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SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG
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DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

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January 11, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS.

Re: Exhibits in Bremer Case

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I am attaching the "true copy" certification prepared by the Department for the transmittal of certain criminal records forwarded to me at St. Paul with the Director's letter of December 30, 1935.

This certificate was not required at St. Paul, but I would like to point out that the document purports to represent a true copy of the original criminal record of Arthur Barker, whereas, in fact, our records of Barker, William Harrison, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, George Zeigler, Byron Bolton, Elmer Farmer and Harold V. Alderton, are attached.

It occurs to me that there should be some way of checking the accuracy of Departmental certifications of this character, as otherwise some embarrassment could follow the preparation of a certificate in this manner.

Respectfully,

LCSchilder

L. C. Schilder.

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United States



of America

Department of Justice

December 30, 1935

Pursuant to Title 28, Section 661, U. S. Code
(Sec. 882, Revised Statutes), I hereby certify that the
annexed paper is a true copy of the original record, in
this Department, of THE CRIMINAL RECORD OF ARTHUR BARKER

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my
hand and caused the seal of the Department
of Justice to be affixed, on the day and year
first above written.

Brien M. Mahon
to the
Acting Assistant Attorney General.



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Los Angeles, Calif. K

Dear Sir;
Will you please
send me a discription
card of Alvin Karpis
Public Enemy No. 1.

Yours truly
Ed Smith

2377 West ave 33
Los Angeles, Calif.

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Mr. Ed Smith,
2377 West Avenue 33,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

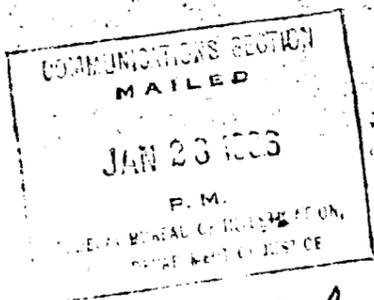
In accordance with the request contained
in your undated communication received in this Bureau
January 21, 1936, I am enclosing herewith Identifi-
cation Order #1218, concerning Alvin Karpis.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Encl. #1122783.

cc - Los Angeles.



Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 13, 1936.

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Mr. Nathan
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, et al;
Edward George Bremer, Victim;
Kidnaping.

The contemplated trip to Carlsbad, New Mexico, of Charles J. Fitzgerald, who is at the present time residing at the Benjamin Franklin Apartments in Los Angeles, California, where he is being kept under a twenty-four hour surveillance by Agents of the Bureau, was started on January 6, 1936, at which time Fitzgerald was accompanied by Imogene Robertson, Catherine Packard and the latter's sister, Charlotte Selkirk. The Los Angeles Office will maintain a constant surveillance during the course of the trip. You will recall that previous indications observed by the Los Angeles Office disclose that Fitzgerald is interested in an oil deal in New Mexico, and he apparently is proceeding to that section of the country to consummate certain plans he might have in this connection. The Bureau has been advised of all of the movements of the Fitzgerald party and to date nothing of any suspicious character has been noted. The developments to date in connection with the surveillance of the Fitzgerald apartment where he is residing under the name of J. C. Foster discloses that Fitzgerald is spending a considerable portion of his time consorting with Imogene Robertson, his girl friend, who is a former telephone operator and was employed at 1036 South Menlo Avenue, where Fitzgerald previously resided. You will recall that former Special Agent in Charge Dunn resided at this apartment. Imogene Robertson represents herself to be Fitzgerald's secretary. They are constantly together and have joint bank accounts. Fitzgerald has apparently represented to people that he is wealthy and is spending his time in California at the instigation of his wife who lives in the East and who is furnishing him with money. It is reported that Fitzgerald is receiving currency notes in denominations ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 by letters from Minneapolis, Minnesota. Previous correspondence observed in the apartment of Fitzgerald which was checked by Agents of the Los Angeles Office indicated that Fitzgerald is apparently interested in the development of an oil well in Carlsbad, New Mexico. Inasmuch as the members of the Fitzgerald party are drinking heavily, the Agents covering the journey have been instructed to take Fitzgerald into custody if he should become involved in any difficulty with officers en route.

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John Karpavicz departed for St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 9, 1936, where he apparently intends to follow the trial at that point. He was covered en route by Agents of the Chicago Office who maintained a constant surveillance. Other than the wrecking of his car near Mauston, Wisconsin, the journey was uneventful. He arrived in St. Paul on January 11, 1936, and his movements are under observation at St. Paul. In connection with the developments in the Chicago district, the plants being maintained at that point have produced no results to date. You will recall that [redacted] is under surveillance at that point inasmuch as the Bureau has been advised that [redacted]

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The trial of Harry Sawyer, Cassius McDonald and William Weaver at St. Paul, Minnesota, which began on January 6, 1936, to date has definitely established the fact that Sawyer and Weaver participated in the instant case and as a result of the evidence so far introduced it is established that subsequent transactions and their connection with the disposition of the ransom money would affirm their participation in this matter. Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye is presiding over this trial. Attorneys Eugene O'Sullivan, of Omaha, Nebraska, and L. L. Drill and Robert V. Rensch, of St. Paul, Minnesota, are representing Sawyer. Jerome Hoffman, of St. Paul, has been retained by Weaver, while Cassius McDonald is being represented by Everett Jennings, of Chicago, Illinois. From present indications it appears that the Government will complete its presentation of the case at the close of the week ending January 18, 1936.

With reference to the investigation being conducted at Cleveland and Ashtabula, Ohio, the Bureau is in receipt of a letter from Mr. E. J. Connelley who was at Cleveland, Ohio, and at that point conducted a survey of the general conditions existing there. A general outline of the work was planned and will be pursued to a logical conclusion by the Cleveland Office in efforts to locate Campbell and Karpis. It is the opinion of Mr. Connelley that the interview with Milton Lett conducted by the Oklahoma City Office has probably caused him to advise Campbell that he had been interviewed; however, two Agents are continuing to cover the situation at that point until it can be definitely determined whether Campbell is contacting this person. A telephone tap on the home of William Fergus, who is an intermediary between Arthur Heberbrandt and James Patton, is being established in order to trace their activities for the purpose of ascertaining whether they are contacting through any source the remaining members of the Karpis - Barker gang. You will recall that these persons are interested in the Harvard Club, an elaborate and prosperous gambling establishment in which James O'Neill alias Tip O'Neill who was released from the Atlanta

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Penitentiary is interested, the latter being a tough hoodlum and a long established friend particularly of Patton and appearing beyond a doubt to be a contact man for Heberbrandt and Patton in their underworld operations.

As to the activity being carried on at Ashtabula, Ohio, in an effort to learn something of the activities of Murray Cook who operates the Swallows Club at that place, a check of all furnished houses or apartments which are rented there is being made with the view in mind of locating Campbell and Karpis should they have established themselves in that vicinity. You will recall that Fitzgerald previously made a long distance telephone call to Murray Cook at the Swallows Club.

There has also been received by the Bureau a proposed plan of trial in the case at St. Paul which gives the names of the witnesses and a skeleton outline of the procedure to be pursued at this trial.

Respectfully,

A. Rosen
A. Rosen.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

1300 Liberty Trust Building
Philadelphia Pennsylvania

January 20, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Buick Sedan, Motor #42949155,
Serial #2783525, which car was formerly the property of
Alvin Karpis, may I advise you that on this date U. S.
District Court Judge George A. Welsh signed an order,
turning this car over to the U. S. Marshal for the East-
ern District of Pennsylvania for the purpose of exposing
the same to public sale.

I have perfected arrangements with the U. S.
Marshal whereby he will take possession of the above
car on January 21, 1936, and, of course, the same will
be deleted from the inventory records of this office.

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Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 18, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: MURKIN

Reference is made to letter from the Cleveland office to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, dated January 17, 1936, with particular reference to a Ford two-door sedan allegedly in the possession of MILTON LEFT in the early summer of 1935 at Cleveland, Ohio. Reference is also made to letter from the Cleveland office dated December 12, 1935 to all field offices concerning a 1935 Plymouth four-door sedan, motor #PJ322772, serial #2619857, which car was purchased at Cleveland, Ohio by a man giving his name as Carl Baker, who is now identified to be MILTON LEFT.

It is respectfully requested that you conduct appropriate investigation at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio, for the purpose of determining whether or not MILTON LEFT, under his correct name, or the aliases Carl Baker, Thomas J. Shaw, or other names set out in his criminal records, as received from the Bureau by letter dated January 13, 1936 (#7-576), a copy of which was furnished to your office, FBI #1008739, has licensed any cars in the state of Ohio in addition to the 1935 Plymouth mentioned hereinbefore. In the event it is ascertained that he has licensed other cars, complete information should be obtained from the license records and photostatic copies of the records secured.

It is also requested that photostatic copies of the registration records on the 1935 Plymouth four-door sedan, mentioned above, described in the letter from the Cleveland office to all field offices dated December 12, 1935, be obtained.

In view of the recent developments, it is requested that your office furnish the Oklahoma City and Kansas City offices with

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copies of your reports covering the above requested investigation.

In view of the fact that MILTON LEFT is expected to be interrogated in the very near future by the Bureau, this investigation should be given expeditious attention.

Very truly yours,

RJM/EJB

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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- E. J. Connelley
- St. Paul
- Kansas City
- Oklahoma City

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

January 21, 1936.

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
RECEIPT OF SUSPICIOUS LETTER
BY CONGRESSMAN HOWARD W. SMITH
MISCELLANEOUS

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the instructions of Mr. E. A. Tamm of the Bureau, who advised that Congressman Howard W. Smith of Virginia had received a letter of peculiar content, Special Agent A. G. Berens of this office immediately proceeded to interview Congressman Smith.

Congressman Howard W. Smith, Room 301, Old Building, House of Representatives, upon being interviewed, advised that he had received a letter addressed to Mr. Howard Smith, Washington, D. C. in the morning of January 19th, and that because of the peculiar content of the letter he deemed it advisable to inform the Bureau. This letter was exhibited to interviewing agent and its contents noted. There are attached hereto copies of the letter and various inscriptions on the envelope. It is noted that the envelope, addressed to Mr. Howard Smith, Washington, D. C., bore the postmark "Renovo, Pa. 1 P. M. Jan. 17, 1936" and in the upper left-hand corner the words "Hold 15 days". This is a regular stamped envelope put out by the Post Office Department, and the words which usually appear on these envelopes indicating a space for the return address were marked out with a lead pencil. It was, however, noted that the following words appeared through the lead pencil demarcations "After 5 days return to Howard, Centre County, Pennsylvania".

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Congressman Smith stated that he was positive the letter was not intended for him, as its contents was not relevant to any matter with which he was concerned. He requested Agent to take charge of the letter and suggested that it be returned to the mail channels as soon as it had served its purpose with the Bureau. The Congressman explained the reason for turning it over to the Bureau was because it apparently pertained to criminal activities on the part of some individuals. He felt positive of this opinion because of the general nature of the letter, and particularly because of the words appearing on the first page "her cherries is ripe now". Congressman Smith further indicated his desire to assist the Bureau in any way possible and remarked that if any similar letters were received in the future they would be immediately

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dispatched to the Bureau. He stated further that his secretary, Mr. C. M. Malsey was the only other individual who had observed or touched instant letter.

The cooperation of the United States Post Office Department was solicited through Mr. Gilbert at the General Delivery window, who advised that the Bureau would be notified in the event any mail is left at the General Delivery window for Mr. Howard Smith. He also advised that he would obtain a detailed description of any individual who might call for such mail.

The letter received from Congressman Smith is being transmitted to the Technical Laboratory of the Bureau for examination as to latent fingerprints which might appear thereon, which prints are requested to be compared with those appearing in the single fingerprint file. It is also requested that the letter be examined for the purpose of ascertaining whether any secret message appears between the apparently far spaced lines. A copy of the results of the examination should be directed to the Pittsburgh office for its assistance in conducting any investigation which it deems desirable.

Copies of this letter are being directed to the Pittsburgh office for its information, and for its assistance in conducting any investigation which the facts warrant. As it does not appear that the letter addressed to Mr. Howard Smith refers to any matter of an extortion nature, this case is being carried as "Miscellaneous".

The handwriting appearing on the identification orders has been checked in a general manner against the handwriting appearing in the attached letter. It is believed that there is a general similarity between the handwriting appearing on I.O. #1218, referring to Alvin Karpis, with aliases, and that of the letter. A brief examination of particular points in the handwriting appearing on both documents appears likewise to be similar. It is suggested that the Laboratory make a further study of these handwriting specimens to determine whether the attached letter could have been written by Karpis. It is also requested that the questioned document be returned to the Washington Field office at an early date so that it can be placed in the proper mail channels. The original color of the letter should be restored for this reason.

Very truly yours,

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cc - Pittsburgh (2)

J. W. KATH,
Special Agent in Charge

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

827 Broad Street National Bank Building
Trenton New Jersey

January 20, 1936.

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

Handwritten initials: R, C, H

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are the fingerprints of JOSEPH D'AURIO and JOHN GOODMAN, who were taken into custody for questioning January 16, 1936, by Bureau Agents at Newark, New Jersey, on the strength of a report that one of them, John Goodman, closely resembled Alvin Karpis. Both men voluntarily assented to having their fingerprints taken.

After definitely ascertaining that neither of the men was identical or in any way connected with Karpis, Goodman was released, and D'Aurio, who admitted a past criminal record, was turned over to the Newark, New Jersey, Police, for further questioning.

It is kindly requested that the criminal records of both individuals be forwarded to the Trenton Bureau Office and the Newark, New Jersey, Police Department.

Very truly yours,

E. L. Richmond
E. L. RICHMOND
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
506 Fletcher Trust Building
Indianapolis, Indiana

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January 18, 1936

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 19, 1935 requesting that a summary of the information contained in the files of the Indianapolis Office with regard to William Elmer Mead be compiled and submitted to all interested field offices.

Please be advised that the files in the Indianapolis Office have been reviewed and same fail to disclose that this office has ever conducted an investigation concerning William Elmer Mead, with the exception that information was obtained concerning his possible whereabouts which required investigative attention in the territory covered by the New Orleans Bureau Office, and this information is contained in the summary report of Special Agent L. I. Bowman, New Orleans, Louisiana, dated January 10, 1936, of which this office has a copy. Therefore, in order to avoid duplication of facts as set forth in Agent Bowman's report, the Indianapolis Office does not deem it advisable to prepare a summary report in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John A. Dowd
JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc St. Paul
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DIRECTOR AND SAC CHICAGO

PHONE. BREKID. JOHN KARPVICZ WHO IS AT ST PAUL IS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE MOTHER AND SISTER OF DOLORES DELANEY THE MOTHER LIVING 1039 E LAWSON. KARPVICZ HAS INDICATED INTENTION TO ATTEND THE TRIAL TO SEE JUST HOW MUCH HIS BOY INVOLVED. DOLORES DELANEY HAS BEEN FURNISHING CONSIDERABLE DETAIL AS TO ASSOCIATION WITH KARPIS BUT LITTLE WHICH WILL BE OF VALUE IN PRESENT TRIAL. NONE OF HER FAMILY ETC. ARE TO SEE HER UNTIL AFTER SHE TESTIFIES.

AGENTS DOYLE KIRKLAND AND DUFFEY ARE RETURNING VIA AUTO TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS CHICAGO TODAY LEAVING TWO PM.

CC CINCINNATI AND CLEVELAND

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 18, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter of this office to you dated January 17, 1936, inclosing a photograph of Thomas J. Shaw, alias Carl Haver, Akron Police Department No. 26337 which individual is identical with Milton Lett, requesting that six copies of the photograph be furnished this office.

Please furnish this office fifteen photographs rather than six.

Very truly yours,

J. F. MacFarland
Special Agent in Charge

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

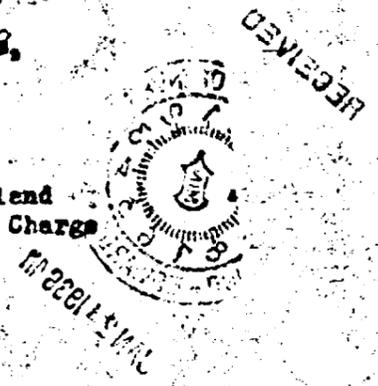
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Post Office Box 818
Chicago, Illinois

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January 20th, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

As per your request of January 17th, 1936, regarding the above-entitled matter, enclosing therein the photograph of Thomas J. Shaw, with alias, Akron, Ohio Police Department # 26537, there are being forwarded to your Office six copies of said photograph, which were made in the Chicago Bureau Office, and likewise there are being forwarded to each of the Offices receiving a copy of this letter, as per your request, two copies of the above-mentioned photograph.

The original photograph is being returned to your Office.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

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REPORT MADE AT Trenton, New Jersey	DATE WHEN MADE 1-17-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-16-36	REPORT MADE BY H. E. SCOTT
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, w.a., FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, w.a., FUGITIVE, I. O. #1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.a., FUGITIVE, I.O.#1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE. OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Inquiries at Newark hotels, rooming houses, railroad station, airport, and exhibiting photographs of subjects Karpis and Campbell to managers and employees thereof disclose no individuals answering their description seen at these places. Rooming house operator described photograph of subject Karpis as possibly that of an individual who, on occasions, had been visiting a roomer at 18 East Park Street, Newark, New Jersey. Both the roomer, Joseph D'Aurio, and the visitor, later identified as John Goodman, voluntarily submitted to questioning, and their fingerprints taken, from which both definitely determined not to be identical with Alvin Karpis or Harry Campbell. Thorough questioning of both D'Aurio and Goodman failed to show either associated with subjects in this case. Information received from New York Bureau Office to effect taxi-driver failed to identify passenger as Karpis and had driven him, not to Newark, New Jersey, but to Courtlandt Station, Hudson Tube, New York City, New York.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Ed Richmond</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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DETAILS:

This investigation is based on a telephone call received at 8:15 A. M., January 16, 1936, from Mr. Charles J. Madison, Essex County Bureau of Identification, Newark, New Jersey, who stated that a teletype had been received at 7:57 A. M. from the New York police, which stated that the New York police had received information at 7:15 A. M. from a taxicab driver, name and address unknown, to the effect that he had transported two passengers, a man and a woman, from New York to the New Jersey side of the Holland tubes at Newark, New Jersey, and that the man had a scar over his left eye and a scar on each cheek, and closely resembled Alvin Karpis.

Special Agents B. F. Meekins, A. Cornelius, Jr., R. B. Graham, L. A. Quindry (A), M. R. Griffin (A), B. Stern (A), and the writer, immediately proceeded to Newark, New Jersey, where they exhibited pictures of both Karpis and Campbell at rooming-houses, hotels, railroad stations, and the Newark Airport, in an attempt to ascertain if either of the men had been seen in that vicinity.

This report is a joint report of the investigation conducted by the Agents set out above.

AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent B. F. Meekins and the writer.

Photographs of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell were exhibited to the following hotel employees and the particular attention of each person interviewed was directed to the identity of persons who had registered on January 15 and 16, 1936, and they failed to identify the same as any person registered at the hotel indicated in time past:

Frank Brady, Manager,
New Century Hotel,
17 Centre Street.

H. H. Krohn, Room Clerk,
Newark Athletic Club,
16 Park Place.

Tom Conits, Room Clerk,
Lenox Hotel,
25 Centre Avenue.

