Boss" McLaughlin and others in Chicago. Edna Murray stated that Russell Gibson likewise was frequenting Bill Weaver's apartment; that on the day that "Boss" McLaughlin was arrested in Chicago, Edna Murray and Volney Davis met Russell Gibson and James Wilson on the street in Aurora, Illinois.

Edna stated that during this time Corey Bales was visiting at Bill Weaver's apartment; that shortly before the middle of April, a picture of "Doc" Barker appeared in an Aurora newspaper. As best Edna recalls, this picture indicated that Barker was wanted for the kidnaping of Bremer.

Volney Davis, on his arrival at Aurora, had become interested with Corey Bales in a crap game at 8 North Broadway. Matt Gleason operated a bookmaking establishment at the same address. Edna Murray stated that Volney worked at the above address daily; that on this occasion Volney Davis had left word at his apartment that "Doc" Barker should call on him. When Edna Murray saw Barker's picture in the paper she immediately proceeded to 8 North Broadway, showed the picture to Volney, who was with Corey Bales, and who likewise saw the photograph; and although no conversation was held Volney immediately advised Edna to tell "Doc" Barker not to show up at the place.

About April 24, 1934, during the time that "Doc" Barker and Harry Campbell were staying with Bill Weaver, Corey Bales on one occasion asked her whether Bill Weaver minded him going over to the apartment while "those fellows" were there, referring to "Doc" Barker and Harry Campbell. Edna asked him what he meant, whereupon Corey Bales said, "I know those guys are 'hot.' I'm no d--n fool. I know what it's all about." Later, when Dillinger, Van Meter, and Hamilton arrived in Aurora, Volney Davis told Corey Bales to stay away from his apartment. Edna Murray here stated that Corey Bales was likewise with Edna and Volney on the night that Ma Barker and Irene Dorsey came to Aurora with reference to the ransom money, which was at that time located in the garage of her uncle, Cinotti, at Wilmington, Illinois. On one occasion Volney Davis sent Corey Bales into the Aurora Post Office to ascertain whether his picture was hung up in the lobby. Corey Bales came back and said that there were four or five pictures hung up there but Volney's was not, whereupon Volney himself proceeded down to the post office, and on his return stated that he saw "Doc" Barker's, Alvin Karpis', Irish O'Malley's, and several other persons' photographs, but not his.

Edna Murray is particularly antagonistic to Corey Bales, as is evident from the above, inasmuch as she feels that Bales has cheated her and Volney Davis out of the \$7,000.00 which Volney Davis put into the gambling place he purchased at Glasgow, Montana.

At this time Edna Murray was questioned very thoroughly as to a possible knowledge on the part of Matt Gleason at that time that Volney Davis was a fugitive from a federal charge. Edna Murray stated that she and Volney Davis did not frequent the company of Matt Gleason; that she cannot recall on any occasion Matt Gleason visiting her apartment, or she, Volney Davis, or any other members of the Karpis-Barker gang visiting Matt Gleason's home; that although she feels that Matt Gleason may have had an idea that Volney Davis was "hot" she feels absolutely certain that Gleason, during the time she and Volney Davis were living in Aurora, did not know who he was and did not know that he was a fugitive from a federal charge.

In this connection the Murray woman stated that she truthfully believed that Corey Bales was the only person living in Aurora, Illinois, who knew of the identity of Volney Davis; that Volney confided in Bales too much, and that she told Volney on several occasions that he was being foolish. After she and Volney Davis had proceeded to Glasgow, Montana, Davis intimated to her that he was afraid of Corey Bales, because Bales knew too much about him.

Continuing, Edna Murray stated that on Sunday afternoon, approximately May 1, 1934, the day after Dillinger and Van Meter left her apartment, Volney Davis, "Doc" Barker, and Harry Campbell left Aurora, Illinois, for Toledo, Ohio. Myrtle Eaton and Bill Weaver, she understood, left for Des Moines, Iowa. On the following day, Monday, Edna Murray left for Tulsa, Oklahoma, to visit Volney Davis' relatives. On that afternoon, while she and Corey Bales were in a tavern called "The Mill", operated by Bill Grady, at Montgomery, Illinois, at approximately 4:30 or 5:00 P.M., she asked Corey Bales to make reservations for her at the Chicago airport. Corey Bales then telephoned from the public telephone at that address to the airport and made reservations in the name of J. E. Hansen. Edna Murray then gave Corey Bales money to pay for the tickets, and it was her understanding that Bales thereupon proceeded to the Western Union Station in Aurora and wired the money to the Chicago airport for her ticket. Corey Bales then drove Edna to the Chicago airport in Volney Davis' 1931 Buick Sedan, which Davis had left with Corey Bales.



