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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.  
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Re: SPECIAL AGENT S. L. FORTENBERRY

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry, of this office, who had been at St. Paul, Minnesota under subpoena to testify in the BREKID matter, advises, in reply to a telegram from this office to him at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, under date of the eighth instant, that he arrived at Sault Ste. Marie from St. Paul at 1:30 P.M. Tuesday, January 7, 1936 and is staying at the Ojibway Hotel in Sault Ste. Marie.

Upon completion of the testimony which he is to give in a case now being prosecuted at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, he will return to St. Paul, Minnesota to testify in the BREKID matter and his departure from this district for St. Paul will be reported.

Very truly yours,

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

WJW:bas

cc - St. Paul

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Miss Gandy

December 31, 1935

**32911**

**Re : BREKID**

Recently Special Agent C. E. Smith of this office was at Toledo, Ohio and contacted Informant [redacted]

During the course of the interview with the said informant he, according to Special Agent Smith, made reference to the fact that he is making expenditures out of his own pocket in making contacts in this matter and related one incident wherein he spent the sum of nineteen dollars and thirty-five cents, (\$19.35).

Informant is a very reliable and dependable informant and one who has been rendering excellent and satisfactory services in this matter, and authority is respectfully requested that this office be authorized to pay him at the discretion of this office a sum not in excess of fifty dollars, (\$50.00), to cover such expenditures as he makes in pursuit of the investigation.

The Bureau is respectfully requested to promptly advise this office whether it will authorize this office to advance to this informant a sum not exceeding fifty dollars, (\$50.00), for his services.

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Very truly yours,

*J. P. MacFarland*  
J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
E. J. Connelley

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**PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL**

Mr. J. P. MacFarland,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1118 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter of December 21, 1935,  
which refers to the recent contact of Special Agent G. E. Smith of  
your office at Toledo, Ohio, with Informant [redacted] at which time the said  
Informant related the [redacted]

Due to the dependability and reliability of Informant [redacted] and your  
request for Bureau authorization to pay Informant [redacted] at the discretion  
of your office a sum not in excess of \$50.00, the Bureau is unable  
to understand the reason for your failure to state the name of the  
Informant, inasmuch as your letter is transmitted under Personal and  
Confidential cover.

It is requested that you promptly disclose the identity of  
Informant [redacted] so that appropriate action may be taken in connection with  
your request.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
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REPORT MADE AT <b>Cleveland, Ohio</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/9/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/6, 7, 8, 9/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. J. DWYER EJD/EJB</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, w. a., FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, w. a., FUGITIVE, I. O. #1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w. a., 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:**

Apartment, furniture stores, [redacted]  
Chamber of Commerce file and post office  
registry records at Ashtabula, O. checked  
with negative results. All long distance  
telephone calls emanating from and collect  
calls to The Swallows and the home of Murray  
Cook, Ashtabula, Ohio, secured from 1/1/35  
to 12/31/35. On 10/5/35 Murray Cook, using  
telephone at The Swallows, Ashtabula, O.  
called Imogene Robertson, Los Angeles, Cal.,  
telephone Exposition 3945 and finally con-  
tacted her at Madison 1351, 431 South Grand  
Avenue, Los Angeles, Cal. Person using name  
Fitzgerald placed call on The Swallows tele-  
phone to Conneaut, Ohio on 2/15/35.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. H. Hanson, Los Angeles,  
dated 1/4/36; letter E. J. Connelley, Chicago to  
Cleveland, dated 12/23/35; letters E. J. Connelley  
Chicago to Bureau, dated 12/17/35 and 1/4/36.

**DETAILS:**

AT ASHTABULA, OHIO

The writer discreetly checked the following named  
apartments with a view to determining whether or not subjects  
Karpis or Campbell, using the name of Benton, or other known  
aliases, were residing in any apartment houses in Ashtabula,

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *[Signature]* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Ohio. The town of Ashtabula is comparatively small, being about 25,000 in population and the apartment houses are comparatively few.

Mercurio Apartments, (Joe Mercurio - owner  
1215-19 Prospect Ave. (home address - 1207 Prospect Ave.  
(Business - Ashtabula Market House,  
4619 Main Avenue)

Reidenbach Apartments,  
513 W. 44th Street.

Kunkle Apartments,  
4143-45 Main Avenue.

Mahony Apartments,  
4237 Main Avenue

Miller Terrace Apartments,  
Bunker Hill Road, 1509 Bunker Hill Road.

Welsh Apartments,  
4329 Main Avenue.

Livingston Apartments, (H. S. Livingston - owner  
5513 Bunker Hill Road.

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The names of the various persons who reside in these apartments were secured and were discussed with Postmaster Mark Miller, Ashtabula, Ohio, which resulted in information being furnished by him accounting for the individuals residing in these apartments, and information was developed that subjects Karpis and Campbell are not residing in any of these apartments.

The photographs of subjects Karpis and Campbell were exhibited to Joe Mercurio, owner of the Mercurio Apartments, 1215-19 Prospect Avenue, without in any way disclosing to him the identity of said fugitives, but he was unable to identify them as ever having lived in his apartments. This apartment building is the largest one in Ashtabula and is located on Highway #20 about one and one-half blocks from The Swallows, that is to say in the direction toward Cleveland. It appears

that people move in and out of this particular apartment building more frequently than any other building in Ashtabula.

Inquiry was made at all furniture stores at Ashtabula, Ohio with a view to determining whether or not any suites of furniture had been purchased within the last year by persons establishing themselves in that community. However, the persons interviewed at the various stores were able to account for all suites of furniture sold and were acquainted with the persons who purchased them and it appeared from this investigation that no suites of furniture were sold for cash or to subjects Karpis or Campbell. The following furniture stores were those checked:

The Bond Furniture Company,  
4734 Main Avenue.

Ducro's Furniture Company,  
4707 Main Avenue.

Penny Furniture Company,  
40706-8 Main Avenue.

Montgomery-Ward & Company,  
4420 Main Avenue.

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However, it did not appear that any service had been furnished to subjects Karpis and Campbell under their names or any of their aliases.

The registry records of the Ashtabula post office were checked from May, 1935 to date of this investigation under the name of G. R. Benton, George Benton, and Mary Forth. No record was located indicating that any persons by these names dispatched registered mail through that post office.

The records of the Ashtabula Chamber of Commerce were checked for the possible presence of subjects in the community. However, this was without avail.

Agent contacted Mr. J. D. Bonnar, Manager of the Ashtabula Telephone Company and secured from him a list of all long distance telephone calls made from the telephone of The Swallows, telephone number 3170, and also the home of Murray Cook, telephone number 2513, for the period January 1, 1935 to December 31, 1935, and following is the list of said telephone calls:

Date	Charge
1/3 Mrs. Battles calling Dr. Battles, Willoughby, Ohio	30¢
1/4 The Swallows " County Treas. office, Jefferson, O.	10¢
1/9 Mr. Rogers " 1400 Presne, Ohio	25¢
1/14 The Swallows " 216W Madison, Ohio	15¢
1/14 Mr. Fletcher " Washington 2438, Cleveland, O. 8:30 PM	35¢
1/15 Jefferson, O. 229 " Mr. Cook, The Swallows 3170, 9:42 PM	20¢
1/24 The Swallows " Schaeffer Bros., 4461 Erie, Pa.	35¢
1/24 Mrs. Dempsey " " " " "	35¢
2/4 Mrs. Dempsey " Mrs. White, c/o Glenn Mortimer, Geneva, O.	20¢
2/11 Cook " Want-to-Come-Back Inn, Geneva, O. 404,	10¢
2/11 The Swallows " Erie, Pennsylvania 4190	35¢
2/12 Cook " Want-to-Come Back Inn, Geneva, O. 404,	10¢
2/15 Fitzgerald " Tom Smith, Conneaut, O., Main 2229	25¢
2/15 Mr. Gee " 228, New Lynn, O., Will Hamilton Resid.	20¢
2/15 Mr. Stevens of Conneaut, O., Empire 1056 calling Fitzgerald at Ashtabula 3170	25¢
2/11 Mrs. Pangborn of Geneva, O. calling Mrs. White, Ashtabula 3170	20¢
2/24 Cook calling 1111 Painesville, O., 3:26 AM	25¢
2/24 Cook " " " " " 3:18 AM	25¢
2/25 The Swallows " Garfield 4425, Cleveland, O., 8:38 AM	
	Mr. Guthman (or Guking) 6 mins. 1.25
2/27 Mrs. Dempsey " Mrs. White, Geneva, O., Glen Martin Res.	20¢
3/2 Cook " 1111 Painesville, O., 2:57 AM	25¢
3/4 Kaye " 698 Geneva, O.	10¢
3/6 Cook " Morris Castle, 657185, Erie, Pa.	30¢
3/7 C. M. Proctor " G. C. Harbison, Gen'l Elec., 26831 Erie, Pa.	30¢
3/8 The Swallows " G. Conroy, 2221 Main, Conneaut, O.	15¢
3/9 Mrs. Dempsey " Mrs. White, 237R, Geneva, O.	20¢
3/11 Mrs. Johns " Ashland, O., Frank R. Peck Resid.	75¢
3/14 The Swallows " Blackstone 8035, Akron, O.	55¢
3/15 Holihan " Cleveland, O., Fairmount 24855	35¢

Date	Customer	Address	Charge
5/10	The Swallows	calling C. R. Welsh, 236 Geneva, O.	10¢
5/16	Shaffer	" Garfield 6055, 1104 Wade Park, Cleveland, O.	35¢
5/18	Carpel	" Cleveland, O., Cherry 2276	45¢
5/21	The Swallows	" Mail Thompson, Main 2700, 3rd Floor, Cleveland, O.	65¢
5/15	Louie Frano	" Collect 3170 from Cortland, O. via Youngstown, O.	35¢
3/22	Peach	" Henderson 6500, Cleveland, O., The Carey Co., Euclid Ave.	45¢
5/23	Mrs. Dempsey	" Geneva 3422	10¢
5/23	Kahn	" Cleveland, O., Fairmount 0687	35¢
5/24	Mrs. Cummings	" Painesville 1785J	25¢
5/24	Mrs. Barnhart	" Cir. 2163, Conneaut, O., Quigley Resid.	15¢
5/24	"	" Geneva 222J, Mrs. R. E. Silts	20¢
5/24	Mrs. O'Hara	" Care Carvan, Cedar 3740, Cleveland, O.	10¢
5/29	The Swallows	" Cleveland, O., Ever. 1477J	45¢
4/1	Cook	" from Blackstone 517, Cortland, O. to Ashtabula, O. 3170 collect	55¢
4/4	Miss Akner	" Erie, Pa. 48371	35¢
4/4	Cook	" Painesville, O. 1111 3:31 AM	25¢
4/6	Mrs. Stout	" Cleveland, O., Garfield 1859, Mrs. F. M. Caryell	65¢
4/10	The Swallows	" Erie, Pa. 53277	35¢
4/11	"	" Cleveland, O., Potomac 2927	35¢
4/13	Mrs. Pangborn	" Geneva, O. 237R	10¢
4/14	Riedell	" Cleveland, O., Fairmount 6975J	35¢
4/15	The Swallows	" Erie, Pa. 22502	35¢
4/18	Poag	" Cleveland, O., Potomac 2927	45¢
4/18	Frances	" Lakewood 2588R, Lakewood, O.	45¢
4/20	Mrs. Pangborn	" Madison, O., Griswold Residence	15¢
4/20	Cobban	" Main 1600, Cleveland Trust Co.	65¢
4/20	The Swallows	" Columbia Station 437 - Toll Cent. Cleveland, O.	55¢
4/23	Mrs. Pastuen	" Madison, O. 49R, Griswold Residence	15¢
4/23	McCreedy	" Cleveland, O., Lakeside Hospital, Cedar 7600	45¢
4/25	Smith	" Niles, O. 1115W., Stillwagon, 107 Washington Blvd.	35¢
4/25	Van Oser	" Painesville 123 - Geo. Ellis	35¢
4/25	The Swallows	" Erie, Pa. 72448	35¢

Date				Charge
5/2	The Swallows	calling	Conneaut, O., Main 1777	15¢
5/3	"	"	Cleveland, O., Endicott 0378	45¢
5/3	Cook	"	Painesville, O. 1111 - 2:30 AM	60¢
5/4	The Swallows	"	Geneva, O. 34	10¢
5/5	"	"	Buffalo, N. Y. for Franklin T. Brown, c/o hotels there, 12:20 A. M., (unable to locate)	20¢
5/6	Miss Pastula	"	Billy Griswold, Madison, O. 49R	30¢
5/8	Mrs. Simpson	"	Cleveland, O., Glenville 9080	45¢
5/9	Mrs. Hazeltine	"	Geneva, O. 237R	10¢
5/10	Cole	"	Cleveland, O. 1241 - 11:12 A. M.	45¢
5/11	The Swallows	"	Cleveland, O., Clearwater 6337	35¢
5/11	"	"	Painesville, O. 8905	25¢
5/12	Eckstein	"	Erie, Pa. 69104 - H. M. Eisenberg	35¢
5/15	Wells	"	Glidden Co., Cleveland, O., Woodbine 8300	75¢
5/16	Mrs. Hassille	"	Youngstown, N. Y. via Niagara Falls, telephone number 11	1.25
5/16	Yochim	"	Erie, Pa. 3170	35¢
5/17	The Swallows	"	Willoughby, O. 0621J	30¢
5/17	Miss Graham	"	Jefferson, O., Philip Perry Residence	10¢
5/20	The Swallows	"	Cleveland, O. 5330	45¢
5/20	"	"	Cleveland, O., Lakewood 4820	35¢
5/11	From Pay Sta., Versailles, Ind. to Ashtabula		3170 - 1 min.	1.40
5/28	The Swallows	calling	Cleveland, O., Lakewood 7814	45¢
6/1	Kenney	"	Miss Georgia Kinney, Statler Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio	10¢
6/8	Dealan	"	Youngstown, O. 38183	45¢
6/12	The Swallows	"	Cleveland, O., Cedar 0080, Park Lane Villa	45¢
6/14	"	"	Cleveland, O., Longacre 7865	45¢
6/14	Schwartzberg	"	Sam Gordon, Woodbine 2915	35¢
6/15	The Swallows	"	Erie, Pa. 74172	35¢
6/15	"	"	Cleveland, O., Lakewood 6185M	45¢
6/19	Clark	"	Erie, Pa. 35433, B. M. Smith	50¢
6/21	The Swallows	"	Cleveland, O., Fairmount 0504	45¢
6/25	Koenig	"	Cleveland, O., Shadyside 5600	45¢
6/26	Law	"	Chamber of Commerce, Main 3300, Cleve.,	0.60¢
6/27	Bentley	"	New York, N. Y., Lexington 2-6300 to Harry Carr, Frank Brooks, or Harvey Brooks. (Frank Brooks from 285 Madison)	2.15
6/29	The Swallows	"	Cleveland, O., Fairmount 6692	35¢
6/29	Boughs	"	Cleveland, O., Michigan 2134	45¢



Date	Name	Address	Charge
7/1	The Swallows	calling Cleveland, O., Glenville 5077	65¢
7/2	Sullivan	" Cleveland, O., Lake Shore Hotel, Boulevard 4240	45¢
7/3	Mrs. Brennan	" Cleveland, O., Lakewood 9050J	35¢
7/3	Burke	" Cleveland, O., Washington 1077	35¢
7/3	The Swallows	" Ravenna, O. 226, Mr. F. M. Fatsaroff	30¢
7/3	"	" Cleveland, O., Longacre 2456	45¢
7/7	"	" Cleveland, O., Fairmount 7598	35¢
7/8	English	" Erie, Pa., 31-288	35¢
7/8	The Swallows	" Erie, Pa., 23678	35¢
7/8	Holson	" Cleveland, O., Cedar 3740	45¢
7/9	The Swallows	" Conneaut, O., 1084	15¢
7/9	Mrs. Donner	" Cleveland, O., Longacre 4167	75¢
7/11	Mrs. Barter	" Cleveland, O., Mulberry 1750, Irene Stevenson, 1761 Wymore	35¢
7/11	The Swallows	" Cleveland, O., Henderson 3020	10¢
7/12	Holzer	" Cleveland, O., Lakewood 6583	35¢
7/18	Cook	" Mrs. Charlie Doyle, Lincoln Ave., Erie, Pa. 33707	35¢
7/21	Mrs. Tracker	" Cleveland, O., Lakewood 0256	45¢
7/22	The Swallows	" Cleveland, O., Sw. 1593R	35¢
7/22	Asterholm	" Painesville, O., Chas. Sanborn	35¢
7/22	McGowley	" Cleveland, O., Glenville 4878	35¢
7/19	Kathryn Dempsey	collect to Mrs. E. F. Cook, Ashtabula 3170 from Cortland, O.	30¢
7/28	Layman	calling Buffalo, N. Y., Del. 8435	75¢
7/29	Miss Ronson	" Westfield, N. Y., Bessie McDonald	50¢
7/29	Myers	" Cleveland, O., Kenmore 0682J	35¢
7/30	Carr	" Conneaut, O. 1853	15¢
7/31	The Swallows	" Conneaut, O., Conneaut Creamery	30¢
8/1/	Ramnick	" Erie, Pa. 23928	35¢
8/1	Pelee	" Erie, Pa., 32175, Geo. Kraft	50¢
8/1	Phillips	" Painesville, O., Parnley Hotel	25¢
8/3	The Swallows	" Conneaut, O., Ca. 1084	15¢
8/3	"	" Pittsburgh, Pa., Wl. 321M	40¢
8/4	Statler	" Elkhart, Pa., 1008M	55¢
8/4	The Swallows	" Cleveland, O., Cedar 5250	35¢
8/20	"	" Cleveland, O., Kenmore 0468W	45¢
8/10	"	" Cleveland, O., Garfield 6076	35¢
8/14	Wilson	" Youngstown, O., 44467	45¢
8/18	The Swallows	" Cleveland, O., Henderson 1551	35¢
8/18	Mrs. Reynolds	" Youngstown to Mrs. Mae Baird, 35639	85¢
8/17	Mrs. Hanson	" Cambridge Springs, 1453	1.25
8/20	The Swallows	" Erie, Pennsylvania 48171, Charles D. Freeland	.35
8/14	Cook	" Youngstown, O., 44467 (collect)	

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Date			Charge
8-21	Mayer	calling	Cleveland, O., Main 8334 45
22	Storm	"	Buffalo, NY, Ga 2940 45
23	The Swallows	"	Cleveland, O., Potomac 1257 35
25	do	"	Cleveland, O., Washington 7717 45
27	do	"	Cleveland, O., Glenville 7250 45
31	Cook	"	Conneaut, O., Ga. 984 15
9-1	The Swallows	"	Akron, O., Fr. 2889 Crambette res. 35
3	Jones	"	Cleveland, O., Washington 5188 35
3	Maltigan	"	Cleveland, O., Yellowstone 1000 35
4	The Swallows	"	Cleveland, O., Garfield 4151-R 45
5	do	"	Cleveland, O., Kenmore 2875 35
7	Meech	"	Cleveland, O., Fairmount 2465 45
8	Semlow	"	Cleveland, O., Alcazar Hotel, Pa 5400 45
9	Curtis	"	Erie, Pa., 22409 35
5	Cook	from Madison, O., tel 40L (collect)	25
12	The Swallows	calling	Pittsburgh, Pa., Hazl. 5246 65
16	Campbell	"	Conneaut, O., Canal 1912 15
17	McMoore	"	Cleveland, O., Glenville 6959 45
29	Prince	"	Cleveland, O., Longacre 2234 45
21	Quigley	"	Cleveland, O., Cedar 5590, Fenway Hotel 45
22	The Swallows	"	Cleveland, O., Glenville 7197 45
23	Cook	"	Mrs. Clark, Fr. 8444, Cleveland, O., 1.05
26	The Swallows	"	Corry, Pa., James A. Cassidy 445-P 35
26	Bell	"	Cleveland, O., Henderson 4550, Belmont 45
26	Bond	"	Cleveland, O., Alice Clark Th. Hotel/ 45
30	Doyle	"	Chicago, Ill., Republic 8474 90
30	Jones	"	Cleveland, O., Endicott 9481 35
10-4	The Swallows	"	Buffalo, NY, University 8424 1.40
4	Hillery	"	Franklinville, NY, 47 James Pierce 1.40
5	Cook	"	Los Angeles, Calif., Madison 1351
			(first called Exposition 3945 to Irma
			Jean Robertson, 431 S. Grand-time 3:59 AM
			two minutes 4.50
5	Jones	calling	Cleveland, O., Longacre 0641-W 45
6	Mrs. Gill	"	Akron, O., Franklin 9437 35
6	The Swallows	"	Rugby Hall, Clev., O., Endicott 0120 45
9	do	"	Cleveland, O., Longacre 7865 45
9	do	"	Cleveland, O., Yellowstone 0944 45
11	do	"	Cleveland, O., Glenville 4464 (called by
			(Bond) 45
11	Maloney	"	Cleveland, O., Wm. Snyder, Police
			Ct., Prospect 5150 10
11	Maloney	"	Cleveland, O., Gerald Miller, Pros.
			Atty. office, Prospect 0660 10

Date	Name	Address	Charge
10/11	Maloney	calling Cleveland, O., Prospect 5150,	
		Herbert McCassery	65¢
10/18	The Swallows	" Cleveland, O., Main 5704, W. F. Bickerson, 2105 St. James Pkwy., Yellowstone 1224	35¢
10/13	The Swallows	" Cleveland, O., Main 5704	45¢
10/17	Cook	" Cleveland, O., Jack Horowitz, Garfield 9182	2.05
10/24	Bond	" Erie, Pa., Miss Tyler, 4491	50¢
10/25	Miss Wilson	" Cleveland, O., Main 8777	45¢
10/30	The Swallows	" Akron, O., University 2357	55¢
11/5	Beverstock	" Youngstown, O. 5410	45¢
11/6	McGray	" Cleveland, O., Garfield 9115	45¢
11/11	The Swallows	" Cleveland, O., Fairmount 2443M	35¢
11/18	Mr. Roberts of Chicago	calling Cleveland, O., Fairmount 5135	45¢
11/18	The Swallows	calling Cleveland, O., Alice Clark, Commodore Hotel, Garfield 9700	65¢
11/19	The Swallows	" Cleveland, O., Alice Clark, Prospect 8444	65¢
11/19	Brown	" Cleveland, O., Boulevard 2014	35¢
11/19	The Swallows	" Detroit, Michigan, Niagara 1340	90¢
11/22	Johnson	" Cleveland, O., Glenville 3213	35¢
11/28	Brewer	" Cleveland, O., Mulberry 4706	35¢
11/29	Anderson	" Jamestown, N. Y. 64151	35¢
12/2	McLaughlin	" Cleveland, O., Main 8920	45¢
12/5	The Swallows	" Cleveland, O., Kenmore 33545	45¢
12/6	Cook	" Cleveland, O., Prospect 8444	90¢
12/7	Rosenberg	" Cleveland, O., Main 7873	45¢
12/8	The Swallows	" Cleveland, O., Main 28025	45¢
12/9	Stredney	" Cleveland, O., Glenville 4433	90¢
12/19	The Swallows	" Cleveland, O., Woodbine 1715J	45¢
12/23	Cabvert	" Cleveland, O., Boulevard 3829J	55¢
12/23	Kuzella	" Cleveland, O., Cedar 4586W	45¢
12/25	The Swallows	" Cleveland, O., Fairmount 0621	45¢
12/26	Brannen	" Erie, Pa., 23337, Mrs. Becker	50¢
12/26	Mrs. Moore	" Cleveland, O., Prospect 5293	45¢
12/29	Pickering	" Fenway Hall Hotel, Henderson 1622	35¢

The following calls were made from telephone 2513, listed in the name of Mrs. H. D. Cook (the residence of Murray Cook at 1301 Bunker Hill Road, Ashtabula, Ohio.)

<u>Date</u>			<u>Charge</u>
NO CALLS IN JANUARY			
2/11	Cook	calling Geneva, O. 404 (Want-to-Come Back Inn)	10¢
2/18	Cook	" Youngstown, O. 32962	45¢
2/20	Cook	" " "	60¢
2/28	Mrs. Dempsey	" Geneva, O. 237R (Nearby) (for Mrs. White)	20¢
3/9	Mrs. Dempsey	" Kingsville, O. 3442	10¢
3/16	"	" " "	10¢
4/24	Cook	" Youngstown, O., F. B. Smith, 32962, 960 Ottawa Drive	1.50
5/1	Cook	" Youngstown, O., 52354	45¢
6/12/	Cook	" Youngstown, O. 40057	45¢
6/19	Cook	" Youngstown, O. 40057	45¢
NO CALLS IN JULY			
8/31	Miss Morrow	" Geneva, O., 390W	10¢
9/4	Miss Morrow	" Geneva, O., 390W	10¢
9/12	Cook	" Youngstown, O. 52354	45¢
9/27	Cook	" Youngstown, O. 32962	1.35
NO CALLS MADE IN OCTOBER			
11/8	Cook	" Youngstown, O., 30878	35¢
NO CALLS MADE IN DECEMBER			

Special Agent E. J. Wynn, on January 9, 1936, called Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at St. Paul, Minnesota by long distance telephone, advising him that the list of long distance telephone calls of Murray Cook had been secured, particularly advising, as shown by the list of said calls, that on October 5, 1935 Murray Cook called from telephone located in The Swallows, number 3170, at 3:59 A. M., placing a call to Los Angeles, California. The records of the telephone company indicated that he called, "Irma Jean Robertson", who undoubtedly is Imogene Robertson. At the time he placed the call he gave the operator the number Exposition 3945, at which number the Robertson woman apparently could not be located, whereupon the operator was instructed to contact her at Madison 1351, which is located at 431 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, California. The records further indicate that the call was completed and the connection made at the last mentioned telephone number and address.

In the conversation with Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at St. Paul it was pointed out, as shown in the report of Special Agent J. H. Hanson, Los Angeles, California, dated January 4, 1936, page 13, that Charles J. Fitzgerald, while he was residing at 436 South Menlo Avenue, placed a call to Madison 1351, which appears to be the Sherwood Apartments, 431 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Special Agent in Charge Connelley instructed that in the Cleveland district only those long distance calls which were apparently made by Cook himself be checked. However, in districts other than Cleveland all telephone calls secured be very discreetly and thoroughly checked for the possibility that such numbers might possibly lead to the present whereabouts of subject Karpis and Campbell, and he further instructed Agent to call the Los Angeles Bureau office by long distance telephone and advise them of the significance of telephone number Madison 1351, Los Angeles, California, and to request that office to cause a search to be made for the purpose of ascertaining just who Fitzgerald called at that apartment house when he called, and also in whose apartment Imogene Robertson received the call from Murray Cook on October 5, 1935, and if this information can be located, to check all outgoing calls from that place.

On January 9, 1936 Special Agent E. J. Wynn called the Los Angeles office by long distance telephone and conversed with Special Agent Billings and advised him of the request of Special Agent in Charge Connelley, and fully acquainted Special Agent Billings with the information that Murray Cook had, on October 5, 1935, from The Swallows, tele-

phone number 3170, placed a call to the Robertson woman, first calling her at Exposition 3945 and failing to make a connection there, completed the call at Madison 1351, which is located at 431 South Grand Avenue.

For the information of those offices which have not received reports on the latest developments in this case, this is to advise that Charles J. Fitzgerald, who has been mentioned in this case, is presently residing in Los Angeles, California under the name of J. C. Foster, having been located there by Agents of this Bureau, and at the present time he is under constant twenty-four<sup>hour</sup> surveillance. The purpose of this surveillance is to establish whether or not he is in contact with subjects Karpis and Campbell. It is to be appreciated that the situation is a delicate one and that under no circumstances should this surveillance be placed in jeopardy by any indiscreet investigation, therefore, all offices to which leads are set out in this report must observe the greatest care in the matter and conduct their investigations very discreetly.

