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P. O. Box 536  
Los Angeles, California.  
Dec. 31, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Two days prior to my departure from New York City, en route to Los Angeles, a copy of a letter from the Jacksonville office to the Bureau was received at the New York office, indicating that along with a number of other witnesses I could be necessary as a witness in this case at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 9, 1936.

If this is the case, it will be necessary for me to depart from Los Angeles on January 6, 1936, and it would be appreciated if you could advise me at the first opportunity if the date of January 9th is still correct and if I am a necessary witness.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANCOCK  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau  
cc Mr. Connelley (Chicago)  
cc Cincinnati  
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**Director**  
**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**U. S. Department of Justice**  
**Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.**  
**Washington, D. C.**

**Dear Sir:**

**BREKID**

Enclosed herewith are three copies of the  
proposed plan of trial in this case commencing at St.  
Paul, Minnesota, January 6, 1936.

**Very truly yours**

*C. W. Stein*

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

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**CC E.J. Connelley, Chicago**  
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MR. McINTIRE

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KIDNAPING CONSPIRACY  
CASE - JANUARY 6, 1936.

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FLORIDA WITNESSES

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cc-Mrs Nathan  
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REPORT MADE AT <b>Jacksonville, Florida.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>Jan. 4, 1936.</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/27-30/35 1/2/36.</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>S. E. McKee</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. #1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <i>K</i>  <i>u</i>  <i>R</i> </p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Captain L. G. Povey, Instructor, Air Corps of Cuban Army, advised that Dr. Joseph P. Moran is not connected with Army Air Corps or with commercial air units in Cuba. Comparison of Moran photograph with photographs of all persons connected with Cuban Army reveals he has not joined army since September 4, 1935.</b> </p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Letter from Denver Office to Director dated December 3, 1935; and letter from SAC E. J. Connelley, Chicago, to Jacksonville Office dated December 28, 1935.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: <b>AT HAVANA, CUBA:</b></p> <p> <i>W</i> </p> <p>During the past year the writer has become personally acquainted with Len G. Povey, an American who has been employed for approximately one and one-half years by the Cuban Government as aviation instructor for the Air Corps of the Cuban Army. Agent met him through [REDACTED], who has been stationed in Havana for many years. Povey holds the honorary rank of Captain in the Cuban Army, but is a civilian employee for the reason that only persons of Cuban extraction may enlist in the Army. Povey won the All America Air Races during December, 1935, at Miami, Florida, and is quite prominent in flying circles. He is considered by [REDACTED] and by this Agent, as being thoroughly reliable.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
3 Bureau 2 Chicago 2 Cincinnati 2 St. Paul 2 Jacksonville 1 Denver		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES  <div style="text-align: center;"> <b>7 1576-8804</b>  <b>JAN 6 - A.M.</b>  <i>ONE R</i> </div>	
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In connection with the letters of reference the writer talked with Captain Povey and displayed to him the photograph of subject Joseph P. Moran, advising at the same time that Moran was a doctor of medicine and had been a pilot in the U. S. Army Air Corps during the World War. A complete physical description of Moran was also furnished to Povey. Povey advised that the Air Corps of the Cuban Army is a very small organization; that the only air base is at Camp Columbia on the outskirts of Havana; and that he could state from his personal knowledge that Moran is not affiliated with the air corps. He advised further that the only commercial aviation units in Cuba are the Pan American Airways, Inc., and the Compania Cubana de Aviacion, an intra island airline, which is a subsidiary of Pan American. Povey stated in connection with the commercial lines that he could again state from his personal knowledge that Moran is not connected with these organizations in any capacity.

Povey advised further that he is the only American who is connected with the Cuban Army in any fashion. According to him, members of the Army, with the exception of new recruits, are persons who participated in the revolution of September 4, 1933, in which the Government of former President Gerardo Machado was overthrown. The present Government exists as a result of the above revolution. There have been numerous attempts to overthrow the present Government, but all of same have met with failure. The present Government has been maintained only by virtue of army and navy.

According to Povey, the Intelligence Unit of the Cuban Army maintains a very complete personnel record of all persons affiliated with the organization. One portion of these records consists of a card index system with a card for each man, the card bearing descriptive and other data including a photograph. These records embrace the army itself, the rural guards, and the various divisions of the police who come under army supervision. It was stated that there are approximately 21,000 men connected with these various units. Although it was realized that the possibility of Moran being in the army was very remote, both on account of the setu. In the army and because of the information at hand that he was killed at Toledo, Ohio, about June of 1934 and his body disposed of in Lake Erie, Captain Povey volunteered to have the photograph of Moran searched against all pictures contained on army personnel records, the search to be conducted through the facilities of the Intelligence Unit of the Army. The writer accepted the offer of Captain Povey and delivered to him a photograph of Moran to be used in making the search. On January 2, 1936, Povey communicated with this Agent and advised that the search had been completed, but with negative results. He advised further that he had secured a search of the Cuban Navy personnel as to the picture of Moran, but that this search also met with negative results.

PENDING

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

January 4, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Re: BRUCKER

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated January 3,  
1935 transmitting a photographic copy of the signature of  
Mary B. Davenport.

I have to advise that this signature has been  
compared with the tracings received from the Los Angeles  
office of the letters signed by Robert Street, 1244  
Robert Street, Los Angeles, California, postmarked  
Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the writing that appears on the  
tracings is similar to the writing of Mary B. Davenport,  
which indicates that Mary B. Davenport is the same person  
travelling with C. F. Fitzgerald in Los Angeles, California.

Very truly yours,

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT  
RCS:fvy

E. J. DONNELLY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

January 3, 1936.

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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:

In re: BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 14, 1935, file 7-756, wherein it is requested that this office forward to the Bureau a photograph of JOSEPH WEIL alias "Yellow Kid" Weil, a notorious confidence man in and about Chicago, Illinois.

In compliance therewith please find attached hereto the latest photograph of Joseph Weil which was taken by the South Bend, Indiana Police Department at the time he was arrested in that city on December 8, 1933 for operating a confidence game.

Please be advised that in all future investigation looking toward the location of William Elmer Mead, this office will keep Joseph Weil in mind and endeavor to ascertain whether this individual is in contact with Mead.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. LADD,

Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
412 U S Court House & P.O.  
Jacksonville, Fla.

REKID. REFER LETTER THIS OFFICE TO YOUR OFFICE DECEMBER TWENTY SEVENTH LAST  
ADVISE IMMEDIATELY NAME AND ADDRESS PROPER PERSON TO SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE  
THOUSAND DOLLAR BILL LEFT WITH JOE ADAMS BY KARPIS DURING DECEMBER 1934  
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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-3-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-28-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>S. S. HOLMES</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. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

W. W. Stephenson, Gulfport, Mississippi, upon interview, states that subject Sawyer and wife were unknown to him prior to their visit to his residence at Gulfport, Mississippi; that they were sent to his place by Charlie Hutter, of Omaha, Nebraska, without previous knowledge of Stephenson. Man claiming to be brother of Gladys Sawyer reported to have been in Pass Christian, Mississippi, about July 1935; his identity unknown.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent O. C. Dewey, Omaha, Nebraska, 3-15-35. Report of S.A.C. D. W. Hages, New Orleans, Louisiana, 3-10-35.

**DETAILS:**

Special Agent in Charge D. W. Hages advised in regard to the instant case that W. W. Stephenson, Gulfport, Mississippi, who apparently is quite friendly and familiar with subject Harry Sawyer, may be guilty of harboring subject Harry Sawyer, and in this connection further investigation should be made by the New Orleans Office. He advised that for the possible connection and tie-up between subject Sawyer and Stephenson, reference should be made to mimeographed report of Special Agent O. C. Dewey, Omaha, Nebraska, dated March 15, 1935, pages 17, 18, and 19, considering the possibility that W. W. Stephenson became acquainted

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with Sawyer, either through letters or introduction of personal acquaintances, or through Frank Hitti, mentioned in reference report of Bureau dated 10/1/35. S.A.C. Magee advised that Mrs. Sam Myers (of Myers) described in his reference report should be interviewed to ascertain whether she knew E. W. Stephenson from Mrs. Harry Sawyer to put her up in his garage and remove to St. Paul, Minn.

AT PASS CHRISTIAN, MISSISSIPPI

Mrs. Sam Myers, 106 East Beach, Pass Christian, Mississippi, was interviewed and stated that when Mrs. Harry Sawyer, whom she had known previously only as Sam Wright, had returned from New Orleans, Louisiana, after her husband had been taken into custody, she, Mrs. Myers, had taken her to the home of W. C. Stephenson at Gulfport, Mississippi, where Mrs. Sawyer was to get what personal belongings she had at the Stephenson residence and then leave for St. Paul, Minn. that week. At the Stephenson residence Mrs. Myers had heard Stephenson call "Gladys". Mrs. Sawyer - to leave her car at his garage as he was afraid for her to drive to St. Paul; that he would take care of it for her.

Mrs. Myers further stated that some relative of Stephenson's, according to Mrs. Sawyer, had worked for a friend of subject Harry Sawyer in Lake, Nebraska, in a saloon, and that this is the way the Sawyers ultimately got the Stephenson.

Mrs. Myers further advised that a month or so after the apprehension of subject Sawyer, a man, who claimed to be a brother of Gladys Sawyer, had made his appearance at her place on the beach and requested the loan of a few dollars; that he had imbibed freely of the beer dispensed at the Myers place until he wanted to leave by her husband, Sam Myers, due to the fact that this stranger did not offer to pay for his drinks. She stated that this party had also been to the place formerly operated by Sam Myers, Bull (William) Benavides, and subject Sawyer. Description of this individual will be set out later in this report. Mrs. Myers stated that she could not recall the name given by this individual.

Mrs. Myers furnished agent three letters which she had received from Gladys Sawyer subsequent to her leaving Pass Christian, Mississippi, dated St. Paul, Minnesota, May 25, 1935, June 4, 1935, and July 1, 1935, all addressed to "Mrs. Sam Myers, 106 East Beach, Pass Christian, Mississippi." and requesting that money in any amount possible be sent to her out of the proceeds of the saloon business which is now operated by William Benavides at Pass Christian, Mississippi. These three letters are being retained in the New Orleans office file.

William (Bull) Benavides, who now operates the saloon at which subject Sawyer was apprehended at Pass Christian, Mississippi, upon interview advised that a man, whose name he did not remember, claiming to be a brother of Gladys Sawyer, had come into his place some time in July 1935 stating that he had just returned

from St. Paul, Minnesota, where he had called on  
instructed him to go to New Orleans, Louisiana, to see  
Benavodine for him in the same lottery. Benavodine stated that  
he did not know the man, but he did not think he was a  
fraud and was positive that he did not have information from him  
of going to New Orleans, Louisiana, to get the money. He stated  
that money had been lost there in the lottery. He stated that  
the lottery, that he had requested a man to go to New Orleans,  
Louis, that he, Benavodine, had issued the ticket for  
of the, as he had received a prize when his ticket was  
which he thought probably was a prize. Benavodine stated that  
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Compassionate investigation of the subject and her husband, David, brother of Gladys Meyer, as conducted by the New York and Illinois Secretaries of the following:

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Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Height \_\_\_\_\_  
Weight \_\_\_\_\_  
Hair color \_\_\_\_\_  
Eye color \_\_\_\_\_  
Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

AT GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

Deputy Sheriff Willie Simpson, upon interview, advised that Benvenuto, some time around July 1935, had been paid for him to come to the Gulf Coast, Mississippi, and that Benvenuto had told him that he was a relative of one of the Sawyers and had been in the Gulf Coast area. Simpson stated that he had a check of the records and had found that Benvenuto was a Christian, Mississippi, but failed to locate the individual referred to as Benvenuto. That he had spoken to Mr. and Mrs. Benvenuto about the matter and they had stated that they were not sure of the name of the person who had been paid for him to come to the Gulf Coast, Mississippi, but that they were sure of the name of the person who had been paid for him to come to the Gulf Coast, Mississippi.

W. H. Stephenson, upon being reinterviewed, advised that he had not received any communication from anyone in regard to Harry Sawyer and his wife at any time prior to their visit at Gulfport, Mississippi, and that they had looked him up, stating that Harry Sawyer was in a brother-in-law of Mrs. W. C. Stephenson, and the operator of a small boat landing dock in the neighborhood of a place formerly owned by Harry Sawyer in Omaha, Nebraska, had told the Sawyers about the Stephenson's business at Gulfport, Mississippi, and for this reason they had come to see him. He emphatically denied having known the Sawyers under any name or names other than "Harry Sawyer" and had seen the newspaper account of subject Sawyer's apprehension at East Christian, Mississippi. At this time he stated that he was a relative of William Hester, brother of Harry Hester in Nebraska.

Upon being questioned as to whether he had received any communication or communication of the Sawyers in Chicago, St. Paul, or Omaha, in regard to their particularly Frank Nitti activities in reference report of Special Agent D. H. Sawyer, he emphatically denied that he had received any communication whatsoever and stated that he had never before heard of Frank Nitti.

In regard to the car belonging to Gladys Sawyer, W. H. Stephenson stated that he had told her to leave it at Gulfport, Mississippi, in his garage and that he would take care of it and sell it for her if she so desired. He was afraid for her to make a long trip in the car by herself, as traveling alone was dangerous for any woman; that the car had later been seized by the Sheriff's Office at Gulfport, Mississippi, due to the fact that Mississippi license tags had not been paid, and that he, Stephenson, had paid this license tax and the penalty thereon, amounting to about \$40.00, and he had later paid the tax for \$30.00, deducted the amount expended by him for the license and penalty, and had forwarded the balance to Mrs. Harry Sawyer at St. Paul.

W. H. Stephenson did not have any knowledge of the party claiming to be Gladys Sawyer's brother visiting East Christian, Mississippi, nor did he have knowledge of any other parties connected with the Sawyers being at the Gulf Coast at any time.

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THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE

THE DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

Photographs of subjects are at hand in instant case as to the  
Myers, 100 East Beach, New Orleans, La. to William (Bill) Conover,  
to ascertain whether the person residing at the above address  
has been one of the subjects in this case. Particularly, it is noted that the  
description of this individual is not identical with the description of  
the person known as "Red" Moran.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-24**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Jacksonville, Florida.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>Jan. 8, 1936.</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/29-31/35.</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. F. Fitzsimons.</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1212; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. #1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. Anna Dahl died at Miami, Florida, on 12-5-33. Her daughter, Mrs. Edith Dock, who has previously been interviewed, was the only survivor of record. Location of Meade not established in Miami.

**REFERENCE:**

Reports of Special Agent E. F. Fitzsimons, Jacksonville, Florida, 11-30-35, and Special Agent J. E. Thornton, Cincinnati, Ohio, 12-17-35; letter to Jacksonville Office dated Birmingham, Alabama, 12-28-35.

**DETAILS:**

**AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:**

As a result of a search of the records of the Bureau of Public Health, Miami, Florida, it was ascertained that Anna Dahl died at Miami on December 5, 1933, the principal cause of death having been Cirrhosis of the liver and death having occurred at Jackson Memorial Hospital. The only survivor listed on the death certificate, register number 1240, was Mrs. Edith Dock, daughter. In this connection the attention of interested offices is invited to the report of reference of Special Agent E. F. Fitzsimons, of the Jacksonville office, which contains the results of an interview had with Mrs. Edith Dock concerning her possible acquaintance and association with William E. Meade and his known companions.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED 	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">7-1576-8810</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">JAN 8 1936</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">JAN 8 - A.M.</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">JAN 14 1936</div>
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On the afternoon of December 26, 1935, Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan, of the Birmingham office, advised Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt, of the Jacksonville office, by long distance telephone, that a Secret Service operative in Birmingham had stated that a certain confidential informant for whom he vouched had stated that Meade was expected to visit Birmingham shortly before January 1, 1936. But that subsequent information obtained indicated that Meade was in Miami, with three or four associates, and was registered at one of the three leading hotels, possibly for the purpose of pursuing a confidence scheme.

Immediately upon receipt of this information appropriate inquiries were made at the Alcazar, Everglades, Miami-National, Columbus and Mailster Hotels, which are considered the leading hotels in Miami; the Boney-Plaza, Flamingo, Fleetwood and Floridian Hotels, Miami Beach, and the Miami-Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables, Florida. Meade was not registered at any of those hotels under his true name or known aliases; and it was determined, from exhibition of his photograph to hotel attaches, that it does not resemble the likeness of any one having been observed in these places. Similar inquiry was made at the Newman Hotel, Miami Beach, which, although not considered a leading hotel, is notorious as a hangout for gamblers and other underworld characters.

For the information of the Birmingham and other interested offices, it may be stated that there are in Miami and Miami Beach approximately fifty hotels which may be considered as leading hotels. During the past several months, there have been constructed, on Miami Beach, about fifteen hotels, most of which will not open until after January 15, 1936. Cooperation of the police and Sheriff's office at Miami has been enlisted in an effort to obtain information concerning the identity and local addresses of confidence men with whom Meade may associate. Further effort will be made by the Jacksonville office, and particularly when the new hotels shall have opened for the season, to obtain information of possible value in establishing that individual's location in Miami or elsewhere.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:**

The BIRMINGHAM OFFICE, at Birmingham, Alabama, is requested to again interview its informant in this matter for the purpose of ascertaining, if possible, the names and descriptions of the individuals with whom Meade is alleged to be associated. For the information of the Birmingham office it may be stated that on January 15, 1936, the winter season officially begins in Miami with the opening of the Hialeah Racetrack. Confidence men,

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gamblers and underworld characters begin their activities at that time. Therefore, such further information as may be obtainable should be furnished to the Jacksonville office prior to January 15, 1934.

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POST OFFICE BOX 101  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

January 3, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

With reference to report of Special Agent E. L. Dameron,  
December 30, 1935, Little Rock, Arkansas as to the inquiry made at  
the automobile registration division at Little Rock with reference to  
the automobile allegedly used in the train robbery at Garrettsville,  
Ohio as to which Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell are possible sus-  
pects, if such is possible a suitable stop notice should be placed  
against this automobile by the motor and serial numbers, to provide  
that we be advised should it subsequently be registered in the State  
of Arkansas.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,

Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 218  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

January 6, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter dated December 22, 1935 con-  
taining subpoenas for Helen Conliff, Special Agent in Charge E. A.  
Connelley and Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, please be advised that  
these subpoenas have been duly served, and the originals, correct,  
with the usual return showing service, are attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 512,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.  
Jan. 7, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

**REKID**

There is transmitted herewith a subpoena duces  
tecum calling for the appearance of W. H. Pike, Teller of  
the Federal Reserve Bank of Jacksonville, Florida at St. Paul,  
Minnesota, and to bring with him twelve \$1,000 Federal Reserve  
Notes, Series 1935, bearing serial numbers set out in the said  
subpoena.

