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After the payment of the ransom, \$100,000, the  
prisoners in turn, including their families, were taken  
as a depositary for the ransom money, and the ransom money  
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After the apprehension of Oscar S. Pineda in Mexico, on April 30, 1934, by General Smith of the United States of America, who fled to Toledo, Ohio, under an assumed name, the following was ascertained:

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further split in the ransom money. During the latter part of the summer of 1934, WEAVER fled to Florida. On November 22, 1934, he purchased a small tract of land in the town of Butler Oaks, about two miles south of Allandale, Florida. He lived here with MYRTLE RAYON until September 1, 1935, when he was apprehended by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On January 22, 1935, WEAVER, together with others, has been indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, charged in one indictment with the substantive offense of kidnaping, while in a second indictment he was charged with conspiracy to kidnap. On September 27, 1935, a new indictment was returned against WEAVER at St. Paul, Minnesota, charging ALVIN KARPIS, ARTHUR BARKER, HARRY CAMPBELL, WILLIAM WEAVER, HARRY SAWYER, WILLIAM BRYAN DOLTON, ELMER FARMER, HAROLD ALDERTON, and CASSIUS McDONALD, with having conspired between September 15, 1933 and January 15, 1935, to violate the Act forbidding interstate transportation of kidnaped persons. On September 2, 1935, after waiting removal proceedings, WEAVER was removed from Jacksonville, Florida, to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he is presently incarcerated in the Ramsey County Jail awaiting trial on January 6, 1936.

The Statute of Limitations ceased operating with the return of the indictments against WEAVER on January 22, 1935.

#### WITNESSES

The summary report of Special Agent K. A. McIntire, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated April 10, 1935, contains all available evidence to prove the kidnaping of EDWARD GEORGE BREMER and his transportation from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Bensenville, Illinois; the preparation of the ransom money and the payment thereof; the identification of the place where BREMER was held in Bensenville, and his release, as well as witnesses to identify photographs of the various participants in the kidnaping.

In order to avoid repetition, reference is merely being made to the name of each witness contained in said report, together with the page on which the testimony of that witness appears, which will establish a case against WILLIAM WEAVER.

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
22 North Mississippi River Blvd.,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Testimony as to abduction.

L. G. BOSE,  
Photographer,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Identification of photographs of the  
hideout in Bensenville, Illinois.

WALTER MAGEE,  
1916 Smith Avenue,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Testimony as to the receipt of various  
ransom notes and the delivery of the  
ransom money to the kidnapers.

ADOLPH BREMER, SR.,  
255 West 7th Street,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Testimony as to receipt of ransom letters  
and as to his authorization of the prepara-  
tion and payment of ransom money.

FRED J. DOUG and P. A. SMITH,  
American National Bank,  
St. Paul, Minn.

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Testimony as to the preparation of  
the ransom money and ransom lists.

L. U. SCHILLER,  
Chief of Identification Unit,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

This witness will be able to produce photographs  
of all members of the KARPIS-BAKER gang and will be able to tes-  
tify that the said photographs are official photographs maintain-  
ed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in pursuance of an act  
of Congress.

R. T. HANCO,  
Chief of the Statistical Division,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

This witness will testify that he received the ori-  
ginal list of serial numbers contained on the ransom bills paid in  
this case, and that he supervised the compilation of a printed list  
which was an exact duplicate of the original list; that the said  
printed lists were forwarded to the various Field Offices of the  
Bureau for circulation among banks and financial institutions  
throughout the United States.

LEE BECKSTEAD,  
Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois

This witness will testify that he assisted Mr. E. T. Harbo in the preparation of printed copies of the original ransom lists, which after preparation were forwarded to the various Field Offices of the Bureau for circulation among banks and financial institutions throughout the United States.

WYNONA BURDETTE  
Incarcerated, U. S. Detention Home,  
Milan, Michigan.

Pages 99 to 104 in summary report of K. E. McIntire, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, April 10, 1935.

Reference is also made to report of Special Agent K. E. McIntire dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, December, 30, 1935, which is a supplemental summary report on HARRY SAWYER, in which additional testimony is found which may be furnished by WYNONA BURDETTE.

JOSE DOYLE  
Inmate, Nebraska State Penitentiary,  
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Pages 95 through 98 of report of Special Agent K. E. McIntire dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, April 10, 1935.

Specific reference should also be made to the report of Special Agent K. E. McIntire dated at St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 30, 1935, which is a supplemental summary report on HARRY SAWYER, in which further information is found to which DOYLE may be expected to testify.

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

Pages 181 and 182 of the summary report of Special Agent K. E. McIntire, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, April 10, 1935.



The testimony of this witness will include the information with regard to the residence of WILLIAM BRAUER and MYRTLE RAYON, FLORENCE DAVIS, BERNARD MURRAY, BOB BARKER, and HARRY CAMPBELL in Aurora, Illinois, during the time ransom money was being exchanged in Chicago, Illinois.

HARRY MILLER  
777 Selby Avenue,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Pages 82 and 83 of summary report of Special Agent  
L. R. McIntire dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, April 19, 1935.

The testimony of this witness will include information to the effect that BILL BRAUER rented an apartment from the witness at 777 Selby Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, immediately prior to the kidnaping, and entertained members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang at that point. He will also inform that he observed BILL BRAUER sitting out in front of BREMER'S bank at least a month prior to the kidnaping.

WILMA MURRAY

Incarcerated, Missouri State Penitentiary,  
Jefferson City, Missouri.

(A more detailed summary of the testimony reported by WILMA MURRAY will be found in the summary report of Special Agent E. E. McElhinne, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, December 20, 1935, which is the summary report on HARRY SAWYER.)

The witness will advise that on or about April 15, 1934, the ransom money contained in a bag or suitcase, was kept at BILL WEAVER'S apartment in Aurora, Illinois; 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 at Aurora from Toledo, Ohio; that DOC BARKER and HARRY CAMPBELL lived with WEAVER and MYRTLE MATCH at Aurora, Illinois, on or about April 15, 1934, when efforts were being made to exchange the ransom money through "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN and others in Chicago; that RUSSELL GIBSON was a frequent visitor at WEAVER'S apartment in Aurora.

In connection with the witness' residence near Sandusky, Ohio, she will advise that during the latter part of May, 1934, when she proceeded to Aurora, Illinois, VOLNEY DAVIS moved in with WILLIAM WEAVER and MYRTLE MATCH at Sandusky, Ohio; that upon the witness' return to Sandusky, she and VOLNEY DAVIS continued to stay at WEAVER'S home for several weeks until they obtained a cottage at Sunnyside near Sandusky; that during the time she remained in WEAVER'S home the gang brought a Gladstone bag containing the ransom money from Cleveland, Ohio; that the witness did not see the contents of the bag but knew that it contained BREMER ransom money; that this bag was kept under the bed in the room which she and VOLNEY DAVIS occupied in BILL WEAVER'S home.

In connection with the trouble which VOLNEY DAVIS had with FRED BARKER over a division of the ransom money, the witness will state that while they were living near Sandusky, Ohio, in the summer of 1934, FRED BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS visited the witness and VOLNEY DAVIS at BILL WEAVER'S home, then an argument over the division of the ransom money arose; that HARRY SAWYER was also present at this time; that two or three days after this argument, DOC BARKER, BILL WEAVER, and HARRY CAMPBELL, visited VOLNEY DAVIS' home; that another argument ensued and that BILL WEAVER told VOLNEY DAVIS to come down to his (WEAVER'S) house, and get his (DAVIS') money; that two nights later DAVIS went to WEAVER'S home and obtained his share of the ransom money.

MRS. FRED WILSHURE

To be located at the Holmes Smith Farm, Berlin Heights, Ohio, which is a short distance from Huron, Ohio.

In connection with the testimony expected from this woman, specific reference should be had to pages 184 and 185 of the summary report of Special Agent L. E. McIntire dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, April 10, 1935, in which a summary of the testimony expected from this witness is set forth.

It is noted, however, that she has been recently interviewed, and will advise that on or about June 1, 1934, two individuals known to her as Mr. and Mrs. J. A. OHHOOD, rented a cottage at Grand Forest Beach; which place was located directly in the rear of her former home; that about two weeks thereafter, another couple known to her as Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE SWANSON, rented a cottage from her, which cottage was located about 50 yards east of that of the OHHOODS.

She has positively identified the photographs of MYRTLE EATON and WILLIAM WEAVER who were known to her as the OHHOODS, and has identified photographs of HARRY CAMPBELL and WYNONA BURDETTE, who were known to her as SWANSONS. She has also identified the photograph of WILLIAM HARRISON, who was known to her as WILLIAM HARRISON, and was generally called "Willie" by members of the gang; that HARRISON resided with Mr. and Mrs. George Swanson (CAMPBELL and BURDETTE). The witness has also identified photograph of VOLNEY DAVIS, stating that this person was known to her as "Happy".

The witness will also state that the photographs of ALVIN KARPIS, HARRY SAWYER, and RUSSELL GIBSON appeared familiar to her.

WILLIAM HENRY BOLTON

Now incarcerated in the Ramsey County Jail,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

The major portion of the testimony of this witness will  
be found on page 105, through 113, in the report of Special Agent  
H. R. McIntire, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, April 29, 1936. It  
is noted, however, that this witness waived his immunity.

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E. C. SMITH,  
Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

E. P. SULLIVAN,  
Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Sullivan will testify that he was present at the time WILLIAM WEAVER was taken into custody in the vicinity of Allendale, Florida on September 1, 1935; that WEAVER freely and voluntarily executed a waiver of removal, and on September 2, 1935, was removed from Allendale, Florida, to St. Paul, Minnesota; said witnesses will inform that they interviewed WILLIAM WEAVER upon his arrival at St. Paul, Minnesota. They will state that WILLIAM WEAVER admitted the following information:

That his true name is FRANKIE DONALD; that he was born at Little Rock, Arkansas, on December 13, 1905; that he has two sisters, Mrs. Nellie Preslar of Maymoth Springs, Arkansas, and Mrs. W. T. Bowling of Salem, Arkansas; that his parents are deceased; that during the year 1924 he met and began associating with one BLACKIE THOMPSON; that with this man he engaged in several bank robberies in the state of Oklahoma and that after one of these robberies he was being pursued by a posse and that he shot and killed one of his pursuers; that BLACKIE THOMPSON was captured and sentenced to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary shortly thereafter; that WEAVER was captured in November, 1934, at Selma, Arkansas, and was removed to the state of Oklahoma; was convicted on the charge of murder, receiving a life sentence, entering the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in April of 1935, serving until June, 1931, when he was paroled.

That after being paroled from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, he proceeded to Joplin, Missouri, and was residing in the vicinity of Joplin at the time FRED BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS murdered Sheriff C. R. Holley at West Plains, Missouri; that after this murder FRED BARKER drove his, BARKER'S, Buick car, which had been used in

the crime, to a point near WEAVER'S home where FRED BARKER abandoned it, thereafter proceeding to WEAVER'S home, requesting WEAVER'S assistance, which was given him; that WEAVER then realized that he, WEAVER, might become involved in the murder of Sheriff Kelley when the officers discovered the car abandoned near his home, which actually happened before WEAVER had an opportunity to remove the car; that he then fled to St. Paul, Minnesota, and was of the opinion that at that time his parole had been revoked and that he was wanted by the Oklahoma state authorities as a parole violator; that at this time he made up his mind that he would not be returned to complete his sentence in Oklahoma, and began carrying firearms to prevent his return; that he continued to go armed at all times until he purchased his chicken ranch near Harbor Oaks, Florida, in November, 1934, where he was subsequently arrested on September 1, 1935, by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; that WEAVER advised that after coming to St. Paul he was arrested in the summer of 1932 for carrying a concealed weapon, and that it was for this offense his parole was revoked.

WEAVER volunteered the information to Special Agent Sullivan during the course of the trip from Jacksonville, Florida, to St. Paul, Minnesota, that after his arrest at St. Paul, Minnesota, on the gun charge, which arrest occurred on August 2, 1932, ADOLPH BREMER was instrumental in obtaining his release on a \$500.00 bond (It is noted that this bond was forfeited on August 6, 1932, in police court, at which time an attachment was issued). WEAVER would not disclose the manner in which this bond was arranged. That WEAVER admitted without hesitancy his association with various members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang, stating that prior to his incarceration in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary he worked around the various oil fields in the vicinity of Sapulpa, Tulsa, and Bristow, Oklahoma, and that during this time he first met HARRY CAMPBELL; that he further admitted knowing FRED BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS prior to his incarceration in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary; that WEAVER would not disclose in detail how he first became acquainted with these individuals; that of the entire gang he was best acquainted with DOC BARKER, as he served time with the latter in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary; that he also served time in the said institution with WENDEY DAVIS.

That after arriving in St. Paul he became acquainted with HARRY SAWYER who operated a saloon on Wabasha Street, and it was at



this place that he became familiar with many underworld characters including VERNER MILLER, EDDIE GREEN, PAT SMILLY, HOMER VAN NESTER, LESTER GILLIS, LARRY DUVAL; that Government Exhibit Number 84, photograph of HARRY CAMPBELL; Government Exhibit Number 115, photograph of GILLES BERO; Government Exhibit Number 95, photograph of WILLIAM J. HARRISON; Government Exhibit Number 87, photograph of HARRY SAWYER; Government Exhibit Number 81, photograph of VOLNEY DAVIS; Government Exhibit Number 88, photograph of FRED BARKER; Government Exhibit Number 83, photograph of RUSSELL GIBSON; Government Exhibit Number 80, photograph of DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, Government Exhibit Number 86, photograph of ALVIN KARPIS, were exhibited to him and he admitted that he was acquainted with all of these persons under the names mentioned.

That he subsequently admitted to the witnesses that he was acquainted with FRED GERTZ alias GEORGE BRECHER, and that to the best of his knowledge he first met GERTZ in St. Paul at HARRY SAWYER'S saloon and had seen him there on several occasions at various night clubs; that WEAVER admitted to these witnesses that he was living in St. Paul, Minnesota, on the date BRECHER was kidnaped, but claimed he could not recall the address; that MYRTLE RATCH who was posing as his wife and with whom he was arrested at Allandale, Florida on September 1, 1935, had maintained an apartment in Portland Avenue for a period of about five years prior to the time BRECHER was kidnaped; that on one occasion he stole the key to this apartment from MYRTLE RATCH and had a duplicate made thereof, and that during the many periods of time that MYRTLE RATCH was away from St. Paul, he used her apartment for purposes of entertaining various members of the gang; that he refused, however, to disclose the identity of the individuals he entertained there from time to time, but intimated they were members of the KARPIS-BARKER mob.

That WEAVER admitted that prior to the time that he and MYRTLE RATCH rented a cottage at Grand Forest Beach, Ohio, they lived in an apartment in Toledo, Ohio, the address of which he did not know; that while living at Grand Forest Beach, various members of the mob visited him, including JIMMIE WILSON, GILLES BERO, GLEN GIBSON, HARRY and GLADYS SAWYER, but he refused to discuss details of these visits or the identity of the other members of the mob who were living at Grand Forest Beach, Toledo, and Cleveland, Ohio, at that time, merely remarking "You all know more about that than I do".

That in discussing HARRY SAWYER'S connection with this case, WEAVER stated that HARRY SAWYER had nothing to do with it and

remarked, "We did not need anyone to finger BREMER for us. Everybody know ED BREMER"; that WEAVER denied that he had received any of the ransom money paid in connection with this case, but that WEAVER never at any time made a flat denial that he had no connection whatsoever with the kidnaping; that WEAVER stated that MIRTLE EATON is merely being "pushed" around and that she is absolutely innocent of participating in the kidnaping; that the only crime she is guilty of is associating with him; that WEAVER informed that prior to the time BREMER was kidnaped on January 17, 1934, two other men from Chicago came to St. Paul for the purpose of kidnaping BREMER and the mob went so far as to proceed to BREMER's home, in front of which they engaged in an argument among themselves as to whether to enter BREMER'S home and take him out or wait until he left the house, and it was at this point that the plan was abandoned; that WEAVER stated that the leader of this mob is now dead; that he asked if the leader was one "Big Homer"; that WEAVER stated that he knew "Big Homer" and knew that HOMER had a mob of his own in Chicago; that he further knew that HOMER was dead, but he refused to state whether this was the individual to whom he referred, remarking that he would probably tell an Agent of this Bureau all about it at a later date; that WEAVER made the remark on several occasions that the true facts of the BREMER kidnaping have not yet come to light.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1800 Bankers' Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

This witness will state that he was present at the time WILLIAM WEAVER and MYRTLE EATON were taken into custody at their home, a small chicken ranch located two miles south of Allendale, Florida, on September 1, 1935; that both parties immediately admitted their identity; that immediately upon the apprehension of these parties he supervised a search of the house in which they were living; that they found therein in a purse and dresser drawers, \$1000.00, which was claimed by WILLIAM WEAVER and MYRTLE EATON; that this money was recovered in the presence of this witness, and was taken into possession by Special Agent in Charge, E. A. Alt, of the Jacksonville Office of this Bureau. The witness will state that a considerable portion of this money was in \$100.00 bills.

The witness will state that during an examination of this house immediately upon the arrest of WILLIAM WEAVER, he, together with Special Agent E. B. Brown, located a 12 gauge Remington Automatic shotgun, serial number 861,194, which gun was fully loaded with 00 buckshot super X; that this gun was located behind a door leading into a bedroom which was generally occupied by MYRTLE EATON and WILLIAM WEAVER, which room faces northeast; the witness will state that he recovered from the pocketbook of WILLIAM WEAVER, the sum of \$555.00; that this sum was counted in the presence of WILLIAM WEAVER by Special Agents in Charge, E. J. Connelley and E. A. Alt. A specific description of this money is available for the United States Attorney if it is desired, and the same will be found in the report of Special Agent E. W. Hopkins, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, September 4, 1935, on page 14.

The witness will further state that he, together with other Agents, found in the pocketbook of MYRTLE EATON, the sum of \$447.82, which was counted in her presence by Special Agents in Charge, E. J. Connelley and E. A. Alt, and Special Agent E. J. Cassidy. A detailed account of this money will be found in the above mentioned report on page 15.

The witness will further inform that he, together with Special Agent E. D. Brown, found the sum of \$100.00, composed of \$5.00 bills, below and behind the lower left hand drawer of a dressing table in the southwest bedroom of BRAVER'S home; that this sum was also counted and verified in the presence of WILLIAM BRAVER and MYRTLE BROWN. This money is described with particularity in the above mentioned report on page 17.



M. J. GASSIDY  
Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
612 Marine Trust Bldg.,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

This witness will advise that he was present at the time WILLIAM WEAVER and MYRTLE HATCH were taken into custody near Allendale, Florida, on September 1, 1936; that he, together with other Agents made an immediate examination of the home occupied by WILLIAM WEAVER immediately after the latter's arrest; that the following guns and ammunition were located in said home:

1. .22 calibre Colt automatic "wopdanner" pistol, fully loaded with .22 long ammunition, serial No. 55506. This gun was found by Agent Cassidy in the upper left hand drawer of a dresser located in the room generally occupied by Myrtle Hatch and William Weaver, which room faced northeast;
2. .300 calibre Colt automatic pistol serial No. 115038, with one loaded clip and one shell in the chamber;
3. Winchester repeating .410 gauge shotgun, model 42, serial No. 2489, loaded with two shells and located in a clothes closet in the above described room;
4. 42 .410 gauge Colt "Sportload" long range express shotgun shells;
5. 6 boxes containing 50 each of .22 calibre long range rifle ammunition, "Kleanbore";
6. 1 box of 50 .300 calibre "Kleanbore" ammunition;
7. 1 box of 25 12 gauge super-x long range shotgun shells, No. 5;
8. 12 gauge leather shotgun case with extra 12 gauge barrel marked "T. F. Weirky, Daytona Beach, Florida". This case was scratched out and below it appears the name "Gene Johnson" and the number "26" (This was located in the closet in the above mentioned room.)

to .45 calibre U. S. Army 1917 Bolt Revolver, serial  
No. 104775 on stock and number 232005 on gun. This  
gun together with a .45 calibre extension clip,  
trademark "Multishot", and 15 .45 calibre shells  
were wrapped in a burlap sack and located in this  
closet.

**E. P. KNOX,**  
Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
722 Highlands Building,  
Denver, Colo.

This witness will also testify that he was present at the time WILLIAM WEAVER and MYRTLE EATON were taken into custody at their home near Allandale, Florida, on September 1, 1935; that immediately after the arrest of WILLIAM WEAVER, he assisted in conducting an examination of WEAVER'S home; that he, together with Special Agent in Charge, E. J. Connelley, located a 12 gauge Remington Automatic shotgun, serial number 861,189, fully loaded with 00 buckshot Super X; that this gun was loaded behind a door leading into a bedroom generally occupied by MYRTLE EATON and WILLIAM WEAVER, which room faced northeast.

He will further testify that he located the following other guns and ammunition:

1. .380 Colt automatic pistol serial No. 112352 and three loaded clips located under the pillow on the bed in the room in which William Weaver was apparently sleeping just before his apprehension, which bed was located in the only other bedroom of the house and located on the opposite side of the house to the room in which the baby crib was located. This gun was fully loaded with one shell in the chamber;
2. .45 Colt automatic, model 1911, serial No. 345132, labeled "U. S. property - U. S. Army", fully loaded with a shell in the chamber;
3. Six loaded .45 calibre clips for .45 automatic Colt and one box of fifty .45 automatic Colt ammunition, labeled "Kleanbore", found together with above listed .45 Colt automatic. A leather briefcase "Whitak" brand, was located in a closet in the room previously described as being the room of Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver, located in the northeast corner of the house.
4. One small black leather blackjack located in the right upper drawer of a dresser located in this room.

This witness will further advise that he interviewed WILLIAM WEAVER on November 1, 2, and 3, 1935, at various places. He will inform that WEAVER admitted to him substantially all of the information noted under the testimony of Special Agents E. J. Suran and D. P. Sullivan; that in addition WEAVER verbally remarked to him that he was unable to understand how Government Agents were able to locate him and MYRTLE HATCH at Allandale, Florida; that WEAVER informed that he did not know whether HARRY SAWYER was in any way involved in the kidnaping, but that at least SAWYER knew the BARKER boys, KARPIS, CAMPBELL, BAYNE, and other members of the mob; that with reference to WILLIE HARRISON, WEAVER stated he could not understand why the Government suspected HARRISON as being implicated in the kidnaping, since he knew that HARRISON had nothing to do with it, but was merely an errand boy for members of the gang.

The witness will testify that he once remarked to WEAVER that Mr. Bremer was extremely grateful to him, WEAVER, for bandaging his wounded head, and giving him kind words at the hideout; that the witness then asked WEAVER if it were not true that he took BREMER'S part when other members of the gang attempted to get rough with BREMER; that WEAVER then smiled and stated "Well, I am not saying I had anything to do with this kidnaping, but if I did have something to do with it, that is true"; that WEAVER at another point in the interview stated as follows: "Some day I may be in a position to tell you what actually happened", and further, "I don't think you fellows have all the facts in this case yet".

WEAVER was then questioned as to his failure to purchase a farm near Cahill, Ontario, Canada, which he had negotiated for by mail at Grand Forest Beach, Ohio, through the Royal Bank of Canada, Barre, Ontario, Canada; that he stated his reason for not purchasing this property, was that MYRTLE HATCH did not want to get that far from civilization, and further that he believed the price asked for this property was too high.

On another occasion the witness asked WEAVER if he would be willing to give his opinion as to who was the most dangerous, KARPIS or CAMPBELL; that he informed that both of these men are very good shots with a machine gun or pistol, but that he believes HARRY CAMPBELL to be a more dangerous hoodlum than KARPIS; that he branded KARPIS as "plucky smart".



MR. E. A. ALT  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
612 U. S. Court House and P. O.,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

This witness together with Special Agent in Charge,  
E. J. Connelley, and Special Agent Tamm, will testify that all  
of the guns heretofore mentioned were removed by said parties  
from the home of WILLIAM MEYER to the offices of the Federal  
Bureau of Investigation at Jacksonville, Florida.

Mr. Alt will testify that on September 4, 1938, he  
personally prepared for shipment and shipped said guns to the  
Technical Laboratory of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at  
Washington, D. C., where the guns are presently located.

(It is to be noted that none of the ammunition herein-  
before mentioned has been preserved.)

H. B. WILSON,

W/S Peopling Building and

Loan Association,

Clark Building,

Daytona Beach, Florida.

This witness will state that WILLIAM WEAVER using the name of OSBORNE consulted the witness during November, 1934, with regard to the purchase of certain property in a location known as Harbor Oaks, Florida; that after considerable hickering OSBORNE agreed to purchase the home in which he was residing at the time of his arrest in Harbor Oaks, for a total purchase price of \$1600.00; that the Agreement of Sale was dated November 22, 1934, on which date a deed to the property was made out in the name of JANE W. OSBORNE on instructions of BILL OSBORNE to do this.

The witness will state, however, that JANE OSBORNE had no part in this transaction, and that the \$1600.00 purchase price was paid by BILL OSBORNE in sixteen \$100.00 bills; that this property was insured in the name of JANE W. OSBORNE by the Old Colony Insurance Company of Boston, Massachusetts, Policy Number 220,549, dated December 5, 1934.

ROBERT W. BROWN  
Recorder's Office  
Valencia County Probate Court  
Tampa, Florida

13 This witness will be able to produce, in answer to  
a subpoena duces tecum, [REDACTED]

W. C. G. FIKER  
Manager, Motor Sales Company,  
14 Wilson Avenue,  
Johnson City, Tennessee

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In answer to a subpoena duces tecum, this witness will  
produce





MR. G. W. GROW,  
Salesman,  
Motor Sales Company,  
74 Wilson Avenue,  
Johnson City, Tenn.

This witness has identified the photographs of HESTER HATCH and WILLIAM WEAVER as being identical with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. GROWNE, who on March 15, 1935, purchased the Oldsmobile referred to above. The witness will state that he acted as the salesman in selling the Oldsmobile; that the balance of \$412.50 was paid to him by WEAVER; that WEAVER took a billfold out of the inside pocket on the right side of his coat from which he counted out \$412.00 in bank notes.

The witness will state that he noticed that WEAVER had a considerable amount of money left in his billfold after paying the \$412.00; that he also noticed that WEAVER carried some money in his left hip pocket.

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

This witness will produce books and records of the  
office of the County Clerk, disclosing that on March 25,  
1935, Tennessee license plates number 151-912, were issued  
to MRS. J. W. OSBORNE, 617 West Maple Street, Johnson City,  
Tennessee.

WILBERT E. BOWEN  
Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
608 Medical Arts Building,  
Nashville, Tenn.

It is noted that at the time WEAVER and HATCH purchased the above mentioned car, they gave their address as 517 West Maple Street, Johnson City, Tennessee, and that they likewise gave the same address when they purchased Tennessee license plate number 181-912 for the instant Oldsmobile Sedan. The witness will state that he personally conducted an investigation at 517 West Maple Street, Johnson City, Tennessee, and found it to be a vacant lot.

W. F. HARRIS,  
Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
112 N. E. Court House, and Room  
Jacksonville, Florida.

This witness will testify that he was present on November 1, 1935, when WILLIAM HRAVER was taken into custody by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation near Allandale, Florida; that immediately upon the arrest of HRAVER, he assisted in conducting an examination of HRAVER'S home and garage; that he found in the garage a 1935 Oldsmobile Sedan motor number 7-134,522, serial number 75 121,700; that in the dash compartment of this automobile he found a New Car Order issued by the Motor Sales Company of Jackson City, Tennessee, indicating that the above mentioned car had been sold to MRS. JANE (J. W.) GORDON of Clyde, Ohio, on March 12, 1935, the cash delivery price being \$372.50. It appears on this New Car Order that \$50.00 was allowed as a trade-in on a Chevrolet Master Sedan, 1934 model.

He will state that he also found in said dash compartment a Tennessee State Registration Card for the year 1935, indicating that the above mentioned car was registered by MRS. J. W. GORDON at 317 Maple Street, Jackson City, Tennessee, in Washington County, Tennessee, on March 12, 1935, and that she was issued 1935 Tennessee license plates number 161-212.