James Cox, Bell Boy,
Lenox Hotel,
25 Centre Avenue.

W. A. Lamont, Room Clerk,
Berwick Hotel,
Broad Street.

Leo Goodman, Bell Boy,
Berwick Hotel,
Broad Street.

John L. Dennis, Manager,
Hotel Lee,
8-12 Essex Street.

Mrs. John Teckerhoff, Superintendent,
St. Paul Apartments,
82 Bleecker Street.

Lawrence Annicchiarico, Room Clerk,
Hotel Regent,
93 Bleecker Street.

Allen Nagel, Room Clerk,
New Tremont Hotel,
16 Fulton Street.

George Sinclair, Bell Boy,
New Tremont Hotel,
16 Fulton Street.

Photographs of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell were exhibited to the following persons at the Newark Airport, and the particular attention of each person interviewed was directed to the identity of persons purchasing tickets on January 15 and 16, 1936, and they failed to identify the same as any person purchasing tickets at these air lines in time past:

Edward Ball, Passenger Agent,
Transcontinental and Western Air Lines,
Newark Air Port.

J. R. Thomas, Passenger Agent,
American Air Lines,
Newark Air Port.

Pete Wood, Passenger Agent,
United Air Lines,
Newark Air Port.

N. H. Matthey, Passenger Agent,
Eastern Air Lines, Newark Air Port,
Newark, New Jersey.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents M. R. Griffin and A. Cornelius, Jr. Agents Griffin and Cornelius covered the following hotels:

The Sherman,
26 Centre Street.

Stetson,
28 Centre Street.

Roosevelt,
16-18 Centre Street.

St. Francis,
22 East Park Street.

Robert Treat,
30 Park Place.

Plaza,
Mulberry Street and East Park Street --

and the following rooming houses, located at:

36 Centre Street,
30 Centre Street,
32 Centre Street,
20 East Park Street,
18 East Park Street.

These rooming-houses were in the immediate vicinity of the Hudson Terminal in Newark, New Jersey.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Station was also covered by Agents.

At the above-listed places, inquiry was made of the attendants on duty at different hours of the day and night, as to recent registrations of guests and as to purchasers of tickets. Photographs of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell were exhibited to each attendant, and their attention was particularly called to guests and purchasers of tickets contacted within the past twenty-four hours. No identification was made and no information of value obtained, except at the rooming-house located at 20 East Park Street.

At that address, the proprietor advised that he believed the picture of Alvin Karpis to be that of an individual whom he had ordered out of his house during the preceding night. Questioned as to the circumstances of the eviction, he advised that a roomer at that address, by the name of Joe, had brought a young man to his room with him without proffering additional payment for the privilege, and that he had ordered the companion of Joe to leave. On the following morning (January 15, 1936) he had discovered that this man was still in Joe's room, and he had immediately evicted them. He further advised that Joe's companion bore a striking resemblance to the photograph of Alvin Karpis, and although he could not definitely state that it was Karpis, he was of the opinion that it was.

Additional inquiry developed the information that Joe's personal possessions were still at the rooming-house and that they were being held pending the payment of delinquent room rent. A search of this personal property resulted in the discovery that the owner was one Joseph D'Aurio, and that D'Aurio had once worked at the Plaza Restaurant in Newark, New Jersey. A newspaper clipping was discovered, which had originally been a part of the "Madison, Wisconsin, News", containing the information that D'Aurio had been arrested there and had been held for the police of Denver, Colorado, who had previously issued a "Wanted" notice for him. The clipping also contained the information that D'Aurio had stated that he had already served a sentence of eighteen months for the offense for which he had been wanted by the Denver Police Department and was, therefore, no longer wanted. An address book and other papers found in D'Aurio's effects led to the inference that D'Aurio had been a prolific traveler and had been in many cities between New York and Los Angeles during the years 1933 to 1936.

Arrangements were made with the proprietor of the rooming-house that, if D'Aurio called for his personal belongings, he would be instructed to return at 7:00 P. M., at which time Agents Griffin and Cornelius would be present to question him.

The Plaza Restaurant was located at 90 Park Place, and inquiry of the manager evoked the information that D'Aurio had worked as a kitchen-helper during the first part of January, 1936, and had quit his job, but had about ten days' pay due him for his services, and further that he was expected to call for it some time that day. Arrangements were, therefore, made with the manager and the cashier

that D'Aurio, if he called for his salary, was to be requested to return at five o'clock that evening, at which time Agents would be present to question him.

At 4:30, Agents Griffin and Cornelius proceeded to the Plaza Restaurant and seated themselves near the cashier's desk, where D'Aurio was to appear. As it was thought possible that the individual identified as Karpis would be with D'Aurio at the time he called for the money, Agents Stern and Graham were appropriately armed and remained outside of the exit in the front of the Plaza Restaurant, to cover proceedings from that vantage point. Agents Meekins and Scott were appropriately armed and covered the side exit from the Plaza Restaurant. Arrangements were made with the cashier to signal Agents Griffin and Cornelius at the time D'Aurio approached the desk for his money.

At approximately 5:10 P. M., the pre-arranged signal was received, and Agents Griffin and Cornelius requested D'Aurio to submit to questioning in connection with an important matter. At that time, it was noted that an individual bearing a striking facial resemblance to Alvin Karpis, but appearing to be about six inches shorter, was lingering in front of the Plaza Restaurant and viewing proceedings through the window. This individual was pointed out to Agents Stern and Graham, who immediately invited him into the Bureau automobile, in order that they might ask him a few questions.

D'Aurio was questioned as to his activities, and explained that he had given up his room at 18 Park Street and was not living at any particular place at that time, and that he had arrived at the restaurant alone.

The individual who was then in the company of Agents Graham and Stern was subsequently identified as

John Goodman, and will henceforth be referred to by that name.

The individual who was then in custody was questioned and advised that he was not waiting for anyone and that he had merely been standing there for lack of anything else to do. His fingers were examined, and it was discovered that he was not identical with subject Alvin Karpis. Because of the circumstances and D'Aurio's previous criminal record, it was thought advisable to question them further, and they were, therefore, requested to accompany Agents to the Essex House, where they voluntarily submitted to further questioning and to having their fingerprints taken. The same are being forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover.

Both were questioned separately and their stories later compared, at which time it was noted that they checked in every detail. It was determined that John Goodman was the individual who had been evicted from the rooming-house at 18 Park Street, and it is here noted that John Goodman, although bearing a remarkable facial resemblance to subject Alvin Karpis, does not answer his description as to other physical characteristics.

Joseph D'Aurio advised that he was arrested in Denver, Colorado, during the early part of 1931 for a violation of the Prohibition Act and had been sentenced to eighteen months in the United States Industrial Reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio, of which he served fourteen months and fourteen days and was released in August 1932. Very soon thereafter he was arrested in Los Angeles for a violation of the Wright Act (sold wine to a policeman). For this he was sentenced to ten days in the Lincoln Heights Jail and served the full ten days. In 1934, he was arrested for burglary in Los Angeles (robbery of a saloon) and was sentenced to nine months in the Los Angeles Jail, of which seven and one-half months were served.

John Goodman advised that he had never been arrested.

The following descriptions were obtained from personal observation and interrogation:

Name	JOSEPH D'AURIO
Age	27
Date of Birth	June 24, 1908
Place of Birth	Newark, New Jersey
Nationality	Italian-American
Height	5' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	135 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Hazel
Complexion	Fair
Teeth	Fair
Scars and Marks:	1" slanting scar, $\frac{1}{2}$ " on outside of right eye. Group of 3 scars, $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{3}{4}$ " long, in centre of forehead. Tattoo on left forearm, heart with arrow through it; word "Mother" inscribed in heart and ribbon circumscribing heart. Burn scar in center of chest.
Dress	Rough
Address	Previous address - 18 East Park Street, Newark, New Jersey. No present address.
Address of Parents:	19 Drift Street, Newark, N. J.

Name	JOHN GOODMAN
Date of Birth	September 12, 1918
Place of Birth	Belfast, Ireland
Height	5' 3"
Weight	125 or 135 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Build	Medium
Complexion	Fair
Hair	Dirty-blond
Scars and Marks	Egg-shaped scar, 1" over right eye.
Dress	Rough

Photographs of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell were exhibited to Goodman and D'Aurio, but no identification was effected.

At 5:00 P. M., January 16, 1936, a telephone call was received from Special Agent Lloyd Richmond, of the New York Bureau Office, who stated that the cab driver who had previously furnished the information concerning Karpis to the New York police had been interviewed and shown pictures and furnished description of Karpis, and had failed to make any identification.

Special Agent Richmond further advised that the taxicab driver stated that he had based his report to the police on a description of Karpis which he had heard over the radio the night before, and that he did not drive the passenger to Newark, New Jersey, but the New York City Courtlandt Street Station of the Hudson tubes.

A teletype summary of results of the above investigations was sent to the Bureau at 9:20 P. M. on January 16, 1936.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

EAT:TAM

January 13, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan	
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Mumford	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

I am attaching hereto a proposed Identification Order upon William Elmer Mead. You will recall that early in the Bremer case, we desired to locate Mead for questioning, but investigation since has disclosed conclusively that he did not participate in the Bremer case, although he undoubtedly is acquainted with many of the people figuring in the Bremer case. Mead, you will recall, was recently released from custody by the Northampton, Massachusetts Police Department, because of failure to identify him due to mutilated fingertips. Mead is a fugitive, being actively sought by the Post Office Department, and I believe that an Identification Order should be issued upon him, because of the mutilated condition of his fingertips. You will observe that following his criminal record, this Identification Order states that the Order is being issued because of the mutilated fingerprints of Mead, "in order to facilitate his identification in the event he is arrested by any law enforcement agency."

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

Edw. G. Bremer

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Cleveland, Ohio

January 20, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Mr. Fay M. Thomas, who was formerly manager of the Patrick Henry Hotel in Roanoke, Virginia, and the Cavalier Hotel at Virginia Beach, Virginia, has recently assumed the management of the Carter Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio. It is also believed that Mr. Thomas was manager of a hotel in Staunton, Virginia.

The Carter Hotel heretofore has been a rendezvous for racketeers and difficulty was experienced in the matter of securing reliable information therefrom concerning the residents thereof.

In view of the fact that it may become necessary in the very near future for this office to contact Mr. Thomas on an exceptionally confidential inquiry in connection with instant investigation, it would be appreciated if you will please be good enough to advise what the experience of your office has been in the way of securing cooperation from Mr. Thomas; that is, whether you have found him cooperative and whether he is the type of individual who can be depended upon in the way of treating contacts with him as confidential.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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FOR PERIOD ONE MONTH

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REPORT MADE AT: Kansas City, Missouri	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-20-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-16 to 20-36	REPORT MADE BY: W. E. HOPTON
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1230, ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SUMMARY REPORT

The Kansas City Office has no investigative file entitled "William Elmer Mead with aliases". Summary of investigation by the Kansas City Office relative to Mead, as reflected in the BREKID file, set out herein.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated December 19, 1935.

DETAILS: In accordance with reference letter the records of the Kansas City Bureau Office were examined and no investigative files pertaining to William Elmer Mead with aliases were located. The investigation conducted by the Kansas City Office relative to William Elmer Mead, as contained in the BREKID file, is as follows:

In a letter dated February 6, 1934, to the Kansas City Bureau Office from the St. Paul Office, Assistant Director Harold Nathan advised that one Martin Wunderlich was in the contracting business and was said to have been the victim of confidence men whereby he was milcted of the sum of \$200,000., which allegedly was obtained by Wunderlich from his account at the Commercial State Bank of St. Paul, or possibly as the result of a loan from Edward G. Bremer; that in January 1934 Wunderlich is said to have visited the Chicago Identification Bureau to examine photographs in an effort to locate the person or persons responsible for his loss. He is said to have identified the photograph of one William E. Mead, Chicago Police Number 5647, as one of the men in question. Information was contained therein to the effect that Wunderlich was said to be then located in St. Joseph, Missouri and engaged in the contracting business in that city. A request was made to

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discreetly and comprehensively interview Wunderlich.

The memorandum of Special Agent R. G. Reed, dated February 11, 1934, at Kansas City, Missouri, copies of which were forwarded to the Bureau and St. Paul offices recites that Martin Wunderlich, President of the Martin Wunderlich Company, road contractors, with headquarters at 219 East High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, telephone 2470, home telephone 2661, was interviewed at his office in Jefferson City, Missouri on February 10, 1934, and furnished the following information, which is being set out in this report in detail inasmuch as it appears that same is very material to the investigation in the BREMER case.

On the evening of March 12, 1933 he was at his mother's home at 530 Desnoyer Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, telephone Midway 3226, when a long distance call came for him, which apparently originated from a pay station in Cincinnati, Ohio. Wunderlich did not answer as he was in a hurry to get to the hospital where his wife was convalescing from childbirth, but left word that he could be reached the next morning at his brokers - James E. Bennett & Son, St. Paul, Minnesota. The next day about 11 o'clock he was reached by long distance telephone, while he was at his brokers, this call also originating apparently from Cincinnati, by a person who identified himself as Charles Layton, the son-in-law of B. J. Johnson, the latter being Chief Engineer of the Kentucky State Highway Commission, according to Layton. Layton stated he could get about \$2,000,000 worth of unfinished roadbuilding in Kentucky from bonding companies who had backed bankrupt road building firms, but that he was an oil man and knew nothing about road building; therefore, he wanted to know if Wunderlich would care to go into partnership with him whereby Wunderlich could put all of his surplus equipment to work on a "cost-plus" basis. Wunderlich said he was interested and Layton said he would meet Wunderlich at St. Louis, or if Wunderlich preferred he would fly to St. Paul in order to meet Wunderlich. Layton cautioned Wunderlich not to mention this deal to any of his friends as there were other companies bidding for this work. Layton also told Wunderlich that there was an investigation going on in Kentucky of the Highway Commission, and that the Chief Engineer would not answer long distance telephone calls and it would be useless for Wunderlich to call him, but that he, Layton, would make arrangements for Wunderlich to meet the Chief Engineer, Layton's father-in-law, whom he generally referred to as the "Old Man".

Wunderlich disregarded Layton's instructions about calling the Chief Engineer and tried to reach him by long distance. He was unsuccessful in this attempt and the telephone company reported back to him that the Chief Engineer refused to talk to anyone by long distance; therefore, he felt that Layton was "all right", at least it appeared that Layton knew what he was talking about.

On March 17, 1933 Wunderlich received at St. Paul a telegram from Layton saying Layton would call Wunderlich that night at 6:30 P.M. Layton did not telephone Wunderlich until March 19, 1933 at which time he said he was calling from Kansas City, Missouri; that the reason why he had not

called Wunderlich earlier was because he had been busy selling his Refinery at Ponca City, Oklahoma. Arrangements were then made for Wunderlich to meet Layton at the Statler Hotel in St. Louis on the evening of March 23, 1933, at which time Wunderlich was to meet "the old man" and a Mr. Taylor, who was supposedly the "head man" of the Kentucky Bonding Company which was confronted with the task of finishing the roads started by companies which had become bankrupt and which this bonding company had underwritten. This Kentucky Bonding Company was reported to be a branch of the Maryland Casualty Company and was referred to as the Kentucky Bonding Company.

Wunderlich was detained in St. Paul by a trial so that he was unable to reach St. Louis on the evening of March 23, 1933 and about midnight stopped at Davenport, Iowa, and called Layton by telephone saying he would arrive in St. Louis the next morning. At this time Layton reported that "the old man" had to leave for Washington, D.C., relative to an R.F.C. Loan, and that Taylor had departed, thinking the deal had "fallen through".

However, Wunderlich proceeded to St. Louis and met Layton at the Statler Hotel, where Layton was registered as "Charles Layton". He and Layton discussed the formation of the "Louisville Construction Company". Layton told Wunderlich that the bonding company had sent out word that they would require any company getting this work to have liquid assets of not less than \$450,000. At this time Layton informed Wunderlich that in selling his refinery he had received \$166,000. in cash, retained stock worth at par \$150,000. and a mortgage due in two months of \$33,000. He also stated that he could get, if necessary, about \$100,000. from the "old man". Layton at this time proposed that he, therefore, could and would raise \$250,000. in cash and felt Wunderlich could raise around \$300,000. Wunderlich demurred at this, thinking his equipment was enough of a contribution, but finally agreed that if necessary he could raise \$200,000. or possibly a little more.

Thereafter a continuous series of conferences were planned and scheduled, either for St. Louis at the Hotel Statler, or in South Bend, Indiana, at the Hotel Oliver, with the object of letting Wunderlich meet the "old man" and Taylor from the bonding company, but always there was some hitch which prevented the "old man" from arriving, or else he had just been called away a few hours before, always by telegrams from Washington, D.C., which were displayed to Wunderlich and which would contain a message to the effect Johnson was needed at once in Washington for a hearing on Kentucky's application for an R.F.C. loan.

After several of these arranged meetings had fallen through, a final attempt was made to get all four men together at the Hotel Oliver in South Bend. When Layton and Wunderlich arrived from St. Louis, Taylor was present and Wunderlich met him, but the "old man" was not present and Taylor said he was delayed until about five P.M.

During the time these negotiations were underway, Layton from time to time jocularly referred to Kentucky as a "horse-racing state" and told Wunderlich of the huge fortunes won by a certain lucky Judge in Kentucky who became friendly with one of the salesmen of the racing

syndicate which controls horse-racing all over the United States. In other words, this Syndicate knew in advance, and in fact gave orders as to what the winning horse would be in any given race; that this judge was tipped off by a man who knew all about the business in order that the judge might win which would be good advertising for bringing in new bettors.

During the day while Layton and Wunderlich were waiting for the "old man" to arrive in South Bend, Wunderlich was hard-pressed for something to do to while away the time. Dinner was eaten in the main dining room of the Oliver Hotel about 2 P.M. While Layton and Wunderlich were waiting for their food, Layton pointed out a man in the dining room stating it was the employee of the racing syndicate he had previously mentioned. In some manner this individual was engaged in conversation and identified himself as "Bill" Farley. He put up a hard luck story of undue publicity which was about to cost him his job with the syndicate. He invited Wunderlich and Layton to his room and they, not having anything to do, accepted the invitation. Wunderlich had a bottle with him, he says, but denied he drank as Layton did not want him to do so. In Farley's room, Farley displayed several newspaper articles with his picture appearing therein and stated he was going to use his company's secrets to play the game and win back the bonus of \$100,000. which the syndicate was trying to deprive him of. He said to do this he would secure the services of another person so that a trick would not be suspected. He advised Wunderlich and Layton that if they would bet his money for him, he would divide 75% and 25%; i.e. he would give them 25% since he was furnishing the money and all they would have to do would be to carry out his orders.

A sum of \$1,300 was given to Layton by Farley to bet on a certain horse that afternoon at 3 to 1. The horse won and Layton brought back \$3,900. Farley gave Layton a pass card to the syndicate gambling rooms in the Hotel Lincoln at South Bend, Indiana. This accounts for the fact that only one could go at a time. Wunderlich advised they wanted him to take the card and place the bet, but as he was timid he declined and let Layton place the bet. He felt that Layton was about to become his business partner and he therefore trusted Layton.

