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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-37

REPORT MADE AT Kansas City, Missouri	DATE WHEN MADE 1-15-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-13, 14-36	REPORT MADE BY W. E. HOPTON
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Telegram Directed to E. P. Thornton, Post Office Investigation at Iola, Kansas and Nevada, Missouri indicates Subjects in this case not involved.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 12-29-35.</p> <p>DETAILS: The Postmaster at Nevada, Missouri, telephoned the Kansas City Office on January 13, 1936, and stated that he had just received a long distance call from the Postal Telegraph Company at [redacted] address of Ted Thornton, [redacted] a telegram to deliver to Thornton. That in substance the telegram stated [redacted] "Kans." and signed "Harry". The Postmaster advised that [redacted] Milton [redacted] [redacted] mail [redacted] through [redacted].</p> <p>Special Agent E. L. Cochran immediately contacted Mr. D. F. Jones, Manager of the Postal Telegraph, Pittsburg, Kansas, who exhibited the message received from Visalia, California, at 10:15 A.M.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>W. E. Hopton</i>		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3 - Bureau 1 - Chicago 2 - Cincinnati 1 - E. J. Connelley, Chicago 1 - St. Paul 1 - Cleveland 2 - Los Angeles 2 - Kansas City		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 7 576 9043 JAN 18 1936 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>JAN 16 P.M.</p> <p>COPIES DESTROYED 20 MAR 28 1965</p> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> ONE R JAN 21 1936 </div>	

January 13, 1936. Mr. Jones had no information as to the full names and addresses of the senders, but stated that said information could in all probability be obtained from the Visalia, California office. An exact copy of the message is as follows:

"Visalia, California, January 12, 1936 - Form 1800BL

H. T. Thornton
East Hickory Street
Nevada, Missouri.

DOLY AND HUSBAND LEFT FOR IOLA SATURDAY ELEVENTH
LOOK UP RECORDS AT IOLA FOR LEGAL ADOPTION BY
GEORGE IF NONE STOP COURT ACTION

MAITE NELL IDA AND HARRY

10:15 A

On January 14, 1936, Agent Cochran interviewed Mrs. Travis Morse, Clerk of the Allen County Probate Court, Iola, Kansas, who advised that one George O. Thornton, a long time resident of Allen County had died intestate on November 11, 1935, leaving an estate of approximately \$8000., his nearest relative being an adopted daughter, Mrs. Anna M. Larimer, Box 66, R.F.D. 1, Porterville, California. Agent Cochran inspected the original adoption order in said matter and ascertained that at the March Term of the Probate Court of Allen County, on March 22, 1909, George O. Thornton, then acting as Guardian for one Annie M. Sullivan, a minor, age 9, on September 23, 1908, had legally adopted as his daughter the said Annie M. Sullivan. The records of the estate of George O. Thornton, deceased, further reflected that on November 18, 1935, an affidavit and proof of death of George O. Thornton was filed by Anna M. Larimer in the said Probate Court before presiding Probate Judge Travis Morse, the said affidavit alleging that George O. Thornton had died intestate in Allen County, Kansas, on November 11, 1935, and that his only heir at law was Anna M. Larimer, adopted daughter, age 36, place of residence - Porterville, California, Route 1, Box 66. On November 18, 1935, the Probate Court appointed G. E. Pess, attorney at Iola, Kansas, as administrator.

Judge Morse advised that no other heirs of the said estate had appeared and that no contest as to the distribution of said estate had been entered by anyone.

Chief of Police O. V. Kelly, Iola, Kansas, advised that H. T. (Ted) Thornton operates a tavern of some sort in Nevada, Missouri; that he had never come into contact with him personally.

Undersheriff Bud Hurley advised that on several occasions

Ted Thornton had given him reliable information, and while he was considered an undesirable character the Sheriff's Office at Iola had no charges against him.

Sheriff Clarence Warren and Deputy Sheriff Frank Ross informed Agent Cochran that Howard (Snipe) Thornton, presently held in the County Jail at Iola awaiting trial on a burglary charge, is a nephew of Ted Thornton. Another nephew, Louis (Big Snipe) Thornton, is wanted by Sheriff Warren for the burglary of a store at LaHarpe, Allen County, Kansas. Ted Thornton is considered a big time gambler in that vicinity and is known to be a very clever individual. It was not definitely ascertained what relationship, if any, existed between Ted Thornton and the late George O. Thornton but local officials believe he is either a nephew or a cousin.

With reference to the report of Agent Norstrom, dated December 29, 1935, at Kansas City, Missouri, it will be noted that Milton Lett, who it has been stated at one time arranged a meeting between Wynona Burdette and Harry Campbell, was going in with Ted Thornton to operate a night club at Nevada, Missouri. The reference report also recites that Ted Thornton resides at 303 East Hickory Street, Nevada, Missouri, where he and his wife are presently residing with Earl Morris and his wife.

On January 13, 1936, a teletype message was forwarded to the Los Angeles Office setting out in brief the above information and requesting an investigation be conducted at Visalia, California to determine the identity of the senders and whether they have any connection with the subjects in this case.

Special Agent V. W. Gillen contacted Sheriff Kurt Dutton and Chief Deputy Sheriff W. V. Stonum, Vernon County, at the Court House, Nevada, Missouri, regarding this case. All they professed to know was that the Sheriff at Iola, Kansas had recently requested them to keep an eye on Ted Thornton. They did not know why and said the Iola Sheriff did not want Thornton arrested. Sheriff Dutton and Deputy Stonum had never heard of Milton Lett. Agent advised them that the Bureau desired to know something about the activities of Ted Thornton and Earl Morris, and requested them to maintain what watch they could over them. However, it did not appear from their conversation that they know either Thornton or Morris.

Postmaster John M. Koss was then interviewed at the Post Office by Agent Gillen. He advised that his informant, Officer Ade Tow, night officer, had told him that Thornton and Morris were in Nevada about 3 A.M., January 14, 1936. It is about that hour they returned to their home, 303 East Hickory, from the tavern which they run on U. S. Highway Number 54, about 100 yards from the Kansas line, in Missouri. On January 11, 1936, H. T. Thornton, 303 East Hickory, received a letter from a party at 1401 Elm Street, Coffeyville, Kansas.

Officer Tow was interviewed by Agent Gillen in the presence of Postmaster Moss. The Tavern aforementioned is run by Thornton, Deacon Jones and "Kiddo" Mason. Thornton purchased the interest of one Ray Riser about three months ago, Mr. Tow said. He also stated that Thornton comes from South Coffeyville, Kansas and that Earl Morris is his brother-in-law. At about 3 A.M. there are usually several cars, from two to four, parked in front of Thornton's home. Most of these cars, according to Tow, come from the following Kansas Counties (according to license numbers) 13, 1, 3, 5 and 17. One such car, believed to be a Chevrolet Coupe, was parked at the house about 1 A.M. January 14, 1936. Tow believed the license number to be 17-2107. It was gone when Agent Gillen and Tow went to get the number.

Morris' wife and child live with Thornton. Tow believes that Thornton is in some manner connected with the robbery of the Copening Cigar Company office at Iola, Kansas, on December 24, 1935. Tow is waiting for a man named Sanders to return to Nevada in connection with that case, for Sanders was about Nevada from Christmas to New Years and Tow thinks he is connected with the Iola robbery. Thornton, Tow said, occasionally feigns deafness, though he is not deaf.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 7-43

REPORT MADE AT CINCINNATI, OHIO	DATE WHEN MADE 1-15-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-9-36	REPORT MADE BY R. H. KLETT
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1236, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NAT'L FIREARMS ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

C. D. Werner, Secretary and Treasurer York Supply Co., Dayton, Ohio, states they have never had an L. J. Lenon in their employ and that he knows of no one by that name.

REFERENCE:-

Report of Special Agent H. K. Johnson, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated 1-7-36.

DETAILS:-

AT DAYTON, OHIO.

At the York Supply Co., 537 E. Third St., Agent contacted C. D. Werner, Secretary and Treasurer, who stated that he has been with the company for fourteen years, and during this time they have never had anyone by the name of L. J. Lenon employed by them and further, that he knew of no one by this name. Mr. Werner called several other employees from the organization to ascertain if any of them had any knowledge of L. J. Lenon, but none of the employees could furnish any information regarding him, all stating that they did not know anyone by that name.

In view of the information set out in the report of reference, a lead is being directed to the Detroit Office in an endeavor to locate Mr. Lenon through the A. C. Spark Plug firm at Flint, Mich., and the sales slip referred to in the report of reference is being attached to copies of this report indicated for Detroit.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:-

DETROIT OFFICE at Flint, Mich., will endeavor to locate L. J. Lenon and interview him in accordance with the lead in reference report.

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Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
January 14, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Edward C. Bremer, Victim in the Brekid Case, has been receiving letters lately from a person whose signature is Mrs. Owen D. Young, by C. M. Lewandowski, 7915 Spafford Road, Cleveland, Ohio. Two letters have been received recently by Mr. Bremer, one dated December 25, 1935 and the second dated January 2, 1936. The latter letter is enclosed for your assistance in conducting this investigation.

The writer, who apparently is a woman, states that she has been designated by the Holy Ghost and Holy Trinity to request Bremer to send \$500,000 before January 20, 1936 to herself or to C. M. Lewandowski, 7915 Spafford Road. It will be noted that there is no threat to harm Mr. Bremer except to state that if he fails to comply with this request, the wrath of the Holy Ghost will be upon his head. Notwithstanding the harmless nature of these letters, they have somewhat excited Mr. Bremer, who has been testifying recently in the Brekid trial.

It is suggested that your office interview the writer of these letters and admonish her to cease sending them.

Very truly yours,

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Enc.

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C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge

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SAC CHICAGO

PHONE. BREKID. JOEN KARPAVICZ ARRIVED STPAUL TEN FORTY LAST NIGHT
UNDER SURVEILLANCE AGENTS BRYCE, DOYLE, DUFFEY AND KIRKLAND. STOPPING
SKYMOOR HOTEL. CHECKED OUT OF HOTEL THIS MORNING AND MOVEMENTS UNDER
OBSERVATION. INDICATES HE EXPECTS TO STOP WITH FRIENDS. AGENT BRYCE
PROCEEDING CHICAGO 8-30 AM TODAY.

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FILE NO. 7-25

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 1/15/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/12-14/36	REPORT MADE BY J. WALIMAN
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, wa., FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, wa., FUGITIVE, I. O. #1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, wa., I. O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Niagra 1340 is the telephone number of Jesse C. Lobdell, who is apparently a very reputable party residing in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. Lobdell is Vice-President of the Motor Specialties Corporation, a large motor accessories manufacturing firm in Detroit.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. J. Dowd, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 1/9/36.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">A check of the Detroit Criss-Cross Telephone Directory revealed that Niagra 1340 is listed in the name of J. C. Lobdell. A check of the Detroit City Directory for 1935 revealed that this party is listed therein as Jesse C. Lobdell. His wife's name is given as Verna, and his residence as 280 LaSalle Place, Grosse Pointe, Michigan. His occupation is given as Vice-President and Secretary of the Motor Specialties Corporation, Detroit.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Mr. Lobdell's name was checked back through the telephone directory and it was ascertained that he is listed in the telephone directory as residing at 280 LaSalle Place, and his telephone number is</p>			
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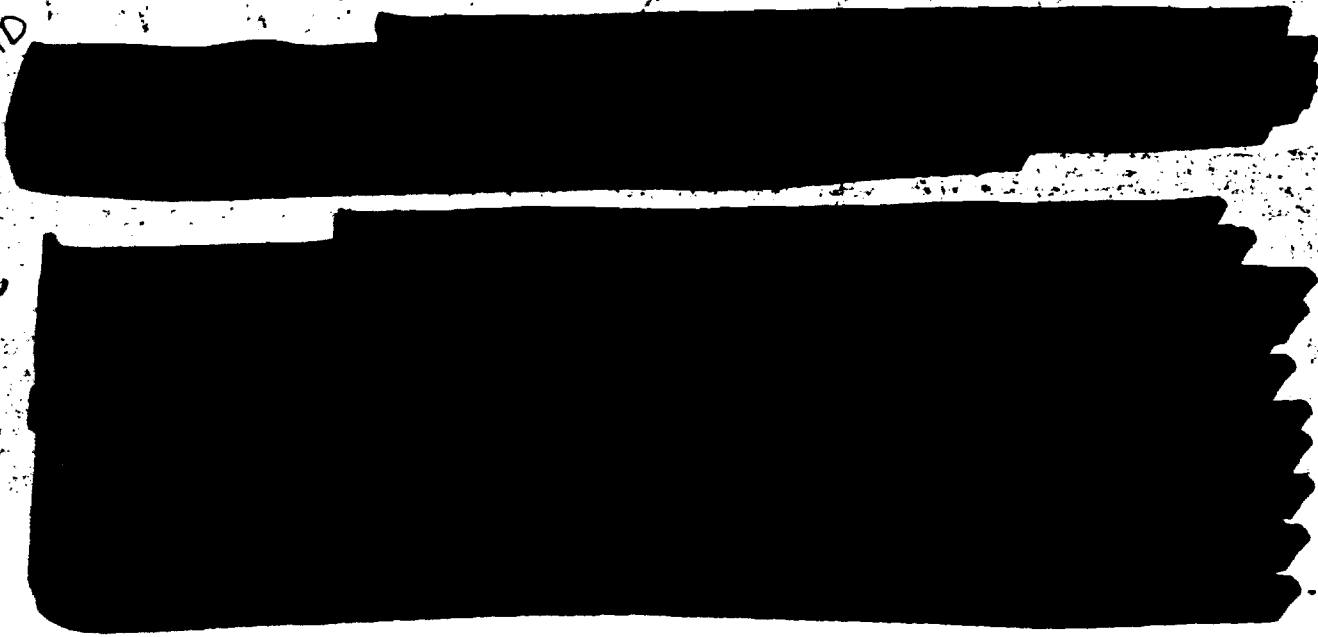
given as Niagra 1340. The Motor Specialties Corporation is located at 120 Mt. Eliot Street, Detroit.

At the office of the Clerk of Wayne County, it was ascertained with reference to the Motor Specialties Corporation, that the incorporation papers of this company were filed on June 22, 1922, the purposes of the corporation being given as manufacturing and general dealing in motor parts, accessories and various other electrical specialties. There was a total capital stock of \$50,000.00, plus 100,000 shares of no par value, the total amount paid in being \$150,000.00. The names of the stockholders at that time were given as:

Mark Mithkon, 1718 National Bank Building,
Harry S. Grant, Buffalo and Deramus, Hamtramck, Michigan,
Charles W. Beck, Senior, 120 Mt. Eliot,
Charles W. Beck, Junior, 120 Mt. Eliot.

It was as ascertained that this business was known prior to 1922 as the Michigan Motor Specialties Company, the address being the same. The records of the Clerk further revealed that on August 5, 1931, C. W. Beck, Junior was appointed Agent for the company, in charge of the residence office located at 120 Mt. Eliot, Detroit. The paper conferring such authority was signed by C. W. Beck, Senior, as President or Vice-President and by J. C. Lobdell as Secretary or Assistant Secretary.

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It may be stated that Mr. Lobdell, from this investigation, appears to be a very reputable party and it is suggested that possibly direct contact with him in an effort to clear up the matter of the call which was made from Ashtabula, Ohio, to Mr. Lobdell's home on October 19, 1935, as indicated on page 9 of reference report might be of assistance in this investigation. However, the advisability of this step is being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin.

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January 14, 1936.

7-576

Mr. E. A. Smith,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 4, 1936 transmitting ten negatives of latent fingerprints, one empty carton for a Savage transparent lipstick, and two small paper cartons for men's underwear which were found in a cabin of the "You Sallee" tourist camp in connection with the case entitled, Alvin Karpis, with aliases - Fugitive, I. O. 1219, et al.; Edward G. Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping, your file #7-57.

You are advised that one fragmentary latent fingerprint was developed on the inside of the flap of the empty carton for a man's undershirt. Five latent fingerprints appear in the negatives, the remaining latent prints in the negatives being duplicate impressions. All of the latent prints have been compared with the fingerprints of the following individuals without effecting an identification:

Alvin Karpis, I. O. 1219
Homer Clegg Fanning, FBI-500251
Alvin Anton Schmidt, (17091 Police Department, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Alvin Schmidt, Sheriff's Office, Steele, North Dakota
Alvin Schmidt, (121474 Sheriff's Office, Los Angeles, California.

The three above listed Alvin Schmidts were compared with the latent impressions in view of the possibility that one of them may be identical with the subject of the case mentioned in your letter. If any additional data, including aliases and arrest numbers, are available in regard to this individual the same should be submitted to the Bureau in order that a further search may be made in an effort to locate the fingerprints which are definitely those of the Alvin Schmidt under suspicion.

The ten original negatives of latent fingerprints are returned herewith, photographic copies having been made for the completion of our files.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure, 7093537.