He will inform that he found in the dash compartment, a 1935 Florida Automobile Registration Card, indicating that on March 12, 1935, MRS. J. W. GORDON of the Belline Hotel, 312 West Forsyth Street, Jacksonville, Florida, registered the said car in the State of Florida, receiving 1935 Florida license plates D-15-088, which license plates were found in the car at the time of HRAVER'S apprehension.

The originals of the above mentioned papers are presently located in the files of the Jacksonville Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and will be made available to the United States Attorney if he so desires.

It is noted that at the time these fictitious addresses were given HRAVER was maintaining an established residence near Allandale, Florida, which had been purchased by HRAVER during November, 1934.



The ORIGINAL RECORD of WILLIAM WEAVER as disclosed by the  
Files of the Identification Unit of the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation, is as follows:

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It is also being advised that the Florida State Highway Patrol is conducting investigations in the cases of JULIAN J. BROWN, JR., FLORIDA NATIONAL BANK OF JACKSONVILLE, Jacksonville, Florida, NATIONAL BANK AOT; and J. MERRON BROWNELL, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL AOT. Trials in these cases will be held in Jacksonville on January 6th and 8th, respectively.

George Jones  
of  
London

If the testimony desired to be given by me in St. Paul is in connection with the fourteen \$1,000.00 bills obtained from the persons of Kate and Fred Barker at Ocala, Florida, which bills were later turned over to me for safekeeping in our office safe, I desire to inform that Special Agent R. E. Donaldson checked the number on each bill before he turned them over to Probate Judge L. E. Futch at Ocala, Florida.

Very truly yours

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 Social Agent in Charge.  
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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**AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY.**

420 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

December 30, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

RE: Brekid.

Dear Sir:-

I am transmitting herewith mail tracing upon  
mail received by E.L. McNeel, Route 2, Dan Park, Texas,  
with return address - Mrs. E.O. Salts, 2412 Broadway,  
Los Angeles, California.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau  
Cincinnati  
Chicago  
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Post Office Box 4018  
Detroit, Michigan  
December 30, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

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

Dear Sir:

This is to advise of the receipt of a telegram from the  
New Orleans Office today advising of the receipt by the  
latter office of a telegram from the presence  
of a witness to the kidnapping of Edward George Bremer, St. Paul,  
Minnesota, on the morning of January 3rd, next, to testi-  
fy in the above entitled case.

It is requested that you advise the witness of the  
fact that he is a material witness in the above case  
unless it should appear that he is not a  
material witness in which event you will please notify  
this office in order that his departure for St. Paul  
may be forestalled.

Very truly yours

H. F. Root  
Special Agent in Charge

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**THE SAINT PAUL DAILY NEWS**

HOWARD KAHN, EDITOR

December 30, 1935.

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Chief Clerk  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Jones  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
FBI Director,  
9th St. and Penn Ave., NW.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I understand you have one of the grandest collections of tommy guns, shot guns, rifles, pistols, etc., ever collected from one gang as a result of Bremer kidnap suspects roundup. I wonder if you could have one of your agents send me a list of guns -- from whom and where taken, pictures of total collection, if possible; value, and any other data you may think of.

Wishing you a happy new year, I remain,

Yours truly,

*Louis H Gollop*

Louis H. Gollop

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January 11, 1936.

Mr. Louis H. Gollop,  
Saint Paul Daily News,  
57 East Fourth Street,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Gollop:

Pursuant to the request contained in your letter dated December 30, 1935, the following information concerning the guns recovered in the Bremer kidnaping case is being furnished for your use.

During the intensive hunt for the kidnapers of Edward George Bremer and their associates which has extended throughout forty-eight states and even outside of their boundaries since the kidnaping occurred in Saint Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934, there has been recovered to date, a total of forty-three firearms pieces. Recoveries have been made in such widely separated localities as Chicago, Illinois, Oklawaha, Florida and Pass Christian, Mississippi. Machine guns, sub-machine guns, shot guns, revolvers, automatic pistols and rifles of varied makes and descriptions have been included. In addition there has been recovered large amounts of ammunition, extra ammunition clips and drums, bullet proof vests and other devices and mechanisms used by those who live outside the law.

There is enclosed a photograph of the arsenal recovered at Oklawaha, Florida on January 16, 1935, at which time "Ma" Kate Barker and Fred Barker were killed while resisting arrest by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The arsenal included two Thompson sub-machine guns, two forty-five automatic pistols, one .380 calibre automatic pistol, two twelve gauge shotguns, one Winchester .33 calibre rifle, together with extra drums and ammunition and bullet proof vests.

The following is a list of the entire forty-three guns recovered in the case:

Four Browning automatic rifles (machine guns),  
Two Thompson sub-machine guns with one extra stock,  
Six extra fifty load and three extra one hundred load  
ammunition drums,  
One Winchester .351 automatic rifle,  
One Winchester .301 automatic rifle,  
Two Winchester .33 rifles,

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One Winchester .22 automatic rifle,  
Six twelve gauge shotguns of various makes, including  
pump action and automatic, sawed-off and regular,  
One twenty gauge sawed-off shot gun,  
One 410 gauge shot gun,  
Seven Colt .45 automatic pistols with twenty extra clips,  
One Colt .45 revolver,  
One Colt .38 revolver,  
One Smith and Wesson .38 automatic pistol,  
Three Colt .380 automatic pistols with nine extra clips,  
One Orgies 6.95 mm. automatic pistol (made in Erfurt,  
Germany),  
Five Colt .32 automatic pistols with five extra clips,  
One .25 automatic pistol,  
Two .22 automatic pistols.

It is hoped that this information is sufficient for your  
purpose.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Mr. Louis H. Collop,  
Saint Paul Daily News,  
37 East Fourth Street,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

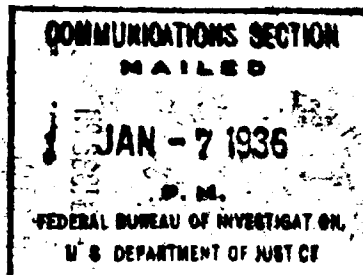
Dear Mr. Collop:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter  
dated December 30, 1935, requesting information  
concerning the guns recovered in the Bremer kid-  
naping case. This is to advise you that the  
data which you desire are now being compiled and  
will be furnished to you at the earliest possible  
date.

I assure you of my desire to be of  
service at all times.

Sincerely yours,

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 .....



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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

December 30, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

With reference to my letter of December 18, 1935 and your letter of December 26, 1935, provided this represents the completion of the inquiry it is suggested that certain additional inquiry be made as to this, and reference should be had to the fact that the information originally set out in report of Agent C. C. Dewey, Omaha, dated December 24, 1934 was predicated upon information obtained from the files of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, State of Iowa, and apparently was the file referring to the Emmet County State Bank robbery, Katherville, Iowa.

Provided no further information is contained in the files of the department of the State of Iowa above referred to, suitable inquiry should be made at Katherville, Iowa to determine whether or not it will be possible to obtain an identification of ~~ELMER STONE~~, and particularly to obtain a picture of him for the possibility of identifying him as one and the same as Gus Stone alias Gus Stevens alias Old Gus.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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MR

P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
December 30, 1935

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Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
1800 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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RE: BREKID

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Dear Sir:

JAN - 3 1936

Reference is made to your letter of November 27, 1935 in this case, wherein attention is called to the fact that Charles J. Fitzgerald and Joseph Robertson of Los Angeles may have mailed a letter containing a \$500.00 check to C. E. White, 1125 West 57th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Please be advised that the Oklahoma City Directory for 1935 shows Claude E. White and his wife, Irene, as residing at 1125 West 57th Street, and investigation develops that White has a son, Edward, living at this address, who is employed by the Oklahoma Publishing Company. C. E. White owns the above property, according to investigation by Agent J. R. Welles, which is a small one-story brick and frame bungalow in a very desirable residential section here. There is a mortgage against the property which is held by the U.S.I.C.

C. E. White is listed as an agent of the Modern Life Insurance Company of St. Paul, Minnesota, with offices at 511 North Harvey, Oklahoma City.

The Modern Life Insurance Company, according to the investigation conducted by Agent Welles, is located in rooms 205 and 206 of a two-story building at 511 North Harvey. The entire building appears to be somewhat dilapidated and does not apparently house offices of the bigger and better business institutions. Mr. Welles informs me that he passed by room 205, and as the door was open, noted the contents thereof. No one was in the room and the place did not have the appearance of being used a great deal. The one desk which was visible had numerous blotters and odd papers casually thrown around on top. The door to room 206 was closed, but no activity, such as typewriters or conversation could be heard therein. On the door of room 206 appears the wording "Claude E. White", manager of the aforesaid life insurance company, for the states of Oklahoma, Texas, and Arkansas, while the name of C. E. White is carried on the door as General Agent.

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It would appear, therefore, that White, in 1933, was in financial difficulties.

White has a telephone at his residence, the number of which is 4-1055, while the telephone number of the Modern Life Insurance Company at 311 North Harvey, is 7-8845.

It will be noted that White is employed by an insurance company with headquarters in St. Paul, Minnesota, which, of itself, is not particularly significant, as there are various persons in all parts of the country representing insurance companies in cities in which said representatives have never been. It, of course, should be borne in mind that there is a possibility that the fact that White is with a St. Paul concern may have some bearing on the case.

It is noted from your letter that the Los Angeles Office ascertained that a cashier's check was obtained at the Bank of America, 10th and East Avenue, Los Angeles, in the sum of \$500.00, payable to William Leonard. Of course, it is assumed that the Los Angeles Office will take appropriate steps to ascertain the endorsements on this check when it is returned to the bank for payment, at which time it will be possible to obtain definitely the city in which it was cashed, the names of the banks through which it passed, and related information.

Very truly yours,

WRIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Bureau  
Milwaukee  
Omaha  
Denver  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Cleveland  
Kansas City  
Los Angeles  
El Paso

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
December 30, 1935

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

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

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau Letter dated July 27, 1935, there are transmitted to the Bureau and to the offices listed below, copies of a letter written by Wynona Burdette, an inmate of the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan, to her sister, Mrs. C. R. Jones; also enclosed are copies of lines written on a postal card addressed to Dolores DeLaney, also an inmate of the same institution, from her mother, Mrs. Helen DeLaney.

Very truly yours,

*W. J. West*

W. J. WEST  
Special Agent in Charge

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Milan Mich  
Dec 26, 1935  
Box 1000.

Happy New Year! Sis and all you darling kiddies too, How are you all - enjoying yourselves? I sure hope so. Well, Old Santa has been to visit you I guess and I sure hope he was as good to you as you deserve. he probably wasn't tho' cause it just isn't possible to be that good,

Millie, I heard that you have been sick What's the trouble, honey? Gee, I sure hope every thing is okay now. How is Dickies Arm - poor little thing - I'll bet he suffered plenty - Is he allright now? and how are the other babies? Hope they're all well and happy. What did Santa bring them - hope they got every thing their little heart's desired. I'll bet they have been having a swell time for themselves

Honey, have you seen Esther lately and do you know she is going to have all her teeth pulled? I swear, It almost knocked me off my feet when I got her letter telling me about it. It doesn't seem possible as young as she is that she really has to have them out. Of course, if she'll feel better it's the best thing - but I hate to think of it. She say's she has had the tooth ache and neuralgia bad - so it probably is necessary. She think's she'll look like an old lady but false teeth or not she'll still be our sweet & pretty sis, Won't she?

Have you heard from Art? He and Helen have finally got a place of their own and they're both tickled to death. Im sure glad for them. Helen say's she is as happy as she can be keeping the house clean & cheerful and planing nice meals for Art. They are more like a couple of kids than any thing else. I got some pictures of them and they are terrible, they both look dreadfully old - they promised to send me some good one's soon tho' and I am sure anxious to get them. Helen is still a blonde but she is wearing her hair long - Does it up something like I do mine - in a french braid around my head. I like it much better short.

Art is writing music again - he say's it's about all he's done lately. He sent me the words to two of his song's and they sure are pretty I'd love to know the tunes, they're called "Underneath The Silvery Moon" & "Love By The Water Falls." Sound swell, don't they? Im glad he is writing seriously cause he shouldn't let all his wonderful talent go to waste - Id give a lot to be as gifted as he is.

Is Jimmie still with you? I like to know you have someone staying with you cause it makes thing's easier for you, doesn't it? How is she? Okay I hope. Tell her to drop me a line - you two can write together.

We have been having Church services every Tuesday lately and I sure enjoy them. We have a wonderful time singing and listening to the preacher. He is awfully nice and two of the sweetest women come with him. They sing and one play's the guitar. Mrs Kelsey, she's the one who plays, gave me the loveliest Bible and wrote, "To My friend Wynona" in the front of it. I'm sure proud of it. We have some new white overalls too. We sewing girls made them and we wear them for Church. We look so clean and nice in them. We have each worked our initials on the pocket - Mine are in red and they really look nice if I do say so my self.

And, oh, yes, I almost forgot to tell you about the services we girls have by ourselves. Each Sunday evening a different girl takes charge of them. I had my turn three weeks ago and I was so nervous I could hardly do a thing. I had another girl read a chapter from the Bible, we sang song's and I said a Prayer. It wasn't what you would call great and it was dreadfully short but I really meant it and I guess that's really all that matters.

We had a very nice Xmas - much better than I expected. We have a tree and we girl's all helped to decarate it and also the corridors - it all looked pretty nifty when we finished. For dinner we had ((yes, Honey, believe it or not)) real honest - to - goodness turkey, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, apple pie, and cheese and coffee.

How is Ruth and all the other Kids.

During the day we each got a couple of bags of candy and peanuts. I have been eating almost constantly since we got it.

It has been snowing steadily for the last three day's and it's about six or eight deep on the roof. There were a few old boards up there and we rigged a sled up out of them. We have loads of fun on it. The day before yesterday I took a spill and turned practically a perfect summersault backwards - I did something to my neck and does it hurt - I'll say, Guess I strained a ligament or something.

Well, Dear, I simply cant think of another thing to say  
so guess I'll close now as I have a letter to write to Art. I haven't  
recieved any Xmas card's yet but Im looking for some any day.

Bye - Bye - Darling.

Answer real soon.

Your Loving baby sis Nona.

Millie sweet I am going to write these song's off of Art's for you.  
Okay? allrite,

"Underneath The Silvery Moon."

Yearning underneath the silvery moon,  
Dreaming of those wonderful nights in June  
When I see the lovers spoon,  
Underneath the silvery moon,  
It brings memories of you,  
When we sat in the moon light,  
Planing our Wedding day,  
I never dreamed life would ever turn out this way,  
Life was so cheerful, I could never sigh,  
Until you kissed me and whispered good bye,  
You left me yearning, you left me waiting  
Underneath the silvery moon.

"Love By The Water Fall's"

I found love by the water fall's,  
Of a beautiful prairie stream,  
It was there that I found you dear,  
In the shade of an elm tree,  
Fate had meant it for you & me,  
I could see it in your eyes,  
I had found a Prize,  
I't was love at first sight,  
And the moon was shining bright,  
It was love by the water fall's.

don't you think they're  
sweet? I do to.

Kiss each other for me  
& be good.

Your old Nonie. X

gabs XO XOXOXO  
of love. X O XO XO

Writing on Postal Card to Dolores DeLaney.

My darling Baby I thought of you all day  
yesterday. Bud & I went to see your baby  
after dinner. We brought him one big toy  
elephant on wheels, a nigre doll, two  
sleepers with figures of faces & etc a pair  
of lamb lined bunny slippers. He liked the  
doll best, I hugged and kissed him for you  
dozens of times

Lovingly

Mother

Mrs. Helen DeLaney, 6045 Kimbock, Chicago, Ill.

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

December 30, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Investigation is being conducted in this case to establish that subject Harry Campbell sent certain registered letters to Milton Lett at Hays, Oklahoma from Cleveland, Ohio, using among other names for the addresser, Mary Forth.

The postmaster at New Lynn Station, Ohio, advises that it is her recollection that on January 17th, 1935, she returned to the Columbus, Ohio, post office registered letter No. 144817, which letter was received at the New Lynn Station, Ohio, post office for Mary Forth. However, the postmaster advised at Columbus that the name was, in fact, Mary Forth.

It is requested that you conduct appropriate investigation at the post office, Columbus, Ohio, for the purpose of determining the addressee of registered letter No. 144817, which letter it is believed emanated from the Columbus, Ohio, post office about January 17, 1935, and in the event it is ascertained that the letter was addressed to Mary Forth, it is requested that you be advised of the letter to ascertain whether Mary Forth is and her present whereabouts.

In view of the investigation presently being conducted in the Cleveland district it is suggested that the above-requested investigation be given such expeditious attention as is possible.

Very truly yours,

W. P. MRS FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau  
St. Paul  
E. J. Connelley-Chicago

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ONE R

7-576-8726

Edward J. Connelley

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

December 31, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

There is attached hereto a tracing obtained by David H. Cecil, Postmaster atampa, Tenn., from a postmark addressed to Meina Gibson, Dec. 1932. The tracing shows W. A. Winklebleck, Toledo, Ill., which is no doubt Illinois and not Ohio.

However, in view of the known contacts of the Karpis-Barker gang at Toledo, Ohio, a check has been made there for the purpose of ascertaining the identity of W. A. Winklebleck without success and it is felt that a similar check should be made at Toledo, Illinois.

In this connection and for the information of the St. Louis Office, Meina Gibson was formerly the mother-in-law of Harry Campbell and it is entirely possible that Campbell might be communicating with her.

The investigation to ascertain the identity of W. A. Winklebleck should therefore be conducted in a very discreet manner and if there is such a person a full and complete check of his or her activities and associates should be made bearing in mind the possibility that Winklebleck might be a contact of Campbell.

Very truly yours,

Enc. 2  
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cc - Bureau  
St. Paul  
Chicago  
Cincinnati  
E. J. Connelley  
Dallas

J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO.

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT LITTLE ROCK, ARK.	DATE WHEN MADE 12/30/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/23/35	REPORT MADE BY B. L. DAMRON. <span style="float: right;">WEB</span>
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<b>TITLE</b> ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; ET AL.	<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
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**EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.**

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** No registration of automobiles in the State of Arkansas under name of G. R. Benton, George Benton, or Mary Forth.

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**REFERENCE:** Letter to all offices from the Cleveland office dated December 16, 1935.

**DETAILS:** Mr. Jack Carter of the Automobile Registration Division, Bureau of Revenue, State Capitol Building, Little Rock, Arkansas, after checking the name index cards advised that there were no automobiles registered in the State of Arkansas under the names of G. R. Benton, George Benton, or Mary Forth.

The State of Arkansas does not index drivers or chauffeurs by name.

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<b>APPROVED AND FORWARDED:</b> <i>R. L. Shivers</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	<b>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</b> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">7 576 8728</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">JAN 2 1936</div>
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U S DEPT OF JUSTICE  
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REKID. MILDRED CAMPBELL WIFE AND EULA BEE CAMPBELL DAUGHTER  
OF HARRY CAMPBELL AND MRS RALPH B GIBSON MOTHER OF MILDRED  
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Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
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Mr. Carson  
Mr. Coffey  
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Mr. Jones  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
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*Edward J. Bremer*

F B I EL PASO TEXAS DECEMBER 30, 1935. 10-20 AM

DIRECTOR

E J CONNELLEY, CHICAGO

PHONE. BREKID. REFERENCE REPORT F B DUNN DECEMBER 17, 1935 AND LETTER FROM CONNELLEY TO DALLAS OFFICE NOVEMBER 27, 1935 I SUGGEST ADVISABILITY OF CLOSE SURVEILLANCE OF CLARENCE J. CAMPBELL AT MIDLAND, TEXAS AND CLOSE COVER ON HIS MAIL FOR A TIME. SUCH MATTERS COULD BE HANDLED EFFECTIVELY ONLY BY SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT OF TWO AGENTS AND FOR WHICH PURPOSE I HAVE NO ONE AVAILABLE. THE ABOVE SUGGESTION IS MADE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS AND UNTIL ADVICE IS RECEIVED I WILL HOLD IN ABSTINENCE DEVELOPMENT OF LEAD CONTAINED IN REPORT AND LETTER ABOVE REFERRED TO. KINDLY INSTRUCT.

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*cc Mr. Tamm*

*See my call for Connelley re this Ed 1/2/36*

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

FILE NO. **7-9**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Indianapolis, Indiana.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-30-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-24-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. J. NEKHAH</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1836; 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>


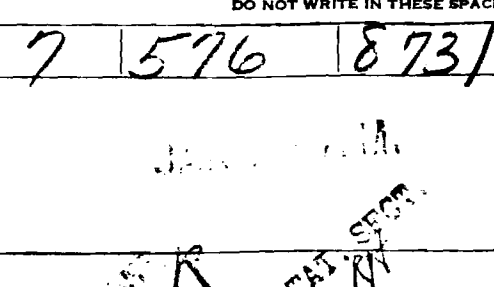
**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Information obtained from Leonard White, with aliases, a subject in the case entitled, LEONARD WHITE, with aliases, ET AL. THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY, Indianapolis file 52-57, indicates that William Elmer Mead was in Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas, about six weeks ago at race tracks and is presently in either Houston, Texas, or New Orleans, La. Mead's hair is alleged to be dyed coal black. White is a confidence man, ex-convict, and drug addict, and claims to be fairly well acquainted with Mead.

**DETAILS:**

This investigation is predicated upon information received from Leonard White, with aliases, subject in the case entitled, LEONARD WHITE, with aliases, ET AL. THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY, Indianapolis file 52-57.

At the time Agent was questioning White in connection with his activities in the case just mentioned, White advised that his occupation was that of a confidence man. Agent asked him if he was acquainted with William Elmer Mead, and White did not reply, but just smiled. The interview with White took place in St. Anthony's Hospital, 1000 South 6th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana, where White was confined suffering from gastric hemorrhages. It is to be noted that White is an ex-convict and a drug addict; that during this interview he was on two occasions given a shot of morphine.

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After White received the first shot of morphine, Agent again questioned him concerning Mead, and White stated that he had last seen Mead about six weeks ago in Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas, at the race tracks in the company of several other confidence men. White stated that he could recall the names of only two of these men, one being a young man named James Mead, and the other a middle-aged man named Harry Fisher. White was unable to give any descriptions of these men.

White further stated that Mead is presently using dye on his hair, and as the result of this, Mead's hair is now coal black in color, giving him the appearance of a much younger man than he really is. White could not describe Mead, except to state that the person he had reference to was partially paralyzed and that his right jaw is drawn down when he speaks, giving him the appearance of having had his jaw broken at some time in the past. The writer has seen Mead's picture and believes that he and White had reference to the same person.

White further stated that while talking to Mead at a race track at Fort Worth, Texas, he told Mead that he had just lost all his money betting on the horses, and Mead gave him a \$10.00 bill. White stated that he understood that after leaving Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas, Mead intended to go to Houston, Texas, and later to New Orleans, Louisiana, but White would not say for what purpose. White also implied that he was well acquainted with many confidence men and had known Mead for quite some time. He was also aware that Mead was wanted in Florida and several other places, but at all times he was very evasive in his answers concerning Mead.

After White received the second shot of morphine and before Agent left, White stated that all he had said concerning Mead was true, and he believes that Mead is presently somewhere in Houston, Texas, or New Orleans, Louisiana. White implied that Mead was probably following the horses, but he did not definitely say so.

If the Dallas, San Antonio, and New Orleans Offices, for which undeveloped leads are being set out, have not at the present time a picture of Mead, their attention is invited to Personal and Confidential Bureau letter dated December 19, 1935 (Bureau file 7-576), in which it is stated that pictures of Mead are being forwarded to all offices under separate cover.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

**THE DALLAS OFFICE, at Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas:**

Will conduct appropriate investigation at the race tracks to ascertain if anyone can identify the picture of William Elmer Mead as having been present at either of these two cities approximately six weeks ago, and will also endeavor to ascertain his present whereabouts.

**THE SAN ANTONIO OFFICE, at Houston, Texas:**

Will conduct investigation at all race tracks in an effort to ascertain if William Elmer Mead is presently residing in that city.

**THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE, at New Orleans, Louisiana:**

Will conduct appropriate investigation at all race tracks in an effort to ascertain if William Elmer Mead is presently residing in that city.

**THE INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE, at Terre Haute, Indiana:**

Will question Leonard White, who is presently confined in the Vigo County Jail, and endeavor to ascertain more definite information concerning William Elmer Mead's present whereabouts.

- P E N D I N G -

*Edward & Bremer are (1)*

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PHONE. BREKID JACK COHEN ATTORNEY LINCOLN NEBRASKA WHO IS ATTORNEY

FOR THE ESTATE DAVID AND GERTRUDE SANDLOVICH DECEASED ADVISES THAT MRS

HARRY SAWYER IS PRESENTLY AT LINCOLN ENDEAVORING TO RAISE MONEY FROM

SANDLOVICH ESTATE PROPERTIES POSSIBLY FOR HUSBANDS DEFENSE AM ADVISING

ST PAUL.

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508 Medical Arts Bldg.  
Nashville, Tennessee  
December 30, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1226; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of  
December 16, 1935, in which you advised that Harry Campbell has been  
recently using the aliases of S. R. Benton, George Benton and Mary  
Forth, and requesting that the records of the Motor Vehicle Division  
for this state be searched, please be advised that the Motor Vehicle  
Division for the State of Tennessee does not maintain an alphabetical  
list of persons registering automobiles and no driver's or chauffeur's  
licenses are required. Therefore, the desired check cannot be made  
in this state.

Very truly yours,

T. H. STAPLETON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Bureau  
St. Paul  
Chicago, SAC Connelley

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POST OFFICE BOX 612  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

December 30, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

Reference is made to the letter from the Los Angeles office to me, a copy of which was furnished your office, dated December 25, 1935 forwarding mail for two letters addressed to J. C. FOSTER, Los Angeles, California, postmarked Minneapolis, Minnesota December 12 and 19, 1935.

The handwriting appearing on these tracings does not appear similar to the handwriting of Jack Davenport and it is thought possible that Blanche or some other person to the individuals who are corresponding with the BREKID.

It is desired that your office attempt in some manner to secure handwriting specimens of Jack Davenport and his wife Blanche. It is possible that the handwriting specimens of Jack Davenport can be obtained from the Minneapolis or St. Paul Police Departments. If these specimens are obtained it is requested that they be forwarded to this office for appropriate comparison with the handwriting appearing on the above mentioned tracings and on tracings which may be received in the future.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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MY:ME

Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

December 30, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minn.

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Dear Sir:

RE: REKID.

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 27th inst., concerning the above captioned matter with regard to maintaining the proper chain of evidence as to custody of the fourteen \$1,000.00 bills found on Fred and Ma Barker at Oklawaha, Florida, and other items of evidence which are being considered. You may be advised that your letter was not received at this Office until 9:00 A. M. today, by reason of the fact that it was held for postage, there being insufficient air mail stamps to carry same.

We have maintained in a separate package all of the ammunition found at the residence occupied by William Weaver at the time of his apprehension in September, and with respect to proper witnesses to identify and testify to the finding of this ammunition, your attention is invited to the report of Special Agent E. J. Connelley, dated at Chicago, Ill., September 7, 1935, Pages 7 and 8 in particular detailing the locating of the ammunition and guns at the Weaver residence. All of the guns, as your file will reflect, have since been transmitted to the Bureau. After being brought to this Office they were checked as to serial numbers and packed for shipment by Special Agent E. E. Donaldson.

The ammunition taken from the Weaver residence is being forwarded to the St. Paul Office on Government Bill of Lading No. J-90893, via Railway Express Agency, Inc., today.

Regarding the fourteen \$1,000.00 bills recovered at Oklawaha, you are advised that these identical bills were delivered by Special Agents E. E. Donaldson and J. P. Lamm to Probate Judge L. E. Futch at Ocala, Florida,

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In a long distance telephone conversation with Judge Futch, he informed Special Agent Donaldson that upon the appointment of the Commercial Bank and Trust Company of Ocala, Florida, as curator for the

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TO ST PAUL OFFICE,  
12-30-35

Barker Estates, these identical bills were delivered by him to Mr. G. C. Long, who is Trust Officer of this Bank, and a receipt therefor was taken. This was on July 25, 1935. Judge Futch has no further knowledge either directly or indirectly as to what subsequent disposition was made of these bills.