On the following Saturday, Edna Murray returned to Aurora with Jess Doyle and Doris O'Connor and her son, Preston E. Eden. Preston E. Eden went to work at the Fox Gardens, operated by Matt Kersch. Edna Murray stayed that night with Corey Bales at his apartment at 202 High Street. On the following Sunday Doris, Jess, and Preston drove her to South Bend, Indiana, where she got a bus for Toledo, Ohio. On her arrival at Toledo she proceeded straightway to the Casino Club, and finding no one there stayed overnight at the Algeo Hotel. The next day she proceeded to the Casino Club and met Harry Campbell and Jimmie Wilson, who took her to Harry Campbell's house at Point Place, where she met Volney, "Doc" Barker, and "Doc" Moran. Volney Davis and "Doc" Barker had just been operated on. Edna Murray stated it was that night that Harry Campbell concocted the story of a raid on the house in order to raise such a rumpus that he could postpone the operation on his fingertips by Moran. On the following day Jimmie Wilson and Edna rented an apartment in the same apartment house that Bert Angus lived in, located at Collingwood Avenue and Cherry Street. This apartment was located on the second floor, immediately across from a doctor's office. Bert Angus had told Jimmie Wilson of a vacancy at this apartment house and had telephoned the owner, an old woman who lived on the street immediately behind the above-mentioned apartment house, and made arrangements for the rental before she and Jimmie Wilson went to the apartment house. Edna Murray stated that she and Volney and "Doc" Barker remained in this apartment for approximately a month. Edna Murray took care of "Doc" and Volney while they were recovering from the operations performed on their fingertips and on their faces by "Doc" Moran. Jimmie Wilson was being paid \$100.00 a week at this time for nursing them, and "Doc" Moran occasionally called at the apartment. Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, and Harry Campbell likewise called at the apartment during this time.

"Doc" Moran and Jimmie Wilson frequently became intoxicated during this time and did not show up at this apartment house to nurse and treat "Doc" and Volney, whereupon Fred Barker intimated that he intended to "bump both of them off." During this time Volney and herself, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, "Doc" Barker, and William Harrison all frequented the Casino Club almost nightly. Detective Timoney of the Toledo Police Department likewise visited the club almost nightly, and drank with the crowd. On one occasion she recalls that Timoney sat at a table with "Doc" Barker, drinking, and "Doc" Barker became angry at Volney Davis because he and Edna would not come over to the table to drink with them. Volney Davis at that time mentioned that in case "Doc" Barker was arrested, he would very likely

want to know who was the party that double-crossed him, intimating that he did not trust Timoney. She stated that members of the mob at that time had bandages on their faces and hands during the time they were frequenting the Casino Club; that they did not attempt to disguise their identity by using aliases, and called each other by names of "Doc" and Volney, etcetera. Likewise, during this time Timoney gave "Doc" Barker and Russell Gibson his boat, which he had tied up on the lake near the Casino Club. A few days afterwards Timoney's wife, hearing of it, demanded the return of the boat, and it was returned.

Volney Davis later told her that when he and "Doc" Barker left Aurora for Toledo "Doc" said, in regard to Toledo, "All that crowd in Toledo know who we are so don't be worried." During the time they were frequenting the Casino Club she recalls that there was a picture of Volney Davis in the newspaper with "Doc" Barker's name under it. She recalls Bert Angus mentioned this incident to her. She stated that on several occasions Timoney went riding in his boat with Russell Gibson and "Doc" Barker and other members of the gang; that Ted Angus likewise owned a boat and on occasion he told Edna that he, Timoney, "Doc" Barker, and some of the rest of the gang went out to Middle Island where they had a fine time.

As mentioned in her signed statement, obtained from her in February, 1935, after her arrest, Edna stated that in the latter part of May she proceeded to Aurora, Illinois, and Volney Davis moved in with Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton at Sandusky, Ohio. Upon her return to Sandusky, Ohio, she and Volney continued to stay in Bill Weaver's home for several weeks until they obtained a cottage at Sunnyside, near Sandusky. During the time she remained in Weaver's home, the gang brought a Gladstone bag, containing the ransom money, from Cleveland, Ohio. Edna Murray stated that she did not see the contents of the bag but knew that it contained the Bremer ransom money. This bag was kept under the bed in the room that she and Volney Davis occupied at Bill Weaver's house.