Special Agent E. J. Dowd, at the time he conducted the investigation at Ashtabula, gave some consideration to locating a possible location from which to tap the telephone at "The Swallows". However, the telephone line system in Ashtabula appears to be an old one and it is very difficult to determine from an observation of the ground in just which direction the main wires go upon leaving The Swallows, it appearing that on the telephone pole adjacent to The Swallows the wires enter an underground conduit apparently travelling this conduit toward the downtown section. In the other direction the cable runs through a rather dilapidated neighborhood, which appears to offer but scant possibilities from the standpoint of securing a location from which to tap the line and to keep in touch with the tap after it is installed. However, this matter is to be given further attention.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE at Versailles, Indiana will note in the list of long distance telephone calls set out in the body of this report that there was a collect call made from a pay station at Versailles, Indiana to telephone Ashtabula, Ohio 3170, which is the telephone number of the Swallows, operated by Murray Cook, who is thought to be in communication with Charles J. Fitzgerald at Los Angeles, California. Will conduct such investigation as is possible to determine just who made the call, under what circumstances it was made, and in the investigation consider the possibility of the presence

of subjects in the vicinity, bearing in mind, as set out in the body of this report, that this matter must be handled with the utmost discretion.

The NEW YORK OFFICE at New York City will refer to long distance telephone calls set out in the body of this report, and conduct appropriate investigation with reference to the long distance calls made from Ashtabula, Ohio 5170 to New York City, as indicated, bearing in mind the possibility of subjects Karpis and Campbell being the recipients of these calls or in contact with persons who received them. In conducting this investigation the utmost discretion will be used.

The PITTSBURGH OFFICE at Aliquippa, Corry, and Erie, Pennsylvania will conduct appropriate, discreet investigation with reference to long distance telephone calls emanating from Ashtabula, Ohio to these places, as set out in the body of this report, considering the possibility that subjects Karpis and Campbell may have received these calls, or are in contact with persons who received them.

The LOS ANGELES OFFICE at Los Angeles, California will conduct appropriate investigation through telephone Madison, 1351, Sherwood Apartments, 431 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, California, for the purpose of determining the name, reputation, and all other pertinent data of the person called at that number by Fitzgerald, it being noted that the latter called this number on one occasion, as set out in the report of Special Agent J. H. Hanson, Los Angeles, California, dated January 4, 1936, page 13. Will also endeavor to ascertain under just what circumstances the Robertson woman received a call at this number and address on October 5, 1935 from Murray Cook, telephone Ashtabula, Ohio 5170. In addition will secure a list of the telephone calls emanating from this telephone number and address, bearing in mind that this address may offer the possibility of being a rendezvous for Karpis and Campbell.

The DETROIT OFFICE at Detroit, Michigan will note in the list of long distance telephone calls set out in the body of this report a call made from Ashtabula, Ohio to Detroit, Michigan, and will conduct appropriate investigation with reference to this call, considering the possibility that the call was made to subjects Karpis and Campbell, or by friends and contacts, and in conducting this investigation, as set out in the body of this report, will use the utmost discretion.

The CHICAGO OFFICE at Chicago, Illinois will refer to list of long distance telephone calls set out in the body of this report and will conduct appropriate investigation with reference to telephone call placed to Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of determining whether or not the call was placed to subjects Karpis or Campbell or friends or contacts of subjects Karpis or Campbell.

The BUFFALO OFFICE at Buffalo, New York, Youngstown, New York, Westfield, New York, Franklinville, New York, and Jamestown, New York will check the long distance calls emanating from Ashtabula, Ohio to the above listed places, as set out in the body of this report, bearing in mind that this investigation is to establish the possibility that these calls were received by subjects Karpis or Campbell, or friends or contacts of those subjects, and bear in mind, as set out in the body of this report, that this investigation is to be conducted so as to in no way jeopardize the present setup of the surveillance on Charles J. Fitzgerald at Los Angeles, California.

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Youngstown, Akron, Ravenna, Madison, Geneva, Cortland, Columbia Station, Conneaut, Painesville, and Willoughby, Ohio will conduct appropriate investigation with reference to those telephone calls set out in the body of this report, which are shown to have been made by Cook, or designated to have been called by The Swallows, bearing in mind in this connection that Special Agent in Charge Connelley does not deem it advisable at this time to check all of the telephone calls made by various persons from The Swallows. In connection with the call made on February 15, 1935 from The Swallows by one Fitzgerald to Tom Smith, Main 2229, Conneaut, Ohio, it appears that this should be the subject of some investigation. It is noted in this connection that on the same date a Mr. Stevens, Conneaut, Ohio, Empire 1056, called C. J. Fitzgerald at The Swallows. As is shown by the report of reference it is noted that Charles J. Fitzgerald was apparently in Los Angeles, California at this time. However, this matter should be considered as possibly developing information that the Fitzgerald who called at Ashtabula may be a relative of Charles J. Fitzgerald.

At Conneaut, Ohio will note that on June 27, 1935 some party apparently by the name of Bently made a call to New York City, Lexington 2-6300, asking to speak to Harry Carr. It appears from the list of telephone calls that on July 30, 1935 one Carr called from The Swallows to Conneaut 1853.

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TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Joseph	
Mr. Keith	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Schilder	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

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DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID. REFERENCE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH MR. ROSEN OF BUREAU  
AT FOUR PM YESTERDAY RE WITNESSES AND RECORD FROM CUBA. AGENT MCKEE CABLED  
PRESENT SITUATION IS THAT ALL WITNESSES WILL ATTEND TRIAL AND ALL NECESSARY  
RECORDS IN CUBA WILL BE AVAILABLE.

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*Edward H. P. ...*

*cc - Mr. Nathan*

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DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 6, 1936

AR:AF  
7-576

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Bremer Kidnaping Case

Time: 11:45 A. M.

Mr. Fisher of the Criminal Division of the Department who had previously called in connection with the production of records which will be necessary at the trial at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 6, 1936, was advised of the fact that the Bureau was in receipt of information from the Jacksonville office that all records would be available and all witnesses present at St. Paul on the designated date.

Respectfully,

*A. Rosen*

A. Rosen.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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CINCINNATI, OHIO.

FILE NO. 7-33

REPORT MADE AT <b>DALLAS, TEXAS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-7-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/3,4,7/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>F.S. DUNN.</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, w.a. - FUGITIVE - I.O. #1218; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER (Victim)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Harry Campbell seen in Mineral Wells, Texas, during early part of 1935, bathed at Buck Head Bath House. I.O. #1236 left with managers of bath houses at Mineral Wells and South Bend, Texas; cooperation gained from managers of bath houses and local officers. Mail received at White Deer, Texas, from La Junta, Colorado, and Fort Morgan, Colorado, at Tampa, Texas, from Cheyenne, Wyoming and Marlow, Oklahoma. Lula B. Campbell has returned to Tulsa, Oklahoma;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report Special Agent A.J. Norstrom, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 12-9-35.</p> <p>DETAILS: Chief of Police J.E. Lawrence, and Detective Frank Granbury of the Police Department at Mineral Wells, Texas, were advised by Agent of the report that Harry Campbell was alleged to have spent three months in Mineral Wells taking treatments for gonorrheal rheumatism. Mr. Granbury stated he is positive he had seen Campbell on the streets during the past year sometime; that the person he had in mind answered the description of Campbell in every way. Mr. Granbury suggested that Campbell's Identification Order bearing his picture and description be exhibited to Mr. Odie Heath with the Fire Department, located next to the Police Department, stating that Mr. Heath is a very close observer and is satisfied he would be able to state definitely whether he had seen Campbell in Mineral Wells. Mr. Heath stated he is satisfied Campbell is a man he had</p>			
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observed on the street some time during the early part of 1935; that although the picture appears younger than the individual he has in mind, yet he detects a resemblance in the features, and that the man walked with a limp.

There are three bath houses in Mineral Wells and two Vapor Baths, Chief Lawrence stating that he could safely solicit the cooperation of the managers of these bath houses, but that the managers of the Vapor Baths could not be trusted, and he would have to secure the assistance of the negro masseurs, with whom he is well acquainted and who could be relied upon for information. Campbell's picture and description were exhibited to Mr. J.B. Thompson, Manager of the Buck Head Bath House, who identified same as that of an individual who had patronized his bath house, but could not state the period although it was his opinion it was some time the early part of 1935. His head masseur, C. Simmons (colored) was very positive that he had attended a patient whose description fit that of Campbell, and stated he could see a close resemblance. Neither of these men could recall the name used by this party while a patient at the bath house, Simmons stating the man was here in early Spring of 1935.

Inquiry was made of the managers and masseurs at the bath houses located in the Baker Hotel and Crazy Well Hotel, and Identification Order on Campbell exhibited with the result that none could recall a patient of Campbell's description.

Copies of Identification Order #1236 were left with the managers of the above bath houses, who agreed to notify Chief Lawrence in the event Campbell puts in an appearance.

Chief Lawrence stated he would contact the head masseurs of the two vapor bath houses and arrange with them to notify him in event Campbell shows up, and would supply them with copies of the Identification Order on Campbell.

J.J. Smith, Superintendent of the Identification Bureau, Sheriff's Department, Breckenridge, Texas, produced a copy of the photograph taken of Campbell by the Tulsa (Oklahoma) Police Department, #1846, on September 25, 1920, which is the same photograph as that appearing on Identification Order #1236. Mr. Smith stated that Sheriff A.H. Davis of Waterville, Oklahoma, had sent this photograph to the Sheriff's Department at Breckenridge, Texas, about fifteen years ago at which time he was wanted on

a bank robbery charge. On the back of this photograph appears the same description of Campbell as is shown on the above Identification Order except in addition to the scar in the corner of the left eye, it describes a scar three inches long on the right side of neck near the ear around throat to Adam's Apple - very noticeable.

Mr. Smith further recalls that shortly after he received this photograph from Sheriff Davis of Waterville, Oklahoma, he made inquiry and learned from two truck drivers that Harry Campbell had been in Breckenridge about that time and had worked as a truck driver and that they described the scar on the side of his neck as having been caused either from a burn or operation.

At South Bend, Texas - E.C. Stovall, a wealthy oil man of Graham, Texas, operates a resort hotel and bath houses located on the site of his hot water mineral well and patronized by hundreds of people. The waters are widely known for the cure of numerous diseases, especially is it beneficial for rheumatism. It is located ten miles South of Graham in an out of the way place among the hills, and it was suggested by Sheriff J.W. Morrow of Breckenridge, Texas, that this would be an ideal place for Campbell to visit and take the baths.

W.F. Lindley and W.D. Norman, Assistant Managers, were contacted by the writer, and a copy of Identification Order issued on Harry Campbell left with them. They stated they had no recollection of such a person ever having visited there but in the event he should, they would communicate with Sheriff Henry C. Williams of Graham, Texas, stating further they would exhibit the I.O. to their masseurs and request them to be on the lookout for such an individual.

At Graham, Texas - Sheriff Henry C. Williams and his Chief Deputy W.J. Redwin, were advised of the arrangements made with Mr. Lindley and Mr. Norman, and they will cooperate in every way possible.

The Postmaster at White Deer, Texas, forwarded mail tracing of a letter received by Mrs. Alpha E. Gibson, White Deer, Texas, from Samuskon, 502 Santa Fe Avenue, Santa, Colorado; and to Miss Golda Gibson, Box 611, White Deer, Texas, from 912 Luschi Street, Fort Morgan, Colorado; and also for Miss Golda Gibson from Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The Postmaster at Pampa, Texas, forwarded mail tracing of a letter received by Mrs. Mickey Mackie, Box 1672, Pampa, return address 808 Central, Cheyenne, Wyo., all of which tracings are being transmitted to the Denver Office.

The Postmaster at Pampa, Texas, also forwarded  
a letter postmarked May 1941, Oklahoma - no return address, said  
addressed to Mrs. E. B. Campbell, Pampa, Texas.

Mr. David E. Cecil, Postmaster at Pampa, Texas, advises as  
follows:

"I would like to add a few remarks made by the  
little Campbell girl Eula B. who has returned  
from Tulsa, Okla.

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...all mail to the Justice  
...from the father, and the  
...to something. I will  
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...can be for you to

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ADDENDA BY S.A.C.

Further investigation will be undertaken at Mineral Wells,  
Texas, to develop where Campbell resided and the name used by him while there.

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JANUARY 9, 1936

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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1021 Bankers Building  
Milwaukee Wisconsin

January 9, 1936

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID  
Milwaukee File #7-3

In connection with an official investigation,  
it will be greatly appreciated if you will forward  
this office on all first class mail directed to  
Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, within a period of thirty days.

In forwarding business to this office, kindly  
refer to File #7-3.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly  
appreciated.

Very truly yours,

V. W. PETERSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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E. J. Connelley, Chicago  
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*Ed George O'Brien*

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**FILE NO. **7-576**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Portland, Oregon</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12-7-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>12-22-35; 26-4-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>W. K. Howling</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE; I. O. #1218, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>Kidnaping; Harboring; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>Mrs. J. W. Sparks, 3808 Genessee Street, Seattle, Wash., sister of George Brown, advises she has not seen or heard from her brother since he left Caney, Oklahoma about 1912, that she has no brother by the name of Niel Brown residing in Idaho, neither has she a sister by the name of Mrs. John Carver. Postmasters at Port Orchard and Rustil, Washington, advise no one by name of Mrs. John Carver receives mail through above offices.</b>			
REFERENCE: <b>Report of Special Agent John F. Sears, dated November 2, 1935, at Portland, Oregon.</b>			
DETAILS: <b>At Seattle, Port Orchard and Rustil, Washington:</b>  <b>Mrs. J. W. Sparks, a sister of George Brown, who resides at 3808 Genessee Street, Seattle, upon interview, advised that she had not seen or heard from her brother since he became involved in some trouble about 1912 at Caney, Oklahoma, and it was generally believed that he was dead; but that she had no definite information to that effect, but that she had felt for a number of years if he were still living, he would have communicated with his family or friends.</b>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		7-576-8933 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION JAN 11 A.M. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ROUTED TO: <i>[initials]</i> FILE	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3 Bureau 2 St. Paul 1 Oklahoma City 1 Santa Fe 2 Portland 2 Cincinnati 1 Chicago 1 E. J. Connelley (Chicago) COPIES DESTROYED (Chicago) 20.5 MAR 29 1965 WKB:FGD		RECORDED AND INDEXED: JAN 11 1936 CHECKED OFF: JAN 15 1936 JACKETED:	

Mrs. Sparks further advised that she had no brother by the name of Elial Brown residing in Idaho or elsewhere, neither has she a sister by the name of Mrs. John Carver, further that she had been questioned so many times by officers that they evidently did not believe what she told them, as every time she moves to a new address, she is again questioned, and could not understand why they continued questioning her.

Mrs. Banks, Postmistress at Port Orchard, Washington, upon interview, and after an examination of her records, and interviewing the rural carriers, out of her office, stated that no one by the name of Mrs. John Carver received mail on Route 1 or the other rural routes, and that Mrs. John Carver was unknown in that locality.

Mrs. Banks suggested that it was possible that the Post Office at Restil, Washington, which is located only a few miles from Port Orchard, Washington, and serves patrons in the vicinity of the Old Soldiers' Home, might have some record of Mrs. John Carver.

Postmaster Ostroosin, at Restil, Washington, was contacted by phone and after an examination of his records, stated that no one by the name of Mrs. John Carver resided in that locality or received mail through his office.

Post Office Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
January 8, 1936

BB:VC  
7-56

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Responsive to your routing slip of January 6, 1936, which referred to your letter of December 12, 1935 concerning a Plymouth 1935 Sedan, Motor No. F/322772, please be advised that your letter was received at this office on December 19, 1935 and on the same date the State Highway Department of Oklahoma, at Oklahoma City, was contacted, at which time it was ascertained that there is no record of the registration of this car in Oklahoma, and a flash card was placed with the Highway Department. The report of Special Agent Paul Hanson of this office, dated December 18, 1935, paragraph 5 of page 15, a copy of which was furnished your office, reflects that this action was taken.

Very truly yours,

BRIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul  
Chicago

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Post Office Box 1278  
Chicago City, Illinois  
January 8, 1936

RE: VC  
7-576-8935

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

RE: [redacted]

Dear Sir:

Please refer to my letter of January 6, 1936 in which you are advised the [redacted] had informed this office that she had received a letter from [redacted] mailed at Chicago on January 2nd, in which said letter requested newspaper clippings with reference [redacted]

I received from [redacted] the original of the letter from [redacted] which is attached hereto. Copies of said letter are also attached hereto, and furnished the Bureau and other interested offices.

Very truly yours,

WRIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Note: This letter was received in an envelope post-  
marked at Chicago, Jan. 2, 11 AM, addressed to  
[REDACTED]

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FBI Los Angeles  
SAC Phoenix  
SAC El Paso

3-4-36

5:30 AM

El Paso and Phoenix

Phone. Brekid. Los Angeles office has been maintaining a 24 hour surveillance of Charles J. Fitzgerald, known contact of fugitives in this case. He has been living here under name of J. G. Foster. Investigation indicates that he is financially interested in oil developments at Carlsbad, New Mexico, having made investments through J. G. Haley, independent oil promoter of this city. Haley's initials might be F. J. or J. T. Some of Fitzgerald's and Haley's negotiations have been carried out through E. March Harrison, president Carlsbad National Bank, who has prepared certain papers in connection with transaction. Haley, when in Carlsbad, apparently stops at La Caverna Hotel. The oil drillings are apparently conducted for Haley and Fitzgerald by the George W. Getty Company. Indications here are that Fitzgerald, in company with his girl friend, Eugene Robertson, alias Martha Jean, and a girl named Katherine Packard or Patrick, will comprise party leaving here 6-15 PM Jan sixth enroute to Carlsbad, New Mexico, apparently to look over oil properties. They intend to stop on night of Jan sixth at Mission Inn, Riverside, California; on the night of Jan seventh in Phoenix, Arizona; the night of Jan eighth in El Paso, Texas and to arrive in Carlsbad on afternoon of Jan ninth. Fitzgerald described as follows: about 60 years, five ft eleven, 175 lbs, medium stout, very ruddy complexion, very gray hair around edges, close trimmed gray mustache, heavy bull neck, nose larger than ordinary, limp with left leg and generally carries cane; wears dark blue or black overcoat with gray or light tan hat. Usually neat dresser. Robertson woman is about twenty five years of age, five ft two one half in, 130 lbs, plump build, dark hair, uncombed, parted on left side, light complexion, wears brown fur coat, believed muskrat, might wear slacks and sport clothes on trip. No description available of Packard woman as yet. Fitzgerald's automobile which might be used for the trip is a black Chevrolet coupe, 1935 model, bearing California 1935 plates 2V-6757. Packard woman has a light tan Buick Terraplane 1935 model with California plates 8X-9281. Haley's automobile is a tan 1935 Pontiac sedan bearing 1935 California plates 4S-5275. Special Agents P. E. Wright, A. E. Lockie, J. S. Rags, and Rich Whitson, with two automobiles will conduct surveillance. Wright in charge of group. In view of fact that party intends stopping in Phoenix and El Paso. These Agents might call on you for assistance in conducting details to meet party. It is desired that surveillance be very discreet and that it not be discovered. If El Paso can secure any information concerning possible location of oil wells in question advise this office in order that Agents can have this information in handling the matter at Carlsbad.

HANSON.

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& Paul  
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Post Office Box 815  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
January 9, 1936

9-30

Special Agent in Charge  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

REKID

Replying to your letter of January 2, 1936, I am enclosing one copy of a photograph of Bessie Skinner alias Beth Green, St. Paul Police Department #24676. This is the only photograph available at this time. An additional copy will be forwarded to you when obtained from the St. Paul Police.

Efforts have been made to locate and interview this woman at St. Paul and Minneapolis but her relatives have advised that they do not know her present whereabouts and have not heard from her for a month. Will you please inform me if she is located in Kansas City.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STINE  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau  
Mr. E.J. Connelley  
Cincinnati

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**U. S. Department of Justice**

**Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
January 9, 1936**

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

**Dear Sir:**

**Special Agent S. K. McKee  
arrived in St. Paul, Minnesota, at 8:15 A.M., today,  
to testify in the trial of the Brekid Case. He is  
residing at the Hotel Lowry, Cedar 6600.**

**Very truly yours**

*C. W. Stein*

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

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
January 9, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

Special Agent in Charge  
J. H. Hanson arrived in St. Paul, Minnesota at  
7:45 A.M., today, in order to testify at the  
trial in the Brekid Case. He is residing at  
1107 Edgerton Street in St. Paul, Tower 7350.

Very truly yours

*C. W. Stein*

C. W. STEIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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January 6, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

On December 30, 1935, Mr. Alt advised that the Cuban witnesses have agreed to attend the trial at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 6, 1936, in connection with the case involving Cassius McDonald, et al, and that arrangements have been made for all witnesses to depart from Havana, Cuba, on January 5, 1936. Unless these departure arrangements are not acceptable to you, the Cuban witnesses will depart from that point and all original records will be produced at St. Paul.

The parents of Harry Campbell, residing at 818 South Rockford Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, are under surveillance by Agents of the Bureau, who are located in a house which has been rented and which is adjacent to the Campbell residence. The Agents assigned to this surveillance are not known in Tulsa and are not openly contacting any Bureau Agents there.

Through recent information obtained by the Oklahoma City Office, it appears that Ralph Nelson, alias Sam Coker, who has been identified as being a participant in the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery on November 7, 1935, may be friendly with Harry Campbell and an investigation is being conducted to determine whether Campbell is in contact with Coker. You will recall that Coker, as reflected by information furnished to the Oklahoma City Office by the Tulsa Police Department, was involved in a jewelry store robbery with Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis. Coker is a parolee from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester.

The surveillance being maintained twenty-four hours a day in Los Angeles, California, relative to Charles J. Fitzgerald, who is residing in an apartment at that point, is being continued. Fitzgerald's girl friend, Imogene Robertson who is residing in an apartment across the street from the apartment occupied by Fitzgerald, is also under surveillance.

"There have been no further developments in connection with this surveillance. However, a special delivery letter was received by Fitzgerald on December 30, 1935, postmarked Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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The writing on this letter is apparently identical with that previously forwarded to the Director.

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Surveillances at Chicago, Cleveland, and Los Angeles are being maintained.

Respectfully,

*A. Rosen*

A. Rosen.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Cincinnati, Ohio

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REPORT MADE AT: New Orleans, La.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1/10/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/6 & 9/36	REPORT MADE BY: J. I. Boyan
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping

SUMMARY REPORT

In accordance with Bureau letter dated December 19, 1935, the records of the New Orleans Bureau Office were examined, but no investigative files pertaining to one William Elmer Mead, with aliases, or his wife Marie Mead, with aliases, could be located.

An examination of the Bremer file, however, disclosed a memorandum dated May 4, 1934, submitted by Special Agent J. O. Peyronnin of the New Orleans Bureau Office which was transmitted to the Bureau by a letter under the same date. The information set forth in this memorandum indicated that one L. F. Schrader, age 60, had occupied a furnished apartment at 1802 Jackson Avenue, in the city of New Orleans, from December 8, 1933, until April 1, 1934. Mrs. F. B. Hymel, Manager of the apartment house, identified a photograph of Mead appearing in the Times Picayune, dated May 8, 1934, and bearing a striking resemblance to the Mr. Schrader who had occupied one of her furnished apartments, and who, upon his departure, had left a forwarding address of 915 H. Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. The Mr. Schrader who had occupied a furnished apartment at 1802 Jackson Avenue, according to Mrs. Hymel, had stated that he had been connected with an accounting firm in Washington, D. C., for about thirty-five years, and that he had recently retired. Further investigation conducted by the New Orleans Bureau Office, as is set forth in the report of Special Agent James O. Peyronnin, New Orleans, dated May 30, 1934, further indicated that Mr. L. F. Schrader was identical with William Elmer Mead, for Mead's photograph was identified by Dr. S. B. McHair, 717 Audubon Building, and Dr. E. B. Flickery, American Bank Building, as being similar to that of L. F. Schrader, whom they had both treated medically during his stay in New Orleans.

Investigation conducted at Washington, D. C., as is set forth in the report of Special Agent C. Stein, Washington, D. C., dated June 18, 1934,

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indicates conclusively that L. F. Schrader was not identical with William Elmer Mead, although they both bore a striking resemblance. This investigation resulted in proving that Mr. Schrader had been employed by the United States Government at the Accounting Office in Washington, D. C., for thirty-four years prior to his resignation on June 30, 1933, and had taken this trip to New Orleans, as above related, for his health.

Recent reports of Special Agent J. J. Meehan, Indianapolis, dated December 30, 1935, and January 3, 1936, relate that that office has received information through one Leonard White, with aliases, subject in the case entitled Leonard White, with aliases, et al, Theft of Government Property, and who is also a drug addict, that he had seen Mead about six weeks ago in company with several other confidence men at Ft. Worth and Dallas, Texas, at the race tracks there. White could recall the names of only two of Mead's associates; one, a young man going under the name of James Mead; another, a middle age man, named Harry Fisher. It was White's understanding that Mead, after leaving Ft. Worth and Dallas, Texas, intended to go to Houston, Texas, and later to New Orleans, Louisiana. The later report of Special Agent J. J. Meehan indicates that White is of the opinion that Mead is now living in the Algiers District, which is located across the river from New Orleans proper, with Jimmy Mead and possibly Harry Fisher. White further indicated that Mead usually resides in fairly good hotels or apartments and that it is his opinion that Mead is lying low, that this is undoubtedly due to the fact that Mead knows that he is wanted by the authorities. White further indicates that Mead has a great weakness for playing the horses. White further stated that the Centennial Exposition will shortly be held in Ft. Worth or Dallas, Texas, and that it is Mead's habit, as well as that of other confidence men to mingle with the crowds at such events. White was unable to furnish a description of Jimmy Mead but states that it might be possible that Jimmy is passing off as William Elmer Mead's son. White described Harry Fisher as follows:

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

In accordance with the information set forth above, the New Orleans Office is conducting the appropriate investigation at the various race tracks in the City of New Orleans, and will make every effort to determine whether or not William Elmer Mead is residing in this district.

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January 8, 1936.

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Mr. Werner Henni,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
610 Alamo Hotel Building,  
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau's letter of January 4, 1936 in connection with the Laboratory examination of certain evidence submitted with your letter of December 28, 1935 in the case entitled, Alvin Karpis, with aliases - Fugitive, I. O. 1212, et al.; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping, your file #7-2.

In accordance with your request the following original evidence is being returned herewith, photographic copies having been made for the completion of the Bureau's files:

- A. One sheet containing pay roll for week ending August 1, 1935.
- B. Page Two of pay roll for week ending August 1, 1935.
- C. One yellow sheet containing pay roll for week ending August 8, 1935.
- D. Page Two containing pay roll for week ending August 8, 1935.
- E. One yellow sheet containing pay roll for week ending August 15, 1935.
- F. One white sheet containing pay roll for week ending August 22, 1935.
- G. One sheet containing pay roll for week ending August 22, 1935, without signatures of employees.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,

St. Paul

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. E. J. Connelley - Chicago



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/9/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/7/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>C. W. TOULME</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>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Persons at Pass Christian, Miss. cannot identify any photos of subjects in instant case as being identical with individual who appeared at Pass Christian in July, 1935 and claimed to be brother of Gladys Sawyer. P</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent C. W. Toulme, New Orleans, 1/3/36.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> <u>AT PASS CHRISTIAN, MISS.</u></p> <p>Photos of all subjects in instant case appearing in New Orleans Bureau office file were exhibited to Sam Myers, Mrs. Sam Myers, William Benevedias, and Mrs. Alice Wharton, the latter clerk at the Nelson Hotel. Each of the aforementioned were interviewed individually. After checking each photograph carefully, with particular emphasis being placed on the photographs of subject Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, I.O. 1232 and William E. Meade, each of the parties above mentioned stated that the individual who appeared in Pass Christian about July, 1935 claiming to be the brother of Gladys Sawyer, as set out in reference report, was not identical with any of the persons appearing in the photographs exhibited.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>P E N D I N G</b></p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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P. O. Drawer 587  
San Francisco, California

January 9, 1936.