In a long distance telephone conversation with Mr. G. C. Long aforementioned, he informed Special Agent Donaldson that he had received these bills from Judge Futch on July 25, 1935, and that they were merged with other money of the Bank immediately, and no effort was made to retain the identical bills. The bills in question were forwarded by the Commercial Bank and Trust Company of Ocala, Florida, to the Atlantic National Bank at Jacksonville, Florida, on or about July 25, 1935. This shipment of money was made along with other money being forwarded to Jacksonville and no record was kept of serial numbers of any of the money in the shipment.

The Administrators for the Estates of the Barkers, however, at the time the Estates were settled, were paid in cash but this cash was of course, in different money found by Bureau Agents at Oklawaha.

Mr. D. D. Upchurch, Vice-President of the Atlantic National Bank at Jacksonville, Florida, has informed Agent Donaldson that there would be no way of tracing this identical money as having been received from the Commercial Bank and Trust Company at Ocala, Florida, as no record is kept of serial numbers of money received, and with regard to bills of such a large denomination they were undoubtedly forwarded immediately, or within a few days after receipt at least, to the Jacksonville Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank. In connection with forwarding the money to the Federal Reserve Branch Bank, no record is kept of serial numbers, and while records may be found that would show forwarding of some \$1,000.00 bills, yet there is no witness who can testify that said \$1,000.00 bills are the bills involved in this investigation.

At the Jacksonville Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Georgia, Agent Donaldson on this date, took up the matter with Mr. T. A. Lanford, Cashier, to ascertain if any of these \$1,000.00 bills had been received at said Bank.

TO ST PAUL OFFICE,  
12-30-35

This Agent in company with Mr. Lanford, made an inspection of certain \$1,000.00 bills in the vaults of the Bank, and was able to locate 12 of the 14 bills. At Agent's request the bills were set aside and will not be dispersed until further notice from the Jacksonville Office. These bills were in several different packages, having been received, apparently on different dates.

This Federal Reserve Branch Bank has no records to show from whence these bills were received, or when they were received, and as a matter of fact, Mr. Lanford informed, it is possible that some of the bills might have been received from the Atlantic National Bank, and since paid out to other Banks and again returned to the Federal Reserve Bank.

Of the 14 bills in which we are interested the following two were not located at the Federal Reserve Bank at Jacksonville -

F - 88819287 A  
G - 88870117 A

Regarding the bill bearing the prefix letter "G", Mr. Lanford stated that this is a Chicago note, and if it had been received here in Jacksonville, it was no doubt forwarded to the Federal Reserve Bank at Chicago, Illinois, as this is the custom in handling reserve notes from other districts.

If it should be deemed proper and right to produce in Court at St. Paul, the 12 bills which have been located as being in the Federal Reserve at Jacksonville, Mr. T. A. Lanford, or Mr. W. E. Pike, Teller at the Jacksonville Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, are both competent witnesses. However, as above stated herein, neither of these men will be able to produce a record to show when the bills were received exactly, or from what source.

Very truly yours,

R. A. ALB,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Bureau  
Atlanta  
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago,  
Kansas City  
Cincinnati

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Dec. 30, 1935.  
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Mr. E.H. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

BROKED RETEL SATURDAY LAST. NURSE THINESE  
NOT MURPHY HOSPITAL COLUMBUS OHIO.

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Cincinnati  
Cleveland



Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
December 30, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge  
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

REKID

A subpoena was issued for the  
appearance of Special Agent C. E. Olson at St. Paul  
on January 6, 1936 in the above entitled matter,  
which was forwarded to the Jacksonville Office for  
service.

I have recently been informed  
that Special Agent Olson is now detailed to the  
Detroit Office and that the subpoena has been for-  
warded to the Detroit Office.

This is to advise you that the  
United States Attorney at St. Paul has stated that  
Mr. Olson's appearance at St. Paul on the date  
indicated is absolutely necessary.

Very truly yours,

CLINTON W. STEIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau  
Cincinnati  
Mr. E.J. Connelley

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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
December 30, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

REKID

Please refer to page 2 of the report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Chicago, December 10, 1935, wherein it is stated that the original letter written by Helen Conliff to Attorney Thomas McMeekin of St. Paul, as quoted in report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, dated October 18, 1935, is still contained in the file of the Chicago Bureau Office.

Assistant United States Attorney George Wiley of St. Paul has advised that Helen Conliff has been subpoenaed as a witness on behalf of the Government in the trial in this matter to be held at St. Paul beginning January 6, 1936, and that should this witness become hostile and it is necessary to have the court hire her as a court's witness, that this letter may be used to impeach her testimony should she retract any statements previously made relative to Harry Sawyer's appearance in Bensenville during the time that Victim Bremer was held there.

Accordingly, it is requested that the original letter referred to be forwarded to the St. Paul Office.

Very truly yours,

G. W. STEIN

Special Agent in Charge

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Cincinnati  
Mr. E. J. Connelley

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Post Office Box 815  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
December 30, 1935

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

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Dear Sir:

REKID

Mr. George F. Sullivan, United States Attorney,  
St. Paul, Minnesota, has informed that he was recently  
contacted by Mr. Everett Jennings of Chicago, Illinois,  
who it is understood will represent Cassius McDonald  
during the forthcoming trial. Mr. Sullivan states that  
Jennings recently indicated to him that he, Jennings,  
was at one time a law partner of Senator James Hamilton  
Lewis, and that he is now associated with the remnants  
of the same, which was once known as the Clarence Darrow  
law firm.

Mr. Sullivan has requested that a discreet  
investigation be made by the Chicago Office into the  
character and reputation and general legal abilities of  
Mr. Jennings so that he may be advised of the same prior  
to trial.

Very truly yours,

O. W. STEIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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W. J. WEST  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
907 FEDERAL BUILDING  
DETROIT MICHIGAN

BREKID SUSPENSE RECEIVED HERE TODAY CALLING PRESENCE SA C R OLSON AT  
STPAUL TEN MORNING JANUARY SIXTH NEXT TRIAL BREKID CASE

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*George O'Brien*

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Detroit, Michigan  
December 30, 1935

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*cc-Bureau*  
J. M. Keith  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
5252 U. S. Dept. of Justice Building  
Washington, D. C.

BREKID THIS OFFICE HOLDING SUBPOENA FROM STPAUL FOR FORMER SPECIAL AGENT  
A A MUZZEY NOW BELIEVED WITH RURAL RESETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION ASCERTAIN  
HIS PRESENT LOCATION AND ADVISE

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WJW:AM  
10:00 a.m.  
cc-Bureau ✓

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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

December 23, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: REXID

With reference to summary report prepared as to Cassius McDonald, it is believed that if the United States Attorney desires same, either the father W. J. Harrison or one of the brothers of William J. Harrison living at 4539 Gibson Street St. Louis, Missouri could identify this address as being the home address of subject William J. Harrison, identify a picture of William J. Harrison as being the subject in this case, and also state that the father W. J. Harrison is not the party who registered into the Nacional Hotel, Havana, Cuba September 9, 1934 as W. J. Harrison, 4539 Gibson St. St. Louis, Missouri. It is appreciated that numerous of the witnesses employed at Havana, will identify the picture of William J. Harrison, although it is also noted that the address 4539 Gibson Street was used in registering into this hotel and also in connection with his answers to the Immigration officials of the United States, that is Harrison indicated his correct name and home address.

If a witness of this nature is to be called St. Louis should be communicated with in order to determine which is the most desirable member of the family for this purpose.

In connection with the ammunition seized from the place of William Weaver in Florida September 1, 1935 together with the various guns seized referred to in the supplemental summary report as to William Weaver, this ammunition as per my letter of September 9, 1935 to the Jacksonville office was preserved and is available, and Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt should bring this with him when he appears at St. Paul as a witness.

Very truly yours,

R. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT  
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Surveillance of John Karpavicz continued and no indication to date that Karpavicz is in contact with subject Karpis. Mrs. Helen Delaney recent visitor at Karpavicz home. Subject Karpis alleged to have visited the Radium Gardens, Gary, Ind., on or about 12/2/35 accompanied by one George Miller. Confidential informant covering this situation and endeavoring to secure information through employee of Jim Warner, Bensenville, Illinois. Investigation relative to the E.A. Mead family, friends of Ruth Potts, does not indicate the Mead family is associated or in contact with the subjects in this case. Capt. Gilbert of States Attorney's office, Chicago advised an informant of his stated Jim Bicker is a possible contact for Karpis and Campbell at Omaha, Neb.; that Bicker cashed bonds and large bills for them. Ruth Heidt still refuses to cooperate with the Bureau; denied conversations with William Harrison in regard to whereabouts of Kate and Fred Barker in Florida.

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[REDACTED] Kate  
[REDACTED] has not returned to her home in Chicago and investigation has failed to establish her whereabouts.

**DETAILS:**

**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois Dec. 10, 1935; report of Special Agent R. B. Brown, Chicago, Illinois November 7, 1935; Bureau letter dated October 20, 1935; report of Special Agent W. M. Ramsey, San Francisco, November 21, 1935.

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DETAILS:

The surveillance being maintained on the family of John Karpavicz, 2340 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois has been continued since the rendition of the reference report of Special Agent Madala dated December 10, 1935, which sets forth the results of the surveillance for the period from October 26 to December 2, 1935, and the results of the continued activities of Agents engaged on this assignment are set forth herein for the period December 3 to December 12, 1935;

Special Agents R. P. Shanahan, R. A. Guerin and former Special Agent A. A. Muzzey were located at 2339 North Richmond Street Chicago, from the period December 3 to 4, 1935 covering the telephone tap and maintaining the outside surveillance on the occasions when Mr. Karpavicz departed from his home. On December 7, 1935 on instructions of the Bureau, ANTHONY VIATKUS was employed as a confidential informant, and assumed the duties of an interpreter of the Lithuanian conversations overheard on the tap. On December 12, 1935 Special Agent M. V. Kirkland relieved Special Agent Guerin, and continued on the surveillance throughout the remaining period covered in this report. Special Agents V. E. Criss and J. M. Jones were stationed at 2341 North Francisco Street observing the front of the apartment house occupied by John Karpavicz and family. On December 15, 1935 Special Agent Jones was relieved by Special Agent M. E. Barnes who has continued on the surveillance for the period covered by this report.

Throughout the period of the surveillance reported John Karpavicz has maintained his daily routine of proceeding to the School Street apartments where he is employed as a janitor.

On December 4, 1935 Mr. Karpavicz left his apartment at 12.25 P.M. and together with his daughter Clara Venute, visited the stock show, returning to the apartment at 2340 North Francisco at approximately 6.30 P.M. At 11.25 A.M. Mrs. Karpavicz received a telephone call from Clara Venute in which conversation it was indicated [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is apparently referred to their visit to the stock show. The telephone call above mentioned was apparently made away from the home of Clara Venute. [REDACTED]

Mrs. Helen Delaney, mother of Dolores, Jean and Babe Delaney was recently a visitor at the Karpavicz home and the following telephone calls heard over the tap indicate her activities while a visitor at the place:

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1.10 P.M. December 13, 1935 Mr. and Mrs. Karpaviez left the apartment driving a Ford Coupe. They drove to 5240 Emerald Avenue where they visited for about twenty minutes. They then drove to 585 North Wood Street which is the residence of Clara Venute. Investigation will be conducted concerning the occupants of 5240 Emerald Avenue as requested in lead set forth in the reference report of Agent Madala.

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Informant [redacted] advised Special Agent E. D. Brown on December 9, 1935, that he was advised on or about December 4, 1935 by one Art Muchner, who formerly was associated with the distribution of slot machines, and a friend of Elmer Farmer, that he had seen Alvin Karpis on the night before accompanied by a man known to him only as Jimmie from Gary, Indiana, at Rahoots or Cahoots (phonetic) Barbecue and filling station, located on Highway 12 between Michigan City and Gary, Indiana. He advised that this barbecue stand is located on Highway 12 at a point near where Highway 12 and another Highway branch, the other Highway branching to the left and running to Miller Beach, the barbecue being on the left side of the road on the way to Michigan City. He stated the place is a large place, with two rows of filling pumps, one story, and is operated by a man whose name he believes to be Rahoots, who was one of the first persons in this section of the country to lose his blue eagle for failure to comply with code regulations as to waitresses.

[redacted] advised Muchner told him that as he was leaving this barbecue he saw Karpis and Jimmie come in the place; that they spoke to him, and he turned around and went back into the barbecue and had a cup of coffee with Karpis. He stated Muchner told him Karpis discussed the case of Elmer Farmer and the trouble all the boys had had in connection with the Bremer snatch, and that he said he was lucky to be alive.

[redacted] advised that Muchner was intoxicated at the time he told him this, and he therefore made contact with him again on the following Friday (which would be December 6, 1935), at which time Muchner was sober and at which time Muchner again related the identical facts. As to the reliability of Muchner, he stated he was not particularly impressed with the story when Muchner first told him, because of Muchner's intoxication, but that he believes now that Muchner may have been telling the truth. He advised Muchner was acquainted with Karpis as Muchner was at Elmer Farmer's place in Bensenville, one night about two years ago, at which time Karpis, Doc Barker, Monty Carter and Elmer Farmer were present. As to Jimmie, he advised he cannot think of this man's last name, but will do so and furnish it to Agent Brown. He stated Jimmie owned a gambling joint on Broadway on either 10th or 12th Avenue in Gary. He further stated that Doc Barker at one time had some money invested in a gambling joint in Gary.

[redacted] also advised that he is acquainted well with this Jimmie due to the fact [redacted]

[redacted] He stated he believed he will

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be able to contact Jimmie, spend a day or two with him, and may be able to establish the truth or falsity of Muchner's statement that he saw Karpis.

[redacted] was again interviewed on the morning of December 10, 1935, at which time he stated he would be ready to proceed to Gary with an Agent of the Bureau at 9.30 A.M. December 11, 1935, at which time he would point out the location of this barbecue, the location of Jimmie's place in Gary, and would then proceed to attempt to learn the information sought.

On December 11, 1935 Agent Suran proceeded with informant [redacted] to Gary, Indiana and informant [redacted] pointed out the Rahutis Gardens located three miles east of the Lake County courthouse at Gary, Indiana on U. S. Highway 12, at the junction of Highways 20 and 12, being the place he had previously referred to as Rahoots or Sahoots. Informant [redacted] stated that to the best of his knowledge the Rahutis Gardens was a legitimate enterprise and did not cater to criminals, but was a popular eating place in the vicinity of Gary. [redacted] also designated the Imperial Hotel, 1336 Washington Street, Gary, Indiana as a place operated five or six years ago by Jimmie, whose last name he stated is Miller.

[redacted] stated that the Kostur Hotel was at that time being operated by Anna Sage.

On the afternoon of December 11, 1935 informant [redacted] communicated with Special Agent Suran by telephone from Gary, Indiana and advised that he had learned that Jimmie Miller was going under the name of George Morris and was operating the Peoples Tavern at 1432 Jefferson Street, Gary, Ind., telephone Gary 5945. He stated he had talked with Morris and had obtained the definite information that Alvin Karpis had been in the company of Morris at the Rahutis Gardens, and that Karpis stayed one night in a hotel operated by a man named Chris, located at 1400 Adams Street, Gary, Indiana. [redacted] stated that Morris had stated that when Karpis left this hotel he stated he was going north. [redacted] described Morris as follows:

Name:	George Morris alias Jimmie Miller
Age:	43 to 45 years
Height:	5 feet 6 inches
Weight:	150 to 155 pounds
Build:	Slender
Complexion:	Dark
Peculiarities:	Prominent thin long nose
Hair:	Black
Nationality:	Partly Greek

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The following was dictated by Special Agent R. DeBrown as to information obtained from informant [redacted] on December 12, 1935, as a result of investigation made by informant [redacted] at Gary, Indiana and vicinity after leaving Special Agent R. C. Suran on December 11, 1935.

[redacted] advised that George Morris was approached with reference to a man known to Morris, George Ziegler, "Doc" Barker, and probably Monty Carter, whose name is George Livingston, formerly connected with the slot machine racket in and around Bensenville, Illinois; that Morris stated that Livingston is a close friend of Elmer Farmer. He advised that he used the name Livingston as a proper approach to Morris, who had been returned to the Indiana State Penitentiary, Michigan City, Indiana, about six weeks ago for a parole violation. [redacted] advised he told Morris he was attempting to spring Livingston and wanted to see some of Livingston's friends in order to obtain additional funds; that Morris told him he would be unable to contribute much in Livingston's behalf. [redacted] then asked Morris if any of the old gang, who were known to Livingston, could be located in Livingston's behalf; that he told Morris Elmer Farmer and "Doc" Barker were in the penitentiary and Fred Goetz was dead, and he did not know how to locate any of those who were still out. He stated Morris then told him that about ten days ago he had seen Alvin Karpis; that Karpis had stayed in Krises place located just a short distance from Morris' place; that Karpis advised him he was making a meet with some people from Chicago about some money; that Karpis spent two days at Krises place and then stated he was going back up north. [redacted] advised he was unable to obtain further information from Morris as to the location of Karpis' northern hideout, and he does not believe Morris knows.

[redacted] advised he spent considerable time in Krises place, which is operated by a Mexican by the name of Christ B. Tahou, at 1400 Adams Street, Gary, Indiana, and which is known as the Rainbow Inn. He furnished Agent Brown with a card on the Rainbow Inn giving the telephone number and other advertising matter. The telephone number is Gary 5037. He advised he noticed this place is frequented almost entirely by Mexicans, and that while in this place some Mexican, whom he had never seen before, in a conversation with another Mexican mentioned Bensenville.

[redacted] advised, as he has advised on previous occasions, that Alvin Karpis and Fred Goetz were very close friends of a



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Mexican named Henry and Henry's brother, name unknown, who worked in Elmer Farmer's tavern in Bensenville. He stated Henry often looked after Karpis' car, having it greased and taken care of, and also acted as Elmer Farmer's agent in taking care of any guns the boys took into Elmer's place. [redacted] went on to state that approximately ten days ago Jim Farmer appeared in a saloon on West Madison Street, at which time Farmer called on a friend and displayed eight \$100.00 bills; that Jim Farmer is making very little money at his present location in Bensenville, and has been practically broke up until this time. [redacted] stated he believes it possible that Jim Farmer obtained this money from Karpis, and that Karpis is attempting to give some assistance to Elmer Farmer; that the Mexican Henry, or his brother, may be the contact for Karpis and may meet him in Gary at the place operated by Tahou, another Mexican.

[redacted] advised he believes, due to his friendship with Henry and his brother, that he can go into Bensenville and learn in a few days whether or not these two Mexican boys are being used as contacts for Karpis. He stated he knows of his own knowledge that they were very close to Karpis at the time Karpis was frequenting Elmer Farmer's place. Another reason for believing this may be the contact is due to the fact that the postmaster at Bensenville, Bartholomew, is strictly a hoodlum, and would act as a post office for these boys.

[redacted] further informed that a man named Flannigan was formerly associated with Fred Goetz and "Doc" Barker in some such slot machine and gambling enterprise in Gary about two years ago; that there was some disagreement and Flannigan was reported dead and did not appear for several months, but is now operating secretly a gambling place somewhere in Gary. He advised that it was generally understood that Fred Goetz, alias George Ziegler, and possibly "Doc" Barker probably tried to kill Flannigan, and that Flannigan may not be a good source of information. [redacted] suggested that Byron Bolton, now in St. Paul in jail, should be interviewed as to this, as Bolton should know all the details.

[redacted] advised a possible source of information at Gary would be [redacted] George Schultz, who is the county organizer for the Lake County Tavern Association. [redacted] advised he believes Schultz has acted as a stool pigeon in the past, and since he is closely allied with all the tavern owners and employees in Lake County he would be a good informant if properly approached for that section.

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On December 13, 1935, Special Agent R. C. Suran again interviewed informant [redacted] and arrangements were made for [redacted] to spend considerable time at Jim Farmer's place in Bensenville, Illinois in an attempt to learn further information from the Mexican known as Henry or his brother.

On December 18, 1935 informant [redacted] was interviewed by Special Agent R. C. Suran. [redacted] advised that he had called at Jim Farmer's place in Bensenville, Illinois and entered into a discussion with Henry, and Henry had advised that Jim Farmer had had some word from Harry Campbell about three weeks prior to this interview, at which time Campbell was supposed to be in Cincinnati, Ohio. [redacted] stated that he could not obtain information concerning the means of communication between Campbell and Farmer, and could only suggest the possibility that the means of communication could easily be had by mail due to the friendly relationship existing between Jim Farmer and Bartholomew, the Postmaster at Bensenville, Illinois. [redacted] further stated that he had been in telephone communication with George Morris at Gary, Indiana, still using the pretext of being interested in the parole of George Livingston, and he was unable to secure any further information from Morris concerning the whereabouts of Karpis. [redacted] stated he would keep in close touch with this situation and immediately advise if he were successful in obtaining any information.

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It was further noted in the above reports that Ada Potts has a little girl of approximately three years of age and is supposed to have another child with her parents whose name and address are unknown.

**ARTHUR POTTS**

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William A. Perry, [REDACTED]  
Mrs. W. G. Wade, [REDACTED]  
Mrs. [REDACTED], [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Hotel, East Chicago, Indiana  
Betty Wade, Palatine, Illinois.

RUTH POTTS

Mrs. John McCain, 6822 Evans Street, Chicago, Illinois.  
J. Benford, Marengo, Oklahoma.  
Oak Manor Improvement Association, 6822 Evans Street, Chicago, Ill.  
Name unknown, Melbourne Avenue, Hollywood, California.  
Name unknown, [REDACTED], Pennsylvania.

MRS. E. A. (JILLIAN) MEAD and CHAS. MEAD.

H. G. Mead, 11810 South Hale Street, Chicago, Illinois.  
Elks Club, 216 Crown Street, New Haven, Connecticut.  
Low Bader, Ringling Bros. Circus, Greensboro, North Carolina.  
E. A. Mead, Union League Club, Chicago, Illinois.  
Name unknown, 308 West Columbia Avenue, Marion, Ohio.  
Name unknown, 308 West Columbia Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Name unknown, Route #2, [REDACTED], Michigan.  
Name unknown, 308 Yellowstone Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.  
Mead & [REDACTED], 308 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Name unknown, 1800 [REDACTED] Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

With reference to William A. Perry, who it will be noted corresponded with Ruth Potts, attention is invited to reference letter from the Jacksonville Bureau Office dated October 30, 1935, which sets forth a newspaper clipping taken from the Sarasota Herald, dated October 25, 1935, reflecting that Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Perry left Sarasota, Florida, to return to their home in East Chicago, Indiana, after a brief visit with Mr. Perry's sister, Mrs. Ruth Potts. Mr. Perry is Superintendent of the Electric Power Division of the Inland Steel Company of East Chicago, Indiana.

Concerning Letha [REDACTED] appears corresponded with Ruth Potts from Lookout [REDACTED], it is believed that these two persons are Mr. and Mrs. William A. Perry and that they mailed a post card from Lookout, while en route from Sarasota, Florida, to their home in East Chicago, Indiana.

In connection with the persons who it appears have corresponded with Mrs. E. A. (Lillian) Mead and her daughter, Glad Mead, the following investigation was conducted:

Agent interviewed Mail Carrier T. A. George at the office of the Washington Heights Post Office, 1234 West 183rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, on December 12, 1935. Carrier George advised that he had carried the route which includes 10559 Seeley Avenue for the past five years. He stated that the residence at this address is owned by Mr. E. A. Mead and that there are presently residing with him his two sons, Charles A. and Edwin A. Mead, Jr.; that there are also living at this address Mr. and Mrs. Walters, who apparently are the caretakers as he has frequently seen Mr. Walters working about the lawn when he has delivered mail there. Carrier George advised that he does not know in what business the senior Mr. Mead is engaged nor does he know the address of his place of employment or business. He stated that George W. Mead, one of the sons is married and is employed as a salesman with the Morton Salt Company in Chicago, Illinois; that another one of the sons, whose name he was never able to learn, is employed with the Wisconsin Steel Company; that the latter son usually leaves the house about the same time when he, the carrier, delivers the afternoon mail there.

Carrier George further advanced the information that Mrs. Mead is now in Florida with her daughter, Glad Mead, having left Chicago to go there on September 12, 1935; that Mrs. Mead and her daughter have visited Florida every winter for the past three or four years and that they usually stayed there about three to four months. He advised that when Mrs. Mead and her daughter returned from Florida in the spring of 1935, Miss Doris Paulk came with them and lived at the Mead residence until Mrs. Mead and her daughter left for Florida on the above indicated date at which time she accompanied them. The carrier described Doris Paulk as Age, 20 to 25; Height 5' 4"; Weight, 125 pounds; Hair, blonde.

Agent questioned carrier George about Ruth Fotts and he advised that he distinctly recalls delivering mail for such a person about one year ago; that he has never seen this individual nor does he know what connection or relation she is to the Mead family. He could add nothing further with respect to this individual.

Agent was further advised by carrier George that Robert G. Mead, another son, lives at 11810 South Hale Street, Chicago, Illinois; that he is married and has two small children; that he and his wife lived with the son's parents until about two years ago at which time they moved to the above address on account of domestic trouble with the parents.

The carrier further stated that the neighbors on either side of the Mead residence are very friendly with the family and in view of this he seriously advised Agent against contacting these persons for further information regarding them, stating that any such inquiry would surely get back to them.

Agent had carrier George examine his removal order book with reference to Ruth Potts and it was noted therein that this individual and Mrs. E. A. Mead filed a removal order on October 3, 1934, requesting that their mail be forwarded to Sarasota, Florida.

A photograph of William Elmer Meade, of Alvin Karpis and of Harry Campbell were exhibited to the mail carrier and he was unable to identify any of them as persons he has seen at 10559 S. Seeley Avenue.

At the Morgan Park Post Office Station, 11807 South Homewood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Agent interviewed carrier Frank E. Burke, who it was learned delivers mail to 11810 South Hale Street. He advised that he has carried this particular route for the past fourteen years and is well acquainted with the persons living on same; that Robert G. Mead resides at the above address and as far as he has been able to ascertain, Robert Mead is employed as a salesman for the Morton Salt Company, Chicago, Illinois. He stated that this individual is married and has two small children and that they have resided at the above address for approximately three years. He further advised that Mrs. R. G. Mead's brother is living with them at the present time, but that he receives very little mail, the last letter being received about two or three weeks ago.

The carrier continued that the address, 11810 South Hale Street is a two-flat building which is owned by Mr. E. D. Eaton and that the Meads reside on the first floor; that Robert Mead receives considerable mail from the Morton Salt Company and it is for this reason that he believes Mead is employed by that concern.



Agent questioned the carrier whether to his knowledge the Meads ever spent any time in Florida and he advised that he is positive that they have not, but that last summer the family went to some place in Michigan where they stayed for two weeks; that at the time they left they furnished him with their forwarding address in Michigan, but since that time he has destroyed same and is therefore unable to state in which city they visited at that time.

On December 12, 1935, Agent called at the Meads' residence, 10559 South Seeley Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and ascertained under pretext that Mr. E. A. Mead is part owner of the Mead & Wheeler Corporation, dealers of office furniture located at 1022 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Agent visited the address, 1022 South Wabash Avenue and observed that this place is a large office furniture house operated and owned by Mead & Wheeler who have a large electric sign hanging on the front side of the place. Agent interviewed Mr. Mead, one of the owners of this company, under pretext, and was advised that his full name is Edwin Allen Mead and that he has been connected with the instant company for the past twenty-seven years. He stated that he is married and has five children, four of them being boys; that their names are Robert G. Mead, who is employed with the Morton Salt Company, A. W. Mead, who is employed with the Armour Company, South Chicago, Illinois, Charles A. Mead, who is employed with the Wisconsin Steel Company and E. R. Mead who is employed with Armour & Company at the Union Stockyards, Chicago, Illinois, and a daughter, Glad Mead, who is presently in Sarasota, Florida, with her mother. He further stated that all of his children with the exception of Robert G. Mead and E. R. Mead reside at home; that Robert Mead lives at 11810 South Hale Street, Chicago, and E. R. Mead resides at 10902 Elgbrooke Street, Chicago, Illinois.

