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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG  
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

**FILE NUMBER: 7-576**

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March 1, 1934

Inspector W. A. Rorer  
Division of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 515  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - 1  
Edward George Bremer (Victim)  
Kidnaping - Extortion

Reference is made to your file 7-30 in the matter of  
Unknown Subjects - 1, Edward George Bremer (Victim), Kidnaping -  
Extortion, and particularly your letter of February 20th to the  
Division with respect to one DAVE BERMAN.

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You are also informed that the informant named Korn or  
Alcorn has not yet called at this office. You will note that the inform

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ant advises the man in whom he is interested is serving a forty year sentence, whereas Berman is serving a twelve year sentence. Notwithstanding this discrepancy, it is believed that Berman is the individual in whom the informant is interested.

It is suggested that the Postal Inspectors at Milwaukee be contacted to determine the present status of the mail fraud case pending against Berman and the others in the Western District of Wisconsin.

Very truly yours,

cc/Division ✓  
cc/Chicago

P. I. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

POST OFFICE BOX 515  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

87049

February 23, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Suite L, Federal Building  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
ARTHUR BARTER with aliases  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul file 7-50

Dear Sir:

Kindly secure the photographs and fingerprints of MAURICE  
WEINER alias RED VINER alias MORRIS VINER from the United States Peni-  
tentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. /OK

Please forward the photographs to this office, and direct  
a communication to the Division stating that at the request of this  
office it is desired that the fingerprints of the above named individuals  
be placed in the single fingerprint file for comparison purposes, in  
connection with this case.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,

Inspector.

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POST OFFICE BOX 515  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

87050

February 23, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

St. Paul file No. 7-30

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith copies of the photographs  
of the following individuals:

Robert Schmidt,	Chicago Police No. C-5613
Thomas Carroll	St. Paul Police No. 23979
Morris Roiser	St. Paul Police No. 0315
Clarence (Doc) Eaton,	Des Moines, Ia. Pol. # 8670
Harry (Dutch) Sawyer	Police # 6463
William Weaver	St. Paul, Minn. Police # 23452
Dorothy Slaymore	

It is desired that 20 copies each be made of these photo-  
graphs and that the photographs submitted herewith to you be returned  
to the St. Paul office at the earliest possible date.

It is also desired that 20 copies be made of the photo-  
graphs of the following individuals, who are suspects in the Holland,  
Michigan Bank robbery, and are also mentioned in your letter of February  
10, 1934.

Go-about Bailey  
John Waters  
John Davis.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
203 POST OFFICE BLDG  
ST PAUL MINNESOTA

BREMER KIDNAPPING PAULA HARMON PLACED LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL JANUARY  
THIRTY FIRST NINETEEN THIRTY THREE TO GLADYS SAWYER EMERSON TWO NAUGHT NAUGHT  
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1900 BANKERS BLDG  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

87051

BREMER KIDNAPPING PAULA HARMON PLACED LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL JANUARY  
TWENTY THIRD NINETEEN THIRTY THREE TO MADELYN SNYDER LAKEVIEW SEVEN SEVEN NAUGHT  
SIX CHICAGO ALSO TO MARGARET BLACK SAME NUMBER ON OCTOBER EIGHTH NINETEEN THIRTY  
TWO

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

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March 1, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated February 14, 1934, in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, Jr. - VICTIM, Kidnaping, in which a sock worn by victim was transmitted to this office in order that the manufacturer of the same might be identified.

Inasmuch as the sock in question has been identified by the New York representative of the Rockford Mitten and Hosiery Company, Rockford, Illinois, as being their product, the sock is being returned to the Division herewith.

Very truly yours,

*F. X. Fay*  
F. X. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 8, 1934.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

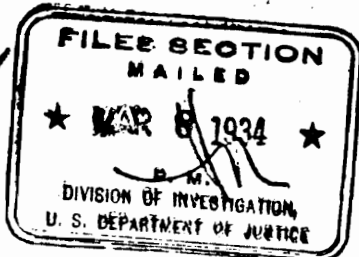
Dear Sir:

There has been returned to the Division from the New York Office, one of a pair of socks reported to have been furnished the victim in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, Jr. - Victim, Kidnaping, investigation in that district having been completed. Inasmuch as no further laboratory examination is believed warranted, the original sock is being returned to your office by registered mail.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC to  
New York Office.



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U. S. Department of Justice  
**Bureau of Investigation**  
Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, New York

THT:BW  
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March 1, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with the kidnaping case entitled  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, et al; Edward George Bremer (Victim), it is  
requested that you furnish the St. Paul Office with the  
criminal record of DAVE BERMAN, State Prison, Ossining, New  
York, No. 80404. Kindly furnish this office with a copy of  
the letter.

Very truly yours,

*3/5*  
F. X. Fay  
F. X. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 9, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box #515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.



Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
Edward George Bremer (victim);  
Kidnapping.

Dear Sir:

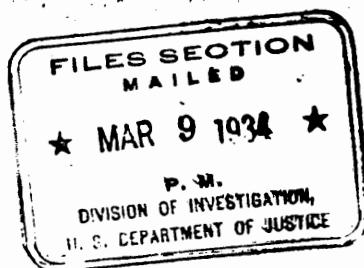
In compliance with the request of the Division Office, New York, New York dated March 1, 1934, there is transmitted herewith a copy of the criminal record of DAVE BERMAN, State Prison, Ossining, New York #80404, as reflected by the fingerprint files of the Division of Investigation.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC-  
Division Office,  
New York, New York.

Enclosure #684707.



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DEAR MR MOORE  
 REASON I AM WRITING YOU IS BECAUSE  
 YOU WANT THE BREMET SNAGGERS THEY  
 HEADQUARTERS ARE IN DES MOINES IOWA  
 WE NO WE ARE HOLDING OURSELVES  
 AND BEEN DOUBLED CRASSED BREMER  
 WAS HID IN DMI IN A HOME BY  
 THE KENNETH SONDLETER IN HIS  
 HOME AND A FELLOW BY THE NAME  
 AL DICKERSON WAS IN ON THE  
 DEAL AND THEY ARE BOTH GANGSTERS  
 BUT THE DES MOINES POLICE HAVE  
 PROTECTED THEM FOR YEARS YOU LOOK  
 UP THEIR RECORDS THEY SNATCHED  
 JIMMIE SHERMAN THE DES MOINES  
 GAMBLER THEY ARE THE BIRDS YOU  
 FELLOWS WANT THEM  
 THE M - SOME ARE IN CHICAGO  
 MOINES IS THEIR MAIN OFFICE  
 THEY ALL SAY THEY GET ON BY EASY  
 IN DES MOINES THEY SAY THEY DRIVE  
 TO CHICAGO IN 8 HRS