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
WILLIAM HAMM, Jr. - Victim  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 14, 1935 (Bureau file 7-77), requesting that this office interview Arthur R. Barker at Alcatraz Island Federal Penitentiary for any information he is willing to impart with regard to the Hamm kidnaping case.

In accordance with the request of that letter arrangements were made with Warden J. A. Johnston of Alcatraz Island Federal Penitentiary for an interview to be conducted with Arthur R. Barker and Agent W. R. Ramsey proceeded to Alcatraz to conduct this interview.

As noted in connection with previous interviews at Alcatraz, the only place where this interview could be conducted was a vacant cell in the main cell house in view of the prison library.

Deputy Warden Major G. J. Shuttleworth advised Agent Ramsey that upon going to Arthur Barker's cell, Barker advised him, Major Shuttleworth, that he did not desire to see anyone and did not desire to be interviewed. Major Shuttleworth stated that he told Barker to personally make this statement to the person desiring to interview him.

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Arthur R. Barker then came to the corner outside the vacant cell where it had been arranged to interview him and

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standing outside of this cell advised Agent that he did not desire to talk to anybody.

However, Agent Ramsey directed Barker to come into the cell which had been arranged for the interview. At this time Barker came into the cell and advised that he had nothing to say. He appeared extremely sullen and stated that if it was desired to secure any information that the Bureau should see "Volney Davis or Byron Bolton"; that "they will tell you all you want to know." In this connection Barker appeared very bitter toward Davis and Bolton. Barker stated that he had had enough trouble with the "Department of Justice" and requested that he be left strictly alone. Barker subsequently admitted, however, that any alleged trouble which he had had was deserved.

Agent Ramsey conversed with Barker for several minutes with a view to possibly breaking down his reserve and establishing a predilect for a future interview. Barker finally smiled and said he did not blame the Bureau for desiring to get information but that he would positively make no statement at this time.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc St. Paul  
Mr. Connelley

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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St. Louis NO. 7-43

REPORT MADE AT <b>St. Louis, Mo.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-18-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1-9-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. S. BUSH</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>JSB:F</b></span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases-FUGITIVE I.O.#1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases I.O.#1252; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases I.O.#1256; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Automobiles registered at Springfield, Ill. under name George Benton, Trenton, Ill. and George Benton, Chicago, Ill.</p>			
REFERENCE:  <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Letter from the Cleveland Office dated 12-16-35.</p>			
DETAILS:  <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Upon receipt of the letter of reference, a letter was directed to the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois requesting information with reference to automobiles registered in the State of Illinois under the names G. R. Benton, George Benton and Mary Ferth all of which were aliases used by Harry Campbell.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">In response to the letter directed to the office of the Secretary of State at Springfield, Illinois, that office advised that 1935 Illinois license #1-314-532 is issued to George Benton, Trenton, Illinois for a Nash Sedan motor #127222 factory #128149 and that 1935 Illinois license 353-013 is issued to George Benton, 453 E. 4th St., Chicago, Illinois for a Durant Coupe motor #15509 factory #26018.</p>			
UNDEVELOPED LEADS:  <p style="margin-left: 40px;">CHICAGO OFFICE at Chicago, Illinois, ascertain whether George Benton, 453 E. 45th St. is identical with Harry Campbell.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">ST. LOUIS OFFICE at Trenton, Illinois ascertain whether George Benton is identical with Harry Campbell.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"><b>PENDING.</b></p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>J. C. Newman</i>  SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES  <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">7 576 8945</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">JAN 18 1936</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">JAN 13 A.M.</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">JAN 15 1936</div>	
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490 Post Office Bldg.,  
Dallas, Texas.

January 9, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

REY BREKID

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith tracing of a letter  
received by Mrs. Minnie Gibson, [redacted], Texas, with  
return address M. E. Kiester, [redacted], [redacted]  
and postmarked January 7, 1936, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau  
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Chicago (Mr. Connelley)

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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

January 9th, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

On January 9th, 1936, Mr. Tyler of the Chicago Tribune telephoned this Office and advised that an unknown individual had telephoned his office advising that he had overheard a conversation on an Illinois Central suburban train on January 8th, 1936. The parties carrying on this conversation mentioned that Alvin Karpis was at the present time in a clinic either at South Bend or Michigan City, Indiana.

Accordingly, it is suggested that your Office conduct appropriate investigation at any clinics in Michigan City and South Bend, Indiana, to determine whether Alvin Karpis is in any such institution in either of those two cities at the present time.

Very truly yours,

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B. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **7-4**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Omaha, Nebraska.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/10/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/18/35; 1/7/36.</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>G. H. WILSON - RMW</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;">Stop cards placed with Motor Vehicle Departments of Iowa and Nebraska for 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor Number PJ322772, Serial Number 2619857. No record in Nebraska of automobile registration or driver's license under name of G. R. Benton, George Benton and Mary Forth, known aliases of Harry Campbell.</p>			
REFERENCE: Letter from Cleveland Office to all offices, dated 12-12-35, and letter from Cleveland Office to all offices, dated 12-16-35.			
DETAILS:  <p style="margin-left: 40px;">On receipt at the Omaha Bureau Office of the first mentioned reference letter, communications were sent to the Motor Vehicle Department of the State of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa, and to the Motor Vehicle Division of the State of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, to ascertain whether the 1935 Plymouth Four Door Sedan, De Luxe Model, gun metal grey in color, Motor PJ-322,772, Serial Number 2,619,857, is presently registered in either of these States, and if not, that stop cards be posted in order that, in the future, should such an automobile be registered, the Omaha Office would be immediately notified. Reply was received from Lincoln acknowledging such communication and advising that the requested stop card had been posted.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>R. A. Alt.</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		
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In connection with the second mentioned reference letter, on January 7th, 1935, Agent caused a search to be made by several Deputy Clerks, at the office of the Chief Clerk, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Roads and Irrigation, State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, for the names of G. R. Benton, George Benton and Mary Forth, known aliases of Harry Campbell, upon any records, in any County in the State of Nebraska, for automobile registrations, drivers or chauffeur's licenses. No record was found as to any of these three names.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:**

The CMAA OFFICE, at Des Moines, Iowa, will cause appropriate search at the Motor Vehicle Department, State Capitol, as to any registration of these aliases of Campbell; also, a check will be made as to the receipt of the requested stop notice for the mentioned 1936 Plymouth.

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1615 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
JANUARY 10, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

This will confirm telephonic conversation between Special Agent E. C. Spear and yourself this afternoon to the effect that Edward Otis, Register Number 40215, was released from the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on December 31, 1935, at which time his fare was paid to Chicago, his future address being given as 236 Augusta Street, Chicago, Illinois.

According to Mr. Eckholdt, Secretary to the Warden of the Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Otis' correspondence record indicates the following correspondents:

Mrs. Estella Otis, Mother, 816 North Leavitt Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Daughter, name not given, 816 North Leavitt Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Anna Otis, daughter, care of A. C. Kaufman, 7521 South Halstead, Chicago, Illinois.

Brother, name not given, 606 South Wabash, Chicago, Illinois.

Ed Otis, son, 866 North Leavitt Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Eckholdt advised that Edward Otis and Elmer Farmer had not called together and he knew of no information to indicate that they were together in the penitentiary. As you were advised over the telephone, Mr. Eckholdt promised to send, this evening, direct to you, a descriptive photograph of Edward Otis.

Very truly yours,  
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P. O. Box 564  
Buffalo, N.Y.

Jan. 10, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Fugitive  
I.O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with  
aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1232; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING, HARBORING OF FUGITIVE,  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, NATIONAL FIRE-  
ARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

The file in this case reflects that pursuant to your  
letter to all field offices December 12, 1935, this office on  
December 13, 1935 addressed a communication to the Commissioner of  
Motor Vehicles at Albany, N.Y. requesting that a flash card be  
placed in his files so that this office will be immediately notified  
in the event any attempt is made to register 1935 Plymouth 4 door  
Sedan, motor PJ-32272, serial #2419357.

This office was advised in a letter dated December 19,  
1935 from the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles that this car has not  
been registered in the State of New York and that a flash guide had  
been placed in the files of that office and we shall be immediately  
notified in the event an application is received.

You will of course advise this office when such car  
has been located and the need for such flash is no longer necessary  
so that same can be withdrawn.

Very truly yours,

S. E. SACKETT  
Special Agent in Charge

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January 11, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letters of January 6th and 7th, 1936, wherein reference is made to Bureau teletype message to this office on January 4, 1936, stating firearms listed in letter from the Jacksonville Office to the Bureau under date of September 4, 1935 were being forwarded to this office via American Railway Express.

Please be advised that the firearms have been received, as well as the tan brief case, which was forwarded to us by registered mail.

Very truly yours,

*C. W. Stein*

C. W. STEIN  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Salt Lake City, Utah.  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Denver, Colorado.

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RE: BREXID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent R.B. Suran dated Chicago, Illinois, January 6, 1936, wherein a lead is set out for the Salt Lake City office at Casper, Wyoming.

Inasmuch as Casper, Wyoming, is within the territory covered by your office it is respectfully requested that you cover the leads set out for the Salt Lake City office at Casper, Wyoming.

Very truly yours,

W.A. ROKER  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUG.  
I.O. #1218, ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING, etc.

With further reference to your letter dated September 8, 1935, relative to a cover being maintained on the mail of Elmer Farmer, Register No. 47103, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, there are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau, and to each of the field offices designated below, copies of the following correspondence:

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, dated "New Year's Day".  
Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer, dated January 6, 1936.  
Letter to Helen Conliff from Elmer Farmer, dated January 6, 1936.  
Letter to Blanche Brabant from Elmer Farmer, dated December 30, 1935.  
Letter to Helen Conliff from Elmer Farmer, dated December 30, 1935.  
Letter to Elmer Farmer from Blanche Brabant, dated December 27, 1935.  
Letter to Elmer Farmer from Chas. H. Cook, dated December 23, 1935.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - E.J. Connelley, Chicago (Encls.)  
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COPY

Letter to Elmer Farmer, #47103, from Chas. H. Cook, Savanna, Ill. postmarked Dec. 24, 1935.

Savanna 12/23

Mr. Elmer Farmer,

Friend Elmer.

Will drop you a line and let you know that I am thinking of you almost every day and am very sorry that you got in that trouble, but hope you can get out of it before long, if there is anything I can do Elmer I will try and help you if I can. So you know what I can do let me know and I will do what I can.

Your friend

Chas. H. Cook  
310 Bowen Street  
Savanna, Ill.

P. S. Elmer: Wish you a Merry Christmas  
and A Very Happy New Year.

COPY

Letter received by Elmer Farmer, #47103, from Blanche Brabant. Postmarked:  
Oak Park, Ill. Dec. 28, 1935.

Friday, December 27, 1935.

Dear Elmer

I received your letter Christmas eve and was very glad to hear from you. The mail was delivered late, glad you received the candy too. I think I selected the kind you like.

Its very cold here, but the paper says its going to be warmer to morrow 20 above. We had a snow storm Christmas. Chub didnt come over, he sent Henry over Monday to say he was sick. Henry said he got the Dr. for him and the Dr. said he should stay in as he had a high fever. Gifford went over the following day to see him. He had been out to the barber, in fact, out all day, so Gifford told him to come over, but he never showed up, so we had dinner alone. I had duck, as turkey is too large for us, it was very good and I made mince pie. I had baked sweet potatoes, cranberry jelly, salad, celery and olives. We had dinner at 1:30 and by that time it was snowing pretty hard so maybe he couldnt get his car started. He gave us ten dollars, I sent five to aunt Nell. I was sorry I couldnt send her more, but I hope things will be better next Christmas and you will be back here. I had a letter from aunt Nell today, she thanked us (I signed all our names to the card I sent her) and wished us all a happy New Year, she said Rose was over to see her and said she wished we would all come and visit them. Im sure they dont know you are away.

I havent heard from McMeekin yet. I suppose I will in a few days. Yes it would be nice for you to get the Elmhurst paper as you know so many people around here. I dont think Reed is here now. Gifford has tried to see him, he, Reed, was in Jack Olsen's one night, Chub knew it but never told Gifford, that would have been a good chance to talk to him, the Republicans had a party there, they are going to have another party but Reed wont be there. Well, maybe there will be another opportunity or we will write him when you tell me the case is settled.

I hope you had a nice Christmas, we thought of you and missed you very much. I am enclosing ten dollars. We are well, Gifford expects to get some work soon.

Much love from both of us and a Happy New Year.

Blanche Brabant  
275 Geneva Ave.  
Elmhurst, Ill.



COPY

Letter from Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Helen Conliff.

Leavenworth, Kansas, December 30, 1935.

Dear Helen: -

Received your two letter also Christmas Greetings and box of candy I received the candy on the night of the 24th so that just came in right It also was very nice candy. I received Mays Christmas Greeting the same night it was very nice. this is the first Christmas in many a year that I did not send cards and presents to people, but hope I can before many more. Your rush is about all over now so if you should keep your job it will be easy from now on until next year around this time. about that man you meet at Jacobsens I dont know him, but heard of him and know who you mean I received a letter from Chas Cook he works out of Savanna, it was nice of him to write me so when you see Dink or any of them out there in Bensenville tell them to tell Charley Cook about me getting the letter. also give my regards to them out there, and tell them I am getting along fine. Old Boss is not doing so good down here, thay expect him to die any time now so I am told. I still get the St Paul papers and read every thing in them it wont be long now until the trial comes up, I may go back up there but dont if very much if I do. It sure is cold up there as I see by the papers also you have cold weather in Chicago but its different down here the weather is nice not very cold and no snow yet. I have been in side for some time now and its always warm in here, but can see the outside so know just how the weather is. I dont suppose you will get to see Reed while he is home, you could call Jack Frost and he could get to see him also tell him what ever you wanted him to say as he is a good friend of Reeds. thay dont take us out to work any more now so if I stay here where I am at will be locked up until spring but I think thay will transfer me or put me to work here befor that time. the time sure flys in here for me now It dont seem no time until its Sunday agin. I wish I onley had a few years to do as thay would go by fast and I would be out soon. I hope you and May had a nice Christmas and got lots of presents. how did scotty make out? I seen Harold in the dining room today he looks fine but did not talk to him. happy new year to all

Elmer Farmer

COPY

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, 47103, to Blanche Brabant.

Leavenworth, Kansas, December 30, 1935.

Dear Blanche

Received your letter also Christmas card and box of candy. It sure was nice candy. I think I told you about the candy in my last letter. I hope you got the Turkey from Chub and you had a nice Christmas dinner. We had roast chicken and mince pie also mashed potatoes and peas, then we got one pound of candy each. then we all went to see the show here so that made it a nice day here. its the first show I have seen here but thay have them every week so if I ever go to work here I can see them every week so I hope you heard from McMeekin by now and he can arrange it with Sullivan so thay will give me some thing to do in here and not transfer me some place else. I received a letter from Chas Cook he's a conductor on the St. P. and runs out of Savanna to Bensenville so tell Chub about it. also tell him to thank him as I can not write to him Chub will know him as he comes in the restraunt right along to eat. he wanted to know if there was any thing he could do for me and if so to let him know, but there is nothing he can do for me that I know of. his address is 310 Bowen Street Savanna Ill. I see by the paper you are having cold weather and snow up there Its very nice weather we are having down here and no snow yet. I have not been out to work for some time now by can see out and know just what kind of weather we are having. I just received your letter now also the Ten Dollars in it. I still have five dollars left from the last ten so dont send any more until I tell you to. so Chub never sent the turkey over but sent Henry over to say he was sick, then Gifford found him out when he went over to see him. thats about his speed any way. I wish Gifford would get some chance to talk to Reed its to bad Chub didnt tell him he was to be at Olsens then Gifford could have talked to him. he will be around there some time after the first of the year as then he will be out looking for vots for the Republicans. so you sent Nell five Dollars that was nice, Chub should of given you more then he did. I think Nell and the rest of them know wher I am as it was in all the papers. I sure will start Chub out looking for a job if I ever get out. he will not be around me any more. I was in hopes he would give you what you needed until I came back but I see he wont. Happy New Year to you and Gifford.

Elmer Farmer.

COPY

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Helen Conliff.

Leavenworth, Kansas, Jan. 6, 1936.

Dear Helen

Received your letter tonight and was glad you are still working. I thought they might let you go now after all the rush is over, but if they keep you this long they intend to keep you steady now. so you seen pappy when you were out to Bensenville last. I know he has a sister down here some place but did not know just where she lived, thats nice of him trying to do some thing for me. thank him the next time you see him. I dont think you got my last letter yet as I told you in it about receiving the candy also the card from May. Thats afful about those agents bothering your at work they should let you alone as there is nothing you could tell them about those people up there, Monty is the onley one you know or ever seen so there is nothing you could do to help me you sure would louse your job when they found out. so you better stay away from those agents as they cant do you or me any good. Its getting colder down here now also some snow, but not like it is up there, as I see in the paper. so you seen Jim while you were out there he also was feeling pretty good I suppose he was celebrating the new year. We had it nice down here Christmas and New Years nice dinner both days also was to a show both days so thats not so bad. but I am still out of work eat and sleep is about all I do. I may have to go up to St Paul also Harold to but I hope not. if we do go it will be for the defence as that is all we could do. so bozo has the book out in Bensenville now. I wonder whats the matter with some one from out there that they dont run it. Reed was out to Olsens one night last month they had a meating over there I dont know if any one talked to him about me but suppose they did. I see Jack Frosts name in the paper one day last weak there was a fire in his town and two or there people were burned to death in it. I will arrange to get the Elmhurst paper if I am to stay here then I can read about most every thing going on in the county. I am glad you had a nice time overe the hollidays, I suppose may did also any way I hope she did. When you see peters agin tell him to write to me. give my regard to all the boys out there.

Elmer Farmer

COPY

Letter received by Elmer Farmer, #47103, from Blanche Brabant. Postmarked:  
Elmhurst, Ill. Jan. 7, 1936.

January 6, 1936.

Dear Elmer,

I received your letter Saturday afternoon, wanted to write you yesterday, but didnt have time as we had company and they stayed late. It has been snowing all day and is very cold and the paper says more snow tonight.

I received a letter from McMeeken a few days ago, he said he wrote Mr. Sullivan and inclosed a copy of his letter, the letter states, he (Sullivan) has no suggestions he can offer in the matter. He said Mr. Sanford Bates, Superintendent of Prisons at Leavenworth might be able to make some suggestions in the matter of work. McMeeken said if I thought it advisable he would be glad to write him. I will wait to hear from you, as maybe you can see him right there, if you want me to write just let me know. Thats all he wrote in the letter. I hope that you can get some work there soon.

Well that was a nice Christmas dinner you had, and I know you enjoyed the show since you have not seen one in such a long time.

When I see Chub I'll tell him to thank Mr. Cook and if he dont see him I'll drop him a note and thank him for you. Mr. Franzen asked Gifford about you and said if there was anything he could do for you he would be very glad to do it, he's a big dark fellow, lots of the men ask about you and want to know if they can send you anything, but we just say, you are fine and theres nothing they can send you and thank them.

If Gifford hears that Reed is around here he will surely try and see him; he was sorry to have missed him at that Republican rally but of course didnt know he was to be there. I wish you werent so far away and we could see you, but its only a few months and it will be spring, then we will surely come and visit you.

I'll wait until you tell me before sending anymore money.

Much love from both of us.

Blanche Brabant  
275 Geneva Ave.,  
Elmhurst, Ill.

COPY

Letter received by Elmer Farmer, #47103, from Helen Conliff. Postmarked:  
Chicago, Ill. Jan. 2, 1936.

New Year's Day.

Dearest Elmer:

I suppose you really do think I am terrible for not writing to you but honestly, honey, I have been working so hard. I was kept on after Christmas and now they are taking inventory so I have had to work in the evening and also had to work all day Sunday, so when I have finally arrived home I certainly have been tired so thats the reason for my neglect, however my apologies and now that inventory is over I will try and keep up my end of the correspondence. I guess my job is permanent at least I hope so and I have tried very hard to make it permanent but I wonder if it will? You see Elmer a couple of agents were here to see me Monday night, in fact were waiting for me when I arrived home from work Monday night and they asked me a lot of questions and I dont know what Monte has told them but from the way they talked they want me to go up to St Paul as a witness in the forthcoming trial. Last night one of them came here but my aunt told him I had gone out to Bensenville and would not be back until tonight so he told her to tell me he would be back here tomorrow to see me and to be sure and be home.

I do not know why they should be bothering me, all that is worrying me is my job. I will feel terrible if I lose it. I talked to Sam yesterday and he told me there was nothing that could be done about it and if they really wanted me to, I would have to go to St Paul and perhaps if I would, it would help you, but after all, why me? It is not my fault and if it is necessary for me to go on a subpoena, I do not want you to be angry with me and stop writing, that would be foolish and I feel if you had tried to help them when you were up in St Paul they never would have bothered me. Well anyway there is nothing we can do but wait and see what happens, meanwhile please do not tell Blanche when you write to her as I am not going to tell anyone about it at all and if you tell her she might mention it to Jim and it would be all over Bensenville. I will write and tell you what the agent has to say tomorrow night.

Did you have a nice Christmas? I was out to Bensenville and it snowed terrible. Irene and I went down to see Jim and he was plastered as usual. I came home on the 7:05 train and Martha and I went to the show in the evening as Les was working.

You know if I have to go to St Paul, believe me, Sam and I are going to do some high class bargaining for you. Because if I have to go we might just as well get something out of it. I read about Mr. McLaughlin dying in the paper. I slept until 2 o'clock today and went to bed at 1 AM, quite a sleep but I have been so tired.

Bozo from Elmhurst has the book at Jacobsons. I was talking to Harry Peters (Poppy) and he was asking all about you and he is coming to see you and what do you think, his niece works for the Governor of Kansas in his office and he wrote to her to go and see you, When she goes home. His home is in Newton Kansas. I hope she does and

Peters is going to write to you. Maybe we can do you some good yet I hope so.  
He is going to come down there to see you, he is going to try and get a pass.  
If I can only hold my job I will save enough to come down there too. Well honey,  
how are you getting along anyway? Have you been assigned to any work yet? Everyone  
is getting along nicely and they all say "hello" to you. Did you receive the candy  
I sent you? Let me know when you write to me. There is not very much news to tell  
you about, have not been doing much to tell you about except working every day so  
I guess I will close and hope you write to me real soon. Hoping you are feeling  
well and that everything is going along O. K. for you so until I hear from you  
will close with lots of love

Helen Conliff  
4113 West End Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

P. O. Box 886  
Los Angeles, California  
January 9, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:-

Re: BREKID.

L. A. File 7-42.

Reference is made to your communication of December 17, 1935, requesting that appropriate investigation be conducted at the Lido Apartments, Los Angeles, relative to the personal of beginning "Catherine" be placed in the Evening Bulletin at Reno, Nevada.

It was be advised that investigation conducted by Special Agent C. B. White of this office disclosed that the Lido Apartments are located at 6800 Yucca, Hollywood, California, and that it is a high class apartment house consisting of 120 units, managed by John Walton Green, telephone Hollywood 8841.

Mr. Green is personally acquainted with all the guests of the apartment house in question and their identities and antecedents, with the exception of two young female guests. Mr. Green stated that there is no one in the apartment house at this time whose name is "Catherine." He was shown photographs of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang but failed to recognize any of the likenesses as being those of the individuals either having resided in the hotel or frequented same. Mr. Green, however, advised that should any of these persons get in his apartment he would immediately advise the Los Angeles Bureau office.

Very truly yours,

J. E. HANCOCK,

Special Agent in Charge.

SAC Connelley, Chicago  
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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

January 10, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

RE: REXID

Efforts are being made by this office to establish a reliable source of information at the Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, which hotel is generally reputed to be somewhat of a gathering place for racketeers in this community, and considerable difficulty has been encountered in getting reliable information from this hotel. The present manager of the Hollenden Hotel, Mr. R. V. Marsh, who, it is understood, was formerly for some years manager of the Washburn Hotel in Kansas City. Subsequently he was engaged as manager of the Kansas City Hotel at Kansas City, Missouri, leaving that position about two months ago to assume the position of manager of the Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio.

Inasmuch as Mr. Marsh has been in Cleveland for about only two months it may be that he is not sufficiently interested in local conditions so as to preclude his giving confidential information. However, it is felt that the Cleveland office should have the benefit of any and all information concerning Mr. Marsh as is known to your office. It is, therefore, respectfully requested that you immediately advise this office of all known information concerning Mr. Marsh, his general reputation, and whether or not in your opinion he is a reliable contact.

It is requested that this matter be given immediate attention and that this office be notified as soon as possible.

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Very truly yours,

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J. P. McFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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Los Angeles, California  
January 9, 1936

Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Re: REXID - L.A. File 7-42

Reference is made to my report of 1-4-36, in connection with the above entitled case, and which pertains to the surveillance being conducted by the Los Angeles office of Charles J. Fitzgerald.

There are attached hereto for you two copies of the log covering the surveillance that has been made of Fitzgerald from December 19th to January 3rd, both dates inclusive. Three copies of this log are being attached to the Bureau copy of this letter, and one copy each for the St. Paul and Cincinnati Offices.

You will note on page 3 of this log that at 9:30 P.M. on December 27th, Fitzgerald with his companion went to 712 Whittier Drive, Beverly Hills. Investigation that was conducted indicated that the occupant of this residence is Mrs. Mildred Morgan, an aviatrix. She is a woman who has been very much interested in aviation. Her husband was formerly the operator of the Pielack Stage Line, one of the big automobile common carriers on the Coast. At one time he also operated the Pielack Air-Line. Mrs. Morgan, however, has divorced her husband. This woman is personally known to Special Agent E. E. Harpitt of this office, who is a former pilot and who has had both business and social contacts with her. He described her as being of the promoter type who got "the big head" over her aviation experiences. He stated that the home which she now occupies was given to her by the Court after the separation from her husband. He stated that to his knowledge, she is not the type of woman who would consort with criminals. Other general inquiry conducted by the Los Angeles office indicates the same information. It might also be mentioned that it was learned that Mrs. Morgan is now trying to rent her home, and for that reason has moved into the servants quarters over the garage in the rear of the place.

You will also note on page 4 of this log, at 8:30 P.M. on December 30th, Fitzgerald and his party went to 1114 Howard Street, Glendale. With reference to this address, your attention is invited to page 15 of the investigative report of reference, which indicates the identity of the people residing in this place.

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With reference to page 5 of this log, which indicates that at 1:00 P.M. on January 3rd, the Robertson woman went to 915 Oceola Drive, Glendale, your attention is also invited to page 15 of the report of reference, which covers that address.

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There are also attached hereto copies of the log covering the telephone tap on the phone of the Robertson woman located in the Victoria Apartments. The same number of copies of this log are being forwarded to you, as well as the other offices, as has been explained above. This log covers the period from December 21st to the morning of January 8th.