Edna Murray here mentioned the incident at Bill Weaver's house when Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis drove up and had an argument with Volney Davis. Harry Sawyer was likewise present at this time; Gladys Sawyer had meanwhile gone to Minneapolis, Minnesota, for an operation. This incident has previously been reported. The argument apparently was over the fact that Volney Davis demanded his money. Two or three days after the argument, "Doc" Barker, Bill Weaver, and Harry

Campbell visited Volney's house. Another argument ensued, and Bill Weaver told Volney Davis to come down to his house and get his money. Two nights later Davis went to Weaver's house and obtained his share of the ransom money.

As has been reported in previous reports, Edna and Volney Davis proceeded to Aurora, Illinois, thence to Buffalo, New York, before returning to their home at Sunnyside, and a week or so later, after their return to Sunnyside, she drove alone to Aurora, Illinois, in Volney Davis' Ford V-8 Sedan, picked up Violet Gregg, paramour of Corey Bales, and drove out to Glasgow, Montana. At Rugby, North Dakota, the car turned over and \$1,100.00, which was in a briefcase, was strewn all over the road. \$1,000.00 of this was in \$5.00 bills and \$100.00 in a \$100.00 bill. The sheriff arrived on the scene, and Violet Gregg and Edna Murray, who had been injured, were taken to the local hospital. Edna Murray telephoned Corey Bales, who was at that time in Glasgow, and Corey, on his arrival, got in touch with the sheriff and the county prosecutor, took them out visiting taverns, and gave each of them \$15.00 and gave the sheriff a .380 automatic pistol which Edna Murray had in the car. Edna Murray and Violet Gregg thereupon left the hospital and drove to Glasgow, Montana.

Edna Murray was questioned concerning her activities from that time until the latter part of October, and her statements coincided with the statements contained in the previously-mentioned written statement given by her in February, 1935.

Edna Murray stated that in the latter part of October, she and Volney left Glasgow, Montana, and drove to St. Paul, Minnesota, and thence to Bensenville, Illinois, where they got in touch with Elmer Farmer. She and Volney thereupon went to Kahn's Barbecue Stand, located on North Avenue near Elmhurst, Illinois, where they spent two nights. On the second day they were there, "Doc" Barker, Russell Gibson, and Byron Bolton visited the barbecue stand. Bolton stayed in the car and "Doc" Barker and Russell Gibson came to the tourist cabin she and Volney Davis were occupying. "Doc" Barker stated at the time that Ellie Berg had been arrested and sent word out through a relative from the Chicago Bureau Office that the mob should "take care of Jimmie Wilson, inasmuch as he wouldn't be able to hold back information in his possession should he be arrested." "Doc" Barker further stated that Gladys Sawyer had gone back with Harry Sawyer; that when Gladys Sawyer, Wynona Burdette, and Paula Harmon had been arrested in September, 1934, at Cleveland, they had made statements "as long as your leg." "Doc" Barker stated that Harry Sawyer was crazy to take

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Gladys back. At this point Edna Murray stated that "Doc" and Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, and nearly all the members of the Karpis-Barker gang had stayed at some time or other at the tourist cabins at Kahn's Barbecue Stand [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Edna Murray stated that she had heard that on one occasion Alvin Karpis became intoxicated at Kahn's place and had flashed a \$100.00 bill.

After leaving Bensenville, Edna stated that she and Volney Davis proceeded to Kansas City, where they sold their Ford and obtained a Pontiac before proceeding to Glasgow, Montana. Fearing a trap, Volney Davis left Edna at Williston, North Dakota, and took a train to Glasgow, arriving at 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning. He went to the gambling establishment he was operating and woke Corey Bales up and asked Corey if anyone had been looking for him. Corey stated that some Government men were located at Hinsdale, Montana; that they had seen the Rennick brothers about Volney. Rennick had told Corey Bales about it. Edna stated that Cyp Buyer, who was employed at the gambling establishment, and Corey Bales thereupon drove Volney back to Williston. Edna and Volney then proceeded back to Aurora, Illinois. On their arrival in Aurora, about November 18, 1934, they stopped at the Riverside Cafe, operated by Matt Kersch. Volney Davis went inside and upon his return stated that Kersch had told him "to get out of there as he was hot as a .45 automatic"; that the Government had said that Volney had bought the place out in Montana with ransom money. She and Volney thereupon left and drove to Kahn's place, where they saw Elmer Farmer, and straightway proceeded to Kansas City, Missouri, thence to Muskogee, Oklahoma, where they stayed with Harry Stanley, who agreed to go to Glasgow, Montana, to look out for Volney's interests there.