Farley then said he proposed to "clean up" that afternoon before his syndicate caught on. He said he would bet \$300,000. on a certain horse at 3 to 1. He said he could make it 4 or even 5 to 1, but if he did this it would be harder to place the money before the race closed. He also said that he could draw checks on his syndicate, "The New York Exchange, Inc." up to \$100,000. but any amount over that would require the signature of his auditor as well as his own. His auditor, unfortunately, at the time was in New York City. However, after some hesitation he decided to make an attempt to slip through a \$300,000. check (sort of a draft for betting purposes which was drawn on a credit reserve of the New York Exchange, Inc., and which was supposed to be honored at all gambling establishments as cash) and filled it out for this amount with instructions to Layton and Wunderlich to have it placed on a certain horse at 3 to 1. Again they tried to get Wunderlich to place the bet but he being timid refused, and Layton was pressed into service for this purpose. Later Layton returned saying

the horse had won and wanted to know what denomination bills to get. About a half hour later Layton returned saying he had demanded one thousand dollar bills, as instructed, and that just before the last bunch was handed him some clerk called out that the check given by him and signed by Farley was not quite right as the signature of the auditor did not appear thereon; that he told the manager of the joint to call at Farley's room to thrash out the matter.

That evening the manager, a Mr. Hopper, came up to the room with a suitcase containing \$911,700. in cash. Wunderlich advises he did not touch this money but he was within inches of it as it was counted and asserts he personally saw cash in the amount of \$200,000. counted out before him; that he could see the bills so closely he is positive it was not counterfeit as he was afraid of that at the time. As to the remaining \$711,700 Wunderlich advised he did not personally see this counted.

Hopper, the manager of the gambling joint, stated he had the money and did not want them to think his company was trying to renege; but that the check on which the bet was made probably was worthless as it was not properly endorsed; that to protect his company, if \$300,000. in cash was deposited in the bank the following day and a certified check in that amount issued to and turned over to his company, then he would release the said \$911,700. cash to them.

Wunderlich states Farley said he would send out some wires and he would have the money there the next morning. That evening it was discovered that Wunderlich and Layton had delayed so long that the "old man" had left disgusted and had taken with him all but two of the Kentucky road contracts. These were looked over by Wunderlich and he asserts they were regular contracts for road work and bore the signature of the Secretary of State, the Chief Engineer and other Kentucky officials. He stated that the pages had been thumbed just like such contracts would be.

The next morning Farley came rushing to him displaying a telegram from New York signed by Aunt someone saying Uncle Bob left last week for Europe and took his keys to the vault with him. Farley represented that he had been able to raise only \$60,000. and that his hope of raising the remainder had been blasted upon learning his rich Uncle Bob of New York City had gone to Europe. Thereafter Wunderlich and Layton fell to discussing the situation, and not wishing to lose their share of the \$911,700. which was so nearly in their grasp began to consider ways and means of getting together \$300,000. Layton suggested that if they raised a considerable portion of that amount that he and Wunderlich ought to share equally with Farley; i. e. split three ways. This was put up to Farley and he agreed this would be fair. Thereupon Layton said he could get \$66,000. in cash which he had in his safe deposit box in Paducah, Kentucky, and sent a wire to his timekeeper to bring this cash to South Bend the next day. Farley said he would put up \$34,000. to make it an even \$100,000. Wunderlich arrived at the conclusion he could get \$200,000. in St. Paul from his banker. The other two scoffed at this idea, saying that the bankers were "in on" the syndicate and as soon as he,

Wunderlich, told the banker what he wanted the money for he would refuse to give it to Wunderlich. Wunderlich then decided he could get the money by borrowing it from his banker, claiming it was to be used in getting the Kentucky contracts.

An extension of several days time was secured from Hopper, and Layton and Wunderlich immediately left for St. Paul, Minnesota. Upon arriving at St. Paul Wunderlich contacted Edward G. Bremer and related to him he wanted to borrow \$200,000. in order to secure certain road contracts in Kentucky. Layton was along at the time and met Bremer, and was introduced to Bremer as Wunderlich's proposed partner in the new venture. Bremer agreed to loan Wunderlich the \$200,000. and said he had this much on hand as he needed that much at all times for "beer money". Wunderlich was unable to explain just what Bremer meant by this except to suggest that the Bremer family may have needed it in their business.

At any rate, Bremer, Wunderlich and Layton went down to Bremer's private strong box in the American National Bank and got \$100,000. therefrom, and to the private box of Bremer in the Merchants National Bank and secured therefrom another \$100,000. all in cash money in denominations of \$500. and \$1000., which was then and there handed to Wunderlich. Layton was present when this took place. Wunderlich and Layton immediately left St. Paul, after securing this money, for South Bend, Indiana. There the \$300,000. in cash (contributions indicated in a prior paragraph) was given to Layton who supposedly took it over to the gambling joint in the Lincoln Hotel. He returned a little later with a "certified" check drawn on the "New York Exchange, Inc." in the amount of \$911,700. Wunderlich at this time grew very angry and wanted to know why the money was not brought back and Layton said it was because it would take a half hour to get the money in large denominations. In about half an hour Layton went again supposedly to the gambling joint and came back shouting that he had sunk it all on a horse at five to one and that all would be millionaires the same afternoon. Farley asked what horse he bet on and when Layton told him said "You fool, I could have told you not to bet on that horse". That Farley said he would go down and try to remove the bet and get the money. In a little while Farley came back raving mad, saying that "Layton, the rattle brained blankety blank has lost all our money" and picked up a spittoon and hit Layton so hard on the head Wunderlich was afraid Farley would kill Layton, and, accordingly, he stepped in and separated the two. Farley then said he was going to New York City to find his auditor so he could get some big money to recoup their fortunes, and Layton said he would proceed to Paducah to raise as much money on the \$100,000. in bonds he had there and they both advised Wunderlich to raise some more money, if possible, and meet them in two days at the Hotel Statler in Cleveland. That evening Wunderlich placed a long distance call to the Assistant Engineer of the Kentucky Highway Department, and there secured information that convinced him he had been mulcted of \$200,000.

Wunderlich also advised that he told the whole story to Edward G. Bremer and made arrangements to pay back the \$200,000. in question; that

Bremer subsequently started a quiet police investigation of which only a few detectives in St. Paul and Chicago had knowledge, as a result of which he was shown a picture by Lt. Edward J. Kelly of the Chicago Police Department of a picture he identified as the individual he knew as "Taylor" the bondsman. He said Lt. Kelly told him this individual was a con man, known as "The Christ Kid", and that Kelly also subsequently told him that in his opinion the "Christ Kid" had something to do with Bremer's recent kidnaping. ("Christ Kid" and "Taylor" are aliases of William Elmer Mead.)

Wunderlich also advised that he was shown a picture of an individual he identified as "Charles Layton" by Detective Brown of the St. Paul Police Department. Wunderlich could not remember the correct names or any of the aliases of these two individuals, or their police numbers, but evidently their correct names and aliases and police history can be secured from the police officers named.

Wunderlich also advised that on Saturday night, January 20, 1934, while he was in his room at the Phillips Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, (there being a convention of contractors in Kansas City at the time) someone called him in his room on the house phone; that this individual said "Is this Wunderlich"; that he said "Yes"; that the person then said, "Can you handle a deal for us"; that he said "Who is this, Charlie?"; that this person seemed taken back by this and said "No, who is Charlie" and then immediately hung up.

Wunderlich stated he was positive he recognized the voice of the person he knew as Charlie Layton; that he immediately put on his hat and rushed downstairs and saw the back of a man going out the hotel, getting into a dark Cadillac driven by another man whom he could not see; that they pulled rapidly away and not a policeman was in sight whereby he could stop them and he was afraid to try to run down the car himself. Wunderlich said that although he could only see the back of the form of this man, he is positive it was the individual he knew as Charlie Layton.

Descriptions furnished by Wunderlich were as follows:

Name	Charles Layton
Age	38-40
Height	5' 4"
Weight	125 lbs.
Build	Slender
Complexion	Pale, cheeks drawn in.
Hair	Pitch black, heavy eyebrows.
Remarks	Speaks very good English; well-mannered; very snappy dresser; had one suitcase filled with nothing but neckties; teeth appeared good but were all brown with tobacco stain.

Name	Ben Taylor alias "The Christ Kid"
Age	45
Height	6' 1"
Weight	185 lbs.
Build	Athletic, slender
Hair	Blonde
Eyes	Blue
Remarks	Lip apparently has been cut at some time on left side with result has a mouth slightly out of shape, upper lip curling up.

Name	"Bill" Farley
Age	45
Height	6'
Weight	230 lbs.
Build	Heavy set
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Gray
Glasses	Square, rimless.

Name	Mr. Hopper
Age	38
Height	6'
Weight	215 lbs.
Build	Heavy
Complexion	Dark
Remarks	Appeared to be Jewish

The report of Special Agent W. K. Bowling, Portland, Oregon, dated October 23, 1934, set out a lead for the Kansas City Office to ascertain whether a party by the name of Meade or Mead was confined in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, from 1909 to 1913. The report of Special Agent A. E. Farland, Kansas City, Missouri, dated December 1, 1934, recites that the only record on file at the penitentiary was that of one C. Albert Meade, which, upon checking the fingerprint classification, revealed that said person was not identical with William Elmer Mead.

The report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Denver, Colorado, dated December 9, 1935, reflects that G. Hinds, Great Northern Hotel, Joplin, Missouri, and Henry C. Smith, suite 705 Ridge Arcade, Kansas City, Missouri, were correspondents of William E. Meade when he was incarcerated in the state penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado from 6-3-23 to 9-14-25. The report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 12-29-35 recites that Mrs. Eva Waugh, manager of the Great Northern Hotel, Joplin, Missouri,

advised that she had been in active management of the above mentioned hotel for nine years, and that during that time she never recalled having a guest known as "G. Hinds". She further informed that she had no registrations available from the period 1923 to 1925, and that it would be an impossible task to check the registrations subsequent to that date in that they were not alphabetically filed. Mrs. Waugh was shown a photograph of William E. Meade, who, after examining same, failed to identify it as the likeness of anyone she had ever known. Inquiry at the Post Office and of Ed Portley, Chief of Detectives, Joplin, Missouri, as well as a check of the city directories failed to reveal a "G. Hinds" as ever having resided at Joplin, Missouri.

Investigation at Kansas City, Missouri, by Agent Norstrom failed to indicate the present whereabouts of Henry C. Smith, suite 705 Ridge Arcade Building, although there is a Ridge Building in Kansas City, Missouri. There is no Ridge Arcade. Inquiry of the present tenants of the Ridge Building failed to reveal a Henry C. Smith as ever having had offices in that building, and inquiry at the Post Office, Kansas City, Missouri, as well as a check of the city directories failed to reveal a Henry C. Smith as residing at Kansas City, Missouri.

With reference to Bureau letter dated December 14, 1935, to Mr. E. J. Connelley, Special Agent in Charge, requesting that Dr. William Loeser be interviewed at the United States Penitentiary Annex, Leavenworth, Kansas, Special Agent A. J. Norstrom interviewed Dr. Loeser at the United States Penitentiary Annex on January 7, 1936, who advised that William Elmer Mead, whom he knew as Lane, was virtually a stranger to him, he having met him on two occasions only, and that all pertinent information concerning this party was previously related in statements furnished by him in the Dillinger case.

Dr. Loeser related to Agent Norstrom at that time, however, that he had learned, subsequent 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 confidence in each other, they having worked together for a number of years in Blue Sky promotion schemes. Dr. Loeser related further that neither O'Leary nor Cassidy would cooperate in any manner in causing the apprehension of Mead, but he was positive as a result of conversations with O'Leary that he was well acquainted with Mead's whereabouts at all times.

Dr. Loeser also informed Agent Norstrom that one "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 was not in a position at that time to obtain information concerning Mead, and that 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 he might obtain information relative to this investigation that may be of some value to the Bureau.

The results of this investigation were contained in a letter directed to the Bureau on January 13, 1936, copies of which were forwarded to Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Paul and Cleveland.

P E N D I N G.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box #2344
Boston, Massachusetts

January 21, 1936

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

Dear Sir: Re: BREKID

With reference to the Identification Order shortly to be issued on WILLIAM ELMER MEAD, it is suggested that this Order be distributed to the better class hotels throughout the country.

Investigation of this person to date has indicated that he frequents the better class hotels almost continuously and in view of his unique features, it is thought the chances of his being recognized will be greatly enhanced by this method.

In this connection, it is also suggested that should the Bureau approve this, the Identification Order might easily be distributed through hotel protective agencies which maintain mailing lists in every section of the country.

Very truly yours,

C. D. McKean
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Special Agent in Charge

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L.A. FILE NO. 7-42

REPORT MADE AT Los Angeles, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-17-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-14-36	REPORT MADE BY H. H. McKEE AGB
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING HARBORING: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Telegram sent by Harry Thornton, Nellie Howell, Ida Levack and Mamie Scott, sisters and brother of Ted Thornton concerning the adoption of a small boy named George by George and Dolly Larimer who are relatives of the Thorntons. Harry Thornton and relatives reside at Tulare, Calif., are very respectable people and Harry Thornton knows none of fugitives in this case.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Kansas City teletype dated 1-13-36.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">AT VISALIA, CALIFORNIA.</p> <p>Mr. J. D. Tomlison, manager of the Postal Telegraph Company, procured for Agent a copy of the telegram referred to in reference teletype which was identical, the telegram having been sent to H. T. Thornton, East Hickory Street, Nevada, Mo. and the name and address left by the person sending it was Harry L. Thornton, Tulare, California, phone 350 J. A check was made of the telephone directory of Tulare and it was found that this phone was listed under the name of Hazel Thornton. Mr. Tomlison explained that the telegram was left with Eugene Farley, night clerk of the Johnson Hotel, in which the Postal Telegraph Company is situated, at about 11:00 P.M., January 12, 1936, and that it was left with Mr. Farley because he (Tomlison) closed at 10:00 P.M. and if anything came in after that time it was left with the night clerk of the hotel.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. H. Hanson</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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Eugene Farley, night clerk of the Johnson Hotel states that a man giving the name of Harry L. Thornton, Tulare, California, phone 350 J left the telegram with him on the night of January 12, 1936, paid for it and asked that it be sent the following morning. He and Mr. Tomlison explained to Agent that the Postal office at Tulare, Calif., which is only ten miles distance, closes in the early evening and it is not uncommon that persons living in that vicinity send wires from Visalia.

AT TULARE, CALIFORNIA.

In order to determine what type person Harry L. Thornton was, Agent contacted Eugene Keber and Homer Hall, both of the police department who stated that Thornton was a respectable business man of that city, had lived there practically all his life and had never been in any trouble, also that he had never accumulated any money, had a respectable family and was at present a clerk in the furniture department of Linders Hardware Store. They also stated that his wife, Hazel, was employed by the P. T. & T. Telephone Company and had been for a number of years. In view of this information it was thought best to personally contact Thornton,

Mr. Harry L. Thornton was contacted at Linders Hardware Store. He stated that he had resided and worked in Tulare for many years and was at present residing at 745 South H. Street with his wife who was employed by the Telephone Company. Agent obtained a list of Thornton's closest relatives from him and they are as follows:

H. T. (Ted) Thornton, brother, formerly of Coffeville, Kansas but now residing at Nevada, Mo., where he operates a club house; is married.

Nellie Howell, sister, Merced, California.

Ida LeVack, sister, lived at Valley Junction, Iowa until the recent death of her husband, now visiting at Wood Lake, Calif. and will visit in Tulare.

Mrs. W. P. (Mamie) Scott, sister, Wood Lake, California.

Dolly Larimer, niece, who is married to George Larimer, Bookkeeper for Jones Hardware Company, Porterville, Calif., now at Iola, Kansas settling the estate of her deceased father and attending to the adoption of a little boy named George. Left for Iola on January 11, 1936.

Walter A. Thornton, brother, Iola, Kansas.

Loisa Clark, sister, wife of John F. Clark, Lindsay, California.

Louis and Howard Thornton, nephews, who have both served time at Leavenworth Penitentiary during the past five years for, he believes, robbery; possibly hanging around Iola, Kansas and could know some gangsters as they have served time.

Agent, of course, at no time mentioned that he had seen a telegram which had been sent from Visalia, California but it can be seen from the conversation with Thornton that it was sent by him, Nellie Howell, Ida LeVack and Mamie Scott, all brothers and sisters to their brother Ted Thornton advising him of the departure of their niece, Dolly Larimer for Iola, Kansas and for him to look into the adoption of the young boy George. Mr. Thornton appeared at all times very willing to give Agent all the information he wanted and stated that he had not seen his brother Ted since 1921 when Ted was last in California. He also stated that none of his brother's friends had ever contacted him or any of his family. Mr. Thornton was then shown photographs of the subjects in this case and he positively stated he had not seen any of them and that none of them, insofar as he knew, had ever been in this part of the country. In view of the fact that Dolly Larimer will see Ted Thornton on the trip she is now on, the office of origin will advise if they desire her interviewed upon her return.

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DIRECTOR, SAC CONNELLEY AT ST PAUL AND SAC CLEVELAND

PHONE, BREKID. YESTERDAY JEAN ROBERTSON, IN TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION WITH SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR CRESTWOOD APARTMENTS WHERE JEAN FORMERLY EMPLOYED AND WHERE FITZGERALD PREVIOUSLY RESIDED, ADVISED SHE EXPECTED HER BIG HEARTBEAT TO COME TO CALIFORNIA SOON, AS HE EXPECTS TO LOSE HIS PLACE. SHE REFERRED TO HIS PLACE AS A BEER AND COCKTAIL ROOM. LAST NIGHT MURRY COOK, CLEVELAND, TELEPHONED JEAN AND ASKED HER IF SHE WAS STILL WAITING FOR HIM, ADVISING HE WAS COMING TO CALIFORNIA SOON. HE INDICATED HE IS PRESENTLY INVOLVED IN SOME COURT ACTION DEALING WITH THE DISPOSAL OF SOME PROPERTY. EVIDENT FROM TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION THAT COOK AND JEAN ARE SWEETHEARTS. IT IS THEREFORE DOUBTED THAT COOK CAN HAVE ANY IMPORTANT CONNECTION WITH INSTANT MATTER. NO OTHER DEVELOPMENTS OF IMPORTANCE HERE.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
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January 18, 1936.

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

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

Reference is made to your letter relative to the above entitled matter, instructing this office to prepare a summary of the information contained in the files of the Milwaukee Office regarding William Elmer Mead. The files of the Milwaukee Bureau Office have been reviewed and all information contained therein is set forth in the summary report of Special Agent R. C. Suran dated at Chicago, Illinois January 6, 1936, with the exception of the following investigation which was conducted by the Milwaukee Office.

The report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett dated at Boston, Massachusetts November 13, 1935 sets out an Undeveloped Lead for the Milwaukee Office to determine the identity of Gus B. Rose, Land O'Lakes, Wisconsin, inasmuch as Fred Gondorf, an associate of William Elmer Mead, had received a letter from Rose on October 20, 1935. The lead in the report of Agent Plunkett dated November 13, 1935 also requested that this office interview Rose for the purpose of securing from him all information in his possession relative to the whereabouts of William Elmer Mead.