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AL FARLEY IS ONE OF THE GANG LOOK UP HIS  
RECORD IN CHICAGO WE DONT NO ALL OF THEIR  
NAMES BUT WILL TRY AND FIND OUT FOR YOU  
DONT TRY TO GET HELP FROM DES MOINES  
POLICE THEY ARE LIABLE TO BE TIPPED OFF  
THEY ARE A DEPUTY SHERIFF HARRY  
X CLAYMAN HE IS A TIP OFF FOR  
SANDLITER HE IS A GREAT FRIEND  
OF THEM WE WILL TELL YOU OFF  
CHARLE ANTHUR PRETTY BOY FLOYD HIS GANG  
ARE HID IN IOWA IN THE HILLS  
SOUTH OF MOUNT AYR IOWA EIGHT MILES  
SOUTH AND TWO OR THREE MILES EAST  
AROUND A LITTLE TOWN BY THE NAME OF  
WATTERSON ITS 3 1/2 HRS DRIVE FROM DES  
MOINES THEY DRIVE IN REAL OFTEN  
THEY WILL BE HARD TO FIND IT SURE IS  
HILLY DOWN THEIR THEY ARE GOING TO  
DO SOME KID NAPPING IN DES MOINES  
DARLINE AND CARL WEEKS THEY  
INTEND TO GET 600 <sup>000</sup> OUT OF THE  
FAMILIES PRETTY BOY SAYS THAT WILL

KEEP FOR SOME TIME ITS FOOLISH  
TO LOOK FOR PRETTY BOY IN OKLAHOMA  
NOW OF COURSE HE MIGHT GO BACK  
THAY DRIVE V8 FORDS FOR SPEED  
MR HOOVER THE REASON WE WROTE  
TO YOU WE NO ABSOLUTELY YOU ARE  
HINEST AND ARE WITH THE  
GOVERNMENT OF COURSE YOU CAN  
DEPEND ON MR FINDLEY BUREAU  
OF STATE INVESTIGATION DES MOINES  
WE WILL LET YOU NO SOON AS  
WE GET SOME MORE DOPE  
IN THEM

GENTLEMAN HERE ARE

SOME FACTS





HOTEL FORT DES MOINES  
DES MOINES, IOWA



J. EDGAR HOOVER

CHIEF DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
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Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

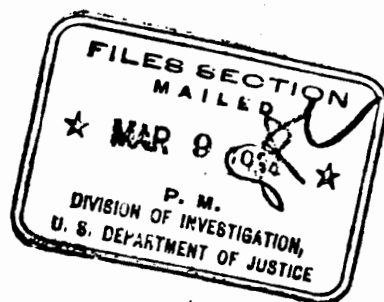
Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN  
SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM, KIDNAPING. There are  
inclosed herewith photostatic copies of an anonymous letter,  
postmarked at Des Moines, Iowa, February 28, 1934.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl. 691326.



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CHARGE

CHICAGO ILLINOIS FEBRUARY 27 1934

CONROY  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUILDING SUITE 1  
KANSAS CITY MO

BREKID PAULA HARMON AS MRS CP HARMON ARRESTED POLICE ROCKISLAND  
ILLINOIS THEIR NUMBER THIRTEEN NAUGHT THREE FEBRUARY TWENTYFIVE  
NINETEEN TWENTYSIX TOGETHER WITH LEOTA GRAHAM AND CHARLES AND  
JIM HARMON CHARGE FUGITIVE FROM COUNCILBLUFFS IOWA PARTIES NOT  
MUGGED AT ROCKISLAND OBTAIN PRINTS AND PHOTO OF EACH PARTY AND  
FORWARD THIS OFFICE IDENTIFY LEOTA GRAHAM WITH WHOM PAULA MAY  
STILL BE IN CONTACT

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

MR. NATHAN.....  
MR. TOLSON.....  
MR. CLEGG.....  
MR. COWLEY.....  
MR. EDWARDS.....  
MR. EGAN.....  
MR. QUINN.....  
MR. LESTER.....  
MR. LOCKE.....  
MR. RORER.....

HHC:GAJ

February 27, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Special Agent in Charge Alt advised last night by telephone that there had been no identification of any money in the possession of LaRue, or his wife, with money paid as a ransom. He stated that Florida newspapers had carried the story that there had been suitcases full of money identified and that the money which was received from Vermont had been identified but that none of these stories were true; that the newspapermen were, of course, trying to guess and their guess was wrong.

Subsequently, Mr. Rendell of the Associated Press, called me at my residence from the Department Building and inquired about this matter. I informed him that Florida papers had been carrying stories speculating as to the identification of money in this case and that the Division knew of no identification that had been made either as to money that had been shipped from Vermont, which Mr. Rendell asked about, or any other money. He asked what LaRue was being held on and I told him that the only angle in which we were primarily interested was the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case and he was wanted in some place in Illinois for prosecution in that case.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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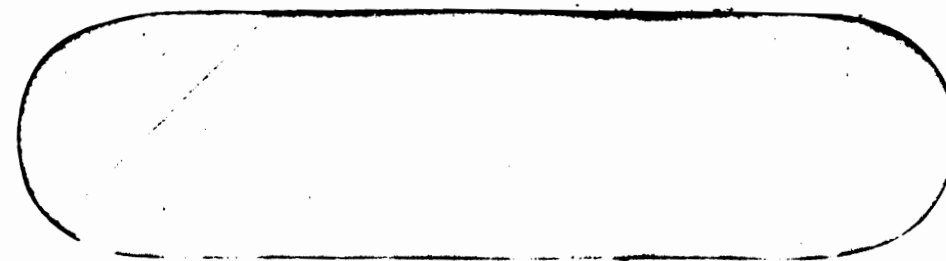
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WASHINGTON, D. C.  
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February 27, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
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Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas

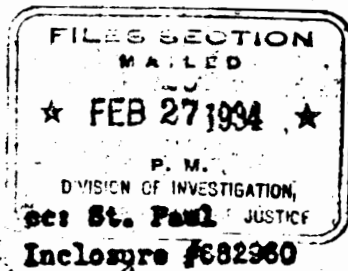
Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

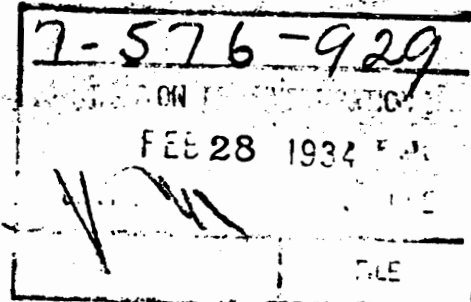
There are transmitted herewith copies of a photograph of Mrs. C. P. Harmon, widow of the late Charles P. Harmon, notorious bank robber. Mrs. Harmon is believed to be associating with the Barker-Karpis gang and this photograph may be of assistance in locating this individual in your district in accordance with the requests directed to your office by the St. Paul Office.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