It was further learned from E. A. Mead that his wife has visited Florida every winter for the past five or six years and that she will be down there this time until April of 1936.

With reference to Doris Paulk, who according to mail carrier George, lived with the Meads during the summer of 1935, Mr. Mead advised that she is a native of Florida and the daughter of a prominent dentist in Sarasota who died about three weeks ago; that Mrs. Mead became acquainted with her in the winter of 1934 and that when she and his daughter returned to

Chicago they brought Doris Faulk with them as a companion for his daughter Glad. He stated that she is a young girl of approximately twenty years of age, and is very refined and he has always considered her a suitable companion for his daughter.

Agent questioned Mr. Mead about Ruth Potts and he advised that this girl is a good friend of his wife, she having met her either in 1932 or 1933 in Chicago, Illinois; that Ruth Potts formerly worked for a plastic surgeon until two years ago; that he does not know how she and his wife became acquainted and does not know very much about her past history and her family except that she has a brother living in East Chicago, Indiana, employed with the Illinois Steel Company; that she is married, but is not living with her husband at the present time. He further stated that Ruth Potts is no relation whatsoever to his family and that she at no time resided with them at 10559 South Seeley Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, although he believes she received her mail there during the summer of 1934. He could furnish no further information with respect to the Potts woman stating that he himself has only seen her on two or three occasions.

Inasmuch as Mr. E. A. Mead advised that one of his sons, E. Mead, resides at 10902 Edgbrooke Avenue, Chicago, no investigation will be conducted at that address in connection with the letter delivered to Mrs. Lillian Mead at Sarasota, Florida, bearing the return address of E. Mead, 10902 Edgbrooke Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Any further investigation with respect to the Mead family will be suspended until such time when more information is received which would definitely establish that Mrs. Mead is a contact for Ruth Potts in connection with the association of the Potts woman with Edith Barry or members of this mob.

Concerning Mrs. John McCain, who it will be noted corresponded considerably with Mrs. Ada Potts, sister-in-law of Mrs. Ruth Potts, Agent interviewed Carrier Louis Morrison, who delivers mail out of the Grand Crossing Post Office Station to 6822 Evans Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Carrier Morrison advised that the above address is at the present time solely occupied by the McCain family and that it is his

belief that the senior McCain owns this residence although he is not certain as to this. He stated that there are three brothers in the family named John, William and Daniel E., who appear to be living at this address at the present time. John McCain is married to a young girl approximately twenty years of age whom he had seen for the first time about six weeks ago; that he does not know where Mrs. John McCain is from, but that he noted that she had received considerable mail from Sarasota, Florida, within the past month; that on one occasion when he delivered mail to the above address Mrs. McCain met him on the porch and anxiously inquired whether he had any mail for her from Florida, stating that it was very important and on another occasion when he gave her a letter from Florida she made the remark that she expected some good news in the letter.

Agent was further advised by the carrier that John McCain does not appear to be working as he sees him almost every time he delivers mail there; that about a week ago he noted while passing their home, a red-headed woman and Mrs. McCain step into an old model automobile bearing North Dakota license plates; that this car contained John McCain and two other men who were total strangers to him. He stated that the two women appeared somewhat intoxicated and raised considerable disturbance in getting into the car.

He continued that Daniel E. McCain and William McCain are apparently working for the city of Chicago as they both have been getting checks and a little literature from the Mayor's office, ever since he has been delivering mail to that address. He could furnish no further information regarding this family and advised that he does not believe that the neighbors of the McCains are very friendly with them and stated that he believed it would be all right to talk with them for further information they might have concerning this family. This will be done if it develops that Ruth Potts or Ada Potts are definitely connected with Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell.

The following investigation was reported by  
Special Agent John L. Madala:

On November 20, 1935, Captain Daniel Gilbert, Chief Investigator of the State's Attorney's office, Cook County, Illinois, advised Special Agent R. D. Brown that an informant for his office whose name he would not reveal advised that one Jimmy Dicker of Des Moines, Iowa, has been or is now cashing bonds and big bills for subjects Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell; that these bonds and bills are supposed to be concealed on a farm near Des Moines, the location and ownership of which the informant has as yet been unable to ascertain. Captain Gilbert further advised that according to his informant subjects Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell will contact Jimmy Dicker either on November 22 or 23, 1935.

It might be stated that Captain Gilbert informed Agent Brown that his informant has been very reliable in many instances in the past and has offered unusually fine information to his office. In addition to the above information the informant advised him that Karpis likewise has a contact point at some tavern on 63rd Street in Chicago, Illinois, however, he diplomatically refused to furnish Agent Brown with the address and name of this tavern. He stated, however, that his man will install a tap at this address in the near future and in this connection inquired whether the Chicago Bureau Office would want to assign Agents to assist them in maintaining this tap. Agent Brown advised him that this would not be necessary.

It should be further noted that when Captain Gilbert was first contacted by Agent Brown in order to create a further interest in this matter, he was advised that the Chicago Bureau Office was very much interested in the information he had furnished with respect to Jimmy Dicker and that an investigation predicated on this information will be conducted at Des Moines, Iowa. He stated that he would be glad to cooperate with the Chicago Bureau Office in this instance and desired that he be contacted personally should any further inquiries be made. He stated that he would like very much to join with the Chicago Bureau Office in being responsible for the capture of Alvin Karpis due to the fact that in his opinion this would undoubtedly help to show the criminal element that they could not remain in this city. Captain Gilbert was advised by Agent Brown that the Bureau would be very pleased to cooperate with his office and to receive any information that he might obtain. He, however, refused to suggest the name of his informant or to furnish any further information.

A summary of the foregoing information was transmitted to the Omaha Bureau Office by teletype message on November 20, 1935, with the request that an immediate check be made to ascertain the identification and reputation of Jimmy Dicker and if he is located arrangements should be made to suitably cover him.

On November 21, 1935, a teletype was received from the Omaha Bureau Office requesting that Captain Gilbert be again interviewed for further information relative to Jimmy Dicker, particularly as to his Des Moines, Iowa, address, hang-outs, contacts, etc.

On the same date another teletype was received from the Omaha Bureau Office in which they stated that they were unable to locate Jimmy Dicker at Des Moines, Iowa, but located a man known as Jimmy Dickerson, a bootlegger, presently employed as a cook at the Valley Drive Tavern; that he is approximately 49 years of age, five feet seven inches, weighing 140 pounds, with brown and gray hair, blue eyes, slender face and shell rim glasses. It was suggested by the Omaha Office that this information be submitted to Captain Gilbert for submission to his informant in order to determine whether Dickerson is identical with Jimmy Dicker.

On the same date Agent Brown again contacted Captain Gilbert with reference to the above matter, at which time Captain Gilbert advised that he would probably be able to contact his informant on the following day. He was specifically requested by Agent Brown to check again through his informant the name of the contact in Des Moines, Iowa, and to obtain further information as to this contact's description, business and location, which Captain Gilbert agreed to do.

The Omaha Bureau Office was advised by teletype to the effect that Captain Gilbert would be unable to contact his informant for several days and that he had no further information in the matter.

Since that time further efforts to contact Captain Gilbert with respect to this matter were made without success, however another effort will be made to interview him at which time the photograph of Jimmy Dickerson which was furnished to this Office with the report of Special Agent W. P. Ellwood, dated at Omaha, Nebraska, December 6, 1935, will be submitted to him in order that he may exhibit same to his informant for the purpose of determining whether this individual is identical with Jimmy Dicker.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 30, 1935 instructing that further interview be had with Ruth Heidt with regard to the allegation that Willie Harrison told her certain members of the gang were living in Florida, which indiscretion on the part of Harrison is stated by Davis to have been the motive for members of the gang murdering Harrison. On December 11, 1935 Special Agents J. L. Madala and R.C. Suran located Ruth Heidt who is presently residing at 156 1/2 Sibley St. Apartment 25, Hammond, Indiana. Ruth Heidt is now Mrs. Frank Jackson, and she resides at the above address with her husband. In keeping with her usual attitude she denied knowing members of the gang other than those with whom she was arrested in Chicago, Illinois on January 8, 1935. She also continued to deny that any of these individuals visited her father's place near Gary, Indiana. When questioned concerning the alleged statement made to her by Harrison, she emphatically denied that any such statement had ever been made. She stated she did not know until questioned after her arrest at Chicago that Willie Harrison had ever been to Florida, and she denied she had ever met Fred or Kate Barker.

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Special Agent R. C. Suran on December 5, 1935, conducted the following investigation in connection with the information set out in the report of Special Agent W. R. Ramsey, San Francisco, California dated November 21, 1935, to the effect that William Elmer Mead had his Lincoln car serviced in the United Motors Garage on Wabash Avenue in Chicago.

Agent Suran determined that the United Motors Service is located at 2549 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. F. H. Klich, Assistant Manager was interviewed in connection with this matter. He was unable to identify the photograph of William Elmer Mead as being a customer of the United Motors Service. Agent Suran also interviewed Mr. E. E. Heighley, service manager, as well as other employees of the service station - Messrs. Otis Maidoo, Wilbur Lyden and R. W. O'Connor, all of whom failed to recognize the photograph of William Elmer Mead. Mr. Heighley caused a search to be made of the records under the following aliases known to have been used by Mead: J. W. Mead, J. W. Reed, J. E. Parker, John H. Foster, Edwin Gayner, Charles E. Carter, C. C. Chase, John J. Meadows, C. E. Lane, C. E. Charles, C. F. Lane, Frank Taylor, and J. W. Longworth, but in no instance could a customers record be located. However a customers record was located under the name of E. M. Meade, who on June 18, 1934 gave as his address 1428 East 86th Place, Chicago, Illinois, at which time this individual had a Studebaker serviced at the United Motors Service. None of the persons interviewed however, could state that E. M. Meade was identical with William Elmer Mead. Further investigation will be conducted at 1428 East 86th Place to ascertain if this individual is identical with William Elmer Mead.

The report of Special Agent Ramsey further reflects that Charles Baxter advised that on one occasion the Lincoln sedan owned by William Elmer Mead was serviced at a garage specializing in the repair of Lincoln and Cadillac cars, situated within two blocks of the Bryn Mawr Station of the Illinois Central Railway in South Chicago, Illinois. Agent Suran recalled that during the investigation in an effort to locate Homer Wilson alias Big Homer, investigation was conducted at the F. O. R. Service, 7050 Clyde Ave. Chicago, where it was learned that Big Homer from time to time had his Cadillac car serviced there, and that Louis Alterie was also a customer of this garage. Agent Suran therefore interviewed Messrs. Reynolds and Frantz who operate this garage, and inquiry was made as to whether they had in the past serviced a Lincoln Sedan registered in the name of C. C. Chase, it being noted in the report of Special Agent J. M. Jones, Chicago, Illinois dated July 18, 1935 that William Elmer Mead at one time had been

in possession of a Lincoln Sedan bearing motor number 71196, which car was registered in the name of Mrs. G. C. Chase. Both Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Fransan stated that they could recall no customer by the name of Chase. Agent Suran then displayed to them the photograph of William Elmer Mead and Mr. Reynolds immediately identified it as being an individual known to him as W. E. Mead, who during the latter part of 1933 and the first part of 1934 was a customer of the F. O. R. Service. Mr. Reynolds stated that he recalled that during the summer or latter part of 1933 a young man supposed to be the son of William Elmer Mead wrecked the Lincoln Sedan which was the property of Mead, and that Mead had been referred to the F. O. R. Service by an individual named Frank Reynolds. He stated that Mead apparently was a close associate of Frank Reynolds, the latter having been a customer of the F. O. R. Service for approximately four years; that Reynolds also associated with three other individuals - a man named C. V. Martin, a man named O'Leary, and a third man whose name neither Mr. Reynolds nor Mr. Fransan could recall. A photograph of Kate Mead was also displayed to these individuals and Mr. Reynolds immediately recognized it as being Mrs. W. E. Mead, but stated that it was not a very good likeness of her.

Concerning the other individuals mentioned, Mr. Reynolds stated that Frank Reynolds drove a 1931 Cadillac sedan bearing motor number 810128 and in 1933 this car bore Mississippi license 35987; that C. V. Martin also drove a 1931 Cadillac sedan bearing motor number 804980. He stated that during the time that these persons were frequenting his garage, Reynolds was residing in the East End Park Hotel and Martin was living at Cedar Lake, Illinois, and W. E. Mead was residing at 1833 Fargo Street, Chicago, Ill. telephone Sheldrake 7559. According to Mr. Reynolds he understood Mead owned the building in which he lived. Mr. Reynolds advised that Frank Reynolds and Martin were men of small stature, about fifty-five years of age, and extremely neat in dress, while O'Leary was also a small man, but a few years younger, than the other two. Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Fransan advised that early in 1934 they observed the photographs of Reynolds, Martin, O'Leary and the fourth unknown man in the Chicago American newspaper, these individuals having been arrested in the south side of Chicago for participating in a confidence game, and as near as they could recall the fraud related to an attempt on the part of these individuals to defraud a man from Ohio of the sum of \$50,000.00. They could recall no further details concerning this. They stated that this was the first time that they knew definitely that these men were "crooked", but Reynolds stated that on one occasion he became suspicious of them when the man who had been using the name of Frank Reynolds was addressed as "Jack" by the man known to the garage as Mr. Martin.

Mr. Reynolds suggested that perhaps Mead may have been arrested with these persons, inasmuch as none of them have appeared at the garage since that time. He stated further that on several occasions he had played golf with Martin and Reynolds at the Coghill Golf and Country Club, the address of which is given as 119th Street in the Chicago telephone directory. Mr. Reynolds stated however that he never observed William Elmer Mead on this golf course. The photographs of all of the Barker-Karpis gang were displayed to Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Fransen but they failed to identify any of them.

Agent Suran then interviewed Mr. Griffith of the Confidence Detail, Chicago Police Department, but he was unable to identify the case in question from information furnished. He stated that at the time Mead was arrested no other individuals were with him. This information is reflected in the letter to the St. Paul office from the Chicago office dated January 27, 1934, which states that William Elmer Mead was arrested at 2870 Sheridan Road, on August 10, 1933 as a fugitive from Lima, Ohio; that he was returned to Lima, Ohio and later forfeited a \$30,000.00 bond.

On December 12, 1935 Special Agent Suran conducted investigation at 1428 East 66th Place, Chicago, which address was given by one E.M. Mead on June 12, 1934 at the time he had his Studebaker serviced at the United Motors Service, 2549 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Agent Suran interviewed a Mrs. McGinnis who occupies the third floor flat of the three flat building at this address. Mrs. McGinnis stated that she had resided at that address for the past two years, and was acquainted with all the tenants residing therein. She was shown the photograph of William Elmer Mead and stated positively that none of the tenants in the building resembled this photograph. She stated that Mr. E. W. Mead, who occupied the first floor apartment operated a filling station somewhere on the south side of Chicago.

On December 6, 1935 Special Agent Suran interviewed Mrs. G. A. Barker, wife of the janitor at 1533 Fargo Avenue, Chicago. Mrs. Barker stated that Mrs. Mead had not returned to her home and that neither she nor her husband had any information concerning Mrs. Mead's present whereabouts. The photograph bearing the name of Fern Davis which was forwarded to the Chicago office by the Bureau advising that Fern Davis was identical with Mrs. Mead, was exhibited to Mrs. Barker and she stated definitely that it was not a photograph of the Marie Mead who resided at 1533 Fargo Ave. However, it will be noted that Mr. Reynolds of the F. O. R. Service, had previously said that this photograph was the likeness of a woman known to him as Mrs. Mead, whom he had seen in company with William Elmer Mead at

the garage at 7050 Clyde Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Charles P. Kenning, real estate, 1456 West Jarvis Avenue, Chicago was again interviewed and likewise stated that Mrs. Mead had not returned to her home and that he had received no information as to her present whereabouts. Mr. Kenning was shown a photograph of Fern Davis and he likewise stated that it was not a photograph of Marie Mead.

On December 7, 1935 Agent Suran interviewed Postal Carrier Certel, Rogers Park Post Office sub-station, who had previously been interviewed by Agent Sullivan. Mr. Certel stated that he has been in conversation with Mr. G. A. Barker, janitor at the address 1533 Fargo Avenue and Mr. Barker had advised him he had received no information concerning the whereabouts of Kate Mead. Mr. Barker makes his home at 1817 West Fargo Avenue. Mr. Certel stated that Barker had advised him however, that the lights, gas and telephone in Mrs. Mead's apartment had been disconnected which indicated to him that she did not intend to return at any time in the near future. It will be noted in report of Special Agent R.D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois dated November 11, 1935 that at the time Agent Sullivan conducted an investigation at 1533 Fargo, there were three letters contained in the mail box of Mrs. Mead. At the time of Agent Suran's investigation it was noted that these letters had been removed. Mr. Certel advised Agent Suran that after he once placed mail in Mrs. Mead's mail box he did not remove it to return it to the sender, although the letters remained there for some time. He advised that during the winter of 1934 when Mrs. Mead was away for several months, the mail began to accumulate in the box and that he removed the same and returned it to the senders, and after Mrs. Mead's return she was very indignant because he had done this, and issued specific instructions that in the future he should keep his "G--d -- hands off of her mail after he once deposited it in the mail box". He stated that he noticed that the letters which had been delivered to 1533 Fargo for Mrs. Mead had disappeared from the mail box, but he had no information as to who may have removed the same. Mr. Certel described Mrs. Marie Mead whom he had seen on many occasions, as being about five feet six inches in height, age about fifty years, build heavy, hair blonde. He was shown the photograph of Fern Davis and stated that it was not a likeness of Mrs. Marie Mead.

Mrs. M. E. Rabin, owner of the Jarvis Garage, 1512 Jarvis Ave. was interviewed by Agent Suran. Mrs. Rabin stated that she had obtained no information concerning Mrs. Mead since last being interviewed by Agent Sullivan. She advised that William Elmer Mead had at one time kept a Lincoln Sedan in her garage, and she identified photograph of William Elmer Mead as being this individual. She was also shown the photograph of Fern

Davis and stated definitely that it was not a photograph of Mrs. Mead and bore no resemblance to her whatever.

Mr. G. A. Barker was again interviewed for the purpose of determining what disposition would be made of Mrs. Mead's mail if any were received. Mr. Barker stated that when he observed any first class mail addressed to Mrs. Mead in the mail box, and the box was full, he would take the first class mail and push it under Mrs. Mead's apartment door, and that if there were any advertisements he would destroy them. He was questioned as to whether there had been any first class mail in her box since her departure and he stated definitely that there had not been; that the only piece of mail which he had observed was an advertisement, which he had destroyed. Mr. Barker likewise failed to identify the photograph of Fern Davis as being a likeness of Mrs. Mead.

Report of Special Agent R. B. Brown, Chicago, Illinois dated November 11, 1935, it will be noted states that one of the letters observed by Agent Sullivan in the mail box of Mrs. Mead bore the return address of Doctors Lyman and McLean, 10 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois. Agent Suran interviewed Doctor D. R. McLean who advised that his office specializes in industrial work doing the medical work for various insurance companies. He was asked if his office had as a patient a Mrs. Marie Mead, but was unable to locate a record of this woman ever having been a patient of his office. He did locate however, what is known as a risk card, indicating that Mrs. Marie Mead, 1535 Jarvis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois had obtained an industrial policy protecting her against any liability which might arise as the outgrowth of her ownership of the building at 1535 West Fargo Avenue. Doctor McLean stated that this policy was in the New Amsterdam Insurance Co. Doctor McLean was asked if he would have any occasion to communicate with Mrs. Mead in connection with this policy and he advised that the only communications which he would address to Mrs. Mead would be advising her of the name of a doctor located in the near vicinity to the apartment house, which doctor could be used in case of an emergency. Doctor McLean stated that the present policy would not expire until the year 1937. Doctor McLean at Agent Suran's suggestion communicated with a Mrs. Frieberg, of the New Amsterdam Insurance Company and ascertained from Mrs. Frieberg that the broker who sold the insurance to Mrs. Mead was Mr. W. C. Kenning, 1616-A Insurance Exchange Building. Doctor McLean requested Mrs. Frieberg to communicate with Mr. Kenning to ascertain the latest address of Mrs. Mead in the possession of Mr. Kenning, the insurance company having the address of 1535 West Fargo Ave. Mrs. Frieberg later communicated by telephone with Doctor McLean and advised him that she had talked with Mr. W. C. Kenning and had received the information that the address of 1535 West Fargo Avenue was Mrs. Mead's legal

Residence but she was away from that place a good deal of the time; that however, if the insurance company or the doctor's office had any mail to send to Mrs. Mead the same should be addressed to the Kenning Real Estate Company, 1436 West Jarvis Street, and the proper disposition of same would be made there. This would indicate that perhaps Mr. Charles P. Kenning knows the present whereabouts of Mrs. Mead and is forwarding mail to her.

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By letter dated December 24, 1935, the Bureau was advised of the failure of the various individuals who are well acquainted with Mrs. Mead to identify the photograph related to in the foregoing pages. A copy of this photograph was forwarded to the San Francisco office with the request that it be ascertained whether any individuals in the San Francisco Bureau office district could identify the photograph of Fern Davis as being a likeness of Kate Mead.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE: At Knox, Indiana will conduct investigation concerning E. FOUST who was with Ruth Potts at Sarasota, Florida. Investigation should be conducted concerning Mr. Foust's reputation, background and his connection with Ruth Potts.

At East Chicago, Indiana Will conduct investigation at 3515 Grand Avenue to determine whether any other persons are residing with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Perry, relatives of Ruth Potts, who might be associated with Karpis and Campbell.



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At Gary, Indiana will discreetly approach George Schultz, County Organizer, Lake County Tavern Association, with the idea in mind of developing Schultz into an informant, as it will be noted informant [redacted] has advised that Schultz would possibly be a good source of information and through this manner it might be determined if Karpis and Campbell are hiding out in the vicinity of Gary, Indiana.

Further at Gary, Indiana will endeavor to develop an informant to frequent the Peoples Tavern, 1432 Jefferson St. which is operated by George Morris, who is alleged to have been recently in touch with Alvin Karpis at the Rahutis Gardens, Gary, Indiana.

Will likewise endeavor to develop an informant to frequent the Rainbow Inn, 1400 Adams St. Gary, operated by one Christ D. Tabor, as it is alleged Karpis recently stayed overnight at this place.

The Indianapolis office should conduct other investigation at Gary as may seem appropriate, to determine if Karpis was in fact at the Rainbow Inn, or in company with George Morris. The Indianapolis office should keep in mind that confidential informant [redacted] is keeping in touch with George Morris, and no investigation should be conducted which would interfere with [redacted] efforts in this regard.

ST. PAUL OFFICE: At St. Paul, Minnesota should interview Byron Bolton at the Ramsey County Jail to obtain from him any information he may have concerning the alleged attempted assassination of one Flannigan by Doc Barker and Fred Goetz. He should be questioned concerning whether Flannigan would be a contact for Karpis or Campbell in the vicinity of Gary, Indiana.

CHICAGO OFFICE: At Chicago, Illinois will again contact Captain Daniel Gilbert of the States Attorney's office, and request him to present the photograph of Jimmie Dickerson to his informant to ascertain if this individual is identical with Jimmie Dicker alleged contact of Karpis and Campbell.

Will keep in close contact with [redacted] Superintendent of the Rogers Park Post Office Station, Chicago, to determine what action is taken by any individual [redacted] registered letter forwarded by the Jacksonville [redacted] W. Head, 1895 Fargo Street, in an effort to determine if any [redacted] forwarding will to Kate and W. E. Head.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT Kansas City, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE 12-29-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-11 to 22-35	REPORT MADE BY A. J. Norstrum rkd
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O. #1218, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Person resembling Subject Karpis observed by Sheriff A. W. Wilson at Larned, Kansas, on December 21, 1935, but no indication that he contacted Charles Cheatham. Surveillance by local authorities being maintained on the activities of Milton Letts, Ted Thornton and Earl Morris at Nevada, Mo., and covers placed on all mail received by these individuals. Interviews with Gus Hout, Carthage, Mo., fail to elicit information of value. Investigation conducted to determine if Blackie Doyle is contacting Dr. Nicholas Jaime, Kansas City, Mo. Correspondents Mr. E. Blaine of Joplin, Mo. and Kansas City, Mo., not located. No registration of Plymouth Sedan, motor #PJ-322772 in Kansas City District.

**Reference:**

Report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, dated 12-11-35; Report of A. J. Norstrum dated Kansas City, Mo., 12-9-35; Report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Denver, Colo., dated 12-9-35; Letter from Bureau to Kansas City office dated 11-30-35; Letter from Kansas City office to Bureau dated 12-5-35; Letter from Cleveland office dated 12-12-35.

**Details:**

With reference to report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Mo., dated 12-11-35, it is to be noted that previous investigation indicated that Alvin Karpis was probably contacting Charles Cheatham, a parolee out of the State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, presently residing at Larned, Kansas. As noted in reference report, Special Agent S. B. Brown

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on December 10, 1935, proceeded to Larned, Kansas, to be available at that point for any information received by Charles Price at that place relative to a possible visit by Subject Karpis. Immediately upon arrival of Agent Brown he contacted Sheriff A. W. Wilson and County Attorney Strobel and obtained practically the same information which had been furnished Agent F. L. Welch, and which is contained in reference report of Special Agent Spear.

On December 16, 1935, Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Chicago, Ill., was telephonically advised by Special Agent in Charge W. A. Smith that nothing of consequence had developed at Larned, Kansas, a check of the telephone calls and mail of Charles Cheatham resulting in nothing of value. Mr. Connelley advised that since Sheriff Wilson appeared to be an aggressive individual arrangements should be made to have Price notify him in the event anything turned up and to have the Sheriff take immediate action should he return. Mr. Connelley further advised that if an arrangement of this kind were worked out it would not be necessary to have an Agent stay at Larned.

It was suggested to Mr. Connelley that it might be advisable to approach Miss Mary Campbell, a girl friend of Cheatham, who is fearful he may be sent back to prison as a parole violator, and endeavor to have her obtain such information as possible. Mr. Connelley felt this might not be desirable however, inasmuch as it might cause her to become panicky and tell Cheatham all about it, in which event Cheatham might tell Karpis to stay away from him if Karpis did intend to contact him. Mr. Connelley also stated it might be well to have the Sheriff contact Miss Campbell as she had contacted the Sheriff in the first place relative to Cheatham associating with Karpis to ascertain what her attitude was, both toward Cheatham and toward any association he might have with Karpis, and if it appeared she was friendly toward Sheriff Wilson and unfriendly toward Cheatham it might be possible to obtain further information from her. Accordingly, Agent Brown conferred with Sheriff Wilson and Under-Sheriff Rowe and it was agreed that Under-Sheriff Rowe would again contact Miss Campbell at the first opportunity. Deputy Sheriff Rowe advised Agent Brown he believed he could, due to his friendly relations with Miss Campbell, obtain valuable information, and that should she indicate that she wished to cooperate with his office and the Bureau in the location and apprehension of Karpis, and if from his conversation with her he should deem it advisable that an Agent talk to her, he would immediately notify the Kansas City office. Sheriff Wilson advised that he would contact Price and advise him of Agent Brown's departure from Larned, and that Price should immediately get in touch with his office should the person believed to be Karpis again get in contact with Charles Cheatham. Sheriff Wilson further advised that should these persons again return to Larned he would make every effort to successfully identify them before endeavoring to take them into custody. Under-Sheriff Rowe further advised that he had a neice working in the telephone office at Larned who would keep him advised concerning any long distance calls placed or received by Charles Cheatham. In accordance with previous instructions, Agent Brown returned to the Kansas City office.