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PHONE. BREKID. JOHN KAPPAVICZ LEFT CHICAGO IN HIS FORD COUPE ALONE

4-45 AM TODAY AND AT 7-15 AM WAS PROCEEDING NORTHWEST ON U. S. HIGHWAY

14 IN DIRECTION OF ST. PAUL, AT THAT TIME BEING IN DUNDEE, ILLINOIS.

AGENTS BRYCE, KIRKLAND, DUFFEY, AND DOYLE IN TWO CARS MAINTAINING CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO.**

FILE NO. **7-15** TEN: **88**

REPORT MADE AT NEW ORLEANS	DATE WHEN MADE 1-14-36.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-13-36.	REPORT MADE BY T. E. NEAL
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Information obtained from Gordon Payne, Gulfport, Mississippi, did not check with description and photographs of subject Alvin Karpis.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: <u>AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.</u></p> <p>This investigation is predicated upon a telegram received on January 12, 1936, from Mr. Gordon Payne, Gulfport, Mississippi, addressed to the New Orleans Office for the attention of Special Agent C. W. Toume, wherein Mr. Payne requested complete description of Alvin Karpis at once, as he thought he could locate him, according to the description, but wanted to be positive before taking further action.</p> <p>This is a joint investigation made by Special Agents J.V. Blake and T. E. Neal.</p> <p><u>AT GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI.</u></p> <p>Agents interviewed Mr. Gordon Payne, attendant at the Standard Gasoline Filling Station, located at 30th and 12th Streets, Gulfport, Mississippi. Mr. Payne exhibited to agents a copy of the Daily Herald, a Gulfport and Biloxi, Mississippi newspaper dated January 7, 1936, in which appeared the Bureau's Identification Order No. 1218 of subject Alvin Karpis. It was the picture and description of Karpis as contained in the Identification Order which prompted Mr. Payne's telegraphic request for a better description of subject Alvin Karpis.</p>			
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Mr. Gordon Payne stated that some time along about October 1935 a man who gave his name as GEORGE DUNN was in Gulfport, Mississippi; that he had with him another man and a woman, whom he stated were his brother and brother's wife respectively. Mr. Payne did not obtain the names of the brother or the brother's wife, but stated that they told him they were from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and were in Gulfport, Mississippi, looking for work. He stated that they told him they were smoke-stack painters. They were without funds at this time and Mr. Payne let them have three gallons of gasoline and two gallons of kerosene in exchange for a wrist watch, (Ingraham make). Mr. Payne was wearing this watch when agents interviewed him. The watch is very cheap and appears to be worth about three dollars. Mr. Payne further stated that these parties had a small pistol and wanted to pawn same to him, but that since he did not need a pistol he did not accept their offer.

Mr. Payne stated that these parties stayed in Gulfport, Mississippi, for about two weeks, and through Mr. Payne secured employment as laborers at the Veterans Hospital, which is located on the Beach a short distance from Gulfport, Mississippi. After working for about two weeks they were discharged, and left town about that time, which was about October 1, 1935, stating that they were going to Florida.

Mr. Payne stated that the front view of George Dunn resembled the front view of Alvin Karpis, but did not answer the physical description.

The description of George Dunn, as obtained from Mr. Gordon Payne, is as follows:

Name:	GEORGE DUNN
Age:	About 19 or 20
Height:	6 feet
Weight:	About 145 lbs.
Build:	Slender
Complexion:	Reddish
Eyes:	Color not remembered
Hair:	Color not remembered

Descriptions of the individuals thought to be the brother and sister-in-law of George Dunn, as furnished by Mr. Gordon Payne, are as follows:

Name:	UNKNOWN MAN
Age:	About 26 or 28
Height:	6 ft. 1 or 2 inches
Weight:	About 180 lbs.
Eyes:	Not remembered
Hair:	Not remembered

Name: UNKNOWN WOMAN
Age: 22 or 25
Height: 6 feet
Build: Slender
Hair: Red

Mr. Gordon Payne had another individual in mind whom he wanted agents to observe, and stated that this individual's name was "LARRY," last name unknown; that he had been in Gulfport, Mississippi, for about three months, selling apples at the curb market. He stated that this individual told him, Payne, a few days ago that he had wired his aunt, name or address unknown, over the Western Union Telegraph Company, for money.

Agents located the individual known to Mr. Payne as "Larry," who is described from personal observation as follows:

Name: "LARRY"
Age: About 26
Height: 5' 9"
Weight: 125 to 130 lbs.
Hair: Sandy
Eyes: Blue
Scars: Scar on forehead.

These individuals did not bear any resemblance to Alvin Karpis.

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LISTS. R T HARBO TESTIFIED TO PREPARATION PRINTED RANSOM LISTS.

DEFENSE THEN STIPULATED TO CORRECTNESS OF PRINTED LIST AND SAME ADMITTED IN EVIDENCE. ADOLPH BREMER SR UNABLE TO TESTIFY DUE

TO HEALTH. DEFENSE PERMITTED US ATTY TO NARRATE THAT WHICH ADOLPH BREMER SR WOULD HAVE TESTIFIED TO. ADOLPH BREMER JR, WALTER MAGEE,

DR HALL, ROSENA KAETHER AND WERNER HANNI TESTIFIED. FLASHLIGHTS

INTRODUCED AND KARPIS IDENTIFIED AS PURCHASER. EDNA MURRAY COMMENCED

TESTIFYING. VERY EFFECTIVE WITNESS, WILL CONTINUE HER TESTIMONY

TOMORROW. SHE HAS PLACED WEAVER AND SAWYER DEFINITELY IN ASSOCIATION

WITH ALL MAJOR SUBJECTS DURING PERIOD OF CONSPIRACY. MR HARBO

PROCEEDING WASHINGTON TONIGHT. AGENT BECKSTEAD PROCEEDING CHICAGO

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SAC LOS ANGELES E J CONNELLEY ST PAUL

PHONE BREKID. C J FITZGERALD ALIAS J C FOSTER LEFT LOS ANGELES JANUARY 5,

1936 WITH IMOGENE ROBERTSON, CATHERINE PACKARD AND LATTERS SISTER CHARLOTTE

SELKIRK IN TERRAPLANE SEDAN CALIFORNIA LICENSE 5 X 9201. FOUR AGENTS OF

LOS ANGELES OFFICE FOLLOWED IN TWO CARS. PARTY STOPPED OVER NIGHT SAN

BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA NIGHT OF JANUARY 6 WHERE CHARLOTTE SELKIRK RETURNED

TO LOS ANGELES ACCOUNT DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES. JANUARY 7 PARTY PROCEEDED

TO PHOENIX, ARIZONA, REMAINING OVERNIGHT. THEY MET T G HALEYS AT SAN CARLOS HOTEL,

PHOENIX. PARTY COVERED BY PHOENIX OFFICE WHILE THERE. DEPARTED PHOENIX JANUARY 8.

HALEYS IN HIS BROWN PONTIAC SEDAN CALIFORNIA LICENSE 6 X 5175 FOLLOWED FOSTER PARTY.

FOSTER APPARENTLY COMPLETELY UNDER INFLUENCE OF LOQUOR TRANSFERRED TO HALEYS CAR,

PROCEEDING TO EL PASO. ON ACCOUNT OF DISTANCE AT WHICH HALEYS FOLLOWED FOSTER PARTY AND

NATURE OF COUNTRY IT WAS DEEMED INADVISABLE TO CONTINUE SURVEILLANCE OF FOSTER INTO

EL PASO ON AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 8.

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FOSTER PARTY AND HALEYS PRESENTLY REGISTERED HILTON HOTEL EL PASO WHERE THIS OFFICE HAD

MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO COVER THEIR ARRIVAL AND MAINTAIN SURVEILLANCE, LOS ANGELES AGENTS

REMAINING UNDER COVER FOR TIME BEING.

JAN 21 1936

IT IS BELIEVED FOSTER AND HALEYS WILL PROCEED TODAY TO CARLESBAD NEW MEXICO, AND STAY

OVERNIGHT AT LA CAVERNA HOTEL THERE. SPECIAL AGENT M C FALENER OF THIS OFFICE IS

PROCEEDING TO CARLESBAD TO COVER ARRIVAL AND MAINTAIN DISCREET SURVEILLANCE. THE

OIL DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HALEYS AND FOSTER INTEND TO INSPECT IS LOCATED 16 MILES SOUTH

OF CARLESBAD IN OPEN DESERT COUNTRY AND IT IS DEEMED INADVISABLE TO ATTEMPT TO COVER

FOSTERS TRIP FROM CARLESBAD TO THE DEVELOPMENT AS NO AVAILABLE COVER IS AFFORDED.

SPECIAL AGENTS WRIGHT AND BUGAS WILL PROCEED TO CARLESBAD LATER TODAY WHERE AGENT

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FALKNER WILL INFORM THEM OF FOSTERS PROBABLE DEPARTURE TOMORROW FROM CARLSBAD.

IF RETURN ITINERARY TO LOS ANGELES CAN BE ASCERTAINED, LOS ANGELES AGENTS CONSIDER IT ADVISABLE IN VIEW OF DURATION OF THIS SURVEILLANCE TO PRECEDE FOSTERS PARTY CHECKING THEM AT THE LARGER TOWNS, HIGHWAY JUNCTIONS AND NIGHT STOP OVERTS.

HALEYS DESCRIBED AS 45 YEARS OF AGE, HEIGHT FIVE FEET SIX INCHES WEIGHT 150 POUNDS, RUDDY COMPLEXION, IRON GREY HAIR, HIGH FORE HEAD, SLIGHT STOOP, WELL DRESSED.

FOSTER AND PARTY HAVE MADE NO SUSPICIOUS MOVEMENTS, CONTACTS OR TELEPHONE CALLS TO DATE. ENTIRE PARTY CHECKED OUT HILTON HOTEL HERE 225 PM TODAY

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI**

FILE NO. **7-50**

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1/15/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12/23, 24, 28/35; 1/11, 12, 14/36.	REPORT MADE BY: S. W. HARDY
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1218, ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Houseboat alleged to be used by mob during ransom negotiations not located at Red Wing, Minnesota. The party using name of Dr. Robert C. Ormiston, who was thought perhaps to be identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran, about 1923 was employed as sales representative for Durant Motors in Minneapolis under name of Armstrong. However, investigation by Cincinnati Office determines this party is not identical with Dr. Moran. 1219 Pioneer Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, occupied by Hannaford-O'Brien, Inc., Insurance.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. Michael McGrath, Aberdeen, South Dakota, December 21, 1935; letter from Chicago to Jacksonville Office, December 18, 1935.			
DETAILS: Reference is made to report of Special Agent J. Michael McGrath, Aberdeen, S. D., December 21, 1935, indicating the possibility that Dr. Robert C. Ormiston, who previously used the name of Armstrong, might be identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran, I.O. 1232, the lead for St. Paul in this report; report of Special Agent W. B. Matney, Detroit, Mich., December 28, 1935, and wire from Special Agent in Charge Connelley to the St. Paul Office of December 27, 1935, regarding the Laboratory identifying Ormiston's handwriting as being Moran's. Minneapolis directories from 1920 to 1925 searched to try to find the Ormiston or Armstrong indicated by those reports, without result, there being			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>S. W. Hardy</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7-576-9053 JAN 17 1936 JAN 21 1936	
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no Robert Carville Armstrong or Orniston listed, and no parties listed by those names as being connected either with the Veterans Hospital or the Durant Motor Company. However, it was found that during 1921, 1922, 1923, Torbert-McGregor, Inc., were the Durant Motors agents in Minneapolis.

J. A. McGregor of the McGregor Motor Company, 1401 West Broadway, Minneapolis, was one of the partners in the Torbert-McGregor Motor Company during 1921 - 1923, and on interview could not recall Orniston or Armstrong, stating that he could not have been one of their regular salesmen during that period, but may have been employed a short time; that if this Armstrong or Orniston was a factory representative, he would not have been connected with the Torbert-McGregor Company, but would have been under either Ted Childers or Fred Walzer, who were with Durant Factory Branch at Minneapolis about that time, and who are now connected with General Motors Factory Branch, 801 North Washington Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mr. McGregor could not recognize the photo of Dr. Moran as anyone whom he had previously known. He called numerous other men who had worked for him at his Durant Agency during 1921 - 1923, but none could recall Armstrong or Orniston.

Ted Childers with the Buick Distribution Agency, 801 North Washington Avenue, Minneapolis, could not recall Orniston or Armstrong, stating that he did not come to Minneapolis with Durant until about 1925, did not recognize photo of Dr. Moran, and is certain there was no Armstrong or Orniston employed by Durant Factory Branch at Minneapolis after 1925.

Fred Walzer with the Oldsmobile Distribution Agency, 801 North Washington Avenue, Minneapolis, states he was with the Durant Motor Company Factory Branch under Bert Stimson (now dead) and E. B. Stimson, during period 1923 to the end of the Durant Company at Minneapolis; that he recalls the Armstrong indicated, but does not know his first name. He recalls that he was a factory representative and had worked as such for Durant in North Dakota prior to 1923; was a close friend of Thomas E. Jarrard and Richard H. Thornton, who was then zone manager at Minneapolis for Durant; that Thornton asked Bert Stimson to give Armstrong a position after Stimson took over the Durant Branch, but Stimson would not give Armstrong the position. Walzer states the photo of Dr. Moran

resembles Armstrong, but he is uncertain whether Moran is or is not identical with Armstrong. He stated this data could probably be obtained from Thomas E. Jarrard, regional manager for Dodge Motors, 1005 Fairfax Building, Kansas City, Missouri, or from Richard H. Thornton, who could be reached through Mr. Fay of the Auto Dealers Association of Chicago, Thornton having until 1931 been Manager of the Peerless Auto Company in Chicago, and still being connected with the automobile sales industry in Chicago.

Accordingly the St. Paul Office teletyped the Chicago and Kansas City Offices basic data for interviews with Jarrard and Thornton, respectively.

Special Agent R. T. Noonan reports relative to telephonic request of December 27, 1935, concerning one Dr. Ormiston who may possibly be Dr. Joseph P. Moran wanted in the Brekid case, and to the nurse supposedly residing at Fisher, Minnesota, who is said to be acquainted with Dr. Ormiston, that inquiry was made at Fisher, Minnesota, December 28, 1935, and the following confirms information given the St. Paul Office by telephone immediately following such inquiry.

Postmaster Henry J. Widenhoefer, Fisher, Minnesota, advised that the nurse sought for interview was without doubt Theresa Krostue, formerly of Fisher, Minnesota, and who is now employed as a nurse at the Mercy Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. She went to this hospital in Columbus either in the summer or early fall of 1935 and previous to that she was in a hospital in Louisville, Kentucky for about a year. At one time, believed to be just before going to Louisville, this woman was employed as a nurse in the General Hospital at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Theresa Krostue has a brother who goes by the name of Clayton Krostue, but his correct name is Ounder Clayton Krostue, and he is now at Glenwood City, Wisconsin. This woman also has a sister now residing in Fisher, Minnesota, whose name is Mrs. Gustave Gunstenson. Mr. Widenhoefer further advised that Theresa Krostue has not been back to Fisher for at least two years, possibly longer. For this reason it was not thought necessary or advisable to make any inquiry of the family at this time concerning a Dr. Ormiston. Dr. Widenhoefer could not recall anyone by that name having received mail at this Post Office, nor could he recall anyone answering the description of Dr. Moran having been there.

This data was teletyped to the Cincinnati Office, which reports it has interviewed Theresa Krostus, and ascertained Dr. Moran is not identical with Armstrong, the former Durant factory sales representative.

At the Veterans Administration Hospital, Minneapolis, officials searched their records of patients and employees, finding no record of any party named Krostus (or similarly spelled or sounding name) and no record of any Ormiston or Armstrong which could be in any way identified as being that of the Armstrong formerly connected with Durant Motors. In this connection, the previous occupations, etc. of all Ormistons and Armstrongs, whose records were at the Veterans Hospital, were searched.

United States Attorney, George Sullivan, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised that the mother of Lawrence DeVol had appeared at his office, but that he had been unable to interview her. He asked that she be contacted to determine the purpose of her coming to his office.

Stillwater Prison records secured by phone from Mr. Finnegan, who is secretary to Warden John Sullivan, regarding Lawrence DeVol, who is in that prison under the name of Lawrence Barton, recites the following relatives of DeVol:

Mother: Mrs. Emma L. DeVol, 2022 Palace St.,
St. Paul, Minn. Former address 1603 E.
Minnehaha, St. Paul.
Brothers: A. H. DeVol, same address as above.
Clarence DeVol and Dale DeVol, addresses
not given.
Sister: Edna DeVol, address not given.
Sister-in-law: Mrs. - - DeVol (first names not
known, 209 East 16th St., Minneapolis, Minn.

The following attorneys have been to see DeVol at
the prison:

John DeCoursey, Commerce Bldg., St. Paul.
Archie M. Carey, Andrews Bldg., Minneapolis.
Cesar G. Hall, Hodgson Bldg., Minneapolis.
Eugene Rerat and Russell Manning, 1025 Rand Tower,
Minneapolis.
Arthur LeSeur, 426 Hodgson Bldg., Minneapolis.
Peter Neilson, Assistant County Attorney, Minneapolis.