Edna Murray and Volney Davis thereupon returned to Bensenville, Illinois, where Volney collected from Elmer Farmer \$500.00. Volney had previously given this money to Elmer Farmer for the purpose of purchasing a machine gun. Farmer had been unsuccessful in obtaining one.

Edna Murray was questioned as to her subsequent activities and reiterated details in accordance with the information she previously provided in her signed statement.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:**

THE ST. PAUL OFFICE. At St. Paul, Minnesota, will ascertain from Herb, the owner of Herb's Garage, located in the vicinity of

Harry Sawyer's former tavern, located on Wabasha Street, the identity of the young man formerly employed by Sawyer for three or four years up until the closing of his tavern. This young man is reported to have kept his car in Herb's Garage. This young man, previously described in this report, and the other young man who was likewise employed at the tavern with him, if located, should be interviewed thoroughly concerning their knowledge of Harry Sawyer's connection with members of the Karpis-Barker gang prior to the Bremer kidnaping, and the part that Harry Sawyer played in the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer.

At Red Wing, Minnesota.

Effort has been made by the San Francisco Office to interview Volney Davis concerning the houseboat located at Red Wing, Minnesota, on which he, Fred Goetz, and Fred Barker stayed on the night the ransom was paid. However, Davis refused to be interviewed. It is therefore suggested that the St. Paul Office attempt to locate this houseboat at Red Wing, Minnesota. Particular attention should be directed to ascertaining whether Harry Sawyer was instrumental in obtaining the use of this houseboat for the mob.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

December 22, 1935

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

On December 14, 1935 Mrs. Ruth Jasmer, 6952 Wallace Street, Chicago, Illinois, turned over to Special Agent R. C. Suran an original of a letter which she had received from Belle Born, paramour of C. J. Fitzgerald. This letter begins "Dear Ruth", and is signed "Isabelle". The individual referred to in the letter as "Tod" is Charles Leroy White, son of Mrs. Jasmer, who is presently an inmate of the Illinois State Reformatory at Pontiac, Illinois.

The original specimen of Belle Born's handwriting, together with a photostatic copy thereof, is being furnished to the Bureau with this letter for the completion of its files. A photostatic copy of the above mentioned letter is also being furnished to all offices receiving a copy of this letter for possible future use in connection with this investigation.

Very truly yours,

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

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

December 20, 1935

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

This letter will confirm the long distance telephone conversation of Special Agent E. J. Wynn with you today, with reference to the long distance telephone call emanating from the apartment of Imogene Robertson, Victoria Apartments, Los Angeles, California, to Murray Cook, Ashtabula, Ohio, December 17th, 1935, reference to which is contained in your teletype to the Director dated December 17, 1935, your letter to the Director of the same date and letter from the Cleveland office to you, dated December 19, 1935.

Investigation conducted by the Cleveland office through a long distance telephone conversation had by one of the young lady stenographers with Mrs. A. V. Watkins, at Toledo, Ohio, mother of Pauline Miller, former wife of Murray Cook, has established that her daughter, Pauline Miller, is presently residing at Palm Springs, California, care of General Delivery, under the name, Mrs. R. Bucklin, the information being that Pauline married R. Bucklin in October 1935 and, further, that Mrs. R. Bucklin owns a car plates residing at Palm Springs for the remainder of the winter.

You will recall, as advised in the letter from the Cleveland office to you, dated December 19, 1935, that Pauline Miller married Murray Cook some years ago and established residence with him at Ashtabula, Ohio, divorcing him in 1930, and that apparently since that time she has been leading a rather fast life, and also that apparently for some reason her attorney at Ashtabula, Ohio, has been unwilling or unable to furnish her address to a local building and loan association at Ashtabula, Ohio.

It is noted that Palm Springs, Calif., is in Riverside County, which adjoins that in which Los Angeles, Calif., is located, and it is suggested that possibly Mrs. R. Bucklin nee Pauline Miller, is associating with Fitzgerald and/or Imogene Robertson, and if this is so, it may be advisable for the Los Angeles office to consider checking into the activities of Mrs. R. Bucklin, as well as ascertaining her associates.

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*Ed George Bremer*

and acquaintances, and consider the possibility that she is associating with either subject Karpis or subject Campbell.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

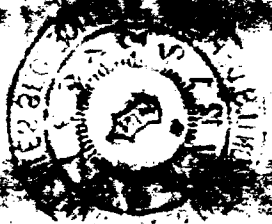
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December 22, 1935

Mr. Harry S. E. Briggs,  
Postmaster,  
Los Angeles, California.

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It is respectfully requested that your office  
be kept advised of all mail received at the following addresses:-

Franklin Ave.,  
Los Angeles, California.