At about 8:30 PM on Dec. 21, 1935, Sheriff Wilson telephonically contacted the Kansas City Bureau office and advised that he had seen a person whom he positively believed to be Karpis loitering in a pool hall at Larned that evening, but had made no effort to apprehend him. Special Agents V. L. Parry, F. L. Welch, H. O. Scott and A. J. Norstrum immediately proceeded to Larned and contacted Sheriff Wilson at his home on the early morning of December 22, 1935. Wilson related that about 6:30 PM the previous evening he received an anonymous telephone call to go immediately to Gilbert's pool hall in Larned. Proceeding there he made suitable inquiry but was unable to discover the reason for the call. As he was about to leave a young man whom he described as about 25 years of age, 5'10" in height, 130 pounds in weight, wearing a dark felt hat worn well down over his eyes, and a dark blue jacket, brushed past him on his way out of the hall. He further advised that he immediately noticed from a profile view that this person bore a striking resemblance to Karpis. Sheriff Wilson stated he made no effort to apprehend him, in that this individual kept his hand in his jacket pocket in a rather menacing manner, which indicated to Wilson that this individual was carrying a pistol. After this person left the pool hall Wilson walked out in an effort to follow him, but found that he had disappeared. He then immediately contacted Price, who related that both he and Cheatham had worked late at the garage and that no one had contacted Cheatham during that time. Sheriff Wilson believed that inquiries by the interviewing Agents would arouse suspicion and he advised he would make all possible inquiries himself and if anything of value was found he would immediately report the same. However, inquiry by Sheriff Wilson failed to indicate the identity or whereabouts of this individual and the Agents returned to Kansas City, with the assurance that Wilson would make every effort to gain all possible information. Sheriff Wilson further advised that no effort had been made as yet to contact Mary Campbell, but same would be done at an early date. Sheriff Wilson states Cheatham is in constant fear of violating his parole at the Kansas State Penitentiary, in that same was granted for his part in frustrating an escape plot and if he were returned to that institution he felt his fellow convicts would harm him. For this reason Wilson was somewhat skeptical about Karpis contacting Cheatham, in that this escape plot occurred prior to the time Karpis was released from the Penitentiary and that he probably had knowledge of Cheatham's participation therein. However, Sheriff Wilson will again be contacted at an early date for any further information that he may have concerning Karpis' alleged contacts with Cheatham.

Referring to report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrum, Kansas City, Mo., dated 12-9-35 relative to Ted Thorton and Earl Morris, associates of Jimmy Murphy White. On Dec. 18, 1935, discreet inquiry by Special Agent Norstrum and Special Agent A. E. Farland at Fort Scott, Kansas, developed information that Ted Thorton and Earl Morris were presently operating the tavern located on the Kansas State line between Fort Scott, Kansas, and Nevada, Mo. Thorton was then contacted at his residence at 303 E. Hickory St., Nevada, Mo., where he and his wife are presently residing with Earl Morris and his wife. He informed he was well acquainted in the vicinity of South Coffeyville, Okla., having operated the Silver Slipper Night Club at that place in partnership with Charles McCabe, as well as having worked at Tom Hill's Night Club. He further related that he had known a great many criminal characters

who had frequented that vicinity in years past, but all of those were now dead or in the Penitentiary. He denied any acquaintance with either Harry Campbell or Alvin Karpis, altho he had heard the names mentioned in conversation and had read a great deal about them in newspapers. He was at a loss to furnish any information concerning Campbell or Karpis and stated he had not heard of either individual being in South Coffeyville subsequent to 1932. He further informed that he himself had never engaged in any criminal activity and had always worked at some legitimate occupation and had no desire to mix in with any criminal characters that would in any way impair his standing in the community.

Earl Morris was also interviewed and advised he could not furnish any information concerning either Campbell or Karpis, never having met either of these individuals or any of their associates. He related that he had lived with Jimmy White in Washington, D. C. for a period of two weeks while the Shrine Convention was in session in that City during the early part of this year, but at no time had White ever brought to his attention the fact that he was acquainted with William Weaver, Karpis, or Campbell. He stated he first met White during the Spring of 1935 when that individual stopped at South Coffeyville for a short visit, but that he had never been aware that White had any criminal record or contacts other than that he had served a term in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, the details of which White had never discussed. Morris related that altho he had worked for Tom Hill at South Coffeyville for a number of years as a bartender and altho he knew some criminals in that vicinity he had never met Karpis or Campbell and knew nothing about them. Both he and Thorton were advised that the Bureau would pay a sum of money for confidential information leading to Campbell and Karpis' arrest and both promised to cooperate in the event they obtained any information concerning these fugitives.

During a conversation with Sergeant Charles Newman of the Missouri Highway Patrol at Joplin, Mo., Newman advised his office, as well as Sheriff Kurt M. Dutton at Nevada, Mo., had been scrutinizing all activities both at the tavern and at Thorton home since Thorton's arrival at Nevada. He advised that Sheriff Dutton had required Thorton to employ a Deputy Sheriff at the tavern at all times and had taken the further precaution to obtain employment for an informant at the tavern, because of the fact that Thorton had formerly lived at South Coffeyville, which town was well known for its hoodlum characters. In cooperation with Sheriff Dutton they had enlisted the aid of several informants near the Thorton home in Nevada who were immediately reporting all suspicious activities at the place, as well as the presence of any strangers. At that time nothing of any importance had occurred at either place, but Sergeant Newman advised that in the event anything occurred he would be glad to cooperate with the Bureau. He further related he was keeping a close check on all automobiles and their occupants at the Thorton home and would furnish the Bureau with any information concerning same that he might obtain.

Concerning the Old Shartrell Club House, Noel, Mo., mentioned in reference report of Agent Norstrum as a possible hideout for Campbell, Newman advised he had conducted an investigation in that vicinity and had noted the occupants of the Club

House but that none had proved to be wanted fugitives. He advised further that Clay Parker, Deputy Sheriff at Noel, Mo., had succeeded in obtaining the services of an informant who is well acquainted with the place and who would report all suspicious happenings or the presence of wanted individuals. Newman further advised that since his department had arrested Tom Carpenter at the home of Bert Daugherty at Neosho, Mo., he had maintained a close watch over the place and felt that the presence of either Campbell or Karpis at that place would be immediately reported to him.

On December 19, 1935, Special Agent in Charge Brantley of the Oklahoma City office telephonically advised Special Agent M. C. Spear that Milton Lett, who had been previously contacted by Special Agent Paul Hanson of the Oklahoma City office was going in with Ted Thornton to operate a Night Club at Nevada, Mo., and accordingly Lett was going to spend considerable time at Nevada. Mr. Brantley mentioned that Lett might be the post office through which contact was made with the fugitive subjects in this case and suggested that a mail cover be placed on the mail including register, general delivery, and parcel post. Accordingly, Agent Norstrum immediately contacted John M. Moss, Postmaster at Nevada, Mo., and a thorough search was made of all registered mail receipts for the month of December, 1935, but no receipts were found to indicate that either Lett or Thornton had received mail at that post office. They will be requested to provide a list of registered mail for all first class, registered, and parcel post mail received at Nevada, Mo., and the request was also made to cover on all the mail of Lett, Thornton, and telephone numbers at the Nevada City office. Lett with Postmaster Moss and he immediately wire to telephone the Kansas City office to check any registered mail received for any of these individuals. No effort will be made to contact Lett at Nevada, Mo., in that it is noted he is an informant with the Oklahoma City office and it is felt that Sheriff Dutton can more readily from his informants obtain all pertinent information concerning Lett's present activities and contacts.

While in the vicinity of Carthage, Mo., interview was had with Gus Haut, at the Jasper County Jail, where he is presently incarcerated awaiting prosecution for the theft of an automobile at Carthage. It is noted that Haut is mentioned in report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrum dated 12-9-35 as a possible contact of Harry Campbell. Haut advised he had last seen Harry Campbell two and a half months ago at the Lassen Hotel, Wichita, Kansas, and had contacted him through Little Steve Stephens, who operates the Cotton Club, 20th and Central Streets, Wichita, Kansas. Haut was questioned concerning his acquaintance with Jess Doyle, Volney Davis, Irish O'Malley, and Jimmie Lawson, and advised he knew them all very well. It is noted, however, Davis, Lawson, and Doyle denied ever having known this individual. In view of his general boastful demeanor little credence is placed in Haut's information. A lead will be set out to interview Stephens in connection with further investigation conducted along this line.

Referring to report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Denver, Colo., dated 12-9-35, where



in it is noted that one G. Hinds of the Great Northern Hotel, Joplin, Mo., was a correspondent with William G. Meade while Meade was incarcerated in the State Penitentiary, Canyon City, Colo., from 6-23 to Sept. 14, 1935. Mrs. Eva Waugh, Manager of the Great Northern Hotel was contacted by Special Agent A. J. Norstrum and she advised she had been in active management of the above mentioned Hotel for nine years, but during that time never recalled having a guest known as G. Hinds. She further informed she had no registration available from the period 1923 to 1925, and that it would be an impossible task to check the registrations subsequent to that date in that they were not filed in alphabetical order. She was shown a photograph of William E. Meade and failed to identify it as the likeness of anyone she had ever known. Inquiry at the Post Office and of Ed Portley, Chief of Detectives, Joplin, Mo., as well as a check of the City Directory, failed to reveal a G. Hinds as ever having resided at Joplin, Mo.

Investigation at Kansas City, Mo., by Special Agent Norstrum also failed to indicate the present whereabouts of Henry C. Smith, Suite 705, Ridge Arcade, mentioned in reference report of Special Agent Gere as a correspondent of William E. Meade while incarcerated in the Colorado State Penitentiary. It is to be noted that altho there is a Ridge Building in Kansas City there is not Ridge Arcade. Inquiry of the present tenants of the Ridge Building failed to reveal a Henry C. Smith as ever having had offices in that building, and inquiry at the Post Office Kansas City, Mo., as well as a check of the City directory failed to reveal a Henry C. Smith as presently residing in Kansas City.

With reference to the letter from the Cleveland Office to all field offices dated December 20, 1935, concerning a 1935 Plymouth Sedan PJ-373722, a letter has been received from Carl Newcomer, Motor Vehicle Commissioner, Topeka, Kansas, advising that no registration covering this automobile was in his files at the present time. However he advised that a "stop" card has been placed on the above automobile and in the event anyone attempts to register this car the Kansas City office will be notified. A similar letter has also been received from Dwight H. Brown, Secretary of State, Jefferson City, Mo., advising that there is no record of the above car ever having been registered in the State of Missouri. It is to be noted that the Motor Vehicle Department in the State of Missouri has no facility for placing "stop" cards, but suitable inquiry will be made from time to time after the first of the year to determine whether this car has been registered.

Reference is made to the letter from the Bureau dated 11-30-35 and a letter from the Kansas City office to the Bureau dated 12-5-35, relating to an interview with Dr. Nicholas Jaime, 2045 Broadway, who was believed to be treating Subject Lloyd "Blackie" Doyle for a gun shot wound which was received at St. Joseph, Missouri, a few months ago. From information reported, he was receiving treatment from a Mexican doctor that formerly treated Subjects Edna Murray, Jess Doyle, and Doris O'Connor, and previous investigation has shown this doctor to be Dr. Nicholas Jaime. On Dec. 14, 1935, Special Agent R.J. Brandt called at the home of Mrs. Anna May Valdes, 705 West 32nd St, Kansas City, Mo., to interview her relative to the present whereabouts of Spike Lane, Lloyd Doyle, Clarence Sparger, and John Langdon. Dr. Jaime was present when Agent arrived and Agent was introduced to him by Mrs. Caldes. The doctor left

shortly for St. Lukes Hospital and was not interviewed by this Agent as it was believed that Agent could secure information more readily from Mrs. Caldes than from Dr. Jaime, as Mrs. Valdes had previously been interviewed by this Agent and furnished information relative to the treatment of Jess Doyle and Doris O'Connor by her employer, Dr. Jaime.

It should be noted that Mrs. Valdes had previously advised that she has known Spike Lane for several years and he has been treated by Dr. Jaime on several occasions for minor ailments. For information concerning Agent's previous interview with Mrs. Valdes, reference is made to pages 38 and 39 of the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, on 4-25-35, and relating to instant case.

Mrs. Valdes advised that she has not seen Spike Lane or any of his known associates since the apprehension of Jess Doyle in Kansas City, Missouri, several months ago; that at the time of Doyle's arrest it was quite possible that mutual acquaintances of Doyle and Lane would call on Dr. Jaime for treatment but that the newspaper account of Doyle's apprehension related that Doyle was traced to his apartment by two prescriptions that were given him by Dr. Jaime and Mrs. Valdes is of the opinion that, even though this information was erroneous, it may have had the effect of frightening Subjects as they may believe that Dr. Jaime furnished information which later led to the arrest of Jess Doyle and Volney Davis.

Mrs. Valdes also advised that Lane still owes Dr. Jaime a past due account and that their efforts to locate him have been unsuccessful and she has not seen him for several months. After considerable questioning, Mrs. Valdes finally admitted that Dr. Jaime had received a telephone call from Spike Lane about three months ago, at which time Lane requested Dr. Jaime to treat one of his associates, but did not give Dr. Jaime the address. According to Mrs. Valdes, Lane told the doctor he would meet him at Linwood and Main or Troost Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, but Dr. Jaime informed Lane he was waiting for a call on a confinement case and could not meet him. Mrs. Valdes also stated that Lane was very insistent but Dr. Jaime refused to meet him and a short while later a woman called Dr. Jaime relative to treating her companion, but that Dr. Jaime never made this call.

Mrs. Valdes advised that two or three days later another man, known to her as a party who formerly operated a night club on Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, Mo., and who was reported to have been a fence and informant of the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department, called at Dr. Jaime's office stating that he had been sent there by Spike Lane. Mrs. Valdes refused to divulge this party's name as he is presently keeping company with one of her girl friends and she does not wish to involve him in instant case as she does not believe he has any direct connection with Spike Lane or any of his associates. She did state, however, that this party was a Syrian.

The entire conversation between this party and Dr. Jaime was overheard by Mrs. Valdes and she advised that he told Dr. Jaime he had been sent there by Spike Lane to try to influence him to treat Lane's companion who had been shot in the shoulder. This party advised Dr. Jaime that Lane's companion was being treated by some other doctor in Kansas City, Mo., but that this doctor was very talkative and did not seem to be treating the wound properly and Lane desired the services of Dr. Jaime. This un-

known party told Dr. Jaime that Lane would not give him the address of the wounded man but told him that if Dr. Jaime would be willing to treat this man that he, Lane, would call for the doctor and take him to the address. This party also told Dr. Jaime that he thought the man was "hot" and he advised Dr. Jaime not to take the case. According to Mrs. Valdes, Dr. Jaime told this individual to inform Lane that he would not treat his companion.

Mrs. Valdes stated that she would be willing to discreetly question this party and if any information of value is secured she will immediately notify the Kansas City office, but she is of the opinion that this party does not know the whereabouts of Subjects in instant case.

Numerous photographs, including those of Martin Langdon, Clarence Sparger, Alvin Karpis, Lloyd Doyle, and Spike Lane, were exhibited to Mrs. Valdes, but the only photograph identified as a patient of Dr. Jaime was that of Spike Lane.

It is quite apparent that Mrs. Valdes does not care to involve any of her friends and, while it is believed she is friendly with these Subjects, she is extremely careful not to involve her employer, Dr. Nicholas Jaime, and it is not believed she will cooperate with this office.

To date Mrs. Valdes has not called the Kansas City office and it is believed advisable that Dr. Jaime be interviewed relative to the identity of the party that was sent to him by Spike Lane and this party should be questioned relative to the present whereabouts of Subjects wanted by the Bureau.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE, AT NEVADA, MO., will interview Kurt Dutton, Sheriff, and obtain all possible information concerning the activities at the Thorton home, 303 East Hickory Street, and at the tavern on the Kansas State line at Nevada, Mo.

AT WICHITA, KANSAS, will locate and interview "Little Steve Stephens" operator of the Cotton Club, 20th and Central Streets, concerning any information he might have relative to the remaining fugitives in this case.

AT KANSAS CITY, MO., will openly interview Dr. Nicholas Jaime, for information he may have concerning Blackie Doyle, Spike Lane, and Subjects Karpis and Campbell.

P E N D I N G

Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

December 30, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to reports of Special Agents J. M. McGrath, Aberdeen, 12-21-35, and E. E. Matney, Detroit, 12-25-35, in connection with the search being made to locate Robert Garville Ormiston who is also known as Armstrong, who may or may not be identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, I.O. 1252.

Fred Valser of the Oldsmobile Agency, Minneapolis, Minnesota, states he knew the Armstrong who was connected with the Durant agency at Minneapolis about 1923, but cannot recall his first name; that this Armstrong was district representative of the Durant Motor Company and worked directly under Richard E. Thornton; that Armstrong was a very close personal friend of Thornton; that Thornton was zone manager for the Durant Motor Company, Minneapolis, under Thomas E. Jarrard, who is now with the Dodge Motors, 1405 Fairfax Building, Kansas City, Missouri; that Jarrard may have sent Armstrong to Minneapolis from Flint, Michigan, for the purpose of working under Thornton; that Jarrard probably knows Armstrong; that Thornton was manager of the Peerless Automobile Company, Chicago, from 1925 to about 1931, is said to be still in Chicago in the automobile business and probably can be located through Mr. Fay of the Automobile Dealers Association, Chicago.

The Chicago Office should locate and interview Richard E. Thornton, who may be located through Mr. Fay, and ascertain all available data regarding Armstrong who worked as district representative of the Durant Motor Company under Thornton at Minneapolis about 1923. Will ascertain the present whereabouts of Armstrong so that proper investigation can be made to determine

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whether Armstrong is identical with Mr. Joseph P. Moran, I. O. 1232.

The Kansas City Office should conduct the following investigation: Should contact Thomas E. Jarrard, Manager of Dodge Motors, 1005 Fairfax Building, Kansas City, Missouri, who as Sales Manager for the Durant Motors, about 1923, may have sent Armstrong from Flint, Michigan, to work for Richard H. Thornton at Minneapolis. From Mr. Jarrard all data regarding Armstrong should be secured by which Armstrong may be located to determine whether he is identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran, I.O.1232. Mr. Jarrard may also be able to furnish the exact location of Richard H. Thornton, for use by the Chicago Office in the event they are unsuccessful in locating Thornton through Mr. Ray of the Automobile Dealers Association in Chicago.

Very truly yours,

G. W. STEIN,  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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Cc Bureau  
Kansas City  
Aberdeen  
Cincinnati  
St. Louis  
E.J. Connelley, Chgo.

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

December 30, 1935

Mr. F. G. Gasey  
Post Office Inspector  
United States Post Office  
Toledo, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your conversation with Special Agent  
Glyde E. Smith of this office on December 27th, last, it  
is requested that you cause a check to be made of various  
post offices in the Toledo unit in an endeavor to ascer-  
tain whether George Benton, G. E. Benton, Mary Parth or  
G. E. Winklesch is receiving mail through any of the  
Toledo unit post offices.

In reply kindly refer to our file No. 7-1.

The FBI and the writer wish to thank you for  
the splendid cooperation we have received from your office  
and to extend to you the greetings of the season.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau  
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508 Medical Arts Bldg.  
Nashville, Tennessee  
December 30, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1236; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your circular letter  
of December 12, 1935, a flash card has been placed with the Bureau  
of Motor Vehicles for the State of Tennessee, on 1933 Plymouth four-  
door sedan, motor number PJ322772.

Very truly yours,

T. E. STAPLETON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc. Bureau  
St. Paul  
Chicago, SAC Connelley

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: CHICAGO 9711

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PITTSBURGH, PA. 12-31-35 2:40 PM JMR

SAC E. J. CONNELLEY

PHONE. WKKID. INQUIRY AT WEST MIDDLESEX, GROVE CITY, HARRISVILLE,  
BEAVER, PA., [REDACTED]

CLARENCE BIKER

HAS NINE CHILDREN, BERNICE BIKER BOND, SARA BIKER BOND, MEL  
BIKER BURENA, WALTER BIKER, ALL GROVE CITY, BLADYS BIKER DANOFF,  
HARRISVILLE, PA., WILLIAM BIKER, BEAVER, PA., GERRIE BIKER,  
ELMSVILLE, PA., FRANK AND ESTHER BIKER, JAMESTOWN, N. Y. POLICE,  
POSTAL AUTHORITIES AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS ORDERED TO IDENTIFY  
SUBJECT AS BEING IN LOCALITY. MAIL COVERS PLACED ON ALL MAIL.  
SURVEILLANCE OF HOMES ESTABLISHED THRU RELIABLE NEIGHBORS FOR  
APPEARANCE OF SUBJECT. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING. REPORT FOLLOWING.

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DECEMBER 30, 1935

*George*  
*W*  
MR. E. J. CONNELLEY  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
428 U. S. CUSTOM HOUSE & POST OFFICE  
CINCINNATI OHIO

BREXID INTERVIEW NURSE THERESA KROSTUE MERCY HOSPITAL COLUMBUS  
FOR IDENTIFICATION ARMSTRONG ALIAS DOCTOR ROBERT CARVILLE ARMISTON  
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Kansas City, Mo.

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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DIRECTOR FEDL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

US DEPT OF JUSTICE PENN AVE AT NINTH ST NW WASHINGTON DC  
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GEORGE BARKER FORWARDED BUREAU TELETYPE LAST NIGHT  
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627 Broad Street National Bank Building  
Trenton  
New Jersey

January 2, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

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

Dear Sir:

This will confirm telephonic information furnished to Special Agent in Charge E. Whitley on December 24, 1935, to the effect that the subscriber to telephone number: Bloomfield 2-2314 was Reverend T. M. Donovan, Sacred Heart Rectory, 76 Broad Street, Bloomfield, N.J. It was also ascertained at the time that Reverend Donovan is a Monsignor in the church, is quite advanced in years, is very well known in and around Newark, New Jersey, for his position and activities in connection with the church.

In accordance with your suggestion no further investigation was conducted.

Very truly yours,

W. L. LESTERMAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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KANSAS CITY MO 12-31-35 8-45 PM CST WK

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PHONE. BREKID. KANSAS CITY MISSOURI POLICE TODAY ARRESTED HOMER

FANNING WHILE HIS COMPANION ESCAPED IN AUTOMOBILE. FANNING CLAIMS  
HIS COMPANION <sup>Oliver</sup>KARPIS. FILES OF THIS OFFICE REFLECT FANNING MENTALLY  
INCOMPETENT REFERENCE BEING MADE TO CASE ENTITLED HOMER CLEO  
FANNING NMVTA. AFTER CONSIDERABLE QUESTIONING CLAIMED HE AND KARPIS  
STAYED AT TOURIST CAMP EDGE OF CITY. CHECK THERE FAILED TO RESULT  
IN IDENTIFICATION OF KARPIS ALTHOUGH FANNING IDENTIFIED AS STAYING  
THERE WITH ANOTHER MAN WEIGHING 180 POUNDS. SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION  
DISCLOSES FANNINGS COMPANION PROBABLY ONE SMITH OF KIRKSVILLE  
MISSOURI. THAT ANGLE BEING CHECKED NOW. BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE  
IF HOMER FANNING NUMBER 5043 WICHITA KANSAS PD WANTED.

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Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Mr. Gandy	

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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7:00 P. M.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 28, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: "MA" BARKER

In compliance with your instructions, I telephonically communicated with Mr. Connelley at Chicago, Mr. McIntire at St. Paul, and Mr. ~~Spaw~~, Acting Special Agent in Charge at Kansas City, Missouri, requesting them to transmit any information they may have in their possession relating to the family background, personal history, et cetera. The Director desired to have in this matter.

Respectfully,

*A. Rosen*

A. ROSEN.

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W. A. SMITH  
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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BLDG.  
KANSAS CITY, MO.

BREKID LOCAL PAPER CARRIES STORY HOMER FANNING COMPANION  
ALVIN KARPIS FANNING INTERVIEWED BY ME SEVERAL OCCASIONS  
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*George O. Prentiss*

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**  
610 Alonzo Ward Hotel Building  
Aberdeen, South Dakota

Dec. 31, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; Et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
Kidnaping  
Aberdeen File #7-8

In compliance with Bureau letter of Dec. 19, 1935, regarding William Elmer Mead, who is wanted for questioning in the above entitled case, a search was made of the Aberdeen file for information or data concerning Mead, for the purpose of preparing a summary report.

A review of the file reflects that there is no information concerning Mead in the file, and, therefore, a summary report is not being prepared by this Office.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge

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Washington, D. C.

December 30, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Interview with George Barker

In compliance with your instructions, I telephonically communicated with Mr. Smith at Kansas City, Missouri, requesting him to expedite the interview with George Barker in connection with the letter addressed to him from the Bureau dated December 11, 1935, which related to the background and family life of Mr. Barker. He stated that his Agents were experiencing a little difficulty in getting in touch with George Barker and that he had been advised that they were experiencing difficulty in locating Barker that day.

Respectfully,

A. Rosen

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P. O. Box #709  
Portland, Oregon

December 23, 1935.

Postmaster  
Pasadena  
Washington

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In the context of an offering of information will you  
be so kind as to place a thirty-day notice on the mail at  
addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson, 1000 1st Street,

We will appreciate your forwarding to us promptly  
all tracings covering the mail at this address. In replying,  
please refer to our file #7-24.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

U. C. Spears  
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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RE: BREKID CASE

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
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Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

I called Mr. Connelley at Chicago relative to the teletype from Mr. Colvin requesting two men for the surveillance at Midland, Texas. Mr. Connelley advised that from the way the teletype reads it looks as though nothing has been done in the matter.

I suggested that he send a teletype to El Paso outlining the investigation which should be conducted and advising that the assignment of two Agents be held in abeyance until it is ascertained what should be covered.

Mr. Connelley also advised he is trying to get a little different set-up on the Karpowicz family and there are four men tied up on these two plants. He has a little deal on now whereby the receiver of the building is going to put some people out of the apartment and they may be able to install a dictaphone in addition to the "tap". He will arrange for the informant to accompany the Agent to the apartment when the dictaphone and "tap" are installed in the Karpowicz apartment, and that this will cut down on the number of men on this matter.

He stated nothing has been developed at Ashtabula, Ohio but will go over there before he leaves for St. Paul, which will be about Thursday of this week.

He also advised that there is nothing new out of Los Angeles except a dictaphone is to be installed over Miss Robertson's house.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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FILE NO. **7-3**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Phoenix, Arizona</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-29-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-20-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>M. I. Marshall</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, w.a. - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218 HARRY CAMPBELL, w.a. - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1236 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.a. - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232 Et Al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Flash card placed Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau, Phoenix, for 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ322772 and record checked to ascertain if Campbell had applied for drivers or chauffeurs license or attempted to register a car under any of his known aliases.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letters from Cleveland office dated December 12, 1935, and December 16, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS: Inquiry at the Automobile Registration Bureau, Phoenix, Arizona, revealed Harry Campbell or Alvin Karpis have not attempted to procure drivers or chauffeurs license or attempted to register an automobile in the State of Arizona under any of their known aliases.</p> <p>A flash card was also placed with the Automobile Registration Bureau on 1935 Model Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ322772 as inquiry revealed, it has not been registered in the State of Arizona for 1935 or 1936.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PENDING</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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December 31, 1935

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Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 23, 1935, with which you furnished copies of a letter and memorandum from the Washington Field Office, which refers to information furnished by one R. L. Nichols, to the effect that Karpis is supposed to be associating with a woman known as "Oklahoma Sue".

Please be advised that discreet inquiries have been made of the Oklahoma City and Tulsa Police Departments, of the State Bureau at Stillwater City, and particularly of officers of many years service with said agencies, and none of them is familiar with any character known as "Oklahoma Sue". Mr. H. Thompson of the Identification Division of the Oklahoma City Police Department, who has had many years of experience as a peace officer in Oklahoma and who has seen service with the State Bureau, various railroads, and the Oklahoma City Police Department, informs me that he has never heard of any woman by this name. The records of this office do not contain any information concerning an "Oklahoma Sue".

The Oklahoma City Police Department has a record of one Sue Barton, Oklahoma City PD #12321, but she is not known as "Oklahoma Sue". This woman is described as follows:

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Photographs of her are transmitted with copies of this letter going to the Chicago and Washington Field Offices.