The United States Attorney suggests that this  
subpoena be served by an Agent and that Mr. Pike be informed  
at the time of the service of the subpoena, that he should hold  
himself in readiness to respond to telegraphic notice from St.  
Paul as to the actual date his presence is desired.

There is also enclosed herewith a subpoena for  
Special Agent R. E. Donaldson, who is attached to your office.  
He is likewise instructed to hold himself in readiness, and to  
proceed to St. Paul upon telegraphic instructions.

Very truly yours,

C. V. STEIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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E. J. Connelley, Chicago

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Post Office Box 212  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
January 8, 1936

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Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 212  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

REMI

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 30th ultimo, I am enclosing herewith a photograph of the signature of Mary E. Davenport, as well as a tracing of the signature of her husband, John E. Davenport.

The signature of Mrs. Davenport was obtained from an application for a beer license issued to her for the sale of beer at the Third Street Buffet, operated by Jack Davenport. The other writing on this application is that of the notary.

A tracing of the signature of Jack Davenport was obtained from his application for a motor vehicle driver's license in the State of Minnesota. The other writing on this application was handprinted.

Copies of these signatures are being forwarded to the Los Angeles Office.

Very truly yours,

E. J. STERN  
Special Agent in Charge

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Cincinnati  
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Post Office Box 212  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
January 8, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge  
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Sir:

MURKIN

There is enclosed herewith subpoenaed process  
books requesting the presence at St. Paul, Minnesota,  
forthwith, of PALKER ROSENBERG, Chief Deputy, United  
States District Court, Miami, Florida, together with  
the request that he bring with him \$1,000.00 Federal  
Reserve note #00017085 &c.

It is respectfully requested that this  
subpoena be served by an agent of your office.

Very truly yours,

E. J. STEIN

Special Agent in Charge

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E. J. Connelley, Chicago  
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Postoffice Box 214,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
January 2, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
fugitive, I.O. #1212, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your communication addressed to  
all field offices under date of November 12, 1935, regarding Vir-  
mouth Sedan, motor No. 77-28472.

You are advised that inquiries through the State Tax  
Commission, Montgomery, Alabama, revealed that this car has not been  
registered in Alabama. A stop card has been placed in order that  
the Birmingham Office may be notified if an attempt is made to  
register the car in the future.

Very truly yours,

J. E. BAXTER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul  
Mr. Connelley-Chicago.

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

January 4, 1936

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, December 16, 1935, reflecting that the Post Office Inspectors at Cleveland, Ohio, are working on a theory that one RALPH NELSON, alias Sam Coker, was a participant in the mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, on November 7th, last, and that subjects Karpis and Campbell are considered also as suspects in that robbery.

It is deemed advisable at this time to place an appropriate notation against the fingerprints of Ralph Nelson, alias Sam Coker, with the Bureau and such request is hereby made in order that this office may be advised in the event Sam Coker is arrested in the future. In this connection previous investigation in this case has established that Ralph Nelson, alias Sam Coker, has been in the past closely allied with various subjects of this investigation.

As reflected in letter from the Oklahoma City office to Cleveland, dated December 28th, 1935, Sam Coker as No. 14023 was sentenced on March 17th, 1924, to serve thirty years in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

Following is a description of Ralph Nelson, alias Sam Coker:

Age	-	40	
Height	-	5' 8"	
Build	-	slender	RECORDED
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Race	-	white	INDEXED
Weight	-	135	7-576-8817
Complexion	-	fair	
Hair	-	black	
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At the present writing the apprehension of Ralph Nelson alias Sam Coker is not desired by the Bureau.

However, as indicated, an interview with him may prove beneficial in the event he is arrested in the future, and it is primarily for this purpose that the wanted notice against his prints is being requested.

Very truly yours,



J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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

Post Office Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
January 3, 1936.

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

About 1:30 P. M. on January 3, 1936

where she has been working for some time at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] She stated that she had received a letter from [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] mailed at Chicago, Illinois at 11:00  
[REDACTED] requested newspaper clippings  
with reference to [REDACTED]  
recently. [REDACTED] desired to know whether it will be all right for  
her to send the clippings and she was told by Agent John B. Little,  
in my absence from the office, that it would be satisfactory for  
her to send them. She stated that she is sending the letter from  
[REDACTED] to this office and stated that she would remain in [REDACTED]  
for another ten or fifteen days.

Very truly yours,

WRIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

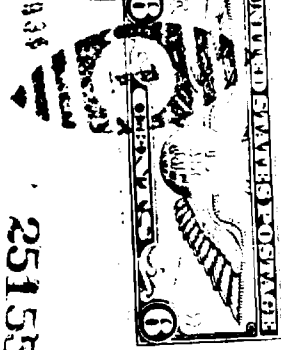
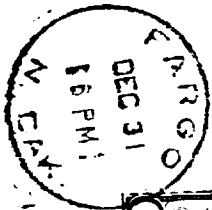
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Dept of Justice  
Washington  
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Mr. Hoover:

The grapevine has it that Karpis is in Las Vegas Nevada with a girl called Peggy who works in the red lights and sells narcotics. That Peggy was with Nelson and Chase in Reno and drove a La Salle Coupe. Thanks for disturbing you.

Peggy

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

25152

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

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of a letter dated December 21, 1935, postmarked at Fargo, North Dakota on December 21, 1935, signed by one "Polly", which reads as follows:

"Mr. Hoover:

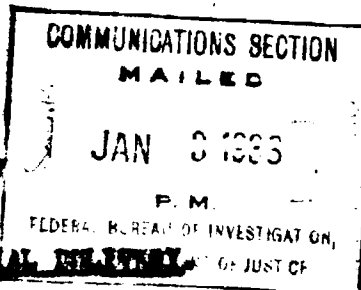
The grapevine has it that Karpis is in Las Vegas Nevada with a girl called Peggy who works in the red lights and sells narcotics. That Peggy was with Nelson and Chase in Reno and drove a La Salle Coupe. Thanks for disturbing you."

For your information and such investigative attention as is deemed appropriate, a review of the Bureau files indicates that this person has previously transmitted information to the Bureau relative to one Bill Harvey and "Blacky" Thompson, who the writer states are engaged in criminal activities in the vicinity of Los Angeles, California. There is no information in the Bureau's files concerning the identity of "Polly".

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Salt Lake City  
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ALLANDALE, FLORIDA.  
DEC. 31st 1935.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Dept. of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear sir :

JAN 22 1936

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I wish to recall to your mind the arrest, by your men, of a man and woman living under the name of Mr. & Mrs. Osborne. This occurred early last Sept., as I have been informed.

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Now we had a Mr. & Mrs. Jack Terry and their 12 year old daughter Kathleen, in our home as care-takers during the summer and autumn; while we went north to our business.

Upon our return from the north we were informed that the Terrys left here a very few days after the arrest of the Osbornes, leaving between two suns. They must have left very hurriedly, judging by the many and varied household articles left behind.

We are told that the Osbornes and Terrys were very intimate.

We understand that the daughter did the marketing the father and mother staying close at home.

Terry's full name is John Francis Terry, and he claims to have been a machine-gunner in the World War and draws a pension of Fifty dollars per mo.

His Height is about 5 ft. 5 or 6".

He claimed to be a Lock-smith by trade and his wife was the same.

To two questions as to where she was born and what was her maiden name; she answered both :

"I make it a rule never to talk about myself."

Both the above families were in the chicken business.

One personal comment I wish to make :

The Terrys are the hardest, flintiest creatures I ever contacted. They carried a suppressed atmosphere about them. They couldn't even smile naturally. From their talk they seemed

to have lived all over the U. S.

Ask Mr. Jackson  
1/19/36

St Paul  
Connally  
A. Connally

Edw J. Burns

Yours truly

C. O. Andrews  
Allendale, Fla.

I do not know whether this may  
prove to be useful to you or not.



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January 17, 1936.

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Mr. C. S. Andrews,  
Box 1478,  
Allendale, Florida.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 31, 1935, which refers to your observations in connection with the arrest of a Mr. and Mrs. Osterne at Allendale, Florida.

Please be advised that I am referring your communication to Mr. E. E. Nathan, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 412 United States Court House and Post Office Building, Jacksonville, Florida, who will have an Agent call upon you so that we may be immediately apprised of the information you have in your possession.

Very truly yours,

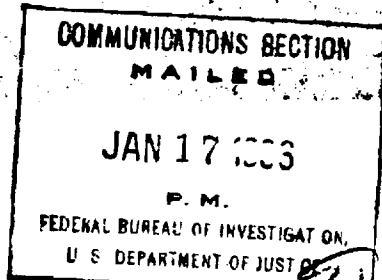
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Jacksonville

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Cincinnati

E. J. Connelley, Chicago.

(Enc copies of incoming letter to Jacksonville and one copy to other offices receiving copy this letter)



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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

January 4, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Atlanta, Georgia

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Investigation in this case at Cleveland, Ohio, tends to indicate that the subjects of this investigation possibly have some contact at the Harvard Club, a large gambling institution located at Cleveland, Ohio.

Closely allied with the operators of the Harvard Club: Arthur Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton, is one James (Tip) O'Neill, and it is possibly thought that Tip O'Neill may be a contact for subjects Karpis and Campbell.

Information received by this office from the Post Office Inspectors, Cleveland, Ohio, indicated that O'Neill was arrested in 1930 in connection with a mail robbery at Asbury Park, New Jersey, and that he entered a plea of guilty and received a sentence of five years in the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, and was released some time last year. Following his release he returned to Cleveland, Ohio, and is presently active at the Harvard Club, associating with Arthur Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton.

The Post Office Inspectors advise that Tip O'Neill is described as follows:

Age	about 30	Hair	brown, turning gray
Height	5' 4"-5"	Complexion	ruddy
Weight	125-135	Race	white
Eyes	blue		

It is requested that you conduct appropriate investigation at the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, for the purpose of securing the following information: six photographs of O'Neill, to be furnished the Cleveland office and, in addition, sufficient photographs in order that you may furnish one each to the St. Paul, Chicago and Cincinnati offices; complete criminal record; list of correspondance of O'Neill

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while confined in the penitentiary, together with any other information available at the penitentiary which may be of use in disclosing his associates and past history.

It is requested that this investigation be given as prompt attention as possible.

Very truly yours,

S. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago, Illinois

January 4, 1936

AIR MAIL

Special Agent in Charge,  
San Francisco, California.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In connection with the surveillance being made of Charles J. Fitzgerald, who is presently residing, as J. D. Foster, at 512 South Hobart Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, the Los Angeles Office advised by teletype on January 3, 1936, that a search had been made of the apartment of Imogene Robertson, Apartment 107, Victoria Apartments, 527 South Hobart Boulevard, who is presently the woman associate of Charles J. Fitzgerald, which search revealed several addresses which might be of interest in determining the history of Imogene Robertson and whether she has other connections with the Karpis-Barker gang in addition to Fitzgerald. The addresses found in the apartment of the Robertson woman are as follows:

Malvin McLaren, 701 Cal. West Life Building,  
telephone RA 4520 (which is believed to be a  
San Francisco address).

Lillian Messer, 2000 California Street,  
San Francisco.

M. A. Morrison, 358 North Holmes Street,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Morrison is believed to be the former husband of Imogene Robertson's mother, Alta Morgan Robertson, who also resides at the Victoria Apartments, Los Angeles, California.

It is requested that your office conduct a very discreet investigation to determine the identity and associates of the above-named individuals who reside in San Francisco, in an effort to learn the complete history, as discreetly as possible, of the Robertson woman.

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The Indianapolis Office is requested to conduct an investigation concerning M. A. Morrison for the same purpose.

For the information of the Indianapolis Office, the surveillance of Fitzgerald at Los Angeles, California, is for the purpose of locating Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell through this individual, who has in the past been a close associate of the Karpis-Barker gang.

In conducting investigation concerning this matter, every precaution should be used to prevent information reaching Fitzgerald that he is under surveillance. If such information should reach Fitzgerald, it would undoubtedly preclude us from obtaining information concerning Karpis and Campbell through this source.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO. **7-2**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Indianapolis, Indiana</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-5-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-30-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J.J. NEWMAN</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1234; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Informer, Leonard White, with aliases, presently in Vigo County Jail, Indiana, under \$10,000 bail awaiting action of the Federal Grand Jury, advises that he has known William Kimer Head for about 12 years and he believes Head is presently residing in the Algiers District of New Orleans, La., where he is well known and is also playing the horses if the tracks at New Orleans are running. Suggests that Head may visit the coming Centennial Exposition which is to be held at either Ft. Worth or Dallas, Texas.</p>			
<p>Reference: Report of Special Agent J.J. Newman, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated 12-30-35.</p>			
<p>Details: Informer, Leonard White, with aliases, was arraigned in St. Anthony's Hospital, Terre Haute, Indiana, before United States Commissioner, Clyde R. Bandal, December 28, 1935, on a warrant charging him with violation of Section 101, Title 28, U.S.C. He waived a hearing and was held under \$10,000 bail to await the action of the Federal Grand Jury. For the information of offices receiving copies of this report,</p> <div style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 40px; margin-top: 5px;"></div> <p>Immediately after the hearing, White was removed to the hospital of the Vigo County Jail, Terre Haute, Indiana, where he was</p>			
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again interviewed by Agent. Because of the fact that Informer is a drug addict and because he is having constant stomach hemorrhages, he is at present receiving a shot of morphine every four hours.

Informer advised that he did not believe that he would live for more than a year and because of the fact that he was convinced that there was no such thing as honor among thieves, he has decided to spend the rest of his life in helping to correct some of the wrong that he has done. He advised that he has known William Elmer Mead for about twelve years; that Mead has no cause to be suspicious of him and that he has no grudge against Mead but in view of the fact that Agent was desirous of knowing Mead's present whereabouts, he would help as much as he could. He advised that he did not expect to receive any recompense for his information in the event that Mead was apprehended.

Informer advised that Mead is well known in the Algiers District of New Orleans, Louisiana and he usually resides in that District during this time of the year. He advised that when he spoke to Mead at the race track in Fort Worth, Texas, Mead was with several other confidence men, but he believes that Mead was just speaking to most of them; that at the present time Mead is probably living with a young man who calls himself Jimmy Mead, and a Harry Fisher. Informer advised that he believes that Mead is trying to pass the young man off as his son. Informer could not give any description of this young man but described Harry Fisher as follows:-

Name	Harry Fisher
Age	Middle age
Height	5'7"
Weight	170
Build	Stout
Hair	Dark
Mustache	Hitler style
Appearance	Appears to be Jewish

Informer advised that among confidence men Mead is known as a cheap skate and that he believes sooner or later one of these men will get sore at Mead and notify the authorities where Mead is hiding. However, Mead has a habit of always living in fairly good hotels or apartments and informer believes that he is presently living in an apartment in the Algiers District of New Orleans. He also advised that he believes Mead is lying low but that Mead has a very strong desire to play the horses, and he is usually at the race track near the city in which he happens to be living.

Informer advised that he understands a Centennial Exposition will shortly be held in either Fort Worth or Dallas, Texas and it is Mead's habit as well as the habit of other confidence men to

mingle with the crowds at such affairs and therefore he believes that Mead will be present at this Exposition.

It is being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin as to whether or not a lead should be set out to cover the above mentioned Centennial Exposition.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE at New Orleans, Louisiana will conduct an appropriate investigation in the Algiers District in an effort to obtain information concerning whereabouts of William Elmer Mead. Will also endeavor to obtain information concerning whereabouts of Harry Fisher, an alleged associate of William Elmer Mead. Will also conduct an investigation at any race tracks in or near New Orleans for any information concerning Mead.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Kansas City</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-10-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-10-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>NORSTROM</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1235, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING - FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Interviews had with Lloyd Barker, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and George E. Barker, Joplin, Missouri, relative to the family history of Kate Barker and her four sons. File entitled "Herman Barker, with aliases, et al; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act", Kansas City file #25-845, reviewed for additional information concerning Herman Barker. Detective H. E. Haskins of the Wichita Police Department furnished information concerning Herman Barker's arrest.

**REFERENCE:**

Letter to Kansas City Office from Bureau dated 12-10-35.

**DETAILS:**

In accordance with the request contained in reference letter, Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. E. Farland interviewed Lloyd Barker, Register #17243L, at the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Barker was somewhat reluctant to discuss either his own history or that of his family, and very politely but firmly evaded any reference to the matter. He advised that he had served 14 years of a 25 year sentence for a crime that he was unjustly convicted for, and to add to his misfortune, a parole, which had been granted to become effective July 15, 1934, was denied on April

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9, 1934, as a result of wide spread publicity which was the result of the criminal activities of his brothers, Fred and Arthur. He further advised that he bore no malice in so far as the revocation and denial of his parole was concerned, and he considered the whole matter closed.

He informed, however, that he was born March 10, 1897, at Aurora, Missouri, and had attended public schools at Webb City, Missouri.

In that Lloyd Barker's Admission Summary at the institution was found to contain much of the desired information, it was not deemed advisable to press the interview further at this time.

Through the courtesy of Mr. E. H. Eckholdt, Secretary to the Warden, the following information was obtained:

"Lloyd Barker, #17243-L, was received 11-15-32 on a sentence of 25 years from the District of Kansas, at Kansas City, Kansas, for the offense of robbing the United States Mail. Age, 37; born, 1898; nationality, American; marital status, single; religion, Protestant; residence, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

"Barker was eligible for parole on 3-15-30, was eligible for conditional release on 10-29-33, and his maximum term expires on 1-15-47.

Since his incarceration in the institution and until 1930 he was employed in the shoe factory, but since that time has been assigned indirectly to some department of the hospital. His work has been consistently reported as excellent and he is presently assigned to Station 4, Parole, as an orderly.