HHC:GAJ

February 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Alt telephoned from Jacksonville. He stated that there had been referred a lead from Mr. Rorer for him to cover bets made on the Carnera fight at Miami Wednesday night in order to see if any of the ransom money was exchanged there. Mr. Alt stated that under existing legislation in Florida no brokers could accept bets of this character and that all the betting, of course, must be done secretly and between individuals; that it would take a large number of Agents to even attempt to cover this lead. He further stated that his Agents were either tied up on the matter at Tampa or in court and there was no one he could send to Miami. He was instructed to send additional lists of the Bremer ransom money to Miami banks and to ask them to watch very carefully the deposits on the occasion of the fight and immediately following in an effort to identify a part of the ransom money if deposited there. He stated he would do this and anything else that was possible.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

*Edward G. Bremer*

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March 1, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
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U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

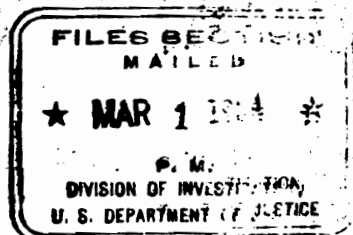
Dear Sir:

In accordance with the information which you furnished Mr. Clegg by telephone on February 26, you are advised that the fingerprints of Clarence W. Haggerty, our file #87717, and Charles Adams, our file #114729, have been entered in the single fingerprint file. The fingerprints of these two individuals have also been compared with the latent prints in the Bremer Case with negative results.

For your information there are transmitted herewith copies of the criminal records of these individuals as they appear in the fingerprint files of the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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WASHINGTON D C

DALLAS TEXAS FEBRUARY 24, 1934

BREMER KIDNAPING PAULA HARMON RECEIVED U S VETERANS CHECK NUMBER TWENTY TWO NINE SEVEN FOURTEEN OCTOBER THIRTY TWO AMOUNT FIFTEEN HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS PROBABLY PAYMENT INSURANCE CHARLES PRESTON HARMON ENDEAVOR ASCERTAIN WHETHER VETERANS ADMINISTRATION IS PAYING MONTHLY PAYMENTS TO PAULA HARMON AND TO WHAT ADDRESS CHECKS ARE BEING SENT.

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426 U S CUSTOM HOUSE & P O BLDG  
CINCINNATI OHIO

A 514721

BREKID ASCERTAIN WHETHER FORD ROADSTER MOTOR NUMBER A FIVE FOURTEEN SEVEN TWO ONE

WAS REGISTERED THIS YEAR IN INDIANA IN NAME OF EDWARD B HELL OR ANY OTHER

NAME

W A RORER  
Inspector

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FEBRUARY 24th, 1934

E E CONROY  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
SUITE L FEDERAL BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD BREMER KIDNAPING NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR CALIFORNIA LICENSE SEVEN N NINE ONE FIFTY ISSUED TO REGISTERED AND LEGAL OWNER IRMA G HINSON NINE SIX TWO SOUTH CONCORD STREET LOS ANGELES WIFE OF GLENN HINSON LATTER EMPLOYED LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT PAST TEN YEARS REPUTATION HINSONS EXCELLENT CAR IS NINETEEN TWENTY NINE FORD COUPE MOTOR A TWO THREE FOUR FOUR TWELVE NAUGHT COLOR BODY AND WHEELS BLACK CAR WITH EXCEPTION OF SHORT PERIOD IN DECEMBER LAST HAS BEEN IN LOS ANGELES AND IS HERE PRESENTLY MRS HINSON DESCRIBED AGE THIRTY EIGHT FIVE FEET TWO WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED FORTY HAIR LIGHT BROWN EYES BROWN COMPLEXION FAIR DEPARTED LAST WEEK FOR SOME POINT IN EAST UNKNOWN MISTER HINSON DESCRIBED THIRTY EIGHT YEARS FIVE FEET TEN INCHES HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS BROWN HAIR BALD EYES BROWN COMPLEXION MEDIUM SOUTHERN ACCENT STOP NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR CALIFORNIA LICENSE SIX B FIVE NAUGHT THREE SEVEN ISSUED TO JULES C LACOCK FORT MACARTHUR SAN PEDRO CALIFORNIA FOR OLD GREY BUPOBILE SEDAN MOTOR TEN FIVE NAUGHT SEVEN EIGHT LACOCK RETIRED ARMY NINETEEN THIRTY TWO AFTER THIRTY YEARS SERVICE WITH RANK SERGEANT MAJOR AFTER RETIREMENT RAN LUNCH COUNTER NORTH HOLLYWOOD AND LATER EMPLOYED FOX STUDIOS WEST HOLLYWOOD PRESENT ADDRESS FOUR THREE ONE LAKE STREET TOPKA KANSAS AGE FIFTY EIGHT LOOKS YOUNGER FIVE FEET EIGHT AND ONE HALF WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE POUNDS EYES SQUINTED RIGHT CORNER OF MOUTH TURNS UP MUSICIAN HAIR SLIGHTLY GREY REPUTATION GOOD WHILE IN ARMY

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DALLAS TEXAS FEBRUARY 24, 1934

BREMER KIDNAPING PAULA HARMON SUBSCRIBER TO COSMOPOLITAN MAGAZINE PROBABLY  
UNDER NAME CHARLES PRESTON HARMON OR SIMILAR NAME ASCERTAIN WHETHER COSMOPOLITAN  
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ST LOUIS MISSOURI

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Los Angeles, California  
February 26, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 515  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping  
L. A. File 7-42

Mr. J. L. Loch, assistant superintendent, Bureau of Identification, sheriff's office, San Bernardino, California, submitted information to this office relative to the activities of one OSCAR SHELTON who is now incarcerated in the Colorado State Penitentiary as No. 1117.

The sheriff's office at San Bernardino, as well as numerous peace officers in other points in California, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming, have been seeking Shelton's apprehension on bad check charges for sometime. Shelton's woman, one Pearl M. Gilbert, resided, and apparently is still residing, at the Planet Hotel in San Bernardino.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mr. Loch believes that Shelton may have had something to do with the Bremer kidnaping.

[REDACTED]



S.A.C., St. Paul - #2.

As will be noted in copy of a letter from Sheriff George A. Richart of Boulder County, Colorado, to the Sheriff at San Bernardino, California, Shelton was arrested in Omaha, Nebraska on January 4, 1934, was tried in the District Court of Boulder County, Colorado on January 10, 1934 on charge of confidence game, and received a sentence of eighteen months to fifteen years in the Colorado State Penitentiary.

b7C [REDACTED]

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While it is noted that Shelton was apprehended and convicted at Boulder County, Colorado before the Bremer kidnaping occurred, this information is being submitted for such attention as you may deem appropriate, and copies of this letter are being furnished the Salt Lake City and San Francisco Division offices for the information of those offices.