No log is being furnished covering the tap on the telephone of Fitzgerald in the Benjamin Franklin Apartments, inasmuch as this phone was not used during the time of the tap, except to talk to the Robertson woman, which conversations, of course, are mentioned in the log covering the tap on her phone.

With reference to the report of reference, you will note that there was found in the effects of Fitzgerald, the name of Gillian Eppy, 2222 Glendale Blvd., St. Louis, Mo.; also a postcard indicating that Eva Eppy had communicated with Fitzgerald. Unadvertently, there was omitted from the report of reference information indicating that it had been learned by Special Agent R. E. Austin from Mrs. La Tour, the resident manager of the Crestwood Apartments, that Eppy is a moving picture film executive who has resided in the Crestwood Apartments and, no doubt, the Robertson woman became acquainted with the Eppys during the period of her employment at the Crestwood.

J. E. HANCOCK  
Special Agent in Charge

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LOG COVERING SURVEILLANCE OF  
CHARLES J. FITZGERALD AND HIS COMPANION, IMOGENE ROBERTSON,  
FROM DECEMBER 19 TO JANUARY 3, 1935

12-19-35      Bugas rented Apt. #301, Graystone Apartments, 520 So. Hobart St., Los Angeles, California, and moved in.

12-20-35      Surveillance started.

2:00 PM      Foster and Jean and some young woman drove to Hollywood. Went to Barker Bros. Store, apparently short shopping tour, parking car in front of El Capitan Theatre.

2:45 PM      Proceeded to corner of Sunset and Western; parked for twenty minutes; woman went into fur shop on SE corner, then home to Victoria Apts.

6:50 PM      Special Agent Wright in.

7:40 PM      Special Agent Whitson called from corner apartment; telephone test made. Found it to take twenty to twenty-five seconds to notify his apartment of any event.

8:00 PM      Special Agent Austin in.

11:00 PM      Called Hanson (Special Agent in Charge), who instructed not to tail Jean when she is alone.

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12:30 AM      Foster in at Benjamin Franklin. Special Agents Leckie and Whitson notified.

8:30 AM      Landlady called re man in brown suit. False alarm.

9:30 AM      Special Agents Austin and Jones in.

10:30 AM      Special Agent Wright out.

11:00 AM      Jean's chevrolet on street.

11:45 AM      Special Agent Osborne on tap in Victoria. Wright in.

12:15 PM      Special Agents Jones and Wright out.

12:45 PM      Foster and Jean leave in Chevrolet; Special Agents Austin and Bugas tailed to Ruth Ann Fowler Dancing School, 511 N. Brand St., Glendale. Remained one hour. From there to Western Ave. where Jean went shopping. Foster remained in car. Then to food market; then home to Victoria at 3:00 PM.

3:30 PM      Special Agents Wright and Jones in. Special Agent Bugas off.

5:30 PM      Jean off in Chevrolet alone.

6:20 PM      Jean returned with mother. Chevrolet in garage. All three in Victoria.

9:20 PM      Foster Home in Benjamin Franklin.

12:00      Foster verified in Benjamin Franklin Apartments.

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8:00 AM      Special Agent Wright in.

9:30 AM      Special Agent Austin out.

9:50 AM      Special Agent Jones in.

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10:05 AM Special Agents Jones and Bugas out.  
11:00 AM Special Agent Whitson called. No activity.  
2:00 PM Special Agent Leckie called. Says Foster due out soon.  
3:30 PM Special Agent Osborne called. Says Jean called clerk at Benjamin Franklin asking him to put any mail from "Bradshaw" in Foster's box.  
3:35 PM We called Leckie at Benjamin Franklin telling him to check with clerk re Bradshaw letter. Leckie found letter to be a Christmas card mailed in Los Angeles.  
3:45 PM This reported to SAC Hanson by phone.  
Wright in.  
7:10 PM Foster, Jean and mother out in Chevrolet. Bugas and Wright tailed to Nikabob Cafe, Tenth and Western.  
8:50 PM Return to Victoria. No contacts made.  
11:20 PM Foster home to Benjamin Franklin.

12-23-35

9:00 AM Austin in. Wright off.  
6:30 PM Jean, Fitzgerald and girl Mickey out in Chevrolet lost in traffic by Austin and Wright. Austin and Wright went immediately to Californian Hotel, 1900 W. 6th St. Remained till 8:30 PM. Called SAC Hanson and returned to Graystone.  
10:30 PM Bugas and Austin to Jack Dempsey Cafe to look for Foster. No luck.

12-24-35

12:30 AM Foster and girls in at Victoria.  
1:00 AM Bugas and Austin in.  
8:30 AM Culberson in. Austin off.  
12:30 PM Wright in. Bugas off.  
4:00 PM Jones called. Says Foster and Jean going to Biltmore Hotel at five o'clock to meet mother and at six PM for cocktails.  
4:30 PM Foster and Jean out in Chevrolet. Wright and Culberson on tail to Hotel Savoy, where they met heavy stout man in brown suit, a friend of Jean; then to Biltmore Bar with mother. Culberson watched Chevrolet. Wright and Bugas in Biltmore where Foster was joined by two women and a slender man, young, partially bald, wearing glasses. Friend of Jean apparently. Bugas took them to dinner in Biltmore.  
8:30 PM Jean and Foster in Victoria. Chevrolet in garage. Reported above to SAC Hanson.  
9:30 PM Special Agent Billings in. Culberson off.  
10:00 PM Bugas in. Wright off.

12-25-35

12:30 AM Special Agent Meroney in. Billings off.  
1:00 AM Foster to Benjamin Franklin from Victoria; seemed drunk.  
10:00 AM Jones in.  
10:25 AM Special Agent Austin in.

11:00 AM Jones in.  
11:25 AM Bugas out for dinner.  
1:00 PM Foster over to Victoria from Benjamin Frank.  
2:00 PM Bugas in. Austin out.  
6:30 PM Yellow Cab picks up Foster and Jean and mother and to Nikabob for dinner. Meroney and Bugas on tail.  
7:55 PM Foster, Jean and mother back into Victoria.  
9:00 PM Meroney out. Wright in.  
12:00 PM Foster to Benjamin Franklin from Victoria.

12-26-35  
10:30 AM Culberson in. Bugas out.  
2:30 PM Foster and Jean to Bank of America, 10th and Western; inside few minutes, then back to Victoria.  
3:00 PM Foster and Jean to Hollywood Blvd. Music Store, bought radio or phonograph, then back to Victoria.  
6:00 PM Radio receiving set from Jean's wire tap installed here.  
9:00 PM Austin in; Wright off.

12-27-35  
12:30 AM Foster home to Benjamin Franklin from Victoria.  
2:00 PM Foster to Victoria from Benjamin Franklin.  
3:00 PM Foster and Jean to Ruth Ann Fowler Dancing School, 511 No. Brand Blvd., Glendale, California.  
5:10 PM Foster and Jean back from dancing school to Victoria; car in garage.  
8:00 PM Wright in; Austin off.  
9:30 PM Foster, Jean and another woman leave in Chevrolet; go to 712 Whittier Dr., Beverly Hills, to apartment over garage in rear of this address, phone number OXford 5171. "Mildred" apparently lives here. They purchased gin, etc., on way, seemingly preparing for drinking party. Agents instructed by SAC to return home, which they did.

12-28-35  
5:00 AM Jones instructs Foster just returned home to Benjamin Franklin.  
7:00 AM Wright off. Austin in.  
12:30 PM Foster to Victoria from Benjamin Franklin.  
12:45 PM Foster and Jean drove back out to 712 Whittier Drive for "pancakes".  
5:00 PM Foster and Jean return Victoria.

12-29-35  
12:20 AM Foster returns Benjamin Franklin from Victoria.  
7:00 AM Wright out. Austin in.  
Nothing doing until 4:00 PM.  
4:00 PM Foster over to Victoria from Benjamin Franklin.  
7:15 PM Foster, Jean and mother went to Nikabob, then, at about 8:30 PM to Four Star Theatre, at Wilshire near La Brea. Went to this show, out about 11:45, and straight home. Car in garage, two women in Victoria, and Foster to Benjamin Franklin.

12-30-35

1:45 PM Jean and mother to Beauty shop according to phone talk. Did not  
tail them there.  
2:30 PM Foster to El Serrano Barber Shop in 3800 block on Sixth Street.  
4:00 PM Foster to Victoria from Barber Shop.  
6:20 PM Foster, Jean and mother left Victoria in Chevrolet and went to 1214  
No. Howard Street, Glendale, apparently private residence, where  
Foster and mother stayed, Jean going immediately back in Chevrolet  
by herself to the dancing school at 511 No. Brand Blvd., Glendale.  
She returned to 1214 Howard shortly after 8:00 PM, and whole party  
stayed there until about 1:30 AM, 12/31/35. Discreet surveillance  
indicated this to be purely social gathering with usual drinking.  
Other cars and licenses at this party ascertained and reported im-  
mediately to SAC Hanson.

12-31-35

7:00 AM Wright out. Leckie in.  
1:30 AM Foster, Jean and mother back from 1214 Howard, Glendale. Jean appar-  
ently hurt her ankle during night, from phone conversations during  
remainder of morning. She is to use crutches today.  
1:30 PM Foster took taxi to Bank of America at Western and 10th Streets, go-  
ing inside for few minutes, then taking same taxi back to barber, El  
Serrano Barber Shop, 3800 block on Sixth Street. From barber shop  
he went into "Lady Ann" Beauty Shop next door to Barber shop, where  
he apparently got a manicure.  
3:30 PM Foster returned to Victoria.  
4:30 PM Jean sent New Years telegram to Marion Lord Robertson, 3615 Clement  
Street, San Francisco, California.  
8:45 PM Foster, Jean and mother go in taxi to Hollywood, trying first Levy's  
restaurant - too crowded - then Sardi's restaurant - too crowded -  
then to Circus Cafe and night club, where they went and stayed until  
about 10:15.  
10:15 PM Foster, Jean and mother out of Circus Cafe and to El Capitan Theatre.  
In El Capitan until second show out, about 1:00 AM, then walked to  
Seven Seas Club next door to El Capitan, where they stayed until about  
3 to 3:30 AM, coming directly back to Victoria and Benjamin Frank, res-  
pectively, at about 4:00 AM.  
9:00 AM Special Agent Hynes in.  
1:00 PM Bugas out.  
2:00 PM Myerson in. Hynes out.  
2:30 PM Foster over to Victoria to listen to football game.  
7:00 PM Wright in;  
1-8:30 PM Bugas in; Myerson and Leckie out.  
7:30 PM Foster, Jean and mother left Victoria with "Katherine", who apparently  
lives at 1214 Howard address, Glendale, in Katherine's Essex car. Jean  
is without crutches tonight. Went to Seven Seas Club and Cafe, across  
from Grauman's Chinese Theatre, Hollywood, and stayed there until the

(12-31-35 Continued)

Club closed at about 2:30 AM the next morning. Wright and Bugas entered cafe and maintained discreet surveillance during entire evening, with aid of Cafe manager, Paul Franks. Foster and his party seemed to be having a big party, and Foster spent money freely and they all drank considerably. Foster invited numerous of the patrons seated in his vicinity over to drink and visit with him and his party, and all contacts he made seemed to be of this sort; i.e., purely social and incidental to the party he was throwing. The name and address of one of those who visited Foster's table was procured, and is as follows: \_\_\_\_\_ Mullen, 1214 Lake St., Los Angeles. Paul Franks stated that Foster was trying to act like a big shot, attempting to create an impression.

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3:00 AM Foster, Jean and mother were brought back to respective apartments by "Katherine" in her Essex. Foster seemed rather drunk as he went into his apartment.  
7:00 AM Leckie in; Wright off.  
1:00 PM Jean went over to Foster's at Benjamin Frank. Previous phone conversation indicates Foster is sick and feeling a pretty bad hangover.  
4:30 PM Foster went over to Victoria.  
10:20 PM Foster returned to Benjamin Franklin from Victoria.

1-3-36

9:30 AM Wright in; Leckie off.  
11:30 AM Phone conversations indicate Foster is very sick apparently from his excessive drinking of past several days. Will stay home in Benjamin Franklin all or most of the day.  
12:00 Noon Further phone conversation indicates Jean is going alone at about one PM, first over to Hollywood, where she wants "to pick up a pair of slacks to use on the trip", then she is going over to the dancing school for her lesson.  
1:00 PM Wright goes out to tail Jean; phone conversation relayed by Osborne indicates Jean is going first to the "Bliss Laboratories", 4932 Marathon, then the dancing school.  
Wright on Jean's tail. Went first to 4932 Marathon St. (this is a duplex one story house, giving no evidence that it is a laboratory). From there to a market on Yucca St., Hollywood, where she met unknown young man for about three minutes. From there to Broadway Department store, Hollywood Blvd., where, in the Desert Shop, she bought a dark brown suit, a beret, stockings, underwear, shoes, sweater, and gloves. From there to 915 Osceola Dr., Glendale, a private residence (appears respectable, children playing in yard). Called SAC Hanson with above report, and was directed to return to Graystone.  
3:45 PM Wright in Graystone. Foster in Benjamin Franklin.

LOG COVERING TELEPHONE TAP ON PHONE OF IMOGENE ROBERTSON, Apartment 107,  
Victoria Apartments, Los Angeles, telephone No. Exposition 3945.

12-21-35 - Special Agent Lish Whitson on duty.

8:18 PM: Incoming. [REDACTED]

12-22-35 - Special Agent Whitson on duty.

8:27 AM: Incoming. [REDACTED]

12-22-35 - Special Agent W. H. Osborne on duty. (At 7:45 AM tested machine  
and found batteries slightly used)

12:50 PM - [REDACTED]

3:00 PM - [REDACTED]

3:10 PM - [REDACTED]

12-23-35 - Special Agent W. H. Osborne on duty.

10:00 AM - Incoming call. [REDACTED]

10:15 AM - Outgoing call. [REDACTED]

10:24 AM - [REDACTED]

10:29 AM - [REDACTED]

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10:37 AM:

11:14 AM:

12:43 PM:

12:45 PM:

12:56 PM:

12:58 PM:

12:57 PM:

2:15 PM:

2:50 PM:

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3:00 PM: [REDACTED]

3:07 PM: Some man called and read telegram just received, "Merry Xmas. Love Bill, Down 700 feet. E. B. Watkins". Man stated assignment was deposited in bank and that Foster would more than likely get some mail tomorrow, suggesting he had not received it before on account of Xmas mail and that it took four days for mail to arrive. [REDACTED] wanted for ability to handle women. Foster having mentioned that there were eight women in Robertson's apartment at that time. [REDACTED] thought other proposition would go through and that he would probably have to go to San Francisco. Has appointment with Foster tomorrow night (12-24-35). Did not state where telegram was from or who sent to.

4:03 PM: [REDACTED]

4:31 PM: [REDACTED]

4:55 PM: [REDACTED]

5:25 PM: [REDACTED]

5:29 PM: [REDACTED]

5:50 PM: [REDACTED]

6:09 PM: [REDACTED]

6:10 PM: [REDACTED]

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6:20 PM:

6:22 PM:

7:33 PM:

7:41 PM:

Agent Link Whitten on duty.

8:06 PM:

12-24-35

10:20 AM:

10:30 AM:

10:35 AM:

10:45 AM:

10:55 AM:

11:10 AM:

11:20 AM:

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12:20 PM: [REDACTED]

12:30 PM: [REDACTED]

12:50 PM: [REDACTED]

1:20 PM: [REDACTED]

2:10 PM: [REDACTED]

2:25 PM: [REDACTED]

3:30 PM: [REDACTED]

Agent Whitten on duty

10:57 PM:

Called repair service, stayed waited long distance.

10:58 PM:

Long distance. Exposition 3945 calling Waukegan, Ill., Majestic 1836 - Robertson calling. (Operator advises two hours' delay in calls to Chicago)

11:07 PM:

Operator Chicago. "this is Waukegan", Robertson answers and gives phone to Foster.

"Toolie" -

(Woman's voice)

"Yes"

"Merry Xmas"

"Same to you"

"Any disturbance?"

"No"

"Heard from Belle?"

"No"

"Is Johnny there?"

"Yes"

"Hello Johnny, how are you?"

"Everything is going good"

"Let me talk to Toolie."

"O. K."

"Heard from Belle?"

"Just a Xmas card."

"In case anything turns, you know let me know."

"All right"

"Still got that number? Don't forget it."

"I have it."

"I might want to write or something, you know."

"All right".

"I am doing fine out here, you know, but I would like to be back."

"Yes"

"Well, Merry Xmas to you and Johnny and the kids."

"Merry Xmas to you, Jack"

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Agent Myerson on duty:

December 25, 1935.

Call #1 Incoming 12:25 P.M.

Call #2 Incoming 2:15 P.M.

Call #3 2:55 P.M.

Call #4 6:20 P.M.

Call #5 Madison 2:24 6:22 P.M.

Taxi to Apartment #107, Victoria Apartments.

Call #6 Incoming 6:30 P.M.

Agent Whitson on duty:

Call #1 Incoming 7:00 P.M.

No answer.

Call #2 Incoming 7:12 P.M.

No answer.

December 25, 1935.

Call #3 Incoming 7:30 P.M.  
No answer.  
Call #4 Incoming 7:44 P.M.  
No answer.  
Call #5 Incoming 8:12 P.M.

Agents Jones and White on duty:

December 26, 1935.

Call #1 Incoming 11:55 A.M.

Call #2 Incoming 12:50 P.M.

Call #3 Outgoing (no number noted) 12:55 P.M.

Call #4 Outgoing (no number noted) 12:56 P.M.

Call #5 Incoming 1:15 P.M.

Call #6 Incoming 2:55 P.M.

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Call #7	Calling Douglas 8187	- No answer.	5:30 P.M.
Call #8	"	- No answer.	4:00 P.M.
Call #9	"	- No answer.	4:30 P.M.
Call #10	"	- No answer.	5:45 P.M.
Call #11	Incoming		5:45 P.M.

Agent White on duty:

December 27, 1935.

Call #1.	Incoming call.	10:40 A.M.
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Call #2.	Incoming call.	12:35 P.M.
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Call #3.		12:35 P.M.
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Call #4.	Outgoing (no number listed)	1:35 P.M.
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Agent Evans on duty:

Call #1.	Incoming call.	5:20 P.M.
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December 27, 1935.

Call #2. [REDACTED] (tape heavily inked; can't [REDACTED] 9:10 P.M.  
[REDACTED] of number.)

Agent Jones on duty:

December 28, 1935.

Call #1. Incoming Call. [REDACTED] 11:30 A.M.

Call #2. [REDACTED] 12 Noon.

Call #3. [REDACTED] 12:30 P.M.

Call #4. Incoming Call. [REDACTED] 12:40 P.M.

Call #5. Incoming Call. [REDACTED] 1:05 P.M.

Call #6. [REDACTED] 4:14 P.M.

Call #7. Incoming Call. [REDACTED] 4:45 P.M.

Call #8. Outgoing (no number listed). [REDACTED] 4:55 P.M.

Call #9. Long distance [REDACTED] 5:55 P.M.



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December 28, 1938.

Agent Whitson on duty:

7:00 P.M.

Call #1.

Incoming call.

7:00 P.M.

Call #2.

Incoming call.

8:40 P.M.

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Agent Osborne on duty:

September 22, 1935.

Dial recorder checked and batteries found OK.  
Radio tested.

7:45 A.M.  
8:00 A.M.  
9:00 A.M.  
10:00 A.M.  
11:00 A.M.  
12:00 P.M.

Call #1

Incoming

No answer.  
Radio tested.

12:30 P.M.

Call #2

1:10 P.M.  
1:30 P.M.

2:25 P.M.

Call #3

2:27 P.M.

Radio tested.

3:15 P.M.  
4:15 P.M.  
5:30 P.M.  
6:15 P.M.

Call #4

Incoming call - No answer.

Radio tested.

6:45 A.M.  
7:00 P.M.

Agent Whitson on duty:

Radio tested.

7:15 P.M.  
8:10 P.M.  
9:01 P.M.  
10:00 P.M.

Call #5

Incoming call - No answer.

Radio tested

10:15 P.M.

11:00 P.M.

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December 30, 1935.

Radio tested.

12:12 A.M.  
1:05 A.M.  
2:00 A.M.

Agent Osborne on duty:

Radio tested.

3:00 A.M.

Call #1

Time call

3:47 A.M.

Call #2

No answer.

3:48 A.M.

Radio tested.

7:00 A.M.

Call #3

Line busy.

9:50 A.M.

Call #4

9:52 A.M.

[REDACTED]

Radio tested.

10:15 A.M.  
11:00 A.M.  
11:22 A.M.

Call #5

[REDACTED]

Call #6

11:57 A.M.

[REDACTED]

Call #7.

12:50 P.M.

[REDACTED]

Radio tested.

1:10 P.M.

December 30, 1935.

Radio tested.

2:40 P.M.

(Man came into trunk room so I had to back out for a time; no calls came in during that time. Janitor kept man away from instruments by taking trunk out in linen room.)

Call #8.

3:35 P.M.

Radio tested.

4:15 P.M.

Call #9.

4:15 P.M.

Call #10.

(?) (tape didn't function)

4:15 P.M.

Radio tested.

5:00 P.M.

Call #11.

Incoming call - No answer.

5:01 P.M.

Batteries tested - OK.

5:05 P.M.

Radio tested.

5:07 P.M.

5:05 P.M.

Agent Whitson on duty:

Call #1.

Incoming call - No answer.

8:12 P.M.

Radio tested.

8:15 P.M.

Call #2.

Incoming call - No answer.

8:45 P.M.

Radio tested.

9:05 P.M.

10:20 P.M.

11:00 P.M.

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December 31, 1935.

Radio tested.

10:12 A.M.  
11:00 A.M.  
11:00 A.M.  
12:00 A.M.

Agent Saborne on duty.

Radio tested.

9:15 A.M.  
10:25 A.M.  
11:00 A.M.  
12:00 A.M.  
12:07 P.M.

Requested batteries for dial recorder.

Call #1.

12:00 P.M.

Placed on radio. Advised batteries very weak.

12:05 P.M.

Call #2.

1:22 P.M.

Call #3.

1:35 P.M.

Call #4.

2:09 P.M.

Call #5.

Incoming Call.

2:15 P.M.

matter relayed by radio at

2:15 P.M.)

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Call #6.

8:35 P.M.

Call #6.

Call #6.

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December 31, 1935.

[REDACTED]

Call #11.

8:40 P.M.

[REDACTED]

Call #12.

9:35 P.M.

Foster called Glendale 5187 and asked for Katherine. After telling her it was "Old Man Foster", he told K. that Miss Robertson wanted to speak with her. Katherine coming over for game. Wished K. a happy new year.

Call #13.

[REDACTED]

9:35 P.M.

[REDACTED]

Call #14.

Exposition 1271.

9:45 P.M.

Foster called Haley at Benjamin Franklin and rushed him up, stating they could not wait much longer. Haley assured F. he would be over immediately. F. apparently wanted to get away to supper.

Agent Whitson on duty:-

Radio - Charlotte Greenwood at "El Capitan" theatre.

9:45 P.M.

Radio tested.

9:50 P.M.

Radio - Western Union telegram as of 2:35 P.M.

Call #1.

Madison 1234.

9:51 P.M.

Foster orders taxi to 527 South Hobart, Apartment 107. - Placed this on radio at once.

Detach Jan. 1, 1936.

Radio tests: 10:15, 11:00, 12:00; 1:01 A.M. (1-1-36), 2:00, 3:00, 5:30, 8:10.

Dial Recorder checked OK at 8:15 A.M.

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Radio tested: 9:25 A.M.; 11:05 A.M.; 12:30 P.M.; and 1 P.M.

Call #1. Incoming Call. 1:00 P.M.

[REDACTED]

Radio tested. 2:00 P.M.

Call #2. 2:05 P.M.

[REDACTED]

Placed on radio immediately.

Call #3. 2-2-2-1-1 2:02 P.M.

Poster ordered case of Lucky Lager Beer sent to Miss Robertson's apartment  
2:05 P.M. Radio tested. Also advised that Apt. 201 vacated and telephone ordered  
disconnected 1-2-55.

Call #4. [REDACTED] 2:55 P.M.

[REDACTED]

Radio tested. 3:00 P.M. and 3:55 P.M.

Call #5. [REDACTED] Exchange 3:50 P.M.

[REDACTED]

Call #6. 3:50 P.M.

[REDACTED]

This was put on the radio.

Radio tested: 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, and 7:00.



Agents Osborne and Jones on duty:

January 8, 1936.

No calls recorded or received between 7:00 A.M. and 7 P.M. this date.

Radio tested: 8:00 P.M. and 8:57 P.M.

Agent Whitson on duty:

7:50 P.M.

Radio tested: 8:00 A.M.; 9:00 A.M.; 9:52 A.M.; 11:02 A.M.; 12:00 M.; 1:00 P.M.; 2:00 P.M.; 3:15 P.M.

11:55 P.M. Put on radio that Foster and another man entered Benjamin Franklin Apts. from Foster's car which was then parked below.

Agent Osborne on duty:

7:30 A.M.

January 8, 1936.

Radio tested: 8:20 A.M. and 9:15 A.M.

Batteries checked and recorder wound.

9:25 A.M.

Call #1. Time call. Standard 6900.

9:51 A.M.

Radio tested: 10:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

Call #2.

Incoming call.

11:23 A.M.

Call #3.

12:15 P.M.

Call #4.

12:50 P.M.

This was placed on radio.

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January 3, 1936.  
Miss Robertson just went over to Benjamin Franklin Apartments. 1 P.M.  
Placed on radio.  
Radio tested: 2 P.M.; 2:25 P.M.; 3:45 P.M.  
Foster proceeded west on South Hobart towards Sixth Street.  
Put on radio immediately. 4:10 P.M.  
Call #5. Man dialed and some market answered; wrong number. 4:15 P.M.  
Call #6. Man called Schaub Drug Company and ordered a case of cold lucky Lager Beer to Miss R's apt. Sounded like Foster. 4:15 P.M.  
Call #7. 5:10 P.M.  
[REDACTED]

Radio tested: 5:10 P.M.; 6 P.M.; 6:55 P.M.  
Agent Whitson on duty:  
Radio tested: 7:30; 8:30; 9:07; 10:00; 11:00; 12:00. 7:30 P.M.  
Call #1. Incoming call. 9:07 P.M.  
Rang twenty-five times; no answer.  
Put on radio: New tan coupe, Illinois 1936 license 100-723 parked in front of Benjamin Franklin Apts. 10:15 P.M.

January 4, 1936.  
Radio tested: 1:00 A.M.; and 2:00 A.M.  
Agent Osborne on duty:  
Radio tested. 7:45 A.M.  
8:00 A.M.

Agent W. H. Osborne on duty.

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8:05 AM: Radio tested.

9:10 AM: Radio tested.

9:15 AM: Batteries tested and disc recorder tested.

10:45 AM: Radio tested.

11:55 AM:

[REDACTED]

(Radio immediately.)

1:05 PM: Radio tested.

1:05 PM:

[REDACTED]

1:40 PM: Foster left Benjamin Franklin and came to Victoria. As he did not come down Benjamin Franklin side of street far enough it was impossible to get a picture. Notified boys when he left the Benjamin Franklin.

2:10 PM: Radio tested.

3:00 PM: Radio tested.

4:25 PM:

[REDACTED]

4:25 PM:

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
(Placed on radio immediately)

8:50 PM:

[REDACTED]  
Special Agent Lish Wilcox on duty.

Radio test at 7:15 and 8:00 PM

9:00 PM:

Agent Osborne states Foster's car still in Victoria Garage.