Mrs. Emma L. DeVol, 2022 Palace Street, St. Paul, Minn., age 71, states she is the mother of Lawrence DeVol, and her purpose in contacting U. S. Attorney Sullivan was to see whether she could not secure better treatment for her son Lawrence who is now in solitary confinement in Stillwater Prison, allegedly as a result of his having attacked Warden John Sullivan of that prison about Labor Day, 1935. She states it is her belief that Lawrence DeVol is becoming mentally unbalanced as a result of so long a period of solitary confinement; that she recently visited her son at the prison and he asked her to see outside authorities to get him better treatment, hence her visit to the United States Attorney.

She was questioned as to whether she knew KARPIS or the other parties connected with this case, and shown photos, but could not recognize the photos, and stated that if she had seen any of these parties with her son it was a long time ago and that she had just seen them momentarily, had not talked with them, and had not known them by the names, which Agent asked her about. She stated that her son Lawrence DeVol might be able to give information about KARPIS, HARRY SAWYER, HARRY CAMPBELL, or others connected with this case. However, she had no basis for this thought other than that she had been told by prosecuting officers and Minnesota prison officials that her son had been connected with most of the bank robbers, kidnapers, and other first rate criminals operating in the middle West within the past several years.

Reference is had to the allegation in report of Special Agent D.P. Sullivan, Chicago, Illinois, December 21, 1935, that HARRY SAWYER directed VOLNEY DAVIS, FRED GOETZ, and FRED O'BARKER to a houseboat at Red Wing, Minnesota, the night the Bremer ransom was paid. This being in February, the Mississippi River at Red Wing, Minn., would have been frozen, and Sheriff Lenus Olson of Red Wing states all houseboats at that point are pulled up on skids on the shore during the winter months. It was noted at Red Wing, however, that there are numerous boathouses on the Minnesota side of the Mississippi in which boats of all descriptions were quartered for the winter.

C. H. Johnson, in charge of registration of boats at the Customs Office, Treasury Department, 218 Federal Building,

Minneapolis, stated he checked his records and could find no registration of any boat within the period 1929 - 1935, in the name of HARRY SAWYER nor any in which SAWYER or MRS. SAWYER was listed as being owner of any interest in a boat. He states only ships with power therein have to be registered, and that if the houseboat indicated had no motor or other power, it would not come within the registration requirement. It is pointed out that boats in the vicinity of Red Wing might come from the Mississippi or Minnesota Rivers which converge at Mendota, Minnesota from the St. Croix River which flows into the Mississippi at Hastings, Minnesota, or come from a point on the Mississippi below Red Wing.

At Red Wing, Sheriff Olson and Chief of Police Eric Carlson assisted Agent in contacting all the river men they knew on both the Minnesota and Wisconsin sides, and to all these and to the "Squatters" living in shacks along the shores, photos of Mr. and Harry Sawyer, Volney Davis, Fred Goetz, Fred Barker, Arthur Barker, and Alvin Karpis, were shown, but no one contacted could recall any of these persons being at Red Wing or connected with any boat or houseboat there.

Roxy Nelson who operated the boat service and gasoline service for boats at Red Wing, stated none of these parties had ever secured gasoline or service for a boat at his establishment.

At Prescott, Wisconsin, Captain Smith, who operates the boat servicing station, said he had not serviced a boat for any of these parties and did not recognize them. The ship-keeper at the St. Paul Boat Club, and Lieutenant Walter Keldson, Executive Officer of the St. Paul Unit of the Naval Reserve, never heard of Harry Sawyer being connected with anyone owning a houseboat, and did not recognize the other photos shown them.

At Red Wing it was found that the shanties and shacks along the shore are called "houseboats" even though they are not in the water. The only affirmative information secured at Red Wing follows: Mrs. Matitia Wilson, 535 Norwood Street, Red Wing, thought Sawyer resembled a party who hung out with some bank robbers at the Majestic Road House at Hager City, Wisconsin, during 1933. Her husband, Dick Wilson, who works at the Tanning

Factory at Red Wing thought Volney Davis resembled a party he had seen at that place. These parties state they cannot be certain of these identifications unless they are permitted to view SAWYER and DAVIS, respectively. Frank Paris, care of Rudy's Coffee Shop, Red Wing, thought he recognized photo of SAWYER as a party he had seen in 1933 at the Majestic Road House where he worked. (Note: Sheriff Olson states Paris is not considered 100% intelligent and his statements therefore cannot be entirely relied upon.) All neighbors to the Majestic Road House at Hagar City, Wisconsin, were contacted without anyone else indicating they recognized any of the photos shown.

Regarding the Majestic Road House at Hagar City, Wisconsin, this was said to be the hangout of numerous bank robbers in the summer and fall of 1933 and winter of 1934. It was also a house of prostitution and bootlegging establishment. When Agent Hardy apprehended Cyrus Andrew Woolridge, December 23, 1933, the latter admitted ten bank robberies and listed his confederates in these robberies, most of whom had been staying at this Majestic Road House at Hagar City. However, none of these parties mentioned Harry Sawyer at that time. According to investigation and to Woolridge, the parties who were staying at the Majestic Road House at that time were:

Cyrus Woolridge, now serving 5 to 40 years in Stillwater, Minnesota, prison for bank robbery.

Ben Callan, now serving sentence either in Wisconsin or Minnesota for bank robbery.

Ronald Woodward, (or Woodard) bank robber, formerly of White, South Dakota, now supposed to be serving sentence somewhere for impersonation committed in Western District of Wisconsin.

Joe Thomas alias Joe Eunice, former operator of the Majestic Road House at Hagar City, Wis., now operating a road house at Jordan, Minn.

Harry Eunice, said to have been a partner to Joe Thomas in operating the Majestic Road House. He is supposed to be in Waupun, Wisconsin prison at present on either a bad check or rape sentence imposed at Elsworth, Wis.

Mike Mosey, now operating pool hall at White Rock, S.D.

Frank Christianson, now said to be operating a beer tavern somewhere on Jackson Street in St. Paul, Minn.

LaTuff, former Leavenworth inmate on counterfeit-
ing charge. His present location not known. He
is brother of Joe LaTuff who is now at Red
Wing, Minnesota, and said to be related to
Joe Thomas.

According to Natitia Wilson, Mike Mosey and Joe Thomas
about 1931 and 1932 were in the liquor business at Somerset, Wis.
According to William Conley of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension,
St. Paul, Harry Sawyer, about 1931 and 1932 had an interest in a
still operating somewhere in the vicinity of Somerset, Wisconsin.

The address 1809 Pioneer, which was found in an old
memoranda book in the apartment of Charles J. Fitzgerald, Los Angeles,
was thought might possibly refer to the Pioneer Building in St. Paul.
Room 1809 of this building is occupied by the Hannaford-O'Brien,
Inc., Insurance.

On the night of January 11, 1936, Capt. Herbert
Paradeau of the Minneapolis Police Department Detective Bureau, ad-
vised that a driver for the Minneapolis Tribune who refused to give
his name, had been brought to the station by Police Officer Dickinson
and reported that at 11:45 A.M. that date, he saw a black 1935 Dodge
Sedan bearing Iowa license plates (Number not secured) parked at
Hennepin Avenue and First Street in Minneapolis, two men being in
the car, one about 60 years old, the other about 35 to 40 years;
that the younger inquired the way out of Minneapolis to the road
leading to Duluth; that about 6:00 P.M. this driver saw a picture of
ALVIN KARPIS in the newspaper, together with a news item that KARPIS
was thought to have inquired directions in St. Paul, and that it
was his opinion that the younger man in the 1935 Dodge Sedan appear-
ed to resemble KARPIS somewhat.

Upon receipt of the foregoing information Special Agent
in Charge Stein immediately phoned the Sheriff's Office at Duluth,
Minnesota, giving a description of the two men in the black 1935
Dodge Sedan with Iowa plates, asking that the Duluth officers be on
the lookout for KARPIS if he appeared in that car.

Police Officer Dickinson of the Minneapolis Police
Department advised he had not secured the name of the reporting driver

but had taken his license number, which was 1935 Minnesota X 7265. At the State License Bureau it was ascertained that this plate is issued to Walter R. Davis, 7016 Penn Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mr. Davis advised he had made this report to the Minneapolis Police Department; that the facts are as above stated; that the driver of the 1935 black Dodge Sedan bearing Iowa plates drove up alongside his car on First Avenue at the intersection of Hennepin, opposite the Northwestern Drug Company in Minneapolis, and inquired which streets to take out of Minneapolis in order to get to Duluth; that he gave this man instructions and the latter immediately turned in to Hennepin Avenue, going north toward Duluth.

Mr. Davis stated he did not look at the elder man in the car, but thought he was about 60 years old, and could give no better description of him. He stated the younger man got out of the car to talk to him and appeared to be about 5 ft. 4 in. in height, age about 35 to 40, medium short build, dark brown hair, color of eyes not known, wore a small black Charlie Chaplain mustache, had a dark Oxford gray overcoat, and dark gray hat. Mr. Davis did not at that time pay any attention to the man and it was not until some six hours later, around 6:00 P.M. that he noticed a news item concerning the Bremer trial now going on in St. Paul, and a possibility that ALVIN KARPIS, the Fugitive, might be in the vicinity of St. Paul on account of the trial, together with a picture of KARPIS published in a Minneapolis paper, that lead him to think that perhaps the man who had asked directions to Duluth might be KARPIS; that he spoke to Police Officer Dickinson about this and the latter took him to Detective Headquarters in Minneapolis for questioning.

He was shown various photographs of ALVIN KARPIS together with photographs of eight other persons whom this Bureau is seeking to apprehend, and stated that none of the pictures shown in any way resembled the man who had asked him directions to Duluth. His physical description of the height and age of the man asking directions to Duluth, does not compare favorably with that of ALVIN KARPIS.

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DIRECTOR.

PHONE. BREKID. INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE, ST. LOUIS, ADVISES THAT
NEWS REPORTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM CHICAGO TO THE EFFECT SUBJECT
KARPIS BEING TRAILED IN MISSOURI. FOR BUREAU'S INFORMATION THIS OFFICE
HAS RECEIVED NO RECENT LEADS AND NO INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED.

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January 15, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1:20 P.M.

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

Colonel Gates called on the telephone. He stated he had received inquiries as to whether there was any truth in a report that Alvin Karpis had escaped a trap set for him at Aurora, Illinois. I told him I had heard nothing about the matter. He asked me to make inquiries.

I talked to Mr. Tamm about it when he returned from lunch and when the Colonel called again, after the third or fourth attempt to get me, I told him we would make no comment at all concerning this report.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

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ILLINOIS NINETEEN THIRTYONE LICENSE PLATES SIX FOUR NINE
FIVE NINE SEVEN SEEN AT AURORA, MISSOURI THIS MORNING
CONTAINING INDIVIDUALS RESSEMBLING KARPIS. ASCERTAIN
INFORMATION RELATIVE TO REGISTRATION RECORDS THOSE PLATES
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Transmit the following Teletype message to: JACKSONVILLE OFFICE

PHONE. BREKID. FLORIDA VANASSE REGISTERED OWNER CAR DESCRIBED IN YOUR
TELEGRAM OF TODAY. OVIDE VANASSE HUSBAND RESIDES WITH HIS WIFE AT 172
LIBERTY STREET, MERIDEN, CONNECTICUT, WHERE THEY HAVE LIVED FOR PAST 17
YEARS. OWNED BAKERY FOR 15 YEARS UNTIL 1933 WHEN ADJUDICATED BANKRUPT.
SINCE 1933 MR. VANASSE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED AS A BAKER AT MERIDEN. THE
VANASSES CAME TO MERIDEN FROM CANADA AND ARE REGARDED AS REPUTABLE CITIZENS.
HAVE NO POLICE RECORD. THESE INDIVIDUALS NEVER KNOWN TO HAVE LEFT MERIDEN,
CONNECTICUT FOR EXTENDED PERIOD. MR. VANASSE DESCRIBED AS 47 YEARS OF AGE,
WEIGHT 200, AVERAGE HEIGHT. AUTOMOBILE REGISTERED BEARING LICENSE BK 77,
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URGENT ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OWNER DESCRIPTION CAR BEARING THIS YEAR OR LAST YEAR
CONNECTICUT LICENSE BK SEVEN SEVEN

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REM:G

10:20 AM

Co: Bureau

Mr. Connelley, Chicago
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Kansas City, Missouri
January 15, 1936

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

ST. PAUL
LITTLE ROCK
OKLAHOMA CITY

PHONE. BREKID. ON DECEMBER 30 LAST TWO MEN STOLE 1935 HUDSON COACH,
MOTOR 59987, 1935 ILLINOIS LICENSE TAG 1044078 AT SEBURN MOTOR COMPANY
GARAGE, AURORA, MISSOURI, ADVISING WOULD RETURN FOR SAME WITHIN TEN DAYS
TO TWO WEEKS. OLIVER AND HARRY SEBURN, GARAGE PROPRIETORS, INDICATED
ONE OF MEN RESEMBLED PHOTOGRAPH OF ALVIN KARPIS. SURVEILLANCE MAINTAINED
BY AGENTS THIS OFFICE AT ABOVE GARAGE JANUARY 10 TO 14 INCLUSIVE, BEING
DISCONTINUED LAST NIGHT. ABOUT 7:30 AM TODAY ABOVE MAN THOUGHT POSSIBLY
KARPIS REAPPEARED AT GARAGE AND ASKED FOR HUDSON CAR, PROPRIETOR INDICATED
KEYS WERE IN POSSESSION OF STATE HIGHWAY PATROLMAN GEORGE, AURORA, AND
INDIVIDUAL POSSIBLY KARPIS STATED WOULD CALL BACK IN ABOUT HALF AN HOUR AND
LEFT NOT RETURNING. INDIVIDUAL WITH MAN THOUGHT TO BE KARPIS WAITED OUTSIDE
IN 1931 FORD CABRIOLET DARK GREEN COLOR WITH ADHESIVE TAPE AROUND REAR
WINDOW OF CAR, BEARING LICENSE PLATES WITH BLACK BACKGROUND, NUMBER OF
LICENSE AND STATE BY WHICH ISSUED UNKNOWN. MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL
IMMEDIATELY TOOK UP PURSUIT TO LOCATE CAR AND APPREHEND MEN. CAR LAST
SIGHTED ABOUT 8:20 AM AT WENTWORTH, MISSOURI. SEBURN BROTHERS INDICATE
MAN THIS MORNING IS OF SAME GENERAL BUILD AS KARPIS BUT NOT POSITIVE OF
IDENTIFICATION IN VIEW OF DIFFERENCES OF MAN'S FACIAL CHARACTERISTICS FROM
KARPIS. SEBURN DESCRIBES INDIVIDUAL THOUGHT POSSIBLY KARPIS AS AGE ABOUT
33 HEIGHT 5 FEET 10 INCHES WEIGHT 150 DARK HAIR SLENDER BUILD MEDIUM
COMPLEXION WITH BROWNISH TINGE CLEAN SHAVEN NO EYEGLASSES, WIDE THROUGH
CHEEK BONES, SMALL CHIN AND SMALL DROOPING MOUTH. OTHER INDIVIDUAL

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DATE: 1/14/36

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Approved: *W. A. Smith*

Special Agent in Charge

JAN 27 1936

Sent 1:30 P.

Per OS

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

ABOUT 50 HEIGHT 6 FEET WEIGHT 160 SLENDER BUILD RUDDY COMPLEXION
WEARING EYEGLASSES. LITTLE ROCK AND OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICES PLEASE
NOTIFY APPROPRIATE PEACE OFFICERS TO ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE AND
APPREHEND THESE INDIVIDUALS AND THE FORD CAR IN WHICH THEY ARE
TRAVELING. API, CHICAGO ADVISES ABOVE DESCRIBED HUDSON CAR STOLEN
CHICAGO, NOVEMBER 3 LAST. SMITH

NCS:B

cc - Bureau

END

ST PAUL OK FBI ST PAUL SEC

LITTLE ROCK

OK FBI LITTLE ROCK DAN

OKLAHOMA CITY IS IT DESIRED THAT THE PEACE OFFICERS BE ADVISED
THAT KARPIS IS SUSPECTED OF BEING IN THIS CAR

WE SEE NO HARM IN IT PERSONALLY END

OK FBI OKLAHOMA CITY VC

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

1449 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 14, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BRINK

Please find attached hereto the log of telephone calls made from the telephone of William F. Fergus at Cleveland, Ohio from January 4, 1936 to January 13, 1936.

A careful review of the calls made fails to indicate conversations of a pertinent nature which might be helpful in the instant investigation. It seems as though most of the calls made relate to social gatherings and that the appointments referred to therein which were to have been made were with a doctor, who was consulted by Mr. and Mrs. William Fergus.