This woman is well known to the Oklahoma City Police Department as a proprietress of cheap bawdy houses and as a bootlegger. In my opinion, she is not the type of woman with whom Karpis would associate, as she seems to be much older than one he would choose as a traveling companion.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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FBI LOS ANGELES 12-31-35 830PM GBC

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PHONE BREKID. CONCERNING SURVEILLANCE FITZGERALD HERE, NO DEVELOPMENTS EXCEPT THAT HE RECEIVED SPECIAL DELIVERY LETTER LAST EVENING POSTMARKED MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, WRITING APPARENTLY IDENTICAL WITH TRACINGS PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED TO CONNELLEY. THIS AFTERNOON FITZGERALD DEPOSITED EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS IN HIS BANK ACCOUNT HERE. WILL BE UNABLE ATTEMPT CHECK OF THIS MONEY FOR SERIAL NUMBERS UNTIL THURSDAY DUE TO THE FACT THAT TELLER IN BANK APPARENTLY ACQUAINTED WITH FITZGERALD GIRL FRIEND. ALSO EXPECT OBTAIN APARTMENT 201 IN VICTORIA ON JANUARY SECOND. THIS WILL NECESSITATE ABANDONING PRESENT TAP IN APARTMENT ON DAY THAT PRESENT TENANT IN 201 MOVES OUT, DUE TO ACTIVITIES OF THE TELEPHONE COMPANY.

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PHONE. BREKID. VARIOUS SURVEILLANCES CHICAGO BEING MAINTAINED NO MATERIAL DEVELOPMENTS. EDITH BARRY TOLEDO HAS NOT APPEARED YET AT CHICAGO.

INTERVIEW WITH NURSE THERESA KROSTUE IDENTIFIES ROBERT CARVILLE ORMISTON

AS WALTER RAYMOND ARMSTRONG TO WHOM SHE ENGAGED 1922-25 AT MINNEAPOLIS, ARMSTRONG THEN WITH STAR DURANT AUTOMOBILE BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMPANY LOCATED BAKER BUILDING MINNEAPOLIS. GOOD PICTURE ARMSTRONG OBTAINED SLIGHT RESEMBLANCE TO MORAN, PICTURE BEING SENT ABERDEEN FOR IDENTIFICATION AS SAME AS ORMISTON.

WILL PROCEED CLEVELAND TONIGHT 11-40 PM ARRIVE 7-37 AM FRIDAY AND EXPECT TO RETURN LEAVING CLEVELAND FRIDAY NIGHT ARRIVING CHICAGO SATURDAY MORNING 1-4-36.

WILL BE NECESSARY THEN TO PROCEED ST PAUL FOR TRIAL STARTING -1-6-36

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PHONE. BREKID. DEVELOPMENTS HERE TODAY INCLUDED INSTALLATION TELEPHONE TAP ON  
FITZGERALD, TELEPHONE NUMBER EXPOSITION 1271, TAP RUNNING INTO APARTMENT  
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-120

REPORT MADE AT: NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE: 12-31-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12/19-23/35	REPORT MADE BY: J. B. DICKERSON
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUG. I.O. #1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUG. I.O. #1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

The records of the Italian Line reflect that NESTOR, VRANIAC, BANATEANU, MITCHELL, FERGUS and HEBERBRAND sailed on the Italian Liner Rex, their destination being Bucharest, Roumania, on 7-21-34. Information secured from Roumanian Consul General, New York City, that these people were not allowed to operate slot machines in Roumania. WILLIAM FERGUS located on board SS Majestic which docked at New York City 12-23-35. Surveillance maintained of FERGUS, his wife, and friends, MR. and MRS. JOHN LEVA, from time the boat docked until they left for Cleveland, Ohio the same night. Names of LEVA'S confederates in a swindle in Florida secured.

DETAILS

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson, New York City, dated 12-5-35.  
Report of Special Agent J. H. Farley, Buffalo, N. Y., dated 12-11-35

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Letter from the Cleveland office to all  
Field offices dated 12-12-35  
Letter from the Cleveland office to the  
New York office dated 12-13-35.  
Telegram from the Cleveland office to the  
New York office dated 12-20-35.

DETAILS:

MR. EDWARD J. MOTTOLA, Assistant Landing Agent of the Italian Line, 624 Fifth Avenue, New York City, was interviewed to ascertain whether or not CLARENCE HEBERBRAND, WILLIAM MITCHELL and WILLIAM FERGUS sailed on July 21, 1934 on the Italian Liner Rex, which is operated by the Italian Line, and also to ascertain the names of three Roumanians who also possibly sailed with the three above named individuals.

MR. MOTTOLA after checking over the passenger list of the Rex as of July 21, 1934 advised that WILLIAM J. MITCHELL and WILLIAM F. FERGUS sailed on the Rex on July 21, 1934, occupying cabin 486; that CLARENCE T. HEBERBRAND sailed on the Rex on the same date, occupying cabin 484 with JOSEPH J. VRANIAC. The passenger list further shows that NICOLAO NESTOR and IOAN J. BANATEANU occupied cabin 482. The passenger list reflects that all six of these persons were going to Genoa, Italy.

MR. MOTTOLA secured the embarkation coupons of the six above named men and these coupons revealed that WILLIAM J. MITCHELL, age 57, sailed on the Italian Liner Rex on July 21, 1934 under second class ticket 376171; that the passage of WILLIAM F. FERGUS, age 43, was included in MITCHELL'S ticket; that NICOLAO NESTOR, age 48, sailed on the Italian Liner Rex on the same date under second class ticket 376172; that the passage of IOAN J. BANATEANU, age 46, was included in NESTOR'S ticket. These coupons further reflected that CLARENCE T. HEBERBRAND, age 43, sailed on the Italian Liner Rex on July 21, 1934 under second class ticket 376173 and that the passage of JOSEPH J. VRANIAC, age 32, was included in HEBERBRAND'S ticket.

MR. MOTTOLA advised that the records in the office of the Italian Line reveal that these six men were from Cleveland, Ohio and that all of them were to debark at Genoa, Italy and that their destination was Bucharest, Roumania; that the six men purchased their tickets at Cleveland, Ohio on July 7, 1934 through MR. D. BARZA, 5501 Detroit Avenue, a sub-agent of the Italian Line.



MR. MOTTOLA advised that MR. GEORGE PENNINGTON was manager of the Italian Line in Cleveland, Ohio and his address is 944 Arcade, Union Trust Building, Cleveland, Ohio; that if MR. BARZA cannot be located at the address indicated for him, he might be located through MR. PENNINGTON.

From the above information received from the Italian Line with reference to the above mentioned six men having purchased their tickets in Cleveland, Ohio on the same date, and since these records further show that they were all going to the same place, agent is of the opinion that NESTOR, VRANIAK and BANATEANU are the names of the three unknown Roumanians referred to in the letter from the Cleveland office to the New York office dated December 13, 1935.

On December 19, 1935 agent interviewed MR. EYMON H. UHL, District Director of Immigration and Naturalization, United States Department of Labor, Ellis Island, New York. MR. UHL was advised by agent that agent desired to check upon the return of several persons from Europe to this country; that these persons would probably be returning to New York within the next week or ten days. MR. UHL advised that the only method by which this could be done was to give the names and descriptions of the men to the Immigration Inspectors and at the time the men presented their passports and landing cards to the Immigration Inspectors upon arriving in this country, that the Immigration Inspectors could make a note thereof and advise the New York office.

In accordance with this information MR. UHL, in the presence of this agent, directed a letter to the Chief Immigration Inspector, the facts in which letter MR. UHL requested him to deliver to all the Immigration Inspectors. MR. UHL'S letter requested Immigration Inspectors to notify the New York Bureau office by telephone in the event that WILLIAM J. MITCHELL, WILLIAM F. FERGUS or CLARENCE T. HEBERBRAND should present a passport to any of them for entry into this country. The descriptions of these three men as contained in the letter from the Cleveland office dated December 13, 1935 were included in MR. UHL'S letter.

MR. A. G. KING, in charge of the Record Division, Department of Immigration, Ellis Island, New York, was interviewed with reference to whether or not his records reflect that NICOLAO NESTOR, IOAN J. BANATEANU or JOSEPH J. VRANIAK had entered this country through the Port of New York since leaving in July, 1934. He advised that his records



were only indexed through April of this year and that after making a search of same he does not find any of the three above named men had entered this country through the Port of New York between July, 1934 and April, 1935. MR. KING advised that in the event that any of these three men were citizens of the United States his records would not reflect any information on such individual as all of his records pertain to aliens entering the country through the Port of New York.

MR. CAROL TARGAOUNU, in charge of the Consulate General of Roumania, 1819 Broadway, Room 1408, New York City, was interviewed with reference to the records kept by the police departments in Roumania concerning foreigners visiting Roumania. The reason for this interview was that it was thought it would be ascertained through the police records of Bucharest, Roumania where MITCHELL, FERGUS, HEBERBRAND, VRANIAK, BANATEANU and NESTOR lived in Bucharest and what was their point of destination upon leaving.

MR. TARGAOUNU advised that when an alien entered Roumania and stayed at a hotel, the manager of the hotel has to report the arrival of this alien to the police department, giving this alien's description, where he came from, how long he expects to stay in the country and the purpose of his visit; that if the alien stays in a private home, it is the alien's duty to make this report to the police himself; that if he remains for more than eight days, he is given a card which he must present at the border when he leaves that particular district; that when he presents this card, it is stamped by the police department the date of his departure and same is put on file.

MR. TARGAOUNU advised that the police departments did not keep a record of the destination of aliens when they left that particular police district.

MR. TARGAOUNU was asked if his office would keep records of Roumanians who were leaving or entering the United States. He advised that Roumanian citizens did not have to register in his office but that usually as a matter of policy they did register in his office. He advised that if agent were interested in any particular person, if the name were furnished to him he would cause the records in his office to be checked to find out if that person had left or entered the United States.

MR. TARGAOUNU was furnished with the names of VRANIAK, BANATEANU and NESTOR and he advised that it was none of his business just what investigation the Department of Justice was making pertaining

to these men but that he recalls that BANATEANU, who was a former editor of a Roumanian newspaper in the United States, NICOLAO NESTOR and JOSEPH J. VRANIAK had sailed for Europe with a fellow named BILL FERGUS, a fellow named MITCHELL and another American, about a year and one half ago; that FERGUS, MITCHELL and the other American (who is HEBERBRAND) went to Roumania to promote a business operating slot machines in Roumania; that the three Roumanians, NESTOR, BANATEANU and VRANIAK, were to aid in the promotion of this business; that he recalls that about \$35,000. worth of these machines were shipped to Roumania by these men; that he could have the records of his office searched to ascertain the exact material that was shipped by these men to Roumania at that time.

He informed agent that after these men had arrived in Bucharest, Roumania and set in operation these slot machines, the newspapers of Roumania created quite a stir about children being allowed to play these machines and on account of this agitation by the newspapers the Roumanian authorities prohibited the further operation of these slot machines in Roumania.

He stated that he also recalls that at approximately that time some newspaper in Cleveland, Ohio had an editorial which, in effect, stated that Roumania had given the United States some good citizens and it was a shame to give Roumania such a person as BILL FERGUS in exchange.

He stated further that he knows that BANATEANU is a Roumanian citizen and is of the opinion that VRANIAK and NESTOR are also Roumanian citizens but that he is not sure about these latter two. He stated that he does not know of his own personal knowledge whether these men have returned to the United States but that he knows that all six of these men are from Cleveland and feels sure that if the Federal Bureau of Investigation desires to ascertain if NESTOR, BANATEANU and VRANIAK have returned to this country and are in Cleveland, Ohio, that this information may possibly be obtained through MR. GEORGE ANAGNOSTACHE, Roumanian Consul in Cleveland, Ohio, 1501 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, who could probably through his sources of information ascertain whether or not NESTOR, BANATEANU and VRANIAK have returned to this country and are in Cleveland, Ohio.

MR. TARGACUNU has worked with agents of this Bureau in the past and is thought to be reliable. He stated that agent's discussion with him would be kept confidential and stated that in his opinion GEORGE ANAGNOSTACHE, the Roumanian Consul in Cleveland, is very reliable

and will give the fullest cooperation to the Bureau.

MR. TARGAOUNU was not advised as to the agent's interest in any of these men except that the Bureau hoped to develop some information through them.

On December 20, 1935 a telegram was received by the New York office from the Cleveland office advising that WILLIAM FERGUS was expected to arrive in New York between that date and the 33rd; later the Cleveland office advised that the 33rd should have been December 23rd.

A list of the steamships arriving in New York between December 20, 1935 and December 23, 1935 was secured. It was ascertained that the steamship companies did not have a list of the passengers on board their respective ships and that it was impossible to get information as to the passengers on board until the ships were docked.

This agent personally checked several of the ships upon arrival and made arrangements to go to Quarantine with the United States Customs Inspectors and board the ships in Quarantine and check the passenger lists between Quarantine and the New York Pier. Several of the steamship companies consented at the expense of the Government to cable their ships to ascertain if FERGUS were on board.

On Sunday night, December 22, 1935 MR. BROWNLEE of the Cunard-White Star Line, which company had cabled its ship, the Majestic, to ascertain if FERGUS were on board, advised that he had received an answer to his cable, which stated that WILLIAM FERGUS was aboard this ship and that the Majestic would dock sometime on December 23, 1935.

Through the courtesy of the U. S. Customs Inspectors, this agent, with Special Agent Bryan Farrell, boarded the Majestic in Quarantine and through the courtesy of the Immigration Inspectors made arrangements to be present at the table of the Inspector who would handle FERGUS' passport.

Both Agent Farrell and this agent were present with this Inspector at the time FERGUS presented his passport and got a good view of FERGUS.

The U. S. Customs Inspectors then advised agent that FERGUS had only one trunk and \$76. worth of perfume listed on his declaration; that the best way to cover FERGUS upon leaving the ship would be for one agent to stand at the gangplank leading from the deck on which FERGUS was

stationed and for the other agent to be present at the desk of the U. S. Customs Inspector who had charge of FERGUS' declaration.

Upon the Majestic's docking at Pier 54, North River, New York City, at 6 P. M. December 23, 1935, Agent Farrell proceeded to the gangplank which FERGUS would have to use when leaving the ship and the writer went with the Customs Inspector (whose name was LIDDY) to the U. S. Customs desk where FERGUS would have to claim his baggage.

Agent Farrell and the writer were joined by Agents L. G. Tarrou, R. J. Zmeskal and E. J. Gebben on Pier 54 and these agents, together with Agent Farrell and the writer maintained a surveillance of FERGUS from the time he left the ship.

FERGUS upon his arrival was met by one man and two women. These parties were later identified as being MR. and MRS. JOHN LEVA of Lakewood, Ohio and MRS. WILLIAM FERGUS.

It was about one hour after the ship docked before FERGUS was able to secure his baggage and leave the pier. Upon leaving the pier he, with his wife and MR. and MRS. LEVA got into a cab and proceeded to the Hotel Governor Clinton, located at 7th Avenue and West 31st Street, New York City.

Surveillance was continued by the four agents mentioned above and the writer from the pier to the hotel. Upon arriving at the hotel Agent Tarrou got into the same elevator with MR. and MRS. FERGUS and MR. and MRS. LEVA and Agent Tarrou advised that MR. LEVA stated in the elevator that he had only arrived in New York City that morning.

Through MR. J. McSWEENEY, Assistant Manager of the Hotel Governor Clinton, the records of the Hotel were checked and these records disclosed that on the morning of December 21, 1935 MRS. WILLIAM F. FERGUS, 10117 Clifton Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio and MRS. JOHN LEVA, 2062 Atkins Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, registered at the Hotel Governor Clinton and were assigned to Room 1807.

It will be stated here that the address given by MR. FERGUS at the hotel is the same as that which appeared for WILLIAM FERGUS on the records of the Immigration Inspector.

The long distance telephone calls made from Room 1807 were checked through the hotel records and it was ascertained that a call was

made to Bloomfield, N. J., telephone number 2-2814 at 9 A. M. on December 21, 1935 and at 4:46 P M on December 23, 1935.

It may be stated here that about 8 P M on December 23, 1935 a call was put through to this same number and through the courtesy of MR. MCSWEENEY this agent was allowed to listen to the conversation.

MR. MCSWEENEY advised that the person speaking from Room 1807 upon having the call completed addressed the person in New Jersey as "Father Malloy". When this agent was out in on this call the conversation was to the effect that the person in New Jersey stated that he was sorry he was unable to meet the boat and asked the person speaking from Room 1807 what kind of trip he had abroad and as to conditions abroad and whether or not he were going back. To these questions the person in Room 1807 (undoubtedly FERGUS) advised that he had a nice trip; that conditions were not good. However, he did expect to go back.

At this point FERGUS advised that his wife would like to speak to the person on the New Jersey end of the line.

MRS. FERGUS, upon taking the telephone addressed the person in New Jersey as "Hello, Father". He asked her if they planned to stay in New York for Christmas and she replied that they did not see any use in staying in New York and that they were leaving for Cleveland at 11:55 that night. He told her to tell his friends in Cleveland "hello". He also advised her that he was going to Miami, Florida in the near future and she requested him to send her his address upon his arrival in Miami.

By telephone from the New York office to the Trenton office on the night of December 23, 1935, the Trenton office was requested to check telephone number 2-2814 Bloomfield, N. J.

On December 24, 1935 Special Agent in Charge Listerman advised by telephone that telephone number 2-2814 Bloomfield, N. J. was listed in the name of Rev. T. M. Donovan, Sacred Heart Rectory, 76 Broad Street, Bloomfield, N. J.; that investigation of Rev. T. M. Donovan revealed that he had been a Monseigneur in Bloomfield, N. J. for several years and was of good reputation.

The local telephone calls made from Room 1807 between December 21 and December 23, 1935 were obtained and these numbers were

checked. They were as follows:

Longacre 5-7162 - DeCamp Bus Line, 975 Sixth Avenue, New York City.  
 Chelsea 3-6780 - Cunard-White Star Line Pier.  
 Wisconsin 7-4000, Great Eastern Bus System.

Shortly after FERGUS and his party arrived at the Hotel Governor Clinton a telephone call was made from Room 1807 to telephone number Pennsylvania 6-2000. This number was checked and it was ascertained that it was Pullman Reservations on the Pennsylvania Railroad at the Pennsylvania Station, New York City. A further check at the Pennsylvania Station was made telephonically by Special Agent L. H. Richmond and he was advised that MR. and MRS. JOHN LEVA and MR. and MRS. WILLIAM FERGUS had reservations for lower 7 and lower 8 on car 283 on the train leaving New York City for Cleveland, Ohio at 11:55 P M December 23, 1935 and arriving in Cleveland, Ohio at 12:55 P M on December 24, 1935.

Surveillance was continued at the hotel by the agents from the time FERGUS and his party arrived at the hotel until they were placed on the train which was to carry them to Cleveland. These four people remained in Room 1807 until about 8:30 P M when they came down and had dinner in the hotel.

After dinner they walked to H. King and Company, a haberdashery store located at 53rd Street and 7th Avenue where they remained a few minutes and then returned to the hotel, going to Room 1807 where they remained until approximately 11 o'clock, at which time they came down, checked out of the hotel and went to the station, boarding their train for Cleveland.

Agent Turrou secured a reservation on the same train for Cleveland and boarded the train with FERGUS and his party.

Agents Farrell, Gebben, Zmeskal and the writer continued surveillance at the station until the train pulled out for Cleveland. At no time did FERGUS appear to be suspicious or act out of the way and at no time did agent see anyone who resembled KARPIS near FERGUS.

The following descriptions of FERGUS and LEVA were obtained by agent through personal observation:

Name	WILLIAM FERGUS
Age	45
Height	5'6"
Weight	158 pounds

Hair	Dark brown, bald spot rear of head
Eyes	Blue
Build	Medium
Complexion	Light
Peculiarities	Lower lip protrudes and nose appears as if it had been broken.
Nationality	Probably American
Address	10117 Clifton Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio

Name	JOHN LEVA
Height	5'11"
Weight	150 pounds
Age	45
Color	White
Complexion	Light
Build	Medium
Eyeglasses	Wears pince nez glasses
Address	2062 Atkins Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio

The Cleveland office was advised on December 23, 1935 by teletype that WILLIAM FERGUS had been located and was leaving for Cleveland that night and would arrive in Cleveland at 12:55 P M December 24, 1935; that Agent Turrou was maintaining surveillance of the party on the train to Cleveland.

At 11:55 P. M. December 23, 1935 Agent Turrou departed from New York City for Cleveland, Ohio in Pullman car 283, occupying lower berth 12 while WILLIAM F. FERGUS and his wife occupied lower berth 7 and JOHN LEVA and his wife occupied lower berth 8.

After the departure of the train from New York City, the FERGUSES and LEVAS retired to compartment A, closed the door behind them and engaged in a drinking orgy which lasted until about 3:30 A. M. Thereafter they retired to their respective berths.

JOHN LEVA and his wife got up at 9 A M while FERGUS and his wife remained in their berth until 11:30 A M, at which time the four of them went into the diner and had their breakfast, Agent Turrou having his breakfast there at the same time.



Throughout the trip from New York City to Cleveland nobody had contacted either the FERGUSES or the LEVAS and neither had they talked to anyone on the train. No telegrams were dispatched or letters mailed by any of the above mentioned parties.

The train arrived in Cleveland about 40 minutes late. They proceeded to the downtown railroad station of the Pennsylvania Railroad, which is the last stop in Cleveland and there left the train.

At said station Agent Turrou was met by Agents Wynn, Smith and Dowd of the Cleveland Bureau office, to whom Agent Turrou pointed out WILLIAM F. FERGUS and his companion, JOHN LEVA, at which time they took over the surveillance while Agent Turrou proceeded to the Cleveland Bureau office.

Post Office Inspector Herbert Graham was interviewed by telephone with reference to the names of the confederates of WILLIAM MEADE in the swindle for which the Post Office Department now has MEADE indicted. This information was originally requested in the report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett, Boston, Massachusetts, dated November 13, 1935 and which lead was again set out in the report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson, New York City, dated December 5, 1935.

Inspector Graham advised that WILLIAM A. SHAW, alias BRADY and H. C. HOWARD, alias LEON FELIX were indicted with MEADE on a swindle charge in 1922; that H. C. HOWARD was sentenced and has served his time, being discharged from Atlanta Penitentiary on November 29, 1935; that WILLIAM A. SHAW pleaded guilty on April 2, 1934 at Jacksonville, Florida to the indictment charging him with participation in the swindle and was discharged; that at the present time SHAW is probably living in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he is operating a hotel; that he is married to some woman who was a secretary to a Federal judge a few years ago; that SHAW is well known in Salt Lake City and can probably be located through the police department of Salt Lake City.

Inspector Graham also advised that it has been called to his attention only recently that probably one FRED PERRY, a United States Secret Service Agent, located at Birmingham, Alabama, may be able to through some informants secure some information that may lead to the apprehension of MEADE.

Inspector Graham advised that he does not have any further information other than that furnished to the writer sometime ago with reference to possibly getting some information from some people at Casper, Wyoming which might aid in the apprehension of MEADE. This information was set forth in the report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson, New York City, dated December 5, 1935 and appropriate leads were set forth in that report for investigation at Casper, Wyoming.

In a letter from the Cleveland office to all field offices dated December 12, 1935 the various field offices were requested to have flash cards placed with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles in their respective districts for the purpose of securing information as to the registration of a 1935 Plymouth Four Door Sedan, Motor No. P. J. 522772, Serial No. 2619857. The New York office has by letters directed to the Motor Vehicle Bureaus in the New York Office territory, requested these flash cards to be placed by said Bureaus. Information with reference to the said automobile was furnished to these Bureaus.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: NEW YORK OFFICE

Will discreetly interview ALBERT GURANTE, Apartment 1, 2808 35th Street, Astoria, L. I., with reference to the present whereabouts of his brother, ANDREW GURANTE. Also report the outcome of the cover placed on the mail of ALBERT GURANTE, looking towards the location of the present whereabouts of ANDREW GURANTE.

At Hartford, Conn., will furnish JOE HARRISON, Aetna Life Insurance Co., 151 Farmington Avenue, with specimen of the handwriting of WILLIAM MEADE, and re-interview him with regard to any information developed by a more thorough search of the Aetna Life Insurance Company files.

Interview Regional Director Hoffman, State Capitol Building, relative to whether a PWA auditor called upon the firm of Oneglia & Gervasini on or about July 31, 1935, and whether he fits the description of WILLIAM MEADE.

At Terrington, Conn., will re-interview HUGH E. MEADE, Chief of Police, relative to further information he may have concerning WILLIAM MEADE.

Will contact ROMEO GERVASINI and exhibit photograph of WILLIAM MEADE for possible identification.

Will make further investigation among building contractors in the vicinity as further developments may justify.

(In connection with the above Connecticut leads, see the report of Special Agent Gene H. Henry, dated at New York City, September 23, 1935).

At New Britain, Conn., will interview Mrs. ANNA O'DELL mother of THOMAS J. O'DELL, 60 High Street, and ascertain from her the present address of her son, THOMAS J. O'DELL.

In the event that Mr. THOMAS J. O'DELL does not again contact the New York office, and his address is not secured from his mother at New Britain, Conn., this office will contact Mr. JULIUS KAUFMAN, 25 East 86th Street, New York City, and ascertain if he knows the present whereabouts of O'DELL.

At Red Hook, New York, will contact Dr. J. E. VIGEANT and secure from him any further information that he may obtain as to the activities of HARRY L. HAPPEMAN; will also report the result of mail covers placed on the first class mail of HARRY LEE HAPPEMAN at Red Hook, New York and Poughkeepsie, New York.

(With reference to the above lead, see report of Special Agent J. H. Farley, Buffalo, N. Y., dated December 11, 1935).

BIRMINGHAM BUREAU OFFICE

At Birmingham, Ala. will interview Mr. FRED PERRY, Secret Service Agent, for such information as he may give that might lead to the apprehension of WILLIAM MEADE.

SALT LAKE CITY BUREAU OFFICE

At Salt Lake City, Utah will attempt to locate WILLIAM A. SHAW, a confederate of WILLIAM MEADE, who was indicted with MEADE for a swindle in Florida in 1922. SHAW, alias BRADY, is supposed to operate a hotel in Salt Lake City and, according to Inspector Graham, Post Office Department, New York City, could easily be located through the Salt Lake City Police Department.

ATLANTA BUREAU OFFICE

At the Atlanta Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga., will try to secure information as to the present address of H. C. HOWARD, alias LEON FELIX who was indicted and sentenced for his participation with MEADE in a swindle in Florida several years ago. HOWARD was discharged from Atlanta Penitentiary, according to Post Office Inspector Graham on November 29, 1933.

CLEVELAND BUREAU OFFICE

At Cleveland, Ohio will, if deemed advisable, secure information from Mr. GEORGE ANAGNOSTACHE, Roumanian Consul in Cleveland, address 1501 Euclid Avenue, as to whether or not NICOLAO NESTOR, IOAN J. BANATEANU and JOSEPH J. VRANIAK are presently in Cleveland. If these men are located, the Cleveland office should make such investigation as is deemed appropriate which might lead to the apprehension of subject KARPIS.

It may also be possible to secure some information as to the three above named men and also WILLIAM F. FERGUS, WILLIAM J. MITCHELL and CLARENCE T. HEHRBRAND from Mr. D. BARZA, 5501 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, a sub-agent of the Italian Line. Mr. BARZA sold these six men tickets on the Italian liner Rex for Genoa, Italy on July 7, 1934.

At Cleveland, Ohio will make appropriate investigation of the activities of WILLIAM F. FERGUS which might lead to the apprehension of ALVIN KARPIS.

At Lakewood, Ohio will make appropriate investigation of Mr. JOHN LEVA, 2062 Atkins Avenue, to ascertain if FERGUS is contacting KARPIS through JOHN LEVA.

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P. O. BOX # 1525  
PITTSBURGH, PA.

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January 2, 1936

Postmaster,  
West Mifflin, Pennsylvania

ALVIN KARPIS, w.a., Fugitive;  
I.O. #1218, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim

Dear Sir:

In accordance with request recently made by Special Agents of this office and in connection with an official investigation now being conducted, may I ask you to forward all mail received and mailed by ALVIN KARPIS and members of his family who are residing in the vicinity of West Mifflin.

It is requested that tracings made of all incoming and outgoing mail be furnished this office as soon as made.