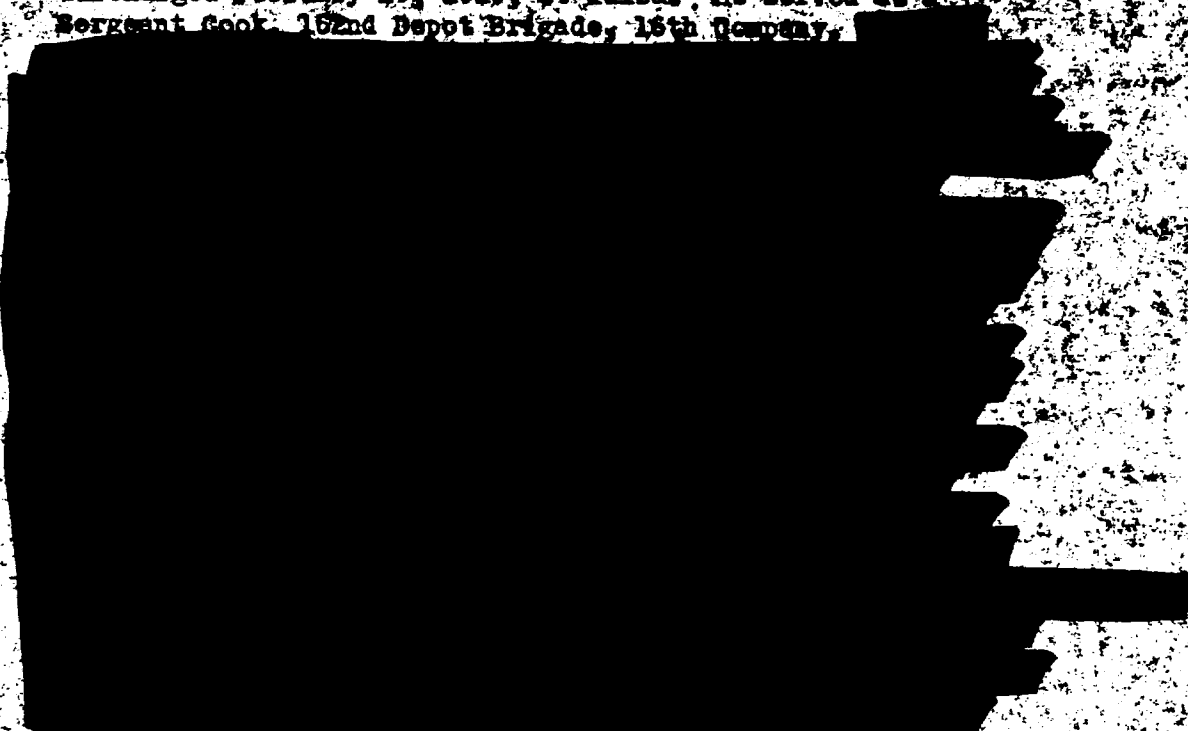
"He was granted a parole to become effective July 15, 1934. However, this action was rescinded and parole denied on April 9, 1934. He states he believes this action was the result of criminal activities of his brother Arthur, who at one time was considered one of the most desperate of public enemies.

"In the instant case there were two co-defendants, No. 17241, O'Connell, now at the institution, and 17242-L, Will Green, who was one of the three who died in an attempt to gain their freedom from that institution in December, 1931.

"His initial social interview was taken by F. S. Graham on 12-22-33. According to the report of Sociologist, Barker states his father's age as 78 years, and a mine operator by occupation. He has a small income but is not wealthy.

Subject's mother was 68 years of age at the time of the interview. Barker stated he was born in Aurora, Mo. He received an 8th grade education in a local school and quit at the age of 14 because there was no high school near to attend. He left home at the age of 18 to go to work and has had experience as a cook, electrician, and mechanic, but is a chauffeur and truck driver by occupation, having worked at this trade for four or five years at a salary of \$30.00 per week. He has never been married.

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The Sociologist's report further reflects that Barker joined the Army on September 18 at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and was discharged February 19, 1919, at Tulsa. He served as a Sergeant Cook, 162nd Depot Brigade, 15th Company.



Mr. Eckholdt advised that the file jacket and Admission Summary for Arthur Barker had been transferred to the U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz, California. It is believed that this file contains much information in which the Bureau may be interested, and consequently a letter was directed to the San Francisco Office to obtain a summary of the information contained therein.

At the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, the file jacket of Fred Barker, Register #9036, was secured, which indicates that Fred Barker, alias Ted Murray, was sentenced

to that institution on 3-6-27 for burglary, and received from Cowley County, Kansas, for a term of 5 to 10 years. His minimum term was to expire 4-25-31, although in fact he was released on the expiration of his sentence on 3-28-31. A review of Fred Barker's file jacket indicated he was born in Missouri, town or city not given. He was 25 years of age, had attained a 6th grade education, was separated from his wife, Billie Orr Barker, of Sapulpa, Oklahoma. He gave his occupation as laundryman, and his religion as none. According to his file, the offense for which he was incarcerated was for burglarizing the grocery and meat market of W. H. Watson, Winfield, Kansas, on November 7, 1925, of the sum of \$25.00, as well as the burglary of Kipp's Store at Arkansas City, Kansas, of \$145.00 on the same date. According to H. H. Hudspeth, Deputy Warden, at the time of his incarceration his prison record subsequent to 1928 was good and his previous criminal record as indicated in the prison files, is as follows:

Sentenced to the State Industrial Reformatory, Granite, Oklahoma, 3-28-25 from Tulsa, Oklahoma, to a term of 1 to 5 years for the crime of auto theft, and discharged from that institution on 10-25-25 on the expiration of his sentence.

On December 19th and 20th, while Special Agent Norstrom was in the vicinity of Joplin, Missouri, efforts were made to contact George E. Barker, without success.

On December 29th, 1935, Special Agent Norstrom contacted Frank Dixon, Co-administrator of the Barker estate.

\*Special Agent Norstrom on December 29, 1935, contacted Frank Dixon, Co-Administrator of the Barker estate, at the Tri-State Oil Company, Joplin, Missouri. Dixon advised that he had very little information he could advance relative to the above request in that he had never met any of the Barker family other than George E. Barker who has been in his employ for the past five years as a caretaker of Dixon's Tourist Cabins, adjacent to the Tri-State Oil Company. Dixon informed that, although George E. Barker was a very congenial individual, he had never discussed Barker's past life with him nor any incidents in his life pertaining to his family. He further advised that Barker was in very poor health, suffering from a very severe heart ailment which had practically incapacitated him for any useful employment. Further, that he believed that

Barker would be very reluctant to discuss his family history. However, George E. Barker was interviewed in Mr. Nixon's presence at his tourist cabin. He appeared to be in extremely poor health and it seemed to be a great effort on his part to converse at any length in that it appears that his heart bothers him a great deal and his strength is easily taxed by any type of exertion. It will be noted that during the conversation with Barker he was frequently unable to continue talking at any length and found it necessary to lie on his bed at intervals and rest during the course of the interview.

When Barker was first apprised of the purpose of the interview, he flatly refused to have anything to say and became quite incensed that his family affairs should be discussed with him. He related that during the past few years he has received much undesirable publicity through newspaper and magazine articles and has been hounded incessantly by newspaper writers for information concerning his family, which he did not care to disclose to the public. He felt particularly incensed at the fact that his son, Lloyd, who is now incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, had been denied a parole, laying the blame on the much unfavorable publicity his family had received during the past few years, and he could not reconcile himself to the fact, as he explained, that Lloyd was being made to suffer for the wrong doing of the rest of the family. It might be stated, however, that Barker informed that he felt no enmity toward the Bureau, which, as far as he was concerned, had always treated him in a very courteous and kindly manner.

Barker was advised that the reason for the interview was solely for the purposes of the Bureau and after some thought he reluctantly agreed to furnish as much information as he could recall relative to his family's past activities. He informed, however, that the events of recent years have caused him a great deal of worry and have resulted partially in a rapid deterioration of his memory. He advised that his information might be very inaccurate in that many of the events of the past were rather vague and his recollection as to dates and places was very poor.

He advised that his wife, Arizona Barker, was born in Ashgrove, Missouri, of Scotch-Irish parents. He could not recall the date of her birth and had no record of it in that she had taken the family bible at the time they separated, which bible contained all the pertinent data relative to dates of important events in the family. He informed that her maiden name was Clark

and that she had one brother, Jessie Clark, who is still living, according to the best of Barker's information. But he has not seen him in recent years. Although her father, whose given name Barker could not recall, died when she was quite young, she continued to live on a farm at Ash Grove with her mother. She, he believed, attended the public schools of Ash Grove and later at Lebanon, Missouri. She then moved to Aurora, Missouri, where they were subsequently married by a Camelite (phonetic) preacher who bore no resemblance to a Christian minister today. Barker said he could not recall the date of their marriage nor his age at that time. Concerning himself, he said he was 32 years of age and was born on a farm near Lebanon, Missouri, on October 8, 1891. He stated that his ancestors were mostly Scotch and Irish, but that his grandfather on his father's side was a Cherokee Indian. He attended grade schools in Lebanon and later a rural school in Stone County, Missouri, south of Aurora. After his marriage he engaged in lead and zinc mining, prospecting, and purchasing ore.

He advised that Herman, Lloyd, Arthur, and Fred were all born in the order named at Aurora, Missouri, but he was at a loss to recall the dates of their birth or present ages. About 1903 or 1904, the family moved from Aurora to Webb City and at this time Herman was in about the third grade in school. Barker said that he always earned a comfortable living for his family when the boys were young and they were all well provided for. He continued to prospect and purchase ore at Webb City and, after a fashion, operated a mine himself. He further believed that all the boys attended grade school in Webb City and believed that Herman and Lloyd reached the eighth grade. He further informed that while the boys were in school his family were all ardent church members of Presbyterian faith and that all the boys attended church and Sunday school religiously up until the time they were able to take care of themselves. At that time, while attending grade school, Herman delivered papers for the Joplin Globe at Webb City. He left home at an early age and went to Tulsa, where he worked as a cook in a number of restaurants, leaving Tulsa in later years to go to Nebraska. While at Tulsa, Barker believed that Herman married Carol Hamilton, but had no children by the marriage.

Barker flatly refused to discuss the early trouble of either Fred, Herman, or Arthur in their numerous scrapes with the law, stating that he was not responsible for their activities in that he had made every effort to raise them properly and had urged them to attend church and lead a Christian life. After the

departure of Herman for Tulsa, the rest of the family moved to that city and then to Baxter Springs, Kansas, where Ma Barker and George operated a rooming house.

In 1922, Lloyd was arrested for having participated in the robbery of a mail truck driver named Shields at Baxter Springs of about \$5,000.00 worth of valuables with two accomplices named O'Connell and Green, and was tried and convicted at Kansas City, Kansas, and sentenced to 25 years at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. According to Frank Dixon, about this time, Barker and his wife were having considerable difficulty over the fact that the boys were leading such a dissolute life and Barker apparently refused to uphold them while Ma Barker apparently countenanced their wrong doings, which George would not stand for. As a result, when Lloyd was arrested, George Barker refused to see him or aid him in any manner feeling that he was guilty of the crime for which he was charged. As a result of this, Lloyd, without the aid of counsel or money with which to hire such legal assistance, was convicted. Kate and George Barker then separated, she going to Tulsa to live with Fred and from that time on he refused to have anything to do with her.

Barker was questioned about this and advised that apparently his sons stayed very close to their mother for he never saw them. He advised that he was never divorced from his wife, but flatly refused to discuss the reason for his separation from her. He informed that he had a great deal of affection for Lloyd, who he later found out was unjustly convicted, and he further informed that Lloyd had never caused him any trouble and had only been arrested once prior to his conviction. This was the time when Arthur, and Ray Terrill, a notorious Oklahoma outlaw and bank robber, were arrested at Chandler, Oklahoma, for the robbery of a bank in that town, and several days later Lloyd, while preparing to go to Colorado, was arrested at Tulsa for his alleged participation in the bank robbery but was subsequently released.

According to Dixon, Barker found that he was later in error concerning Lloyd's participation concerning the mail clerk robbery and the fact that he had refused to assist him has weighed heavily on his mind. Incidentally, Barker stated he himself has always been a law abiding citizen and was arrested but once for reasons for which he would not state.

At this point, Barker stated that he was reluctant to continue the interview any further insofar as his family's affairs were

concerned. In that the conversation had lasted for some time and Barker appeared to become very fatigued, no further effort was made to press the matter with him in that it was thought that if his emotions were aroused it might result in dire consequences as far as his health was concerned. However, as Agent Norstrom prepared to leave, Barker informed that he would be delighted at any time to receive a visit from him when he was again in the vicinity. He laid a great deal of stress on the fact that he had no personal animosity towards the Bureau, but in that he regarded the information which the Bureau sought was a closed chapter in his life, he would not wish to push the inquiry further at a later date.

After the interview with Barker, some time was spent with Frank Dixon in an effort to gain more information concerning the history, but, in that he apparently wished to accede to Barker's wishes, he replied that he had nothing further to add to the information that Barker had already given. It is noted that Dixon is co-administrator of the estate with George Barker. He advised that the bible mentioned by Barker is not in the possession of the estate and he had no knowledge of its whereabouts.

However, an effort is being made at the present time to ascertain the birth dates of the Barkers, as well as the date of the marriage of Kate and George Barker. This information will be submitted in a report as soon as it is obtained.

In regard to Herman Barker, a review of the file entitled: "Herman Barker, with aliases, Et Al; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act", Kansas City file #26-846, reveals the following information:

On June 9, 1926, Herman Barker and Elmer A. Inman were arrested by Police at Fort Scott, Kansas, in possession of a Paige Coupe, stolen from Henry Ward at Fairfax, Oklahoma, on June 7, 1926.

On June 11, 1926, Barker and Inman were removed to Miami, Oklahoma, for the robbery of the County Attorney at Miami, Oklahoma, of valuables in the amount of \$600.00. Judge O. P. McGhee, a lawyer of Miami, Oklahoma, accompanied the officers removing Barker and Inman, and paid a reward of \$100.00 for recovery of the automobile in question. Inman was also wanted by the authorities at Ketchum, Oklahoma, for the robbery of the bank and post office in that town.

On June 22, 1926, Barker was released on bond at Ottawa County, Oklahoma, and Inman was released on \$1,000.00 bond at Ketchum, Oklahoma, on June 12, 1926. It was rumored that Barker would not be effectively prosecuted in Oklahoma and this was borne out by later information to the effect that the County Attorney at Vinita, Oklahoma, had filed charges against McGhee, Frank Burns, a Miami lawyer,

and Jeff D. Sexton, a Justice of the Peace at Ketchum, Oklahoma, for aiding and harboring a felon, specifically charging that they prevented the return of Barker and Inman to Vinita, Oklahoma, to face charges of stealing the Paige Coupe in question.

An Associated Press dispatch of November 25, 1927, revealed that McPherson was sentenced to a term of seven years at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, for allowing Barker and Inman to escape prosecution, while Sexton received one year for the same offense. It was revealed that these individuals presented a warrant to the Fort Scott, Kansas, officials for Barker and Inman, charging bank robbery at Ketchum, Oklahoma, and after they obtained custody of Barker and Inman, the banker at Ketchum was prevailed upon not to prosecute.

Subsequent investigation revealed that McPherson was the attorney for the Ray Terrill, Mathew Kimes gang of Oklahoma outlaws, of which Herman Barker was a leader, in addition to Frank Layton, Eddie Jenkins, Elmer Inman, Alvin Eberwood and others.

On November 9, 1926, Barker and Inman were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at Fort Scott, Kansas, for the interstate transportation of the stolen car in question, and neither man was in custody at that time.

Barker's criminal record as furnished by the Identification Unit of the Bureau on December 9, 1926, is as follows:

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Barker's description is as follows:

Born	October 14, 1891
Weight	116 lbs.
Height	5' 4 1/2"
Hair	Dark Chestnut
Eyes	Hazel
Complexion	Medium dark
Scars and marks	Has several tattoos of nude women on body and arms. Tattoo of Eagle and flag on one arm.
Teeth	Two or three back teeth upper left missing.
Peculiarities	Limp in left leg

On December 27, 1926, Inman was arrested with Alvin Sherwood while in the act of robbing a safe at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

On January 21, 1927, the Joplin Police Department advised that Herman Barker and Ray Terrell had been arrested at Joplin, Missouri. Terrell later escaped from his guard while enroute to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. When Barker was arrested at Joplin, he attempted to escape and was shot in the back and legs with buckshot. He was taken to Fayetteville, Arkansas, for the robbery of West Fork Bank, at West Fork, Arkansas.

On the night of March 30, 1927, Herman Barker and one Claude Cooper sawed their way out of the Fayetteville, Arkansas, jail and escaped.

The file further reflects that on August 29, 1927, Herman Barker committed suicide after having engaged in a gun battle with officers at Wichita, Kansas. With reference to this matter, Special Agent J. J. Egan, contacted

Detective H. E. Buckins of the Wichita, Kansas, Police Department, who furnished the following information:

"On 8-28-27 the Sheriff's office at Newton, Kansas, notified the Wichita Police Department to be on the lookout for three men in a Chevrolet Sedan who had heldup the ice plant at Newton shortly before. At 1 A.M., 8-29-27, Officers J. E. Marshall and Frank Bush, who were cruising about the city on a motorcycle and side car, noticed a car in which three men were riding at 1111 North Lawrence, now Broadway, and drew up at the side of the car and commanded the driver to stop. Officer Marshall was driving the motorcycle and Frank Bush was sitting in the side car. In the automobile, which was driven by Herman Barker, were Charlie Stalcup, who was sitting beside him, and Porter Meeks, who was sitting in the back seat. Officer Bush started to walk around the rear of the car and Officer Marshall opened the door next to the driver. Herman Barker put his arm around Officer Marshall's neck and fired a .45 automatic directly at his head. The bullet entered Marshall's mouth and he was killed instantly, however, he discharged his gun and wounded Stalcup in the leg. Bush was approximately in the center of the back of the car when he heard a gun discharged. Porter Meeks jumped out of the car and ran along North Lawrence Street and Bush fired at him. Meeks returned the fire and jumped over a fence. Stalcup also got out of the car and ran in the opposite direction on North Broadway and was later, at 4 A.M., found at 9th and State Streets in the bushes, wounded in the leg. Herman Barker pushed Officer Marshall's body into the middle of the road and drove away at a high rate of speed. In attempting to make a right hand turn at Elm and St. Francis Streets his car ran up over the curb, hit a telephone pole and was run off against a tree. The file states that Barker was too badly hurt to keep on living after his car was wrecked in an attempted getaway and he committed suicide. Porter Meeks was tracked down and shot to death in a gun battle with Detective Marie Colyer two days later.

"Barker, Stalcup and Meeks were later identified as the men who robbed the ice plant at Newton, the Newark Shoe Store, and the John Millhaubt Clothing Company, the latter two located at Wichita, Kansas.