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This office, however, has a very incomplete file in connection with that matter.

I have not had Pearl M. Gilbert interviewed at San Bernardino and will not do so unless you believe the facts warrant such action.

Very truly yours,

BES:AB  
CC Division  
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San Francisco

B. E. SACKETT,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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St Paul Minnesota  
February 28 1934

M H PURVIS  
Division of Investigation  
U S Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Ill

BREKID MAKE PHOTOGRAPHS RATHER THAN PHOTOSTATS EXPEDITE

ROER

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203 P.O. Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.

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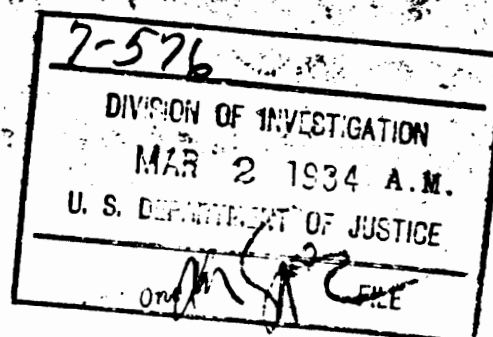
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W. A. RORER  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING  
ST. PAUL MINNESOTA

REKID REFERENCE YOUR LETTER FEBRUARY TWENTY SIXTH REQUESTING TWENTY  
PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF FIVE PHOTOGRAPHS IN VIEW MY CONVERSATION YOU  
YESTERDAY ADVISE IF YOU STILL DESIRE THESE PHOTOSTATS SUGGEST IF YOU  
DO THAT PHOTOGRAPHS BE MADE INSTEAD

PURVIS

MHP/RMW  
CC Division ✓



P. O. Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
February 28, 1934.

JHH:JWH  
7-22.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to letter from the St. Paul Office, dated February 17, 1934, in connection with the above-entitled case, concerning letter written by Robert Hoyer, at Corinth, Mississippi, addressed to Chief of Police at St. Paul, Minnesota, it being believed that Mr. Hoyer might have information in connection with the above case.

This is to advise that investigation by the Birmingham Office has resulted in ascertaining that none of the suspects in the above case have been identified by Mr. Hoyer as the persons who robbed him of his automobile. A report, however, is being written in this case in connection with a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act violation, and the St. Paul Office will be furnished a copy of it for its information in the immediate future.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Division.

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Room 1403  
370 Lexington Ave.  
New York City

REN:RD  
7-120

February 28, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 515  
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

With reference to letter from the Philadelphia office to this office dated February 14th, listing further manufacturers of wall paper, located in this district, you are advised that contact has been had with officials of these companies without developing any indication that the wall paper in question was manufactured by them.

In this connection it is noted that the New Brunswick Industries, Inc., New Brunswick, New Jersey, is no longer in business, the concern being owned by the firm of K. H. Burge & Sons Company, Buffalo, New York, which had been previously contacted.

Further samples of wall paper, which in some degree answer the description given, have been received at this office from the United States Varnished Tile Company, 245 Crooks Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey, and are being transmitted to your office under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

CC:Division ✓

F. X. FAY  
Special Agent in Charge

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Room 1403  
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New York City

March 1, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers' Building  
Chicago, Illinois

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
Edward G. Bremer  
Kidnaping

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. M. Hirsch dated at Washington, D. C., February 27th, 1934, and the portion thereof relating to the cap involved in this matter.

It was ascertained at the Cloth Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union, 105 W. 40th Street, New York City, that the serial number 9466411 at that Union was issued June 26, 1933 to Yarnus Brothers, Inc., 297 Mercer St., New York City. It was ascertained that this company is now the Yarnus Cap Company, Inc., at 26 Waverly Place, New York City, and Mr. C. Yarnus, President, advised that he is able to identify this cap as one of their manufacture which was ready for sale in October, 1933; that the cap in question was shipped in an unknown quantity to Laumerman Brothers, 1713 Dunlap Ave., Marinette, Wisconsin. He stated that there is also a possibility that some of these were included in shipments to the Mid West Cap Company, 205 1/2 Second St., Des Moines, Iowa, but that there are no other firms in the United States to which it was shipped. Both of the aforementioned firms are jobbers. Shipments were made in October, November and December, 1933.

Copy of this letter is being transmitted to the Kansas City office in view of the information concerning the firm at Des Moines, Iowa, and for its information, it not appearing that the Kansas City office has received the report of reference, it is stated that the cap which was forwarded by separate cover to the Chicago office, bears a label of the Cloth Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union, #9466411 and is stamped with the letter "E". The purpose of the investigation is to determine who purchased the cap.

CEW:rd - Chicago, Ill.

3/1/34

A summary of the foregoing information was submitted to the Chicago office by telegram today.

Very truly yours,

F. L. FAY  
Special Agent in Charge

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Kansas City

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E.E. Conroy,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Suite L, Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

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OF CAR BEARING THIRTY FOUR NEBRASKA LICENSE ONE FOUR SEVEN SEVEN NAUGHT

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 7-33-

REPORT MADE AT: <b>DALLAS, TEXAS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2-28-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2-28-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>V. S. DEHN.</b>
TITLE: <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. Edward G. Bremer (Victim).</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>	
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Ed Weatherford says he has been advised that there is an outlaw hideout owned by a former army chaplain located in Oklahoma between Nowata and Coffeyville, Kansas.</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>Ed Weatherford, Detective of the Ft. Worth, Texas, Police Department, stated he has an informant [redacted] and a personal friend of [redacted] that this informant met [redacted] became quite friendly with [redacted] members of the Keating-Holden Gang [redacted] then; that he also knows Fred and Doc Barker, formerly of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and [redacted] Harry Campbell and Charlie Harmon; [redacted] about a year ago the Barkers were in Tulsa arranging for a hideout prior to their pulling some job; that he does not know Paula Harmon, but heard the gang discuss her and knows they have absolute trust in her and call on her when they want any help or anything done.</p> <p>That informant, according to Weatherford, does not know Paula Harmon, but stated she contacts Frank Nitti, Chicago Gangster; that this gang are friends of Jimmie Rowe, a well known bootlegger of Wichita, Kansas, and Kansas City; that Rowe and Nitti are very close friends; that there is an ex-chaplain (Army) who operates a farm between Nowata, Oklahoma and Coffeyville, Kansas, known to Henry Lowery, Sheriff of Nowata; that this gang uses this farm as a hideout. Informant named Doc Barker, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell as running mates and will possibly be found together in their hideouts.</p>			
DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>P. J. Bear</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-932	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 8 - 1934
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Weatherford did not disclose the name of his informant but close contact will be maintained with Weatherford in an effort to secure additional information.