Sincerely,  
Supt.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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G. K. FIKSTONE  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

January 2, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter dated December 20, 1935, concerning Mr. Everett Jennings, Chicago, Illinois, who is reported to be retained by Cassius McDonald, please be advised that the following information concerning Jennings was obtained:

The records of the Chicago Bar Association indicate that Everett Jennings was born at Providence, Kentucky in 1874; that he attended Center College at Danville, Kentucky; was admitted to practice in the State of Kentucky on December 12, 1896 and was admitted to the Illinois Bar on October 6, 1928. The records indicate that after leaving the school, Jennings practiced three years in Providence, Kentucky, followed by nine years at Madisonville, Kentucky, and made a law partner of one J.H. Jensen. In 1928 Jennings was practicing law with the law firm of Jennings, Bartholomew and Jennings, Chicago, Illinois. Bartholomew is still practicing at 77 W. Washington Street, apparently with Jennings.

Mr. Denning, Secretary of the Chicago Bar Association, who was contacted, stated that it is his recollection that Jennings was at one time a mastery in chancery, but is not such at the present time; that he cannot recall Jennings ever having been connected with the Darrow or Hamilton Lewis law firm here. Mr. Denning informed that he cannot recall Jennings, stating that he does not believe he is an outstanding lawyer. He checked his records and found only one unfounded complaint against Jennings' record consisting of a complaint filed by a disgruntled woman client, which was found to be baseless.

U.S. District Judge William H. Holly was interviewed, and stated that he has known Everett Jennings for several years; that inasmuch as he formerly practiced law with Clarence Darrow, he knows that Jennings was never connected with that firm. Judge Holly stated, however, that Jennings had been interested in many cases with Senator Hamilton Lewis, although he does not know whether

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Jennings was actually a law partner of Lewis; that Jennings is presently connected with W. D. Bartholomew, practicing law. Bartholomew has tried cases for the local street railway companies. Judge Holly stated that Jennings' practice consists in a great measure of criminal work; that he is a capable but not an outstanding criminal lawyer. Judge Holly has doubts concerning Jennings' technical knowledge of the law, but stated he is a fluent talker and makes a good appeal to a jury; that he has found Jennings honest and trustworthy, and believes he can be trusted. It was Judge Holly's opinion that during the past few years Jennings' business has fallen off considerably.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 5118  
Detroit - Michigan  
January 2, 1936

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

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a letter  
written by Wynona Burdette, an inmate of your  
institution, to Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Burdette.

The contents of this letter have been  
carefully scrutinized and appear to contain no  
information of value.

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

Very truly yours,

W. J. WEST  
Special Agent in Charge

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
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January 2, 1936

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

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

Dear Sir:

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

Very truly yours,

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

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Milan Mich  
Dec 28, 1935  
Box 1000.

Hello Darling's:-

Got your letter's some time ago but decided to wait until after Xmas to answer. How are you two - have you been enjoying yourselves during the holiday's? We had a really nice Xmas - What a surprise - Had a dinner that couldn't be beat. Just think of real old fashioned Turkey, Mashed Potatoes creamed gravy, cranberry sauce, Apple Pie, Cheese and Coffee, don't that sound swell? We each had a couple of bag's of hard candy and peanuts and weve also got a small tree. It really looks nice. Well, what did you two get from Santa - a lot of real nice thing's I'll bet - Any way I hope so.

Gee, Art, honey, what kind of work are you doing up in "them thar Mauntains"? Is it really very dangerous up there. Good night, you write about boulders rolling down on a person as if it is a common every day accurance. You take good care of your-self for me, honey boy & dont you forget.

Boy, I'd sure like to be going after a few of those deer you mentioned - mm wouldn't they be good. Do you ever go after any? That's what I call real fun. When I was in Florida I went deer hunting a lot and had more fun than a picnic, I had a regular outfit for hunting and it sure was nifty. Baby, What I wouldn't give to be down there now - What a life!- What a life?

Jimining, that song you sent me last is really a peach - it has awfully sweet words, I copied both of them and sent them to Millie. Whenever you get them published send me a copy won't you, Please, or a better way yet - have them sung over the radio where I can hear them - I'd sure like that.

Well, Helen, you really are an ambitious girl - But I agree with you it's better that way than like pig's. Better take good care of your-self tho', You wan't to be as careful as you can until quite a while after you're operation. Have you found out yet when it's going to be? Don't forget to let me know just as soon as you find out.

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Did you find your new Apartment in time for Xmas? I shouldn't worry about it if you haven't - as long as you are buying your own furnishing in the spring you might as well stay where you're at until then. That moving all the time is a lot of work and no fooling. And you know Helen it's the worst thing you can do for your sides is to lift heavy thing's.

Gee, I could hardly keep from crying when I read that part of your letter about wanting me to come and live with my big brother and little sis. When I get out of here. Lordy, but it's a grand feeling to know that someone want's you. I haven't decided yet just what I am going to do or where I am going when I leave here. I make up my mind and change it a dozen times a day - I am trying to figure out which place would be best for me. Oh, Well, I've got plenty of time to get it straightened out.

Talk about snow, - Wow, for three day's straight, starting the day before Xmas, it snowed like nobodies business - it was about eight inches deep yesterday. It isn't snowing now but it is getting much colder and oh, that roof is really miserable.

Listen, you two kids, if the stork does visit you and it's a girl - aren't you going to name it Wynona? Better or I'll jump up & down & scream. -

Listen, Helen, don't say a word about my being bored reading your letters - In fact it's just the opposite - I love to read them - they are always so interesting.

I got my first Xmas card today and I haven't the slightest idea who it's from. It wasn't signed at all and I've thought and thought and can't imagine who sent it, It's very sweet and I sure am proud of it but I wish I knew who to thank for it. but I can say who ever did send it surely must know me well - for they certainly knew what I liked. The card has a little vine covered cottage on it that rises up from the rest of the card it has a rake & a little sprinkler leaning up against the side of the house, Oh, it's simply to darling for Words.

Helen, Dear, Please make Art be careful when he's working. I have been so worried about him since he wrote & told me about those big boulders rolling around - Lord I can just see them.

How is your Mother getting along and does she live far from you kids. I'll bet she's tickled you kids are getting along so well. Is'nt she?

Well, Darling's, I shall say goodbye for now as I am completely out of new's, Write real soon and tell me all about yourselves.

This is W. S. P. D. signing off. Ha. Ha.

Answer real soon

Your Loving baby sis

Nona B.

Gobs and Gobs of love to you both-----

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Kiss one another for me.

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326 1/2 Post Office Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
December 31, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

I am transmitting herewith the original subpoena calling for your presence at the trial of the above entitled case in the Federal Court at St. Paul, Minnesota, at 10:00 a. m. January 6, 1936.

This letter will confirm my telegraphic communication to your office on December 30, 1935.

Very truly yours,

D. W. Magee,  
Special Agent in Charge

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*Edward J. Connelley*

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P. O. Box #788,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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January 2, 1936

Special Agent In Charge,  
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. Michael McGrath, Aberdeen, South Dakota, dated December 21, 1935, with reference to Robert Garville Orniston, which report reflects that Orniston had stated to Iver Tollefson that he had a girl at Fisher, Minnesota by the last name of Krostue.

Please be advised that Miss Theresa Krostue of Fisher, Minnesota, is presently a nurse at Mercy Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. She was contacted at Columbus and upon viewing photographs of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, stated that these bore a striking resemblance to her former fiancé, one Walter Raymond Armstrong. She stated that there is a remarkable resemblance, except that the eyes are apparently different.

Miss Krostue advised that she met Walter Raymond Armstrong in 1922 at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota through one R. B. Rathbun, who formerly was Vice-President of the First National Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota. She stated she knew Armstrong for four years, from 1922 through 1925, but that she has not seen or heard from him in ten years. She advised that at the time she knew Armstrong he was a field representative for Star and Durant cars, and that he was also employed or interested in an automobile finance company which had offices in the Baker Building, Minneapolis, and which had headquarters at South Bend, Indiana.

She knows that he became involved in some difficulty in connection with this finance company, it being her recollection that he swindled this company out of a large amount of money and also passed several bad checks.

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Miss Krostus advised that Armstrong was often called "Army", but that this nickname was derived from his own name and not because he had been in the Army or had any military experience. She stated he was very well educated and intelligent, but had never mentioned any education in medicine and she felt that since she was a nurse at that time, he would have mentioned it. He also visited her home while her mother was very ill and she was unable to recall that he had ever shown any aptitude or experience along medical lines.

Miss Krostus furnished a large photograph of Armstrong which had been taken in Fort Wayne, Indiana at the Ervin Studio. She was unable to recall the year that she received this photograph, but believed it was about 1923 or 1924. During this time, Armstrong was working for a Hudson-Essex dealer in Fort Wayne and she recalled that he was in charge of an endurance contest for these cars, in which drivers drove without rest for a long period of time.

Miss Krostus advised that she has not been in the State of Minnesota since August, 1934, and that she never worked with Armstrong and that she has never been employed in a veterans' hospital or facility.

She also advised that R. B. Rathbun could now be located in the Reanoke Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he is in the brokerage business, and she advised that he is well known in Minneapolis, and that she believes Rathbun was very familiar with Armstrong at one time.

She further advised that it was her recollection that Armstrong's home was in Decatur, Illinois, and that he had a brother, Ralph Armstrong who was a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, and another brother named Paul, and a sister named Leila, who was a teacher, the addresses of the latter two being unknown.

Miss Krostus advised that she has a number of letters from Armstrong which are in her trunk at Fisher, Minnesota, but that she would not like to produce these letters, as they are of a very personal nature.

Miss Krostus described Armstrong as follows:-

Present age	42 to 45	Weight	165 - 170
Height	5' 9" or 5' 10"	Hair	Brown
Teeth	Good	Eyes	Brown (Wore glasses most of the time.)
Peculiarities	Shoulders slightly stooped or rounded. Head carried slightly to one side.		

Miss Pearl Moore, Executive Secretary, Presbyterian Synod of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio, advised that she has no record of any minister named Ralph Armstrong. She suggested contact with Dr. John Vance Stephens, Lane Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dr. Stephens, upon being contacted advised that he recalled a Presbyterian minister, whose full name was Ralph Alexander Armstrong. He stated that this minister has been dead for a number of years, but upon referring to the records of the Seminary, he advised that Armstrong had given his home as Penn, Illinois, and that Armstrong was a graduate of Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee.

From the above information it is apparent that  
Raymond Armstrong is not identical with subject Moran, and  
it is believed very likely that Armstrong is identical with Robert  
Carville Ormiston. It is, therefore, suggested that the photograph  
of Armstrong which is enclosed to you herewith, be exhibited immediately  
to the persons familiar with Ormiston, to ascertain if this is the  
same individual.

It is suggested that other offices having leads in connection with Ormiston, hold these in abeyance pending further advice from the Aberdeen Office.

Very truly yours,

H. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

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REPORT MADE AT <b>OMAHA, NEBRASKA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/31/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/30/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN A. DOWD</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 FUGI- TIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">John *Cohen, Attorney at Law, Lincoln, Nebraska, representing the estate of David and Gertrude Sandlovich, deceased, parents of subject Harry Sawyer, informs that Mrs. Harry Sawyer arrived at Lincoln, Nebraska about December 28, 1935 and is presently there endeavoring to raise money from the estate properties of David and Gertrude Sandlovich, probably to be used for the defense of subject Harry Sawyer. Bureau and St. Paul Bureau Office advised.</p>			
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">On December 30, 1935, John Cohen, Attorney at Law, Lincoln, Nebraska, telephoned Agent at the Omaha Bureau Office to the effect that he is attorney for the estate of David and Gertrude Sandlovich, deceased, parents of subject Harry Sawyer; that Mrs. Harry Sawyer, wife of subject Harry Sawyer appeared at Lincoln, Nebraska on December 28, 1935 and is presently at Lincoln, Nebraska endeavoring to raise money on properties of the Sandlovich estate, possibly for the purpose of obtaining money to be used by Harry Sawyer in his defense in this case. This information was teletyped to the Bureau and to the St. Paul Bureau Office for their information and any action that they desire should be taken.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PENDING</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>John A. Dowd</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

January 2, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID.

Reference is made to your letter of December 30, 1935, to the Bureau, referring to the report of Special Agent J. H. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1936, in connection with the arrival and departure book of the El Comodoro Hotel at Miami, Florida, which reflects that W. J. Harrison checked into the El Comodoro Hotel on September 1, 1934, from Cleveland, Ohio, at which time he registered for himself and party of three, occupying Rooms 1904 and 1905 until September 12, 1934, at which time the departure column indicates that only two people checked out with Harrison, and it is set forth that the registration cards of this hotel were being retained in the Jacksonville Office file.

In the first paragraph on Page 5 of your letter, it is stated, among other things, that card in question was not observed with the other Registration Cards referred to in letter from the Jacksonville Office dated September 30, 1935, and that either Special Agent S. K. McKee or J. H. Hanson, when this case was being presented to the Grand Jury at St. Paul, stated to Assistant United States Attorney George Halsey that the registration card for Harrison on September 1, 1934, had been lost.

In your letter we were requested to review our file, as well as to make a search of the files in the Office of the United States Attorney at Jacksonville and Miami for the card in question.

Your attention is respectfully invited to the second paragraph on Page 4, of the report of Special Agent Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida, dated April 25, 1935, which reflects that an examination was made of the arrival and departure book in connection with the registration of W. J. Harrison, and party, on September 1, 1934, in Rooms 1904-5. The registration was covered by card #2213 and was for three persons at the rate of \$7.00 per day. The departure record was on card #2957 under date of September 12, 1934, and included only two persons. Searches for these two cards have been negative.

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It appears from this latter statement that the card in question was not available when Agent Hanson conducted the investigation in this matter from March 23 to April 17, 1935, which is recorded in his report of April 23, 1935.

Very truly yours,

R. A. ALT,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Bureau  
Cincinnati  
E. J. Connelley.

Box No. 7-24



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Kansas City, Missouri,  
December 31, 1935

J. A. Dowd,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
609 First National Bank Building,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

44-4136

BREKID ADVISE IF NEBRASKA LICENSE PLATE FOUR FOUR DASH FOUR ONE THREE SIX STOLEN AND  
IF CAR FOR WHICH ORIGINALLY ISSUED HAS ALSO BEEN STOLEN

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PHONE. BREKID SHERIFF FOR NEMAHA COUNTY NEBRASKA, COUNTY SEAT  
AUBURN NEBRASKA, AUTOMOBILE LICENSES OF WHICH COUNTY HAVE PREFIX  
44, ADVISES THAT LICENSE 44-4136 WAS NOT ISSUED. NO LICENSE  
ISSUED OVER AND ABOVE 44-3500. SHERIFF ADVISES THAT KANSAS  
CITY AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH HIM TODAY  
CONCERNING NEBRASKA LICENSE 44-3461. THIS LATTER LICENSE WAS  
ISSUED TO CARL YACKERS, BROWNVILLE, NEBRASKA. THIS LICENSE PLATE  
WAS STOLEN FROM YACKERS DURING THE SUMMER OF 1935. SHERIFF  
ADVISES THAT AUTOMOBILE OF YACKERS WAS NOT STOLEN. UNABLE TO  
REACH CARL YACKERS AND WILL NOT ENDEAVOR TO DO SO UNLESS YOU  
FURTHER INSTRUCT.

DOWD

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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
January 2, 1936

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Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 515  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

REKID

Reference is made to the report of  
Special Agent W. T. Gray, Butte, Montana, December  
27, 1935, suggesting that this office consider the  
advisability of interviewing Carl Maerzberg and  
Emil Maerzberg.

These interviews will not be conducted  
unless specifically authorized by you, since Charles  
J. Fitzgerald has now been located and undue question-  
ing may somehow inform him of that fact.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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CHICAGO ILLINOIS

January 2, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

In re: REXID

Reference is made to your letter dated December 30, 1935 wherein it is requested that the original letter written by Miss Helen Conliff to attorney Thomas McMeekin of St. Paul as quoted in report of Agent J. L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois dated October 18, 1935 be forwarded to your office.

In compliance therewith I am enclosing herewith the original of the letter in question.

Please be advised that Special Agent John L. Madala talked with Helen Conliff on the afternoon of December 31, 1935 at which time the subpoena calling for her presence in St. Paul on January 8, 1936 was served upon her. In accepting the subpoena Miss Conliff indicated that if it were at all possible she would desire very much to remain in Chicago until one or two days prior to the time it is anticipated she will take the stand. In this connection she stated that she has a good position with Marshal Field and Company at Chicago at the present time and that every day she is absent from work she loses \$2.50. Miss Conliff also indicated at this time that she has no ready funds to take her to St. Paul, nor has she any funds available to take care of her expenses during the time she will be in that city. In view of this and since it does not appear now that Miss Conliff is hostile toward the Government, it is suggested that this matter be taken up with the United States Marshal at St. Paul so that arrangements may be made to advance her sufficient funds to pay her transportation to St. Paul and also to take care of her expenses during the time it is anticipated she will be there.

Kindly advise me immediately whether the above arrangements can be effected, so that Miss Conliff may be duly advised in the premises.

Very truly yours,

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H. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

January 2, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Butte, Montana.

Dear Sir:

In re: MOXID

Reference is made to report of Special Agent W. T. Gray, Butte, Montana dated December 27, 1935, and particularly the undeveloped leads contained therein as to St. Paul and Butte, in which further investigation is outlined to be carried out as to the possible activities of Isabelle Born.

Regarding further inquiry as to Isabelle Born, or Belle Born as she is commonly known, due to the fact that we now have Charles J. Fitzgerald located and under surveillance at Los Angeles, California, further open inquiries at this time are not believed advisable, as such inquiries might result in Belle Born or Charles J. Fitzgerald being advised as to this direct activity, and depending upon how close these individuals are to either Belle Born or Charles J. Fitzgerald, it might cause Fitzgerald to leave his present location. Therefore open interviews should not be had at this time until further request is made, which of course will depend upon developments in the future.

However, any inquiries which may be safely made and discreetly carried out as to whether or not Alvin Karpis or Harry Campbell are in the vicinity of the various places from which persons are communicating with Belle Born, due to her past association with the members of this gang, should be carried out. It is of course doubtful as to just how close Belle Born may be to either Alvin Karpis or Harry Campbell at this particular time.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

Special Agent in Charge.

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JANUARY 2, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Kindly transmit to this office immediately two copies of the  
photograph of Mrs. Bessie Skimer, alias Bessie Green.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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PHONE. BREKID. NEWSPAPERS CHICAGO ADVISE NEWS DISPATCH INDICATES HOMER FANNING

TAKEN IN GUN BATTLE WITH KANSAS CITY MISSOURI POLICE TODAY COMPANION GETTING

AWAY. FANNING REPORTED AS CLAIMING ALVIN KARPIS WAS COMPANION. REFER TO LETTER

8-10-34 OMAHA OFFICE TO BUREAU AS TO BACKGROUND OF FANNING - ALSO LETTER OKLAHOMA

CITY 8-14-34 TO BUREAU.

SURVEILLANCE CHICAGO, CLEVELAND, ASHTABULA BEING MAINTAINED AND NO PARTICULAR

DEVELOPMENT. CLEVELAND ENDEAVORING TO GET TELEPHONE TAP ON WILLIAM FERGUS THERE

AND REPORTED THAT CLARENCE HEBERBRAND AND WILLIAM J MITCHELL EXPECTED RETURN

FROM EUROPE END PRESENT WEEK. THEY WILL BE COVERED AS PER ARRANGEMENT CLEVELAND

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Handwritten notes in left margin: "Confidential Informant", "HARRY CAMPBELL", "TOLEDO", "PARTIALLY DEINDEXED THIS SERIAL 23 1-11-36"

Handwritten initials and signature: "E", "B", "R"

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

January 4th, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with the firearms and technical training of Special Agent V. E. Criss, I desire to advise that he did not receive this training during the month of December, 1935, by reason of the fact that he is engaged in a twenty-four hour surveillance in connection with the Brakid case.

Very truly yours,

RMG:IFM

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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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 connection with the firearms and technical training of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, I desire to advise that he did not receive this training during the month of December, 1935, by reason of the fact that he is engaged in a twenty-four hour surveillance in connection with the Brekid case.

Very truly yours,

DML:LJM

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Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. E.J. Connelley

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REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE: 12-31-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11-18, 19, 22-35 12-27-35	REPORT MADE BY: W. C. Ryan
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al Edward George Bremer, - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>Fatso Negri</b> can not identify girls seen by him in "Soap" Marino's joint in San Francisco during latter part of 1933. Thomas G. Williams interviewed on two occasions at U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, but no information of value obtained from him.</p> <p>P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated November 9, 1935.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: At Portland, Oregon</p> <p>Joseph Raymond "Fatso" Negri was interviewed at the Portland Bureau Office by the writer on 11-18-35. Previous information furnished by him, as contained in the Bureau letter of reference, was discussed with him in connection with the visit made by "Baby Face" Nelson, his wife, and Negri, to Tobe Williams, at Williams' hospital at Vallejo, California, during the latter part of September and the first part of October, 1934. Negri recalled furnishing this information, and upon giving further thought to the incident, stated that</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. C. Ryan</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JAN 4 1936
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Williams told Nelson in response to Nelson's inquiry as to where he, Nelson, could get in touch with Freddie and Ray, that there was a party then at the hospital who could furnish him some information. Negri stated that Williams thereupon, took Nelson and his wife to another room in the hospital and that he, Negri, then departed from the hospital and returned several hours later to meet Nelson. According to Negri, after he left the hospital with Nelson, he was informed by Nelson that the party who Williams had introduced him to in the hospital was a very good contact for Freddie and Ray, and that this party had told him, Nelson, how to get in touch with Freddie and Ray. That Negri stated that as he recalls, Nelson told him that the party in the hospital had outlined to him the best method of going from Jersey City to New York, and had told him a party in New York to see, who would be able to make the contact for him.

With reference to the incident wherein Negri stated that during the latter part of 1933, or early part of 1934 he went to a beetleg joint operated by Soap Marino at 34 Hyde Street, San Francisco, and saw Soap talking to two girls who were strangers to him, Negri advised that on that occasion, the girls and Marino were sitting in a booth in Marino's place when he entered, and that as he approached the booth Marino got up and came over to him. Negri stated he did not get a very good look at either of these girls although it was his impression that they were young girls. He stated that Marino did not make him acquainted with the girls and that he only got a glancing view of the sides of their faces, but did not get to observe them closely. Negri stated that he was positive that he would not be able to identify these girls should he see them again, as he did not observe them sufficiently. Negri was nevertheless, exhibited photographs of Wynona Bardette, Edna Murray, Paula Harmon, and Dolores Delaney, but upon viewing these photographs Negri stated that he is positive that he had never seen any of these women at any time, and could not state whether they resembled the girls who were with Marino on the above occasion.

Negri also, at this time affirmed the previous statement with reference to an automatic pistol having been in the possession of Louis Tambini, bartender for Soap which supposedly belonged to an Eastern mob. He also reiterated the previous information to the effect that Tambini had told him that one of their mob was in the Vallejo General Hospital being treated for a gun shot wound. Negri was rather definite that this latter incident occurred during the latter part of 1933 or early part of 1934.

Negri again called at the Portland Bureau Office on the afternoon of 11-19-35, at which time he advised that in thinking over incidents in his association with "Baby Face" Nelson, he recalled that he believes that he met Ray Karpis through "Baby Face" Nelson during May of 1933. That he recalls

that about that time Nelson came to Parenti's Summer Resort, the Elverano, at Sonoma, California in a seven passenger Plymouth Sedan. That Nelson was at this time accompanied by a party who was driving the Plymouth car, the Nelson introduced him to as Ray, stating that Ray had just driven him down to Sonoma from Reno, Nevada. Negri stated that this party Ray, let Nelson out in front of Parenti's place and drove off immediately thereafter, and did not even get out of the car. Negri stated that he is positive that this party whom he met as Ray in May 1935, was Alvin Karpis. Negri further advised that he, Negri, was the only one who saw Jimmy arrive at this time and that Parenti was not present and would know nothing about the incident.

At McNeil Island, Washington.

On 11-22-35, Thomas C. Williams, alias Tobe Williams, number 11524, United States Penitentiary, McNeil Island, was interviewed by the writer at the Penitentiary. On the occasion of this interview, it was necessary for Agent to conduct the interview in the presence of a prison guard, and for this reason, no effort was made to conduct a detailed interview with Williams in connection with the matter set out in the Bureau letter of reference, under these circumstances. Agent talked with Williams only a short time for the purpose of endeavoring to obtain some idea as to his attitude toward furnishing information. Williams, on this occasion, showed a very belligerent attitude, and it was apparent it would be useless to endeavor to question him in detail in the presence of a guard.

On 12-27-35, a further interview was had with Tobe Williams at which time he was interviewed without the presence of a prison guard. Williams was questioned in detail as to any knowledge he might have as to the various members of Karpis-Barker Gangs and their associates, but he stated that there appeared to be an erroneous opinion on the part of Bureau, that he was in possession of information concerning the members of this gang. He advised that he was being truthful in stating that he had no information which would be helpful in investigation concerning the Karpis-Barker Gang. He stated that if he were in possession of information concerning that gang, he would not furnish it under any circumstances, but that if he had information, he would refuse absolutely to discuss the gang with any Bureau Agent, but went on to state that since he has no information concerning them and knows nothing of their activities, he will be truthful and answer any questions which might be put to him concerning them.

When questioned concerning the incident of the visit of "Baby Face" Nelson, and Nelson's wife, and Negri, to his hospital during 1934,

Williams stated that the testimony as given by Negri in the course of his, Williams, trial as to an alleged conversation between he, Williams, and Nelson, as to a connection with Alvin Karpis, was entirely erroneous. Williams stated that on the occasion of the visit of Nelson to his hospital in October 1934, he did not introduce Nelson to any patient in the hospital nor did Nelson, to his knowledge, have a conversation with a patient. Williams stated that on this occasion he did call Nelson aside and took him to another room where he cautioned him to stay away from a blond girl with whom Nelson had been associating in San Francisco. Williams claimed not to know the identity of this girl but stated that Nelson had had an affair with her and that he, Williams, had learned that the blond girl in question was planning to make trouble for Nelson. Williams claimed not to know the identity of the blond girl and stated that he could furnish no information which would be helpful in locating her. Williams further stated on the occasion of the visit referred to, Patso Negri, stayed at the hospital only a few minutes whereas Nelson remained at the hospital for approximately a half hour and that Nelson left with his wife after this short visit in order to again join Negri.

Williams was exhibited a photograph of Charles J. Fitzgerald alias C. J. Murphy, and upon being asked whether he recalled this individual being a patient at the hospital during the time of Nelson's visit, he stated that the side view photograph of Fitzgerald looked very much like the man who was in the hospital at the time under the name of C. Murphy. Williams stated that C. Murphy first came to his hospital at Vallejo during August 1934, and that he was examined at this time for a fractured hip which had been improperly set. Williams said that Murphy was advised that the fractured hip would have to be reset if he did not wish to lose the use of the one leg completely.

According to Williams, Murphy returned to the hospital about October 1, 1934, at which time the necessary treatment was given to him in connection with the resetting of the fractured hip. That Murphy was confined to a bed in the hospital with a cast on the fractured member from approximately October 1, 1934 until shortly before the time he, Williams, was arrested in connection with the charge for which he is now serving in the Penitentiary.

Williams stated that Murphy was undoubtedly a patient in the hospital at the time when Nelson visited him, but that he did not introduce Nelson to Murphy, and to his knowledge, Nelson did not visit Murphy in the hospital.

Williams emphatically denied that he knew of any connection

between Murphy and members of the Karpis Barker Gang, nor that he had indicated to Nelson that he would be able to put him in touch with Freddie Barker and Ray Karpis.

With reference to his previous admission that Alvin Karpis had undergone a tonsil operation in this hospital during February 1933, Williams stated that as he recalled, Karpis was in the hospital under the name of Ryan, but that he, Williams, did not see Karpis at the time he was at the hospital and had no conversation with him. Williams again admitted that he had met Kate Barker at Lake Tahoe, Nevada, during the spring of 1933, but stated that he could not recall who had made him acquainted with her or any of the incidents surrounding his introduction to her. He also reiterated his previous admission that he had again met Kate Barker on the streets of San Francisco a few months later in 1933, but indicated that this was only a chance meeting and that he had no further contact or meeting with her since that time. Williams was exhibited several photographs of Harry Campbell, and he advised that he had never seen this individual.