"Raymond Mowles, an employee of the Newton Ice Plant, identified the three as the men who came to the ice plant, held guns

on him, locked him in the ice chest, blew open the safe and stole the money, which was recovered by the Wichita Police Department.

As Barker was not known to have ever had a residence in Wichita, no information as to his education, employment or criminal record could be obtained.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT **SAN ANTONIO**

*H*  
*for*  
*7*  
*9*  
FOLLOWING TELETYPE RECEIVED TODAY FROM WACO TEXAS QUOTE ALVIN KARPIS  
THOMAS BURNERITO LARSEN HOWSE HOWARD LANDSON IN COLLEATER KANSAS NOW  
PLEASE KEEP SECRET - SIGNED W. STRIN MAN UNQUOTE HANDLE IMMEDIATELY

HOOVER

Mr. Nathan .....
Mr. Tolson .....
Mr. Baughman .....
Chief Clerk .....
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Jacksonville, Florida. 1-3-36

C W STEIN  
FBI - DEPT OF JUSTICE  
232 UPTOWN STATION & FEDERAL COURTS  
ST PAUL MINN

BREKID REURTEL BILL IN QUESTION SURRENDERED BY HANSON TO PALMER ROSEMOND  
DEPUTY CLERK US COURT MIAMI FLORIDA WHO STILL RETAINS CUSTODY OF SAME STOP  
SUGGEST HE BE FORMALLY ADVISED PRODUCE THIS BILL

HED:MFS  
cc - Bureau ✓  
Cincinnati  
E. J. Connelley, Chicago

R.A. ALT

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JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

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ST PAUL MINNESOTA  
JANUARY 4 1936  
11:50 AM

E J CONNELLEY  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

BREKID REFER YOUR LETTER JANUARY SECOND RE PRESENCE OF HELEN CONLIFF  
USA HERE ARRANGING ISSUANCE FUNDS FOR TRAVEL PURPOSES HELEN CONLIFF  
WILL BE ADVISED NEXT MONDAY AS TO WHEN TO APPEAR IN ST PAUL SHE IS  
AN EARLY WITNESS

KRM:IM  
CC Bureau  
Cincinnati

C.W. STEIN  
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Official Business, Government Rate  
Chg. Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
232 Uptown Station and Federal Courts Building,  
ST. PAUL, MINN.

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ST PAUL MINNESOTA  
JANUARY 4 1936  
9:25 AM

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

BREXID SAC HANSON NECESSARY WITNESS SUBPOENA CALLS FOR  
PRESENCE SIXTH INSTANT

C W. STEIN

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI ST PAUL 1/4/36 12 NOON JM  
SAC JACKSONVILLE  
PHONE. 0 BREKID. FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED TODAY BY  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY HERE FROM L. K. THOMSON, McALISTER  
HOTEL, MIAMI: "ACCORDING TO YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 17th  
YOU STATED THAT ARRANGEMENTS WERE BEING MADE TO TAKE CARE  
OF HEAVY CLOTHES FOR WITNESSES. OFFICE HERE DOESN'T KNOW  
ANYTHING ABOUT THIS AND THEY ONLY ALLOW FARE AND EXPENSES  
TO ST PAUL. PLEASE ADVISE AT ONCE VIA WESTERN UNION AS  
WITNESSES ARE LEAVING MONDAY". REFER MY LETTER TO DIRECTOR  
DECEMBER 18th LAST CONTAINING ENCLOSURES COPIES OF WHICH  
WERE FORWARDED YOUR OFFICE. REFER ALSO TO BUREAU LETTER  
ADDRESSED TO ST PAUL DECEMBER 28th LAST RE PROVIDING APPROPRIATE  
WEARING APPAREL FOR WITNESSES. PLEASE MAKE IMMEDIATE ARRANGEMENTS  
FOR SUITABLE CLOTHING FOR WITNESSES FROM McALISTER HOTEL AND  
ANY OTHER WITNESSES WHO MAY DEMAND SUITABLE CLOTHING AND ADVISE  
THIS OFFICE

END

CC BUREAU

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 31, 1935

Time - 3:00 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis.

I telephoned Special Agent in Charge W. A. Smith at the Kansas City Office and informed him that the Bureau is in receipt of a press dispatch from Kansas City stating that two police officers engaged in a running gun battle with two suspects in Kansas City, both of whom escaped, one by jumping from the second-story window of a school house. The press dispatch states that neither of the police officers was injured, and the police do not believe that their bullets hit either of the suspects. The individuals were sighted in an automobile bearing stolen Nebraska license plates. The officers tentatively identified Dave Sherman of Kansas City as one of the suspects. Immediately after the receipt of this press dispatch, the Bureau received another dispatch from Kansas City stating that of two men who engaged officers in a running gun battle today, one was captured and the other escaped. The one who was captured stated that his companion was Alvin Karpis. I asked Mr. Smith if he knows what this is all about.

Mr. Smith informed that the man who was captured is HOMER FANNING, who is known to the Bureau. In a letter dated August 10, 1934 from the Omaha Office to the Bureau in the Bremer Case, the results of an interview between Fanning and Agent Dewey are set forth. Fanning was also later interviewed by Agent Calhoun and information was developed that Fanning was dropped on his head when a baby, and was later adjudged criminally insane by experts at the University of Iowa. Another letter to the Bureau from the Oklahoma City Office in the Bremer Case dated August 14, 1934 sets forth the results of an interview which Mr. Brantley had with Fanning, in which Mr. Brantley states that Fanning gave absolutely no information of value, and expressed the opinion that Fanning was absolutely unreliable.

Fanning was one of the two men who engaged the police in the gun battle, and he now tells the police that the other man was Alvin Karpis; that he and Karpis have been traveling together for some time. The police, it appears, did not get the opportunity to see the other man in the car and are not, therefore, in a position to make a positive identification. Agent Norstrum of the Kansas City is at this time down at the police station in Kansas City interviewing this man.

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This information, you will recall, was immediately transmitted to you, and your instructions that any inquiry from the newspapers or other places was to be met with no comment were particularly noted.

JAN 7 1936

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Edwards \_\_\_\_\_  
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San Antonio, Texas  
January 2, 1936

Dwight Brantley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
224 Federal Building,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping

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JAN 13 1936

RE: BREKID

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, to the Cleveland office, dated December 26, 1935, wherein the Kansas City office is requested to furnish information concerning one Ralph Nelson, alias Sam Coker, to the Cleveland office.

A review of the Kansas City file in the above entitled matter fails to reflect any additional information concerning Coker other than is set out in reference letter.

However, a review of Kansas City file #45-5217 entitled J. C. Howard, with aliases, et. al., National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, reflects that Sam Coker, alias Ralph Pool, alias Ralph Nelson, was arrested with J. C. Howard, alias Verl Love, alias Earl G. Wilson, alias Joe Wilson, alias Joe Howard, alias Joseph Woodruff, alias Joe Hart, alias Neil Love, on May 9, 1931, at St. Joseph, Missouri, in possession of a model A Ford roadster that had previously been stolen on May 8, 1931, from Charles Harris, 309 West 11th Street, Coffeyville, Kansas, the owner.

Harris, however, refused to testify against these individuals, claiming that they were his friends and had not stolen this automobile. They were then released on the authority of the United States Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri. Harris is believed to be the same person who recently offered his services to the Kansas City office as an informant, in an endeavor to effect the apprehension of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell.

Later, on September 24, 1931, Coker and Howard were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at St. Joseph, Missouri, for this offense. Capias was issued on September 24, 1931, for their arrest, but was not served on them in that on June 10, 1931, Coker and Howard had been arrested at Okmulgee, Oklahoma, for burglary of a jewelry store at Henryetta, Oklahoma, and at that time Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis were also arrested with them.

Special Agent in Charge, Cleveland, Ohio - 2.

On June 17, 1931, Coker was released upon the request of the County Attorney and was returned to the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, as a parole violator. On the same date, Howard and the other two parties were bound over to the Superior Court at Muskogee, Oklahoma, and Howard's bond was set at \$5,500.00, which he executed and was released. This bond was subsequently forfeited as Howard failed to appear when this case was called for trial.

Subsequent investigation developed that Howard's bond was signed by H. G. Helms, Nowata, Oklahoma, and Jean Neuberger, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, who were unacquainted with him, but was at the instance of Warren B. Phillips, an attorney of Nowata, and D. C. "Burthead" Keady of Tulsa, Oklahoma, an ex-convict, and at the present time a confidential informant of the Oklahoma City office in this case.

Interviews had with Keady and Phillips failed to elicit any information concerning Howard and on June 11, 1932, the case against the two subjects, Howard and Coker, pending at St. Joseph, Missouri, was dismissed by Federal Judge Merrill E. Otis.

Inquiry at the Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department by Special Agent A. E. Farland revealed that Howard was arrested at that place on September 29, 1932, for investigation, but was released. Photographs of Howard, Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department #1151, and Sam Coker, Oklahoma State Penitentiary #11023, were secured and are being transmitted to the Cleveland office with copies of this letter. This is the only available information of the Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department and no information whatever was secured from the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Bureau ✓  
E. J. Connelley  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Oklahoma City

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 1, 1936

Time - 10:55 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis.

With reference to the reports emanating from Kansas City to the effect that Alvin Karpis was accompanying one Homer Fanning at the time both of them engaged the Kansas City police in a gun battle, I telephoned Special Agent in Charge W. A. Smith at the Kansas City Office inquiring if there have been any developments.

Mr. Smith said that while there have been no developments, the man who was with Homer Fanning at the time of their battle with the police is possibly a person who uses the name of ALVIN SMITH, and who is a native of Kirksville. Information was received by the police from a doctor from Kirksville to the effect that Smith and Fanning have been for some time residing in a hotel down there, and recently both of them left.

manner The description of Smith as furnished by the doctor does not in any fit that of Karpis, and the man who owns the tourist camp at which these two men stayed the night before Fanning was captured cannot identify Smith as being the same as Karpis.

Further and definite information will be furnished the Bureau when developed.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

January 4, 1936.

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

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Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID.

Confiscated Ford Sedan, Motor #18-1190702.

Reference is made to teletype from the Oklahoma City Office of January 2, 1936, to the Bureau, Chicago and Jacksonville Offices, advising that George C. Campbell, father of Harry Campbell, left Tulsa on the night of January 1, 1936, via Frisco Railroad en route to Jacksonville, Florida, etc.; also to my telephone conversation with Agent Suran of the Chicago Office, speaking for Mr. Connelley, at 8:00 P. M. on January 2, 1936, in which he requested to be advised whether we had sufficient information concerning Campbell's arrival in Jacksonville, suggesting that we contact the Oklahoma City Office for advice as to the exact time of his arrival, if this information was available.

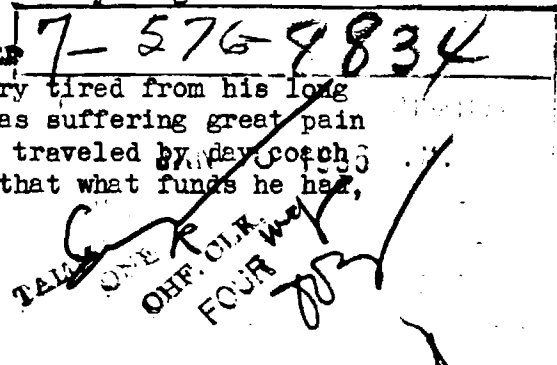
In reply to a telephone conversation with Special Agent in Charge Brantley of the Oklahoma City Office, a teletype was received at 8:40 P. M. on January 2, furnishing the description of George C. Campbell, and advising that he would arrive in Jacksonville about 7:20 A. M. on January 3, via Southern Railway.

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This is to advise that Special Agent C. B. Winstead was present at the Union Terminal Station in Jacksonville when George C. Campbell, father of Harry Campbell, arrived in Jacksonville, at 8:45 A. M. on January 3. Agent Winstead reports that George C. Campbell was accompanied by a young man. He followed them out of the railway station. They inquired of a porter where the U. S. Court House and Post Office was located, after which they went to a nearby restaurant, had breakfast and proceeded afoot to the Jacksonville Office where George C. Campbell called on the writer. He had my original letter of December 16, 1935, for identification.

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Mr. Campbell stated that he was very tired from his long trip from Tulsa in a day coach and that he was suffering great pain from arthritis in his left shoulder; that he traveled by day coach since the pullman charges were too high and that what funds he had, at his age had to be conserved.

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JAN 15 1936

TO DIRECTOR,  
1-4-36

Mr. Campbell was accompanied by T. F. Bash, Age 25 years, who gave his address as 2539 E. Fourth Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

While making inquiry concerning the condition of subject car, Mr. Campbell stated, concerning his son Harry, that while he did not get along with Harry they never quarreled; that Harry resented his father's reprimands in connection with his bad associates. He stated that he had not seen Harry for about three years; that recently he met a party in Tulsa who said that about a year ago he saw Harry in Pawhuska, Oklahoma; since that time he has heard nothing from Harry, either directly or indirectly.

During these statements Mr. Campbell began to weep, stating that he hoped, if Harry had any chance at all, he would come in, give himself up, and settle up; that he knows full well that he will be caught sooner or later.

Concerning his finances, Mr. Campbell stated that since 1928 he has been investing in stocks; that he lost considerable money in 1930; now since the market is up he is selling some of his stocks; that he does business with Frances Brothers, Prokers in the Kennedy Building, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mr. Campbell requested that I show him, if possible, the best route to take to return to Tulsa with subject car. In referring to a road map it was suggested that he leave Jacksonville on Beaver Street, en route to New Orleans, thence to Shreveport, thence to Dallas, thence to Tulsa. He made notes of these places, and stated that that was the route he would take in returning. He appeared very anxious to return immediately since the weather was good.

Mr. Campbell was afraid he would have some difficulty getting out of the City, but I suggested that Special Agent R. B. Donaldson would accompany him to the City Limits and put him on the rightroad. He appeared very appreciative for this assistance.


A proper receipt was obtained from Mr. Campbell for car in question, a copy of which is attached.

Mr. Campbell left Jacksonville at about 10:30 A. M. January 3, en route to Tulsa. A teletype summary of the investigation contained herein was forwarded to the Bureau, Oklahoma City and Chicago Offices.

Encl.

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

Very truly yours,

  
R. A. ALT,  
Special Agent in Charge.

610 Clonso Ward Hotel Building,  
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

January 4, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

The writer is departing from Aberdeen at  
9:00 P.M. January 5, 1936, in answer to Court Subpoena  
at St. Paul, Minnesota, in connection with the Bremer  
Kidnaping Case. Special Agent J. M. Klees will be  
Acting in Charge of the Aberdeen Office during my  
absence.

The writer can be reached in care of the St.  
Paul Office or Hotel Lowry, St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

WH:MR

WERNER HARRI  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 856

Los Angeles, California

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:

Referring to Bureau letter dated December 26, 1935,  
directed to Special Agent W. H. Osborne of this office, instructing  
him to report to the Washington Field Office for assignment.

This is to advise that Special Agent Osborne at this  
time is engaged along with several other Agents of the Los Angeles  
Office on a twenty-four hour surveillance that is being conducted on  
the BREKID case. It will be impossible to release him until the  
completion of this surveillance. It is not known exactly when this  
will be, but possibly within the next thirty or sixty days.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON  
Special Agent in Charge

JHH:GTS  
cc Washington Field

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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

January 5, 1935

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

In re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
William Hamm, Jr.  
Victim-KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 14, 1934, file 7-77, wherein it is requested that this office interview OLIVER A. BERG for any information he is willing to impart with regard to the Hamm kidnaping case.

Please be advised that Special Agent John L. Madala proceeded to the Illinois State Penitentiary, Stateville, Ill. on December 30, 1934 and interviewed Oliver A. Berg in the presence of Assistant Warden Robinson. Mr. Berg denied any knowledge of the Hamm kidnaping, stating that he did not become associated with the Barker-Karpis gang until March, 1934, and that during his travels and associations with this gang, he at no time heard them discuss the Hamm kidnaping case among themselves.

It might be stated that it was extremely difficult to interview Berg as he appeared very hostile and repeatedly made the assertion that the life sentence imposed upon him by the Government at St. Paul in the Bremer case was nothing less than persecution, and made particular reference to the relatively short sentences imposed on Jimmie Wilson and Boss McLaughlin.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

Re: "BREKID"

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that Special Agent  
S. L. Fortenberry, of this office, left Detroit at  
12:30 P. M. today for St. Paul, Minnesota, under sub-  
poena, to testify in the above entitled matter.

He will travel via Wabash Railroad Detroit  
to Chicago, will leave Chicago at 10:15 P. M. this date  
via Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, and is due to arrive  
in St. Paul, Minnesota at 7:30 A. M. January 6, 1936.

Very truly yours,

W. J. West,  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - St. Paul  
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January 5, 1936

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

Re: "BREKID"

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that Special Agent  
C. H. Olson, of this office, under subpoena, left  
Detroit at 4:10 P. M. this date for St. Paul, Minnesota,  
to testify in the above captioned matter.

Agent Olson will travel via Wabash Rail-  
road to Chicago, will leave Chicago at 10:15 P. M. via  
Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul and will arrive at St.  
Paul, Minnesota at 7:30 A. M. January 6, 1936.

Very truly yours,

W. J. West,  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - St. Paul  
Chicago

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

January 4, 1936

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

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

As reflected in the report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, December 16, 1935, the Post Office Inspectors at Cleveland are working on the theory that subjects Karpis and Campbell were involved in the mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, on November 7th, 1935, and that undoubtedly one CARL BAKER alias Thomas J. Shaw was a participant in the robbery, the said Shaw being described as follows:

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Weight		143
Hair		dark brown to black
Eyes		blue
Race		white
Complexion		medium
Occupation		salesman
Marital status		single
Nationality		American
F P C		9 U 00 16 1 U 00 11
Police number		Akron, O., No. 26337, under which prints forwarded to Bureau about 10-20-30.

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Inasmuch as the Post Office Inspectors are actively engaged in the investigation of the Garrettsville, Ohio, robbery, it is not the purpose of this office to carry on any investigation in connection therewith as will tend to conflict with any of the activities of the Post Office Inspectors. However, it is deemed advisable at this time to request the Bureau to place an appropriate notation against the fingerprints of Carl Baker, alias Thomas J. Shaw, in order that the Cleveland office of this Bureau may be notified in the event he is apprehended at any time in the future, as this information has served to develop leads in connection with the investigation seeking the

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whereabouts of Karpis and Campbell and may also serve to gain further entry into the confidence of the Post Office Inspectors.