Gus B. Rose was located at LaCrosse, Wisconsin and was interviewed at the jewelry store of his brother, George B. Rose, 310 Main Street, LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Gus B. Rose stated that he had known Fred Gondorf for more than thirty-five years, and that at one time Gondorf had conducted a tea store at 312 Main Street, LaCrosse, Wisconsin, next door to the Rose Jewelry Store. According to Rose, he had not seen Gondorf for many years until 1932, at which time he met him in Chicago, Illinois, and after that meeting, Gondorf wrote to him in reference to some matter concerning his wife, who is professed to be a very religious Catholic.

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Rose further advised that while at Land O'Lakes, Wisconsin, he wrote to Gondorf somewhere in Massachusetts, but could not recall the address and did not know where Gondorf was staying at present. Rose stated that he knows Gondorf is in some kind of a racket, but that Gondorf never spoke of his business or his associates. Rose further stated that he never knew anyone by the name of Mead and when shown the photograph of William Elmer Mead, advised that he had never seen this individual, and that Gondorf had never spoken of Mead.

Chief of Police J. Webber of LaCrosse, Wisconsin was interviewed and stated that he had known Gus B. Rose for many years, but that Rose left LaCrosse about twenty years ago and has been known to be residing at Chicago, Illinois. As far as Chief of Police Webber knows, Rose has been a reputable citizen and has never been connected with any rackets. Chief Webber further stated that he also knows Fred Gondorf, who is an international swindler, and that Gondorf formerly resided and operated a tea store near Rose's Jewelry Store on Main Street in LaCrosse. He left LaCrosse about twenty years ago and never returned. Chief Webber further stated that while Gondorf was residing at LaCrosse, one Bert Scott, who now resides in the northern part of Chicago, Illinois, and was an eye doctor, had been in a swindle racket with Gondorf, but that Scott had left the racket twenty years ago and is now a very reputable citizen. Chief Webber also stated that Scott would probably be able to supply some information relative to Gondorf and probably Mead.

Relative to William Elmer Mead, Chief of Police Webber stated that this individual was unknown at LaCrosse, Wisconsin. A photograph of Mead was exhibited to Chief Webber, who stated that he was certain that Mead had never operated in LaCrosse.

In order to avoid repetition of facts that are already set forth in the summary report of Special Agent R. C. Suran dated at Chicago, Illinois January 6, 1936, no summary report is being prepared by the Milwaukee Bureau Office in the absence of contrary instructions from the Bureau.

Very truly yours,



V. W. PETERSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIRECTOR

PHONE BREKID INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT TAXI DRIVER NOTIFIED NYC POLICE THIS MORNING THAT HE DROVE WOMAN AND MAN RESEMBLING ALVIN KARPIS EARLY TODAY TO NEWARK, N J. THOROUGH INVESTIGATION AT HOTELS AND ROOMING HOUSES IN NEWARK FAILS TO DISCLOSE PRESENCE ANY PERSON RESEMBLING KARPIS. ONE INDIVIDUAL BEARING STRONG FACIAL RESEMBLANCE TO KARPIS INTERVIEWED AT PLAZA RESTAURANT IN NEWARK BUT HIS FINGERPRINTS NOT IDENTICAL. INFORMATION JUST RECEIVED FROM NEW YORK BUREAU OFFICE THAT TAXI DRIVER IN QUESTION FAILED TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH AND DESCRIPTION OF KARPIS AS MAN HE DROVE THIS MORNING.

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January 15, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

With regard to the telegram received from Acting Special Agent in Charge Brown of the Denver Office dated January 14, 1936, stating that he would possibly be detained for a period of two weeks in connection with the Bremer Case at St. Paul and suggesting that someone else be designated to address the Colorado Sheriffs Association at Denver on January 22nd or 23rd.

While talking with the Director, he requested that Special Agent in Charge Brantley of Oklahoma City be contacted to see if he could substitute for Mr. Brown and if this was not possible, then Special Agent in Charge Smith at Kansas City should be so designated.

I telephonically communicated with Mr. Brantley and advised him of the facts. He stated that so far as he knew now, he could appear at Denver and make a talk concerning the work of the Bureau. I suggested to Mr. Brantley that he might desire to communicate telephonically with Special Agent Brown in order to find out definitely whether he would be requested to speak on the 22nd or 23rd and also the proper person to be notified, and, further, to ascertain whether Special Agent Brown had prepared a speech to deliver on this occasion. Mr. Brantley stated that he would do this and would communicate with the Bureau later on.

Respectfully,

T. D. Quinn.

Advised of Kansas

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PHONE - BREKID JOE ADAMS COMPLETED TESTIMONY SHOWING MCDONALD
 IN COMPANY WITH MEMBERS OF GANG IN MIAMI AND HAVANA DURING FALL
 OF NINETTEEN THIRTY-FOUR. TERESA CARMICHAEL TESTIFIED THAT
 MCDONALD STRONGLY RESEMBLED A MAN VISITING KARPIS HOME ON CHRISTMAS
 DAY OF NINETTEN THIRTY FOUR. SAC HANSON INTRODUCED SIGNED STATEMENT
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ATTENTION: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

January 21, 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

There is being transmitted herewith a letter written to Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., dated at Cleveland, Ohio, January 6, 1936, written by one C. M. Lewandowski, 7915 Spafford Road, Cleveland, Ohio, requesting \$1,000,000 to be paid on or before January 30, 1936 by Mr. Rockefeller to Mr. Lewandowski, if Mr. Rockefeller desired to postpone the "wrath of God upon him."

It has been ascertained by the Cleveland office that this individual has sent similar letters to Mr. Bernard Baruch, Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, Mr. Edward George Bremer, and Mr. Henry Ford. It has also been established that this man is mentally deficient.

The Bureau is being furnished the above described letter for the purpose of filing same in the Technical Laboratory in the event more letters of this description are received, or inquiry is later made of the Bureau by any of the above recipients of these letters.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland
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to be placed on file.

Examination requested by: Cleveland

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January 21, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Enclosed herewith is log of telephone calls made from the telephone of William F. Fergus, Cleveland, Ohio, from January 14, 1936 at 2:18 P. M. to January 20, 1936 at 7:45 P. M., which was the last call received on said telephone tap.

The telephone tap on the telephone of William F. Fergus was discontinued at ten A. M. on January 21, 1936, as per your telephone conversation with Special Agent E. J. Ryan on January 20, 1936.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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Dear Sir: I would like to get
in touch with one of your
men in regards to P.E. No. 1.

Formerly I was an employe
in Sales Tax unit of the Int. Rev.
but was retired over two years
ago on ^{account of} physical disability.

I respectfully refer you to ^{act. 311}
Depty. Comm. of the Int. Rev. who is
one of my friends.

Very Respectfully
Wm. J. Gates

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Mr. Jesse F. Gates,
529 40th Street,
West Palm Beach, Florida.



Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter dated January 21, 1936,
which refers to the case involving the kidnaping of Edward
George Bremer.

Inasmuch as you state you have information relative to
Alvin Karpis, I have instructed Mr. R. B. Nathan, Special Agent
in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of
Justice, 412 U. S. Court House and Post Office Building,
Jacksonville, Florida, to have an Agent call upon you in the
near future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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1331 First National Bank Building
El Paso, Texas
January 20, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: BREKID - El Paso File 7-6

Dear Sir:

In connection with mail cover being maintained on C. C. (Jack)
Campbell at Dallas, Texas, I enclose herewith tracings on two letters
recently received, as follows:

1. Addressed to Miss Cornelia Campbell, 810 West Texas Ave.,
Wichita, Texas, postmarked Strawn, Texas, Jan. 5 P.M.,
1936. Return care Margaret Smith, Hohertz Corp, Strawn.

2. Addressed Mr. Jack Camel (with picture of camel stamp at
right of sur-name) in care of T.P. Oil Co. (with camel stamp)
first to Fort Worth, Texas. Postmarked
El Dorado, Kansas, January 25, 1936. Return care
Don Hedges, El Dorado, Kansas.

Copy of this communication is being forwarded to the Dallas
office for their information.

Very truly yours,

R. M. COLVIN
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT OMAHA NEBRASKA	DATE WHEN MADE 1/22/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/21/36	REPORT MADE BY J. L. FLOOD TMM
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.

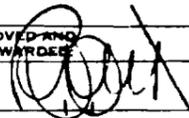
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

HARRY SAWYER, under name of Harry Sandlovich, on 12/23/14, entered plea of guilty in County District Court, Lincoln, Nebraska, to charge of burglary with explosives and was placed on probation for three years but discharged therefrom on Sept. 25, 1917. W. C. Burcham, Clerk, County District Court, Lincoln, Nebraska, left 1/21/36 for Saint Paul, with all Court records in connection with this arrest to be introduced in evidence at the trial of SAWYER. Peter Johnstone, Lincoln, has known SAWYER since latter was young boy and arrested him around the fore part of December, 1914, at Omaha, Nebraska, on above charge. Johnstone was also instructed to leave for St. Paul immediately to identify SAWYER at the trial. Saint Paul Bureau Office telephonically informed of the results of the investigation at Lincoln.

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DETAILS:

At 12:15 P.M., January 21, 1936, Special Agent S. K. McKee, talking from the St. Paul Bureau Office, requested that the Omaha Office obtain immediately, certified copies showing the conviction and disposition of charges against HARRY SAWYER, who on December 23, 1914, entered a plea of guilty in the County District Court at Lincoln, Nebraska, to a charge of burglary with explosives. Agent McKee also requested that, if possible,

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the names of the arresting officers be obtained and to locate them for the purpose of having them identify HARRY SAWYER as the person arrested; further, to contact the Probation Officer to whom SAWYER was paroled, to determine if he could identify SAWYER, and to obtain any and all written statements in connection with SAWYER'S arrest at Lincoln, Nebraska on December 12, 1914.

At Lincoln, Nebraska

Agent interviewed Mr. W. C. Burcham, Clerk, County District Court, who assisted Agent in examining Docket "K", page 754, which showed that on December 12, 1914, information had been filed against HARRY SANDLOVICH, who is HARRY SAWYER, and Thomas Carr, both of Lincoln, Nebraska, for burglarizing the offices of the Standard Oil Company at Lincoln, Nebr. Carr was acquitted of the charges; however, on December 23, 1914, Sandlovich entered a plea of guilty in County District Court, Lincoln, Nebraska, and was placed on probation for three years, to Dr. F. L. Wharton, Probation Officer at that time, who is now deceased, and was discharged from probation on September 25, 1917.

The County Attorney, Jesse B. Strode, who filed the Information against SANDLOVICH and prosecuted him, and the County Judge, Albert J. Cornish, who sentenced SANDLOVICH, are both deceased.

The records show the following officers were endorsed on the bill of information as witnesses:-

Captain Peter Johnstone, now employed as Custodian at the First Trust Company, Lincoln, Nebraska;

Officers John Dee and Ted Oliver, both of whom died some years ago at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mr. Burcham was requested to prepare exemplified copies of the records showing the information, conviction and disposition of the charges against SANDLOVICH. An examination of the records show that SANDLOVICH did not make any written statements in connection with his arrest on the above charges.

Peter Johnstone was located at the First Trust Company and he advised that at the time of SANDLOVICH'S arrest, he, Johnstone, was Captain of Detectives and worked under Chief of Police Jim Malone, who was his father-in-law and who died several years ago. Mr. Johnstone advised that he has known HARRY SANDLOVICH and the latter's family for at least thirty

years; that he is very well acquainted with HARRY SANDLOVICH and has talked to him many times at Lincoln, before he became involved in difficulties with the law. Mr. Johnstone stated in 1914 the offices of the Standard Oil Company at Lincoln were burglarized and information was received from an informant, whose name he does not now recall, that Thomas Carr, a notorious criminal, whose home was at Lincoln, and HARRY SANDLOVICH were responsible for the burglary. Mr. Johnstone advised that Thomas Carr was arrested on the charge but was acquitted and a short time thereafter was sentenced on another charge to the State Penitentiary at Lincoln and escaped about twenty years ago and he was never captured.

When information was received from some source that HARRY SANDLOVICH was staying at Benson, a suburb of Omaha, Nebraska, Johnstone and Captain John Barrett, of the Lincoln Police Department, left for Omaha and arrested SANDLOVICH as he got off a street car and returned him to Lincoln. Mr. Johnstone advised that if his memory served him correct, he was in court on December 23, 1914, when SANDLOVICH was placed on probation for a period of three years; that SANDLOVICH did not make statements regarding the charge against him, to any of the police officers. Mr. Johnstone advised that he would have no difficulty whatever in identifying SANDLOVICH; that Captain John Barrett left Lincoln about fifteen years ago and went to Wyoming to settle on a homestead, but no one seems to know near what town he resides and he has not written to any of his old friends in Lincoln. Mr. Johnstone doubts very much if Barrett would be able to identify SANDLOVICH, if Barrett were located, as he had not seen SANDLOVICH prior to assisting in Sandlovich's arrest at Omaha.

Agent telephonically advised Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt, of the Omaha Bureau Office, from Lincoln, Nebraska, of the results of the investigation at Lincoln and when Mr. Alt telephoned to Special Agent McKee, at Saint Paul, Agent McKee requested that Mr. Burcham and Mr. Johnstone leave immediately for Saint Paul, so that they might testify in this case and requested that Mr. Burcham bring the court records with him.

Agent notified Mr. Johnstone and he left Lincoln at 7:00 P.M., January 21, 1936, and would arrive at St. Paul the morning of January 22nd. As Mr. Burcham was unable to make the train at Lincoln, Agent drove him to Omaha, Nebraska, he boarded a train at 9:15 P.M., for Saint Paul, and would arrive in St. Paul on the morning of January 22nd. Mr. Burcham brought with him exemplified records of the information, conviction and disposition, of the charges against SANDLOVICH and in addition, brought all papers filed in the case, to introduce them in evidence.

PENDING.

Post Office Box 818

Chicago, Illinois

January 21st, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

Re: SPECIAL AGENT J. L. MADALA
ADMINISTRATIVE

In reply to your letter of January 17th, 1936, I desire to advise that Special Agent J. L. Madala is presently attending court at St. Paul, Minnesota, in connection with the trial in the Brekid case.

It is therefore not possible at the present moment to advise your Office when Agent Madala will be available to proceed to Louisville in line with his recent transfer. His transfer will be expedited, however, immediately upon his return to his headquarters at Chicago.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio Cleveland FILE NO. 7-1

REPORT MADE AT Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 1/20/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/7 to 18/36	REPORT MADE BY E. J. WYNN EJW/EJB
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, w. a., FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, w. a., FUGITIVE, I. O. #1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w. a., FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Telephone calls made by Murray Cook, Ashtabula, O. to Cortland, Youngstown, Akron and Ravenna, O. checked with negative results. George Benton, E. Palestine, O. identified as not being identical with subjects. Investigation at Canton, O. fails to disclose definite information indicating subjects in this case being harbored by Eddie Brennan, Joe Rich, or Edna Haney. Indication that Fred Hunter, Leavittsburg, O., and E. F. Parker purchased 1935 Hudson coupe, motor #60348, which was observed at Hot Springs, Arkansas in August or September, 1935. Telephone tap on William Fergus, Cleveland, Ohio, unproductive to date. James "Tip" O'Neill has unlisted telephone at Cleveland, Lakewood 6554M. Thomas J. Shaw, Akron P. D. #26337, wanted by Post Office Inspectors in connection with Garrettsville, Ohio bank robbery identified as identical with Milton Lett, who worked at Harvard Club, Cleveland, Ohio from about April until November, 1935, and who appears to have gambling connections at Akron and Youngstown, Ohio, including Fred Hunter, and has been reported frequenting those vicinities for past two years. Post Office Inspectors at Cleveland desire apprehension of Milton Lett at this time, but not Sam Coker. Surveillance registry section, Cleveland Post Office, without results. C. M. Lewandrowski, Cleveland, O., harmless individual. [redacted] has no additional information. [redacted] advises Lillian Poole presently

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working at 30 E. Forest Ave., Detroit, Michigan under name of Mrs. Louise King. Informant Fred Wobser, Sandusky, O. has no information. Inspector J. L. Schisley, Sandusky, O. Police Department advises that Mirabella was in Mansfield, O. week of 1/6/36. Grace P. Brooks located and interviewed and no information relative to subjects obtained from her. Photograph of Volney Davis appeared in 5/25/34 edition of Toledo News Bee over the name of Barker.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 1/7/36; Bureau letter dated 1/13/36; letter from St. Paul office to Cleveland office, dated 1/14/36; report of Special Agent E. H. Williams, Cleveland, O., dated 10/5/35; letter from SAC E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois to Cleveland office, dated 10/7/35; report of Special Agent E. J. Dowd, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 1/9/36; report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 12/16/35; report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated 10/17/35; report of Special Agent E. F. Fitzsimmons, Jacksonville, Florida, dated 11/30/35; letter from SAC E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois to Cleveland office, dated 12/26/35.

The following is the result of investigation conducted by Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney between the periods January 15th and 16th, inclusive.

It will be noted in the report of Special Agent E. J. Dowd dated 1-9-36 at Cleveland, Ohio, certain telephone numbers which were called from Ashtabula 3170 and Ashtabula 2513 are set forth. These telephones are located, respectively, in The Swallows, a night club operated by Murray Cook, and residence of Murray Cook at 1301 Bunker Hill Road, Ashtabula, Ohio. A check of these telephone numbers called from the above two numbers was made and the following information was obtained:

AT RAVENNA, OHIO

A clerk in the business office of The Ohio Bell Telephone Company stated that telephone number Ravenna 226, which number was called from Ashtabula 3170 on 7-3-35 was listed in the name of Mrs. F. M. Paltzgroff, 318 E. Main Street. Agent was further advised that this telephone had been discontinued as of January 4th, 1936. Further inquiry of C. H. Caris, Postmaster, developed information that Mrs. F. M. Paltzgroff is a widow, her husband having died about two years ago. She is considered of excellent reputation in Ravenna and is believed to be considerably well off. Mrs. Paltzgroff is a woman about sixty years of age and at the present time she is on a world tour and will return to Ravenna in May or June of 1936.

AT AKRON, OHIO

Akron telephone number University 2357, which was called from Ashtabula 3170 on 10-30-35, was found to be listed in the name of H. A. Tham, Fairlawn Boulevard. Further inquiry of George McKean, Assistant Postmaster, Akron, Ohio, discloses that H. A. Tham is treasurer of The Mechanical Mold and Machine Company, of Akron, Ohio.

Akron phone Fr 9437, which was called from Ashtabula 3170 on 10-6-35 was found to be listed in the name of Edward B. Gill, 158 Edgerton Road. George McKean states that he is personally acquainted with Mr. Gill and considers him to be a highly respectable and honorable person. E. B. Gill is in the hotel and gasoline business in Akron.

Akron phone number Fr 2889, which was called from Ashtabula 3170 on 9-1-35, was found to be listed in the name of R. E. Cramblett, 21 South Walnut Street. Inquiry develops the information that Ralph E. Cramblett is a clerk in the employ of The Goodrich Silvertown, Inc., and has been so employed over a considerable period of time. The address, 2180 Walnut Street, Akron, Ohio, is that of a small low-priced apartment house, close to the main business section of town. The apartment house is known as Harlan Hall and is managed by one D. Cramblett.