When questioned as to whether Campbell or any other person was a patient in his hospital during the latter part of 1933 or early part of 1934, as a result of a gun shot wound, Williams was very emphatic in his denial that any such patient was at the hospital. He stated that had any one presented themselves to his hospital with a gun shot wound of any kind, that fact would have been immediately reported to the police department at Vallejo, as was the rule at the hospital. And that further, if such an incident did occur that a person was treated for a gun shot wound, this would be definitely indicated on the records of the hospital.

Williams asserted that in his opinion, it would be practically impossible to give treatment to any one with a gun shot wound without a number of the hospital employees being aware of the fact, and that it would have been too great a risk to attempt to treat any one for such a wound without notifying the police force first.

Although Williams maintained a congenial attitude throughout the interview, he constantly asserted throughout the discussion with him, that he had been unjustly convicted, and constantly claimed that his conviction was a result of persecution and not prosecution. He stated that he bears no ill feeling toward agents of this Bureau, but indicated throughout the interview that he was exceedingly bitter toward United States Attorney McPike, San Francisco, and Fatso Hegri.

He assumed throughout, the attitude as previously indicated, that inasmuch as he knew nothing concerning the activities or

connections of the Karpis and Barker Gang, he did not mind discussing them with Agent, but on the other hand, asserted very definitely that if he did have information concerning them, he would not furnish it, stating that if he did have information concerning them, he would refuse even to discuss them with Agent which he claims would be indicative, on his part, that he was being truthful, stating that he knew nothing about them.

It was learned from the interview with Williams, that it could not be hoped to obtain information from him, as he has assumed the attitude that he has been unjustly convicted, and for this reason, it is apparent that whatever information he may have in his possession, he will not furnish under any circumstances.

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SAC CONNELLEY CHICAGO

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AND THEATRES. WE TODAY OBTAINED APARTMENT 201 IN VICTORIA FOR  
COVERING THAT PLACE. EXPECT TO SECURE WITHIN FEW DAYS ANOTHER  
APARTMENT IN BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TO REPLACE 203 FROM WHICH WILL HAVE  
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*Edw. H. Bremer*

*copy to Mr. Tamm*

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Los Angeles, California  
December 31, 1935

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

Att.: Technical Laboratory

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

In connection with the surveillance that is being maintained of Charles J. Fitzgerald at Los Angeles, I am enclosing herewith in a cellophane envelope a sheet of writing paper which was obtained from a writing pad in Fitzgerald's room.

It is not believed that it is necessary to make an examination of this piece of paper for the purpose of finding fingerprints on it but it is suggested that, if it is possible, the Laboratory endeavor to ascertain if there are any impressions of any writing on this paper. This request is being made inasmuch as it is possible that, if Fitzgerald is communicating with any members of the gang who are being sought in this case, he might have written to them on this pad and left some impression on this sheet of paper.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc/ Connelley, Chicago  
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Laboratory Report

Case: BREKID

Number: 7-576-8786

Specimens:

7-576-8786 A. One sheet of writing paper which was obtained from a writing pad in Charles J. Fitzgerald's room.

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Date received: 1-6-36 jwp 11:45

Examination requested: Document - bring out impressions.

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel

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CC - E. J. Connelley, Chicago  
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TULSA, OKLAHOMA LAST NIGHT VIA FRISCO RAILROAD FOR JACKSONVILLE  
FLORIDA. PAID FOR TICKET WITH \$100.00 NOTE ISSUED BY THE KANSAS  
CITY DISTRICT OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK, SERIAL NO. J00397656-A.  
HE PURCHASED TWO TICKETS FROM TULSA TO JACKSONVILLE. TRIP PRESUMABLY  
FOR PURPOSE OF OBTAINING POSSESSION CONFISCATED AUTOMOBILE PREVIOUSLY  
USED BY HARRY CAMPBELL.

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DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 3, 1936.

Time - 9:20 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

During a telephonic conversation which I had with Mr. Ladd at the Chicago Office, I inquired if Mr. Connelley was in the office, and was informed that he was down at Ashtabula, Ohio. I asked him to have Mr. Connelley call me upon his return.

Mr. Connelley telephoned me, and I inquired as to the situation down at Ashtabula. He said that he looked the situation over down there, and has come to the conclusion that in so far as our undercover efforts are concerned, the Agents are going to have to be taken out of there for the reason that their presence is liable to make the place "hot". The main difficulty in this situation is the fact that the Agents are unable to make a definite accounting for their presence there. Mr. Connelley said that they are going to check on the possibility of the subjects' having an apartment down there, which they have furnished with furniture bought in town. He explained that when the subjects were in Toledo, they leased an unfurnished apartment, bought their own furniture, and had it moved into the apartment. A check is also being made, of course, on the telephone angle to determine if the person to whom Charles Fitzgerald in California made a telephone call returned the call later. Mr. Connelley said that they are going to have some considerable difficulty getting a telephone tap placed in there for the reason that the system of telephonic communication out there is somewhat antiquated. However, he said he believed Agent Jones would be able to rig up something which will work.

Information has been developed indicating that "Tip" O'Neil of the Harvard Club may be a contact man for Karpis and his associates, and accordingly a check is going to be made to ascertain whether a tap can be placed on O'Neil's unlisted telephone.

Mr. Connelley said that the last time we have definite information of the appearance of Campbell at Tulsa, Oklahoma, is when Wynona Burdette was last in St. Paul. In this connection, Wynona Burdette is going to be called to St. Paul in a very short time for the trial there, and it was the opinion of Mr. Connelley that the plant at Tulsa should be particularly and carefully watched during the period Burdette is in St. Paul.

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I asked Mr. Connelley what his opinion is with reference to the situation of Fitzgerald; that is, what we are going to do with him ultimately. Mr. Connelley said that while we are going to have to pick him up ultimately, all possibilities should be thoroughly exhausted before this is done; that he does not believe Fitzgerald will talk, unless it is possible for us, through some means or other, to make him believe we know all about his participation in the Hamm Kidnaping case. The possibility, also, of making him talk through the Belle Born angle was mentioned, but Mr. Connelley seemed to think that this would not work at this time for the reason that Fitzgerald seems to be more interested in his little secretary out in California than he is in Belle Born.

Mr. Connelley said that he would return to Chicago this evening, and make arrangements to get out of there with the Agents who are going to be needed at St. Paul for the trial. He said he would keep after the U. S. Attorney out there and try to get the Agents released just as quickly as possible.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. TAMM.

**Division of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

P. O. Box #64  
Buffalo, N.Y.

Jan. 3, 1936

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

Re: Special Agent M. J. Cassidy  
Brekid case

Dear Sir:

With reference to the above named agent, please be advised that in answer to a subpoena in the Brekid case, he will depart from Buffalo, New York at 6 P.M. on the evening of January 4, 1936, via New York Central Railroad; and he will leave Chicago at 8 A.M., January 5, 1936 on the Burlington route, arriving in St. Paul at 2:30 P.M. on the same day.

Very truly yours,

*G. V. Doherty*

G. V. DOHERTY  
Special Agent in Charge

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REPORT MADE AT Trenton, New Jersey	DATE WHEN MADE 1-4-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-23, 24-35	REPORT MADE BY H. E. SCOTT
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, w.a., FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, w.a., FUGITIVE, I. O. #1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.a., I.O. 1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE. OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Examination of records in New Jersey Motor Vehicle Bureau reveals Harry Campbell has not applied for nor obtained driver's or chauffeur's license nor registered his automobile in New Jersey under the aliases G. R. Benton, George Benton, or Mary Forth.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter from Cleveland Field Office, dated December 16, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

**AT TRENTON, NEW JERSEY**

Mr. Joseph M. Bright, information clerk, New Jersey State Motor Vehicle Bureau, advised Agent that a search of the records of that department reflect that neither driver's license, chauffeur's license, nor registration cards for an automobile had been applied for or obtained in New Jersey by anyone named G. R. Benton, George Benton, or Mary Forth.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. E. Scott</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">7 1576 + 8789 JAN 6 1936</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">JAN 14 1936</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">JAN 6 - A.M.</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">ONE R</div>
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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

REKID

This will inform you that Special Agent K. R. McIntire has discussed with the United States Attorney at St. Paul on several occasions, the desirability of returning a new indictment against MYRTLE EATON at Jacksonville, Florida.

Mr. George Sullivan, United States Attorney, and his first assistant, Mr. George Heisey, have both informed Agent McIntire that while they do not wish to criticize the work of the United States Attorney at Jacksonville, Florida, they are nevertheless of the opinion that the indictment returned at that point against MYRTLE EATON on the charge of harboring and concealing WILLIAM WEAVER is faulty.

It is their opinion that the indictment fails to allege a crime, and they feel that a considerable amount of embarrassment and difficulty may be experienced in causing her removal from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Jacksonville, Florida. They have pointed out that the indictment specifically alleges that MYRTLE EATON and WILLIAM WEAVER using the name of Mr. and Mrs. Osborne, occupied the position of man and wife, and that there is considerable doubt as to whether a wife, who according to the common law, is under certain circumstances under the domination of her husband, can be prosecuted for having harbored him.

Mr. Heisey has pointed out to Agent McIntire that the indictment alleges that MYRTLE EATON did, with knowledge of the existence of a bench warrant calling for the arrest of WILLIAM WEAVER, secrete WILLIAM WEAVER, living with him as man and wife, and maintaining a home for him. Mr. Heisey points out that he does not feel that this allegation is sufficiently strong to constitute a crime. He indicates a person cannot passively commit a crime; that some overt act must be committed.

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It is his opinion that the above allegation is not properly phrased so as to admit of proof of the fact that she did actually harbor and conceal WEAVER.

Mr. Heisey has informed that in drawing an indictment it is only necessary to follow the wording of the Statute to the effect that the person charged with harboring did unlawfully harbor and conceal. Mr. Heisey has stated that the indictment as it stands alleges with particularity those facts which undoubtedly will be used by the defense to show that MYRTLE EATON was under the domination of her alleged husband and could therefore not be guilty of having harbored him. Mr. Heisey said in summing up his remarks, that he did not feel that the indictment shows probable cause to believe that a crime was committed by MYRTLE EATON.

He pointed out that Judge George Jones of the Criminal Division recently visited Mr. George Sullivan, the United States Attorney at St. Paul, at which time Judge Jones was furnished with a copy of the indictment which was returned at St. Paul, Minnesota, against EVELYN FRECHETTE in the Dillinger case, and has suggested that this indictment might possibly be used as a model in view of the fact that it has stood the test of all attacks made upon it.

Agent McIntire has been informed that the U. S. District Court at St. Paul, Minnesota, has issued a writ ordering MYRTLE EATON to remain in St. Paul as a defense witness during the course of the trial.

The United States Attorneys at St. Paul, Minnesota, however, have pointed out that it is imperative that a new indictment be returned in the Jacksonville District at an early date. This is deemed advisable since counsel for MYRTLE EATON will undoubtedly move for a dismissal of the present indictment against her at St. Paul charging her with participation in the BREMER kidnaping. The United States Attorneys at this point therefore feel that they should have the benefit of a strong indictment to assist them in effecting her removal as soon as her usefulness as a witness for the defense has been served.

The United States Attorneys at St. Paul, Minnesota, have indicated that they do not intend any of the above remarks to be a criticism of the United States Attorney's work at Jacksonville, Florida, and for this reason the Jacksonville Office is being requested to hold this matter in confidence.

It is respectfully requested that in the light of the above opinions expressed by the United States Attorneys at St. Paul, Minnesota, the Bureau consider with representatives of the Criminal Division of the Department, the advisability of arranging for the immediate return of a new indictment at Jacksonville, Florida, which will be without the faults which are now alleged to be incorporated in the present indictment.

It is suggested that if a Grand Jury is not presently sitting in the Jacksonville District, that the United States Attorney at that point arrange with the court to call a special session of the Grand Jury as was done at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 22, 1935, when major indictments were returned against 22 persons named in the BREMER kidnaping.

It will be appreciated if you will advise the St. Paul Office in the near future of the results of your conversations with a representative of the Criminal Division so that the United States Attorney may be fully advised in the premises.

Very truly yours,

*C. W. Stein*  
C. W. STEIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENE

In connection with the case involving the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, there are set forth herein excerpts from a letter from the St. Paul office of this Bureau, dated January 9, 1936, which reflects an interview had by Special Agent K. R. McIntire with the United States Attorney at St. Paul:

Mr. George Sullivan, United States Attorney, and his first assistant, Mr. George Heisey, have both informed Agent McIntire that while they do not wish to criticize the work of the United States Attorney at Jacksonville, Florida, they are nevertheless of the opinion that the indictment returned at that point against Myrtle Eaton on the charge of harboring and concealing William Weaver is faulty.

"It is their opinion that the indictment fails to allege a crime, and they feel that a considerable amount of embarrassment and difficulty may be experienced in causing her removal from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Jacksonville, Florida. They have pointed out that the indictment specifically alleges that Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver using the name of Mr. and Mrs. Seberna, occupied the position of man and wife, and that there is considerable doubt as to whether a wife, who according to the common law, is under certain circumstances under the domination of her husband, can be prosecuted for having harbored him.

Mr. Heisey has pointed out to Agent McIntire that the indictment alleges that Myrtle Eaton did, with knowledge of the existence of a bench warrant calling for the arrest of William Weaver, secrete William Weaver, living with him as man and wife, and maintaining a home for him. Mr. Heisey comments that he does not feel that this allegation is sufficiently strong to constitute a crime. He indicates a person cannot passively commit a crime; that some overt act must be committed.

"It is his opinion that the above allegation is not properly phrased so as to admit of proof of the fact that she did actually harbor and conceal Weaver.

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January 10, 1936

"Mr. Heisey has informed that in drawing an indictment it is only necessary to follow the wording of the Statute to the effect that the person charged with harboring did unlawfully harbor and conceal. Mr. Heisey has stated that the indictment as it stands alleges with particularity those facts which undoubtedly will be used by the defense to show that Myrtle Eaton was under the domination of her alleged husband and could therefore not be guilty of having harbored him. Mr. Heisey said in summing up his remarks, that he did not feel that the indictment shows probable cause to believe that a crime was committed by Myrtle Eaton.

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The foregoing is furnished you for any consideration which you may deem advisable in the premises.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

# Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

SPECIAL  
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January 4, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

In connection with survey of the general conditions existing as to the investigation being made in this matter at Cleveland and Ashtabula, Ohio, in conference with S.A.C. J.P. MacFarland and the Agents especially assigned for handling this in Cleveland, Ohio and vicinity the following additional general outline of work was planned and will be pursued to a logical conclusion by the Cleveland office, in efforts to locate Campbell and Karpis.

at Cleveland, nothing has developed and it is very probable that the interview of Milton Lett has caused him to advise Campbell that he had been interviewed. Two Agents are continuing on this for the time being until it is definitely determined that there is no possibility of any person appearing to register additional letters as were previously received by Maggie Lett at Wann, Oklahoma.

On January 3, 1936 an apartment was secured and telephone installed in order that a tap could be established upon the telephone of William Fergus at his home, and this will be covered for a period of a week or ten days to determine whether or not there is any possibility, as determined by the conversations over the telephone of the Fergus family, of Fergus being the intermediary between Arthur Heberbrandt, James Patton, and the subjects in this case.

In connection with the activities of Heberbrandt and Patton around the Harvard Club, which is conducted by them and which is probably one of the most elaborate and prosperous gambling establishments in the country, there is one TONY, a body guard for the two owners, who makes himself generally useful about the place, and effort will be made to

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determine just what his activity is, his connections, residence, etc. in order to determine whether he might be the party who is handling the contacts for these individuals. The long distance telephone calls from the Harvard Club will be checked for the recent past in order to determine whether any calls are being made from this place to points where might be located the subjects of this case, as well as for the purpose of determining any other connections of this group. The same thing will apply to the telephone calls at the homes of Patton and Heberbrandt. Effort will be made to determine the location of the girl friends of Heberbrandt and Patton in order that if possible a similar check may be made on any telephones they may possess, these individuals apparently having girl friends whom they maintain in addition to their families. In this connection it is believed they spend considerable time around the Hollenden Hotel at Cleveland which apparently is a hangout for confidence men and other high pressure individuals, and it is reported that possibly the girl friend of Heberbrandt may be staying at this hotel. A check will be made to determine whether we can arrange for a confidential informant to keep us advised of their activities at the Hollenden Hotel, which informant also will be of value in the future in other cases in connection with activities at this hotel. With this idea in mind the names of the various clerks employed here, together with the house man, will be obtained and under suitable pretext they will be approached, and if suitably inclined will be established as confidential informants as to the activities at this hotel.

In connection with the general activities at Cleveland, Ohio and vicinity, which notwithstanding the numerous cleanup drives at this point still remains a point where the rackets have a considerable influence and the underworld is undoubtedly very well established, an effort will be made to establish if possible a suitable confidential informant both for the purpose of this case and subsequent investigations of this office in other cases, in the absence of any reliable informants at the present time. With this idea in mind there will be obtained from the Parole Board at Columbus, Ohio the names of ten or fifteen outstanding criminals who have been released from the Ohio State Penitentiary during the past year and who have returned to Cleveland, Ohio, together with information as to their general background and criminal records, with the idea of approaching these various individuals until we locate some one or more of these who is in a position to obtain information through the

underworld at Cleveland, and who due to their background will be accepted and will be able to obtain such information, the Parole Board at Columbus of course not being advised as to just what the purpose of our inquiry is in obtaining these names. If no suitable persons can be located in this manner similar inquiry will be made through the Record Clerk at the Ohio State Penitentiary, and possibly through either or both of the above sources we can obtain the name of the individual or individuals in Cleveland who makes a practice of generally sponsoring prisoners who are released on parole, in order that if any of these are reliable persons, or persons who can be suitably approached, we may approach these people at Cleveland to line up some good confidential informant. It is believed that if suitable informants of this kind can be established at Cleveland we will be in a position to know whether or not Karpis and Campbell have established their headquarters at Cleveland or vicinity, and we will also be able to determine just what the criminal activities if any are as to Patton and Heberbrandt.

In connection with James O'Neill alias Tip O'Neill, recently released from the Atlanta Penitentiary, it being believed that this individual was furnishing information to the Post Office Inspector at Cleveland as a confidential informant, Special Agent E. J. Dowd under suitable subterfuge approached the Post Office Inspector there and made him believe we were interested in causing the arrest of O'Neill, with the idea in mind of learning something from him, and the Post Office Inspector who had not disclosed same previously to us apparently with the idea of eliminating the arrest of O'Neill, furnished us with information to the effect that O'Neill is a very tough hoodlum and a long established friend particularly of Patton, and is undoubtedly the contact man for Heberbrandt and Patton in their underworld operations, and probably would be the person who would contact Karpis and Campbell for them for any purpose. He furnished us with the first name and address of the woman with whom O'Neill is living and at which place he is supposed to have an unlisted telephone. This is to be checked further, and at suitable opportunity in the future when Agent J. M. Jones is available we will endeavor to establish a tap on the telephone, as to which the Cleveland office will request suitable authority from the Bureau when we are ready to do this.

As to the activity being carried on at Ashtabula, Ohio by Agents Dill and Hirsch in an effort to learn something as to the activities of Murray Cook who operates the Swallows Club, it is believed that these agents have been at Ashtabula such time as to make it

inadvisable for them to further continue calling at this place at this particular time, pending developments, in view of the fact that they have no established definite reason for being in Ashtabula for any considerable period of time. It is believed that if developments warrant in the future, we can again establish them there for this purpose, they having established a very satisfactory friendship with Murray Cook but apparently have learned nothing as yet as to his activity in connection with this gang, if any. With this idea in mind Agents Hirsh and Dill will suspend their activity at Ashtabula and Agent Hirsh will return to Toledo, Ohio where in connection with his work he is to keep in touch with our various informants there, as to which also Agent C. E. Smith will maintain suitable contact from time to time.

In connection with the direct investigation to be made at Ashtabula, Ohio Agents Wynn and Smith will endeavor to make a check of all furnished houses or apartments which are rented there, with the idea in mind of locating Campbell and Karpis as having established themselves in a house at this place; also for the possibility that they may, as they did in Toledo, Ohio purchase furniture and furnish a place for themselves. They will check the various places which sell house furnishings to see if anyone since February, 1935 who might be the subjects in this case, has purchased outfits of furniture.

As to the possible tap on the telephone of Murray Cook, on January 3, 1936 I looked over the general layout of the telephone system here which is a private small telephone company, and much of it is old and obsolete, particularly as to their cables. In many instances the cable capacity has been exhausted and they have strung wires independent of the cable, to make telephone connections and it is believed that in order to make a satisfactory tap on the telephone here Agent Jones should be available. However, in the meantime the Agents working at Ashtabula will endeavor to find a suitable location where an Agent could get a room in the immediate vicinity, for the installation of the telephone tap.

With regard to the telephone calls of Murray Cook, both through his business and residence address, a check will be made through the telephone company as to his telephone numbers, associated with one or more other numbers, in order not to definitely identify whose telephone

calls we are actually checking, so as to determine particularly whether or not at the time they received calls from Los Angeles any subsequent toll or long distance call was made by them to anyone.

Very truly yours,

  
E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

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**F B I DETROIT JANUARY 5, 1936 10:00 AM EST VRS**

**SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE**

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**PHONE. BREKID. SUPERINTENDENT, UNITED STATES DETENTION FARM, MILAN,  
MICHIGAN, ADVISES THAT MARSHAL KENNEDY OF ST. PAUL NOW AT MILAN, TO LEAVE  
AT 1:15 PM TODAY WITH WYONA<sup>0</sup> BURDETTE AND DOLORES<sup>0</sup> DELANEY ON WRIT HABEAS  
AD TESTIFICANDUM TO TESTIFY AT ST. PAUL BUT POSSIBILITY DELANEY MAY NOT BE  
ABLE TO TRAVEL. DOCTOR NOW EXAMINING HER FOR APPENDICITIS AND WILL ADVISE  
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Jacksonville, Florida,  
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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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PHONE. BEKID REFERENCE YOUR TELETYPE TODAY CONCERNING HEAVY  
CLOTHING FOR MIAMI WITNESSES. NOTWITHSTANDING REFERENCE LETTERS  
MENTIONED THEREIN APPEAR TO REFER ONLY TO CUBAN WITNESSES  
RESIDENT AGENT B F FITZSIMONS MIAMI FLORIDA HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED  
AND IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS SUITABLE CLOTHING FOR ALL MIAMI  
WITNESSES WHO ARE DEMANDING SAME

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E. J. Connelley, Chicago

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Patrons should check class of service desired, otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof,

which are hereby agreed to

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OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA JANUARY 2 1936  
4:32 p.m.

GUS T JONES  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1216 SMITH YOUNG TOWER  
SAN ANTONIO TEXAS

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

January 5, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

REGISTERED MAIL

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

For possible use in connection with the coming trial to be had at St. Paul, Minnesota beginning January 6, 1936 in the above entitled case, there are being transmitted herewith certain exhibits which were contained in the files of the Chicago Bureau office:

1. Original statement executed at Chicago, Illinois August 13, 1935 by Mrs. Helen Coaliff.
2. Original rough draft drawing made by Special Agent in Charge T. M. Stapleton of the house at Oklawaha, Florida where Kate and Fred Barker were killed.

I am also transmitting the following exhibits which were obtained by Special Agents from the house at Oklawaha, Florida after the death of Fred and Kate Barker:

1. Western Union telegram addressed to T. O. Blackburn, Carson-Bradford home, Oklawaha, Florida dated November 21, 1934 from Joe Adams, together with the Western Union envelope addressed to T. O. Blackburn.
2. Letter in longhand addressed to "Dear Mr. Adams" and signed "Mr. Wagner" on the stationery of the Hotel Parkview, Havana, Cuba. This letter is probably in the handwriting of Dolores Delaney.
3. Three rental receipts issued to Mrs. G. E. Ryan, El Comodore Hotel, dated October 6, 1934, October 13, 1934 and October 20, 1934.
4. One business card of M. E. Smith, bearing notation "Mrs. G. E. Ryan, deposit on glasses \$20.00, etc."
5. Blue envelope of the Pan American Airways System, containing the identification coupon of the Pan-American Airways System which identification coupon is a part of the Pan-American Airways System ticket for transportation between Miami, Florida and Havana Cuba and return.

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6. One envelope addressed to Mr. C. E. Ryan, bearing the card of Joe M. Adams, with message to Mrs. Ryan, signed "Mr. Adams".
7. One customers invoice of the Goodrich Silvertown Company, Inc. Miami, Florida to P. C. Blackburn.
8. One customers invoice of the Firestone Service Stores, Inc. Miami, Florida to Mr. Blackburn, El Comodore Hotel, Miami, Florida dated November 23, 1934.
9. One statement of the Miami Radio Service Company, Miami, Florida, to Mrs. J. E. Rhyno, dated October 5, 1934.
10. The original notes of Special Agent in Charge Alt and Special Agent in Charge Stapleton containing the serial numbers of the currency obtained by Agents of the Bureau at Oklawaha, Florida from the house occupied by Kate and Fred Barker.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,

Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

January 4, 1936

Mr. Ernest J. Kruetgen,  
Postmaster,  
Chicago, Illinois

BREKID

Dear Sir:

In connection with the cover which has been  
mailed to all delivered to the Karpis and  
Bremer families at 2842 North Francisco Street  
Chicago, Illinois for a period of thirty

It is likewise noted that a cover be  
placed on all registered special delivery letters  
and parcel post packages delivered to the above named  
families and that the tracings obtained from same be  
forwarded to this office making reference to our file  
number 7-82.

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

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

January 4, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

In Re: MURKID

In connection with the charge pending as against CHARLES J. FITZGERALD for participating in the bank robbery at Ketherville, Iowa, it is requested that discreet confidential inquiry be made to determine just how good a case they have against Fitzgerald, and particularly as to whether or not they would be interested in extraditing him for prosecution in this case if he should be found.

This inquiry should be handled in a very discreet confidential manner, and nothing should be said to anyone to indicate that we know the present location of Charles J. Fitzgerald or that we have reason to believe we will very shortly locate him. This information is desired in order that it may be available should it be necessary for us to take Fitzgerald into custody and not be able to make a satisfactory Federal case against him.

Very truly yours,

R. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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ARRIVING CHICAGO EIGHT AM SATURDAY LOWER TEN CAR FOURTEEN  
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Director  
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Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Attention - Technical Laboratory

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

On December 31, 1935, the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department arrested Homer Cleo Fanning, their #24227, after a police squad car had advised that an Oldsmobile automobile had been seen, bearing stolen Nebraska license plates, in which car Fanning and an unidentified companion were riding. Fanning's companion evaded arrest but Fanning claimed that this individual was Alvin Karpis, I. O. #1218. Subsequent investigation developed that Fanning and his companion had spent the previous evening at the U-Smile Tourist Camp on U. S. highway #40 near Kansas City, Missouri.

A search was made for latent fingerprints in the cabin that these individuals occupied and several latent prints were developed and photographed off a toilet seat and water tumbler in this cabin. Ten negatives of these prints were prepared and are being transmitted to the Bureau Laboratory with copies of this letter with a request that they be compared with the fingerprints on file of Alvin Karpis in an effort to determine if Karpis was present with Fanning in this cabin.

In addition, at the time of the search, there were also found two black paper cartons for men's Real Silk underwear in a dresser drawer in the cabin. It is respectfully requested that these cartons, which are being transmitted to the Bureau Laboratory herewith, be processed for latent fingerprints and if any are so developed that they also be compared with the fingerprints on file of Karpis. It is believed that Fanning's statement concerning Karpis is absolutely unreliable in that Fanning has previously furnished information to the Bureau concerning badly wanted fugitives, which later investigation proved to be without foundation. He was adjudged criminally insane on January 10, 1934, by a jury in the court of the Hon. Harold D. Evans at Iowa City, Iowa.

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It is thought that Fanning's companion may be one Alvin<sup>\*</sup>Schmidt of Kirksville, Missouri, but to date Schmidt has not been apprehended and it is not known whether he has a criminal record, although it is believed that he is on parole from an institution in Pontiac, Michigan.

Very truly yours,



W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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