In addition to the above-requested notation against his prints the Bureau is also being requested to furnish the complete criminal history of Carl Baker alias Thomas J. Shaw.

Very truly yours,



J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc:

E. J. Connelley  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Chicago

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January 13, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1218;  
ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

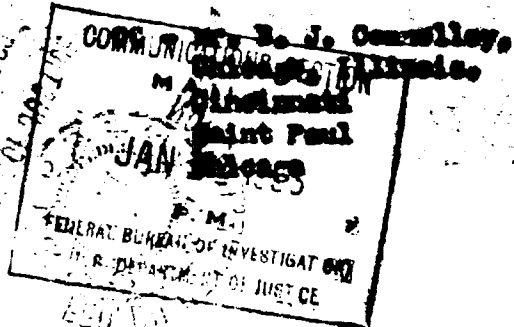
In reply to your communication of January 6,  
1936, regarding EARL BAKER, alias Thomas J. Shaw,  
Police Department, Akron, Ohio, #2537, I am transmitting  
herewith a copy of the criminal record of this individual  
as reflected by the fingerprint files of the Federal  
Bureau of Investigation.

Please be advised that a notation has been  
placed in our files to the effect that this person is  
wanted by you, and in the event information is received  
relative to his whereabouts, your office will be  
promptly notified.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #25194.



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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
January 4, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that ~~WILLIAM BUNDY~~ and  
DELORIS DELANEY have now arrived in St. Paul where they will  
be used as witnesses during the forthcoming trial commencing  
on January 6, 1936. They are equipped only with prison cloth-  
ing which makes them reluctant to take the witness stand in  
behalf of the Government. They have expressed the desire that  
certain clothing and incidentals be obtained for them and for-  
warded to the St. Paul Office so that they may be properly  
dressed when they appear as witnesses.

Delores Delaney has requested that Mr. John  
Karpavicz, 6212 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, be  
contacted and the request be made upon him to forward to the  
St. Paul Office, the following:

Flower, lipstick, rouge, makeup,  
hand lotion, powder puff, soap,  
nail file, eyebrow tweezers,  
1 pr. black overalls  
1 black purse  
1 pr. black gloves  
1 black hat  
1 pr. blue overalls  
1 blue hat  
1 blue purse  
6 pr. hose  
2 underslips  
2 pr. panties  
2 brassiere  
1 girdle  
2 nightgowns  
1 black dress  
1 green coat - without fur collar  
1 blue negligee

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Synona Bardette has requested that contact be made with her sister, Mrs. R. D. Wilson, Moiny, Oklahoma, with the request that Mrs. Wilson forward to the St. Paul Office the following:

Cosmetics; powder, lipstick, rouge, mascara, cold cream, powder puff.  
1 pr. slippers, brown  
1 brown purse  
1 pr. brown gloves  
1 brown hat with veil  
2 pr. hose  
1 green dress trimmed in brown  
2 underslips  
2 pr. panties  
2 girdle  
2 brassiers  
2 night gowns  
1 brown dress with two-toned sash

Synona Bardette has asked that this message be passed on to her sister:

"If you have any other coat besides my green one, send it, but please don't send my fur coat".

It is respectfully requested that the above mentioned subject matter be given immediate attention so that the desires of these witnesses will be satisfied. It is believed that by attending to these requests, the witnesses will serve the Government to a better advantage.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

REPORT MADE AT <b>Los Angeles</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-2-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-12-35 to 1-2-36</b>	TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE; I. O. 1218; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>
			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

CHARLES J. FITZGERALD, alias name of J. W. KOSTER, is at present residing at the Benjamin Franklin Apartments in Los Angeles, where he is being kept under a twenty-four-hour surveillance by Agents. To date, the surveillance indicates that FITZGERALD is spending his time consorting with a girl friend named INOGENE MOHENTZ, who is the former telephone operator in the building where FITZGERALD resided prior to moving into the Benjamin Franklin Apartments. She represents herself to be his secretary. They are constantly together. FITZGERALD has apparently told people to believe that he is wealthy, and that he is spending his time in California at the instigation of his wife who lives in the East, and who is furnishing him money. Reports are to the effect that he has received large currency notes in denominations of \$500.00 and \$1000.00 in letters from Minneapolis, Minn. He is also apparently interested in the development of an oil well in California, N. M.

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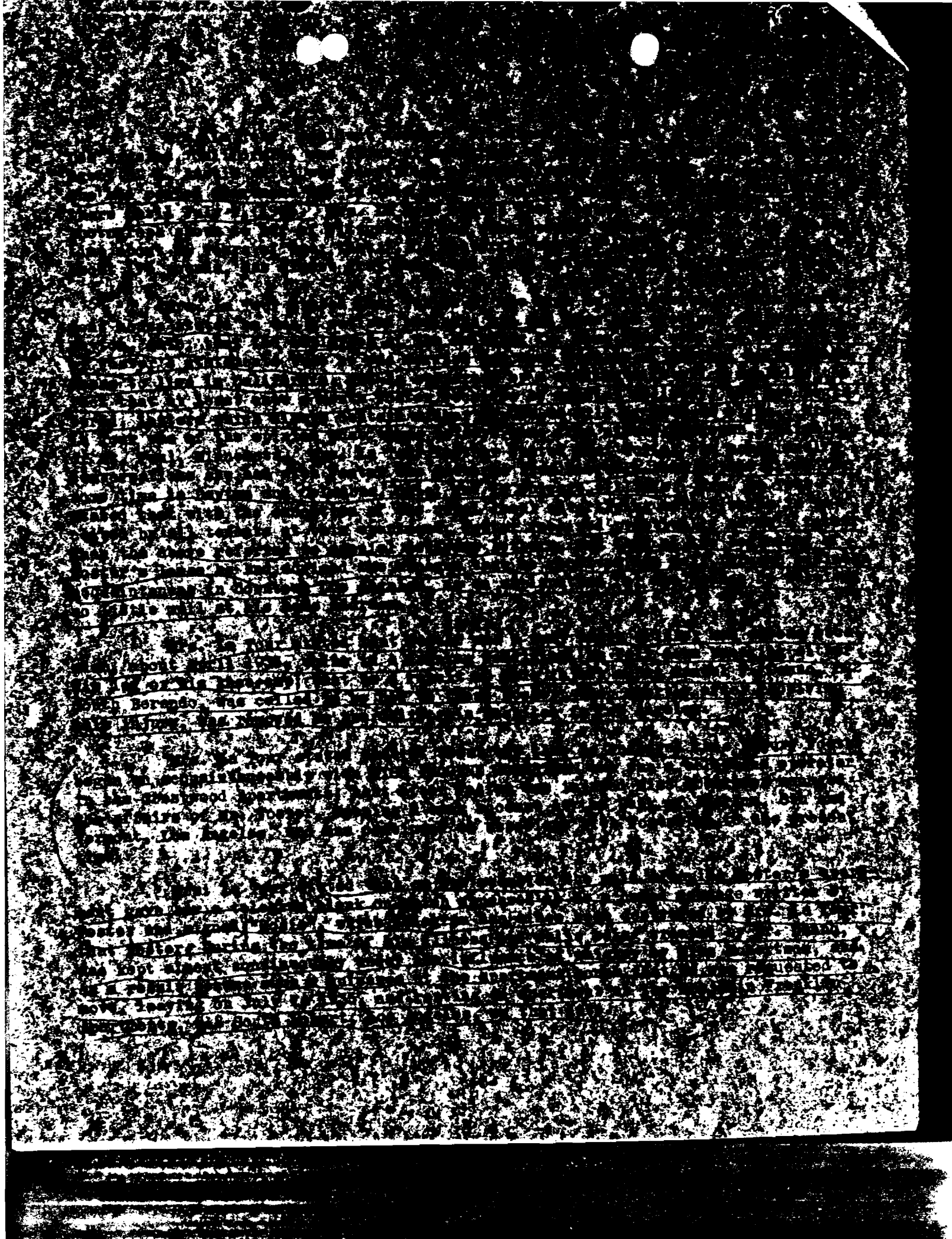
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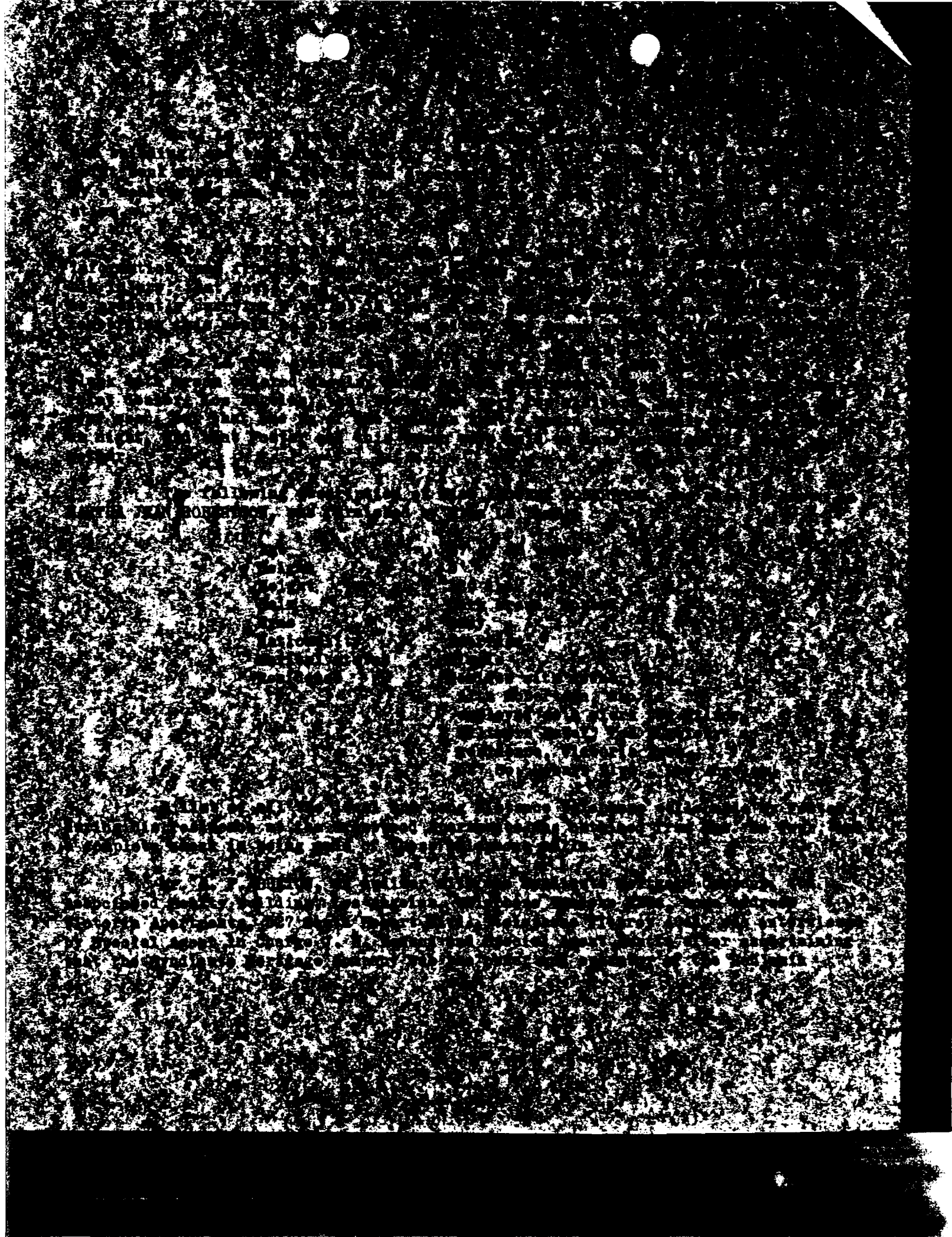
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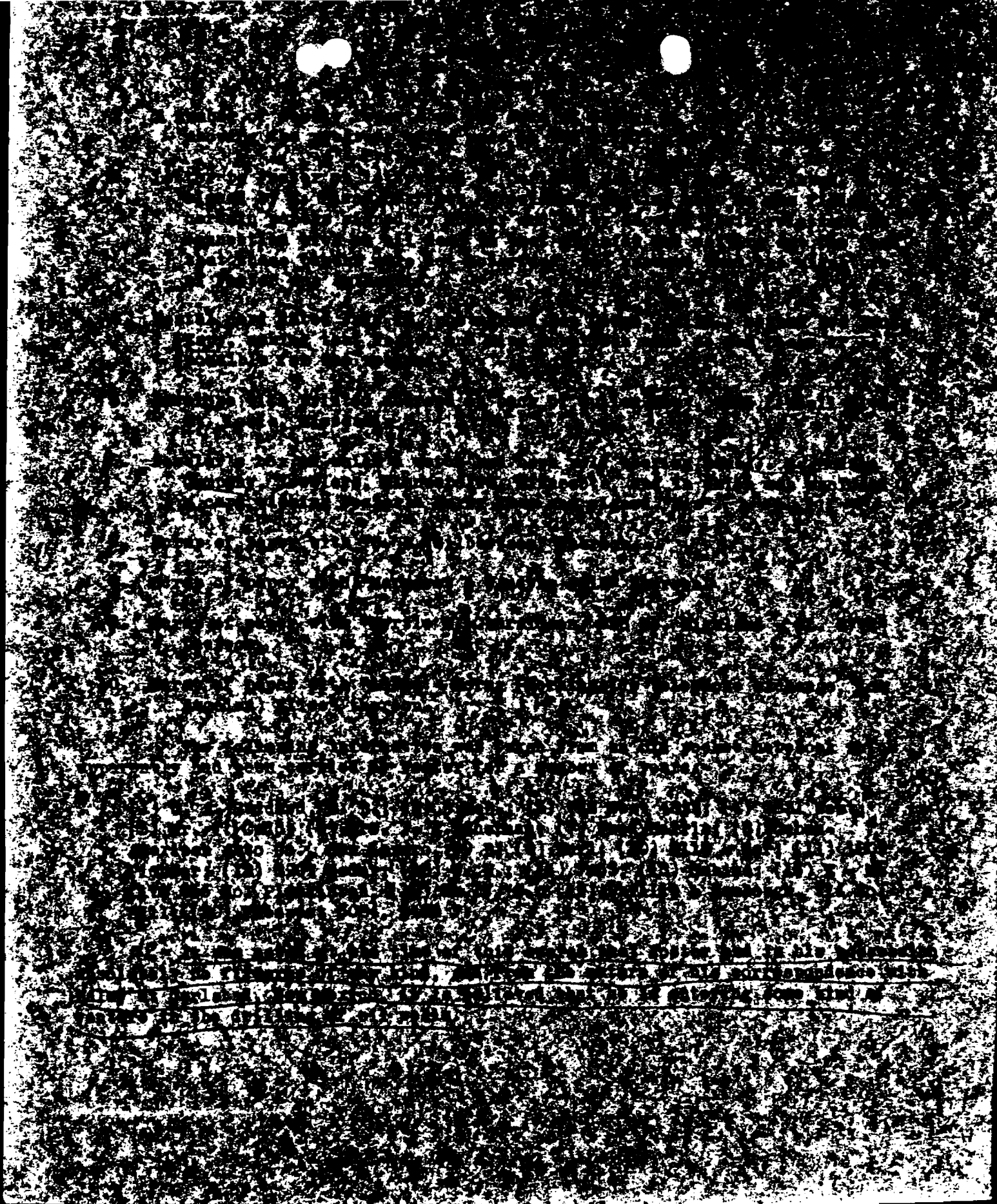






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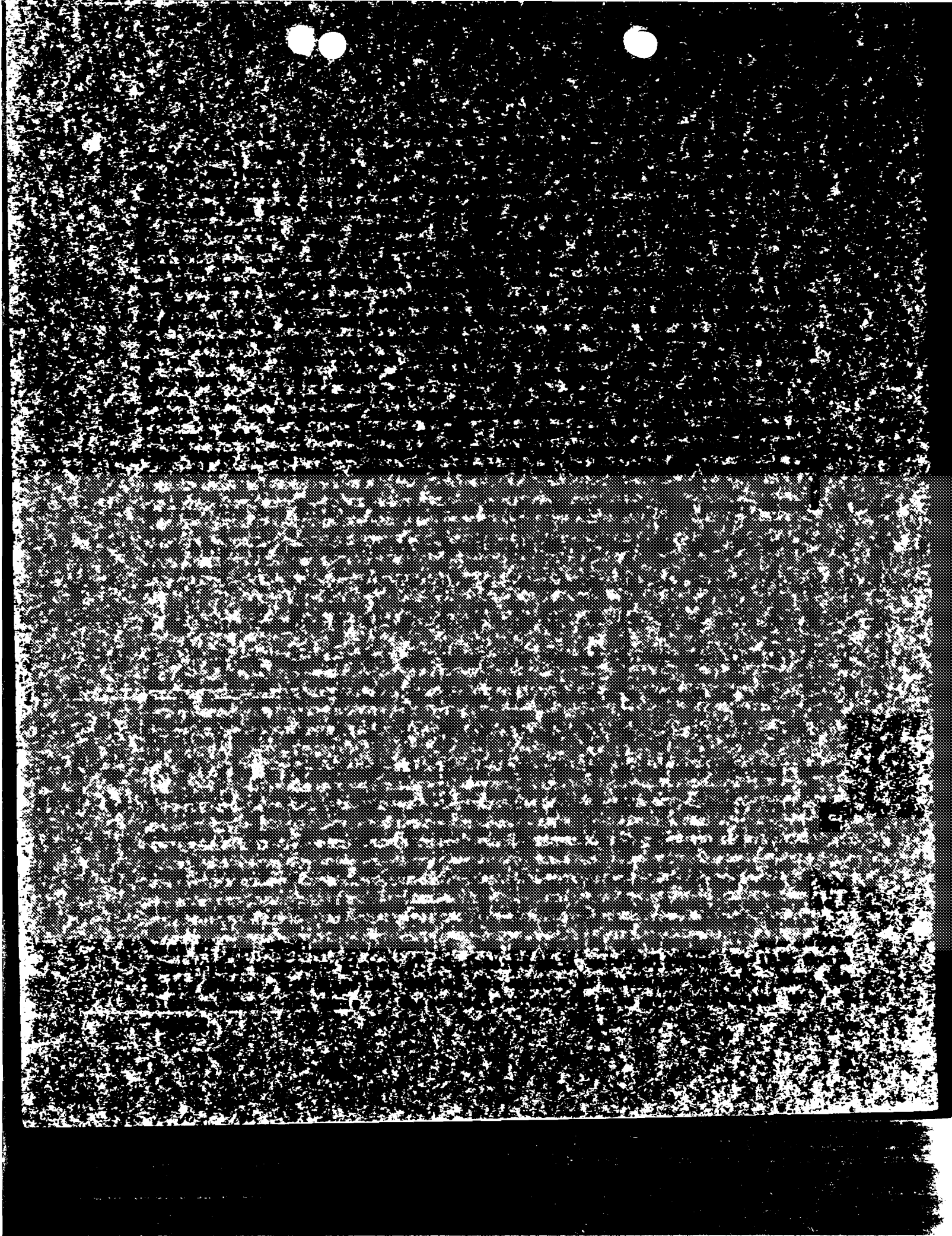