It will be appreciated if you will please review the substance of these calls and indicate your pleasure with reference to the continuation of the tap on the telephone herein mentioned.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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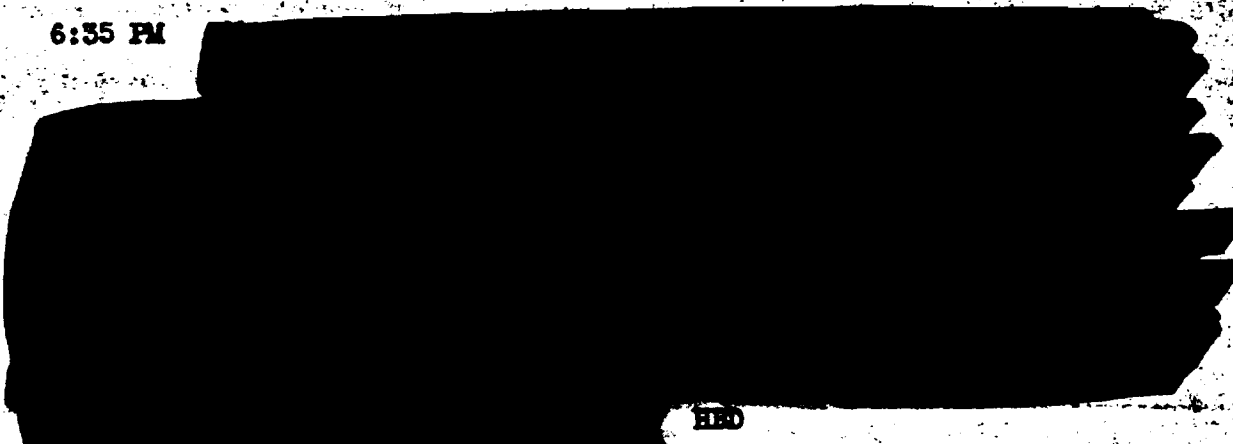
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The following is a log of telephone calls made from the telephone of William F. Fergus, Cleveland, Ohio, from January 4, 1936 to January 13, 1936:

January 4, 1936

6:35 PM




b7C

HED

January 5, 1936

11:18 AM



a

HED

11:30 AM



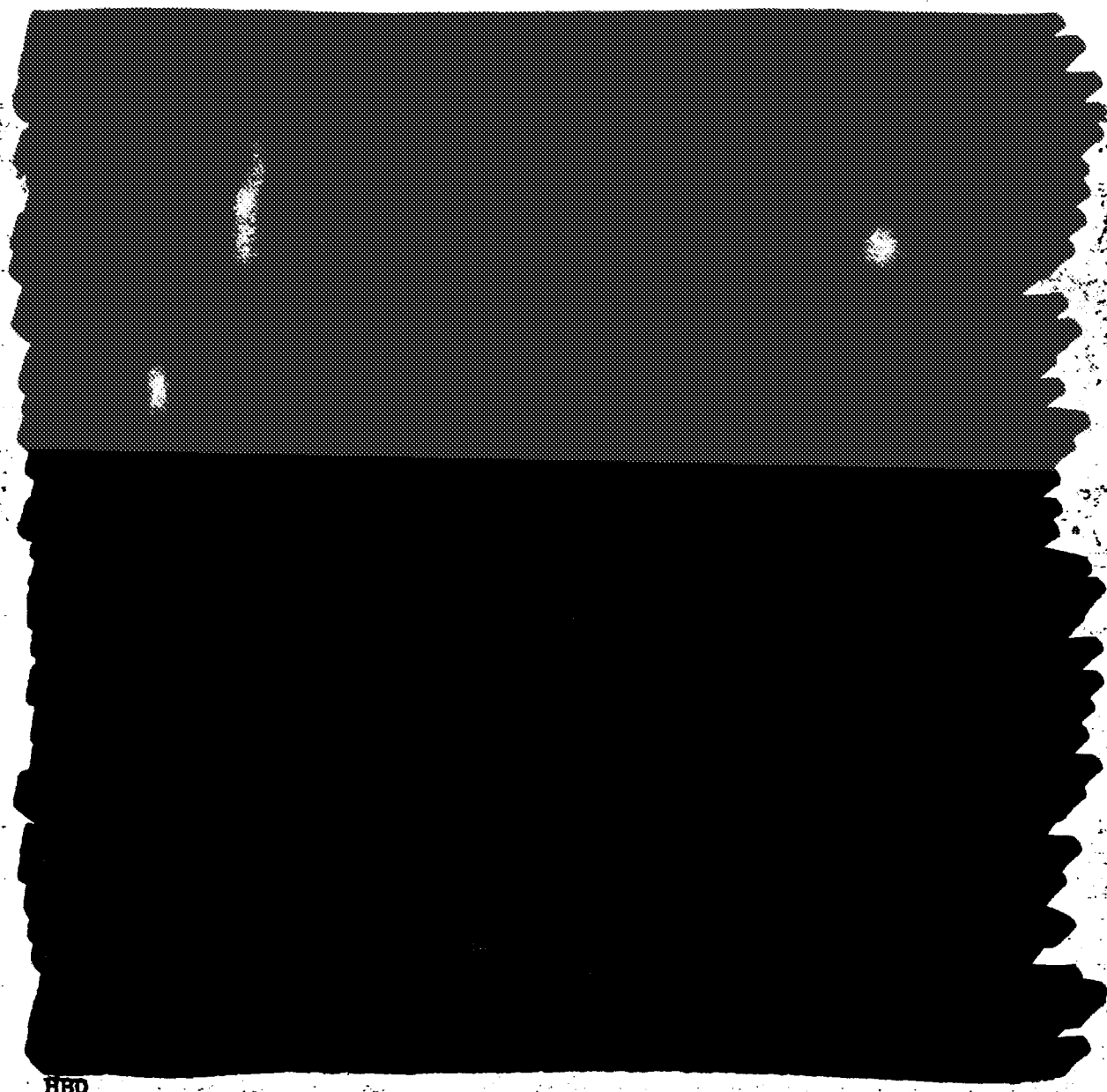
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2:15 PM



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HED

5:25 PM	Call to Fergus home.	No answer.	HED
7:19 PM	Call to Fergus home.	No answer.	HED
7:57 PM	Call to Fergus home.	No answer.	HED
9:03 PM	Call to Fergus home.	No answer.	HED
9:26 PM	Call to Fergus home.	No answer.	HED
10:00 PM	Call to Fergus home.	No answer.	HED

BYU

January 6, 1936

10:30 AM

[REDACTED] RED

11:35 AM

[REDACTED] RED

11:45 AM

[REDACTED] RED

12:34 PM

[REDACTED] RED

12:45 PM

[REDACTED] RED

1:30 PM

[REDACTED] RED

b7C

2:05 PM

[REDACTED]

HED

2:20 PM

[REDACTED]

HED

3:10 PM

[REDACTED]

HED

7:35 PM

[REDACTED]

9:47 PM

[REDACTED]

January 7, 1936

11:30 AM

[REDACTED]

2:25 PM

[REDACTED]

b7C

2:30 PM

[REDACTED]

3:45 PM

ET

[REDACTED]

3:50 PM

[REDACTED]

4:50 PM

[REDACTED]

4:55 PM

[REDACTED]

5:45 PM

[REDACTED]

January 4, 1936

5:10 PM

EJW

5:45 PM

EJW

6:05 PM

EJW

January 7, 1936

7:26 PM

7:36 PM

8:05 PM

8:50 PM

b7c

9:35 PM

11:35 PM

January 8, 1936

9:50 AM

10:00 AM

12:21 PM

12:40 PM

1:00 PM

1:10 PM

1:15 PM

1:45 PM

b7c

1:58 PM

2:50 PM

3:28 PM

3:33 PM

3:49 PM

4:02 PM

b7C

4:05 PM

4:10 PM

5:22 PM

7:25 PM

7:40 PM

10:15 PM

10:47 PM

January 9, 1936

11:15 AM

11:20 AM

11:50 AM

676
12:10 PM [REDACTED] EU

1:27 PM [REDACTED] EU

1:45 PM [REDACTED]

2:15 PM [REDACTED]

3:10 PM [REDACTED]

5:20 PM Phone rang. No answer.

5:27 PM [REDACTED]

5:34 PM [REDACTED]

5:55 PM Recorder [REDACTED]

6:15 PM [REDACTED]

January 10, 1936

1:22 PM [REDACTED]

b7C

2:03 PM

[REDACTED]

(Details set out in 5:27 PM call, 1/9/36) HBD

3:45 PM

[REDACTED] HBD

4:50 PM

[REDACTED]

5:50 PM

[REDACTED]

6:03 PM

[REDACTED]

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1:00 AM

[REDACTED] Probably report of

8:00 AM

[REDACTED]

11:40 AM

[REDACTED]

6:15 PM

[REDACTED]

9:15 PM

[REDACTED]

January 12, 1936

11:50 AM [REDACTED]

1:15 PM [REDACTED]

1:55 PM Phone rang. No answer.

3:20 PM [REDACTED]

5:40 PM [REDACTED]

5:50 PM [REDACTED]

10:35 PM [REDACTED]

January 12, 1936

10:45 AM [REDACTED]

b7c

[REDACTED]
11:12 AM [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

12:25 PM [REDACTED]

January 13, 1936

12:33 PM [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

January 16th, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:

Re: BREXID

Reference is made to Bureau letter of January 10th, 1936,
relative to the fingerprints of one J. D. Moran of 8039
Winthrop Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

It is suggested that your Office return the fingerprints
directly to Mr. Moran, it being noted that, according to
Bureau records, same were returned to your Office.

Very truly yours,

DL:LJM
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D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

January 14th, 1936

Warden
United States Penitentiary
Leavenworth, Kansas

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

I desire to thank you for having forwarded directly to this Office a copy of the photograph of Edward J. Otis, your number 40215. This photograph will be of considerable assistance to this Bureau in an investigation which it is presently conducting.

Very truly yours,

DML:LM

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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PHONE. BREKID. SEE REPORT HANSON JACKSONVILLE FEBRUARY 20, 1935, PAGE 112, COVERING REGISTRATION AT MCALISTER HOTEL FOR C. M. McDONALD.

COVERING PERIOD SEPTEMBER SIX TO NINE, 1934. CHECK YOUR FILES IMMEDIATELY

AND FORWARD AIRMAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY THE REGISTRATION CARD FOR THIS PERIOD IF THERE. ADVISE WHETHER OR NOT CARD LOCATED.

AGENT DONALDSON REQUESTED PROCEED STPAUL FORTHWITH NECESSARY AS WITNESS IMMEDIATELY. REQUESTED TO BRING WITH HIM ORIGINAL NOTES SHOWING SERIAL NUMBERS OF BILLS DELIVERED TO JUDGE BUTCH.

CC BUREAU, CHICAGO, CINCINNATI

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REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 1/14/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/6, 7, 8, 9/36	REPORT MADE BY W. B. MATNEY
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SUMMARY REPORT			
<p>Review of Detroit file reveals no criminal record of William Elmer Mead in Michigan. No investigation concerning Mead performed by Detroit Bureau Office.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated 12/19/35. Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated 1/6/36.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN</u></p> <p>An examination of the file at the Detroit Bureau Office revealed that on August 4, 1934, the Chicago Bureau Office forwarded a letter to Sergeant Van A. Loomis, of the Michigan State Police, East Lansing, Michigan, advising that they had no record in regard to Elmer Mead alias "Christ Kid." Bureau letter of August 27, 1934, to the Detroit Bureau Office advised that Elmer Mead alias "Christ Kid" was identical with William Elmer Mead. Copies of the criminal record of William Elmer Mead and pictures of his fingerprints were forwarded to the Detroit Bureau Office with the above mentioned letter. These pictures and the criminal record of Mead were forwarded to Sergeant Van A. Loomis, of the Michigan State Police, at East Lansing, Michigan.</p> <p><u>AT EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN</u></p> <p>Lieutenant Hugo Erickson, in charge of the Identification Bureau, Michigan State Police, advised that all peace officers in the State</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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of Michigan are required by law to submit copies of all fingerprints taken to the Identification Bureau of the Michigan State Police. An examination of such files, however, failed to reveal any criminal record of William Elmer Mead operating in the State of Michigan.

Lieutenant Erickson stated that he had requested the criminal record of Elmer Mead alias "Christ Kid" from the Chicago Bureau Office as he was in receipt of a wanted notice for Mead from the United States Marshal at Jacksonville, Florida, on August 6, 1934. He advised that there is no other record of Mead in the possession of the Michigan State Police. The only record of Mead in the possession of the Michigan State Police, their file number 7888, is as follows:

September 24, 1896 - as William Mead, #16947, California State Prison, San Quentin, California. Received from San Diego County, California, to serve three years for grand larceny. Discharged January 24, 1899.

December 18, 1920 - Arrested at Miami, Florida. No data given.

August 24, 1922 - as William E. Mead alias J. W. Reed, "Christ Kid", John H. Foster, J. W. Parker, #8390, Police Department, Denver, Colorado. Charge: Investigation, con. game. Disposition not given.

June 3, 1923 - as #12127, Colorado State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado. Sentenced to serve three to ten years for conspiracy to steal (one count) and con. game (two counts).

December 12, 1931 - WANTED: as John H. Foster alias W. E. Mead, "Christ Kid", #8390, by Police Department, Denver, Colorado, for bond forfeiture in Jacksonville, Florida.

July 2, 1934 - WANTED: as William E. Mead alias John H. Foster, J. W. Reed, E. E. Laird, Edward E. Gaynor, by United States Marshal, Jacksonville, Florida. Forfeited \$10,000 bond at Jacksonville, Florida.

The report of reference contains all of the information which appears in the Detroit Bureau Office file, the above mentioned investigations having been conducted by offices other than the Detroit Bureau Office. Mead, so far as is known, never operated in this district.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 10, 1936.

LCS:AMP.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS.

RE: Trial of Bremer kidnaping case.

As requested, I arrived at St. Paul on the morning of January 6, 1936, to appear as a witness in the above case. However, the entire day of the 6th was utilized by motions advanced by various attorneys and in the selection of a jury. The jury was not fully selected until about Noon of the 7th. Afterward, the defense attorneys endeavored to have the Government stipulate to certain phases of its evidence, particularly to the fact of kidnaping. This, apparently, was done in order to keep Mr. Bremer off of the witness stand.

The various attorneys and Messrs. E. J. Connelley and K. R. McIntire of the Bureau discussed this matter the evening of the 7th. When Court convened again on the 8th, it was indicated that some stipulations would be entered into. As a result of the stipulations agreed upon as the court progressed, Mr. Rose, Chicago photographer, was excused without testifying although his pictures were presented and accepted in Court and I was excused from testifying after the presentation of certain photographs by the United States Attorney's office.

I, accordingly, left St. Paul late the 8th and reported here early this morning.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 14, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

In the letter of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley to the Director, dated January 4, 1936, a copy of which was furnished to your office, mention is made of one Tony, reputedly a bodyguard for the owners of the Harvard Club, Cleveland, Ohio, and the request is made that investigation be conducted to determine his identity, activities, etc. for the purpose of arriving at a determination as to whether or not he might possibly be the person handling the contacts for Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton.

The report of Special Agent E. D. Brown, Cleveland, Ohio, dated June 1, 1935, page four, mentions one Tony Arnbraush (phonetic), it appearing that our confidential informant at the Harvard Club furnished information that Tony Arnbraush is one of the outstanding gangsters of Cleveland, is very active around the Harvard Club, and that he once killed a police officer at Toledo, Ohio, for which offense he was sent to the state penitentiary. The confidential informant has been recently interviewed with reference to Tony and he advised that Tony is very close to Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton and undoubtedly has acted as payoff man for them in so far as various officials are concerned, and that he is a gangster of the strong-armed type and has been out of the penitentiary about three years, it being the confidential informant's understanding that he was sentenced to the penitentiary for having killed a police officer at Toledo. It is felt that undoubtedly Tony described by the confidential informant is identical with the Tony mentioned in the letter in the first paragraph.

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In this connection reference is made to the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, dated September 25, 1934, where on page 23 it is indicated that on the occasion of a raid in Cleveland, Ohio on an apartment formerly occupied by subject Harry Campbell there was found a paper containing the name and address, "Phillip Anersbach, 7124 Clerk Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. The current telephone directory

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for Cleveland reflects an Amersbach family residing at 7124 Clark Avenue, telephone Evergreen 4093. A telephone call placed at that number resulted in information that one Tony Amersbach resides there, and it is very probable that he is identical with the Tony mentioned hereinbefore.

It is respectfully requested that your office, at an early date, conduct appropriate investigation at the Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio for the purpose of securing pertinent data with reference to the Tony mentioned in this letter, it being noted that apparently the correct spelling of his last name is Amersbach. This investigation should include the obtaining of photographs, personal and criminal history and a list of correspondence on file at the penitentiary.

Very truly yours,

EJW/EJB

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

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear sir:

In our Sunday edition of January 19, or possibly later, I am planning to do a feature story on the life of Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, as accompanied by the mat released by your department.

We would appreciate anything on his history which would make material for the yarn in which his many and nefarious enterprises will be told to our reading public.