(Placed on radio)

Radio test at 10:05 PM.

10:15 PM:

Messenger boy enters Benjamin Franklin Apts. (Placed on radio)

Radio test at 10:30 PM and 11:00 PM and again at 12:05 AM.

1:00 AM:

Man with cane walking up and down in front of Victoria Apts.  
Drops cane. Girl giggles. Neither party can be identified from  
this point of observation, but possibly Foster and Gene.  
(Placed on radio.)

Radio test at 1:30 AM.

1:45 AM:

Foster leaves Victoria Apts., crosses street to his own apartment building and goes in (Placed on radio)

Radio test at 2:00 AM and 7:00 AM.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

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January 10, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter of January 6, 1936 (7-576) wherein you call attention to the fact that letter of this office dated December 31, 1935 requesting authority to pay Informant at the discretion of this office, a sum not in excess of \$50.00, failed to state in full the name of Informant [REDACTED]

Please be advised that Informant [REDACTED] is [REDACTED]

It is to be recalled that this informant has given invaluable information in the past and that the information furnished by him was instrumental in causing the apprehension of Arthur (Doc) Barker.

Recent contacts with this informant have been very satisfactory and from the information being gained from him it is hoped that in the near future some tangible leads may be developed with respect to the present whereabouts of subjects Karpis and Campbell and for this reason the Cleveland office desires to keep him in line and in order to accomplish this it is necessary to reimburse him for money expended by him in obtaining information. For this reason it is respectfully requested that the Cleveland office be advised by the Bureau at an early date in the premises.

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Very truly yours,

EJW/EJB

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

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1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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

Dear Sir:

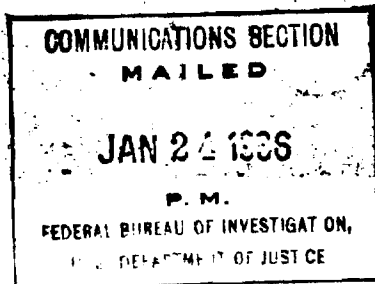
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This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January  
10, 1936, requesting authority to pay informant [redacted] at the dis-  
cretion of your office, a sum not in excess of \$50.00.

You are hereby authorized to make this expenditure in  
connection with the investigation being conducted by your office  
relative to the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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



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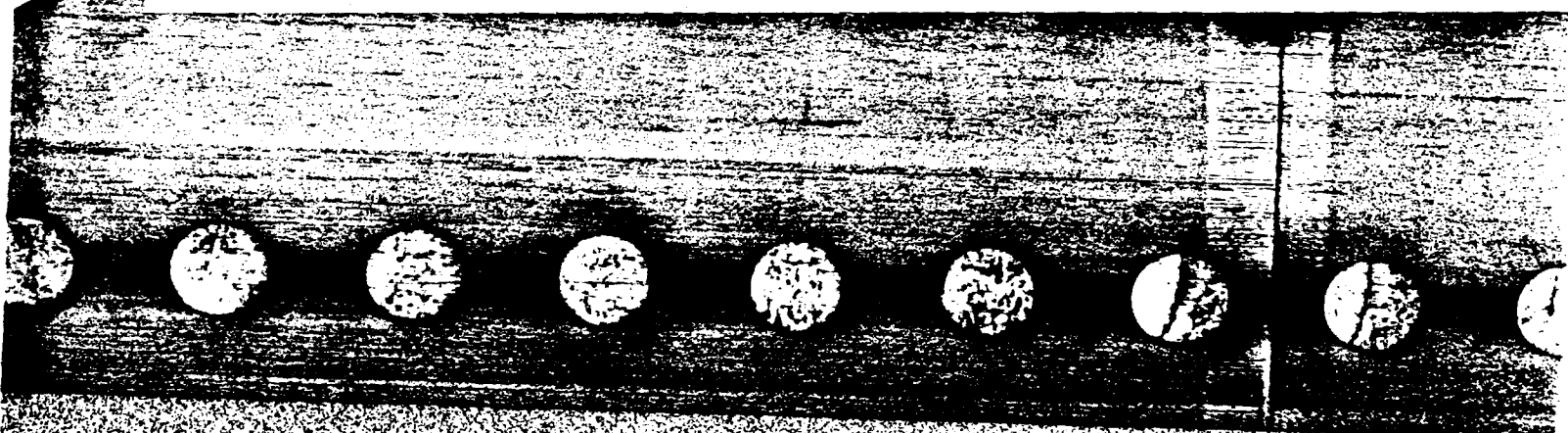
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**Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.**

**Dear Sir:**

**Re: BREKID  
L. A. File 7-42**

Please refer to my letter of the 4th instant, in the above entitled case, transmitting two copies of the report of Special Agent J. H. Hanson, Los Angeles, 1-4-36, and wherein reference was also made to copies being furnished other offices.

As advised in said letter, a second run has been made of said report, one copy of which is attached hereto. Copies are also at this time being furnished to the following offices:

Cincinnati	St. Paul
E.J. Connelley, Chicago	Oklahoma City
El Paso	Indianapolis
Cleveland	Denver
San Francisco	Milwaukee

**Very truly yours,**

*J. H. Hanson*

**J. H. HANSON  
Special Agent in Charge**

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FILE NO. **7-42**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Los Angeles, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-4-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-10-35 to 3-5-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. H. HANSON</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>AB</b></span>
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**, using name of **J. C. FOSTER**, 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 **EMILINE ROBERTSON**, 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, and have joint bank accounts. **FITZGERALD** has apparently lead 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 Garfield, N. M.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent R. C. Sutton, Chicago, Ill. dated 12-26-35.

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DETAILS:

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This investigation is based upon a telephone communication from S.A.C. E. J. Connelley, who, at about 1:00 P.M. on December 15, 1935, advised the writer that CHARLES J. FITZGERALD, using the name of J. S. FOSTER, was presently living at 512 Hobart Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. He also stated that he had learned that FITZGERALD had been residing in the 1000 block on Main Avenue in Los Angeles prior to going to his present place of abode.

Mr. Connelley requested that the Los Angeles office immediately ascertain if FITZGERALD was at 512 Hobart Boulevard; also that a twenty-four-hour surveillance be maintained of him, if he were there, mentioning that FITZGERALD is regarded as a very dangerous man.

In accordance with the above, the investigation set out below was conducted, and the surveillance and inquiries are being continued by the Los Angeles office.

This report represents the joint activity of the writer, Special Agents R. M. Austin, J. E. Bugha, R. E. Wright, Lida Whitson, M. H. Johnson, S. D. White, A. B. McKie, and at times for relief during the surveillance the services of Special Agents (A) C. A. Moweney, M. E. Myerson, F. G. Culbertson and J. T. Hynes have been used.

Immediately upon receiving the above information from S.A.C. Connelley, the Agents in the Los Angeles office advised that if FITZGERALD had resided in the 1000 block in Main Avenue, it must have been in the Crestwood Apartments at 1036 South Main Avenue, at which place former S.A.C. J. E. P. Dunn, resides, and at which place, since about October 15, 1935, Special Agent R. M. Austin has been residing.

Special Agent R. M. Austin, therefore, conducted the following investigation:

Mrs. La Tour, Resident manager, Crestwood Apartments, 1846 Euclid Avenue, Los Angeles, California, was shown a photograph of Charles J. Fitzgerald by Special Agent R. M. Austin which was identified as very closely resembling one J. E. Foster who had rented Apartment 506 in this building on February 7, 1935, and remaining there until July 7, 1935. Mrs. La Tour stated that Foster, while resembling the photograph shown to her of Fitzgerald, was considerably older, being at the present time about 58 years of age; that J. E. Foster is about 5' 10" or 11" in height, about 175 pounds, has almost gray hair, and limps noticeably in left leg.

Mrs. La Tour stated that Foster at the time he registered at this apartment house stated he was a retired business man and gave his previous address as Dayton, Ohio; that the employees of the building for some time were led to believe by Foster's statements that he was married and that because of marital differences chose to live in California, and is supported by a wealthy wife which explains the fact that at least once a month Foster receives by special delivery, but not registered, letters which always contain either \$1,000.00 bill or \$500.00 bills. Mrs. La Tour was of the opinion that these letters came from either Waukegan, Illinois, or St. Paul, Minnesota. Mrs. La Tour further stated that during the occasional conversations she had with Foster she gathered from his talk that he had lived for some time in Dayton and Columbus, Ohio, and in Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. La Tour stated that with the exception of the usual local advertising matter which is received by all tenants at this apartment, Foster received practically no mail other than the above referred to special delivery letters, and that at the beginning of Foster's lease he had advised the manager that he received his mail through business acquaintances in downtown Los Angeles, as an explanation for the reason he received so little mail at his home address.

Mrs. La Tour stated that Foster was a very heavy drinker and on one occasion, about April 1935, while in a drunken condition, he fell down breaking either his leg or his knee-cap; that as a result of this injury a Dr. Samuel P. Danno, 322 South Berendo, was called in by her to treat Foster, who, shortly after receiving this injury, was removed to the California Hospital in Los Angeles.

Mrs. La Tour stated that at about the time he received this injury Foster began an acquaintance with MISS INOCHIE ROBERTSON who was a telephone operator in the Crestwood Apartments; that after Foster was injured Miss Robertson managed the affairs of Mr. Foster, opening a bank account at the Bank of America, 5th and Vermont, Los Angeles, and has continued to associate with Foster up to the present time.

Mrs. La Tour stated that on one occasion the maid cleaning Foster's apartment gave her a telegram blank on which appeared to be a coded message written by Foster and signed "Rosis", which telegram has since been destroyed by Mrs. La Tour; that Foster, during the time of his illness and while being treated by Dr. Danno, was kept almost continuously under the influence of whisky by Miss Robertson, and as a result became such a nuisance at the apartment house that he was requested to move, leaving on July 7, 1935, and renting an apartment at the Benjamin Franklin Apartments, 512 South Hobart, Los Angeles, on that date.

Mrs. La Tour stated that Miss Robertson occasionally visits tenants in her building, and that she indirectly learned that Miss Robertson is operating a joint bank account with Foster and apparently is of the opinion that she is employed by a wealthy old man from whom she hopes to make a good thing of the present situation.

Mrs. La Tour stated that she has heard, and is of the opinion that the information came from Dr. Danno who had X-rays taken of Foster's leg at the time of his injury, that Foster was suffering from an old wound in the left leg or hip, and is presently carrying a bullet in that wound, advising that complete information concerning this could be obtained from either Dr. Danno or the California Hospital.

Mrs. La Tour stated that Foster drove a 1933 or 1934 Chevrolet Coupe, black with cream colored wheels, which he had purchased through Jimmy Dixon, Chevrolet dealer, Los Angeles; that Foster had very few visitors, none of whom she had ever seen, but that she is of the opinion that a woman occasionally visited him late at night, and that Foster and this woman were said to have occasionally drunk together.

The following description of Miss ROSEBUD ROBERTSON, who also is known as MARTHA JEAN ROBERTSON, was furnished by Miss La Tour:

Age	27 or 28 years
Height	5'
Weight	120 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown, bobbed.
Eyes	Gray
Nationality	American
Marital status	Single
Residence	Lives with mother, Mrs. Alta Robertson, who is employed as a clerk for Milner, Wilmore Hotel, Los Angeles; residence, Victoria Apts., 227 So. Robert Blvd., Los Angeles.

A list of all the local and long distance telephone calls made by Foster during his residence at the Greatwood Apartments was obtained from Mrs. La Tour, and a complete check is being made of these telephone calls.

Mr. A. P. BROWN, an auditor with the Syndicate Mortgage Company, 404 Associated Realty Building, Los Angeles, telephone Vandyke 2224, home address Victoria Apartments, 227 South Robert Blvd., telephone Vltrey 4041, was interviewed by Special Agent in Charge J. E. Hanson and Special Agent Austin after ascertaining that the Syndicate Mortgage Company was the owner and operator of the Benjamin

Franklin Apartments, in which building FOSTER is presently residing. Mr. HENSON called in MRS. WOODS, manager of the Benjamin Franklin Apartments, advising her that she was to cooperate in every way possible with Special Agents of this Bureau. MRS. WOODS identified the photograph of CHARLES J. FINGERHOLD as being that of one of her tenants, J. B. FOSTER, stating that FOSTER is considerably older than he appears in his picture. MRS. WOODS stated that FOSTER rented a one-room apartment, Apartment No. 205, in the Benjamin Franklin Apartments on July 8, 1935, paying a monthly rental of \$75.00; that he has continued to reside at this address continuously since that date, with the exception of three or four weeks in August or September which were spent at one of the nearby beaches. She stated that FOSTER lives very quietly, has very few visitors, but at times drinks quite heavily although he has caused no objectionable disturbance; that he employs as a secretary and companion Miss Martha Jean Robertson, who resides with her mother at the Victoria Apartments, Apartment No. 107, 247 South Robert. She stated that she did not know the exact nature of the relationship of FOSTER and Miss ROBERTSON, but was of the opinion that it was more of a companionship type, as they are constantly together, and Miss ROBERTSON is in the habit of coming from her apartment, which is across the street from the Benjamin Franklin, and obtaining the mail of FOSTER; that FOSTER has given Miss ROBERTSON a Chevrolet Coupe which is used almost daily by the two of them for rides.

MRS. WOODS stated that FOSTER is in the habit of remaining in bed or in his room until 11:00 or 12:00 o'clock each day, and then going over to Miss ROBERTSON'S apartment, where she believes they have breakfast and either remain there or go out for a drive; that occasionally FOSTER has friends in his apartment for the evening, and she believes that a Miss RICE and a Mr. HALEY, both tenants at the Benjamin Franklin Apartments, occasionally get together with FOSTER and Miss ROBERTSON for a few drinks; that she has had it reported to her by her night operator that once or twice each month a woman visits FOSTER'S apartment between 2:00 and 3:00 in the morning, and as it is possible to leave this building through the garage, without being observed by the night operator, she does not know whether the woman remains the rest of the evening or not; that the only description of this unknown woman she could furnish was that she was very dark and swarthy, and extremely homely.

MRS. WOODS stated that at least once each month, and three times within the past thirty days, FOSTER has received registered letters which have contained \$1,000.00 bills. It is believed that these letters have been mailed from Minneapolis, Minnesota. No record of these letters was maintained by the apartment house, but the receipt of any future mail will be observed by MRS. WOODS before passing it on to FOSTER. She stated that FOSTER pays everything with cash and apparently always has plenty of funds.

MRS. WOODS permitted a hurried search of FOSTER'S apartment, which was made by Agents Wright and Austin, at which time, with the exception of the following information which was obtained from notes and papers, nothing of value was found:

1. Letter addressed to J. B. Foster, Benjamin Franklin Apts., with return address of F. J. Haley, La Caverna Hotel, Carlsbad, New Mexico, which letter advised Foster that there were enclosed forms from the George F. Getty Oil Company showing the progress being made on certain oil drillings.

2. A number of weekly reports on the form of George F. Getty Oil Company, showing the progress being made in the drilling of oil wells.

3. Letter to Foster on letterhead of Capital National Bank, Carlsbad, N. M., signed by E. Birch Harrison, President, stating that he was filing certain papers signed by Foster and Haley showing their relations in connection with an oil deal in that vicinity and setting out the fact that these papers were not notarized, and assumed that the signature of Foster was authentic.

4. Postal card dated July 18, postmarked San Diego, Calif., signed Eva Teets Espy, asking that Foster and Miss Robertson come to San Diego if possible for the weekend.

5. Envelope with printed address on back of Sullen Bk., 4325 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri.

6. Jeweler's box in which a watch had been sold bearing name J. E. Hudson Company, Jewelers, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and in which was enclosed a card wishing Foster a Merry Xmas and signed "Sis".

7. Scrap of paper with "G. E. Gilbertson" thereon.

8. Scrap of paper with "Margaret - Vandyke 6618" thereon.

9. Scrap of paper with "Myrtle E. Charalson, 628 E. Highland - RI 8772" thereon.

10. Scrap of paper with "16364 - Morn. (Morningside telephone exchange, Los Angeles) Elise" thereon.

The following information was taken from an old pocket notebook which apparently had been carried by Foster for a number of years:-

(1) C. A. Suddard, L. E.; (2) E. H. H.; (3) 712 West 48th; (4) 3031 West; (5) Mr. E. Sudd; (6) Mrs. J. E. Chapman; (7) Fred Harris; (8) Cuban-American Auto Co., San Lazaro, 99 St; (9) Earl; (10) 2118 - 4th; (11) 1200 - Pioneer; (12) 2907 Cedar; (13) W. H.; (14) Vase; (15) Sabina; (16) E - Mr.; (17) 724 No. Plankinton; (18) Mr. J. S.; (19) Phillip & Hembough, 714 No. Hill; (20) Prospect 2904, 6420 E.

It was noted at the time of this search that Foster had in his possession absolutely no firearms of any kind, and from the nature of his correspondence with Haley at Carlsbad, New Mexico, it is believed that he is entering some kind of venture in the drilling of oil wells.

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stated that Inogene had told him that Foster was interested in some oil deals and was returning to the East. [REDACTED] volunteered the information that she was receiving the large bills in the mail from the East. [REDACTED] that he was acquainted with Dr. Danno who had told him that he had been treating Foster; that Foster was a very hard drinker and hard to handle; that he had almost succeeded in getting him off drink, but that the girl Inogene smuggled it into him.

While the above investigation was being conducted, the writer and Special Agent J. S. Bugas were making a survey in the neighborhood of the Benjamin Franklin Apartments for the purpose of securing necessary locations to conduct the surveillance. The ultimate set-up that was obtained has been described by the Los Angeles office in a letter to S.A.G. E. J. Connelley dated December 24, 1935, a copy of said letter going to the Bureau and to the St. Paul and Cincinnati offices, along with a plan showing the lay-out. It is believed sufficient to say that only one change has occurred in this lay-out since the above mentioned letter was transmitted to Mr. Connelley, and that is that on January 2, 1936, there was made available Apartment No. 201 in the Victoria Apartments. There has been placed in this apartment a tap of the Robertson woman's telephone, which tap had formerly been located in the baggage room of the Victoria Apartments. It was hoped with this new set-up to be able to get a microphone into her apartment, but as yet this has not been possible. It might also be mentioned that Apartment No. 205 in the Benjamin Franklin is available only until January 6th, same having been leased, effective that date, prior to the time the information concerning FITZGERALD'S location was secured; however, at this time, there is some assurance of securing another apartment on the sixth floor in this building, when, of course, the tap will be transferred to that apartment, and every effort made to insert a microphone in FITZGERALD'S apartment. It now appears that this new apartment will be available about the time that it is necessary to vacate Apartment No. 203.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. S. Culberson:

On December 15th and 16th, 1935, Agent Culberson called at the Pico Heights Station of the Los Angeles Post Office, located at 1410 South New Hampshire Avenue, Los Angeles, to obtain a record of any registered mail delivered to J. C. FOSTER at 1036 Manle Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

F. R. LERRIGO, Superintendent of the Pico Heights Station, made available to Agent Culberson all of the receipts covering registered mail delivered by that station during the months of February to July, 1935, inclusive. These particular months were checked for the reason that it had been previously determined that Foster lived at 1036 South "ule Avenue from February 2, 1935 to July 7, 1935. As the receipts for registered mail were not arranged in alphabetical order by the name of the addressees, or in any other manner which would enable agent to determine what mail was delivered to the said address, it was necessary to check each of the receipts delivered during the period mentioned. It was determined that nineteen pieces of registered mail were delivered to 1036 South Manle Avenue, Los Angeles, during the months of February to July, 1935, inclusive, but that none of these registered articles were addressed to J. C. FOSTER.



Agent Culberson's notes containing a record of all registered mail delivered to the Meale Avenue address during the aforementioned period are being preserved in the files of the Los Angeles Bureau Office for future reference.

Simultaneous with the above inquiry by Special Agent Culberson, Special Agent J. E. Bugas was making a check at Station "C" of the Post Office Department at 541 South Vermont Avenue. This is the station that serves FITZGERALD'S present place of abode at the Benjamin Franklin Apartments. Agent Bugas learned from MR. W. H. TOBB, the carrier, that he had a recollection of a man named FOSTER getting mail at the Benjamin Franklin Apartments, but he was unable to furnish any other information.

With the cooperation of the superintendent of mails, MR. VAN DINGSTER, Agent Bugas checked all of the Registry records for mail delivered to FITZGERALD during the period of his residence in the Benjamin Franklin Apartments, and was able to find that on December 2, 1935, a registered letter was delivered to J. D. FOSTER from Minneapolis, Minnesota, the Registry number being 17450.

It should be mentioned at this time that attempts were also made to trace special delivery letters delivered to FOSTER at each of his residences in Los Angeles, but it was learned that even though there would be secured a record of the letter delivered to FOSTER, there would be no indication of the place from where the letter had been mailed; however, during the inquiry conducted by the Agents at the two apartment buildings where FITZGERALD has lived, it was learned that the managers thought that FOSTER had received mail from St. Paul, Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Waukegan, Illinois, Dayton and Columbus, Ohio, also Chicago. It should be understood that these cities are only the best recollection of the managers.

It might be mentioned at this time that covers were immediately placed on all mail going to FITZGERALD and the Benjamin Franklin. The results of these covers are as follows:

Letter, typewritten, St. Paul, Minn. (St. Paul, Minn. 12/2/35)  
St. Los Angeles, Calif. (St. Los Angeles, Calif. 12/2/35)  
Stationery (St. Paul, Minn. 12/2/35)

Letter to J. C. Foster, 512 S. Robert, S. D.  
Minneapolis, Minn. Dec. 22, 1935.

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In addition to the above tracings, Agent J. M. Jones, when stationed in Apartment 205 of the Benjamin Franklin Apartments on December 23, 1935, ascertained that on that date FOSTER had received another letter postmarked Minneapolis, Minnesota on December 18, 1935, 3:00 P.M., bearing no return address; further, that this envelope appeared to contain a Christmas card, a handkerchief and a letter. The tracing obtained from this letter was also forwarded to S.A.M. R. J. Connelley on 12-25-35.

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MRS. WOODS informed Special Agent Austin that HALEY has been a tenant in her building since June, 1948, and that he previously, for a couple of years, had resided in an apartment building nearby. She also mentioned that MR. HALEY is married, and that his wife is an inmate of an institution for nervous patients. MRS. WOODS has described HALEY as follows:

Age	42 years
Height	5' 9"
Weight	160 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	Grey.

It might also be mentioned at this time that after receiving information from S.A.G. Connelley concerning the location of FITZGERALD, telephonic communication was had with the San Francisco office to determine if there was a record of an automobile being registered to FITZGERALD under the name of FOSTER. The San Francisco office advised by telephone on the evening of December 18, 1936, that a check of the records of the California Motor Vehicle Department at Sacramento, reflecting the registration of a Chevrolet 6 standard coupe, 1935 California license 1V 6787,

motor No. N-4818821, Serial SN-941-4178, to J. E. Foster who formerly resided at 1836 South Main, Apartment No. 506, but whose address was changed on July 17, 1935 to 512 South Robert, Los Angeles. That office also advised that there was no record of the issuance of an operator's license to a J. E. FOSTER, answering to the description of FITZGERALD.

It might be mentioned here, that this automobile is black in color, with green wheels. Further, that it is always driven by the ROBERTSON woman, and is kept either on the street in front of her apartment, or in the garage located below the Victoria Apartments.

With reference to checking telephone calls from the apartments that FITZGERALD has resided in in Los Angeles, as well as from the ROBERTSON woman's apartment for the period prior to the inauguration of the surveillance, the following information has been obtained:

At the Benjamin Franklin Apartments, it was learned that there was a record of the following telephone calls placed by FITZGERALD:

Mutual 6211 - Security-First National Bank, Head Office, 361 South Spring Street;  
 Wyoming 2566 - Miss Anna Spiegel, 5478 Wilshire, #501;  
 Adams 7121 - City Dye Works, 2009 South Central  
 Vandike 6418 - Jose Basomba, 762 Garland Avenue  
 Granite 2837 N/P Lorraine Field, 1407 No. Mayworth Avenue.

It should be stated that the names of the subscribers were, of course, secured from the telephone company. It should also be mentioned that other calls were also made, but that they were traced to business houses. In addition to the above numbers, he also frequently telephoned Exposition 3945, the telephone number of the ROBERTSON woman. There were, however, no long distance calls made, nor any charge rendered against him for telegraph service.

During the time that FITZGERALD resided in the Westwood Apartments at 1836 South Main Avenue, he made the following telephone calls, the subscribers' names and addresses having been secured from the telephone company:

Central 5755 - Bradford Apt., 1832 15th Place, N/C  
 " 5825 - Main Manor, 1841 Main Avenue, N/C  
 " 5832 - Kenners Manor, 501 S. Kenners  
 Exposition 1071 - Samuel P. Danno MD, 322 S. Berendo, N/C  
 " 6415 - Dorothy M. Asaltine, 983 S. Main Ave., N/C  
 " 1079 - J. C. Keiley, 748 S. Gramercy  
 " 6412 - Vermont Shaving Salon, 766 S. Vermont Ave. N/C  
 " 2121 - Wilshire Medical Exchange, Add. L. Nurses Registry Agency, 2006 Wilshire Blvd., N/C

Federal 7960	- Mr. Eugene H. Van Winkle, 1436 S. Lake St. N/C
" 8060	- Alexander Goodman 89, 2034 W. 4th St. Rm 212 "
" 8012	- Employee (Concession)
" 1551	- Viola Lubek, 871 S. Garfield, 7520, Bk. 12-16-35
" 8668	- Normandie Hotel, 408 S. Normandie Ave., N/C
" 4871	- Nettie Solomon, 1023 S. Lake St., N/C disc. 12-3-35
" 4877	- Jean Halberg, 823 S. Catalina, 7210
Fitarey 7665	- Ruth Lane, 144 S. Kemmer Ave. N/C
" 9000	- Isabelle Black, 517 S. Rampart Blvd. Apt. 105 N/C Disc. 7-12-35.
" 8111	- E. La Tour, 1036 Meale Ave. Apt. 181, N/C
" 8111	- Business and Professional Telephone Exchange, Wilshire and Eastern Office-Add. L. Frank S. Malloy RD, 2875 Wilshire Blvd. Rm 1004, N/C
Glendale 4444	- Elsie G. Strathbarn, 1514 E. Mayworth Ave. Apt. 701, N/C.
" 8661	- Will Rogers Memorial Commission 3520 Sunset Blvd. Bk. 12-9-35, N/C.
" 8430	- Hazel L. O'Malley, 1811 Whitley Ave., Apt. 1103, N/C.
" 8292	- William A. Koch, 4910 1/2 Melrose Ave., N/C.
" 8221	- Mrs. Louis Mindelle, 516 E. Bascom, Apt. 506, N/C, Disc. 2-4-35.
" 8417	- Ralph Holmes, 908 Seward St., N/C
Granite 8121	- Hollywood Medical Exchange Add. L. Hollywood Nurses Registry Agency 6285 Hollywood Blvd., Rm 1024, N/C.
" 8445	- J. C. Weinger, 514 1/2 N. Van Ness Ave, N/C
Hampstead 8965	- Dr. H. J. Strathbarn, 1680 N. Vine, Rm 901, N/C
Morningside 18042	- Paul Stewart, 1549 Lucille Ave. N/C
" 13319	- Mrs. Willis Patton, 1520 N. Edgemont St. N/C Disc. 9-24-35.
Madison 1351	- Sherwood Apts., 451 S. Grand Ave., N/C.
Mutual 9047	- Casa Alta Hotel and Apts. 517 S. Olive St., N/C.
Michigan 8804	- J. E. McGarry, 1425 Fairbank St., changed 2-1-35 to Fitarey 8444, 908 S. Burlington. Disconnected 2-4-35.
" 8171	- Baltimore Theatre, 580 W. 3th St., N/C.
Normandie 9107	- Glen Iyer Apts, 1412 N. Kingsley Dr., N/C
Oregon 8022	- Edna Deane Sellers, 265 N. Spaulding Ave., N/C
" 8022	- Florence Cunningham, 825 N. Orange Dr., N/C
Prospect 8107	- Clinton Heath-Physician and Surgeon 1401 S. Hope St., Rm 511, N/C
" 4011	- California Lutheran Hospital, 1414 S. Hope St., N/C
" 8057	- Goodnow's Exclusive Ambulance Service 8129 Park Grove Avenue, N/C
" 8606	- Mona Blasco, 2206 1/2 S. Central Avenue, N/C

Parkway 8038 -

Changed to Kinbal 8038 8-19-35

Margaret E. Morndon, old address 8411 Longwood Avenue, new address 8754 Hope St., Huntington Park, N/C

" 8032  
Republic 4411

- McCabe Beauty Shoppe, 1791 N. Adams Blvd., N/C  
- Jack Reichel, 908 E. Oxford, Apt. 3, N/C  
Miss. 7-23-35, refer calls to 8754 Whitworth Dr., Beverly Hills. The listing at that address is Jack Reichel (Roxview 8525, Apt. 3, N/C

Rochester 8348  
Thornwall 8062

- George H. Heimes, 3640 4th Ave., N/C  
- E. G. Kinne, 724 W. 108th St., N/C  
- Ted J. Halley, 6525 2nd Ave., Eaglewood, N/C  
- Pacific Wascerman Lab., 727 E. 7th St. Rm 905, N/C

" 8127  
" 7150

- Walter M. Tirrell, MD, 4433 Grenshaw Blvd. N/C  
- W. M. Strickler, office, 412 W. 6th St., Rm 1105, N/C Add. L. S. K. Strickler

University 8064  
Vandike 8925

- Maurice Levy, 284 S. Plymouth Blvd.