AT CORTLAND, OHIO

Inquiry at the office of The Northeast Ohio Telephone Company failed to produce any information regarding the two calls shown as having been made collect and charged against Ashtabula 3170, said calls being made by Louie Frano and Kathryn Dempsey on March 15, 1935 and July 19th, 1935, respectively.

It was ascertained, however, that on September 13, 1935, at 8:47 pm a call was placed from Black 517, Cortland, Ohio to Ashtabula 3170, and a toll charge of 35¢ was collected. Agent was advised by the chief operator at Cortland that Black 517 is the number assigned to a coin booth located in the Brookside Inn, Cortland, Ohio. The name of the person making the call could not be ascertained.

Mrs. Grace Dillworth, postmaster at Cortland, stated that the Brookside Inn was operated by one R. Stouffer; that for some years back when other managements the Brookside Inn had a bad reputation, but that since being taken over by Stouffer it was considered to be fairly respectable. Neither Louis Frano nor Kathryn Dempsey is known to Mrs. Dillworth.

AT YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Youngstown phone 4-4467 called by Murray Cook and also by a person giving the name of Wilson from Ashtabula 3170 on 8-14-35 was found to be listed as The Renner Brewing Company, 203 Pike Street.

Youngstown phone 5-2354, which was called by Cook from his residence phone: Ashtabula 2513, on 5-1-35 and 9-12-35 was found to be listed in the name of Frank J. Sexton. This number had been changed, however, to Youngstown 30878, which was called by Cook on 11-8-35. The reason for the change in phone numbers was that Frank J. Sexton changed his place of abode.

Inquiry developed that Frank J. Sexton now resides at 733 Bryson Street, Apartment 1-D, and that he has office space at 303 Mahoning Bank Building. He is an attorney and is manager of the Claim Department for the General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Corporation, 302 Mahoning Bank Building.

Ralph Thombs, attorney, 1105 Central Tower Building, to whom agent was referred by H. R. Stillson, assistant postmaster at Youngstown, states that he knows Sexton personally and considers him to be a reliable and honest person.

Mr. Sexton, according to Thombs, has received several cuts in salary within the past two years and has probably had to govern his overhead accordingly, which might account for the many changes of address, it having been noted that since 1932 Sexton has lived at the following

147 Lyons Boulevard, Poland, Ohio
 1505 Bryson Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio
 1405 " " " "
 733 " " , Apt. 1-D, Youngstown, Ohio

It is further noted that each succeeding address has been a move to a lower rent district.

Youngstown phone 3-2962 called by Cook from his residence phone twice on 4-24-35 and again on 9-27-35 was found to be listed as Mr. F. B. Smith, 960 Ottawa Drive. Inquiry develops information that F. B. Smith is the proprietor of the oldest Chevrolet Motor distributing company in Youngstown. He is considered by H. R. Sullson as being a very prominent and leading citizen.

Youngstown phone 4-0057 called by Cook from his residence on 6-12-35 and 6-19-35 was found to be a pay station located in the store operating as the Bloom Drug Company, 1843 Hillman Street. This store is located on the corner of Hillman and Warren Streets and is in a community of average responsibility, consisting of one-family homes.

AT CANTON, OHIO

On the date of January 8th, 1936, the Cleveland office received a communication from Charles M. Ball, US Commissioner, Canton, O., stating that a man named F. E. Veon, 30th Street, Northwest, RFD 2, Canton, Ohio, claimed to have seen a person whom he identified as Alvin Karpis on January 2nd, 1936, between 5:30 and 6 pm at the Dew Drop Inn, located on Cherry Avenue, NE, Canton.

Special Agents R. T. Ross and W. B. O'Mahoney visited the Dew Drop Inn on the night of January 13th. Upon observation of the Dew Drop Inn it appears to be a very cheap and low-class barroom and is frequented by persons who might be described as panhandlers. It was noted that during the time agents were present at the Dew Drop Inn the bar was patronized by poorly-dressed and dirty-appearing persons.

F. E. Veon was contacted at his residence and was questioned concerning the person he had identified as Alvin Karpis. He was shown several pictures of subjects in the Bremer case, and he failed to identify the picture of Alvin Karpis, but selected the picture of Harry Campbell as being the picture most closely resembling the person he had observed on January 2nd. Mr. Veon states that on the evening of January 2nd he had gone into the Dew Drop Inn and had sat down between two strangers at the bar and that he had ordered a glass of beer and that after drinking his own beer he got into conversation with the two men and that he later ordered beer for them. In paying for the beer he claims that he extracted from his pocket a match-box, in which he

had six or seven dollars and that after paying for the beer placed the match-box back in his pocket. After leaving his place at the bar and going out of the Dew Drop Inn he had occasion to reach for his money and found that it was missing, and it is his belief that either one of the men with whom he drank the beer at the bar had seen him put the money back into his pocket and had taken it from him. From the conversation he had had at the bar with these two men, he states that he came to the conclusion that they were broke.

Veon describes the person he suspects as being Alvin Karpis as being 35 years old, about 5' 11", 160 pounds, with dark brown hair; fair complexion, and his companion as being about the same age, six feet tall, 180 to 185 pounds, blonde hair, and fair complexion. He further states that some few days after this occurrence he happened to be looking a detective story magazine and in it saw photographs of the subjects in the Bremer case and at that time believed he recognized the picture of Alvin Karpis as being that of the man he saw at the Dew Drop Inn. Mr. Veon exhibited to agent the photographs which he had cut out of the detective magazine and from which he had based his conclusion. It was noted by agent that there are two photographs: one of Harry Campbell and one of Alvin Karpis, and Mr. Veon indicated the picture of Harry Campbell as being the party who was present at the Dew Drop Inn.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent E. H. Williams, dated 10-5-35, and letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, dated October 7, 1935, at Chicago, Illinois, both of which communications deal with the possibility of securing information from three persons located in Canton: namely, Eddie Brennan, Joe Rich and Edna Haney.

Postmaster L. Elsesser upon being contacted referred agent to A. C. L. Barthelmeh, Assistant County Prosecuting Attorney, Canton. Barthelmeh was questioned concerning Eddie Brennan, Joe Rich and Edna Haney, and he states that Eddie Brennan is a dope fiend and that to his best knowledge is now presently located around Akron, Ohio, his exact whereabouts being unknown. He states that for awhile Eddie Brennan managed the beer parlor which was owned by Carl Studer and located at the corner of Seventh and Mahoney Streets. He states that the reason for Brennan taking over the management of the beer parlor was the fact that Carl Studer had been arrested on a charge of hi-jacking and that during the time that Studer was in jail and was conducting the defense of his case Brennan handled the business at the beer parlor. Mr. Barthelmeh further stated that both Carl Studer and Eddie Brennan are low-type criminals and that an open contact with them would avail nothing. He states that Carl Studer was at one time a member of the Ben Rudner gang, which gang several years ago is credited with the murder of Mallett, then Editor for the Daily News, Canton, Ohio. Mr. Barthelmeh then suggested

that in order to secure further information regarding Eddie Brennan and his possible associates agent contacted F. J. Griffith, parole officer for the Ohio Parole Board. He also stated that F. J. Griffith had received information recently from Bill Ryan, who was returning to the Mansfield penitentiary as a parole violator, and that this information received from Bill Ryan indicated that Eddie Brennan, Carl Studer and their associates were engaged in peddling narcotics.

He states that the reason this information was forthcoming from Bill Ryan was that Ryan had been double-crossed by his brother, Harry, who was responsible for Bill being returned as a parole violator. Mr. Barthelme was unable to locate F. J. Griffith at the time of interview and suggested that his definite address be secured from the Ohio Parole Board at Columbus, Ohio.

Regarding Joe Rich and Edna Haney, Mr. Barthelme contacted one Norville W. Wyatt, 536 Perry Street, SE, telephone Canton 465. Wyatt, who is a colored boy, is known as Skippy and has on several different occasions acted as a procurer for prostitutes in the vicinity of the 500 block, Perry Street, SE. Through Wyatt it was learned that Joe Rich is presently the procurer of Edna Haney and that they are both residing at 410 Fourth Street, SE, Canton, Ohio. Mr. Barthelme states that Edna Haney's reputation is common knowledge in Canton and that an open interview or contact with either Joe Rich or Edna Haney would not develop any information. However, he suggested that through Norman W. Wyatt information regarding the possibility of fugitives wanted by this Department being harbored by Edna Haney might possibly be established.

Mr. Barthelme advised against a contact between agent and Wyatt at the present time and stated that he would attempt to look over the situation generally and be of whatever assistance he could to the Bureau. It is suggested, therefore, that when an agent is again in the vicinity of Canton, Ohio, Mr. Barthelme be contacted with a view to establishing a possible confidential informant.

From the facts developed, however, it was deemed inadvisable to contact either Eddie Brennan, Joe Rich or Edna Haney.

AT EAST PALESTINE, OHIO

Inquiry was made with a view to establishing the identity of one George Benton, who owned a 1926 Overland coupe, Ohio license G 411 N, agent contacted P. C. Schmidt, postmaster, who stated that George Benton has resided in East Palestine for several years and that he first knew the Benton family in 1902 or 1903.

Mrs. Benton, the mother of George, still resides at 594 West

North Street, East Palestine, and in the family are four sons: John Benton, who is located in Cleveland, Ohio; Sam Benton, who is located some place in West Virginia; and George Benton and Bert Benton, who both reside at East Palestine, and are employed as potters at the George Pottery Works, East Palestine. George Benton is married and resides at 663 Park Avenue. Photographs of suspects in the Bremer case were exhibited to P. C. Schmidt, and he stated positively that none of them in any way resembled George Benton.

AT YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Reference is made to teletype from the Little Rock office, dated October 7, 1935; report of Special Agent E. H. Williams, dated 10-10-35 at Cleveland, Ohio; letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, dated at Chicago, Illinois October 19, 1935 and report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, dated 10-17-35 at Little Rock, Arkansas, all of which communications are concerned with the identity of parties known as E. F. Parker alias Hunter, Tommy Coleman and Harold King, reputed Cleveland, Ohio, gamblers, who were believed to be in possession of a Hudson coupe in Hot Springs, Arkansas, in the summer of 1935. Inquiry was made at the Manning Marine Motor Company, 907 Wick Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio, where a 1935 Hudson coupe, motor No. 60348, was alleged to have been purchased on August 1st, 1935. Mr. A. Marino secured his records and exhibited them to agent, from which it was ascertained that on August 1st, 1935, a person who signed the contract as E. F. Parker purchased through salesman Edward Dickson 1935 Hudson coupe, motor No. 60348, serial No. 551492; further that \$936.50 was paid in cash by E. F. Parker. Mr. Marino further stated that about October 15th Parker brought this car back and stated that he wanted to sell it. The Manning Marine Company then purchased the car from E. F. Parker and paid him \$500 in cash. At the time Mr. Marino wanted to give Parker a check for the \$500, but Parker refused and stated that he wanted the cash. He also stated that he needed money pretty badly at that time. To the best of his recollection, Mr. Marino states that he believes the car had about 7000 miles on it when it was re-purchased by the Manning Marine Motor Company. Further examination of records discloses that this same car was resold on October 26, 1935, to F. J. Gallagher, 2311 Ohio Avenue, Youngstown.

Photographs of subjects in the Bremer case were exhibited to Mr. A. Marino, and he failed to identify them as being identical with E. F. Parker or F. Hunter.

Agent then interviewed Edward Dickson, salesman, who also failed to make any identification of photographs exhibited. Dickson stated that prior to the purchase of the Hudson coupe he had been contacted by a person whom he believes is Hunter. According to Dickson, Hunter was

evidently considering the purchase of the Hudson coupe. However, at the time the car was purchased Hunter was accompanied by E. F. Parker, who paid for the car. Dickson states that he cannot recall the exact conversation had with both parties, but believes that they were from the vicinity of Warren, Ohio, and that they were gamblers. Dickson describes E. F. Parker as being forty years old, 5' 8", 190 pounds, dark hair, florid complexion, very full face, a peculiarity being that Parker is near sighted, and in order to read must hold writing within a few inches of his eyes. He describes the party known to him as Hunter as being thirty five, 5' 5", 120 pounds and lame in one leg, apparently from a hip infection. The lameness is quite pronounced.

Further examination of the original bill of sale whereby E. F. Parker purchased the automobile in question indicated that Parker gave the address, 323 North Phelps Street. Investigation was conducted at 323 North Phelps Street, which is the address of the Lincoln Hotel and Apartments. At this hotel Stewart Nichol examined the register for the period around August 1st, 1935, and stated that no person by the name of E. F. Parker or F. Hunter had been registered or resided at the hotel during that period. Mr. Nichol was unable to identify any photographs of suspects or any subjects in the Bremer case as ever having resided at the Lincoln Hotel.

It is noted in the report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter that Fred Hunter furnished Dr. Brown, 702 Medical Arts Building, Hot Springs, with information indicating that he resided at Leavittsburg, Ohio. Leavittsburg, Ohio, is located about three miles from Warren, Ohio.

Agent, therefore, made inquiry at the post office in Warren, Ohio, where Frank Waldeck was interviewed. Waldeck states that there is a family of Hunters which bears a poor reputation, known to reside in the vicinity of Leavittsburg. He further stated that the Hunters were also known to the police at Warren, Ohio. Through Frank Waldeck agent contacted Sergeant Pat Durkin of the Warren Police Department, who stated that all of the Hunters between the ages of thirty four and thirty eight were gamblers and gangsters. Pat Durkin describes Fred Hunter as being 34 years of age, 5' 6", 125 pounds, slender build, light hair, and very pale blue eyes. He is known to be a high-class gambler. Fred Hunter has two brothers living: William Hunter and Al Hunter, both of whom have served terms in the Ohio State Penitentiary, having been sent up from Warren, Ohio. Sergeant Durkin secured a photograph of Fred Hunter, which was taken in 1922. However, he states that it is a very good likeness of Fred even though it is thirteen years old. He also furnished agent with a photograph of William Hunter. These photographs will be forwarded to the Little Rock office in order that they may be exhibited to persons at Hot Springs, Arkansas, with a view to identifying Fred Hunter or Bill Hunter as being the parties observed during the summer of 1935.

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Further investigation was conducted at Leavittsburg, Ohio, and agent proceeded to the post office.

Interview was had with Postmaster Ray Phelps, who informed that Fred Hunter is the son of George Hunter, who resides about two hundred yards from the post office, and that George Hunter is the father of Fred and is well known to him, the said postmaster.

Agent exhibited the photograph of Fred Hunter, which was obtained from Sergeant Durkin, and Mr. Phelps immediately identified the picture as being that of Fred Hunter, the son of George Hunter, of Leavittsburg, Ohio.

Mr. Phelps went on to relate further that the picture mentioned above is a very good likeness of Fred Hunter.

Postmaster Phelps also identified the photograph of William Hunter as being the son of George Hunter, who is so well known to him.

It might be indicated here as of interest that during this interview with Ray Phelps it was learned that Post Office Inspector H. W. Tavenor, of Youngstown, Ohio, had also been making inquiries concerning Fred Hunter as being a possible suspect in the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery, which occurred at Garrettsville, Ohio, on November 7th, 1935.

The tap on the telephone of William F. Fergus at Cleveland, Ohio, has been continued since the date it was first installed, namely, January 4, 1936, and the log covering the telephone conversations up to January 15, 1936 has been furnished to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley by letter. The complete log will be furnished to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley and all interested offices in the near future.

Generally speaking, the substance of the calls over the telephone of William F. Fergus has not been productive of important information so far as this investigation is concerned. There were some calls recently, indicating that Fergus was to meet some men and that arrangements were being made by Freddy Meyers, who runs Freddy's Restaurant in the 9th and Vincent Building, Cleveland, Ohio. The meeting was postponed several times. However, on January 13, 1936 it was definitely arranged that the meeting was to take place. Special Agents H. B. Dill, C. E. Smith, and the writer placed William F. Fergus under surveillance at the time he came from the doctor's office, and followed him to Freddy's Restaurant where he remained for approximately one-half hour, and upon departing he was followed by Special Agent H. B. Dill and the writer, it being noted at the time he came from the restaurant that he was with two other men. They proceeded to the office of A. H. Ganger, Room 338 East Ohio Gas Building. On January 15, 1936 William F. Fergus received a call from a man by the name of Durbin, who requested Fergus to call telephone number Republic 1405J and ask for "A". Fergus had some difficulty in understanding just who Durbin was and doubt as to just who "A" was. He has never called this number from his home telephone. Investigation conducted developed that William Durbin resides at 2063 East 82nd Street, Cleveland, Ohio, at which address telephone number Republic 1405J is located. Mr. Durbin is listed in the city directory as being in the investment business in the Scofield Building. The address 2063 East 82nd Street is in the rooming house district. It has been observed on various occasions by Special Agent C. E. Smith and the writer, but nothing unusual has been noted. Fergus has indicated in conversations with various parties over the telephone that he expects to return to Europe, however, no definite time has been set.

The Harvard Club, which was situated in Newburgh Heights, Cleveland, Ohio, was raided on the night of January 10, 1936 by the office of the Prosecuting Attorney and with the aid of private detectives. As a result the club has been out of business since that time. This situation was covered fully in a letter dated January 11, 1936 from the Cleveland office to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley and interested offices.

James "Tip" O'Neill, who has been mentioned previously in this investigation, as being a possible contact between Karpis and Campbell, and Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton, owners of the Harvard Club, resides at 11835 Lake Avenue, Apartment 19. It has been ascertained that he has unlisted telephone at this address, Lakewood 6554M, said telephone being in the name of Marie Flynn, with whom O'Neill is living. A check of the long distance telephone calls from this telephone for a three months' period prior to January 1, 1936 revealed only one long distance telephone call, same being made on November 21, 1935 to Toledo, Ohio, telephone Forest 5109.

Bureau letter of January 13, 1936 (7-576) furnished the criminal record of Milton Lett, under FBI #1008739. The record is as follows:

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WANTED BY BUREAU: As Carl Baker, alias Thomas J. Shaw. Suspected of participation in mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, on 11-7-35. Location desired for questioning re whereabouts of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell (also suspected in this robbery.) Notify Bureau office, Cleveland, Ohio, per inf. rec. therefrom 1-7-36. Bureau file #7-576-8836.

Reference is here made to the report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated December 16, 1935, describing the mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, on November 7, 1935, it being indicated that Thomas J. Shaw, Akron, Ohio Police Department #26337, apparently purchased the Plymouth automobile which was used in the robbery. This information was obtained from the Post Office Inspectors. The particular Plymouth automobile was described in detail in letter from the Cleveland office to all field offices, dated December 12, 1935, wherein request was made that all field offices place notices in the various motor vehicle bureaus in order to be notified in the event this car appeared. The car is described as follows: 1935 Plymouth sedan, motor #PJ322772, serial #2619857, bearing 1935 Ohio license plates LU 671. It appears that the date of the purchase of this automobile at Cleveland, Ohio was October 25, 1935, as determined by investigation made by the Post Office Inspectors.

It is to be noted from the above criminal record that Milton Lett, who has been frequently mentioned in this investigation as an informant of the Oklahoma City office, is in fact identical with Thomas J. Shaw.