The material at hand gives his record in brief and prevents elaboration, hence in order to thoroughly justify the printing of the mat we would like to have his history. Would like to have any information on his habits, how much schooling he had, when he first began his crime career, and facts about the personality which has brought him the nickname of "Old Creepy".

Hoping that you may see fit to grant us this favor, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Richard K. O'Malley
Richard K. O'Malley

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Mr. Richard K. O'Malley,
The Missoulian Publishing Company,
Missoula, Montana.

Dear Mr. O'Malley:

I have your letter which
was received in this Bureau on January 16,
1936, in which you request certain informa-
tion concerning the life of Alvin Karpis.

I regret that the exact
information you request is not available.
However, I am taking the liberty of forward-
ing to you a copy of the Identification Order
issued on this individual, which I hope will
be of assistance to you.

With best wishes and kind
regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure.

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REPORT MADE AT CHARLOTTE, N.C.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/10/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/26 to 31/35	REPORT MADE BY W. A. COLLIER, JR. FRS
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1218, Et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Stop cards placed in N.C. and S.C. Motor Vehicle Departments on Plymouth sedan, motor #PJ322,772. No evidence that Karpis is or has been in Greensboro, N.C. in 1935. J.B. Mackie, Mountain View, N.C., who operates a small store, located, but little learned of Mackie family to date. No Guy W. Patterson registered King Cotton Hotel, Greensboro, N.C. in 1935, but G.W. Patterson, who is a reputable Charlotte, N.C. insurance man, there 7/8/35 to 10/7/35. Buck Denby, reputedly a dishonest showman, living at Clegg Hotel, Greensboro, N.C. A surveillance of him on 12/30 & 31/35 unproductive of results.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letters from Cleveland office dated 12/12 & 16/35; Teletype from Dallas office dated 12/26/35; Teletype from Nashville office dated 12/26/35.</p> <p>DETAILS: By letter dated December 27, 1935, R. R. McLaughlin, Director, Motor Vehicle Bureau, Raleigh, North Carolina, advised that his Bureau has no record of the registration or theft of Plymouth sedan, motor #PJ322,772, serial #2,619,857, and that he had on that date placed a "stop card" in his files</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. H. Anderson</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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on that car.

By letter dated December 20, 1935, Frank H. Barnwell, Motor Vehicle Division, State Highway Department, Columbia, South Carolina, supplied the same information as that supra.

By letter dated December 31, 1935, Arthur Fulk, Director, Highway Safety Division, Raleigh, North Carolina, stated that he is unable, at present, to advise whether anyone using the names G. R. Benton, George Benton or Mary Forth had a car registered or had applied for a chauffeur's license in North Carolina, but that he will secure this information in the near future.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Ralph H. Winton:

AT KINGS MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA.

On December 28, 1935, agent interviewed J. S. Ware, Postmaster, who advised that he had three clerks in his Post Office and three city boxes and that all of his carriers, both rural and city, pick up mail, and that it would be very difficult to ascertain where a letter mailed on December 19, 1935, originated in Kings Mountain. Agent typed the name Russell Mackie on a sheet of paper and Mr. Ware asked his clerks if they remembered a letter with this name and the Pampa, Texas, address passing through the Post Office about December 19, 1935, but none of them remembered handling these letters. Agent left the names Mr. and Mrs. Russell Mackie and the return address name of I. E. Mackie with Mr. Ware with instructions to acquaint the clerk who stamps the outgoing letters to look for a letter to the Russell Mackie's and ascertain when it was mailed in Kings Mountain, and to immediately notify the Charlotte office. Mr. Ware promised to do this and to keep the inquiry confidential. Agent exhibited the photographs of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell to Mr. Ware who advised that he had not seen anyone resembling them in or around Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

Chief of Police R. B. Bryant advised that he had seen a black speedster with nickel plated exhaust pipes on the outside of the hood and had noticed it especially because it had a small man and a large woman in it; that it was night when he saw the car and consequently he could not describe the persons in it. Chief Bryant was not told why agent was inquiring about this automobile and it was brought up in casual conversation. Agent advised Chief Bryant that the Charlotte office would like to know who drove it and where this automobile stopped and if it

were seen again to inform the Charlotte Bureau office.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent P. S. Bailey, Jr.:

Agent, on December 30, 1935, interviewed J. S. Ware, Postmaster at Kings Mountain, North Carolina, who advised that since agent Winton's interview he had talked to his rural mail carriers and that Mr. A. F. Collins, rural letter carrier for route #1, advised that he had a Mr. J. B. Mackie on his route, that this Mr. Mackie worked at the store of the cotton mill at Mountain View, a little community about four miles north of Kings Mountain on the old Gastonia, North Carolina road. Mr. Ware advised that he hardly knew this party and called Mr. George B. Hord, clerk at the post office, and requested that he talk with agent. Mr. Hord advised that he knew that this Mr. Mackie was living at the place and that he was operating a small store at the mill, but that he knew nothing about him other than that he, Mackie, had lived up there for a number of years and was a respectable man so far as he knew. Mr. Hord advised agent to contact Mr. L. B. Goforth, as he was the rural letter carrier on this route for several years, that Mr. Goforth was reliable and could be depended upon. Mr. Goforth was contacted at the Chevrolet Company, at which time he advised that he had carried mail on this particular part of the route for the years of 1933 and 1934 and that he recalled that there was a Mackie that operated a little store at the Mountain View cotton mill, that he did not have any contact with this Mr. Mackie and knew nothing about his background, that he did not recall the initials of this Mr. Mackie, but from his best recollection Mackie was just a plain ordinary poor man, below the average liver, and had lived there for a long time. He had never known Mackie's name associated with criminals. Mr. Goforth advised agent to contact a Mr. Allison, who once carried the mail on this route for a number of years, but agent had been previously advised by the Postmaster and Mr. Hord, clerk at the post office, not to contact Mr. Allison, as he, Allison, was very old and rather cranky and could not be depended upon.

At Grover, North Carolina, which is only a few miles south of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, agent endeavored to contact Mr. A. F. Collins, rural letter carrier for route #1, but he could not be located, he had left his home for the time being and no one was there. The post master stated that he could be contacted at Kings Mountain around noon, when he returned from his route.

Mr. Ware advised that he would talk to Mr. Collins in an effort to develop any information relative to the Mr. Mackie that lived at Mountain View and that in the event any mail was mailed with this name on the envelope or the name of the town 'Pampa', Texas, he would immediately get in touch with the Charlotte office.

It is thought advisable that Mr. Collins be contacted and that possibly after this interview, investigation be conducted at Mountain View route #1, which is only a very small town, the road to which is impassable at present.

As enclosures in a letter dated December 28, 1935, the Dallas office forwarded to the Charlotte office the mail tracings of Mr. Russell Mackie and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Mackie, Pampa, Texas, referred to in teletype of reference.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer:

AT GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA.

A search of the records of the King Cotton Hotel, Greensboro, North Carolina, from 1/1/35 through December 25, 1935, does not reveal that a "Guy Patterson" or "Guy W. Patterson" has been registered there during this period. The records, however, do reflect that one "G.W. Patterson" was registered there on July 8, 1935, and again on October 7, 1935.

Registration card of "folio #44,225", King Cotton Hotel, reflects:

G. W. Patterson.	Folio #44,225
Charlotte,	Room #801
	Date-- 7/8/35
	Rate \$2.50
	Clerk-- S.

The clerk whose initial is "S", is Ed Spence and upon interview Spence advised that he had registered this party in at the hotel, but that he could not remember what he looked like, and that he did not know him. Agent then exhibited to Spence a photograph of subject Karpis (the name having been cut off), and this did not refresh his memory as to the identity of "G.W. Patterson". Spence advised that he does not remember ever seeing anyone who resembled this photograph.

Registration card of "Folio #1135", King Cotton Hotel, reflects:

G.W.Patterson	Folio #1135
116-1/2- E.4th.	Room 620
Charlotte ,N.C.	Date- 10/7/35
	Rate \$2.50
	Clerk-A.

The clerk whose initial is "A", is Austin Comer, and upon interview Comer advised that he registered this person in at the hotel, but that he did not know him and that he did not remember what he looked like. Agent exhibited to Comer a photograph of subject Karpis (the name having been cut off) and this did not refresh his memory as to the "G.W.Patterson". Comer advised that he did not think that he had ever seen the man whose photograph was exhibited to him.

Both registrations appear to be in the same handwriting.

Both of these men were questioned as to any person who may have stopped at the King Cotton Hotel with a tall blonde woman and they both advised that they did not remember any particular blonde, but that it was mighty hard to keep women out of a hotel these days.

A search for the "rooming slips" and "service tickets" for the above dates was made and the records for 10/7/35 were found and Mr. Clark, head of service department advised that the records for July 8, 1935, had been destroyed as these records only kept for about four months.

The records for room #620 on October 7, 1935, reflect that the party arrived about 3:25 P.M. and had one suit case and one hand bag and was roomed by bell boy #1. Clark advised that Bell Boy #1 was Frazer Baskerville, and upon interview, Baskerville advised that he did not remember the party in room #620, October 7, 1935, and that unless a person demanded a lot of service, or was a regular guest at the hotel, he did not pay much attention to them. A photograph of subject Karpis was exhibited to Baskerville and he advised that he did not remember that person.

The "service tickets" for room #620 on October 7, 1935, and October 8, 1935, do not reflect that any other service, than rooming, was requested by room #620.

The account ledger reflects that G. W. Patterson had checked out the day following each registration and that only the amount of the room rate was collected, thereby indicating that no telephone calls or other service was rendered.

Tracings of the registration of G. W. Patterson were made and are being retained in the Charlotte office. "Rooming Slip" for Room #620 on October 7, 1935, was also obtained from the King Cotton Hotel and is being retained in the Charlotte file.

By inquiry it was ascertained from the King Cotton Garage and the Gate City Motor Company, the only two parking garages near the King Cotton Hotel, that they did not keep any records of the automobiles that were stored with them and that no one remembered an Auburn automobile. At the King Cotton Garage agent ascertained that a good many traveling men had Auburn automobiles and parked them there, but was unable to learn the name of the owners, the license tag numbers or the state from which they were registered, of any of these automobiles.

Chief of Police M.D. Caffey, when asked as to the reliability of Buck Denby, Clegg Hotel, advised that he had only known Denby for about five years and that Denby had been connected with the Satlin-Wilson (phonetic) Shows and had been wintering in Greensboro for the past four or five years. Chief Caffey advised that he thought Denby a crook, and that when one went into a deal with him that he had better be on the look out for being crooked. Caffey also advised that his only dealings with Denby had been in requesting that Denby close certain concessions and that in this matter Denby had always cooperated and had closed the concessions and had not reopened them as soon as the police left, as many other showmen had done in the past. Caffey advised that in his opinion Denby was the type of man that would stand by a bargain that he made, but would cover up any crooked move made by one of his associates.

Agent did not reveal to Chief Caffey the nature of this investigation, but let it stand as understood that agent was attempting to ascertain some information relative to some show people. Caffey stated that most people thought that Denby was a crook and that it was his (Caffey's) understanding that he had been discharged from the Satlin-Wilson Shows because he and Wilson could not get along. Chief Caffey expressed the

view that it may have been a case of one crook trying to beat another. Caffey further stated that he had never had any other dealings with Denby except as heretofore set out, but that he would like to give Denby a chance to cooperate with him further and suggested that if agent wanted to interview Denby that he (Caffey) would be glad to have Denby come to his office for that purpose. Agent declined this offer and told Chief Caffey that it was not important and that his assistance might be asked at a later date.

Lieutenant Strong, Police Department, advised that in his opinion Buck Denby was a crook and was not reliable for anything. Lieutenant Strong was interviewed in the absence of Chief Caffey, and advised that he had not had any direct dealings with Denby, but that Denby had impressed him as a crook during a fair that the Police Department had put on a few years ago.

Both Chief Caffey and Lieutenant Strong advised that Denby was a man of heavy build, about forty-five to fifty years of age, a cripple, and that he lived at the Clegg Hotel.

Agent made casual observations at the Clegg Hotel, South Elm Street, Greensboro, North Carolina, and a man answering the description of Denby was noted in the lobby along with a blonde woman about 5' 5" tall, who was referred to as Mrs. Denby, and several men among them being men who would easily fit the meager description of the criminals alleged to be residing at the hostelry.

As long as agent was sitting nearby, very little was said among the parties in the lobby, but agent then inquired of the bell boy if there was a "Chicago paper" in town and upon receiving a negative reply, agent purchased a local paper and upon the front page was a story relating to a murder in Chicago. Agent read this paper, and the parties in the lobby continued to talk very little, and after about thirty minutes agent clipped from the local paper the article relating to the murder in Chicago and put it in his pocket and carelessly left the remaining paper on the chair. Agent then left the Clegg Hotel and returned later with a New York paper carrying the same story of the Chicago murder. At this time agent occupied a chair close to Denby and the talk between the parties there in the lobby was all concerning the show business and the different rackets that the various shows would have next season. It was apparent that Denby and his associates did not mind if agent heard these conversations. On one occasion when Denby

went to the back of the hotel for a cup of coffee, the blonde woman, who had been referred to as Mrs. Denby, remarked to one of the men that "Buck did not want her to talk with any one or go anywhere out of his sight".

The above information was discussed with Special Agent in Charge G. N. Lowdon and on the night of December 30, 1935, agent checked in at the Clegg Hotel and registered as "Bill Alexander, Atlanta, Georgia", and was assigned to room #23. From about 8:00 P.M. until 11:30 P.M. Denby sat around the lobby and talked with the other persons there, who by all appearances and conversation were show people. Agent did not remain in the lobby at all times, but went into a pool room which is connected to the back of the Clegg Hotel, and in the pool room the name of "Buck Denby" was mentioned several times in conversations between the other occupants of the room, but always relative to some show business.

On December 31, 1935, Denby did not come down from his room, which is located on the second floor, until about 11:30 A.M. and at that time he talked with the same crowd in the lobby and shot a few games of pool.

On one occasion a man came into the lobby, was referred to as "Bob" and greeted Denby with "Hello Buck, Dick Fisher said to tell you hello, he is in Bluefield now". Later conversation between these two (only part of it being overheard by agent) had to do with what a good spot Bluefield was for a tourist camp and what a damn fool Nichols was to get caught. This person "Bob" did not remain in the lobby very long, departing about 2:15 P.M.

Denby went upstairs about 3:00 P.M., and did not remain very long, but no telephone calls were put through the hotel switchboard, and then he came down and stated that he was going to ride over to High Point and asked if anybody wanted to go for the ride and a short blonde headed man about thirty years old, who had been with Denby for the past two days and who had run several errands for Mrs. Denby, left with him. They left in a Chrysler four-door sedan, with extra wheels on the side, bearing 1935 Virginia license #335-392.

During the morning of December 31, 1935, agent contacted Bert A. Fladdie, Superintendent of Mail, and he advised that [redacted] received mail in a lock box and that it would be difficult to cover this mail without bringing in twenty to twenty-five persons and that when that many people

were in on a mail cover there was a good chance of a leak. Eldridge ascertained from Ralph Ohman, in charge of the general delivery window, that Buck Denby received his mail at general delivery. Eldridge advised that to cover the general delivery window would require informing about all contents and that that also would create a danger of a leak. It seemed inadvisable to place a cover on the mail of Buck Denby in view of the fact that the mail was in the view of the general delivery window. Buck Denby's mail was not to be opened by the general delivery window.

Agent noted in the second floor hallway of the Clegg Hotel three wooden boxes about two and one-half feet square and marked "Glass handle with care" which were addressed to "Buck Denby, New Clegg Hotel, Greensboro, N.C." and the label indicated that these boxes came from "Buckley Manufacturing Company, 2156 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill."

At about 4:00 P.M., December 31, 1935, agent again telephonically contacted Special Agent in Charge G. N. Lowdon and at about 5:15 P.M., checked out of the Clegg Hotel and took a taxi from the Clegg Hotel to the Southern Railway Station.

At no time during December 30, 1935, or December 31, 1935, was an Auburn automobile or Green Dodge automobile noted at the Clegg Hotel.

Pending more definite information as to the relationship of Alvin Karpis with Buck Denby, Greensboro, North Carolina, or advice from the office origin, no further investigation is being made at Greensboro, North Carolina. By teletype dated December 27, 1935, the Charlotte office advised the Director, the Chicago and the Washington Field offices, in brief, of the results of the above investigation at Greensboro.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Ralph H. Winton:

AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA.

A search of the Charlotte, North Carolina, City Directory revealed that George W. Patterson has been General Agent for the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, Charlotte, North Carolina, at least since 1932; that his offices have been at 116-1/2 East Fourth Street, since 1932, and his residence has been 2028 Roswell Avenue.

George W. Patterson, upon being interviewed, advised that he often went to Greensboro, North Carolina, and when there stayed at the King Cotton Hotel; that he had been in Greensboro this year and had stayed at the King Cotton Hotel for one or two nights on two occasions; that he did not know of but one person who might be impersonating him and that was a man by the name of Patterson, who had formerly worked for the Continental Life Insurance Company, Charlotte, North Carolina, two years ago, and who cashed a check in his, George W. Patterson's, name, and that this man has since left Charlotte.