Whitney 8252

Add. L. Adolph M. Levy, N/C

Woodbury 81148

- Millerest Motor Co., 220 N. Cannon Dr. Beverly Hills, N/C

Wilmington 8034

- Eric S. Hagen, 1202 S. Ogden Dr., N/C

In addition to the above, FITZGERALD telephoned to Long Beach 85144, which is the only long distance call that he made from that phone.

It might also be mentioned that there were, in addition to the above calls, several calls made to meat markets, et cetera, which are not included in the above, but a record of which is kept in the Los Angeles file.

In connection with telephone number 81position 8065, which is the phone in the ROBERTSON woman's apartment in the Victoria, and which phone is a direct line to her apartment, there being no central switchboard in the building, it was learned that the telephone company had a record of the following toll calls, there being no record kept of local calls:

1. On 11-4-35, a call was made at 8:45 P.M. to Majestic 1285, Mankagon, Illinois. There was no record of the party calling in this instance.
2. On 11-15-35, at 12:30 A.M., a call was made by Mrs. Robertson to telephone number 8515 Ashland, Ohio, the call being placed to Harry Cook at Shallow's Club.
3. On 12-15-35, a call was placed to Santa Monica, California for Joe Bush at Thomas Todd's Sidewalk Cafe. (It might be mentioned that in Los Angeles the name of "Joe Bush" is a common alias used by people in getting telephone calls when they do not wish their identity known, when paged).

4. On 10/11,12,13,15,16,21,22,25,28,29 and 30/35, calls were placed to Douglas 6412, which phone is listed in the name of Curtis L. Mick, 915 Osceola Street, Glendale, California. Calls also were made to that phone on 11/8,9,12,13,25 and 30/35; also on 12/6,7, and 9/35.

5. On 10/21,29/35, also on 11/23/35 and 12/12/35, calls were made to Douglas 5157, the telephone being listed in the name of E. E. Safarik, M. B., address 1214 No. Howard Street, Glendale, California.

It might be mentioned that in connection with the above, it was learned by Special Agent Lish Whitson, through the

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Special Agent Whitson also learned that

In connection with the telephone call that was placed from FITZGERALD'S residence on Maple Avenue to Long Beach, California, telephone number 85144, Special Agent C. B. White conducted the following investigation at Long Beach, California:

At the Associated Telephone Company, 6th and Elm Streets, Long Beach, Mr. Johnson, vice-president, advised that telephone number 85144 is listed to the Master Cleaners & Dyers, 2257 East Anaheim Street, Long Beach, California. He further advised that this telephone was installed on October 24, 1935, at the instance of one PAUL HOWARD, whose application stated that Messrs. ASTON & CONLEY, no initials given, would be responsible for the account. Observation of the premises disclosed it to be a small cleaning, dyeing and pressing establishment with a small plant on the premises. In connection with PAUL HOWARD, the writer interviewed Captain Murphy, Chief of Detectives, Long Beach Police Department, who advised that PAUL HOWARD has been resident in Long Beach for a number of years; that he is well known as a "small town racketeer"; that he has for a number of years been endeavoring to organize the cleaners and dyers at Long Beach, California,

and in this respect, in furtherance of his efforts, has imported hoodlums of a racketeering type from the East in an effort to complete the organization; that in furtherance of these efforts, there has been considerable trouble in Long Beach in view of numerous instances of acid being thrown or placed into the cleaning tanks of the various cleaning establishments in Long Beach which refused to join the organization.

Captain Murphy further advised that when the Master Cleaners & Dyers plant was first opened, PHIL AUSTIN and one SCHLEY were associated with PAUL HOWARD, above mentioned, but that they have since been removed from the organization and are no longer connected directly with HOWARD; that HOWARD appears to be at this time the sole owner and operator of the Master Cleaners & Dyers, and that he, together with one PHIL REIGER, another individual who operates a cleaning plant in Long Beach at 14th and Canal Streets, and who has been associated with HOWARD in the furtherance of organizing a cleaners and dyers at Long Beach, is of the racketeering type, and that under no circumstances should either of them be approached with the idea of obtaining any information concerning any members of the underworld.

Captain Murphy further advised that one MR. VAN BORN, initials unknown to him, who operates the Vogue Cleaners & Dyers, 1532 West 11th Street, Long Beach, telephone 61493, has been fighting the attempts of PAUL HOWARD and PHIL REIGER to organize a cleaners and dyers at Long Beach, and is thoroughly acquainted with the methods employed by these men in that respect, and in all probability will know the identity of individuals imported by PAUL HOWARD to effect the organization. Captain Murphy stated that in the event it was decided to contact VAN BORN, that he, Murphy, should be first advised so that he could instruct VAN BORN to talk freely with any representative of this Bureau who might talk to him; that otherwise, VAN BORN would not give any information.

With respect to the notes which contained the name C. A. SUDRAB, with the letters "L. B." thereafter, inquiry at Long Beach, through the Record Bureau of the Police Department, Captain Murphy, Credit Associations, et cetera, failed to disclose any information concerning any individual by that name.

It might be mentioned at this time, that in connection with the telephone call that was made from the ROBERTSON woman's apartment to Ashtabula, Ohio, subsequent to the receipt in the Los Angeles office of the investigative results of the Cleveland office at Ashtabula indicating that Harry Cook's former wife Pauline Miller could possibly be located at Palm Springs, California, inquiry was made at that place by Special Agent C. D. White who ascertained through Postal authorities that PAULINE MILLER is apparently the wife of ROBERT HUCKLIN who is now employed by the Tanner Motor Livery, which is a high-class automobile rental agency catering to



the exclusive hotel business in Palm Springs. Agent White learned from the Tanner Motor Livery that BUCKLIN has been working for that company during the season in Palm Springs for the past two years; further, that he is making a salary of only approximately \$100.00 per month, and that BUCKLIN and his wife are apparently having difficulty in making both ends meet. It was learned that BUCKLIN appears to be a temperate man and is not known to have any associates other than his immediate fellow workers with the Tanner Motor Livery.

It would appear likely that if the Miller woman, who apparently is now Mrs. Bucklin, was an acquaintance of either FITZGERALD or the ROBERTSON woman that they would have telephoned to her at Palm Springs, but as will be noted from the above, this was never done.

At this point it might be mentioned that on December 26, 1935, when a surveillance was being maintained of FITZGERALD and the ROBERTSON woman by Special Agents Wright and Calhoun, the former two were observed entering the branch bank of the Bank of America located at 10th Street and Western Avenue; further, that after leaving there, they were observed to stop at a certain mail box, where the ROBERTSON woman mailed a letter which was observed by the Agents, who were on the "tail", to be a good-sized white envelope. The Agents immediately advised the Los Angeles office of the above developments, and Special Agent (A) M. E. Myerson ascertained from

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Immediately after it was noticed that the ROBERTSON woman had mailed a letter in the mail box, it was determined that the first pick-up out of that box would be at 8:30 P.M. that evening. Special Agent H. H. Austin, through the cooperation of Mr. HENRY E. R. HENRY, Postmaster in Los Angeles, accompanied Mr. Green, Carrier No. 100, to the above mentioned mail box, which was located at 6th Street and Serrano, where an examination of the letters in the box revealed the following possible information of value:

1. The only long white envelope was addressed to Mrs. C. E. White, 1186 West 37th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; that letter bore no return address;

2. A letter written to Mrs. E. Beckenfield, 800 Marshall Avenue, Jonesville, Wisconsin, bearing return address of Elsie Elliott, 645 West 30th Street. A note was taken from this letter for the reason that this address "West 30th Street" is a considerable distance from this mail box, and it was thought that possibly FOSTER and the ROBERTSON woman had mailed the letter and had placed a fictitious address on it; however, it might be mentioned that while the 1935 and 1936 Los Angeles city directories do not indicate there is an Elsie Elliott residing at 645 West 30th Street, the 1936 directory indicates that an Elsie Elliott resides at 8066 West 6th Street, and that her occupation is that of a dancing teacher. It might also be mentioned here that the Robertson woman is taking dancing lessons, and possibly she had mailed this letter for her instructor;

3. A letter addressed to Mr. C. J. Bethart, P.O., Forest Park, 324 West 6th Street, Davenport, Iowa. This letter bore no return address and for that reason a notation was made of it;

4. A letter to Mrs. E. C. Ryburn, 1816 West Pikea Peak Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado, which letter bore no return address.

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Special Agent E. C. Leslie ascertained from Miss GHOVLER, manager of the apartments, who has been there since October 15th last, that the records do not indicate that they ever had a tenant named J. C. FOSTER from April to August of 1935. Miss DOLLY HUNTLEY, 728 South Normandie, former manager of the Sherwood Apartments, who was stationed there from March, 1934 to October, 1935, stated that she had no recollection of FITZGERALD, whose photograph was displayed to her, as ever having been a resident in the Sherwood Apartments during that period. Mr. CALLIS, maintenance man at the Sherwood Apartments, who spends a great deal of his time in the lobby, stated that he had no recollection of anyone answering the description or photograph of FITZGERALD having lived in that building, nor of ever having called there. Mr. CALLIS has been stationed in this building for the entire year of 1935. Miss GUBER, who is now in the employ of Miss HUNTLEY, and who was formerly stationed at the Sherwood Apartments, stated she had no recollection of ever seeing anyone answering the description of FITZGERALD at the Sherwood Apartments, nor of handling any telephone calls for anyone in the building when the name FOSTER was used by the person calling.

On January 2, 1936, Special Agent J. M. Jones, through the cooperation of the manager in the Victoria Apartments, was able to make an examination of Apartment 107 in that building, which is occupied by the ROBINSON woman and her mother. This had not been possible heretofore, inasmuch as during the time of the surveillance there had always been someone in this apartment so far as it was known. The ROBERTSON girl's mother is employed at the Milner, Inc., oriental goods, Ritzmore Hotel, this being an exclusive gift shop.

During the course of this examination by Agent Jones, it was found that included among the ROBERTSON woman's papers were numerous local addresses, too many to copy during the short time that he was in there; however, there was noted the name of MELVINE McLAUREN, 901 Cal. West. Life Building, telephone GARfield 4820, which is believed to be a San Francisco address; also the name of LILLIAN NESSAR, 1800 California St. San Francisco. The name of M. A. MORRISON, 238 North Holmes Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, also was noted. This name also appeared in an address book of Mrs. Robertson, and it is believed that it is the name and address of her former husband. There was also the bank statement of the Bank of America, 10th Street and Western Avenue Branch, and also some papers from the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles.

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Special Agent Jones also noticed some correspondence from the Carlisle National Bank, Carlisle, New Mexico, indicating that an agreement had been entered into between J. T. HALEY and FOSTER; further, that HALEY had been paid the sum of \$2200.00, and that the oil drilling was now down to 750 feet.

As a matter of possible future interest, it is being reported that on the night of December 19, 1935, it was learned from MRS. WOODS, the manager of the Benjamin Franklin Apartments, that FOSTER that evening had made reservations through the Air Lines Consolidated ticket office for a ticket to Chicago. At the Air Lines Ticket Office, it was learned from Mr. A. R. LIEN, traffic manager, that their records indicated that on December 18, 1935, at 9:30 P.M. they had received a telephonic reservation from a party representing himself as "Chase E. Foster", 5112 South Robert Blvd., for a round-trip flight to Chicago. He had been scheduled to leave at 9:00 P.M. on December 19th, but at 11:55 P.M. on December 18th, he had telephoned, requesting that this reservation be cancelled. It is noted that the air lines had the name of "Chase E. Foster". It is believed that this was an error on the part of the air lines officials, inasmuch as that name sounds similar to "J. C. Foster", and, as will be explained, it is also believed that FOSTER was intoxicated at the time he made this reservation - the reason for so stating is, that MRS. WOODS, who is cooperating

with the Los Angeles office, stated that on the evening of December 19th the ROBERTSON woman called at the Benjamin Franklin Apartments, telling the clerk on duty at the desk, that if FOSTER became interested, that she should not be disturbed, as she had left his employ. It is deduced that FOSTER and the ROBERTSON girl possibly had a disagreement on the 18th and on that night FOSTER decided to go to Chicago, but, as subsequently developments have shown, the two of them again became friendly about the 20th. It might also be mentioned that MRS. WOODS advised that on the night of the 18th, FOSTER had telephoned a madame, requesting that a girl be sent to his apartment. Subsequent investigation indicates that this house of prostitution is located in the colored section of the city, and it is believed that colored girls are employed in it. This is mentioned, as it is thought that it might possibly account for one of the visitors whom it was said FITZGERALD had when he was living in the Monlo Avenue Apartment, where it was reported that a dark-complexioned woman had visited with him sometimes late at night, and that she would never leave until the early hours of the morning.

As a matter of precaution, the Los Angeles office has contacted the offices of all air lines operating out of Los Angeles, arranging for a flash to notify the Los Angeles office should any of the offices receive a reservation for an air plane trip for J. C. FOSTER.

The surveillance of FOSTER to date, as well as the results of the telephonic conversations that have been heard, indicate that FOSTER is "playing around" with the ROBERTSON woman and her friends. The visits that they have made to private homes to date, without making a thorough investigation, so indicate. Her mother has accompanied them at times, and girl friends of the ROBERTSON girl have also been along on occasions. Much of their time is spent in drinking and carousing. It does not appear that FITZGERALD has contacted, to the knowledge of the Los Angeles office, anyone, who might be connected with the mob in this case.

The Los Angeles office at this time is preparing a log covering the results of the taps, as well as of the surveillance, and copies of it will be forwarded to S.A.C. Connelley and to the Bureau as a matter of information, and for the completion of the records.

No leads are being put out at this time - this being left to the discretion of Mr. Connelley, as this case has been handled to date in such a manner to preclude FITZGERALD securing any inkling of the surveillance that is being maintained.

On the afternoon of January 5, 1936, FITZGERALD was observed leaving his apartment, and further observed by Special Agent J. S. Bagan to have mailed a letter in the mail box located at the corner of 6th Street and Serrano. He was then observed to return to his apartment. Arrangements were immediately made, whereby Special Agent (A) Myerson, accompanied by an

General Delivery, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and with the  
 that this was the letter that was mailed to him. The letter was to  
 be sent by mail, and it was received at the post office  
 in Los Angeles at 10:30 P.M. on January 14, 1936. The letter was to  
 arrive at 11:00 P.M. on January 14, and it did arrive at that time.  
 as to this development, the terms on back here:

The following description of FITZGERALD has been obtained by  
 the Agents who have been engaged in the surveillance of him:

Age	Appears to be about 60 years
Height	5' 11"
Weight	175 lbs.
Build	Medium stout
Complexion	Ruddy - nearly red
Hair	Very grey around edges
Mustache	Gloss trimmed grey mustache
Peculiarities	Very noticeable heavy-bull neck
	Nose slightly larger than the ordinary
	limps with his left leg and generally
	carries a wooden cane.
	Clothes - has worn as a rule a dark
	blue or black overcoat with a grey hat
	and a brown suit; unusually neat dresser.

The description of the ROBERTSON woman, as noted by the Agents  
 on this surveillance, is as follows:

Age	About 25
Height	5' 2 1/2"
Weight	120 lbs.
Build	Plump
Hair	Dark, parted on left side, with marcel
Complexion	Light
General appearance	Neat looking, wears fur coat, brown
	in color, believed to be married.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-25

REPORT MADE AT <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/11/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/6,7,8/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. B. MATNEY</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Detroit Telephone Book and City Directory checked but have no similarity to notations appearing in notebook of Charles J. Fitzgerald.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley dated 12/18/35 at Chicago, Illinois.

**DETAILS:**

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

In regard to the information set out in reference letter, an examination of the Detroit Telephone Book and City Directory, as well as the index file in the possession of the Detroit Bureau Office, failed to reveal any information which would tend to show that any of the notations as set out in reference letter refer to Detroit, Michigan.

An examination of the file in the Detroit Office fails to reveal any information which appears to be similar to the notations as set out in reference letter.

The above-mentioned notations were checked against the telephone numbers and addresses furnished the Detroit Bureau Office by the Cleveland Bureau Office as set out in the report of Special Agent W. B. Matney dated December 9, 1935, at Detroit, Michigan, but no additional information was secured.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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In regard to B. McB., 712 West 48, 3831 West, the Detroit City Directory and Telephone Book were examined for these notations but no information was secured.

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
JANUARY 11, 1935

Mr. F. G. Zerbet  
Warden, U. S. Penitentiary  
Leavenworth, Kansas

Attn: Mr. E. H. Bekholdt

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of copies of the following letters you have forwarded this office relative to the mail of Elmer Farmer, your number 47103:

Letter to Elmer Farmer from Chas. H. Cook, dated December 23, 1935.  
Letter to Elmer Farmer from Blanche Brabant, dated December 27, 1935.  
Letter to Helen Conliff from Elmer Farmer, dated December 30, 1935.  
Letter to Blanche Brabant from Elmer Farmer, dated December 30, 1935.  
Letter to Helen Conliff from Elmer Farmer, dated January 6, 1936.  
Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer, dated January 6, 1936.  
Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, dated New Year's Eve.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this and other matters, I am

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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*Ed. George Bremer*

Post Office Box 612  
Chicago Illinois

January 10, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the telephonic request of Special Agent John L. Madala, the letters received by Helen Conliff from Elmer Farmer were obtained from Helen Conliff's aunt by Special Agent Singman, and I am forwarding them herewith to your office by registered mail.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Los Angeles, California  
January 10, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID  
L. A. File 7-48

Reference is made to the telephone call from Special Agent E. J. Wynn of your office on the 9th instant, advising that Harry Cook, who runs the Seclusion Tavern at Ashtabula, Ohio, telephone 8170, on October 3, 1935 at about 3:37 A.M. Cleveland time, placed a telephone call for Jean Robertson at Exposition 3948, and that upon failing to reach her at that number, requested the operator to try William Hall, and that the call was completed at that number. The latter telephone number is listed for the Sherwood Apartments, 431 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles.

that Foster and Eugene Robertson

gave the address of 431 South Grand Avenue. The report of S.A.C. Hansen further points out that Foster was unknown at that place.

Upon receiving the telephone call from Special Agent Wynn, above referred to, Special Agents Harry C. Leslie and W. H. Osborne immediately proceeded to the Sherwood Apartments, 431 South Grand Avenue, and interviewed Miss Chewler, manager of said apartments, who advised, after checking the records, that Mrs. Alta Robertson and her daughter Jean Robertson resided at this address until September 19, 1935, when they moved, leaving a forwarding address to 837 South Robert Boulevard, telephone Exposition 3948. Miss Chewler called the maintenance man, Mr. Callis, and inquired whether he remembered Mrs. Robertson and her daughter Jean, and he advised that he recalled them, and that he also recalled that when they moved from this address, a Filipino bellboy carried their baggage from their room to a waiting automobile.

Vincent Palma Payne, Filipino bellboy, was called and he advised that he recalled when Miss Robertson moved there was an elderly gentleman with her, whom he identified as C. J. Fitzgerald. He stated that he recalls the man had grey hair and a grey mustache, and that he also remembered he was lame in the right leg and carried a walking cane; that he placed Miss Robertson's baggage in a Chevrolet Coupe. This bellboy stated he recalled that Fitzgerald called on one other occasion to his knowledge.

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With reference to telephone calls received at the Sherwood Apartments, Miss Gowler advised that telephone slips are held for only one month, when they are checked against the telephone bill and are destroyed, and that she has no record of the aforementioned telephone calls.

Mrs. Bentley, former manager of the Sherwood Apartments, 551 South Grand Avenue, was contacted by telephone at 720 South Normandie. She advised that she recalls both Mrs. and Miss Robertson; that Mrs. Robertson engaged the apartment at the Sherwood Apartments in the middle of 1934, and at that time she was working at the Milmore Hotel in some China art store; that her daughter Jean joined her several months later and came from somewhere in the north, and she was engaged in some apartment house as a switchboard operator. She stated that both Mrs. Robertson and Miss Robertson were away in the middle of 1935 to some beach where Santa Monica, the name of which she cannot recall, and remained possibly a month to six weeks.

On January 8, 1936, Special Agents J. H. Jones and F. G. Culbertson, in searching the apartment of Eugene Robertson, examined an address book in which was listed the name of Harry J. Cook, 10 Euclid Avenue, Willoughby, Ohio, and later the name of Harry J. Cook, Ashtabula, Ohio. These Agents were not certain whether this was the address book of Mrs. A. J. Robertson or whether it was the address book of Eugene Robertson, but believed that it belonged to the former, inasmuch as Eugene Robertson's name was listed therein, showing the following address "Care Mal. Malara, 701 California Eastern States Life Building, San Francisco."

Very truly yours,

J. H. JONES  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 1876  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
January 10, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Some information has been obtained by Agents of this office that one Sam Coker, who was paroled in the early part of September, 1935, from the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, has been in the company of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell since Coker's release. Sam Coker's home is at Nowata, Oklahoma and he has several relatives there. For the past three weeks he has been hanging around Nowata, and has also been associating with George M. (Barthead) Keady of Tulsa, Oklahoma, who was formerly an associate of Karpis and Campbell. None of these relatives of Coker has been directly contacted, however, and it is suggested that the office at Nowata be advised of this.

This office is today in receipt of a letter from the Boston Office, dated January 8, 1936, which reads as follows:

"This office cashed a check for \$100.00 issued at Boston, Tremont St., dated Jan. 5, 1936, Pay to the order of, Rollie J. Carter, 1234 Main St., Nowata, Okla. The letter Rollie J. Carter, 1234 Main St., Boston, Mass.

It is suggested that the office at Nowata be advised of this.

Copies of this letter are being furnished the Boston Office and it is requested that discreet investigation be made in Boston to determine the identity of Rollie J. Carter in order to ascertain who furnished the remittance. No direct contact should be made with this person, and nothing should be done that would divulge the fact that Sam Coker is suspected of associating with Karpis and Campbell at this time. It should be borne in mind that registered mail believed to contain money

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is thought to have been forwarded to parties in Oklahoma by Harry Campbell recently, and that in the forwarding of these registered letters Campbell has used a woman's name on some occasions.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Bureau  
Boston  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati

P. O. Box #64  
Buffalo, New York

January 11th, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter dated December 9th, 1935, returning to this office extracted teeth taken from an unidentified corpse which had been washed on the shores of Crystal Beach, Ontario from Lake Erie.

Please be advised that these teeth have been returned to Dr. H. E. Teal, Ridgeway, Ontario, Canada.

Very truly yours

E. E. Sackett  
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Edgar Hoover  
Detective Bureau  
Columbus, Ohio

For various lengthy reasons I cannot obtain all the information I desire of the noted criminal, Alvin<sup>e</sup> Karpis. Would you please send me full details of his life, description, and crimes, (and his photo if possible). It is very urgent.

Thank you very much.

Miss Kay Glazier  
1021 Cherry Ave. N.E.  
Canton, Ohio

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*Ed. George Bremer*

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January 18, 1935

Miss Kay Glasier,  
1021 Cherry Avenue N.E.,  
Canton, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of your letter dated January 11, 1935,  
wherein you request information concerning Alvin Karpis.

Inasmuch as the information you request is furnished  
only to law enforcement agencies, I am unable to comply with  
your request. However, in view of the fact that you state this  
information is of an urgent nature, I have requested Mr. J. P.  
MacFarland, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investi-  
gation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1445 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio, to have an Agent call upon you immediately, to  
ascertain the facts you may have in your possession in connection  
with this person.

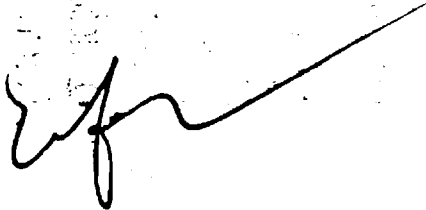
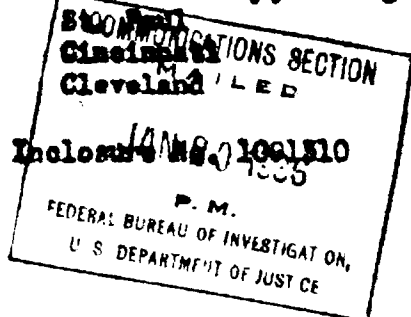
I am returning the three-cent postage stamp which you  
enclosed in your letter.

I wish to express my appreciation for your interest in  
communicating with me.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - E. J. Connelley, Chicago



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 7, 1936.

Time - 11:00 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. McClure, General Agent of the Department, telephoned me and said that he has a telegram from the United States Marshal at St. Paul asking advice on a question which has arisen in connection with the daily transportation of the defendants in the Bremer Case from the jail to the court. The Marshal had requested authority to pay a deputy \$2.00 per day for the use of his personal automobile for this purpose, but this is prohibited under the existing regulations. Mr. McClure wanted to know if one of the Bureau automobiles would be available for this purpose.

I told Mr. McClure that I seriously doubted if any of the automobiles assigned to the St. Paul office would be available for this purpose. I explained to him that this office covers the entire State of Minnesota, and most of the automobiles are on the road all of the time; that some of the Agents with automobiles come in from time to time for a half day or so to make their reports, but they return to the road at once. I told him that we have no automobiles which are kept on reserve in the city there at all. I suggested, however, that some arrangement might be worked out with the police at St. Paul for the removal of these prisoners every day.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

January 11, 1936.

Mr. Charles M. Ball,  
United States Commissioner,  
206 Tuscarawas Street, West,  
Canton, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 7,  
1936, advising that Mr. F. E. Veon of Canton, Ohio, advised  
you that he saw Alvin Karpis on January 2, 1936 in Canton, Ohio.