The Akron, Ohio Police Department, by Bureau letter dated October 24, 1935, was advised that Thomas J. Shaw, Akron Police Department #26337, had no previous criminal record, and that advice was furnished by the Bureau pursuant to the submission of the fingerprints of the said Thomas J. Shaw, which were forwarded by the Akron Police Department to the Bureau. At the time the Post Office Inspectors uncovered the information that Thomas J. Shaw purchased the automobile which was used in the Garrettsville, Ohio robbery, they endeavored to secure his criminal record from the Akron Police Department, and were advised by that department of the contents of the Bureau's letter of October 24, 1935, to the effect that Shaw had no previous criminal record.

On January 4, 1936 the Cleveland office wrote the Bureau requesting a complete criminal record of Thomas J. Shaw, Akron Police Department #26337, and as a result received the above set out criminal record, reflecting that Milton Lett is identical with Thomas J. Shaw.

It appears that the Akron Police Department, upon receiving the above-mentioned criminal record on the afternoon of January 16, 1936, immediately called Post Office Inspector S. Hettrick at Cleveland, Ohio, by long distance telephone, and advised him, whereupon Inspector

Hettrick communicated with the post office inspectors at Oklahoma for the purpose of having them arrest Milton Lett for questioning in connection with the Garrettsville, Ohio train robbery. This situation was fully discussed with Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley over long distance telephone by this Agent and the situation was further covered in letter from the Cleveland office to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley dated January 17, 1936.

Special Agent E. J. Dowd, in an interview with Post Office Inspector Hettrick at Cleveland, was advised that the post office inspectors are very desirous of securing the apprehension of Milton Lett for questioning in connection with the Garrettsville train robbery, and in the event he is apprehended it is their intention to return him to Cleveland and give him "a going over." In this connection they advised that although they are generally convinced that Sam Coker is involved in the robbery they do not desire his apprehension at this time, but will rather depend upon Milton Lett to tell them the complete details which would involve Coker. He said they had Coker under observation at this time and could pick him up at any time, indicating that Coker is at the present time somewhere in the vicinity of Cleveland, Ohio.

The confidential informant of the Cleveland office, who has been furnishing information with reference to activities at the Harvard Club, was shown the photograph of Thomas J. Shaw, Akron Police Department #26337, and advised that he knew this individual as "Willie" and that he has acted as shiller at the Harvard Club since the beginning of April or May, 1935, and terminating his services there several months ago. During the time he was employed there he was absent for a period of over a month, and upon his return advised the confidential informant that he had been visiting his relatives on a farm in the vicinity of New Orleans, Louisiana. The informant advised that this individual was driving a Ford sedan or coach. In this regard, reference is made to the report of Special Agent Paul Hanson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated November 25, 1935, in which it is stated that Milton Lett is the owner of a 1935 Ford sedan or coach, Kansas license plates #5-11020. The confidential informant advised that Lett, while at the Harvard Club, was closely associated with one "Smoky" Sharkey and the letter is mentioned in the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, January 1, 1935. It appears that "Smoky" Sharkey and Milton Lett were very friendly and gave the confidential informant the opinion that they were living together somewhere in the vicinity of 98th and Madison Streets, Cleveland, Ohio.

As set out in the letter from the Cleveland office to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, dated January 17, 1936, confidential informant on several occasions saw Lett in serious, private conversations with Art Hebebrand, one of the owners of the Harvard Club.

Informant also advised that Lett also associated with two dealers, one known as Marty Kuntz, who resided at the Doanbrooke Hotel on 105th Street, just north of Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, and one Sammy Solomon, address unknown. Both of these individuals were in the past dealers at the Harvard Club.

The following is a description of "Smoky" Sharkey, as obtained from the confidential informant:

Name	-	"Smoky" Sharkey (First true name unknown)
Age	-	30-32
Height	-	5'10"
Weight	-	140 pounds
Build	-	Slender
Hair	-	Dark
Eyes	-	Light blue
Nose	-	Hook nose
Complexion	-	Very ruddy
Teeth	-	Gold plated
Peculiarities	-	Hands - thin fingers; scaley skin; heavy drinker; always smokes cigars; very partial to medium colored blue clothes and light colored tan shoes; has monkey lips.
Race	-	White
Criminal record	-	Not known.

Special Agent C. E. Smith and the writer at Akron, Ohio, contacted Detective Robert Van Steenberg of the Akron Police Department, and he advised that Thomas J. Shaw, Akron Police Department #26337, who is now identified as being identical with Milton Lett, was arrested on the afternoon of October 19, 1935, at which time he had in his possession \$869.00 in the following denominations: five (5) \$100 bills; four (4) \$50.00 bills; six (6) \$20 bills, and the remainder in \$10 and \$5 bills; that all the larger bills were on southern banks and as he, Van Steenberg, recalls, one was on some bank in New Orleans, and others in Chattanooga, Memphis and other places in the south; that he noted the numbers at the time, but has since lost his record; that he took these bills to a local bank to be checked and it was his impression that they were checked against various ransom lists. This matter will be given further consideration by the Cleveland office.

It appears that Lett, on October 19, 1935, went to the Universal Motor Company, 423 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio, for the purpose of buying a Ford automobile for cash, and that he made preliminary arrangements and then walked downtown to the vicinity of the Portage Hotel, where he was arrested as a suspicious person, while being in the company of one Clayton Hall of Youngstown, Ohio, who is allegedly a gambler, and who is also employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company at Youngstown, Ohio. About three hours following the arrest of Lett, one J. T. Dunn, a local gambler of some importance, called at the Akron Police Department with reference to the arrest of Lett, and endeavored to negotiate a bond. He advised Detective Van Steenberg that he obtained his information concerning the arrest of Lett from some man who was sitting in the lobby of the Portage Hotel and saw the arrest, and later advised the Detective that this person had propositioned Dunn to put up \$150.00, which with the money taken from Lett at the time he was arrested, would be sufficient to provide a \$1,000 bond and that it was the purpose of Lett to jump this bond, but Dunn allegedly refused to be a party to this, inasmuch as he has been located in Akron for about fifteen years and is more or less in favor with the local authorities. This information indicates that Lett was very anxious to be released from custody and may be an indication that he is in fact badly wanted.

Detective Van Steenberg stated that at the time Lett was being photographed he resorted to the old trick of holding his breath and puffing out his cheeks for the purpose of distorting his features and that this caused comment and further conveyed to Detective Van Steenberg that he was "hot."

Continuing, Van Steenberg advised that Dunn confidentially told him that he, Dunn, first met Lett, whose name he did not know, about two years ago at the time he, Dunn, was operating a gambling place at 601 Main Street, Akron, Ohio, and that at that time Lett was accompanied by a fellow known as Hunter, who comes from the vicinity of Youngstown, Ohio. In this connection, reference should be made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated October 17, 1935, indicating that one Fred Hunter was in the vicinity of Hot Springs, Arkansas and investigation was conducted concerning him. Further reference is made to Hunter later in this report.

Detective Van Steenberg further advised that Dunn told him that Lett was in the habit of dropping in to his gambling place on various occasions during the last two years, and that he was invariably with a tough crowd and that Dunn formed the opinion that Lett was a crooked gambler.

During the course of the investigation, Detective Van Steenberg contacted William Hatcher, who was the collector for Sheriff of Summit County, Ohio, in connection with the latter's activities in protecting bootleggers. William Hatcher, on January 17, 1936, was sentenced in the United States District Court at Cleveland, Ohio, to serve fifteen months in a Federal penitentiary. According to Van Steenberg, Hatcher advised him that Eddie Brennan of Youngstown, Ohio, a gambler and minor underworld character, was well acquainted with Hunter and the latter's associates. Further reference to Brennan is made in the investigation conducted by Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney, which is set out in this report. Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent E. H. Williams, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 5, 1935, wherein mention is also made of Eddie Brennan. Further investigation is being conducted at the present time by the Cleveland office at Akron, Ohio with reference to Lett's activities in that vicinity.

The Cleveland office file is not at all complete with reference to the story of Milton Lett and his connections with Harry Campbell. However, there is a letter in the Cleveland file, dated November 26, 1935, written by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley to the Bureau, wherein it is stated that Tom Hill of South Coffeyville, Kansas, furnished information that Lett, in April or May, 1935, drove Harry Campbell to within a block of the latter's home. It is to be recalled that it was about this time that the informant at the Cleveland office advised that he first saw Lett at the Harvard Club.

The registration window at the Cleveland Post Office has been kept under surveillance continuously, but to date without results.

On January 15, 1936 on a radio program having a national hook-up, announcement was made that Alvin Karpis was believed to be in the vicinity of Cleveland, Ohio. This radio broadcast was on the program conducted by Phillip Lord, formerly known as Seth Parker. The announcement gave the complete physical description of Karpis, including the marks on his face, indicating that he had undergone a facial operation.

With reference to the letters from the St. Paul office dated January 14, 1936, Special Agent C. E. Smith and the writer contacted Mr. C. M. Lewandrowski, 7915 Spafford Road, who, under the non de plume of Mrs. Owen D. Young, has been writing letters to Mr. Edward George Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, calling Mr. Bremer's attention to the fact that the wrath of the Holy Ghost was about to descend upon him. He admits that he has written in the past letters to Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, Henry Ford, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. and Bernard Baruch, and as a matter of fact, at the time Agents called on him, he was busily en-

gaged writing a letter of a religious tenor, such as he had written to Mr. Bremer, to Mr. Bernard Baruch. He has in the past been confined in an institution and is presently on relief. He was given a good talking to and promised to refrain from writing Mr. Bremer.

Mrs. Marie Rediker, clerk in the post office at Brunswick, Ohio, was interviewed and photograph of Milton Lett was exhibited to her. However, she was unable to identify Lett as the sender of the letter to Mrs. Maggie Lett, Wann, Oklahoma.

A review of the files of the Cleveland office revealed in case file #31-76, MRS. MAE SCHEIBLE, with alias, et al; BARBARA WILLIAMS, et al - Victims - WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT, that Miss Grace P. Brooks, 10012 Lemont Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, Cedar 5830, was interviewed. Special Agent C. E. Smith and the writer interviewed Miss Brooks and she stated that she had become acquainted with Edith Marco approximately six years ago, while she was wintering in Miami, Florida. In view of the fact that Miss Marco was from Cleveland they had become quite friendly and when Miss Brooks returned to Cleveland she invited Miss Marco to visit her if she ever came to Cleveland. As a result of that invitation Edith Marco did visit Miss Brooks and "sponged" on her for about three months, and upon leaving stole some of Miss Brooks' luggage. Numerous photographs, including those of Lett, Karpis, Campbell, and other subjects in this case, were exhibited to Grace Brooks, but she was unable to identify any of them. According to Miss Brooks, Edith Marco was not accompanied by any man, nor did she see her consorting with any one individual.

AT TOLEDO, OHIO

Special Agent C. E. Smith contacted [REDACTED] and was advised by him that he had not been able to secure any information as yet relative to the name of the girl, or the date and place, that subject Campbell is alleged to have married.

[REDACTED] was interviewed and stated that [REDACTED] while he had not been able to find out the nature of the trouble she had previously stated she was in, he did ascertain that she was working in a call house located at 30 East Forest Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, telephone Columbia 1999, under the name of Mrs. Louise King. According to [REDACTED] Lou was living in Detroit with Gus Jacob, residence address unknown, and was presently paying \$20.00 a month on the notes on Jacob's car.

A search in the various Toledo, Ohio newspapers, namely, the News-Bee, Times and Blade, revealed that on May 25, 1934, in the second edition of the News-Bee an article appeared entitled, "WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE." This article dealt with several individuals wanted by the Bureau, and displayed photographs of Mrs. Vivian Chase, Holland, Karpis, and Volney Davis. It was noted that the photograph of Volney Davis was labeled "Barker", no full name showing.

Agent endeavored to secure copies of this edition at the News-Bee offices but was advised that they had no issues left of any edition for the reason that at that time the Auto-Lite Company was on strike and during that strike several companies of the National Guard had been mobilized, and several persons were shot to death during the strike, and the papers at that time carried numerous photographs of the strike and all available copies had been purchased.

In the event it becomes necessary to subpoena a copy of the News-Bee in the possession of the Toledo Public Library, Mr. Carl Vitz, 1821 Waite Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, librarian at that library, has custody, care and control of all books. In the event it becomes necessary to subpoena the records of the News-Bee, Mr. Carlton K. Matson, editor of that newspaper, and Mr. Worth C. Coutney, business manager, Toledo News-Bee, Jackson and Huron Streets, Toledo, Ohio, are the proper persons.

AT SANDUSKY, OHIO

Mr. Fred Wobser, who, it will be recalled, operates a tavern located on U. S. Route #2, about two miles east of Sandusky, Ohio, and who was previously interviewed by Special Agent R. D. Brown of the Cleveland office, was again interviewed by Agent and he stated that he had not been able to secure any information to date relative to the whereabouts of Karpis and Campbell. Inspector J. L. Schisley of the Sandusky, Ohio Police Department, advised Agent that he had received information that Mirabella had appeared in Mansfield during the week of January 6, 1936 and he had transmitted that information to Captain George Timoney of the Toledo, Ohio Police Department. Agent was unable to secure any information from Inspector Schisley as to who advised him of the fact that Mirabella had been in Mansfield and where he had been. In view of the fact that Captain Timoney is a known associate of the Angus brothers it was not deemed advisable to contact him relative to this information.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The CINCINNATI OFFICE will at Columbus, Ohio ascertain from the Ohio Parole Board the name and present address of Frank J. Griffith, Parole Investigator, in order that he may be interviewed.

Will refer to the report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, dated at Little Rock, Arkansas, October 17, 1935, and letter written by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley dated at Chicago, October 19, 1935, and will conduct appropriate investigation at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles securing all information with reference to 1935 Ohio license #H 85 M.

The LITTLE ROCK OFFICE at Little Rock, Arkansas, will exhibit photographs of Fred Hunter, Bill Hunter, and Thomas J. Shaw, Akron Police Department No. 26337, who is identical with Milton Lett, to persons who observed these individuals at Hot Springs, Arkansas, as indicated in report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter. The photograph of Shaw will be forwarded in the near future by the Cleveland office.

The OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma will furnish the Cleveland office with a resume of the connections existing between Milton Lett and Harry Campbell, as reflected by previous investigation in this matter.

The DETROIT OFFICE at Detroit, Michigan will ascertain the nature of the residence at 30 East Forest Avenue, telephone Columbia 1999. Will ascertain who operates that residence and will also endeavor to ascertain if Lillian Poole, alias Mrs. Louise King, resides at that address in company with Gus Jacob, and in the event she does not, her home address should be ascertained. In this connection, for the assistance of the Detroit, Michigan office, Gus Jacob operates a 1935 two-door Ford sedan, black in color, bearing Ohio tag (1935) #5404A. It is suggested at this time that no contact be had with either Gus Jacob or Lillian Poole. This lead is being set forth merely for the purpose of ascertaining Lillian Poole's address for future reference.

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Toledo, Ohio will conduct appropriate investigation with reference to telephone Forest 5109, which number was called on November 21, 1935 from the telephone of James "Tip" O'Neill at Cleveland, Lakewood 6554M. In conducting this lead bear in mind that there exists a possibility that O'Neill is a contact between Karpis and Campbell and Patton and Hehebrand, formerly operators of the Harvard Club.

Will keep in contact with its contacts and informants at Toledo, Ohio.

At Akron, Youngstown, Ohio and vicinity will conduct further investigation with reference to the presence of Lett in those communities for the purpose of developing any information which will in any way tend to indicate that he was associated there with either Karpis or Campbell.

At Cleveland, Ohio will keep in contact with its contacts and informants.

Will in the near future furnish all interested offices with a complete log on the telephone tap of William F. Fergus.

Will develop more information concerning "Smoky" Sharkey, who, as set out in the body of this report, was a close contact of Lett at the time the latter was at the Harvard Club.

Will forward photograph of Milton Lett to the Little Rock office.

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ADDENDUM

Since the typing of this report, circumstances in the Cleveland office have arisen which necessitate keeping the photographs of Fred Hunter, William Hunter and Thomas J. Shaw in this office. Said photographs will be forwarded to the Little Rock office as soon as possible.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-25

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 1/22/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/16 - 17/36	REPORT MADE BY W. B. MATNEY GHD
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
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Old Ropes and Michigan gold mining companies near Ishpeming, Michigan are only operating gold mines in Michigan and neither are producing gold in paying quantities at this time. Two gold strikes reported in Canada within the last year, one in Ontario, Canada and the other near International Falls, Minnesota. No likely hideouts near Ishpeming, Michigan. No gambling activities in or around Ishpeming and no known racketeers. Michigan State Police presently on look out for subjects.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent H. E. Roberts, Detroit, dated 9/30/35. Report of Special Agent W. B. Matney, Detroit, dated 12/9/35. Letter of Special Agent in Charge, E. J. Connelley, Chicago, dated 12/13/35.</p> <p>DETAILS: O. E. Demory, Captain of the Michigan State Police at Marquette, Michigan, was contacted and advised that the Old Ropes Gold Mine near Ishpeming, Michigan is the only location in the vicinity of Marquette, Michigan that is mining gold at this time. Mr. Demory advised that he is personally acquainted with all of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and is positive that no gold strike has been made in Northern Michigan which resulted in the establishment of a new town or settlement. Mr.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
<i>H. H. Rineck</i>		7 576-9156	JAN 24 1936
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Demory advised that during January of 1935, Jim Buchanan, a former Michigan State policeman came to Marquette and advised that he was going to a new settlement that had sprung up as the result of a gold strike in Canada. Buchanan advised that he had a large trailer which he was taking with him and stated that he had a radio broadcasting station on this trailer. Buchanan advised that he was going to set up a broadcasting station in this town and advised that he was employed by the Canadian Government and this radio station was a Government owned project. Mr. Demory stated that Buchanan advised him that he was going to International Falls and enter Canada at that point and from the conversation Mr. Demory believes that this new town was only a short distance from International Falls, Minnesota. Mr. Demory could give no further information concerning Buchanan of the above mentioned location.

Captain Demory advised that his office covers Ishpeming, Michigan and that general location and stated that there are no outstanding underworld activities going on around Ishpeming. Mr. Demory advised that there are three beer taverns located near Ishpeming that are operated by people of questionable character but stated that these locations would be a poor hideout as they are located on the main highway and are frequented by the people living in Ishpeming, Michigan. Mr. Demory stated that the Chief of Police in Ishpeming is a good man and is honest but has a habit of talking too much and stated that if the information wanted was to be kept confidential it would be best not to contact the Chief of Police at Ishpeming.

Sergeant N. H. Modders of the Michigan State Police accompanied Agent to Ishpeming and while there the following people were contacted:

Albert Peppin, RFD #1, Box 290, Ishpeming, Michigan, is the manager of the Michigan Gold Mining Company. Mr. Peppin advised that his company started operation at their location during 1934 and stated that for the past year they have been getting the mine ready for production. This mine has a shaft 250 feet deep and at this time is producing a rock in which gold is ordinarily found but no ore has been found in paying quantities. Mr. Peppin advised that his conversation with Agent will be kept strictly confidential. Mr. Peppin further advised that he is the boss of the above mine and has only fifteen men working for him all of whom he has known for fifteen years. Mr. Peppin was shown subjects' pictures and advised that he has never seen anyone resembling subjects' pictures. Mr. Peppin stated that if he sees anyone resembling subjects' pictures he will immediately notify the Detroit Bureau Office. Mr. Peppin appears to be a very honest and sincere person and it is believed that he will cooperate with the Bureau if he receives any information that might be of assistance to the Bureau. Mr. Peppin advised that he has a night watchman for his mine but stated that all of the people working for him are living and have lived in Ishpeming, Michigan.