George W. Patterson is about sixty years of age, about six feet in height, and weighs about one hundred seventy-five pounds, is of slender build, with gray hair, blue eyes, fair complexion and looks to be a man of good character as well as a successful business man.

The Chamber of Commerce telephonically advised that George W. Patterson enjoys an excellent reputation in the business circles of Charlotte, North Carolina, and that the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company of which he is General Agent, is highly regarded as a reputable firm.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE CHARLOTTE OFFICE, at the Motor Vehicle Division of the State Highway Departments in North and South Carolina, will follow up the request made on December 21, 1935, for information as to whether G. R. Benton, George Denton, or Mary Forth have attempted to secure drivers or chauffeurs licenses, or have attempted to register an automobile under these names.

At Mountain View, North Carolina, near Kings Mountain, will conduct a thorough and discreet investigation into whether J. B. Mackie is a relative of the Mackies at Pampa, Texas, and if he is, will conduct appropriate investigation looking toward ascertaining whether he, or any of his relatives, have information concerning the present location of Harry Campbell.

Will exhibit the mail tracings of letters addressed to Mr. Russell Mackie and to Mr. and Mrs. Russel Mackie, Pampa, Texas, postmarked Kings Mountain, North Carolina, December 19, 1935, to the mail carrier covering the rural route on which J. B. Mackie lives, for him to identify the handwriting thereon if possible with the writing of any person served by him.

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
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KARPAPICZ INDICATES HE PLANS LEAVING CHICAGO BY AUTOMOBILE WITH
BOB DELANSY, BROTHER OF DOLORES DELANSY, DESTINATION BELIEVED TO
BE ST. PAUL, TO VISIT DOLORES. AGENTS BRYCE, KIRKLAND, DUFFEY &

DOYLE IN TWO AUTOMOBILES INSTRUCTED TO MAINTAIN CONTINUOUS SURVEILLANCE
AND TO FOLLOW TO DESTINATION KEEPING THIS OFFICE ADVISED. NOT KNOWN
AT THIS TIME WHEN THEY PLAN LEAVING CHICAGO BUT BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED
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U. S. Department of Justice
Washington Field Office, Rm. 5252,
Washington, D.C.

January 16, 1936.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1218, et al,
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL
FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the memorandum from Mr. Tamm to the Director dated January 15, 1936, concerning a telephone call received from Special Agent K. R. McIntire at St. Paul in connection with \$12,760 of the ransom money which was a portion of a shipment of \$68,000 sent by the Havana Agency of the Federal Reserve Bank to the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C. on May 16, 1935 for mutilation and destruction. The date of the shipment given in the memorandum is May 16, 1935, but May 16th is correct. The memorandum indicates that this money was sent to the Treasury Department under what is known as "Advice of Shipment of Federal Reserve Notes", Treasury Department Form 6338 RA. Of the shipment above mentioned of \$68,000, the memorandum indicates that approximately \$13,000 was issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota and was comprised entirely of \$10 bills.

The memorandum indicates that the United States Attorney at St. Paul desires to have some person from the Treasury Department produce the original of what is known as "Advice of Shipment of Federal Reserve Notes" which lists the denominations of the money, and the names of the banks issuing the same. He also desires that this person from the Treasury Department appear in person in Court and produce and testify to the same. The memorandum indicates that the money in question was sent in 37 individual packages and the United States Attorney desires to have someone from the Treasury Department produce and testify to the fact that such monies were as a matter of fact received in these 37 packages. He also wants a representative of the Treasury Department

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who can testify from his own personal knowledge that the shipment of \$68,000 mentioned above was received in Washington and destroyed.

Special Agent R. P. Burruss conferred with Mr. F. E. Reppert, Redemption Division, Treasurer's Office, Treasury Department who suggested that Mr. M. E. Slindee, Superintendent, National Bank Redemption Agency be consulted regarding the above. Mr. Slindee advised that the shipment of \$68,000 above referred to was made to the Treasury Department after the notes had been punched four times and then diagonally cut in half. He stated that the \$13,000 above referred to in \$10 bills was contained in package #12.

After outlining to him the wishes of the United States Attorney at St. Paul, arrangements were completed with him as follows:

M. E. Slindee, Superintendent, National Bank Redemption Agency, Office of the Treasurer of the United States, Treasury Department, will personally proceed to St. Paul and introduce in evidence the following:

Advice of Shipment of Federal Reserve Notes dated May 16, 1935, covering the shipment of \$68,000 as indicated above.
Receipt from Destruction Committee for lower halves of notes.
Receipt from Comptroller of the Currency for upper halves of notes.

Mr. L. G. Copeland, Chief, Federal Reserve Issue and Redemption Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department will produce receipt from the Destruction Committee for upper halves of notes.

Mr. John F. Moran, Chairman, Destruction Committee, Division of Loans and Currency, Treasury Department, will produce and testify concerning records as to the destruction of both halves of notes.

It was explained to Mr. Slindee that subpoenas would be handed to him and the other representatives of the Treasury Department upon arrival at St. Paul and that expenses incident to the trip would be paid by the United States Marshal there. The three representatives

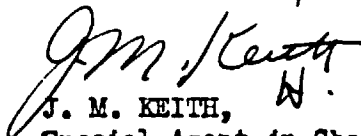
of the Treasury Department will leave Washington, D. C. for St. Paul on Friday, and will report Saturday, January 18, 1936 to Mr. Clinton Stein, Acting in Charge of the St. Paul Office and to Special Agent K. R. McIntire.

Mr. Slindee requested that a joint memorandum or letter be delivered to him and the other two representatives of the Treasury Department briefly instructing them to proceed as indicated above with the records listed.

Mr. Slindee stated that in his opinion the records above referred to and testimony relating thereto would take care of the request of the United States Attorney.

The above data and information were verbally conveyed to Mr. Rosen of the Bureau by Special Agent Burruss on January 15th and 16th, 1936, who stated he would immediately inform the St. Paul Office by long distance telephone in connection therewith.

Very truly yours,


J. M. KEITH,
Special Agent in Charge.

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E.J. Connelley, Chicago.
St. Paul

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

January 21, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. John Welch of the File Room advised me in connection with a letter addressed to the Bureau under date of January 16, 1936 in the Bremer Case, by the Washington Field Office, that he formerly resided with John F. Moran, presently Chairman of the Destruction Committee, Division of Loans and Currency, Treasury Department, and had been informed by Moran on various occasions that the various employees of the Treasury Department felt antagonistic towards the Department of Justice. Mr. Welch also advised that John F. Moran is a brother of Special Agent W. B. Moran of the New York City Office.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
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SHIP RADIOGRAM	RADIOGRAM					

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

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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11:35 AM

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U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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232 Uptown Station and Federal Courts Building,
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El Paso, Tex.,
January 11, 1936

J. L. Johnson
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U S Department of Justice
617 Federal Bldg
Los Angeles Calif

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

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January 14, 1936

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 19, 1935, directing that a summary of the information contained in the files of the New York office with regard to William Elmer Mead be compiled and forwarded to the interested field offices.

The files in the New York Bureau office have been reviewed and all of the information pertaining to William Elmer Mead was set forth in the summary report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated January 6, 1936, with the two exceptions which will be stated hereinbelow. In order to avoid duplication of the facts as set forth in Agent Suran's report, the New York office does not deem it advisable to prepare a summary report in this matter.

The additional information which is contained in the New York Bureau office file and which was not contained in Agent Suran's report is that a Mr. Joe Morrison, field investigator of the Aetna Life Insurance Company of 151 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, advised an agent of this office when interviewed in September, 1935, that about eight years ago a druggist of Holyoke, Massachusetts, had a car stolen and that this car had been traced to Canada and to William Mead. Mr. Morrison further advised that William Mead was the same person as C. E. Carter, who was arrested in Northampton, Massachusetts, a short time prior to September, 1935, and that this C. E. Carter was the same person who was wanted in connection with the theft of this druggist's automobile.

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Information received from Post Office Inspector Herbert Graham, New York City, as set forth in the report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson, New York City, dated December 31, 1935, in this case, is to the effect that William A. Shaw, alias Brady, and H. C. Howard, alias Leon Felix, were indicted with Mead at Jacksonville, Florida, in 1922 on a swindle charge; that H. C. Howard was convicted and has served his time, being released from the Atlanta Penitentiary on November 29, 1935; that William A. Shaw pleaded guilty on April 2, 1934 at

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Jacksonville, Florida, and was discharged; that at the present time Shaw is probably living in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he is operating a hotel. Post Office Inspector Graham stated that Shaw is married to a woman who was secretary to a Federal Judge several years ago; that Shaw was well known in Salt Lake City and could probably be located through the Police Department of Salt Lake City. It was thought that, as suggested in the report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett, Boston, Massachusetts, dated November 13, 1935, Mead might possibly be located through these two men who were indicted with him in Jacksonville, Florida, in 1922. Leads have been set out to the respective offices to try to locate Shaw and Howard and conduct the proper investigation toward the location of Mead.

Post Office Inspector Graham, at the above referred to interview, gave the name of a Secret Service Agent at Birmingham, Alabama, who might be able to locate William Mead. This information was forwarded to the Birmingham office. By letter dated January 6, 1936, the Birmingham office advised that they had been receiving information from this Secret Service Agent and that this agent requested that his name be held in the strictest confidence and that no intimation be made that he is furnishing this Bureau with information which he is receiving from a confidential informant.

In letter dated January 8, 1936 from the Jacksonville office to the Bureau, it is mentioned that Post Office Inspector Herbert Graham, New York City, has the file of the Postal Inspectors pertaining to the case pending in the Federal Court at Jacksonville, Florida, against Mead. The New York office wishes to advise that Post Office Inspector Graham, who specializes in cases involving confidence men throughout the United States, is interviewed every two or three weeks by the New York office for such additional information as he may have pertaining to the apprehension of Mead.

Very truly yours,

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

cc to all offices as follows:

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Edward O'Brien

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

Jan. 15, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
New York City

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 13, 1936 requesting to be furnished with a copy of the report upon which this office predicated its investigation with respect to Harry Lee Hapeman, the details of which investigation are set out in report of Special Agent J. M. Farley of this office dated December 11, 1935.

I am enclosing herewith for the information of your office one copy of the report of Special Agent G. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio dated 11/27/35, which contains the necessary information. This report may be kept at your office inasmuch as another copy is available here.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID. HOMER FANNING INTERVIEWED BY SPECIAL AGENT J. S.

BUSH OF THIS OFFICE AT KIRKSVILLE, MO., YESTERDAY STATES POSITIVELY

INDIVIDUAL WITH HIM IN KANSAS CITY ON ~~12-31-35~~ 12-31-35 WAS NOT KARPIS.

REFUSES TO REVEAL NAME OF ACOMPLICE IN KANSAS CITY BUT INDICATIONS

ARE HE IS ALFRED SCHMIDT. FANNING CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN KARPIS APPROXI-

MATELY ONE YEAR AGO BUT REFUSES TO STATE WHERE HE SAW HIM AND NO

CREDENCE PLACED IN THIS STATEMENT. SCHMIDT DENIED HE WAS WITH FANNING

IN KANSAS CITY. FANNING AND ALFRED SCHMIDT ARE BEING HELD BY SHERIFF

AT ~~KIRKSVILLE~~ KIRKSVILLE, MO., ON NUMEROUS BURGLARY CHARGES AND THEFT OF

BUICK AUTOMOBILE USED AT KANSAS CITY ON 12-31-35. THE KEY TO GARAGE

IN WHICH THIS AUTOMOBILE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RECOVERED AT KIRKSVILLE,

MO., WAS FOUND IN SCHMIDT'S POSSESSION, THEREFORE, HE ~~UNDUBT~~ UNDOUBTED-

LY WAS INDIVIDUAL WITH FANNING IN KANSAS CITY.

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JF:DM

Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

January 13, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREXIT

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 8, 1936, in which you advise that you have information that Heberbrand and Mitchell are not expected to return to this country from Europe in the near future and that it is possible that William Fergus will return to Europe to rejoin Heberbrand and Mitchell in the near future.

It is noted that in teletype, dated December 31, 1935, addressed to the Director and the Kansas City Office, a copy of which was received by your office, SAC Connelley advised that it was reported that Clarence Heberbrand and William J. Mitchell were expected to return from Europe the week ending January 3, 1936. Since receipt of this telegram the New York Office has been checking all ships arriving in New York from Europe to ascertain if Heberbrand and Mitchell were on board. None of the steamship companies which were checked had an advance list of the passengers on board, and the only way to definitely ascertain if Mitchell and Heberbrand were on board before the ship docked was to have the various steamship companies cable their respective ships at Government expense previous to the arrival of these ships in New York. All ships coming from Europe since receipt of the above teletype, through January 10, 1936, were checked by having the various steamship companies cable their respective steamships.

Arrangements have now been made with Mr. Byron H. Whi, District Director of Immigration and Naturalization, U. S. Department of Labor, Ellis Island, New York, whereby the Immigration inspectors will notify the New York Office upon the return of Heberbrand and Mitchell from Europe. The Immigration inspectors are unable to notify the New York Office until after the time that the ship docks at its pier in New York City, and for this reason it is difficult for the New York Office to solely depend upon the Immigration inspectors in this matter, because it will be practically impossible to make a proper surveillance of Heberbrand and Mitchell upon their arrival, as it is very likely that they would leave the pier before agents of the New York Bureau Office could reach the pier after

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receiving information from the Immigration inspectors of the arrival of Heberbrand and Mitchell at the port of New York. For this reason, upon receipt of teletype referred to dated December 31, 1935, check of the steamship companies was made, as mentioned above.

Since receipt of your letter, dated January 8, 1936, the New York Office has requested the steamship companies to discontinue sending cables in this matter to their ships arriving in New York from Europe, and until further advice is received, this office will depend solely upon the Immigration inspectors to notify the New York Bureau Office of the arrival of Heberbrand and Mitchell at the port of New York.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Bureau
Chicago
Cincinnati
St. Paul

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
FIM/awb Washington, D. C.

January 11, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

In compliance with the request of Mr. Rosen, I am transmitting herewith three copies of abstract of criminal record as appearing in the files of the Identification Division of Joseph Weil, our file #FBI-14923.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

L. C. Schilder.

Edw. D. Bruner

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BREKID USA HERE REQUESTS IMMEDIATE PRESENCE SAC STAPLETON AS
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C. W. STEIN
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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

January 16th, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

In accordance with telephonic request of Special Agent in Charge Clinton Stein of your Office, the writer communicated with United States Marshal McDonnell at Chicago, Illinois, and ascertained from him that Deputy United States Marshal Golden and one other Deputy were en route to St. Paul with a prisoner, one Leon Kyseler; that Kyseler was to be turned over to the Ramsey County Jail in accordance with instructions received from the Department in Washington.

Kyseler, it will be noted, testified in the removal hearing of Tommy Touhy in Chicago and it is presumed that he will be used in St. Paul in the trial of the case involving Tommy Touhy at that place.

This information was furnished to your Office by telephone on the night of January 11th, 1936.

Very truly yours,

DM:JPM

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Special Agent in Charge

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 14, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to letter from the Detroit office dated April 24, 1935, supplemented by letter from the Cleveland office dated June 24, 1935 to interested offices requesting that certain reports be furnished by those offices to the Cleveland office in order to complete the file. To date the following reports from the offices designated have not been received at this office:

Report of Special Agent	R. C. Suran	Chicago	4/12/35
"	O. C. Dewey	Omaha	3/13/35
"	D. P. Sullivan	Chicago	3/12/35
"	J. D. Cunningham	Buffalo	3/6/35
"	W. B. Klein	Cincinnati	1/9/35
"	O. C. Dewey	Omaha	12/24/34
"	F. S. Dunn	Dallas	12/21/34
"	D. McGovern	Cincinnati	11/22/34
"	D. L. Nicholson	St. Paul	10/19/34
"	S. W. Hardy	Buffalo	8/30/34
"	A. R. Gere	Salt Lake	3/22/34

It is respectfully requested that you give consideration to this matter and that the above-mentioned reports be submitted to the Cleveland office at an early date in order that the Cleveland file may be complete.