Will send all mailings obtained from this source  
to this office as soon as possible after receipt.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter,

Very truly yours,

J. E. SHERK,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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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 21, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

10:15 A.M.

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

I called Connelley advising a teletype had been received from Hanson last night, in which he asked about a brief case radio. Connelley stated he is using the two he has in Chicago, but that he did not know whether the one up in St. Paul was being used at this time. I asked Connelley to call St. Paul and have this brief case radio sent out to Los Angeles by air express, notifying Hanson that it was being sent, and he stated he would do this.

Mr. Connelley stated that the Agents over at Ashtabula, Ohio have not gotten anything on that lead yet, but that it is being followed closely.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

Mr. Baughman  
Chief Clerk  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Edwards  
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Mr. Coffey  
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DIRECTOR

PHONE. M. A. LITTLE, MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA, WHO HAS RENDERED VALUABLE COOPERATION TO BUREAU FOR YEARS AND IS WELL KNOWN TO MANY BUREAU OFFICIALS, DIED YESTERDAY. FUNERAL 9-30 AM, DECEMBER 27, SURVIVED BY WIDOW, 207 EAST KING STREET, MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA.

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Mrs. H. A. Little,  
207 East King Street,  
Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Dear Mrs. Little:

It is with sorrow that I have just learned of the death of your husband and I desire to extend you my sincere sympathy in your bereavement.

I want you to know that this Bureau has suffered the loss of a loyal and sincere friend in the passing of Mr. Little and the many officials of the Bureau to whom he was well known will feel this loss keenly.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
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Telegram

Cleveland, Ohio  
12-22-35

R. WHITLEY  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
370 LEXINGTON AVE., ROOM 1403  
NEW YORK CITY

BREKID RE WILLIAM FERGES SHOULD BE TWENTY THIRD NOT  
THIRTY THIRD  
MAC FARLAND

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cc: Bureau  
E. J. Connelley  
Cincinnati  
Chicago  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 22, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR *File*

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

*12/23/35*  
I called Mr. Alt and asked for developments in connection with the lead at Stuart, Florida, and he stated that Agent Winstead has contacted Bill Mobley, who is a hop-head and a pimp, and Mobley told Winstead that about a week or ten days ago he met a fellow named Whitey in Pahokee, Florida, who introduced him to an individual named Harper. Mobley stated Harper somewhat resembled Karpis. Winstead is going to contact Mobley again and have Mobley take him to Whitey. They will then try to locate Harper, if possible.

*CS*  
Alt stated this morning at 1:15 a reporter of the Associated Press called the night typist at the Jacksonville Office, stating he had a tip that Karpis was near Stuart, Florida and was going to be taken into custody by Federal Agents. He refused to give the source of his tip to the night typist, who told him he knew nothing about it. I told him the Associated Press had the same story up here.

Respectfully,

*EAT*  
E. A. Tamm.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

EAT:TAM

December 23, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Investigation conducted in Stuart, Florida discloses that the informant who was supposed to be in possession of information concerning the whereabouts of Karpis and able to deliver him in handcuffs, is definitely of unsound mentality and investigation does not disclose that Karpis has been in the vicinity of Stuart.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Glavin .....  
Mr. Ladd .....  
Mr. Nichols .....  
Mr. Rosen .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Mr. Carson .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Hendon .....  
Mr. Jones .....  
Mr. Mumford .....  
Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Nease .....  
Mr. Gurnea .....  
Mr. Harbo .....  
Mr. Mohr .....  
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Mr. Pennington .....

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Review Karpis

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

December 22, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent M. G. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri, dated December 11, 1935, wherein it is noted that Edna Murray, when interviewed by Special Agents A. E. Farland and A. J. Nordstrom, advised that an individual by the name of Olivers was a possible contact for Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell in Kansas City. It is further noted that this individual was thought to be one John McBride, a confidence man residing at the Baltimore Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri.

In this connection your attention is invited to a letter addressed to the Chicago office from your office dated September 7, 1934 in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (deceased); et al; Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner, in which an interview which was had with Mr. and Mrs. David C. McBride by former Special Agent W. F. Trainor, is set forth, at which time Mr. and Mrs. David C. McBride were residing at 712 West 48th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

It is noted that a G. J. Murphy, who is identical with G. J. Fitzgerald, made a telephone call to this individual while the latter was residing in Independence, Missouri, and it is possible, inasmuch as Fitzgerald is a close associate of the Barker-Karpis mob, that David C. McBride might also in some way be connected with these individuals.