No leads are being set out for other offices, this being left to the discretion of each office.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <span style="float: right;">b7c</span> <p>[REDACTED] gives names of persons with whom he was associated in criminal activities at Sioux City, Iowa, and who, he thinks, may have been the persons who effected the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer and the collection of the ransom money. He has nothing tangible except a belief that they would have been capable of putting over this crime. Investigation through news dealers this district handling St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers unproductive to date.</p>			
REFERENCE: Letter from St. Paul Office dated 2/17/34; telegram from St. Paul Office 2/16/34; letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, to New York Office 2/23/34.			
DETAILS: <span style="float: right;">b7c</span> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>AT LORANGER, LOUISIANA</u></p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>He says that he formerly lived at Sioux City, Iowa, where he was engaged in the illicit liquor business with a gang which he believes might have undertaken the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer and which he believes is the ring which committed the crime if it develops that Bremer was brought to Sioux City. He has no facts on which to base this belief except his former association with these people and his knowledge of their premises, which could easily have been used to keep a kidnapped person hid while negotiating for the ransom money.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>			
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He was much interested in whether he would collect a reward in the event the information he gave led to the solution of this kidnaping. He was advised that the government has offered no reward.

[REDACTED] He advised that this ring has the protection of the Sheriff's office and the police department, or did when he was with them, and that they pay well for it and get good protection. The persons suggested by [REDACTED] as being in the ring are:

JOHN BRIENZO, alias "MICKY" BRIENZO, who has served a term in the Iowa State Prison and also one in the Minnesota State Prison.

DONA MAY, last name not clear. She is a sister of Brienzo and was formerly married to one Ray Evans who is doing life in the Iowa State Prison for a bank robbery at Turin, Iowa. Dona May's present husband is Harry Sherotte or Charlotte or something like that and lived at 114 West 14th St., Sioux City. Dona May is the leader.

HARRY, husband of Dona May.

MIKE HERMAN - married to a sister of Dona May.

MARY HERMAN - sister of Dona May. Her husband, Mike Herman, has been tried for murder at Sioux City and also did time at Lincoln, Neb.

PHILAMENE - sister of Dona May.

DICK OLSEN - is a partner of Dona May's present husband, is from Minnesota and formerly did time with Sherotte or Charlotte at Lincoln, Neb., being released from there shortly before the year 1931.

IKE SHERMAN - Jewish, Sioux City, is not closely connected with the above ring but has operated some with them and has a brother at Minneapolis who on one occasion had Ike and this ring come to Minneapolis and pull off a robbery at a dance hall which Sherman was operating. Sherman had a large diamond ring which he replaced with a glass one for this robbery and afterwards collected insurance for the loss of the diamond.

Another member of the ring was mentioned as a notorious character known as the "Turk" who could not have been connected in this kidnaping as he is doing life at Fort Madison, Iowa. Charley Ford, now doing time at Fort Madison for bank robbery and murder is also mentioned as having been connected with the gang.

[REDACTED] On one occasion when business was bad, Dona May had said to him that they were not making any money with liquor so "Let's kidnap somebody". He told her he would not go into anything like that. No one was suggested as the subject of the kidnaping nor was any place suggested for getting a victim.

Dona May, Micky Brienzo and Mike Herman each has an underground vault at home. [REDACTED] says that he has been in each of these places and that

at one time Micky's vault contained a great number of stolen bonds. He says that each vault is a large room with a secret entrance which he describes as follows:

Dona May's vault was located at her home, 114 West 14th Street. The entrance is under the steps leading from the inside of the house to the basement. Under these steps there is a door, the edges of which are concealed by 4x4's which are there as dummy braces. The door does not appear more than a plain wall with these dummy braces there. Overhead there is a piano wire sticking out. The door is opened by pulling this wire and pushing the door at the same time. The wire is projecting overhead through the door which appears to be a wall.

Mike Herman's vault is located at his home, 2010 E. Seventh Street. The entrance to it is behind the water meter in the basement. A piano wire is also the means of opening the door to this vault. Mike has some window screens hung on the wall in his basement and these screens conceal a wire which is sticking out through the cement blocks just to the left of the water meter. The door appears to be cement blocks or wall and should be pushed at the time of pulling the wire.

Micky Brienzo's vault is at his home, 2008 E. Seventh Street. The vault is built under the kitchen, the entrance being under the step of the back door. He says that by scraping away about two inches depth of dirt under this back step a square door, about 20 x 20 inches, will be disclosed. This door should be lifted out and then there is a drop of about three feet and an upright door, 3 x 2 feet, will be seen. This is the entrance to a large room under the kitchen. [redacted] says that when Micky's brother Tommy, now deceased, was living there, he, [redacted] saw a great number of stolen bonds stored there.

[redacted] says that one reason he believes this ring may have been guilty of the kidnaping was their way of handling the job. He thinks Olsen being from Minnesota could have been the one to spot the victim. He says that the fact that Mr. Bremer was beaten over the head makes him think that Micky Brienzo had a hand in the job as Micky was always quick to use force when he told a victim to do a thing and he was slow about complying.

[redacted] also advised that Dona May had a safety deposit box at the Farmer's Loan and Trust Company, Sioux City, when he was working for her.

Effort was made to get sufficient information from [redacted] to be able to keep in touch with him but he insisted that he has no idea where he will go or stop but said that he will get in touch with one of the offices of the Division in the event he thinks of anything else that may be of interest. He suggested that if he goes through Kansas City he may get in touch with the office there. He was given the address of the New Orleans office and said that he will write if he has anything else to communicate.

[redacted] again and again insisted that the Sheriff and Chief of Police at Sioux City were giving this ring protection and should not be brought into the matter. He believes that if this ring had anything to do with the kidnaping, the money will be in one of the vaults and that all three places should



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be raided simultaneously. He also requests that his name be not used or made public as he believes the ring would go to any expense and trouble to get him if they knew he gave this information. When he left Sioux City, [REDACTED] says that one Davenport was Sheriff and Hayes was head of Public Safety in the city. Earl Morgan was the pay off man who collected from them.

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent in Charge R. Whitley:

In compliance with requests from the St. Paul Office, daily contacts have been maintained with the two news dealers in New Orleans handling St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn., papers. Photographs of prominent suspects in this case have been exhibited to the dealers and they have indicated a co-operative attitude. The details of these contacts are being set forth in memorandum form for the New Orleans file but inasmuch as all information obtained to date has been purely negative, it is not being repeated in detail in this report. The daily contacts with these news dealers will be continued and appropriate action will be taken immediately in the event any information of possible value is obtained.