Captain Howard McLeod, foreman of the Old Ropes Gold Mine located five miles north of Ishpeming, Michigan, was interviewed and stated that this mine was first operated in 1880 and was operated for seventeen years, at which time this mine was closed. Mr. McLeod advised that more than \$600,000 worth of gold has been produced from this mine but advised for the past year he has been cleaning out this mine shaft which is 875 feet deep to the lower strata. This location was purchased one year ago by the Calumet and Heckla Mining Company and is operated as an experimental project. No gold is being produced at this time and mining will not start for about a month. Mr. McLeod advised that he has twenty men working for him and all of these men are old copper miners of the Calumet Company and he has been acquainted with these men for fifteen years. All of the men working at this mine live in Ishpeming. Mr. McLeod appears to be a very reliable person and stated that his conversation with Agent will be kept strictly confidential. Mr. McLeod examined subjects' pictures and advised that he has never seen anyone resembling subjects and advised that if he sees anyone resembling subjects he will immediately notify the Detroit Bureau Office. Mr. McLeod advised that he has been in the mining business all of his life and stated that he is positive that the two above mentioned mines are the only gold mines operating in Upper Michigan at this time. He advised that there has been no outstanding gold strike in Upper Michigan which would result in the establishment of a town. Mr. McLeod advised that about a year ago he heard that a good gold vein had been discovered some place in the Province of Ontario, Canada, but stated that he had no additional information concerning the exact location of this place. This man advised that the Government Records in Windsor, Canada will disclose the location of this place. Mr. McLeod advised that George A. Newett of Ishpeming, Michigan, might be able to give information as to the location of this above mentioned place.

Mr. George A. Newett advised that he remembers that about a year ago there was a report of a gold mine strike in the Province of Ontario, Canada and stated that he did not pay much attention to this report as it was not in the United States. Mr. Newett advised that he is positive that there has been no outstanding gold strike in Michigan in recent years and stated that the two gold mines mentioned in this report are the only ones in Northern Michigan that are in operation at this time.

Sergeant N. H. Modders of the Michigan State Police advised that he is in close contact with the activities in Ishpeming, Michigan and vicinity and advised that the "Country Club" and the "Fox Farm" are the only two "Dives" in Ishpeming. The above places were visited and were found to be small beer parlors operated by people of questionable character but other than running a beer parlor and being people of questionable character no illegal activities on their part is known. These places would make a poor hideout as they are small and frequented by people living in this location. An examination of these places revealed that they would not be used as a hideout. Sergeant

Modders advised that he examined these places frequently in connection with their Beer License but stated that if there was any gambling at these places it was on a very small scale. Mr. Modders advised that he knew of no places near Ishpeming that would make a good hideout.

Mr. Modders advised that the Cinderella Club operated by George Leanes in the outskirts of Marquette is a place of questionable character and advised that he frequently examined this place in connection with the beer license which this place has. Until recently some gambling was carried on at this place but Leanes was warned and this operation was stopped. A visit to this place disclosed that it is a large white two story house that is operated as a night club and beer parlor and is frequented by the better people of Marquette. Without disclosing Agent's identity, Mr. Leanes was interviewed and advised that his home is in Green Bay, Wisconsin, but he has been operating at his present location for two years. Mr. Leanes advised that business is very poor and stated that he is going to make application for a hotel permit and intends to cater to travelling salesmen. Although this Greek is of questionable character it is not believed that it would make a good hideout as it is on the main highway located near Marquette and is frequented by the better class of people from Marquette.

Captain O. E. Demory, Michigan State Police, Marquette, Michigan, advised that he will be on the lookout concerning any information which might show subjects' present location and stated that he will immediately forward any information to the Detroit Bureau Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The DETROIT OFFICE at WINDSOR, ONTARIO CANADA will contact the proper Government Officials and ascertain the present location of the prominent gold strike made in Ontario during the past year.

The ST. PAUL OFFICE at CANADA will contact the proper officials relative to the present location of a prominent gold strike in Canada near International Falls as set out in instant report.

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DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID. ENTIRE AFTERNOON CONSUMED IN ARGUMENT BY GOVT.

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EXPECT TO PROCEED CHICAGO TOMORROW NIGHT WITH AGENTS SULLIVAN AND MADALA. DETAILED INFORMATION BEING OBTAINED FROM DOLORES DELANEY AND WYONA BURDETTE AS TO FACTS WHICH WILL ASSIST FURTHER SEARCH FOR SUBJECTS. BOTH GIRLS ARE COOPERATING THIS MATTER AND AS TO ADDITIONAL FACTS CONCERNING ACTIVITIES FLORIDA.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI**

FILE NO. **7-3 - JT**

REPORT MADE AT Atlanta	DATE WHEN MADE 1-22-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-11, 13-36	REPORT MADE BY HERBERT J. CRONIN
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.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">Joseph Peter Dowling and E. M. Lantz not in Savannah, Georgia. Probably located at Miami, Florida, in Tuttle Hotel, and are known to frequent the Paddock Saloon in that city.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Summary report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, dated 1-6-36, and letter from Jacksonville to Bureau, dated 1-8-36.</p>			
DETAILS: <p>A. J. Browne, Assistant Manager, DeSoto Hotel, Savannah, Georgia, after examining the records, stated that John P. Downey was registered in room 455 during the period from September 25-30, 1935, inclusive; that he left on the 30th, owing part of his bill, that a man named Kiley telephoned to the hotel and advised that Downey would return and pay his bill; that Downey returned to the hotel on October 2, 1935, paid his bill in full, and registered in room 104. Mr. Browne advised that Downey indicated on his registration card that he came from Miami, Florida.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">He stated further that the records show Downey checked out of the hotel on October 4, 1935, and has not returned.</p> <p>Mr. Browne advised that he knew Downey was engaged in some sort of confidence game because Special Agent Hendon, of the Atlanta Bureau Office, and he looked through Downey's baggage on the day Downey returned to Savannah, and they found evidence that Downey was playing some sort of a card "racket".</p> <p style="text-align: center;">He did not remember anyone named Jack Lantz calling on</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. G. Downey</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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Downey, although he said Downey had friends who came to see him. He did not recall having seen any person of the description of William E. Mead.

S. W. Parnelle, Jr., and M. T. Johnson, Clerks at the DeSoto Hotel, had no information of value to give.

At the Savannah Hotel, Savannah, Georgia, L. W. Womble, Clerk, advised that J. Lance (known to him as Jack Lance) checked out of the hotel on October 5, 1935, and still owes ten dollars on his bill. He stated that when Lance (spelled Lance, not Lent,) first came to the hotel, he had a woman with him, but when he checked out he was alone.

An examination of the cards indicated that Jack Lance gave as his forwarding address the Tuttle Hotel, Miami, Florida, on October 5, 1935. Mr. Womble advised that he forwarded a letter to that address shortly after Lance left Savannah, but the letter was returned to Savannah, and evidently Lance did not go directly to Miami. As indicated in the letter of Special Agent in Charge Alt, Jacksonville, Florida to the Bureau, dated January 8, 1936, Lance, or Lentz, was arrested in Jacksonville, October 22, 1935.

Andrew Smith, Manager, Henry Pape, Secretary, and R. W. Russell, Clerk, Savannah Hotel, Savannah, Georgia, had no additional information of value to give, and they could not recall anyone of the description of William Elmer Mead. They did not recall John P. Downey.

A. A. Ball, Assistant Postmaster, Savannah, Georgia, examined the records of forwarding addresses for the period October 2-30, 1935, and found the following letter, which may have been written by John P. Downey, on stationery of the George Washington Hotel, Jacksonville, Florida, dated October 8, 1935:

"Please forward my mail to General Delivery, Jacksonville, Florida. Thanking you in advance I remain,

Yours truly,

Joe Dowding
Jacksonville, Florida
General Delivery.

It appears that Downey has another alias, that of Joe Dowding. It is doubtful, however, if he would return to the George Washington Hotel, in view of his partner, Lentz's, arrest in Jacksonville, but confidence men may frequent this hotel.

Sergeant E. A. Fitzgerald, Savannah Police Department, Savannah, Georgia, advised that he did not know either Lance or Downey, under these names or under the other names that they are known to have used. He stated that there were two Kileys who associated with gangsters and gamblers in Savannah, and he advised that the younger one should not be contacted, but that the older one, named Jack Kiley, would probably know where Lance and Downey are, and would tell.

Sergeant Fitzgerald pointed out the residence of Jack Kiley in Savannah, at 423 East Broughton Street, and Agent went in and inquired of Jack Kiley where Jack Lance is. Kiley stated that Lance is in Miami, Florida, and hangs around a saloon called The Paddock. It was not necessary for Agent to disclose his identity, and Sergeant Fitzgerald was not seen by Kiley, so it is very unlikely that Kiley will inform anyone that a person was inquiring for Lance's whereabouts.

Raymond D. Doney, Officer in Charge of the Identification Bureau, Savannah Police Department, and J. W. Petit, who has a similar position in the County Police Department, Savannah, Georgia, had no records on Lance or Downey under any of the names that they are known to have used.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE JACKSONVILLE OFFICE, at Miami, Florida, will maintain such a check as is possible on the activities of Jack Lance and Joe Dowling, if they are located Miami, Florida, inasmuch as they have been in contact with Mead as recently as March, 1935. It is also suggested that a discreet effort be made to determine if Mead is known at the Paddock Saloon, or at the Tuttle Hotel in Miami.

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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

January 22nd, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Denver, Colorado

Dear Sir:

Re: BREXID

I am transmitting herewith copy of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent Jerome Doyle setting forth information received by him during the course of another investigation, said information having been received from Horace M. Shipman, indicating that Karpis and other members of that gang formerly had a hideout near Liberty, Colorado.

It is believed that this memorandum is self-explanatory and it is suggested that your Office conduct appropriate investigation at Liberty for the purpose of determining whether these Subjects are presently at that place or in contact with any of the individuals named at Liberty.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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JANUARY 23 1936

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

By

January 22, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Please refer to the letter dated January 4, 1936 written by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Chicago, Illinois to the Director, particularly to pages two and three, wherein the suggestion is made that the names and criminal backgrounds of criminals released on parole from the Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio, within the past year, who have returned to Cleveland, Ohio, be secured for the purpose of aiding the Cleveland office in developing a confidential informant.

To date effort has been made by the Cleveland office to establish a confidential informant through reliable police officers, but with no success. It is, therefore, requested that you follow out the suggestion contained in the reference letter, conducting appropriate investigation at the Ohio State Penitentiary and at the office of the parole board, and in addition to securing the names and criminal backgrounds of the criminals who have been released on parole within the last year, and who have returned to Cleveland, that you extend this inquiry to include such criminals who have returned to Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and that you advise the Cleveland office in the near future.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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Edward J. Bremer

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 22, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. J. Dowd, Cleveland, Ohio, dated January 9, 1936, setting out long distance telephone calls made by Murray Cook from his home and his place of business, The Swallows, Ashtabula, Ohio, said report containing undeveloped leads for the Cleveland office and various other offices to check these calls.

It is noted that the teletype message dated January 18, 1936, sent by the Los Angeles office to the Director, you, and the Cleveland office, reflects that Murray Cook is undoubtedly a friend of Imogene Robertson, said message setting out that the Los Angeles office doubts that Cook can have any important connection with this investigation.

In view of the information contained in the teletype message it appears that the tracing of long distance telephone calls made by Murray Cook is unwarranted at this time and, therefore, they are not being traced in the Cleveland district, and each office receiving a copy of this letter and which office received a request for tracing the long distance telephone calls in the report of Special Agent E. J. Dowd, Cleveland, Ohio, dated January 9, 1936, should consider this letter as authority to discontinue the tracing of the calls.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 22, 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 the letter of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley dated at Chicago, Illinois, January 4, 1936, addressed to the Bureau, wherein Special Agent in Charge Connelley requests a telephone tap on the telephone of James "Tip" O'Neill, Cleveland, Ohio, who is undoubtedly closely allied with Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton of the Harvard Club.

Please be advised that James "Tip" O'Neill presently resides in Cleveland, Ohio at 11835 Lake Avenue, Apartment 19, with a woman whose name is Marie Flynn. There is an unlisted telephone in the apartment in the name of Marie Flynn, the number being Lakewood 6554M.

The Cleveland office contemplates placing a tap on this telephone in the near future, providing Bureau authority is granted. Therefore the Bureau is at this time being requested for authority to install a telephone tap. It is requested that the Cleveland office be notified at a very early date in this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland
J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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January 28, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. 1218, et al,
Edward George Bremer, Victim,
KIDNAPING.

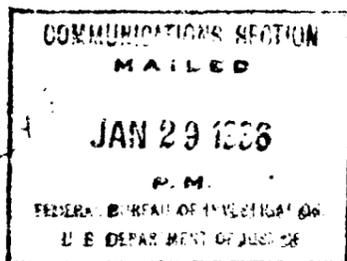
Reference is made to your letter of January
27, 1936, concerning your request for a telephone tap
on the telephone of James "Tip" O'Neill, Cleveland,
Ohio, who you believe is closely allied with "Art"
Hebebrand and "Shirley" Patten of the Harvard Club.

You are hereby authorized to place a tap
on the telephone of James "Tip" O'Neill, in order
to conduct the necessary surveillance at that point
in connection with this case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC Cincinnati
St. Paul
Mr. Connelley at Chicago



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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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REPORT MADE AT Aberdeen, South Dakota	DATE WHEN MADE 1/21/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/15, 16/36	REPORT MADE BY J. MICHAEL MC GRATH WSG
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, W.A. FUGITIVE I. O. #1218 HARRY CAMPBELL, W.A. FUGITIVE I.O. #1236 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, W.A. I.O. #1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Photograph of Walter Raymond Armstrong displayed to persons familiar with Robert Carville Ormiston at Langdon and Bismarck, North Dakota who identified the photograph as being identical with Ormiston. Those persons not making a positive identification of the photograph of Armstrong as being Ormiston note strong resemblance and furnish no satisfactory reason for these two persons not being identical. In view of positive identifications noted in this report and the information set out in the reference letter and report, conclusion is drawn that Ormiston is not identical with Doctor Joseph P. MORAN and all offices holding leads in abeyance pertaining to further identification of Robert Carville Ormiston requested to disregard them.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
REFERENCES: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Letter from Cincinnati dated 1/2/36 and report of Special Agent J. Michael McGrath, Aberdeen, South Dakota dated 12/21/35.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">AT GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Agent displayed the picture of Walter Raymond Armstrong to Chief of Police Herbe Reetz who immediately identified it as Robert Carville Ormiston.</p>			
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Sheriff William Murie, Langdon, North Dakota, who was also in the city at the time, examined the picture of Walter Raymond Armstrong and found the features on the face from the base of the nose down, including the lips, double chin, and general contour, identical with Ormiston but stated that there was some doubt in his mind as to the features in and about the eyes and forehead. He stated that there was no definite reason why the picture of Armstrong could not be Ormiston and believes that between the I. O. of MORAN and the picture of Armstrong, he would select the picture of Armstrong as being more the likeness of Ormiston.

John Whalen, druggist, Langdon, North Dakota, after taking into consideration the fact that the picture of Armstrong was taken in 1923-1924 and the I. O. picture of MORAN was taken in 1928, was still of the belief that Ormiston more closely resembled the I. O. picture of MORAN.

AT LANGDON, NORTH DAKOTA.

Louis Whalen, druggist, son of John Whalen, advised that the picture of Armstrong more closely resembled Ormiston than the I. O. picture but was unable to make a more definite statement.

Doctor Charles King definitely identified the picture of Armstrong as the picture of Ormiston. He recounted the various features to Agent and advised that there was no question in his mind.

Ted Wollitz, local butcher, from whom Ormiston made the purchases for the transient camp, stated on examination of the picture of Armstrong that it more closely resembled Ormiston than the I. O. picture of MORAN. Agent then presented the I. O. picture of MORAN to Mr. Wollitz who advised that he felt reasonably certain that Armstrong was Ormiston.

During these interviews the identity of the picture of Armstrong was not made known to any of the persons to whom it was displayed.

Deputy Sheriff Morton Olson advised that the picture of Armstrong was identical with Ormiston. He pointed out the various features in the picture which led him to his conclusion.

Mr. S. J. Walker advised on examining the picture of Armstrong that it resembled Ormiston to the same degree that the I. O. did. He noted that the eyes of the picture of Armstrong were identical with Ormiston and were not as far from the eyebrows as the eyes of MORAN are.

Mrs. S. J. Walker examined the picture of Armstrong and stated that all the features were identical with Ormiston but that she did not feel satisfied to positively identify the picture of Armstrong as the picture of Ormiston.

AT BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA.

Fred Schiebe (name incorrectly spelled Scheidt in the reference report), a member of the transient camp with which Ormiston was connected, advised without hesitation that this picture of Armstrong was a picture of Ormiston. Schiebe impressed Agent as having a keen mind and recollection and had more direct contact with Ormiston than anyone at the transient camp. His comment was that the picture is "100 per cent".

Iver Tollefson, member of the Federal transient camp which furnished the information that resulted in obtaining the picture of Armstrong, identified it immediately on presentation. Tollefson, who was friendly with Ormiston while they were both at the Federal transient camp, had close contact with him for about two months.

C. A. Narum, Director of the State Transient Activities, Liberty Memorial Building, advised that the picture of Armstrong more closely resembled the man he knew as Robert Carville Ormiston, whom he interviewed early in July 1935, than did the I. O. of DOCTOR MORAN.

In view of the positive identifications of Robert Carville Ormiston as the same man as Walter Raymond Armstrong as set out in this report and the information found in the reference letter and report, it is apparent that Armstrong is not identical with DOCTOR JOSEPH P. MORAN and all offices which have leads pertaining to further the identification are requested to disregard them.

No request having been made by the Cincinnati Office to return the photo of Walter Raymond Armstrong, it is being retained in the Aberdeen file.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O.#1218, et al;
Edward George Bremer, Victim -
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The Los Angeles Office of the Bureau has stated that Charles J. Fitzgerald, who recently made a trip to Carlsbad, New Mexico in connection with some oil deals he had pending there, has returned to Los Angeles. During the course of the trip he was under constant surveillance, as was also Imogene Robertson, his girl friend. During the course of the trip no suspicious activities were noted. The surveillance set up at Fitzgerald's apartment, where he is residing under the name of J.C. Foster, at 512 Hobart Avenue, Los Angeles, California, will be continued by the Los Angeles Office and further developments will be reported as they occur.

Telephonic conversations between Fitzgerald and Imogene Robertson on January 14, 1936 indicated that within the next two weeks they will again make a trip to Carlsbad in connection with oil deals. Fitzgerald possibly will travel by airplane and the Robertson woman and her friend, Charlotte Packard, will probably travel by automobile. Arrangements, in accordance with these contemplated plans, have been made with the airport officials to reserve a space for an Agent, in the event a reservation is requested by Fitzgerald and, of course, a proper surveillance will be maintained throughout the trip.