You will observe in the criminal record of this individual, which was furnished to your office under date of September 20, 1934, has at times used the alias Oliver McBride, and it is possible that this person is probably the one referred to by Edna Murray and Chief of Detectives Tom Higgins of the Kansas City Police Department. You will further note on the criminal record that McBride, as Elmore Barnett, with aliases, is wanted for larceny in Orange County, California.

The Chicago office is not advised as to whether any action was taken by the Bureau or the State authorities in connection with this wanted notice at the time McBride was previously located by former Special Agent W. F. Trainor.

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It is believed advisable that if McBride is presently located in Kansas City, Missouri that a check be made of his recent activities to ascertain if he is in contact with any of the fugitives in this case.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

RS:rvv

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St. Paul  
Cleveland

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO. **7-9**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Indianapolis, Indiana</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-20-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-16-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>G. B. O'CONNELL</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Flash card placed with Bureau of Motor Vehicles, State of Indiana on Plymouth Sedan, motor number PJ322772, serial #2619857.

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**Reference:**

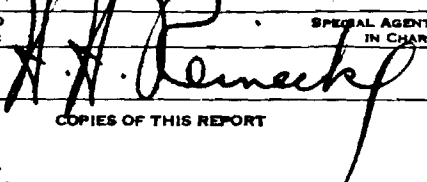
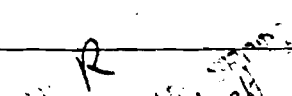
Letter from Cleveland Bureau office to all field offices dated 12-18-35.

**Details:**

John Riddle, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, State House, Indianapolis, Indiana, upon request of agent, examined the files, whereupon it was determined that 1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor #PJ322772, serial #2619857 had at no time been registered in the State of Indiana.

Mr. Riddle agreed, upon agent's request, to prepare a flash card which would be placed in the appropriate file drawer of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for the State of Indiana, and there was to be noted thereon the Indianapolis office file number of this case so that proper reference could be made in advising this office should an attempt be made at any time to register the above described Plymouth Sedan.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Record of Telephone Call or Visit to

December 22, 1935.

Time 10:21 A.M.

Name Mr. Cornell of the Associated Press tele.

Referred to

Details:

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

Stated that they had received report from Florida that Department of Justice Agents had located Karpis near Stuart, Florida, and were ready to close in on him; wished to have report confirmed. Mr. Cornell was informed Director not in but message would be given to him when he contacted office.

Mr. Cornell stated he would call later again.

A.S.

Time: 2:55 P.M.

Mr. Cornell telephoned again concerning the above. I stated that Director had not yet contacted the office.

A.S.

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

December 22, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated December 12, 1935, a copy of which was directed to the St. Paul and Chicago Bureau offices, relative to the information furnished by one Eddie Bible concerning Bessie Green. It is noted in this letter that your office requested advice of the Bureau whether it was deemed advisable to conduct an open interview with Bessie Green concerning her alleged visit to the home of John Karpovics between the first and fifteenth of November, 1935.

In this connection the attention of the St. Paul office is directed to Bureau letter dated November 19, 1935 addressed to the Chicago office instructing that Bessie Green be interviewed. The attention of the St. Paul office is also directed to a letter dated November 25, 1935 addressed to the Director, a copy of which was furnished the St. Paul office, advising the latter office that the address of Bessie Green was unknown in Chicago and it was requested that the St. Paul office endeavor to locate Bessie Green and conduct the appropriate interview.

It is believed that if the St. Paul office has not been successful in locating Bessie Green, that it is possible her present address might be secured from her parole supervisor at St. Paul, Minnesota who probably is identical with the regularly appointed probation officer at that place.

Inasmuch as Bessie Green has co-operated with Bureau Agents in the past it is believed that if she has any information concerning the present whereabouts of Alvin Karpis, she will divulge the same to Agents of the Bureau. However, it may be stated that John Karpovics, the father of Alvin Karpis, was under surveillance between the period of November 1 and 15, 1935, at which time, according to the information furnished by Bible, it is alleged that Bessie Green called at the home of John Karpovics. The Agents on this surveillance obtained no information which would indicate that Bessie Green did in fact visit the Karpovics home or that Alvin Karpis had visited his father during the period of time in question.