I desire to thank you at this time for your courtesy  
in forwarding this information to this office.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 6, 1936.

Time -

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: ALVIN KARPIS.

I telephoned Special Agent in Charge W. A. Smith at the Kansas City Office inquiring of him if any definite indications had been received in that office to the effect that the companion of Fanning was not in fact Karpis. You will recall that Fanning was captured by police officers after a gun battle near Kansas City, and claimed that his companion, who escaped, was Alvin Karpis. Mr. Smith said that Fanning has admitted to the Missouri State Police that the person with whom he was traveling at the time he was captured was not Alvin Karpis; that the Missouri State Police had taken him into the vicinity of St. Louis on some burglary charges, and it was there, after considerable questioning, that this admission was made. Mr. Smith said that Saturday night, the Missouri State Police, accompanied by two Agents, proceeded a short distance into Iowa, where they located the companion of Fanning. This man is ALFRED SMITH. According to Colonel Castile of the Missouri State Police, Fanning just told the officers that the man who was with him was Karpis in order that he could conceal the true identity of his companion.

Colonel Castile got this admission from Fanning on Saturday night, and Mr. Smith learned of it yesterday, the 5th, sometime. I asked Mr. Smith if he had wired the Bureau of this admission, and he said he had not; that he thought a report setting out a very strong indication on the part of the Agents that Fanning's companion was not Karpis had gone to the Bureau, but this report had not as a matter of fact gone out. I pointed out to Mr. Smith that there is certainly nothing more definite in a situation like this than a man's own admission; that the conclusions of the Agents aren't worth very much in comparison with such admission. I informed Mr. Smith that the Bureau had been swamped with newspapers inquiries about this situation this morning, and we had no information, either one way or the other. I told him that there is just no excuse for not advising the Bureau of this development by telegraph or telephone, and instructed him to forward to the Bureau today a letter in complete detail as to why this information was not promptly submitted to the Bureau.

Respectfully,  
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E. A. TAMM.

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DIRECTOR

E.J. CONNELLEY AT CHICAGO AND ST PAUL

PHONE. BREKID. SURVEILLANCE OF <sup>c.g.</sup>FITZGERALD HERE INDICATES DEFINITE PLANS TO

LEAVE HERE AT 6-15 PM ON JAN SIXTH ENROUTE TO CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO. HE IS

TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE ROBERTSON WOMAN AND A GIRL FRIEND OF HERS NAMED

CATHERINE PACKARD. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF AUTO TO BE USED ON TRIP WILL BE

FITZGERALD CAR OR THE PACKARD WOMANS MACHINE. THEY INTEND TO MEET J.G. HALEY,

THE OIL PROMOTER WHO HAS INTERESTED FITZGERALD IN OIL WELL, SOME PLACE ENROUTE

ALTHOUGH PLACE NOT DEFINITELY KNOWN. THEY EXPECT TO SPEND NIGHT OF JAN SIXTH AT

MISSION INN, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA. THE NIGHT OF JAN SEVENTH IN PHOENIX,

ARIZONA, AND THE NIGHT OF JAN EIGHTH IN EL PASO, TEXAS. PLACES WHERE THEY

WILL STOP AT THESE LATTER TWO POINTS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME. SPECIAL AGENTS

F.E. WRIGHT, A.B. LECKIE, J.S. GUBAS AND LISH WHITSON WILL CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE

IN TWO AUTOS. WRIGHT IS IN CHARGE, I HAVE INSTRUCTED AGENTS TO AVOID BEING MADE

IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, AND THAT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT FITZGERALD AND PARTY

APPARENTLY INTEND RETURNING LOS ANGELES, ALSO BECAUSE OF OUR CONTACT IN WAUKESHA

AND FACT THAT IDENTITY OF FITZGERALD CONTACT IN MINNEAPOLIS POSSIBLY KNOWN, IT WOULD

BE BETTER TO LOSE FITZGERALD THAN TO BE MADE. IN EVENT FITZGERALD SHOULD BE

ARRESTED ENROUTE OR BECOME INVOLVED IN ANY DIFFICULTY WITH OFFICERS, AGENTS HAVE

BEEN INSTRUCTED TO TAKE CUSTODY OF FITZGERALD. THIS INSTRUCTION HAS BEEN GIVEN

IN AS MUCH AS FITZGERALD IS DRINKING HEAVILY AS ARE HIS COMPANIONS AND POSSIBILITY

OF HIS ARREST IS NOT REMOTE. AGENTS ALSO INSTRUCTED THAT IF FITZGERALD SHOULD

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Miss Gandy

*Edward G. Bremer*

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LEAVE THE PARTY AND PROCEED TO SOME OTHER POINT BY TRAIN OR PLANE, IT IS EXPECTED THAT ONE OR TWO OF THE AGENTS WILL CONTINUE WITH SURVEILLANCE OF HIM. I AM ADVISING PHOENIX AND EL PASO OFFICES OF PROPOSED SURVEILLANCE IN THEIR TERRITORY AND AM REQUESTING THEIR ASSISTANCE IF NECESSARY IN PHOENIX AND EL PASO. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY, WILL PROCEED WITH PLANS AS OUTLINED ABOVE. PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN APARTMENT 607 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TO REPLACE APARTMENT 201 WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE VACATED ON THE 6TH.

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

January 11, 1936.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to the long distance telephone conversation had with you by Special Agent E. J. Wynn on this date concerning the closing of the Harvard Club at Cleveland, Ohio on the night of January 10, 1936.

You will recall that the Harvard Club was one of the largest gambling institutions in the country, allegedly operated by Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton, and undoubtedly at the time subjects Karpis and Campbell were in the vicinity of Cleveland in the past they frequented the Harvard Club.

For your information I am enclosing newspaper clippings from the Cleveland Press dated January 11, 1936 giving details of the raid on the Harvard Club. It is noted from the newspaper story that the Sheriff, John Sulzma, of Cuyahoga County, Ohio took no part in this raid, but the raid was conducted by the office of the County Prosecutor who enlisted the cooperation and aid of twenty-five private detectives and armed with search warrants endeavored to serve said warrants at the Harvard Club. However, they were met with forcible resistance by Shimmy Patton, who threatened to "mow down" the raiding party with machine guns and held them at bay for six hours during which time all the gambling equipment at the Harvard Club was moved away by trucks, and finally it was necessary for the Safety Director of Cleveland, Ohio to proceed to the club, which is located outside of the city limits with a party of policemen to gain entrance to the club, this action being necessary in view of the fact that the Sheriff, when called by the Prosecutor's raiding party refused to send assistance even though

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his office was notified that the Prosecutor's raiding party had been threatened with machine guns.

Very truly yours,

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J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

January 10th, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

In reply to your letter of January 4th, 1936 (7-756), I desire to advise that I am transmitting under separate cover by express one pair of field glasses, 8 x 40, No. 1430456, one flash light and one hand flash light, which property was used by Fred Barker and Harry Campbell at Oklawaha, Florida.

There is also being forwarded to the Bureau herewith original and one copy of Government Bill of Lading No. J-82009 covering this shipment.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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

The Field Report dated December 12, 1935 at Aberdeen, South Dakota, with reference to the above entitled case, states that the latest report submitted to the Bureau in this matter was dated December 9, 1935. There are no comments on the investigation being conducted by this office, inasmuch as the investigation is presently being conducted.

Inspection, Aberdeen Office,  
January 13, 1936.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 18, 1936.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Reference is made to the attached letter from Special Agent in Charge Ladd of the Chicago Office advising that he is forwarding to the Bureau under separate cover, one pair of field glasses, one flash light and one hand flash light which property was used by Fred Barker and Harry Campbell at Oklawaha, Florida.

This is to inform you that the above-mentioned equipment has been received and inasmuch as the Laboratory does not want it for exhibit purposes it has been stored in the Bureau Supply Room.

Respectfully,

W. R. Glavin.

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San Francisco, California

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

Re: REKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. G. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated December 27, 1935, wherein it is noted on page four that Special Agent R. D. Brown was advised by Informant [redacted] that one Art Muehler had stated that he had seen Alvin Karpis at the Rabat's Gardens near Gary, Indiana, on or about December 3, 1935.

Special Agent A. M. Jankowski of this office has advised me that prior to his entering the Bureau, he and Attorney Earl Cook of Waukegan, Illinois, were retained by Rigo Bertolini and Art Muehler when these two men were jointly indicted by a Grand Jury in Lake County, Illinois, at either the June, 1934, or October, 1934, term of the Circuit Court, Waukegan, Illinois, on a charge of robbery. It is the belief of Special Agent Jankowski that the Art Muehler mentioned in the report above referred to is identical with Art Muehler, since the latter and Bertolini were both charged with the "highjacking" of slot machines.

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Special Agent Jankowski states that during the two months period in which he represented Muehler he had occasion to become very well acquainted with him and that though Muehler appeared quite hesitant to discuss or confide his personal problems in the first instance, he later became very friendly and confiding. A day or two following the death of Inspector Uxley and Special Agent Hallis, Muehler advised Mr. Jankowski that he was acquainted with John Dillinger during his lifetime, and that he knew "Baby Face" Nelson, "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Alvin Karpis, Homer

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Van Meter and the Farmer Brothers, Elmer and Jim. Metchler further advised that he was at Elmer Farmer's joint in Bensenville, Illinois, within a day or two after Victim Bremer was brought to the hideout, and that he had seen the ransom money at Elmer Farmer's place.

With reference to the "highjacking" of slot machines, Metchler advised Mr. Jankowski that when he and Bartolini had hijacked the machines, they would take them to Frank Conboy's Tavern, located off the River Road at River Grove, Illinois, where the machines were broken open, the money contents taken out, and most of it spent at this same Tavern. Conboy's Tavern was also known to be a hang-out for various types of criminals, both young and old.

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From his acquaintance with Metchler, Agent Jankowski is inclined to believe that the statements attributed to him by Informant [REDACTED] are very probably true, and that if Metchler were approached by one who could gain his confidence and offer some monetary inducement, that Metchler would prove extremely valuable in assisting in the location of subject Alvin Karpis. Metchler is a known "hoodlum" who lives off the proceeds of his robberies and petty thefts and it is not believed that he would appear in the least cooperative with any law enforcement officer unless a confidence had been established.

The above information is being furnished you for whatever value it may appear to have.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Cleveland

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 709  
Portland, Oregon

December 31, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

In connection with the statement contained in the report of Special Agent W. C. Ryan, Portland, dated 12-31-35, in the above captioned matter, to the effect that Thomas C. Williams alias Tobe Williams, United States Penitentiary, McNeil Island, number 11524, indicated that he was exceedingly bitter toward United States Attorney McPike, the following information is being furnished you in this regard:

Williams advised Special Agent W. C. Ryan during the course of the interview outlined in the above report that he felt that his conviction which resulted in his present confinement in the Penitentiary, was a result of a persecution on the part of United States Attorney McPike of San Francisco. That McPike had been very bitter toward him, Williams, as a result of a controversy Williams had had with McPike over the appointment of a postmaster in San Francisco, and, according to Williams, McPike had felt his, McPike's, man had not been appointed as a result of the activities of Williams.

Williams stated to Special Agent Ryan, that upon his release from the Penitentiary in March, 1936, the first thing he intends to do is to take steps to get even with McPike for his alleged persecution in this case.

According to Williams, McPike has been guilty of passing numerous bad checks in the City of San Francisco, and Williams claims that he knows where he can get his hands on several of these checks and that he intends to obtain these bad checks of McPike's immediately

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upon his release, and to force a prosecution of McPike on them.

This information is being furnished to you in order that you might, if it is deemed advisable, advise United States Attorney McPike of Williams attitude toward him as a result of his conviction.

Very truly yours,

  
C. C. SPEARS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRIEN McMAHON,  
THE ACTING ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

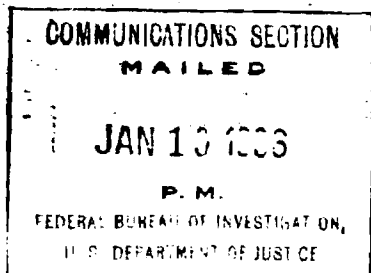
In connection with the case involving the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, the Bureau is in receipt of a letter from the Portland, Oregon, office, dated December 31, 1935, which discloses information which I desire to bring to your attention.

You will recall that Thomas C. Williams, alias Tobe Williams, is presently incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington. He was recently interviewed at that point and during the course of the interview stated that he felt his conviction, which resulted in his present confinement in the Penitentiary, was a result of persecution on the part of United States Attorney McPike of San Francisco, California. Williams further related that McPike had been very bitter toward him as a result of a controversy which arose in connection with the appointment of a postmaster in San Francisco. It appears that McPike was of the opinion that the appointment of the postmaster was in part due to the activities of Williams, who further stated that upon his release from the Penitentiary in March, 1936, "the first thing he intends to do is to take steps to get even with McPike for his alleged persecution in this case".

According to Williams, McPike has been guilty of passing numerous bad checks in the city of San Francisco, and Williams claims he knows "where he can get his hands on several of these checks" and that immediately upon his release from the Penitentiary he intends to take such steps as will be necessary to institute a prosecution against McPike.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID. *Chas. B* FITZGERALD AND PARTY LEFT SAN BERNARDINO TODAY AT  
NINE AM AND ARRIVED PHOENIX TONIGHT WHERE THEY ARE STOPPING AT SAN  
CARLOS HOTEL. NOTHING OF INTEREST OCCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH TRIP.  
APARTMENT OF *Alta* ROBERTSON WOMAN WILL BE COMPLETELY SHAKEN DOWN TOMORROW.

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DIRECTOR SAC CONNELLEY - ST PAUL & SAC CLEVELAND

PHONE. BREKID. INQUIRY AT SHERWOOD APARTMENTS 431 SOUTH GRAND  
AVENUE DEVELOPED THAT MRS. ALTA ROBERTSON AND DAUGHTER JEAN

ROBERTSON RESIDED THERE FOR A PERIOD OF OVER A YEAR. DURING  
THIS TIME, JEAN ROBERTSON EMPLOYED AS TELEPHONE OPERATOR AT 1036  
SOUTH MENLO AVENUE WHERE <sup>Case 9</sup> FITZGERALD WAS RESIDING. ROBERTSON MOVED  
FROM SHERWOOD APARTMENTS 9-19-35 TO 527 SOUTH HOBART BLVD TELE-  
PHONE EXPOSITION 3945. EMPLOYEE OF SHERWOOD APARTMENTS ADVISED HE  
RECOGNIZED FITZGERALD AS HAVING VISITED MISS ROBERTSON. THAT WHEN  
SHE LEFT, FITZGERALD ACCOMPANIED HER AND HER BAGGAGE WAS PLACED IN  
CHEVROLET COUPE, EVIDENTLY CAR OF FITZGERALD. TELEPHONE SLIPS AT  
SHERWOOD ARE DESTROYED EVERY MONTH AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS CANNOT BE  
TRACED.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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January 7, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 6216, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith additional  
copies of the summary report prepared in the Bureau  
concerning Karpis' action in connection with the  
above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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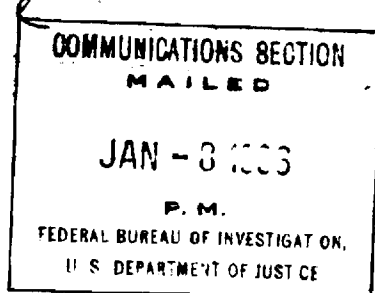
St. Paul.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Chicago.

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*E. J. Connelley*

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Los Angeles, California  
January 10, 1936

R. H. Colvin  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1331 First National Bank  
El Paso, Texas

BREKID IMOGENE ROBERTSON IN TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION WITH HER MOTHER LAST NIGHT  
INDICATED THE PARTY WOULD DEPART FROM CARLSBAD SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND WOULD STOP  
AT HILTON HOTEL EL PASO SATURDAY NIGHT AT TUCSON SUNDAY NIGHT AND WOULD ARRIVE  
LOS ANGELES MONDAY EVENING

CHARGE GOVT RATE  
CC BUREAU  
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Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

January 13, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent J. H. Farley, Buffalo, N. Y., dated December 11, 1935, in which is set forth information secured by that agent at Red Hook and Poughkeepsie, N. Y., pertaining to one Harry Lee Hapeman. In this same report is set forth the fact that a letter was placed on the mail of Hapeman at both Poughkeepsie and Red Hook, N. Y.

As a result of this mail cover the New York office advised within the last few days several mail tracings from the Postmaster at Red Hook, N. Y. of mail received by Hapeman at that Post Office.

A review was made of the file in this case in the New York Bureau office, and the file does not contain any reports or reference pertaining to investigation of Hapeman and his connection with this case.

To enable the New York office to make a proper investigation in this matter and also to set out the proper leads as a result of the mail cover, it is desired that you furnish the New York office with a copy of the report used by your office as a reference which contains Hapeman's connection with this case.

Very truly yours,

R. HITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Chicago  
cc Cincinnati

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DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID.

ALSO LEARNED THAT  
FITZGERALD PARTY INTENDS TO RETURN TO LOS ANGELES ABOUT JANUARY THIRTEENTH.  
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318 Security Building  
Phoenix, Arizona

January 10, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

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

Referring to your teletype messages dated 1-6-36 please be advised that on January 7, 1936, this office assisted Special Agents F. E. Wright, A. B. Leckie, J. S. Bugas, and Lish Whitson in conducting a surveillance of Charles J. Fitzgerald, alias J. C. Foster, Imogene Robertson, M. R. Packard, T. J. Haley. Fitzgerald, Miss Robertson, and Miss Packard registered at the San Carlos Hotel at about 6:20 P.M. and engaged rooms 201 and 203.

Special Agent J. M. O'Leary, of this office, conferred with Mr. Barnes, manager of the San Carlos Hotel, and Mr. Barnes stated he would cooperate fully with members of this Bureau and room 205 was engaged for use of the Special Agents in further conducting their surveillance.

Fitzgerald and the two girls left the San Carlos Hotel at 7:50 P.M. followed by Special Agent Rutzen of this office. They proceeded to the Adams Hotel, North Central Avenue, Phoenix, and looked about the lobby and went into the barroom.

At about 9:00 P.M. a phone call was made by one of the girls to an unknown party. This was a local phone call because only five cents was deposited in making same; the conversation could not be heard.

About 9:15 P.M. Fitzgerald and the two girls met a man in front of the Adams Hotel. It was later learned that this man is T. J. Haley. He is described as being about five feet, eight inches tall, weight about 170 to 180 pounds, age 42 to 47 years, gray hair, brown eyes, and an exceptionally neat dresser. The four people then proceeded to the Grand Cafe, located at 34 West Adams, Phoenix, where they had dinner and a quantity of liquor. RECORDED & INDEXED 7 576-8983

The four people left the Grand Cafe at about 11:10 P.M. and stopped at a liquor store where further purchase of liquor was made and then all proceeded to the San Carlos Hotel, room 203.

At 12:00 M. Agent Rutzen was informed by the clerk at the desk of the San Carlos Hotel that an outgoing call had been made by one of

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the girls to EXPOSITION 3945, Los Angeles, California; that a woman at the other end of the line by the name of May or Mazie took the call and that the subject of the conversation was that the party at the San Carlos Hotel would be in El Paso, January 8, as scheduled.

At 12:15 A.M., January 8, 1936, Agent Whitson appeared at room 205 and together with Agent Butzen a surveillance was maintained for the rest of the night.

At about 1:15 A.M. Haley left for his room and it was learned that he was staying in room 225 at the same hotel.

At 1:25 A.M. a telephone call was made by Haley to Amarillo 7876 in Texas and Agent Whitson listened in on this call at the switchboard of the hotel. Haley spoke to a woman and the subject of the conversation was as follows: "I am bringing Foster. No definite word from Captain Spicer. Who's there?" The other side answered, "No one here except father and he is quite ill. Moosey was there but was going to California. Oh! I forgot. Down one thousand feet. Good luck Tom".

Fitzgerald and the two girls were talking in room 205 until 2:30 A.M. The conversation was not distinct and only a very little part of it could be heard. At 2:30 A.M. Fitzgerald was heard to say, "Mighty, night, girls and happy dreams". He left a call for seven o'clock and for the rest of the night all was quiet.

At 6:30 A.M. Agents Whitson and Butzen proceeded to the lobby of the hotel and waited for the parties under surveillance to appear. Agent Whitson left the hotel at 7:15 A.M. Haley appeared in the lobby first with his luggage and at about 8:00 A.M. met Fitzgerald and the girls. The party had breakfast at the San Carlos Coffee Shop and at 8:40 A.M. they left, apparently for El Paso, Texas.

Haley drove a dark tan Pontiac Sedan bearing California license plates #6S5275. Fitzgerald, Miss Robertson, and Miss Packard left in the Essex Terraplane bearing California license plates 5X-9201. Agents Whitson and Bugas were seen to follow in Bureau car.

Very truly yours,

Chapman Fletcher  
Special Agent in Charge

ACR:KB  
cc - Bureau ✓  
cc - Cincinnati

Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

January 12, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to tracing of letter to Nina Gibson, Pampa, Texas, (she being mother of Mildred Campbell, wife of Harry Campbell), which had return address of E. A. Winklebush, Toledo, Illinois (rather than Ohio), and which was referred to Cleveland for Toledo, Ohio, and was sent to you for attention at St. Louis, Missouri. This situation has previously been the subject of attention by your office and Dallas office as is reflected in report of Agent J. O. Nichols, St. Louis, dated 6-7-34, based upon request from Dallas as to mail tracing.

The party who is the mother of Nina Gibson is Mrs. E. A. Winklebush. The prior inquiry at Toledo, Illinois, was rather limited but does show some of the relatives, particularly Ernest Stewart, were people of questionable and criminal tendencies; that Mildred Campbell [redacted] and now living with E. R. Mack at Pampa, Texas, and lived with a man at Toledo, Illinois, or at least he posed as her husband.

It is desired that a very careful inquiry be made at Toledo to determine the background of any and all relatives or associates of Mildred Campbell sufficient to determine if Harry Campbell has ever been there or is there now, or is using any of these as a medium of exchange to send mail to his mother at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Campbell apparently sent registered letters from Cleveland, Ohio, May 26 October, 1935, to one Maggie Lett, R. 2, Wam, Oklahoma, for subsequent delivery to his mother, these bearing return address of G. E. Benton, George Benton, and Mary North, General Delivery, Cleveland, Ohio, and are believed

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to have contained money. You should check registered letters particularly from Toledo, Illinois, to Oklahoma for this reason.

Very truly yours,

R. J. CONNELLEY,  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

RJC:pm  
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

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SAC CONNELLEY CHICAGO

PHONE. BREKID. CONCERNING SURVEILLANCE FITZGERALD HERE, [REDACTED]

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ROBERTSON WOMAN'S APARTMENT INDICATED OUT OF TOWN ADDRESSES OF MELVIN  
MCLAREN, 701 CAL. WEST LIFE BUILDING, TELEPHONE GA 4520 . BELIEVE THIS  
TO BE SAN FRANCISCO ADDRESS. ALSO NAME OF LILLIAN HESSAR, 1000 CALIF-  
ORNIA STREET, SAN FRANCISCO. IN ROBERTSON WOMAN'S PAPERS AS WELL AS  
THOSE OF HER MOTHER'S, APPEARS NAME OF M. A. MORRISON, 358 NORTH  
HOLMES, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA. MORRISON BELIEVED TO BE FORMER HUSBAND  
OF ROBERTSON WOMAN'S MOTHER. HAVE NOT REQUESTED INVESTIGATION BY SAN  
FRANCISCO OR INDIANAPOLIS OFFICES. ASCERTAINED TODAY OVER TAP THAT A  
TRIP OF SOME KIND IS CONTEMPLATED BUT HAVE OBTAINED NO OTHER INFORMATION

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
January 9, 1936.

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Mr. Ladd .....  
Mr. Nichols .....  
Mr. Rosen .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

Time - 11:25 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: William E. Meade.

Mr. Whitley of the New York Office called Mr. Thompson with reference to Bureau letter of December 19, 1935 relative to the above named individual, in which each field office in the Bureau is requested to compile in summary report form all information in its files relative to Meade and furnish the information to each of the other field offices. Mr. Whitley said that the question which has arisen in this connection is just exactly what information should be contained in this summary report; that is, whether all information in the many files of the Bremer case relating to Meade should be contained therein, or just the information which had been developed in each field office district. He pointed out that the New York Office for instance has received many reports from the various field offices of information developed concerning Meade in those districts, while but a comparative small amount of information concerning him has been developed in the New York Office district. Therefore, it would follow if all field offices put in all the information contained in their files, there would be a vast duplication of information and data. On the other hand, if the summary report in question contained only the information developed in each field office district, the report would be much shorter and much more concise, and yet the master report would contain all of the information.

Mr. Thompson said he would interpret Bureau letter in question to mean that each field office should compile only the information developed in that district; that the New York Office should proceed on this basis unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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PHONE. BREKID. AUTOMOBILE OF JOHN KARPAVICZ REPAIRED AND HE  
DEPARTED MAUSTON, WISC. EN ROUTE ST. PAUL AT NOON TODAY. AGENTS  
THIS OFFICE STILL MAINTAINING CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE. NO  
DEVELOPMENTS TO DATE. SHOULD ARRIVE ST. PAUL SOMETIME TONIGHT

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

MILWAUKEE FILE NO. 7-2

REPORT MADE AT <b>Milwaukee, Wisconsin</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/9/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/6/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ALBERT FRANZ</b> <div style="text-align: right;"><b>JH</b></div>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Bertha Rockenfield has resided at Janesville, Wis. since 1929. Persons interviewed can only furnish meager information. She is said to have formerly resided at Sioux City, Iowa and is also said to receive quite some mail from California and the West. <u>Mail cover placed.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley dated at Chicago, Ill. 12-27-35 to the Oklahoma City Office.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> <u>AT JANESVILLE, WISCONSIN.</u></p> <p>Agent searched the City Directory of Janesville, Wisconsin and ascertained that Bertha Rockenfield of 330 Randall Avenue was residing with Ross F. and Fannie Rockenfield.</p> <p>Mrs. T. Avery, Secretary of the Civic Industrial Council of the Jackson Block, Janesville, Wisconsin, informed Agent that she did not possess any information as to Bertha Rockenfield but that the house located at 330 Randall Avenue, Janesville, Wisconsin, was owned by Ross F. Rockenfield.</p> <p>Paul Ehrlinger, postal carrier of the Janesville, Wisconsin Post Office advised that he has been delivering the mail to Randall Avenue for the past six or seven years and that during this period he has noticed quite some mail being received by the Rockenfields which is sent from Western parts of the United States, including California. However, Postmaster Leo J. Ford of the Janesville, Wisconsin Post Office informed Agent that the only thing he knew relative to Bertha Rockenfield's identity was that she</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <u>U. W. Peterson</u>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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is said to have come to Janesville, Wisconsin from Sioux City, Iowa about 1929.

Agent requested Mr. Ford to place a thirty day mail cover for all mail delivered to 330 Randall Avenue, Janesville, Wisconsin, to request Mr. Khrlinger to be on the alert for any mail which might be sent to him. Written confirmation of this request has been received from Mr. Ford.

Chief of Police Charles Newman and Captain W. Ford, both of the Janesville, Wisconsin Police Department, informed Agent that Bertha Rockenfield was absolutely unknown to them. However, they referred Agent to Mr. William Doran of 220 Randall Avenue, Janesville, Wisconsin, as a good source of information.