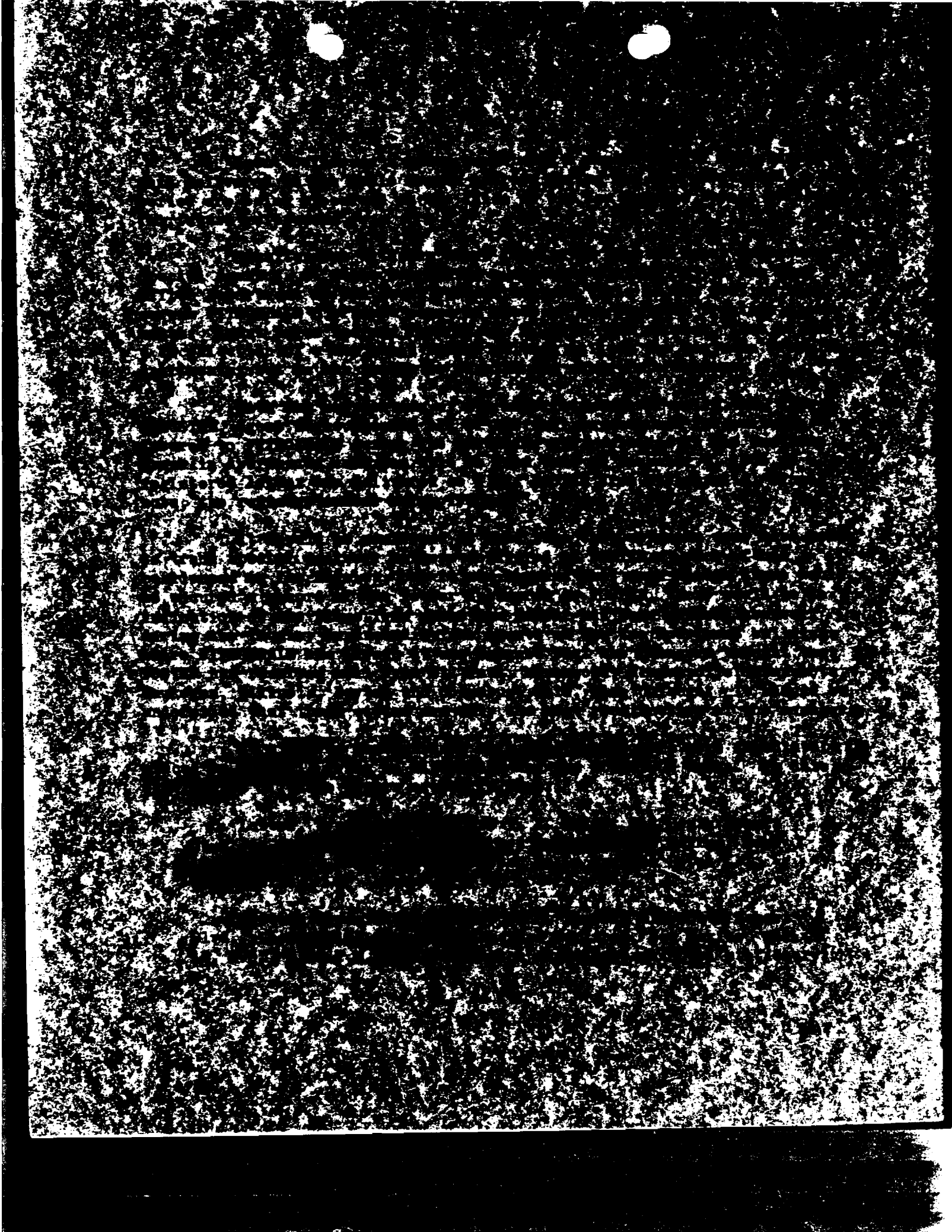
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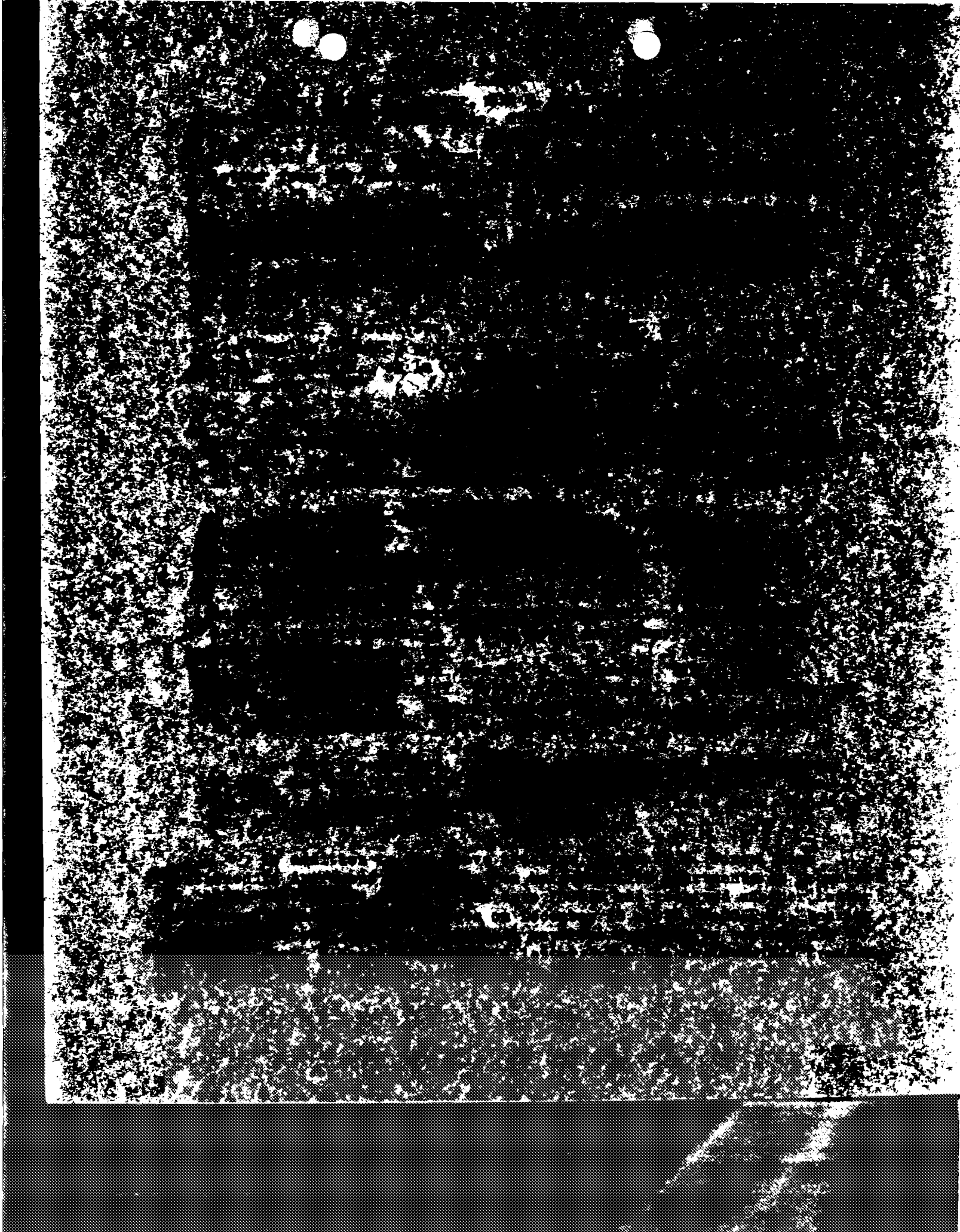
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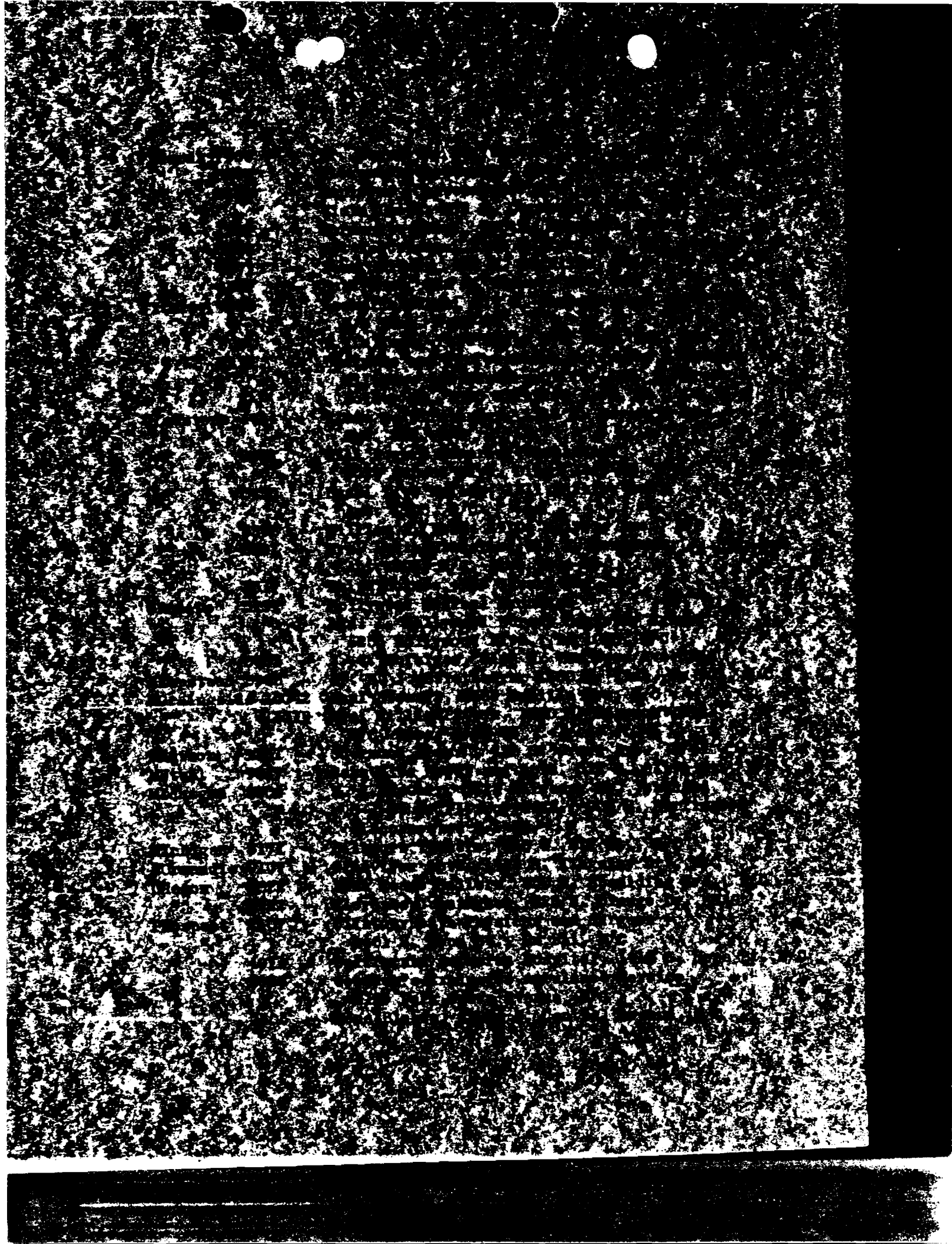
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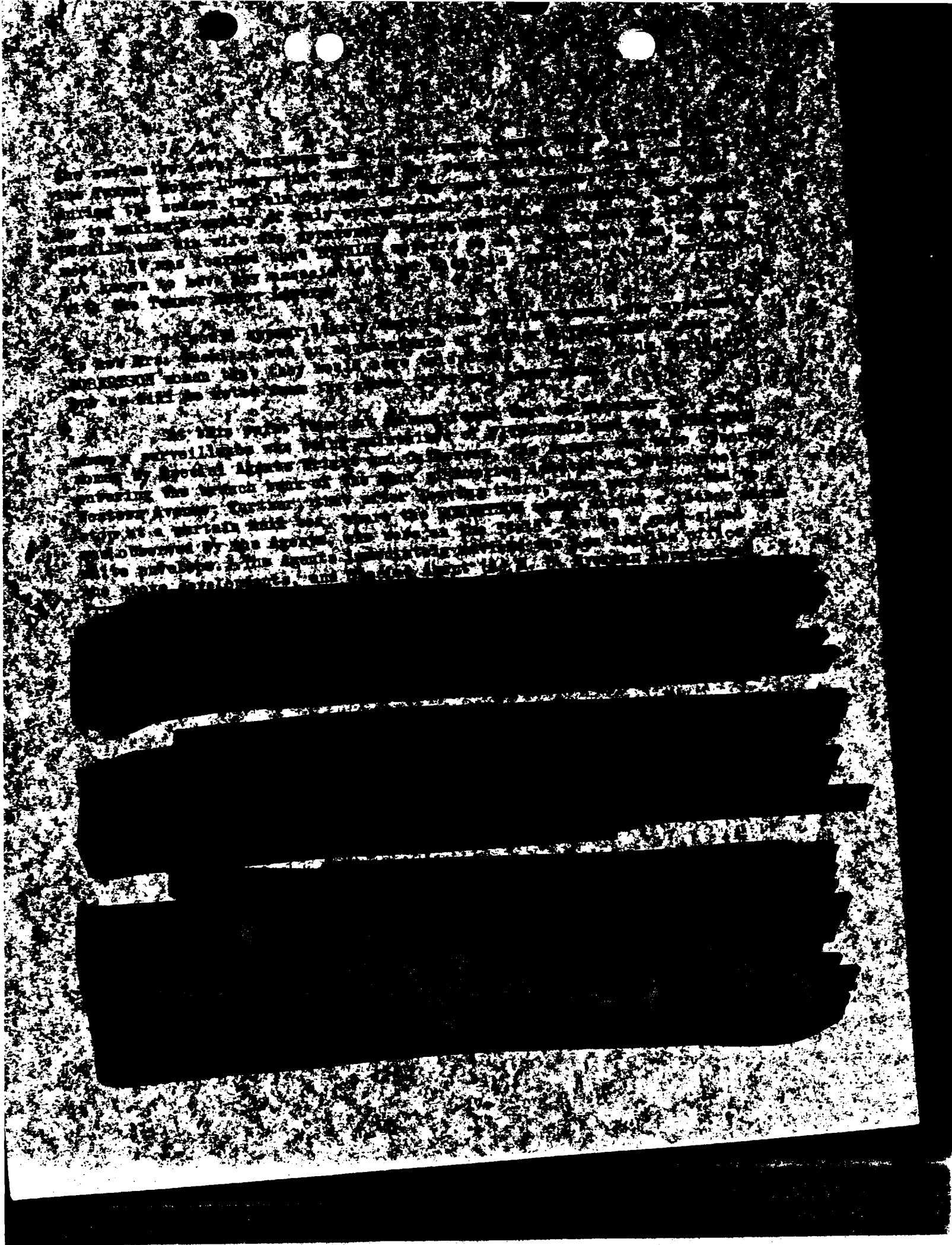
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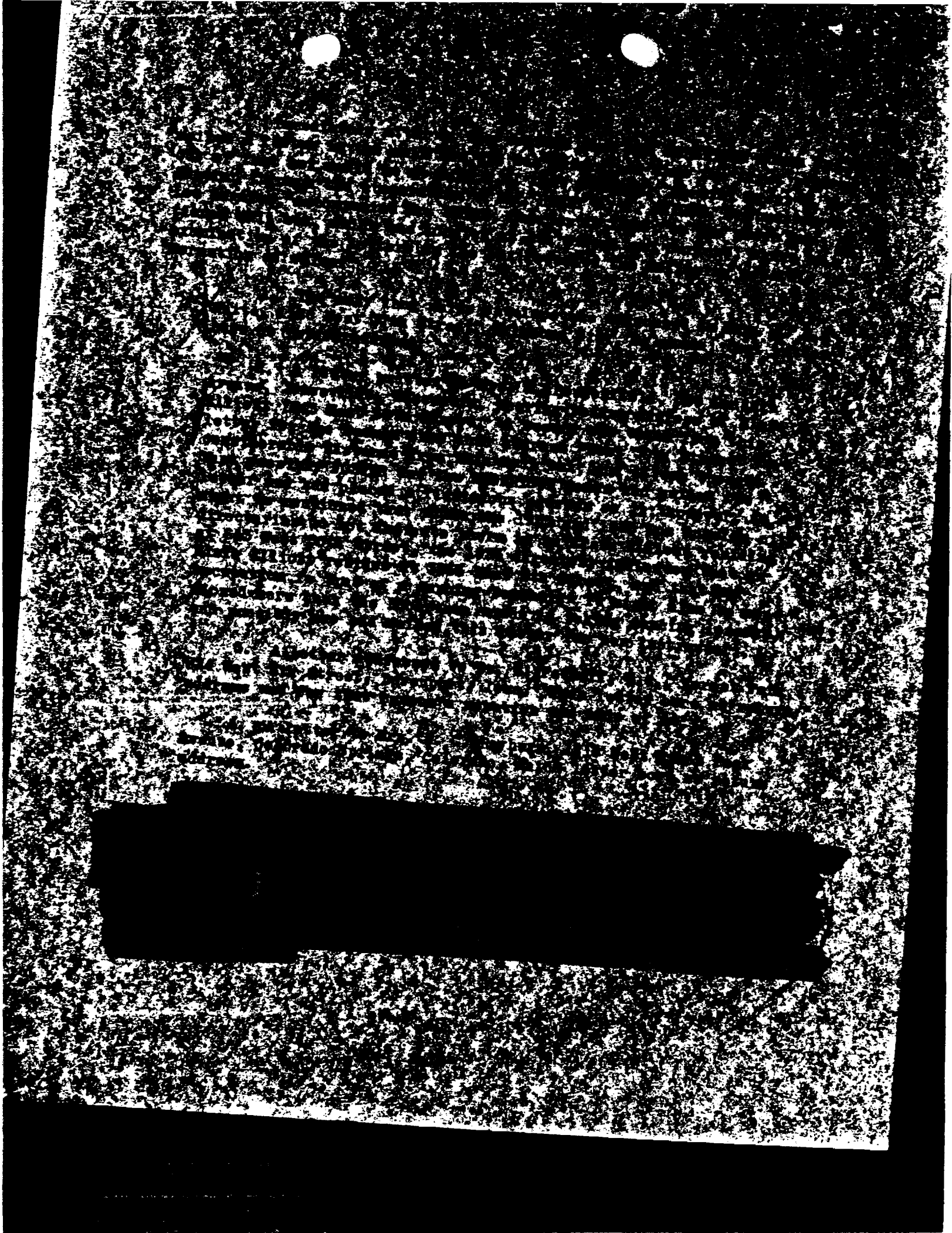
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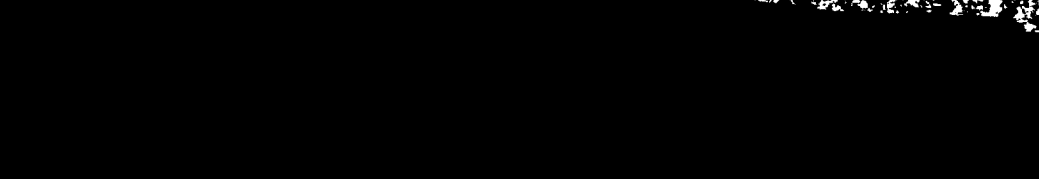