Very truly yours,

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E. V. Connelley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Louisville, Ky.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/21/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/16/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>Z. J. VANLANDINGHAM ZJV:fw</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, w. a. - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING A FUGITIVE; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Records of Kentucky State Automobile Department are kept in numerical order according to the licenses filed by each County. It is impossible to check at State Department when only name of owner or motor number known. To check in all of the one hundred twenty counties it would be necessary to search every record of automobile registered in that county. In absence of any definite information that this car was licensed in this state, the counties will not be checked for this information.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Circular letter to all Field Offices, from the Cleveland Office, dated Dec. 12, 1935.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> <u>AT LOUISVILLE, KY.</u></p> <p>Previous efforts have been made by this Office to check automobiles at the Kentucky State Automobile Department. However, the records of the Kentucky State Automobile Department are kept in numerical order, according to the licenses filed by each county. It is impossible to check at this Department when only the name of the owner, or motor number is known.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>D. C. Newy</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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To make a complete check as requested in reference letter would mean that the license Bureaus in the one hundred twenty counties in this State would have to be checked by looking at the name and motor number of each car registered in that county.

In the absence of any definite information that this automobile was licensed in this State, no such check will be undertaken.

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CONNELLY, CHICAGO.

FBI CALLING FBI DEPT OF JUSTICE CHICAGO 9711

FBI LOS ANGELES

DECEMBER 19, 1935

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SAC CONNELLY, CHICAGO

PHONE. REKID. INVESTIGATION AT LOS ANGELES DISCLOSES ELLEN ESPY  
AND WIFE EVA ROOTS ESPY REFERRED TO IN TELEPHONIC CONVERSATION WITH FOX,  
ARE PRESENTLY RESIDING AT 1086 WENLO AVENUE, LOS ANGELES. DISREGARD  
INVESTIGATION OF ESPY AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. ESPY IS DISTRICT MANAGER  
OF FOX WEST COAST THEATRES AND BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH FOSTER THROUGH  
LATTERS SECRETARY, IMOGENE ROBERTSON. NO OTHER DEVELOPMENTS HERE.

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C. R.

JAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 20, 1935

EAT:CSH

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Time - 6:55 PM

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

I called Mr. Stein at St. Paul, in connection with the problem of getting the Cuban witnesses up to the United States, and advised that we had been informed by the Department that there is evidently some doubt as to just what bank records should be brought in the event the witnesses respond to the subpoena. The banks in Cuba are not certain as to what records will be necessary for the trial. Stein stated that the Assistant United States Attorney handling this case in St. Paul wrote a letter to the bank officials at New York about Tuesday, December 17th, and described the records desired just as accurately as he could. I asked that he go over with the United States Attorney or his Assistant immediately the matter of the records necessary and arrange through the Jacksonville Office to let McKee know exactly what is desired.

I advised that there is a question as to whether the original records can be taken out of Cuba, and informed Stein that it might be desirable to suggest to the United States Attorney that he consider, if the records cannot legally be taken out of Cuba, whether photostatic copies cannot be made in McKee's presence, who can then testify that he saw them made.

Mr. Stein stated these matters would be taken up with the United States Attorney's office immediately.

Time - 6:55 PM

I called Mr. Whitley at New York to inquire about the status of our negotiations with the National City and Chase National Banks relative to the Cuban witnesses, particularly as to whether they still desire a letter from the Director indicating our willingness to buy those winter clothes. Mr. Whitley stated they do not want such a letter; that he sent Jacksonville a teletype today and the Bureau would be mailed a copy tonight, and that contacts were made at these banks again today. The officials of the National City Bank state that their employees are being instructed today by wire

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to proceed when notified. The officials of the Chase National Bank state that they have already notified their employees to proceed when notified. As far as the matter of clothing and incidental expenses is concerned, Whitley states they are satisfied for us not to furnish a letter, but they are expecting us to take care of those expenses.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm.

J. R. HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

CDW

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 18, 1935.

Time - 2:55 P.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

With reference to the Cuban witnesses involved in the above matter, information concerning the present status of whom was furnished to me by telephonic conversation with Special Agent in Charge Alt at the Jacksonville, I telephoned Special Agent in Charge Whitley at the New York Office, and informed him that the witnesses in the National City Bank in Havana are not sure just what they are going to do; that it was believed if the officials at the National City Bank in New York City would take some definite, affirmative action in instructing their employees in Havana to go to St. Paul, it would serve to just about clean up the situation down there.

Mr. Whitley said that there are one or two main reasons why both the Chase and the National City Banks are reluctant to order those Cuban employees to go to St. Paul. The officials in New York are sympathetic and are perfectly willing for the employees to go to St. Paul, but they advise that the Cuban employees are very peculiar and very temperamental; that if they order them to go to St. Paul and something happens to them, such as catching pneumonia or something, the matter will just precipitate itself right back to the bank as their responsibility. What they are trying to do is to encourage them to go without actually ordering them to go.