With reference to the trial at St. Paul, the Bureau was advised on January 17, 1936 that the Government needs only to introduce witnesses from the Treasury Department relative to the destruction of ransom money found in Cuba before the Government will rest its case, which will probably be on January 20, 1936. The defense has indicated that its case will be brief. In accordance with the intentions of the United States Attorney at St. Paul to have available persons from the Treasury Department in Washington, D. C., relative to the destruction of the money, it was necessary to make arrangements to have these witnesses depart from Washington, D. C. on January 17, 1936. You will recall that the original "advice of shipment

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of Federal Reserve notes in the amount of \$68,000 which was sent by the Havana Agency to the Treasury Department in Washington, D. C. on May 16, 1935 for mutilation and destruction was transmitted to the Treasury Department in Washington, D. C. under a cover letter written by Mr. H. C. Frazer, who is Manager of the Havana Agency of the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank in Havana. Of the shipment above mentioned, approximately \$13,000 was issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The entire \$13,000 is in \$10.00 bills. The money in question was sent in 37 individual packages and for the information of the United States Attorney, it was ascertained that Package #12 contained \$13,000 in \$10.00 bills. Under the existing rules of the Treasury Department, to the effect that money transmitted for mutilation and destruction must be in even amounts, Package #12 contained \$13,000 in \$10.00 bills. As a matter of fact, \$12,760 of the \$13,000 is ransom money which was issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

On January 15, 1936 reports emanated from the vicinity of Aurora, Missouri that Karpis had engaged in a gun battle with Federal and State authorities. This, of course, is untrue. The facts relative to this false report concerning Karpis concern a surveillance which was being maintained by the Kansas City Office on a garage at Aurora, Missouri relative to a 1935 Hudson coach which was stored there several weeks ago. The case is under investigation as a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case and a report was submitted by the Kansas City Office on January 10, 1936. The surveillance of this garage was continued at the inception of this information, inasmuch as the garage attendant partially identified the photograph of Karpis as being identical with the person storing this car. Subsequent investigation was conducted on the morning of January 15, 1936 about 7:50 A.M., when two men came to the garage in a 1931 Ford Cabriolet. Since the garage attendant has actually seen this person again, he is not sure that he is Karpis. With reference to the reports that there had been a gun battle, the Kansas City Office has informed the Bureau that this, of course, is erroneous. The person who called at the garage for the Hudson automobile did not get same and left Aurora without further ado. The investigation, however, is going forward and the Little Rock and Oklahoma City Offices have been requested to notify peace officers to endeavor to locate and apprehend the individuals in the Ford car which they were driving. The American Protective Insurance Company in Chicago has advised that the Hudson was stolen at Chicago, Illinois on November 3, 1935.

It has been ascertained by the Cleveland Office that Tony, reputedly a body guard for the owners of the Harvard Club at Cleveland, Ohio, who is possibly handling the contacts for Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton, is identical with Phillip Amersbach. You will recall that Hebebrand and Patton are now in Roumania in connection with a slot machine project and William

Fergus, who is a former associate of theirs, has returned to Cleveland. He is under surveillance, the purpose being that this person might be a possible contact for Karpis and Campbell.

The information contained in the reports emanating from the New York and Trenton Offices, relative to Alvin Karpis being seen by a taxi driver on January 16, 1936 at Newark, New Jersey, has been carried to a logical conclusion and it has been ascertained that the taxi driver in question failed to identify the photograph and description of Karpis as being the man he drove on January 16, 1936.

Respectfully,

A. Rosen

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

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The following is a summation of the facts relative to the failure on the part of Special Agent in Charge W. A. Smith at the Kansas City Office to immediately inform the Bureau fully of the situation involving reports emanating from the territory under the jurisdiction of the Kansas City Office concerning statements made by Homer Fanning to the effect that he was accompanied by Alvin Karpis prior to the time he was picked up by police officers near Kansas City.

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Fanning was arrested by the Missouri State Highway Patrol after his release by the Kansas City Police Department on January 3, 1936. Property in his possession had been identified as having been stolen in the vicinity of Kirksville, Missouri, and Keokuk, Iowa.

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Mr. Smith stated "At about 9 P. M. on Saturday, January 4, 1936, Colonel B. M. Casteel, Superintendent, Missouri State Highway Patrol, telephoned me from Macon, Missouri, which is in the territory of the St. Louis Bureau Office, and stated they had been questioning Fanning since he had been taken to Macon by the Highway Patrol and had definitely established that he was involved in several burglaries in Northeastern Missouri and Southeastern Iowa. He stated that Fanning had now stated that he had been involved with "Spike" Lane, Clarence Sparger and John Langdon, all of whom are wanted by the Bureau on National Motor Vehicle Theft Act charges, and who have been thought to be companions of "Blackie" Doyle, who is wanted in the Luer kidnaping case. Colonel Casteel stated that Fanning claimed to be able to point out the spot at which these individuals could now be located. The Colonel asked me whether I could proceed to Macon, Missouri, immediately, and go with his men and Fanning to locate the place where the above mentioned individuals were. I stated that inasmuch as Macon, Missouri, was out of the territory of this office it would be necessary for me to get authority from Washington before proceeding out of the territory. I asked the Colonel where he expected to apprehend these individuals and he stated they were said to be in the vicinity of Iowa City, Iowa. I advised the Colonel I could get in touch with our Omaha Office, which probably had some Agents in Iowa, and make arrangements for them to contact members of the Highway Patrol at that point. I advised the Colonel that I would call him back and advise him the names of the Agents and where they would be stopping. I then telephoned Special Agent in Charge

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John A. Dowd, of the Omaha Office, advising him of the intention of Colonel Casteel to send some of his men with Fanning into Iowa for the purpose of trying to apprehend Lane, Sparger and Langdon. Mr. Dowd stated that he had two Agents in Iowa and would locate them and have them proceed to Iowa City and he would call me back advising me as to where members of the Highway Patrol could find the Agents from the Omaha Office in Iowa City.

"Subsequently, Special Agent J. L. Flood, of the Omaha Office, telephoned and stated that Special Agents Bundy and Franz were then in Iowa and had been directed to proceed to Iowa City where they would stop at the Jefferson Hotel, at which point members of the Highway Patrol could contact them. I immediately telephoned Colonel Casteel at Macon and gave him this information and he stated that three of his men, accompanied by the Chief of Police of Keokuk, Iowa, had already left for Iowa City but that they were going to stop at Kirksville, Missouri, to telephone him and find out the names of the Agents and where they could be contacted in Iowa City, and he stated he would give them this information immediately. He further advised that through information supplied by Fanning they had located, near Macon, Missouri, a Buick Sedan which had been stolen by Fanning and Alfred Schmidt, his companion, at Keokuk, Iowa, and he desired to know whether an Agent could come to Macon to check on this car and assist in this investigation. I advised Colonel Casteel I would immediately call the St. Louis Bureau Office and have them send an Agent to Macon for the purpose of checking on this angle of the case.

"I told Colonel Casteel that in the event there was any danger of Fanning making bond in connection with the State charges that probably a Federal complaint could be filed charging violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. The Colonel stated there were sufficient state charges against Fanning which would preclude his release on bond. The Colonel stated, however, that in the event Langdon, Sparger and Lane were apprehended in Iowa as a result of Fanning's information, he intended to give some consideration to Fanning in connection with these state charges. At this time I inquired of Colonel Casteel whether Fanning still insisted that his companion in Kansas City at the time of his apprehension was Alvin Karpis. Mr. Casteel stated that Fanning had now admitted that it was not Karpis but that he had merely stated it was Karpis in order to protect his real companion at the time. It is to be noted that while Fanning was in custody at Kansas City he continually insisted that Karpis was with him, and when it was pointed out that it had been determined that undoubtedly his companion was Alfred Schmidt he still insisted Karpis and Alfred Schmidt were identical.

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"Telephonic communication was immediately had by me with Special Agent Norris, of the St. Louis Office, and I gave him briefly the facts of this case and requested that an Agent be dispatched as soon as possible to Macon, Missouri, to cooperate with Colonel Casteel who had stated he would remain in Macon the rest of Saturday night. Agent Norris stated he would contact Colonel Casteel by telephone immediately and have an Agent proceed to that point at once.

"On Sunday, January 5, 1936, Special Agent in Charge Dowd telephoned from Omaha, Nebraska, and stated that the Agents had met the members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol at Iowa City, Iowa, and had conducted a raid on a house where Fanning claimed that Sparger, Lane and Langdon could be found, but that no one was found there nor was any evidence discovered to indicate these individuals had ever been there. He did state, however, that as a result of the investigation in Iowa Alfred Schmidt had been located and that the Missouri Highway Patrol was returning Schmidt to Missouri. It is to be noted in this connection that the only Federal violation so far in connection with Fanning is the interstate transportation of the Buick Sedan which was stolen in Keokuk, Iowa, and recovered in the Eastern Judicial District of Missouri.

"Undoubtedly upon receiving the information from Colonel Casteel to the effect Fanning had admitted that Karpis was not his companion I should have immediately advised the Bureau of this fact. The only explanation I can give for my failure to do so is that prior investigation, of which the Bureau was advised by teletype, had fairly definitely established the fact that Karpis was not the companion of Fanning, and I felt that before making a definite statement to the effect that Fanning had admitted that Karpis was not his companion it would be better to have him interviewed by an Agent of this Bureau, rather than to rely entirely upon the statement made by Colonel Casteel to that effect. It was contemplated, of course, that Fanning would probably be interviewed somewhat by the Agents at Iowa City when he was taken to that point by the Highway Patrol to assist in locating this hideout, or by Agents of the St. Louis Office after his return to Macon, Missouri, from Iowa."

On January 6, 1936, Mr. Tamm telephonically communicated with Mr. Smith and determined that Colonel Casteel got an admission from Fanning on January 4, 1936, and that this admission was learned by Mr. Smith on January 5. Mr. Tamm asked Mr. Smith if he had not wired the Bureau this admission. Mr. Smith stated he had not, inasmuch as a report setting out very strong indications on the part of the Agents that Fanning's companion was not Karpis had gone through the Bureau, but this report had not, as a matter of fact, gone through the Bureau. Mr. Tamm pointed out

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to Mr. Smith that "there is certainly nothing more definite in a situation like this than a man's own admission; that the conclusions of the Agents aren't worth very much in comparison with such admission". Mr. Tamm informed Mr. Smith that "the Bureau had been swamped with newspaper inquiries about this situation this morning (meaning January 6, 1936) and we had no information, either one way or the other". Mr. Tamm told Mr. Smith that "there is just no excuse for not advising the Bureau of this development by telegraph or telephone, and instructed him to forward to the Bureau today a letter in complete detail as to why this information was not promptly submitted to the Bureau".

Mr. Smith has submitted such an explanation, the contents of which are incorporated above and has stated that he regrets exceedingly his failure to advise the Bureau of this development and gives assurance that occurrences of this kind will not happen again.

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

January 24, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Charles J. Fitzgerald, close associate of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, is presently under surveillance by Agents of the Los Angeles Bureau Office. Fitzgerald is residing as J. C. Foster at 512 Hobart Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and during the course of the investigation Agents found in the apartment occupied by Fitzgerald at the above address a notebook containing the following notation: 756 No. Plankington.

Special Agent J. L. Madala has advised that when he was recently in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, it was determined that there is a North Plankington Street in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and it is desired that you conduct appropriate investigation to determine who resides at 756 North Plankington, obtaining all available information concerning the occupants at this address. In conducting the investigation extreme care should be used to prevent information from reaching C. J. Fitzgerald that he is under surveillance.

It is requested that this investigation be expedited.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
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SUMMARY REPORT

SYNOPSIS: Summary of information concerning William Elmer Mead as reflected in files of Portland Bureau Office.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated December 19, 1935, and report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Ill., 1-8-36.

DETAILS:

In accordance with Bureau letter dated December 19, 1935, a review of the Portland Bureau office file in this case reveals the following information regarding William Elmer Mead, wanted for questioning by the Bureau.

Mrs. Kate Mead, wife of William Elmer Mead, formerly resided in Portland, Oregon, where she is said to have married her present husband about twenty-five years ago.

At the time the father of Kate Mead died in Portland, about the year 1921, it is to be noted that he died possessed of certain real property, which fell to the heirs, consisting of his sons and daughters, namely, Kate Schmitt Mead, John Schmitt, Henry Schmitt, and Thomas Schmitt, son of Mike Schmitt, deceased, also Mrs. C. A. Baxter. This property was to be equally divided among the above named heirs.

William Elmer Mead, the husband of Kate Mead, at this time purchased the interest of Tom Schmitt, also the interest of John Schmitt, retaining the mortgage on the property, which was placed under the management of Frank Schmitt inasmuch

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as the real estate was located in Portland.

It is presumed that William Elmer Mead is in contact with Frank Schmitt, although he denies knowledge of the whereabouts of Mead. ~~It is further stated that~~ ~~has so far failed to reflect tracings of any mail that might indicate~~ ~~responsibility being received by Frank Schmitt from Mead.~~

J. D. Schmitt, son of Henry Schmitt, residing at 36 N.E. Broadway, Portland, is endeavoring to cooperate with the Bureau in furnishing information as to the whereabouts of his uncle, William Elmer Mead. J. D. Schmitt has furnished information that he visited his uncle during the summer of 1933 at 1533 Fargo Street, Chicago. During the visit with his uncle and aunt at the above address, J. D. Schmitt was able to learn that his uncle frequented certain speak-easies and golf clubs and at one time entertained C. J. Fitzgerald in his apartment. During the occasion of this visit to Chicago J. D. Schmitt was accompanied by his cousins John Schmitt, Junior, Charlie Baxter and Mary Baxter. At this time J. D. Schmitt frequently drove William Elmer Mead about the city of Chicago in Mead's car, a 1932 black Lincoln Sedan. On several occasions J. D. Schmitt accompanied William Elmer Mead to his office, located either on the sixth or seventh floor in the Railway Exchange Building. The speak-easy most frequently visited by William Elmer Mead was located just south of Van Buren facing on Dearborn Street in a room described as long and narrow and about 75 or 100 feet from the corner of Van Buren Street. This speak-easy was presumably operated by a Greek whose name J. D. Schmitt could not recall, however, he is described as being a man about 50 years of age; 5' 8" in height; weighing approximately 150 pounds; hair black streaked with gray; complexion, dark. This Greek was assisted in the operation of the speak-easy by a younger brother about 45 to 48 years of age, who, according to J. D. Schmitt, spent considerable time around the speak-easy and whose description was very similar to that of his older brother. That the speak-easy sold hard liquors, contained a lunch counter in the rear and a cigar stand in the front of the room.

J. D. Schmitt could not definitely describe the location of certain golf courses that he visited with William Elmer Mead, except to state that one of the golf clubs was located north of Evanston, the east side of which was bounded by the railroad tracks leading into Evanston. The other golf course described by J. D. Schmitt was a course located on the south side of Chicago outside the city limits probably fifteen miles.

Henry Schmitt, father of J. D. Schmitt, although not as cooperative with the Bureau as his son, J. D. Schmitt, states that his feeling toward

William Elmer Mead is not any too friendly, because several years ago William Elmer Mead obtained money from him through a fraudulent oil stock transaction.

Mrs. Henry Schmitt, mother of J. D. Schmitt, states that she received correspondence several years ago from William Elmer Mead, which correspondence reflected the return address of 6139 South Park Avenue, Chicago, where, she states, a family by the name of Dexter lived and who handled the mail at this address for William Elmer Mead.

Frank Schmitt, brother of Kate Mead, resides at 2334 N.W. Thurman Street, Portland, Oregon. This property is a third class apartment house containing four two-room apartments, which is under the management of Frank Schmitt. An interest in this property is owned by William Elmer Mead.

John Schmitt, a brother of Kate Schmitt Mead, 1723 N.W. 23rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon, residing at this address with his wife, Anna, and son, John, Junior, are to be considered as uncooperative and no information can be obtained from them as to the whereabouts of William Elmer Mead and a mail cover on the mail at this address has failed to reflect tracings leading to the whereabouts of William Elmer Mead.

Leora (Mrs. Arthur) Johnson, a daughter of Frank Mead and a granddaughter of Kate Mead, residing at 3562 South "G" Street, Tacoma, Washington, who is known to be very friendly with William Elmer Mead, is also a known correspondent of the Mead family. No information of value has been obtained by a mail cover on the mail at this address.

J. J. Parker, residing at 2911 N.W. Raleigh Street, Portland, Oregon, is an acquaintance of William Elmer Mead, whom he knew in San Francisco as the "Christ Kid". Mr. Parker at the present time is considered a business man of some prominence, being the owner of several of the larger moving picture shows in Portland and other cities in Oregon. Parker was formerly a bar tender in the saloon of Billy Lyons located across from the Hall of Justice in San Francisco, California. Parker knew William Elmer Mead in San Francisco during the early days of 1900. He stated that at that time Mead frequented the Hays Valley Club and Billy Lyons' saloon; that Billy Lyons is an intimate acquaintance of William Elmer Mead. Parker claims to have seen William Elmer Mead in Portland about the year 1914, and that he has not seen him since that date. Parker further stated that his acquaintance with Mead was of a casual nature and that he is not familiar with the names of any associates of Mead and is not familiar with his activities. Parker stated that he recalled Mead operating a small ranch near Prineville, Oregon.

Information furnished by the Clerk of the County of Crook, Prineville,

Oregon, reveals the fact that William Elmer Mead filed a patent on certain property in Crook County, which was recorded on October 11, 1919, in Book 8 of Patents, on page 224, which property is more fully described as follows:

The Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 12, in Township 18 South, Range 17 East, and the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 8, and the West Half of the Northwest Quarter; the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, and the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, the Lots Two and Three, and the North Half of Lot Six of Section 7 in Township 18, South of Range 18, East of the Willamette Meridian, Oregon, containing 328.70 acres.

It is further recorded in Book 41, page 106, of the Deed Records of Crook County, Oregon, that William Elmer Mead conveyed the above described land to Fred A. Grimes on October 11, 1919.

No other records of property owned by William Elmer Mead could be found in Crook County, Oregon.

Relatives of Kate Schmitt Mead are as follows:

John Schmitt, 1723 N.W. 23rd Street, Portland, Oregon - Brother
Frank Schmitt, 2354 N.W. Thurman Street, Portland, Oregon - Brother
Henry Schmitt, 36 N.E. Broadway, Portland, Oregon - Brother
Mrs. C. A. Barter, 2239 - 45th Avenue, San Francisco, Calif. - Sister
C. A. Barter, 2239 - 45th Avenue, San Francisco, Calif. - Brother-in-law
Mary and Ann Barter, 2239 - 45th Avenue, San Francisco, Calif. - Nephew
Charles Barter, 2239 - 45th Avenue, San Francisco, Calif. - Nephew
John Schmitt, Jr., 1723 - N.W. 23rd Street, Portland, Oregon - Nephew
L. D. Schmitt, 36 N.W. Broadway, Portland, Oregon - Nephew
Leora (Mrs. Arthur) Johnson, 3562 South "G" Street, Tacoma, Wn. - Niece.

All other information contained in the Portland Bureau files is covered by reference report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, in summary report dated January 6, 1936, and, in order to avoid duplication, is not herein being set out.

The Portland Bureau Office will continue to maintain contact with J. D. Schmitt for the purpose of securing information from the Mead relatives in the Portland district regarding the whereabouts of William Elmer Mead.

PENDING