Out of town news dealers at Mobile, Alabama, Meridian and Jackson, Mississippi, Shreveport and Monroe, Louisiana, were also contacted by agents of this office, who ascertained that none of the dealers in these towns handle the papers in question.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS OFFICE, at New Orleans, La., will continue to maintain daily contacts with the news dealers handling St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn., newspapers.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota.**

**St. Paul**

FILE NO. **7-34**

REPORT MADE AT <b>St. Paul, Minn.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-1-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/26 &amp; 27/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>O. G. Hall</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Investigation made by several agents assigned to this case to locate the places where various articles, used by the kidnapers, were purchased reported herein. PAULA HARMON not identified as woman living at 804 Vernon Avenue in June, 1933. VAIL PROST, Lime Springs, Iowa, reported to be involved in this matter; however, investigation does not substantiate rumor. Victim seen when released from car of abductors at Rochester, Minnesota, February 7, 1934. Information received that FRED BARKER may have been at Pine Island, Minnesota, on night of BREMER'S release. Partial identification secured of ARTHUR BARKER at place where first ransom note was left.</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">? Later ident finger print</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Report of Special Agent O. G. Hall, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 2-27-34.</p>			
<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED:</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:</p> <p>3-Division 5-St. Paul 1-Kansas City 1-Chicago 1-Oklahoma City 1-St. Louis</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">7-576-934</p> <p style="text-align: center;">UNITED STATES</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">MAR -3 1934 A.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</p> <p>ROUTED TO: <i>[initials]</i></p>	
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**DETAILS:****At St. Paul, Minnesota.**

This report covers the details of investigation reported by agents assigned to this case during the period indicated above.

MR. and MRS. JOHN MILLER, 1209 Hague Avenue, were two persons used by the kidnapers for contact purposes late in the period of MR. BREMER'S detention by his abductors. Their story, previously reported, is that prior to the date when the HILLS BROTHER'S COFFEE CAN, containing a contact note, was left at their residence, on two occasions persons had come to their house requesting the location of 1193 Hague Avenue and, on being informed of the location, had departed in what seemed to the MILLERS to be the wrong direction.

In order to clear this phase of the investigation, the following inquiry was made by Special Agent W.F. Wood, who submitted the following memorandum:

February 27, 1934  
St. Paul, Minnesota

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING St. Paul file 7-30

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated February 24, 1934, which reflects that Mrs. John Miller, 1209 Hague Avenue, St. Paul, at whose premises two men called on different occasions following the kidnaping, and inquired concerning the location of the address 1193 Hague Avenue, Mr. F. E. Hicks, 1197 Hague Avenue, advised that L. C. Cornell at 1193 Hague Avenue had lived there for the past three years; that he has four children and is a person of excellent character and head of the boy scouts in St. Paul.

Mrs. L. D. Cornell advised that her eldest daughter Belva Cornell a student at college has frequently men visitors. Mrs. Cornell recalled that the Friday following the kidnaping one Carl Hintzen, 1624 Ashland Avenue, telephone Midway 1839, a student at McAllister College, had a date with her daughter. Mrs. Cornell examined the diary of her daughter which showed that this date with Carl Hintzen occurred on the Friday following the kidnaping.

Belva Cornell who was ill in bed advised that Carl called for her about eight thirty on this occasion to take her on a sleigh ride party, but could not recall distinctly what clothes he wore on this occasion. Belva stated that Carl was about twenty years of age, five feet 10 inches in height, and would weigh about 160 pounds.

Carl Hintzen was contacted by telephone and advised that towards the latter part of January, 1934, he had occasion to take Belva Cornell to a sleigh ride party, but that he had never been to her house before and consequently did not know in what house she lived. He stated he inquired at a house located a few doors up the street from her and the house was pointed out to him; that he came to call for her in his car which he had parked in an opposite direction from her house, and that after finding out the direction he got in his car and drove around the block to 1193 Hague Avenue. With reference to report of Special Agent Coulter dated Feb. 24, 1934, it is noted that Mrs. Miller stated that after pointing out the direction of the house at 1193 Hague, the person making this inquiry went in an opposite direction.

Carl Hintzen advised that the night he went on this sleigh ride party he was wearing boots, a red mackinaw and a brown hunting hat.

Belva Cornell's diary showed that she had a date with Archie Duncan the Thursday following the Friday visit with Carl Hintzen which would be January 25th. Belva stated that Archie called for her about 6.00 P.M. on this occasion to take her to a swimming meet. Belva stated that Archie is about 6' tall, 170 pounds, high cheek bones, large eyes, blue, and that his front upper teeth protrude somewhat.

Belva stated that Archie Duncan is a student at McAllister College, St. Paul, living at 1572 Cortland Street, telephone 3562 Midway.

Archie by telephone advised Agent that he called for Belva to take her to a swimming meet about 6.30 P.M. one evening the latter part of January. Archie stated that he had on a dark suit and overcoat, and was rather dressed up. Archie stated that he does not remember calling at any house to ask the direction to 1193 Hague Avenue, although he did ask the direction of some boys along the street near 1193 Hague Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. WOOD,

Special Agent.

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Photographs have been received from the Division of a MRS. C.P. HARMON, who, it was thought, was PAULA HARMON suspected of being one of the associates of the KARPIS and BARKER gang. PAULA HARMON is the widow of CHARLES HARMON, bank robber, who was killed at Menomonee, Wisconsin, during a raid on the Kraft State Bank, by KEATING, HOLDEN, WEBBER, HARMON, and others.

During the investigation of the case entitled, VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, deceased, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, ATTEMPT TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER, St. Paul File No. 62-888, it appeared that the BARKER brothers and ALVIN KARPIS resided at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, with a woman named PAULA, and on June 10, 1933, they were visited by FRANK and FRANCIS NASH. In order to definitely establish whether the photographs submitted by the Division were likenesses of the woman at 204 Vernon Avenue, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W.F. Wood:



February 27, 1934.  
St. Paul, Minnesota

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent O. G. Hall, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated July 27, 1933, entitled VERNON C. MILLER with aliases Obstruction of Justice, page 8, wherein it was suggested that the photograph of PAULA HARMON and the Barker Brothers and Alvin Karpis be submitted to Mrs. Fullerton, who resides next door to 204 Vernon Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Photograph of Paula Harmon was exhibited to Mrs. Fullerton, 210 Vernon Street, who stated positively that Paula Harmon was not the woman staying next door at 204 in June, 1933. Mrs. Fullerton was positive in the statement and remarked after viewing the photograph of Mary Phillips, wife of Bernard Phillips, that the person staying at 204 in June, 1933, resembled Mary Phillips.

Photographs of Arthur Barker, Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis and Volney Davis were exhibited to Mrs. Fullerton, who advised that neither of these men were persons she saw at 204 Vernon St.