With reference to the matter of furnishing clothing, etc., to these Cuban witnesses, the Bureau had told Mr. Whitley that we would be glad to furnish the necessary warm clothing, etc. When Mr. Whitley told the banks officials this in New York City, they wanted it in writing so that they could show the document to the Cuban employees. Mr. Whitley said that this somewhat stopped him for the reason that he did not believe the Bureau would want to put this in writing. Mr. Whitley said that he did not put this in writing for them, but referred the same to the Bureau.

However, Mr. Whitley said he would either go down personally or sent one of the Agents down to the banks this afternoon to see what can be done about this situation.

Respectfully,

*[Signature]*

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
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Mr. Coffey	.....
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FBI LOS ANGELES

12-20-35

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DIRECTOR

SAC CONNELLEY

PHONE. BREKID. DEVELOPMENTS HERE TODAY INCLUDED INSTALLATION TELEPHONE TAP OF  
FITZGERALD. TELEPHONE NUMBER EXPOSITION 1271, TAP RUNNING INTO APARTMENT  
203 SAME BUILDING. EXPECT TO INSTALL TOMORROW TAP ON TELEPHONE FITZGERALD  
WOMAN ALSO ASCERTAINED THAT FITZGERALD AND WOMAN AGAIN FRIENDLY TODAY AND  
HAVE ASSOCIATED TOGETHER. SURVEILLANCE UNPRODUCTIVE. COULD USE BRIEF CASE  
TYPE RADIO TO ADVANTAGE IF SET COULD BE DISPATCHED HERE.

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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December 21, 1935

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Time - 9:10 A.M.

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

I called Mr. Alt at Jacksonville advising that last night a call was received from a Mr. Frank C. Ralls, employed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and who can be reached at the City Hall, Stuart, Florida. Ralls claims he was approached by an individual yesterday who thought that Ralls was employed by the Department of Justice, and this individual offered to surrender Alvin Karpis in handcuffs. Mr. Alt stated he did not have anyone near Stuart; that the resident Agent at Miami came in to Jacksonville this morning for target practice, and I requested that he contact Ralls by telephone and if there is anything to it he should send a man down there.

Mr. Alt called back later, advising he had contacted Ralls, who stated that an individual named Motley had indicated to him that he had Karpis in custody and would deliver him for \$5,000, and he wants to meet Ralls at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Motley, according to Ralls, is a bootlegger, and the Sheriff's Office has a record on the Motley mob. He is very unreliable and at the time he gave this information he was drinking. Alt stated the Alcohol Tax Unit at Jacksonville has a record of a man named Mobley down at Stuart, who belongs to a bad gang and the entire family are bad. Ralls is going to contact Motley or Mobley at 1 o'clock this afternoon. I asked Alt to send an Agent down to cover the meeting at 1 o'clock, and he stated this would be done.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Mr. Nathan .....  
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RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:-

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Very truly yours,

*E. J. Connelley*  
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General Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.  
December 18, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

Mr. Hanson called from Los Angeles, advising that they got into Fitzgerald's apartment today and went through his papers, securing several telephone numbers and addresses, all of which have been furnished to Connelley, some of which are St. Paul, Minnesota numbers, and there is a St. Louis number, and the name of an automobile company, and an address in Havana, Cuba. Hanson stated the papers also indicate Fitzgerald is engaged in the oil business down in New Mexico.

Hanson stated that in Fitzgerald's apartment there is a switchboard, but in his girl's apartment, which is across the street, there is a direct line, and Hanson would like to get the telephone taps situated in one apartment building without having to tie up too many men. He stated it will take about eight men to cover the situation carefully now. Hanson stated he thought he would be able to secure the help of the telephone company in connection with these taps, but this now seems impossible, and he was wondering whether it would be possible to get an experienced Agent, who knows this kind of work, to handle these taps out there. Hanson stated the telephone company is very cooperative, but will not assist in the matter of telephone taps. He stated the Agents of the Los Angeles Office might be able to handle it themselves by tapping Fitzgerald's telephone in his own building, and if they can get an apartment in the girl's building within the next few days, as they hope to do, they might be able to tap her telephone there. I told Hanson I would try to get in touch with Connelley and see what could be done about getting an experienced man out there to handle the taps, but in the meantime he should proceed on the basis set out above. Hanson stated he had suggested to Connelley that Agent Jones could do this, but he is at present doing some work of this kind in Chicago. Hanson stated he would send in a teletype setting out the above situation.

Hanson stated when they searched the apartment they found no firearms and it appeared that Fitzgerald is not now engaged in any racket. He seems to be interested in oil options, from the reports from an oil company in New Mexico which were found in the apartment.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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