Very truly yours,

RJR/LJB

- CC - Bureau ✓
- Cincinnati
- St. Paul
- E. J. Connelley
- Omaha
- Buffalo
- Dallas
- Salt Lake

J. P. MacFARLAND
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REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 1/14/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/10/36	REPORT MADE BY W. B. MATNEY LBC		
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218, Fugitive, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnaping, Obstruction of Justice, Harboring Fugitives, National Fire Arms Act.		
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Michigan Department of State files in Title Division and in Operators Division reveal a Dr. George Benton, Leslie, Mich., George M. Benton, Jackson, Mich., George E. Benton, Detroit, Mich., George L. Benton, Detroit, and Mary Forth, Detroit, Michigan.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter of Special Agent in Charge, J. P. McFarland, Cleveland, Ohio, dated December 16, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT LANSING, MICHIGAN:</u></p> <p>Mr. H. E. McConnell, Director of the Title Division of the Michigan Department of State examined the various auto registrations in Michigan against the aliases of Harry Campbell as set out in reference letter and advised that the following are the only registrations in Michigan which bear a close resemblance to subject's aliases:</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">1. George M. Benton 504 West Madison Street, Jackson, Michigan</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Ford Coupe Motor No. 12306615 Issued November 10, 1930</td> </tr> </table>				1. George M. Benton 504 West Madison Street, Jackson, Michigan	Ford Coupe Motor No. 12306615 Issued November 10, 1930
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2. George E. Benton
3670 Van Dyke Street
Detroit, Michigan

*Chevrolet
Motor No. 4499286
Issued March 16, 1935

3. George L. Benton
9437 McQuade Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

*Plymouth (New Car)
Motor No. 82168
Issued January 25, 1935

4. Mary Forth
3872 Garvin Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

Issued April 12, 1935; repossessed
on May 22, 1935 by Associates
Investment Company, Detroit, Mich.

Mr. George O'Connor, manager of the Michigan records for drivers and chauffeur's licenses, examined the records in his possession and advised that he has no record of a G. R. Benton or a Mary Forth. Mr. O'Connor advised that Michigan driver's license number 860256 was issued to Dr. George Benton at Leslie, Michigan on May 20, 1935, and his description at that time was, Age, 70; Color, White; Male; Weight, 165 pounds; Height, 5 feet, 10 inches; Eyes, Blue; Hair, White.

AT EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN

Lieutenant Hugo E. Erickson, Deputy Superintendent, Bureau of Identification, Michigan State Police, advised that if he received any information concerning Elmer Meade, alias Christ Kid, he will immediately notify the Detroit Bureau office. An appropriate stop order was placed in Mr. Erickson's files.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The DETROIT OFFICE, at Detroit, Michigan will ascertain the identity of Mary Forth from the Associates Investment Company, Detroit, Michigan, and will also check the George Bentsons at Detroit, mentioned in body of the report.

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 14, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Supplementing letter of this date, please find enclosed herewith log of telephone calls made from the telephone of William F. Vergus at Cleveland, Ohio from January 13, 1936 at 1:03 P. M. to January 14, 1936 at 1:15 P. M.

Very truly yours,

JPM/EJB
Enclosure
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J. P. MacFARLAND
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The following is a log of telephone calls made from the telephone of William F. Fergus, Cleveland, Ohio, from January 13, 1936 at 1:03 P. M. to January 14, 1936 at 1:15 P. M.:

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 13, 1936

Mr. E. J. Connelley
Special Agent in Charge
St. Paul, Minnesota

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Miss Helen Ferguson, Melrose Hotel, Toledo, Ohio, was interviewed on January 10th, 1936, by Special Agent G. E. Smith and was advised by him of the action the government had taken with reference to her Buick automobile, which is presently in the possession of the Chicago Bureau office.

Miss Ferguson stated that she would leave Toledo, Ohio, on January 15, 1936, and arrive in Chicago, Illinois on the morning of January 16th, 1936.

Miss Ferguson was requested by the said special agent not to contact anyone in Chicago until such time as she had been interviewed by either Special Agents in Charge E. J. Connelley or D. E. Ladd, and in the event neither of them was available to contact Special Agent R. C. Suran.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida
January 13, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Kansas City office dated December 24, 1935, addressed to Special Agent in Charge Connelley concerning one Robert O. McBride, also referred to as David C. McBride, a confidence man residing in Kansas City.

It is recalled that the name of McBride appeared frequently in connection with an investigation made by the Kansas City office in the case relating to the Union Station massacre.

It is assumed that the information contained in the file in that case has been brought to the attention of the Agents making the present inquiries, but I am writing this letter to call it to your attention in event it may have been overlooked.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan
Special Agent in Charge.

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Jacksonville, Fla.
January 13, 1936

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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 HOTEL MIAMI REFERRED TO YOUR TELETYPE. PENCIL NOTATION ATTACHED
 TO PHOTOSTATS AS FOLLOWS "ORIGINAL LOST BY MCALLISTER HOTEL".
 ALL ABOVE BEING FORWARDED AIRMAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY TONIGHT. AGENT
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Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida

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January 13, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your teletype message of tonight I am forwarding herewith positive and negative photostatic copies of registration at the McAllister Hotel, Miami, Florida, of C. M. McDonald, 711 Hammond Bldg., Detroit, Michigan. This registration bears number 6643, and shows that the guest arrived on September 6, 1934, and departed on September 9, 1934. There is also attached a three by five slip which was found attached to the photostatic copies in the files of this office, which bears the pencilled notation "Original lost by McAllister Hotel".

The file in this office appears to contain no reference to the source of the information that the original registration card was lost. The notation was apparently made by an employee of the Jacksonville Office, and I will continue my search of the file and inquiries in this connection, and will advise you by teletype of any further information developed.

As you were advised by teletype tonight, Agent Donaldson is at Tallahassee, Florida, under subpoena. He can be released on January 14th, and can reach St. Paul by railway on the morning of January 16th, and by plane on the morning of January 15th. Upon further advice from you it will be determined which mode of travel he will take, and he will bring with him the original notes referred to in your teletype.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Bureau
Cincinnati
Mr. Connelley, Chicago.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California

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
L. A. File 7-42

There are transmitted herewith to the Bureau and to the offices listed below one copy each of a photostated sheet containing handwriting specimens of Imogene Robertson and J. C. Foster, whose correct name is Charles J. Fitzgerald, and a photostatic copy of a registration card containing the handwriting of Foster.

There are also being transmitted copies of a photograph which has been secured of Fitzgerald. This photograph was taken by Special Agent E. K. Merritt of this office, and the negatives, as well as extra copies, are being retained in the file of this office.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Hanson

J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge

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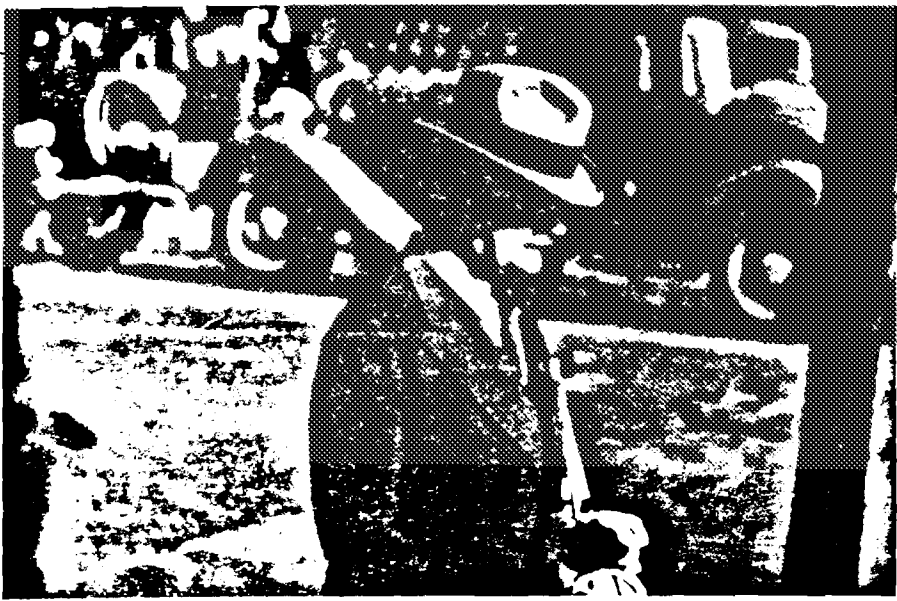
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REGISTRATION CARD

Guests Without Baggage Please Pay in Advance

NAME *E. J. Foster*

STREET _____

CITY AND STATE *City Dayton O*

ROOM	RATE	NO. IN PARTY	ARRIVE
Folio No.	CLEIN	AUDIT	DEPART

Please take notice that the proprietor of this hotel keeps a fireproof safe where money, jewelry, documents, furs, fur coats and fur garments, or other articles of unusual value and small compass may be deposited for safe keeping, and unless such articles are deposited with it to be placed therein, it will not be responsible or liable for any loss of or injury to such articles, nor in any case for more than the sum of \$250.00 for any or all such property of any individual guest, or boarder or lodger.

Form 210 Universal Hotel Supply Co.

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PAY TO THE ORDER OF

Mrs. L. H. Myers \$140⁰⁰

One hundred forty and no/100 DOLLARS

Imogene Robertson

PAY TO THE ORDER OF

Benjamin Franklin Apt. \$70⁰⁰

Seventy and no/100 DOLLARS

Imogene Robertson

Apr. 6. 1903

Martha J. Robertson

Imogene Robertson
J. P. Foster

PAY TO THE ORDER OF

J. P. Darned \$50⁰⁰

Fifty and no/100 DOLLARS

Payment in full including J. P. Foster

Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida
January 13, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge
New York City, New York.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith two copies of
the report of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Jacksonville,
Florida, dated November 17, 1935, which report contains a
lead for the New York office with reference to the location
of Andrew S. Gurante.

It does not appear that copies of this re-
port have been previously forwarded to the New York office.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Connelley, Chicago.

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Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

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SAC ST PAUL

PHONE. BREKID. JOHN KARPAVICZ WRECKED HIS CAR NEAR MAUSTON, WISCONSIN

TONIGHT. CAR WILL BE REPAIRED BY TOMORROW NOON. AGENTS THIS OFFICE

MAINTAINING CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE. NO OTHER DEVELOPMENTS THIS DISTRICT

EITHER FROM [REDACTED] OR SURVEILLANCE ~~MAINTAINED~~ MAINTAINED

RESIDENCE JOHN KARPAVICZ

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA**

FILE NO. **7-5**

REPORT MADE AT DENVER, COLORADO	DATE WHEN MADE 1-10-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-6-36	REPORT MADE BY A. R. GERE NK
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232; ET AL; Edward George Bremer - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject Dr. Joseph P. Moran's sister, Mrs. Anne LaChapelle, advises that allegation that Dr. Moran went to Cuba and joined the Cuban Army originated with Elmer Hager, husband of Mrs. Hortense Hager, Denver, Colo., about two years ago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from the Denver Office to the Bureau, dated December 3, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p><u>At Tabernash, Colorado</u> Mrs. Anne (L. Harry) LaChapelle, sister of Subject Dr. Joseph P. Moran, stated that she had heard the rumor that Dr. Moran went to Cuba and joined the Cuban Army about two years ago, right after Dr. Moran disappeared, and that the rumor originated with Elmer Hager, husband of her niece, Mrs. Hortense Moran Hager, of 4822 Perry Street, Denver, Colorado, and that he told her at Christmas time, 1934, in the presence of his wife, that he had heard that from a "G-man" several months before that; that the alleged "G-man" did not know that Elmer Hager was related in any way to Dr. Moran, when he told him that he was hunting Dr. Moran for violation of</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. Brown</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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of the narcotic laws, and that he knew where Dr. Moran was located; that he was in the Cuban Army in Cuba, but that no one could touch him there; that Mrs. Hortense Hager did not hear the rumor from her relatives at Spring Valley, Illinois, as alleged by her to SAC E. P. Guinane, but that she received that information from her husband, Elmer Hager. She stated that she did not believe at the time nor since that the rumor related by Elmer Hager was based upon fact, but believed that he was talking to be entertaining, and that he probably hazarded the guess that Dr. Moran had gone to Cuba. She added that Dr. Moran several years ago said that he was going to South America when the opportunity afforded, according to information given her during the past summer by his sister, Mrs. Catherine Lauer, of Spring Valley, Illinois, and that Dr. Moran seemed to be closer to his sister, Mrs. Catherine Lauer, than any other members of his family when he was in trouble before being sentenced to the Joliet Penitentiary; that he made his home with her more or less; that Mrs. Catherine Lauer seemed to know about other things connected with Dr. Moran, but would not tell her (Mrs. LaChapelle) anything more, but ventured the opinion that if Dr. Moran was living he would be in South America. She stated that Dr. Moran's fiancée, who suffered a nervous collapse after Dr. Moran disappeared, is living in Chicago and corresponds with Mrs. Catherine Lauer at Spring Valley, Illinois, and that the fiancée's name and address can be ascertained from the latter; that the last she ever heard from Dr. Moran was a letter written to her by Dr. Moran on December 20, 1933, from Chicago, Illinois, and that she had seen him at Chicago during the Fair in the summer of 1933. She stated that she still retains in her possession the letter received from Dr. Moran and permitted Agent to read it. She advised that Elmer Hager is employed on W.P.A. work as an engineer at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The newspaper clipping which Mrs. LaChapelle received from her niece, reads as follows:

"KARPIS MOBSTER ON RIDE".

"Chicago, October 25, 1933. Joseph P. "Doc." Moran, gangster physician member of the Karpis-Barker mob, was taken for a ride in a boat, slain and his body dumped into Lake Erie, the Chicago Daily News says today in a copyrighted story. Moran, indicted for the Edward J. Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul, Minn., was too talkative and was murdered about a year ago last May, the News says."

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DENVER OFFICE: at 4822 Perry Street, or Colorado Springs, Colorado, will interview Elmer Hager as to the source of the information received by him that Dr. Moran had joined the Cuban Army in Cuba about two years ago and was being sought by a "G-man" for violation of the narcotic laws.

THE ST. LOUIS OFFICE: at Spring Valley, Illinois, will interview Mrs. Catherine Lauer, sister of Dr. Moran, as to any information given by Dr. Moran to her that he was going to South America.

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Post Office Box 515

Saint Paul, Minnesota

January 13, 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 R. D. Brown
arrived in Saint Paul, Minnesota, at 8:50 A.M., Jan-
uary 13, 1936, in order to appear as a witness 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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Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
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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:

SPECIAL AGENT S. L. FORTENBERRY

Agent Fortenberry arrived in Saint Paul, Minnesota at 7:50 A.M., January 12, 1936, in order to appear as a witness 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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Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida
January 14, 1936.

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

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

On January 13, 1936, an individual named A. P. Askew, who resides on Route 1, DeLand, Florida, and who frequents the City of Daytona Beach, Florida, was in the Jacksonville office on another matter and mentioned that a number of confidence men are presently in Daytona Beach, including Thomas O'Dell. Askew indicated that he is very familiar with the operations of these confidence men and has made investigations into their activities.

It should be noted that Askew apparently fancies himself as a student of criminology, and this office has been advised in the past that Askew has done some work in connection with investigations made by the Narcotic Bureau.

In view of Askew's intimated knowledge of O'Dell, he was questioned as to the possibility of William Elmer Meade, reputed associate of O'Dell, being in Daytona Beach. Photographs of Meade were exhibited to Askew but he was unable to identify the photographs as being a likeness of any one he has seen.

It is noted from the summary report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Chicago January 6, 1936, that O'Dell has been contacted by the New York office, at which time he disclaimed any intimate association with Meade. Inquiries will be made by this office at Daytona Beach to determine whether there is any indication that Meade is, or has been, there, but before endeavoring to conduct an interview with O'Dell, should he be located there, your advice is requested as to whether he should be openly contacted or whether it is believed desirable to endeavor to maintain a surveillance of his movements.

In this connection, it is noted that the Jacksonville office is not in possession of recent reports submitted by the New York office relative to contacts with O'Dell.

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I might state that I am not particularly impressed
with the thought that Askew is an individual of reliability.

Very truly yours,



R. B. Nathan
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cc: Mr. Connelley, Chicago
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New York

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Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O.#1518, et al;
Edward George Bremer, Victim -
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 14, 1936,
concerning an individual named A. P. Astor, who resides on Route 1,
Deland, Florida, and his mention of Thomas O'Dell.

Please be advised that if O'Dell should be located in your
territory, or in any territory to which copies of this letter are
being transmitted, it would appear advisable to openly interview
O'Dell and question him with reference to the location of William
Elmer Rende. This, of course, appears to be the most logical
avenue of approach, inasmuch as Astor apparently fancies himself a
student of criminology and has, in the past, done some work in
connection with investigations made by the Narcotic Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-J.J. Connelley - Chicago
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. 7-30

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A similar arrangement was made with F. E. Padd, General Agent, Railway Express Agency, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

A photograph of the signature of Mrs. Mary B. Davenport, the wife of Jack Davenport, was obtained from the application for a beer license for the Third Street Buffet, and a tracing of the signature of J. B. Davenport was obtained from an automobile driver's license application, and these were forwarded to the Chicago and Los Angeles Office.

Interview was had with Mrs. Morris J. Cohen of 4108 Columbus Avenue, which is located directly across the street from the home of the Davenports. She stated that her husband is in the hospital but that she was present when he was interviewed by Special Agent Melvin some time ago and understood the nature of the inquiry being made, and stated that she would watch the Davenport house and make a note of the license numbers of any cars of visitors.