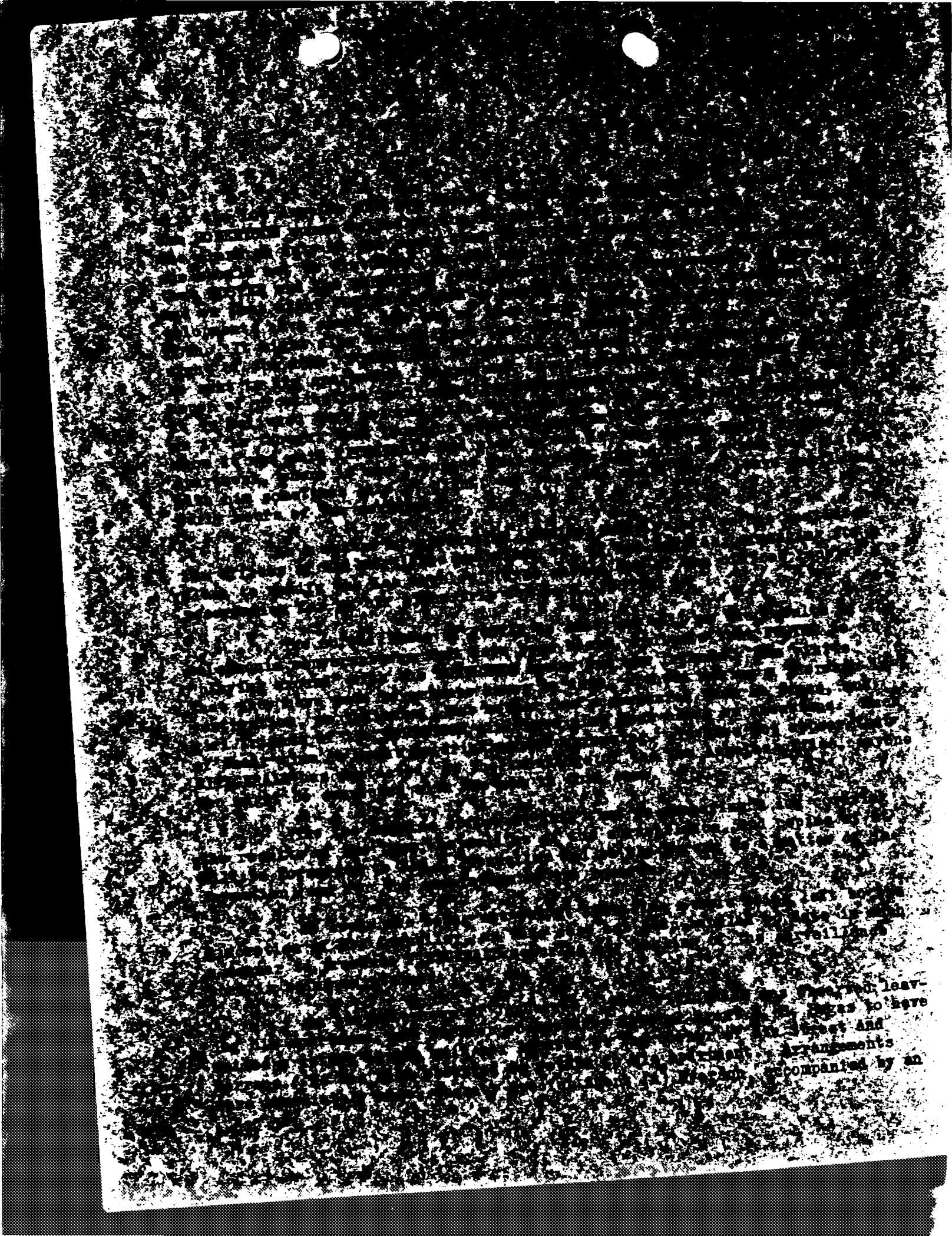


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Complexion Light  
General appearance Well looking, wears a suit, brown  
in color, believed to be honest.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Jacksonville, Fla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-3-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-31-35 and 1-2, 3-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. S. DONALDSON</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218 et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

It has now been learned that the fourteen \$1000 bills surrendered by the Jacksonville Office to Probate Judge at Ocala, Florida, were in turn surrendered by Judge to Ocala Bank, which gave a detailed receipt reflecting serial numbers; that said Bank forwarded these bills to Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Florida, with cash letter dated 7-25-35, on which serial numbers were listed. Atlantic National Bank received same 7-26-35, and on that date forwarded five of the bills to the Federal Reserve Branch, Jacksonville, but no serial numbers were noted. Photostatic copies of pertinent papers obtained and are forwarded herewith to St. Paul. Additional detailed data obtained in support of the handling of this money.

**REFERENCE:**

Letter from St. Paul Office to Jacksonville Office, 12-27-35, and letter from Jacksonville Office to St. Paul Office, 12-30-35.

**DETAILS:**

Subsequent to the 'phone conversation with D. D. Upchurch of the Atlantic National Bank, as reported to the St. Paul Office on December 30, 1935, Agent went to the Bank to make further check of the matter of tracing this money. Through the assistance of G. A. Ortigas, Assistant Cashier, it was found that these actual bills had all been received and five of them on the date of receipt were sent to the local branch of the Federal Reserve Bank for deposit.

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There was displayed to Agent an original cash letter from the Commercial Bank and Trust Company of Dallas, Texas, dated July 25, 1935, and listed thereon were fourteen \$1000 bills with the serial numbers opposite each. These serial numbers corresponded identically with the numbers on the bills being traced in this case. The total amount of this particular cash letter is \$14,000.00 and, of course, no other items appear thereon. The letter was received at the Atlantic National Bank on July 25, 1935, via registered mail. It was received for by John E. Carroll, a teller. He opened up the letter and checked the money including comparing the serial numbers on the money with the numbers appearing on the cash letter.

A photostatic copy of the cash letter was obtained and is herewith transmitted to the St. Paul Office.

Mr. Carroll states that he distinctly recalls receiving this shipment of money by reason of the fact that it was quite unusual to have this many one thousand dollar bills come in at one time. He, upon receipt of this money, made out with pen and ink a credit slip for the Commercial Bank and Trust Company.

A photostatic copy of this credit slip was obtained and is likewise transmitted herewith to the St. Paul Office.

At the time of making this slip Mr. Carroll determined that five of these bills would be immediately sent to the Federal Reserve Bank, Jacksonville Branch, for deposit and the remaining nine bills would be turned over to the head teller, Mr. J. W. Mandell, for use in the general business of the Bank. In keeping with this distribution of the fourteen bills, and at the time of making the credit slip, Mr. Carroll entered thereon in the upper left portion the figures 5000 in ink and directly under same the figures 9000 in pencil. This is the common procedure in daily use when transactions of this kind occur. The pencil figures are to indicate the amount to be retained at the bank, and the ink figures indicate the amount to be sent to the Federal Reserve Bank. In this instance, however, no further record was made to show which bills were retained or sent to the Federal Reserve Bank. He was, therefore, at a loss to establish at this time which bills were actually sent for deposit to the Federal Reserve Bank. Mr. Carroll, however, personally took the five bills to the Federal Reserve Bank for deposit on July 26, 1935.

Mr. Mandell states that there is no way at this time to tell just what disposition the bank made of the nine bills which were passed to his custody. He has none of them at this time. However, he still possesses a rough note sheet of money handled on that day, i. e., 7-26-35, and noted

thereon is the following "5,000.-". This refers to the five \$100 bills, sent to the Federal Reserve Bank for deposit, and is noted in a short column totaling \$47,500.00, which is presumably the total deposit made on 7-26-35, in the Federal Reserve Bank.

A photostatic copy of this slip is attached to this report in two copies hereof.

At the Jacksonville Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Georgia, T. A. Lanford, Cashier, was again interviewed about this matter, and he stated that a deposit record maintained under his custody, reflected that the Atlantic National Bank on July 26, 1935, made a deposit in the total sum of \$47,500.00. Some attempt is made at analysis in deposits of this character as to denominations of bills, and the record reflects that of this total deposit \$5,000.00 was in bills of not less than \$50.00 denomination. Columns on this analysis record are not provided for bills in excess of \$50.00, and, therefore, any bill greater than \$50.00, no matter how large, would appear in this column.

From examination of the bills in the vaults, Mr. Lanford pointed out to Agent that there was one package containing five of these bills, and the paper strap thereon bore a stamped date, indicating the date of counting the money. The dating stamp used in making this date on the strap was not sufficiently inked, and unfortunately the day of the month is very indistinct. It appears to be 7-28-35. The figure "28", however, is therefore most difficult to make out.

The serial numbers on the bills contained in this money strap, and which undoubtedly are the five bills sent over by the Atlantic National Bank, are as follows:

F 00014261-A  
F 00094857-A  
F 00009887-A  
F 00020337-A  
F 00020574-A

The Federal Reserve Bank, has in its vaults, in a money strap dated 9-17-35, bills of the following serial numbers pertinent to this matter:

F 00022453-A  
F 00010128-A  
F 00019258-A  
F 00019531-A

In a money strap dated 7-27-35, there are two bills, with the following numbers:

F 00022464-A  
F 00014906-A

The money strap on bill F 00022457-A is not dated.

There is still no absolute evidence of a direct return, according to Mr. Lanford, whereby he can positively state that any of these bills came from the Atlantic National Bank, but the circumstances as above outlined are so strong in his opinion, especially with respect to the bills in the money straps dated July 27 and 28, 1935, that there is no question but what this money really came to the Federal Reserve Bank from the Atlantic National Bank.

It is probable that the remaining bills now in the Federal Reserve Bank, were also sent, at later dates, to the Federal Reserve Bank, however, they could have been secured from the Atlantic National Bank by someone else, and found their way to the Federal Reserve Bank through some other source.

Personal interview was had with Judge of Probate L. E. Futch for Marion County at Ocala, Florida, on January 2, 1936, with respect to his handling of these bills. From the time they were turned over to him by the writer on 2-11-35, until July 25, 1935, he kept them intact in his safety deposit box at the Commercial Bank and Trust Company in Ocala, Florida. Filed with these bills was a copy of the receipt prepared at the Jacksonville Office of the Bureau, on which the bills were itemized by serial numbers. Judge Futch still retains this paper and it bears the signature of the writer. The Judge states when he surrendered this money to the Commercial Bank and Trust Company as Curator for the Barker Estates he personally handed same to Mr. C. C. Long, who is Trust Officer and Vice-President of the Bank. He took a receipt for same, from Mr. Long, and after the receipt was typed, he and Mr. Long actually compared serial numbers on the bills with those shown on the receipt being given by the Bank. The Judge retains at the present time the original receipt secured from and signed by Mr. Long. It is dated July 25, 1935.

Mr. C. C. Long, Trust Officer and Vice-President of the Commercial Bank and Trust Company at Ocala, Florida, on January 2, 1936, personally verified the above information as supplied Agent by Judge Futch. Carrying the transaction further Mr. Long says that he, after checking the money,

turned same over to teller T. A. Cole. Mr. Cole stated that he caused the fourteen bills to be listed on a cash letter dated July 25, 1935, for transmittal to the Atlantic National Bank at Jacksonville, Florida.

The actual preparation of this cash letter including listing of serial numbers was performed by Miss Norma Preston, a clerk and typist. After being listed the money and cash letter were checked for accuracy by Mr. Cole, and Miss Preston.

Miss Preston is not employed by this Bank at this time. Her address is care Clearwater Sun at Clearwater, Florida.

The money and cash letter were then taken to the local Post Office and sent via Registered mail to the Atlantic National Bank. The package was transported to the Post Office by a Clerk, one W. Bay. The Bank has duplicate registry receipt No. 4018, for the package and it was insured by the Home Insurance Company under receipt No. 25. It may be stated that Mr. Long mentioned above is a superior officer of each of these Bank employees, and this transaction with respect to the forwarding of the money to Jacksonville, was under his general supervision and he has knowledge of same and there is in his custody a duplicate copy of the cash letter.

Incidentally while searching for this money in the vaults of the Jacksonville Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Georgia, Mr. Lanford located and pointed out to Agent, four additional \$1000 bills, bearing the following serial numbers:

Y 000 22480-A  
Y 00022459-A  
Y 00022458-A  
Y 00022484-A

These bills have never been called to the attention of the Jacksonville Office before, by any of the Banks in Florida, notwithstanding the fact that the Jacksonville Office sent out in June, 1935, a circular letter to all Banks, asking them to be on the watch for 50 \$1000 bills, which had previously been traced as having been given to Cassius McDonald in Cuba, when he was manipulating ransom money there.

These four bills are being held at the Federal Reserve Branch at Jacksonville, for further instructions from the Jacksonville Bureau Office.

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These bills are in a large package containing similar bills, and the money strap on this package indicates that the package was put up 10-7-35. There is absolutely no way to even conjecture as to the source of these bills, according to Mr. Lanford.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

NO. 1  
CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**  
REPORT MADE AT **PITTSBURGH, PA.** DATE WHEN MADE **1-3-36** PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE **12-13-35, 21-35, 27-35, 28-35**  
TITLE **ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE.  
I. O. #1218, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM**

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records, West Middletown, Pa. Post Office, fail to reflect correspondence, money orders, registered and special delivery letters in names of Mary North, A. R. Benton, and George Benton, Hambull, Ohio. Letter addressed to Mrs. George Campbell, Tulsa, Okla., 12-21-35, written by Nell Barona. Investigation develops Nell Barona and Mrs. Edith Moff, Ambler, Pa. (Mixer, [redacted])

Inquiries, local police officers, post office officials and reliable neighbors fail to indicate either Campbell or Karpis have been visiting in that area. Surveillance of various Mixer homes established and no covers placed.

REFERENCE:

- Letter from Cleveland Office, 12-10-35;
- Letter from Chicago Office, 12-13-35;
- Report of Special Agent D. Willis, Pittsburgh, Pa., 12-23-35;
- Teletype, Oklahoma City, Okla., 12-23-35;
- Letter from Chicago Office, 12-24-35.

DETAILS:

AT WEST MIDDLETOWN, PENNSYLVANIA:

As suggested in the reference letter dated December 10, 1935 from the Cleveland Office, the money order applications at the West Middletown, Pennsylvania Post Office for the past five months, totalling in

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1. In January 1964, the following information was received from the National Security Agency (NSA) regarding the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in the United States:

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As the wife of one William Brennan, who was a significant law enforcement officer, she was a victim of the violence of the 1960s. She was a victim of the violence of the 1960s. She was a victim of the violence of the 1960s.

On January 26, 1964, after a telephone call to the FBI by Dr. Bernard Lanning, who was in the hospital at that time, the following information was obtained from the FBI records: That Dr. Lanning was a resident of the New York City area and that he was a member of the New York City Police Department. That he was a member of the New York City Police Department and that he was a member of the New York City Police Department. That he was a member of the New York City Police Department and that he was a member of the New York City Police Department.