Photograph of Paula Harmon was exhibited to Mr. McLaren, who advised that it was not the photograph of the woman who had rented a house of him at 204 Vernon Street in June, 1933.

Mr. McLaren advised that about a week ago he heard the watchman at Delwood near White Bear Lake, named Newton, state that he heard from a Mr. Lambert that three men and a woman had rented a cottage from him about the time J. Stanley Smith and two or three men were supposed to have checked out of 204 Vernon St. Mr. McLaren did not know how Mr. Lambert knew the time these parties checked out at 204 Vernon St. He stated they rented a cottage at White Bear Lake and stayed a short time; that they came over to his place in a hurry one day stating that they were leaving for Kansas City; that they paid him \$75.00 on the rent which was rent for an additional month; that they advised him when they left that they would be back, but they never did return. Mr. McLaren recalled that Miss J. Stanley Smith told him once that she was sorry they had not taken a cottage at White Bear Lake instead of living in St. Paul at 204 Vernon St.



The Photograph of Paula Harmon was exhibited to Mr. Conroy who works in the butcher shop of Meschaums, corner of Clair and Snelling Street, who recalled vividly the woman J. Stanley Smith from 204 Vernon St. and he stated positively that it was not the photograph of the woman from 204 Vernon Street.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. WOOD,

Special Agent.

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ADDENDUM BY SPECIAL AGENT O.G. HALL:

The statement contained in the last paragraph of the preceding page, regarding information from a MR. LAMBERT, at White Bear Lake, Minnesota, refers to investigation conducted by this office immediately after the apprehension of KEATING and HOLDEN in Kansas City, Missouri, evidently, as KARPIS and BARKER and FRANK NASH and possibly BERNARD PHILLIPS rented a cottage from MR. LAMBERT at Mahtomedi, White Bear Lake, Minnesota, and lived there for a short time, having under circumstances as narrated by MR. LAMBERT to MR. NEWTON. However, this office will make an inquiry to establish the correctness of this.

In view of the information contained in Agent Wood's memorandum, a photograph of PAULA HARMON was sent to the Dallas Division Office for the purpose of having same displayed to persons that knew PAULA HARMON, in order to definitely determine if the photograph was that of PAULA HARMON.

There follows a memorandum submitted by Special Agent E.N. Notesteen regarding the efforts to locate the place in which a shirt, given to Victim BREMER by his kidnapers, was purchased:

February 27, 1934.  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

Relative to the investigation being made to locate the place of purchase of the so-called french flannel Cluett and Peabody shirt involved in this case, please be advised that all Twin Cities dealers in this article were visited by this Agent and Special Agent Donaldson with the following results:

According to report from the Chicago office by Special Agent W. C. Jamison, dated February 22, 1934, in the Twin Cities proper the shirt in question is handled by the Dayton Company of Minneapolis, Juster Brothers, Minneapolis, Standard Clothing Company, Minneapolis, Rogowski Brothers, South St. Paul and Schuneman's Department Store, St. Paul.

At the Standard Clothing Company, Minneapolis, through Mr. E. Lundquist, in charge of the shirt department, it was noted through exhibition of photographs of the Karpis group, that Mr. Lundquist had no recollection concerning the sale of shirts to any of these parties. He was unable to identify the photographs as being representations of customers who had called at the store, and further stated that due to the large turn-over of this french flannel type of shirt, it would be impossible to determine who the purchaser of these shirts might have been.

At Juster Brothers, Minneapolis, Mr. J. C. Mark, in charge of the shirt department was interviewed and denied positively that Juster Brothers had ever handled Cluett and Peabody french flannel shirts. Later however, Mr. Mark stated that he had purchased on special order direct from the factory, three french flannel shirts for Mr. McClennon of Marsh and McClennon Company in Minneapolis; that these were the only Cluett and Peabody french flannel shirts ever handled by this store. It is noted in the report of reference that a sale of three shirts on Oct. 20, 1933, was made to Juster Brothers. Mr. Mark was unable to recall ever having seen the photographs of Karpis, the two Barkers, Volney Davis, and Harry Campbell.

At Dayton Brothers Department Store, Minneapolis, Minn. through Mr. L. H. Harvey and R. B. Madsen, in charge of the shirt department, it was ascertained positively according to these two gentlemen that no shirts of any kind were ever sold to any of the persons involved.

At Schuneman's Department Store, St. Paul, Mr. H. E. Archer, Assistant Manager of the shirt department was interviewed by Special Agent Donaldson regarding this matter. He examined the photographs of the suspects and also in Agent Donaldson's presence passed the same to several other employees who work in this department, but none of these persons could recall having sold any shirts to anyone resembling the photographs of the suspects.

At Rogowski Brothers, South St. Paul, investigation concerning the sale of a french flannel shirt, size 15, developed that John Rogowski, more by suggestion than actual recollection, was of the opinion that some time in January he had sold a size 15 shirt, the last in a box, to a person who resembled the photograph of Alvin Karpis. Mr. Rogowski, however, in his description of the purchaser, stated that he was quite tall and very thin. In his examination of the photograph of Karpis he was unable to state whether Karpis was in fact the purchaser or not.

The above investigation was conducted by this Agent and Special Agent Donaldson.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. NOTESTEEN,

Special Agent.

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St. Paul - 9

With further reference to the report that a VAIL FROST of Line Springs, Iowa, might be involved in the BREMER kidnaping, which report has, previously, been furnished the Division, there is set out below the following memorandum submitted by Special Agents R.L. Nalls and T.J. Dodd, the first two pages of which memorandum refer to LUCILLE HEIN, a 15 year old girl at Rochester, Minnesota, who states she saw MR. BREMER released by his abductors on February 7, 1934. The remaining pages of the memorandum refer to VAIL FROST and his associates;

St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Supplementary to a memorandum submitted 2-19-34, to which reference is made, please be advised that Special Agents R. L. Nalls and T. J. Dodd proceeded to Rochester, Minnesota, and Lime Springs, Iowa, pursuant to your instructions. In Rochester, Minnesota, the agents interviewed MISS LUCILLE HEIM at her home on 114-1/2 Fifth Street Southeast and obtained the following signed and witnessed statement from her:

"Feb. 20, 1934  
Rochester, Minn.

"My name is Lucille Hein, I live at 114-1/2 Fifth Street, Southeast, in Rochester, Minnesota. I wish to make the following statement to Rosser Nalls and Thomas Dodd, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. I make this statement freely and voluntarily.

"On the evening of February 7, 1934, at about 8:00 p.m., I was returning to my home from the downtown district of Rochester, Minn. As I crossed the iron bridge over the Zumbrota River I noticed a car parked on First Place about one-half of a block from Fourth Street, which is the street that the bridge is on. This car had very bright headlights and it attracted my attention. As I reached the corner of Fourth Street at First Place, I stopped as the car looked suspicious to me. As I looked at it, I saw the right front door of this car open and a man was pushed out of the car on to the street. The car was standing on the east side of First Place facing north, toward me.