On receipt of the teletype message referred to above, arrangements were made through the Postmaster at Minneapolis to send General Delivery, and at that time it was ascertained that the letter in question could not reach Minneapolis until after the General Delivery window had closed on January 6, 1936. Surveillance of the General Delivery was undertaken by Special Agents E. W. Hardy, C. W. Dunker, P. C. Dunne, and Agent. At 4:30 P.M. on January 7, 1936 a woman called for mail addressed to Mrs. A. B. Gilbertson, and when inquiry was made by the clerk for a permanent local address she stated she had none but that she was expecting an air mail letter from Los Angeles. The woman answered the description of Mrs. Jack Davenport and she was followed from the Post Office to the Third Street Buffet operated by Davenport, and left there with Jack Davenport and proceeded by street car to 4109 Columbus Avenue, their home.

Mr. J. P. Mason, Commercial Superintendent of the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, Minneapolis, went through toll tickets of calls made from Locust 9948, the telephone listed in the name of Mrs. J. B. Davenport, 4109 Columbus Avenue, and it was found that calls were made to the following numbers:

November 1, 1935 - to Cicero, Illinois, telephone Cicero 4596
November 5, 1935 - to Cicero, Illinois, telephone Nevada 5563
December 19, 1935 - to Miami, Florida, telephone 52848

(The last number of this series, that is, what appears to be an 8, is barely distinguishable and may be a 5).

Main 9458 is a pay station telephone in the Third Street Buffet which is operated by Davenport. Mr. Mason stated that he would arrange to have toll tickets on these telephones forwarded to his office before they would go to the auditor's office, and that he would notify the St. Paul Bureau Office as soon as toll calls were made from these telephones.

On January 9, 1936, a call was placed from Locust 9948 to Cicero, Illinois, the El Patio Club, 5912 West Philmac.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO BUREAU OFFICE

Will ascertain the identity of the persons to whom Chicago and Cicero telephone calls were placed from Davenport's telephone, Minnesota, Minnesota.

JACKSONVILLE BUREAU OFFICE

At Miami, will determine the identity of the party to whom is listed telephone 52848 (or 52845).

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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SAC, LOS ANGELES

REKID. INVESTIGATION THIS CASE HAS DISCLOSED THAT ~~THE~~ THORNTON, NEVADA, MISSOURI, PROBABLE CONTACT OF FUGITIVES IN THIS CASE. HE RECEIVED FOLLOWING NIGHT LETTER TODAY, WHICH WAS SENT FROM VISALIA, CALIFORNIA, VIA POSTAL TELEGRAPH TWELFTH INSTANT, QUOTE DOLLY AND HUSBAND LEFT FOR IOLA SATURDAY ELEVENTH LOOK UP RECORDS AT IOLA FOR LEGAL ADOPTION BY GEORGE IF NONE STOP COURT ACTION UNQUOTE SIGNED MAMIE, WELL, IDA AND HARRY. SUGGEST INVESTIGATION AT VISALIA TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF SENDERS AND WHETHER HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH FUGITIVES. INVESTIGATION BEING MADE OF COURT RECORDS AT IOLA KANSAS BY THIS OFFICE IN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN THE MATTERS REFERRED TO IN THIS WIRE.

W.A. SMITH, SAC

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

JANUARY 13, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

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RE: B R E K I D

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Reference is made to letter from the Bureau to Mr. 154036
Connelley, Special Agent in Charge, Chicago, Illinois, dated
December 14, 1935, wherein it is requested that Dr. William
Loeser be interviewed at the United States Penitentiary Annex
at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

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When interviewed on January 7, 1936, by Special Agent
A. J. Norstrom, Dr. Loeser advised that William Elmer Mead, whom
he knew as "Lane", was virtually a stranger to him, he having met
him on only two occasions and all pertinent information concerning
this party has previously been related in statements furnished by
him in the DILLINGER case.

However, Dr. Loeser related that he had learned, subse-
quent to the trial of Louis Piquett, in conversations with Arthur
O'Leary and Dr. Harold Cassidy, that a very close relationship
existed between O'Leary and Mead and that they had implicit con-
fidence in each other, having worked together for a number of years
in Blue Sky promotion schemes. Dr. Loeser further related that
neither O'Leary nor Cassidy would cooperate in any manner in causing
the apprehension of Mead, but he was positive through conversations
with O'Leary that he was well acquainted with Mead's whereabouts at
all times.

Dr. Loeser further related that "Hub" Mullins, an attorney
presently officing with Louis Mack, another attorney in Chicago,
Illinois, was closely associated with O'Leary and would undoubtedly
have some valuable information in his possession concerning Mead.

Dr. Loeser stated that he is not in a position at the
present time to obtain information concerning Mead, but although
his maximum term will not expire until May 7, 1937, he expects to
be released from the penitentiary about March 14, 1936, after which

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he might obtain information valuable to the Bureau relative to this investigation.

Very truly yours,



W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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

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U. S. Department of Justice
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
JANUARY 13, 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 dated December 10, 1935, relative to the family history of the Barker family. Supplementing the investigation set out in the report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, Missouri, dated January 3, 1936, Special Agent W. John McNulty received the following information:

Ralph Brooks, of the Greene County Health Department, Green County Court House, Springfield, Missouri stated that under law in the state of Missouri the recording of vital statistics was not compulsory until the year 1910. Mr. Brooks stated that prior to that date cities and towns did not keep any record of vital statistics, but that in some instances counties, in a haphazard fashion, had recorded some births and deaths and that these records would be found in the offices of the clerks of the county courts.

Carl R. Johnson of Ashgrove, Missouri, who is clerk of the county court for Greene County, was interviewed at his office in the Greene County Court House at Springfield. He stated that he had one volume of birth records for Greene County, which, even for the period in which it was kept, was not complete. Agent McNulty consulted this volume and found that it started in the year 1883, which was subsequent to the birth date of Arizona Clark.

Earl Roberts, County Recorder, Lawrence County, Mount Vernon, Missouri, permitted Agent McNulty to examine his records of marriages, and on page 341 of Book F the marriage license of George Barker of Aurora and "Arrie" Clark of Mount Vernon was found. No age was specified in the license, it merely stating that George was over twenty-one and "Arrie" over eighteen. This marriage license is dated September 11, 1922, and is over the signature of the then recorder, W. C. Trimble.

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Agent McMulty contacted W. G. Wilkerson, Clerk of the Lawrence County Court at Mount Vernon, Missouri, who stated that Lawrence County had no records of vital statistics prior to the year 1910, other than one volume of miscellaneous births covering the years 1883 to 1893. A careful search of this book failed to reveal a record of the birth date of Herman Barker.

At Aurora, Missouri, Eva Jones, Deputy Recorder of Vital Statistics, and Mrs. Mary Melton, former recorder, could give no information of value pertaining to the birth dates of Herman, Lloyd, Arthur or Fred Barker. No records of births were kept in Aurora prior to 1910.

At Webb City, Missouri, D. R. McDonald, Superintendent of Schools, stated that he had no personal knowledge of the Barker family. Upon consulting his records he stated that Herman, Lloyd, Arthur and Fred all attended the Central Primary School at Webb City. The school records for Webb City did not reflect the dates of birth of the pupils. However, it was found from these records that in September, 1903, Herman Barker entered the third grade of Central School and was then ten years of age. Also, in September 1903 Lloyd (spelled Lloid) entered the first grade of Central School, his age being given as seven years. It was further ascertained that in September 1905 Arthur entered the first grade of Central School, his age then being given as six years; and in September 1908 Fred entered the first grade of Central School, his age then being given as six years.

Primary school records of Webb City at that time were not alphabetically arranged, but were kept by year, school, room and grade. An examination of the early primary years of Herman Barker reveals that he was an average student with generally regular attendance at school but with deportment rather poor; Lloyd also was an average student, a regular attendant, and his deportment ranged from fair to very good. Arthur's record of scholarship was satisfactory, his attendance record perfect, and his deportment record good. Fred's attendance record was perfect, scholarship good, deportment good.

The school records also reflected that the residences of George E. Barker and family during the early school years of the four sons was, first, 207 North Pennsylvania, Webb City; and later, 114 South Hall Street, Webb City.

Judge Adolph McGee of the Jasper County Probate Court was interviewed at his office at Carthage, Missouri. He could furnish no personal information on the Barkers, other than to say that George E. Barker had a good reputation in Jasper County. He permitted Agent McMulty to examine what papers were available in his office on the estate of Arizona Barker. The papers reflected that

on April 8, 1935 George Barker and Frank Dixon applied for letters of administration on the estate of Arizona Barker, also known as Kate Barker. Their application recites that the deceased died intestate on January 16, 1935, and avers that at the time of her death she was a resident of Jasper County, having a personal estate in the approximate value of \$500.00. They recite that the heirs of the deceased are: George E. Barker, widower, Joplin; Arthur, son, Joplin; "Lloyd", son, Leavenworth, Kansas. In pursuance of this application for letters of administration the requisite legal notice was published in the Webb City Leader on April 27, 1935, and May 4, 11 and 18, 1935. The certified return of publication was filed with Judge McGee on May 25, 1935. George Barker and Frank Dixon were appointed administrators on April 22, 1935.

Judge McGee told Agent McNulty that a claim had been filed against the estate by a bank at Fort Scott, Kansas, and that this bank had questioned the jurisdiction of the Joplin Probate Court, stating that Arizona Barker at the time of her decease was not a resident of Jasper County. Preliminary litigation on this point in the Circuit Court for this area was decided in favor of the Fort Scott bank. Judge McGee, however, expressed his opinion that Jasper County was the only place that could have jurisdiction, inasmuch as this was the last legal domicile of Arizona Barker. His records did not show the birth date of Arizona Barker or any of her sons.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith

W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Cincinnati
E. J. Connelley, Chicago
St. Paul
Jacksonville
Los Angeles.

318 Security Building,
Phoenix, Arizona

January 10, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio

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

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith report of Special Agent
N. F. Marshall, Phoenix, Arizona, dated December 29, 1935,
wherein it is reflected that a Wanted Notice for a 1935
Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ322772 has been placed with the
Arizona Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau, Phoenix,
Arizona. Through inadvertence copies of this report were
not designated for the Cleveland office.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMAN FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge

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To

Mr. Tamm

Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
January 18, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to previous letters from the Bureau and from the Chicago Office setting out information indicating that ALVIN KARPIS is reported to have been seen at Las Vegas, Nevada, and is likewise reported to have a friend operating a night club at Las Vegas, or Las Vegas, New Mexico.

In a recent interview with Dolores Delaney she stated that in December 1933 she and ALVIN KARPIS visited Las Vegas, where they met Fred and Doc Barker; that they registered at the largest and apparently the best hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Delaney woman stated that there is a gambling hall located immediately next door to this hotel; that ALVIN KARPIS and herself visited a small night club located about a block and a half from this hotel; that this tavern is described as follows:

On entering the front door a bar extends along the left wall almost the entire length of the place. Along the right wall, upon entrance, is located several slot machines. In the rear corner, opposite the bar, was located a small three-piece orchestra. There are no tables in the night club, which she described as being a small place. She stated that ALVIN KARPIS spoke to either the bartender or the manager, who was working behind the bar, and from his attitude she gathered that KARPIS was a friend of this man. The Delaney woman also stated that she, ALVIN KARPIS, and Doc and Fred Barker likewise visited the gambling hall located next door to their hotel; that apparently they were not acquainted with anyone therein.

The above information is herewith provided for use in any investigation to be made at Las Vegas. It is suggested that an effort be made to ascertain as discreetly as possible, all possible information concerning the above described night club, its owner and employees, with the particular view in mind of ascertaining whether KARPIS or CAMPBELL have been frequenting this night club.

Very truly yours

C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge

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Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

January 14, 1936.

Mr. Byron H. Uhl,
District Director,
Immigration and Naturalization,
U. S. Department of Labor,
Ellis Island, N. Y.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

At the request of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson of this office, you directed a letter on December 19, 1935 to the Chief Immigration Inspector, requesting him to advise all of his inspectors to notify the New York office of this Bureau in the event William F. Fergus, William J. Mitchell or Clarence Heberbrand presented a passport for entry into this country.

Please be advised that William F. Fergus returned to this country during the latter part of December, 1935, through the port of New York, and through the aid of Immigration inspectors the New York Bureau Office was able to locate this man. I wish you would have the Chief Immigration Inspector advise his inspectors of the fact that William F. Fergus returned to this country. At the same time, it would be appreciated if you would also state that the New York office desires to be notified in the event that William J. Mitchell or Clarence Heberbrand present a passport for entry into this country.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
JANUARY 13, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

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Reference is made to your letter to all field offices dated December 16, 1935, wherein it is requested that the Motor Vehicle Divisions be searched for the purpose of ascertaining if Harry Campbell, using the aliases G. E. Benton, George Benton and Mary Forth, has applied for a chauffeur's license or has registered an automobile within the state.

This is to advise that a search of the records in the office of the Motor Vehicle Commissioner, Topeka, Kansas, failed to reflect that any cars had been registered in the State of Kansas during 1935 by a G. E. Benton or one Mary Forth.

On January 29, 1935, one George Benton, 1317 Ohio Street, Wichita, Kansas, registered a 1929 Ford Tudor, Motor Number A-1637293. However, the record reflects that this George Benton is colored and consequently eliminated. On January 17, 1935, one George Benton, Osage City, Kansas, registered a 1925 Ford Coupe, Motor Number 12,662,219. However, a search of the records showed that this George Benton applied for a driver's license in 1931. His age at that time was 63, his height 5'11", which eliminates him as being identical with Harry Campbell. Other than the George Bentons referred to above, the records failed to reflect that a driver's license or chauffeur's license had been issued to any other George Benton, G. E. Benton or Mary Forth.

The records of the Missouri State Motor Vehicle Department, Jefferson City, Missouri, were checked and it developed that there was a registration under the name of George Benton, dated July 29, 1935, on a Ford Special Roadster, 1931 Model A, Motor Number 4680391, Missouri title 4441976, and that 1935 license 620-416 was issued to this car. The address given is 121 Elizabeth Street, St. Joseph, Missouri. A tracing of the signature was made and in Agent's opinion it is not identical with the signature of Harry Campbell. This tracing is being transmitted herewith to the Cleveland Office. Suitable investigation will be conducted at St. Joseph, Missouri, and you will be advised of developments.

Ed George O'Brien

Enclosure

If it is desired that a like search be conducted for 1936 registrations it is respectfully requested that the Kansas City Office be so advised.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
JANUARY 13, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Deputy Warden A. J. Graham, Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, has recently advised that O. R. Ison, register number 6539, who escaped from that institution on July 16, 1935, was a cell mate of Alvin Karpis during the time Karpis was incarcerated in that penitentiary. He further advised that Elmer Frazier, a former inmate of that penitentiary, register number 6130, had also been very friendly with Karpis and Ison while at that institution.

Mr. Graham has advanced the theory that Ison and Frazier may now be in contact with Karpis. Ison, who was a Trusty at a guard's home outside the penitentiary, while effecting his escape kidnaped two persons which resulted in a great deal of newspaper publicity. Mr. Graham felt that Ison could easily have left the penitentiary without having created any alarm, but feels that Ison chose the other method to inform Karpis he was at liberty. He further advised that Frazier had paid several visits to Ison prior to Ison's escape, at which time Frazier had announced that he had just arrived from Chicago, Illinois.

Copies of the report of Special Agent A. S. Reeder, Kansas City, Missouri, dated November 1, 1935, in the case entitled "O. R. Ison with aliases; Anthony J. Prince - Victim; Kidnaping - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act" have been previously furnished to the Chicago Office, as well as a reward circular containing Ison's description and photograph. Frazier's description, as obtained from the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department, is as follows:

AGE
HEIGHT
BUILD
HAIR
EYES
COMPLEXION
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35
5' 11 1/2"
155 lbs.
Medium slender
Brown
Brown
Medium dark
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(Description of Elmer Frazier continued)

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A photograph of Frazier was secured and is being transmitted herewith to the Chicago Bureau Office.

Very little investigation has been conducted in this matter in that the United States Attorney at Topeka, Kansas, declined prosecution in the event Isom was apprehended.

The foregoing is being furnished for your information, and unless otherwise directed no further investigation will be conducted in this regard.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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DIRECTOR

PHONE BREKID FOLLOWING WITNESSES TESTIFIED TODAY - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, AGENT SURAN, DR. NIPPERT, C. A. STAHLMAN, JOHN MILLER, LILLIAN DICKAMAN, AND WALTER MAGEE WAS TESTIFYING AT CLOSE OF DAY. BREMER MADE EXCELLENT WITNESS, MANNER OF TESTIFYING MUCH IMPROVED OVER LAST YEAR. PHOTOGRAPHS OF HIDEOUT AND MEMBERS OF GANG ADMITTED WITHOUT WITNESSES SUBJECT TO MAKING PICTURES SUBJECTS COMPETENT BY IDENTIFICATION LATER IN TRIAL.

MR SCHILDER PROCEEDING WASHINGTON TONIGHT. CLERK AND PHOTOGRAPHER ROSE PROCEEDING CHICAGO TONIGHT. MR HARBO EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED TOMORROW.

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