The Office of the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, is hereby notified that the following land is being offered for sale:

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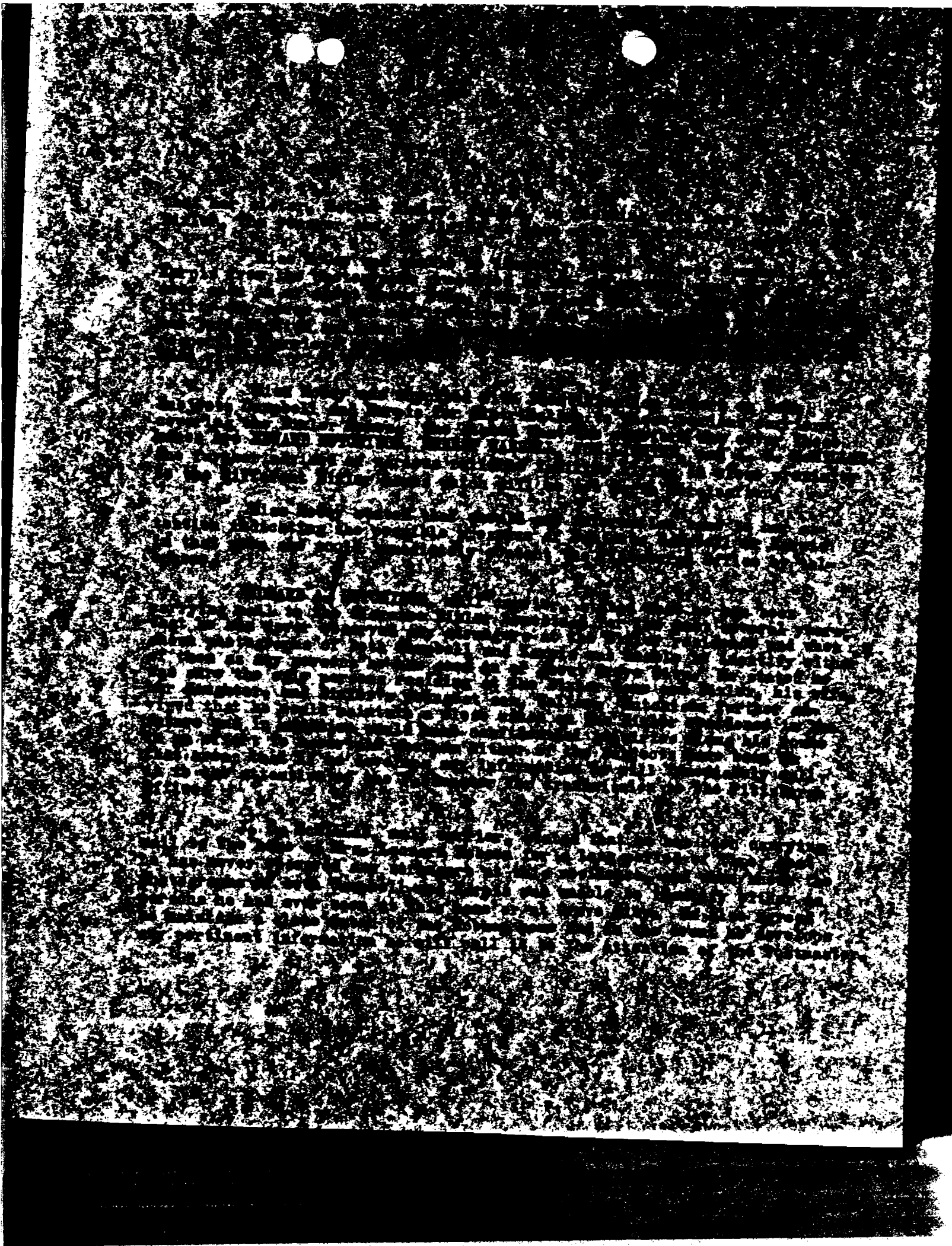
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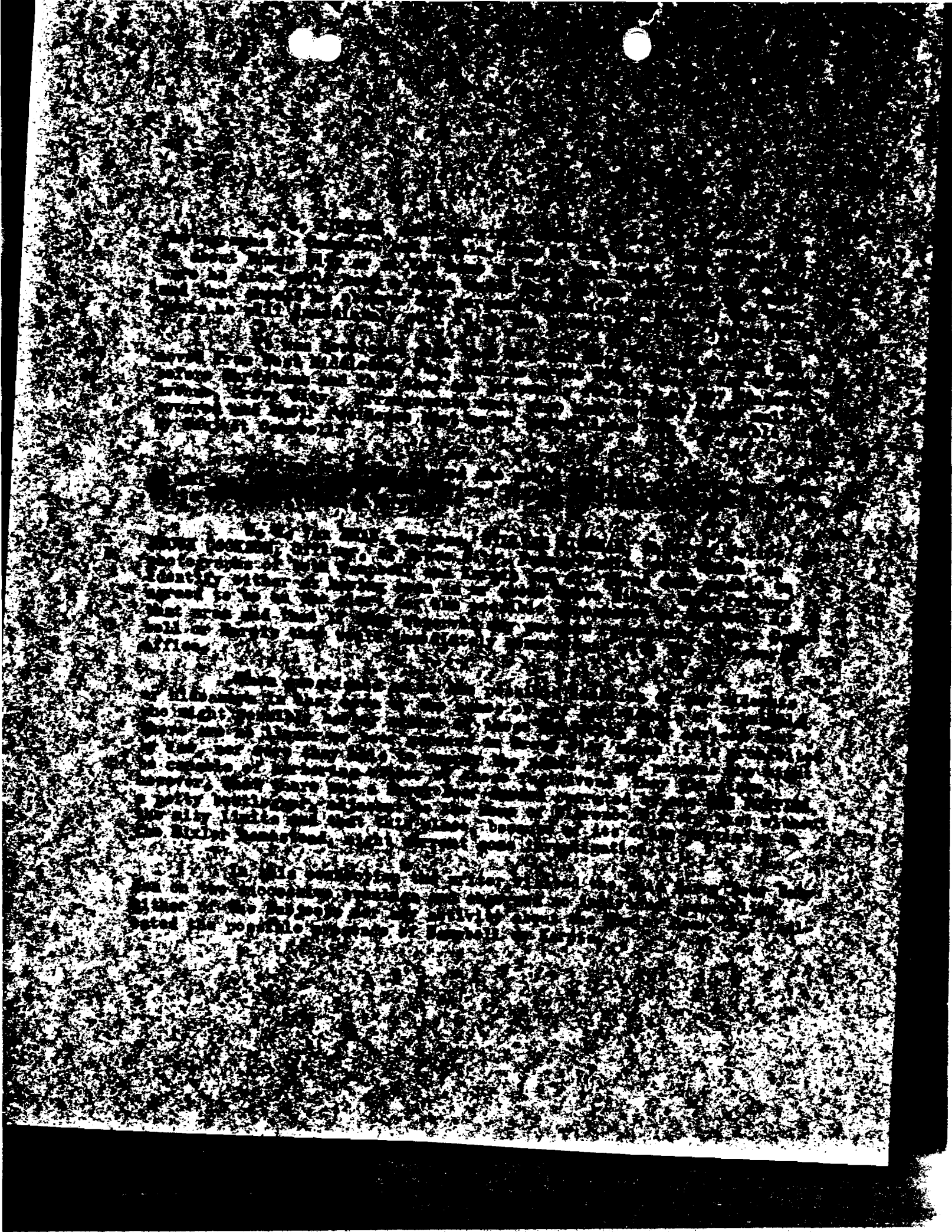
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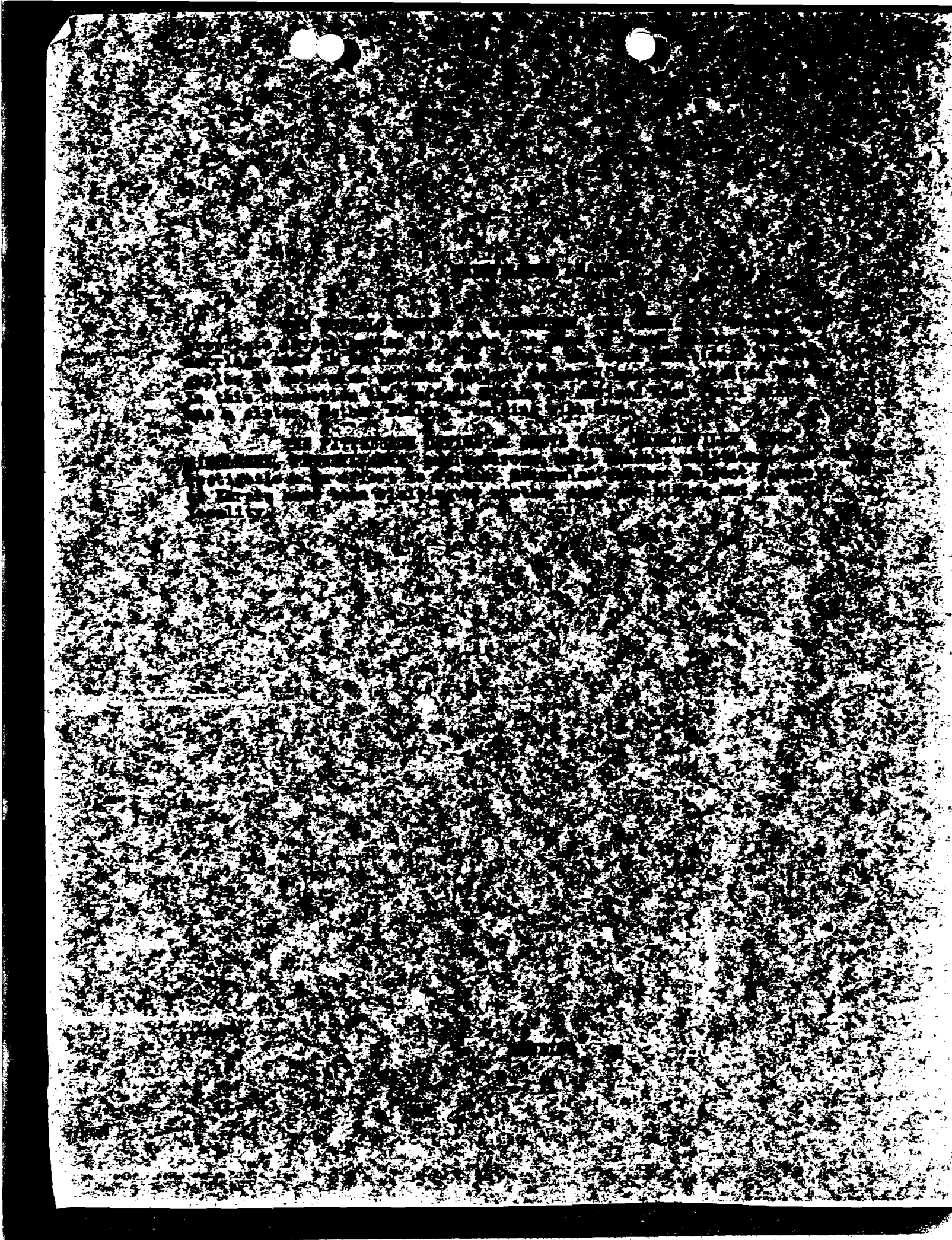












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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

REPORT MADE AT <b>DENVER, COLORADO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-2-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-20, 23, 24-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>L. S. HEALY</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -- Victim</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING -- HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE -- NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p style="margin-left: 40px;">C. B. Jenkinson, correspondent of William Meade, unknown at Thermopolis, Wyo. Meade not known to Thomas Neighbors, Gaspar, Wyo. B. J. McCafferty absent from Gaspar. Jenkinson determined to be residing in Arkadelphia, Ark.</p>			
REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agent L. S. Healey, Denver, dated 11-15-35, A. E. Gere, Denver, dated 12-9-35, and J. C. Distenbach, New York City, dated 12-5-35.			
DETAILS:  <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><u>At Thermopolis, Wyoming</u> C. B. Jenkinson, correspondent of William Meade while the latter was serving time in the Colorado State Penitentiary, 1923 to 1925, was not known to Dr. Hale, Postmaster, Thermopolis, Charles Hart, ex-postmaster, an employee at the Postoffice in Thermopolis for the past 19 years, Mr. Harry Kates, Clerk. Jenkinson was also not known by the following persons: Former Sheriff John A. Parker, Sheriff Ray Loutch, Undersheriff Clyde Davis, Ralph Noble, Editor of the Thermopolis Journal, John Boyer.</p>			
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station agent, B. & O. R.R., Frank Payliss and Nicholas Hagan, proprietors of gaming establishments, and John O. Grady, saloon-keeper. The records of the Owl Creek Coal Company of Laramie, Wyoming, which is the principal employer of help in and around Thermopolis, revealed no record of G. B. Jenkinson. The list of registered voters of Hot Springs County from 1921 to 1926 was examined, but failed to reflect the name of G. B. Jenkinson.

J. W. Lucas, ex-sheriff, and at present proprietor of the Emery Bar, Thermopolis, advised that he recalled a party whom he believed to be G. B. Jenkinson, who was present in Thermopolis around 1923 or 1924. Lucas advised that this party resided across the railroad tracks in the south end of town, living in one of the many small cabins there. Mr. Lucas was unable to offer any further information concerning this party, except that he has not seen him for the past eight or nine years. He was unable to recall what kind of work he did, or furnish any description of him.

#### At Casper, Wyoming

Thomas Neighbors, who resides in an apartment house on North Center Street just south of the Natrona County Court House, advised Agent that he knew of no party by the name of William Meade, but that it was entirely possible that he knew him under a different name, since he was acquainted with many transients in Casper. Neighbors will be re-interviewed by Agent, exhibiting to him pictures of William Meade, such interview having been requested while Agent was on a road trip. Neighbors further advised that B. J. McCafferty was not in Casper at the time Agent was there, although he had been there previously, and was expected to return. Neighbors exhibited to Agent a Christmas post card from Roy Williamson, who was now residing with his brother in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, Box 432.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LITTLE ROCK OFFICE: at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, will interview Roy Williamson, who resides with his brother, first name unknown, there. For the information of the Little Rock Office it appears from reference report of J. B. Dickerson that post office inspector Herbert Graham advises that William Meade is friendly with a Roy Williamson, reputedly a gambler, who formerly resided at Casper, Wyoming. Graham is of the opinion that Williamson has knowledge of Meade's whereabouts.

THE DENVER OFFICE: at Thermopolis, Wyoming, will interview Lee Mathers, and George Cole, who were Town Marshals at the time that G. B. Jenkinson is alleged to have resided in Thermopolis, as appears from information as furnished by J. W. Lucas; will also interview the manager of the Emery Hotel, who previously was manager of the Crystal Room of the Gladstone

Hotel, Casper, Wyoming. It appears from reference reports of J. M. Dickerson that Ray Williamson, Thomas Neighbors, and E. J. McPartland made their headquarters at the Gladstone Hotel, and it also appears that William Meade might have frequented the Crystal Room there.

At Casper, Wyoming, will interview Thomas Neighbors, and E. J. McPartland, exhibiting to them pictures of William Meade, in an endeavor to secure information as to Meade's whereabouts; will also make inquiry at the Gladstone Hotel along the same line; will interview Sheriff John Allen and Captain William Miller of the Casper Police Department regarding any information they may possess concerning William Meade.

P E N D I N G

JHR:ELM

January 3, 1936.

Time-3:25 P.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Alvin Karpis.

Mr. Baydan telephoned and stated that he had received an inquiry from the Associated Press relative to the item which Walter Winchell had in column this morning to the effect that Alvin Karpis has altered his face. Mr. Baydan stated that the Associated Press wanted to know if this is true and if the Bureau has a likeness of Karpis. I told Mr. Baydan that I did not think we should confirm nor deny the statement.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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TWO CAR B SEVEN BURLINGTON RAILROAD ARRIVE EIGHT THIRTY  
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PHONE. BREKID. SUPPLEMENT TO TELETYPE TO BUREAU TRANSMITTED

12-28-35. GEORGE E BARKER JOPLIN, MISSOURI

ADVISES KATE BARKER BORN ASHGROVE, MISSOURI OF SCOTCH IRISH PARENTS  
DATE UNKNOWN, MAIDEN NAME ARIZONA CLARK, BROTHER JESSIE CLARK

WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN. SHE ATTENDED GRADE SCHOOL ASHGROVE AND LEBANON

MISSOURI, MARRIED TO BARKER AT AURORA, MISSOURI DATE UNKNOWN, HERMAN

LLOYD, FRED, AND ARTHUR BORN AURORA, DATE UNKNOWN. GEORGE BARKER

BORN OCTOBER 8, 1866 LEBANON, MISSOURI, PARENTAGE LARGELY SCOTCH AND

IRISH BUT GRANDFATHER CHEROKEE INDIAN. OCCUPATION OF GEORGE BARKER

LEAD AND ZINC MINING AT AURORA AND WEBB CITY, MISSOURI. FOUR SONS

ATTENDED GRADE SCHOOL IN WEBB CITY, MISSOURI. ENTIRE FAMILY ATTENDED

PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH WHILE AT WEBB CITY. HERMAN

LEFT HOME EARLY AGE FOR TULSA, OKLAHOMA, WORKING AS COOK, LATER

MARRIED CAROL HAMILTON. OTHER SONS NEVER MARRIED. FAMILY MOVED

FROM WEBB CITY TO TULSA AND LATER TO BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS, WHERE

THEY OPERATED ROOMING HOUSE. KATE AND GEORGE SEPARATED ABOUT 1922

BECAUSE GEORGE DISCOURAGED WRONG DOING OF SONS AND REFUSED TO

AID LLOYD ON OCCASION CONVICTION RESULTING IN PRESENT INCARCERATION 1936.

THEY WERE NEVER DIVORCED. BARKER REFUSES TO DISCUSS CRIMINAL CONDUCT

OF FAMILY BECAUSE OF GREAT AMOUNT OF RECENT UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY.

BARKER IN EXTREMELY POOR HEALTH DUE TO HEART TROUBLE AND INTERVIEW

COULD NOT BE PRESSED. GEORGE BARKER'S MEMORY PRESENTLY FAILING BUT

ADVISES PERTINENT DATES, BIRTH, ETC. CONTAINED IN FAMILY BIBLE

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FORMERLY IN POSSESSION OF KATE BARKER. FRANK DIXON CO-ADMINISTRATOR  
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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JANUARY 7, 1936, TO ASCERTAIN IF HERRERAND AND MITCHELL ABOARD,  
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. IF POSSIBLE, ADVISE IMMEDIATELY AS TO  
DEFINITE DATE OF HERRERANDS AND MITCHELLS RETURN FROM EUROPE,  
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PHONE. BREKID GEORGE C CAMPBELL ACCOMPANIED BY T J BASH AGE

25 YEARS OF 2539 EAST FOURTH PLACE TULSA OKLAHOMA ARRIVED

JACKSONVILLE THIS MORNING AT EIGHT TRAVELED IN DAY COACH. AFTER

DETRAINING IMMEDIATELY INQUIRED LOCATION THIS BUREAU OFFICE. AFTER

EATING BREAKFAST CAME TO OFFICE IMMEDIATELY MADE NO CONTACTS. OBTAINED

CONFISCATED FORD SEDAN. PLANNED ROUTE OF RETURN TRIP TO TULSA IN

OFFICE FROM ROAD MAPS VIA NEW ORLEANS SHREVEPORT AND DALLAS. THE

ROUTE ACCEPTED WAS PROPOSED BY SAC ALT. CAMPBELL WHILE IN JACKSONVILLE

APPARENTLY ILL FROM LONG TRIP IN DAY COACH, SUFFERED CONSIDERABLE PAIN

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January 3, 1936

Time: 5:55 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Alvin Karpis.

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Mr. Snyder telephoned and stated that Mr. Pinkerton of the Associated Press was considerably disturbed at the refusal to comment on the story published by Walter Winchell to the effect that Karpis had had a face-lifting operation; that Mr. Pinkerton was under the impression that I had probably mentioned the story to Winchell in New York. I stated that I had said nothing on this matter to Mr. Winchell; that the first news I had had concerning Karpis' face operation was a newspaper account which appeared in the New York Daily News last Monday (December 30) with a Washington date line indicating that a spokesman at the Department of Justice announced that Karpis had had a successful operation on his face; that I had checked and we had had no inquiries at the Bureau; that we had heard rumors on this matter, but did not definitely know if the incident was true or not.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
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