Mr. William Doran of 220 Randall Avenue, Janesville, Wisconsin, informed Agent that he is a police officer at the Fisher Body Company of Janesville, and that he has resided on Randall Avenue for the past twenty years. About the year of 1929, Bertha Rockenfield moved to 330 Randall Avenue and during the past seven years of her residence at this address, he has not ascertained anything relative to her responsibility or identity. However, he did state that she is a woman about 60 years of age, having gray-white hair, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches in height, who is stooped and shaky. Mr. Doran informed Agent that the few neighbors who reside on the 300 block of Randall Avenue, which is the last street in the town, are very neighborly, and that no attempt should be made to interview them inasmuch as they would immediately inform Mrs. Rockenfield relative thereto. In the event Mr. Doran ascertains any information relative to Mrs. Rockenfield he will immediately advise the Special Agent in Charge at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

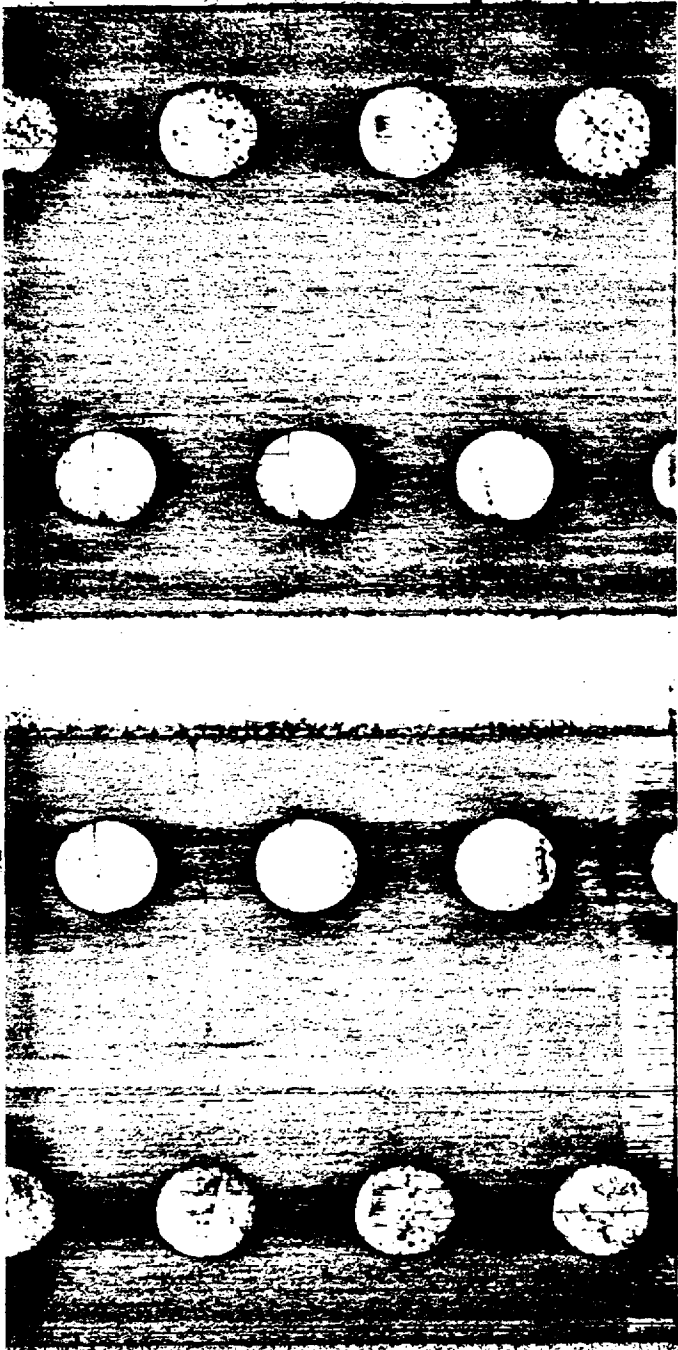
Mr. M. H. Ogden, Sergeant of Police, Janesville, Wisconsin Police Department, informed Agent that he resides around the corner from Bertha Rockenfield; that he knew nothing relative to her identity; and that if she was of questionable character he would have known about it. Mr. Ogden did state, however, that he has noticed quite a few Illinois cars pass through Randall Avenue but did not know if any of them stopped at the Rockenfield home. He will endeavor to watch for these cars, and in the event any of them do stop he will obtain the registration numbers and immediately advise the Special Agent in Charge at Milwaukee, Wisconsin relative thereto.

In view of the fact that very meager information has been obtained as to the identity of Bertha Rockenfield at Janesville, Wisconsin, it is being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin as to whether any inquiries should be made at Sioux City, Iowa.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The MILWAUKEE BUREAU OFFICE will report the findings of the mail cover placed at the Janesville, Wisconsin Post Office.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

January 13, 1936.

Mr. Tamm:

Mr. Hoover asks that you take charge of this and make a check.

hwg

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

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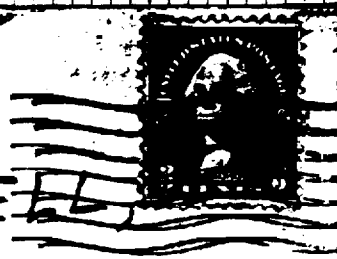
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1/16/36

WALTER  
DAILY MIRROR,  
NEW YORK, N.Y.



DEAR SOB-SISTER, I HAVE  
COME ACROSS AN OLD COPY OF  
THE DAILY MIRROR AND TOOK  
NOTICE OF THE FACT THAT YOU  
RAN A BIT IN YOUR SAPPY COLUMN  
ABOUT THE G-BULLS HAVING A  
FAIR IDEA OF WHAT I LOOK LIKE  
MAYBE WE'LL GET UP. WELL JUST  
TO SHOW YOU HOW DUMB THEY  
ARE AND HOW LITTLE GRAY  
MATTER YOU HAVE ABOVE THE

NECK FOR FALLING FOR THE  
BULL I WILL BE IN NEW  
YORK ABOUT FRIDAY NIGHT  
AFTER I FINISH A LITTLE  
DEAL IN THIS BURG AND I  
WILL BE RIGHT IN THE  
BRIGHT LIGHT DISTRICT AND  
LET THE DUMB COI'S SPOT  
ME IF THEY CAN. A.K.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#7682

Laboratory Report

Case: Re: Anonymous letter received by  
Walter Winchell.

Number: 7-573-8989

Specimens: 7-573-8989 A. Original letter beginning, "DEAR SOB-SISTER. I  
HAPPENED TO\*\*\*".  
" B. One envelope addressed to Walter Winchell, Daily  
Mirror, New York, N. Y., postmarked, New Brunswick,  
N. J., Jan 11, 10:00 P.M., 1936.

Examination requested by: Answer by Memorandum to Mr. Edwards as per request of  
(Mr. E. A. Tamm.

Date received: 1-15-36 (mch - 6:30 PM, 1-14-36).

Examination requested: Document and Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel "1"  
Kohn

EXTRA SPECIAL - EXPEDITE

Note: Compare with Alvin Karpis' handprinting and fingerprints.

ans 1/16/36  
mch

Feb 7682

Case 7-576-8989.

Letter.

8989A 12.04-.05 X 5.74-.80 X .0041-.44. White, Plain  
Rough. No W.M. Sm larger piece. Folded in center. H Printed  
pencil 1/2 of each side. Begin "Dear Sub-Sector."  
signed "A K"

wt. 2.383

Env. 6.02-5.98 X 3.54-.52 X .0045-.48 Plain white.  
Rough. No W.M. Post marked "New Brunswick, N.J. Jan  
11, 1936, 10 PM. Addressed to Walter Winchell, Daily  
Mirror, New York, N.Y.

wt. 3.011

Quest. A B C D E G G H I J K L M N O P R S T U V W Y

Num.

Alvin Karpis Alvin Karpis

Leo Haller Alvin Karpis

Not suitable for comparison. No conclusion.

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Result of examination:

Examination by: Pickering "B"  
Fohn

ATTN: SPECIAL - EXPEDITE

Note: Compare with Alvin Karpis' handprinting and Fingerprints.

*No handprinting available No printing of Karpis  
for comparison  
Handwriting indicates inability  
to print as well as letter to  
W. Winchell is printed  
No definite conclusion can be made*



No conclusion  
- no known handwriting for  
comparison.

AMK:FS  
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U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

Reference is made to the original letter beginning "Dear Sob-Sister. I happened to\*\*\*", received by Walter Winchell and the accompanying envelope postmarked "New Brunswick, New Jersey, January 11, 1936, 10:00 P.M.", and which were submitted to the Laboratory by Mr. Tamm.

The handwritten signatures on fingerprint cards are the only available known specimens of Alvin Karpis on file in the Laboratory. No conclusion was reached in a comparison of the instant letter, which is entirely handprinted, with these script signatures inasmuch as an adequate comparison is not possible between handprinting and handwriting.

Photographic copies of the letter and envelope are attached hereto. The original specimens are being retained in the Laboratory for use in any subsequent examinations which may be desired.

E. P. Coffey.

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EDWARDS

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Room 5744 11-3 1936.

To: _____	Director	Mr. Nathan .....
_____	Mr. Nathan	Mr. Tolson .....
_____	Mr. Clegg	Mr. Baughman .....
_____	Mr. Tamm	Chief Clerk .....
_____	Mr. Edwards	Mr. Clegg .....
_____	Mr. Egan	Mr. Coffey .....
_____	Mr. Quinn	Mr. Edwards .....
_____	Mr. Glavin	Mr. Egan .....
_____	Mr. Douglas	Mr. Foxworth .....
_____	Miss Gandy	Mr. Harbo .....
_____	Mr. Tracy	Mr. Joseph .....
_____	Mr. Renneberger	Mr. Keith .....
_____	Mr. Joseph	Mr. Lester .....
_____	Personnel Files Section	Mr. Quinn .....
_____	Files Section	Mr. Tamm .....
_____	Communications Section	Mr. Tracy .....
_____	Miss Sheaffer	Miss Gandy .....

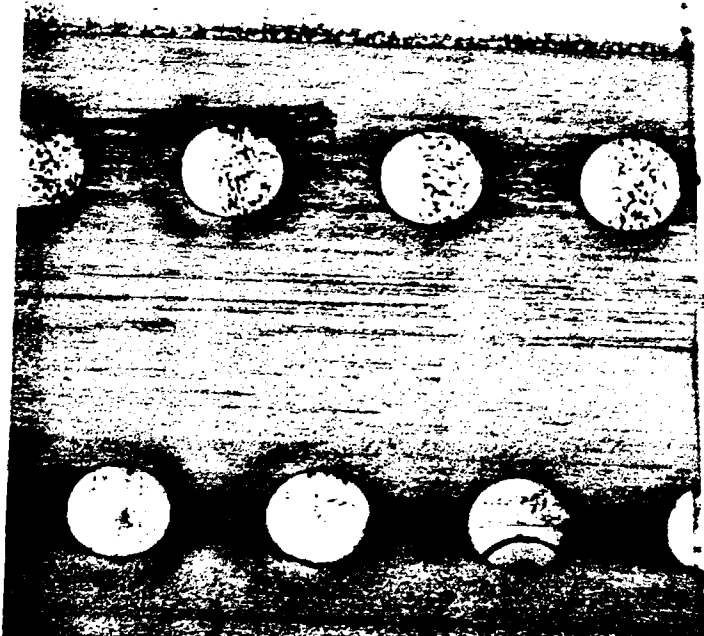
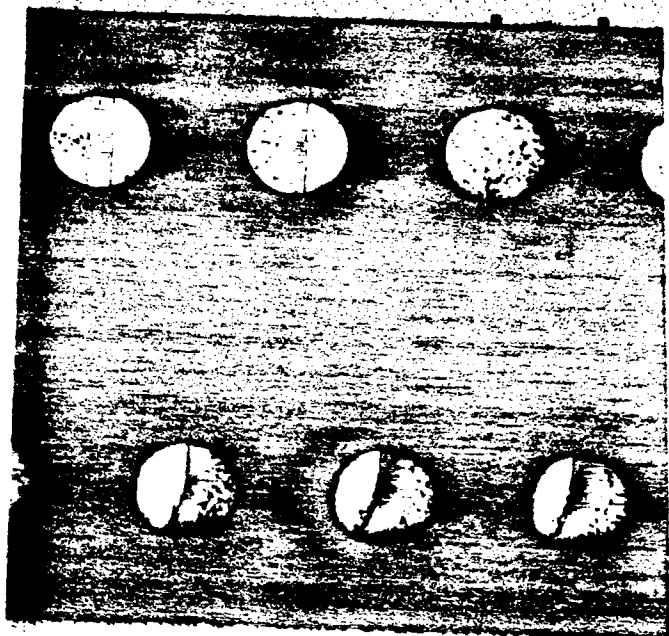
See Me For Appropriate Action

Send File Note and Return

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

Clyde Tolson

Photograph is to be obtained and attached  
to the Memorandum addressed to Mr. Tamm  
and signed "hwg", bearing file number 7-576-8989.



AR:MC

7-576

January 22, 1936.

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7-576-8989

Mr. Walter Winchell,  
115 Central Park West,  
New York, New York.

Dear Walter:

Relative to the anonymous letter received by you which was enclosed in an envelope postmarked at New Brunswick, New Jersey, January 11, 1936, at 1:00 P. M., signed with the initials "A. K.", which appears to refer to the case involving the kidnapping of Edward George Bremer, please be advised that this letter has been processed in the Technical Laboratory of this Bureau and will be retained there for future reference; however, no identification was effected at this time.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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

St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Mr. Connelley, Chicago

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JAN 23 1936

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Handwritten notes and signatures, including "EKT" and "Ed".

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

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FBI STPAUL 1-13-36 6-00P RWM

DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID FOLLOWING WITNESSES TESTIFIED TODAY - JAMES ENNIS,  
GERALD HERNANDEZ, RENE BOLIVAR, JUAN P. RUIZ, AND FAUSTINO MENOZ  
LINKING MCDONALD WITH MONEY CHANGING IN CUBA. JOHN KARPAVICZ IS  
ATTENDING TRIAL HERE

CONNELLEY...

END

OK FBI WASHINGTON DC CKS

CC - CINCINNATI  
CHICAGO.

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JAN 24 1936

JAN 27 1936

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*Edward G. Bremer  
Ransom money*

*copy on 4 Tamm  
1/13  
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TELETYPE

JAN 7 1936

Mr. Nathan .....  
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Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
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Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

FBI STPAUL 1-7-36 7-04 PM RWM

DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID. JURY SELECTED. GOVERNMENTS OPENING STATEMENT PUT  
IN. DEFENSE MAKING EFFORTS TO STIPULATE TO MANY FACTS CONSIDERED BY  
GOVERNMENT AS UNDESIRABLE TO STIPULATE UPHOLDING GOVERNMENT  
AND GOVERNMENT EXPECTS TO AGREE TO STIPULATE ONLY TO UNIMPORTANT  
DETAILS.. PURPOSE OF OFFER OF DEFENSE TO STIPULATE TO SUCH MATTERS  
AS TESTIMONY EDWARD GEORGE BREMER UNDOUBTEDLY TO REMOVE COLOR  
FROM PROSECUTIVE STANDPOINT. EXPECTED MESSRS HARBO AND SCHILDER  
TO BE RELEASED TOMORROW.

CONNELLEY

CC CINCINNATI AND CHICAGO

END

OK FBI WASHINGTON DC GLS

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JAN 16 1936

NEXT TO LAST WORD IN THIRD LINE PLEASE

UPHOLDING IS WORD OK

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

JAN 11 1936

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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January 7, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Attached hereto is a memorandum addressed to the Chief Clerk, instructing that the necessary orders be issued to change the headquarters of Special Agent J. W. Allen from Boston, Massachusetts to Aberdeen, South Dakota. Agent Allen has been engaged for some months upon the Weyerhaeuser case in the Dakotas, and while it was contemplated that he would be removed and Agent A. E. Farland of the Kansas City Office substituted for him, Farland is not available and in a talk with Connelley, he stated that he believes it would be just as well now to leave Allen in the Dakotas. A memorandum is being attached hereto, addressed to the Chief Clerk, recommending that the headquarters of Special Agent K. B. Deaderick be changed from Butte, Montana to Seattle, Washington. Deaderick will be used in the western section of Washington upon the Weyerhaeuser case.

Agent D. I. McCain of the Kansas City Office and William L. Buchanan of the Cincinnati Office are presently on an undercover assignment in Tulsa, Oklahoma, keeping under surveillance the residence of the parents of Harry Campbell. Buchanan is single, but McCain is married. These men were sent to Tulsa for an indefinite period, and of course, the nature of their assignment would preclude McCain from taking his wife to Tulsa. If the headquarters of one of these men is to be changed, the headquarters of both should be changed, and in view of the marital status of Agent McCain, it is requested that you advise whether you desire the headquarters of both of these men changed to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Papers have already been prepared in the Chief Clerk's Office changing the headquarters of Agent Sorola.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm  
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DIRECTOR, FED BUREAU INVESTIGATION

US DEPT JUSTICE PENN AVE AT NINTH NORTHWEST WASHN DC

SAC STPAUL ADVISES I AM NECESSARY WITNESS BREKID TRIAL STPAUL  
MORNING OF JANUARY THIRTEENTH DEPARTING DENVER VIA UP MIDNIGHT  
SATURDAY AGENT CHIPMAN ACTING IN MY ABSENCE UNLESS OTHERWISE  
INSTRUCTED

BROWN.

707PM..

*E.S. D. O'Brien*

CALLER CH.  
CLK. OFFICE

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JAN 15 1936

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JAN 11 1936

CHIEF CLK.

TOLSON  
TAMM

January 10, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MECHANICAL SECTION

Re: WILLIAM ELMER MEAD, with  
aliases; ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE,

There is transmitted herewith a draft  
of an identification order, together with  
the fingerprints, photographs and handwriting  
specimens of William Elmer Mead.

Please include as handwriting specimens  
the signatures C. E. Carter and W. E. Mead.  
It is desired that the bust photograph and  
also the standing photograph of Mead without  
his hat be used on the identification order.  
It is requested that as much room as possible  
be given to the photographs. The bust photo-  
graph was taken on July 13, 1935, while the  
standing photograph was taken on August 11,  
1935.

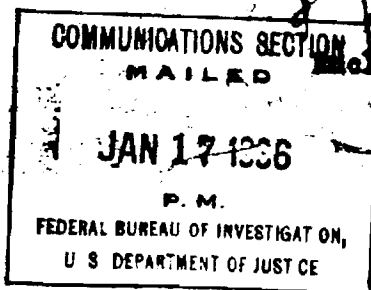
Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover, 20 1936  
Director,



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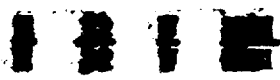
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IDENTIFICATION  
ORDER NO.  
(Place date of  
issue here)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

FINGERPRINT  
CLASSIFICATION:



WANTED:

WILLIAM ELMER MEAD with aliases  
J. W. REED, JOHN HENRY FOSTER, HOWIE  
ELZA GAYNOR, CHARLES E. CANTER, C. C.  
CHASE, J. W. BARKER, J. M. PARKER, "CHRIST  
KID", E. E. LAIRD, EDWARD E. GAYNOR, C. C.  
CHASE, JOHN J. DRAPOVA, WILLIAM E. REED,  
"JUDGE", J. W. REED, and others, and others,  
C. L. LANE, E. P. CHARLES, FRANK TAYLOR, DR. JOHN P. CANVER, WILLIAM E. MEAD,  
WILLIAM E. MEAD, J. C. WALTERS, J. W. PARKER, WILLIAM MEADE, ELMER W. MEAD,  
FRANK F. TAYLOR, JOHN H. FOSTER, W. ELMER MEAD.

WANTED FOR OBSTRUCTION.

DESCRIPTION:

Age, 38 years (1935)  
Height, 5 feet, 10 to  
11 inches  
Weight, 150 pounds  
Build, slender  
Complexion, medium  
Hair, gray (partially  
bald)  
Moustache, gray  
Eyes, blue (occasionally  
wears eyeglasses)  
Nationality, American  
Occupation, confidence  
man  
Peculiarities, speaks with  
a querulous voice,  
frequently uses ain't and  
double negatives, apparently  
has worn a toupee, left eye  
blinks nervously, left shoulder  
and left side of face partially  
paralyzed, right corner of mouth  
is drawn down when speaking.  
Religion, Catholic  
Marital status, married

(photographs taken July  
13, 1935, and August  
21, 1933)

(place photographs  
here)

(place signatures  
here)

CRIMINAL RECORD:

\* As William E. Mead,  
arrested Police Department,  
Los Angeles, California,  
June 30, 1896, for San Diego,  
California, Police Department;  
charge, grand larceny.  
\* As William Meade, #16947,  
received San Quentin, Cali-  
fornia, State Prison on  
September 24, 1896, to serve  
3 years for grand larceny;  
discharged upon expiration  
of sentence on January 24,  
1899.  
\* Arrested Los Angeles,  
California, Police Department,  
February 18, 1904; charge,  
vagrancy; disposition, on  
February 20, 1904, sentenced  
10 days or \$10.00.  
\* As Elmer E. Mead, #3741,  
arrested Los Angeles, Cali-  
fornia, Police Department,  
January 22, 1906; charge, pick-  
pocket, theft of \$60.00 from  
pullman passenger; disposition,  
on February 2, 1906, forfeited  
\$750.00 bond.

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**RELATIVES:**

Mrs. Kate Mead, with aliases "Klondike Kate",  
Marie Mead, Katherine Mead, "Frisco Kate",  
Kate Schmidt, Kate Schmitt, "California Kate",  
Mrs. C. C. Chase; wife;  
1533 Fargo Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

**CRIMINAL RECORDS:**  
(Continued)

\* As William E. Mead, arrested Denver, Colorado, Police Department, #B-1578, on July 9, 1912; charge, grand larceny, shoplifting, known suspect; given hours to leave city.

As J. W. Mead, arrested Police Department, Miami, Florida, #F-235, on December 18, 1920; charge, suspicious character, (con); no disposition recorded.

As one Clark, alias E. Elmer Mead, indicted Jacksonville, Florida, December 15, 1922; charge, violation of Section 215 of the Penal Code; \$10,000.00 bond posted by Mead on April 2, 1934; bond later estreated and alias issued upon his failure to appear.

As John Henry Foster, on August 24, 1922, arrested Police Department, Denver, Colorado, #B390; charge, investigation, con man; on June 1, 1923, sentenced to serve 3 to 10 years in the Colorado State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado.

As John H. Foster, received State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado, June 3, 1923, under #1127; charge, conspiracy to steal, one count; confidence man, two counts, (concurrently); sentence 3 to 10 years; released at completion of minimum sentence, September 15, 1925, on automatic parole; completely discharged June 4, 1929.

CRIMINAL RECORDS  
(Continued)

As Edwin Elia Gaynor, #2196, arrested on March 24, 1930, by New Scotland Yard, London, England; charge, conspiracy; on April 2, 1930, sentenced to serve two 6 month sentences at hard labor, sentences to run consecutively; charge, attempting to steal by means of confidence trick.

As William E. Neade, #C-51004, arrested Police Department, Chicago, Illinois, August 11, 1933; charge, general principles (con man); turned over to postal inspectors Chicago, August 14, 1933.

As one Clark, #8227, arrested United States Marshal, Chicago, Illinois, on August 15, 1933; charge, mail fraud; released on \$10,000.00 bond, August 15, 1933, for appearance in Jacksonville, Florida.

As Charles E. Carter, #8669, arrested Sheriff's Office, Northampton, Massachusetts, July 12, 1935; charge, violation auto laws; released on \$200.00 bond, July 13, 1935; defaulted bond on July 18, 1935.

At the time William Elmer Neade, as Charles E. Carter, #8669, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office, Northampton, Massachusetts, on July 12, 1935, it was ascertained that an attempt had been made to mutilate his fingerprints. In order to facilitate his identification in the event he is arrested by any law enforcement agency this identification order is being distributed.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice.

If apprehended, please notify the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.

\* Represents notations unsupported by fingerprints.

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John Edgar Hoover,  
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PHONE. BREKID. EDNA MURRAY COMPLETED TESTIMONY FOLLOWED BY FRANK BURKELL TESTIFYING AS TO AURORA ILLINOIS RESIDENCE, MRS STELLA WILLGRUBBE AS TO RESIDENCE GRAND FOREST BEACH OHIO, GEORGE WILLARD, MRS OMAR BLACKMAN AND ARCHIE L ALLEN AS TO RESIDENCE CLEVELAND AND VARIOUS IDENTIFICATIONS SUBJECTS INVOLVED. CASE PRESENTED SO FAR DEFINITELY PLACES SAWYER AND WEAVER IN KIDNAPING AND SUBSEQUENT TRANSACTIONS, HIDING OUT AND HANDLING RANSOM MONEY. COURT ADJOURNED TO TEN AM MONDAY. GOVERNMENT EXPECTED TO COMPLETE CASE END COMING WEEK

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 7-83

REPORT MADE AT <b>WASHINGTON, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/14/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/18, 20/35 and 1/9/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. E. MEWHY</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:  <p style="margin-left: 40px;">No record of Plymouth sedan, motor #PJ322772, registered in this district. Stop notices placed with respective motor vehicle bureaus. George Richard Benton and the George Bentons, who have registered cars in this district, do not appear to be identical with Subject Harry Campbell.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Mimeographed letters from Cleveland office to all field offices and dated December 12th and 16th, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.</p> <p>Upon receipt of letter of reference dated December 12, communications were addressed to Walter R. Rudy, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Guilford Avenue and 21 Street, Baltimore, Maryland, Mr. John Q. Rhodes Jr., Director of Traffic, Division of Motor Vehicles, Richmond, Virginia, and Mr. W. A. Van Duzer, Director of Traffic, 451 Pennsylvania Avenue N. W., Washington, D. C., requesting information as to whether 1935 Plymouth four door sedan, deluxe, gunmetal gray in color, two windshield wipers, two tail lights, and trunk, motor #PJ322772, serial 2819857, had been registered in their respective districts. Negative replies have been received from each Bureau and advising that in the event a car fitting the description of the above comes to their attention, they will immediately communicate with this office.</p> <p>Upon receipt of the letter of reference, dated December 16, 1935, communications were addressed to the aforementioned officials under date of</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. M. Ladd</i>		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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December 20, 1935. In a letter dated December 26, 1935, the office of Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Baltimore, Maryland, advised that operators licenses had been issued to the following:

George Richard Benton of Stevensville, Maryland, operators license #24470, on June 18, 1918, whose age was given as 20 years.

George Benton of Severn, Maryland was issued an operators license #95910, on April 11, 1919 at the age of 47 years.

George Benton of Barclay, Maryland was issued operators license #336581, on June 17, 1926, at the age of 37 years.

Under date of December 30, 1935, the Division of Motor Vehicles, Richmond, Virginia advised that they have no records under the name of G. R. Benton or Mary Forth as having been issued operators licenses. The files show, however, that a Ford coupe, Motor #440644, title D788849, had been registered for the year 1936 by George Benton, Jr. of 2401 Pearl Avenue, Portsmouth, Virginia. An operators license #344162 has been issued to George Benton Jr. of the same address, who is described as colored, 5' 4", weight 154 pounds.

Inasmuch as the information concerning the above named persons in no way can be reconciled with the known information relative to Subject Harry Campbell, no investigation will be conducted concerning them.

Agent interviewed Miss C. E. Wright, in the office of Director of Traffic, 451 Pennsylvania Avenue N. W., no reply having been received to the letters from this office, and was advised that their records do not contain any information relative to the 1935 Plymouth sedan, motor #PJ322772, but that a stop notice had been placed in their file in accordance with the letter from this office dated December 18, 1935. Her records do not reflect the names of G. R. Benton, George Benton or Mary Forth.

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