"The man seemed to stumble when he was pushed out of the car and this made me watch him. The car started up and came towards me at a fast rate of speed as it reached the intersection of Fourth Street and First Place it turned east on Fourth Street. After it had passed me, I crossed First Place from the west to the east side. The man crossed First Place from the east to the west side as I crossed in the opposite direction. I watched him as he seemed to stagger and it appeared to me that he was carrying a hat or some article in his left hand. As I walked south on the east side of First Place, this man walked north on the west side. When I reached the McCormick Deering Bldg. on First Place, I stopped and watched this man and



saw him put a hat on. He turned the corner at First Place and Fourth Street and walked west on Fourth Street. I then proceeded to my home. The next morning, I heard that Mr. Bremer had been released the night before in Rochester and I wondered if he was the man I had seen. Every day on my way to school I looked in the weeds near where I saw him, thinking I might see a bandage or something, but I never did see anything. I heard no voices at all as I watched the car and this man.

"I think the car was a 1933 model Ford Sedan, dark colored, probable black. I didn't see any license plates as I was watching the man. However, as the car passed me. I noticed two men in the front seat. The man sitting beside the driver was wearing an ordinary cap, but I didn't notice the color.

"I didn't see anyone else on the street nor did I see any other car.

(Signed) LUCILLE HEIM  
114 1/2 Fifth Street, S.E.

Witnessed:

T. J. DODD, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Dept. of Justice.

R. L. NALLS, Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
203 P. O. Bldg., St. Paul, Minn."

It may be noted that photographs of suspects and others were exhibited to MISS HEIM but she was totally unable to identify any of the said photographs as anyone she had seen on the night Victim BREMER was released.

At Lime Springs, Iowa, agents interviewed MR. and MRS. RICHARD JONES in their store "The Leader". In lieu of the actual specimens themselves, photographs of the underwear, socks, and shirt worn by the victim on his return were exhibited to them. Both persons stated that the inadequacy of the photographic representation rendered identification by them exceedingly difficult, if not impossible. However, MR. JONES stated that he believed he did have underwear answering the description of that photograph but at the present time he has none of it in stock. MR. and MRS. JONES stated that they believed the "quick sale" in the reference memorandum was made to RICHARD FROST, father of VAIL FROST, and not to VAIL FROST himself. MRS. JONES appeared vague about this and



showed signs of aggression when Agent Dodd questioned her as to whether or not she had altered her original statement made to him concerning this sale. She furthermore seemed over-anxious to impress the agent with the fact that as she stated before, "It just seemed to her that Mr. Frost was the man." It may be noted that as stated in reference memorandum, MR. RICHARD JONES made this sale, but it is MRS. RICHARD JONES who recalls the sale, MR. RICHARD JONES not being able to recall it at all.

Agents next interviewed Postmaster J. A. HUESINK of Lime Springs, Iowa, who advised that he knew VAIL FROST as a boy; that he believed him to be about 37 years of age; that the father of VAIL FROST is a retired rural mail carrier who bears a good reputation in the community, but that the son, VAIL FROST, has been a mysterious sort of person and it was rumored that he was a liquor runner, and has been out of Lime Springs for ten or 15 years until approximately two years ago when he returned to Lime Springs and purchased one of the finest homes in town, establishing his residence there. MR. HUESINK stated that it is his recollection that VAIL FROST was connected with the Donahue-Frost Corp., dealers in spotlights. The location of said corporation was unknown to MR. HUESINK. He further added that at another time, VAIL FROST was reported to be an agent for pin ball games and still later was supposed to be connected with the Sterling Manufacturing Company of Chicago, Illinois. As far as MR. HUESINK knows, he is still connected with the last named company as he has received mail from this firm not long ago. MR. HUESINK advised that two or three weeks ago--he could not fix the date definitely--MR. RICHARD FROST, father of VAIL, came into the Post Office and requested that all mail for VAIL FROST be forwarded to 3832 Brooklyn Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, and that a day or two later, MR. RICHARD FROST notified him that the mail should be sent to Berkshire Hotel, 1021 Lynwood Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri.

Photographs of suspects and others were shown to MR. HUESINK but he could not recall ever having seen any of them. He did recall that approximately three weeks ago, a stranger was in the company of VAIL FROST in Lime Springs, Iowa. ~~Interviews were made with Postmaster HUESINK to~~  
~~ascertain if he could recall the name of the stranger.~~

MR. ROBERT PRATT, Postal Clerk, who resides next door to VAIL FROST in Lime Springs, was next interviewed and he told substantially the same story about VAIL FROST, adding that he had never seen any suspicious looking cars around the FROST home nor had he noticed any unusual circumstance about that home at any time. He stated that MRS. VAIL FROST is quite a social mixer in the town with the women folk, but MR. FROST is seldom home. Photographs were shown to MR. PRATT and he identified the picture of ED DOLL alias LARUE as a man to whom he believes he was introduced in the Post Office lobby by VAIL FROST some three weeks ago; that

this man was introduced to him as a MR. MEDLEY, a business associate of VAIL FROST. He described this man as follows: -

Height - Close to 6 feet  
Weight - 175-180 pounds  
Complexion - Light  
Did not notice the color of the eyes  
Hair - Light brown  
Wore a dark gray suit, light colored overcoat, and a hat which he believed to be soft, slouch type  
Age - Approximately 35 years

MR. PRATT stated he believes he met a MR. BOLTON of Chicago who visited the FROST home last summer. He thinks this man was related to MRS. FROST and was supposed to be connected with the Marshall-Field Company of Chicago.

MRS. ROBERT PRATT was interviewed in the presence of her husband and she corroborated the statements of her husband, but could not identify ED DOLL. However, she stated that she saw this man only at a distance.

Both MR. and MRS. PRATT stated that VAIL FROST owns a large black Cadillac Sedan and a 1933 gray Plymouth Sedan. MRS. PRATT stated that VAIL FROST is the son of RICHARD and MARY FROST and he has one brother, WILLIAM FROST, who resides at Lime Springs, Iowa, and is referred to in reference memorandum. She also stated that she believes MRS. FROST'S first name is ETHEL. She also stated that MRS. FROST has a daughter by a previous marriage whose name is JANE BARNEROCK, who is believed to be residing in Quincy, Illinois.

MR. PRATT stated that VAIL FROST is also known as "JACK" FROST.

Agents next interviewed Town Marshal CAMERON of Cresco, Iowa. He told the same story as outlined in the reference memorandum, and stated that it was his belief that VAIL FROST was a liquor runner but that he had no positive information to this effect.

At the County Treasurer's office, Cresco, Iowa, the following description was obtained of VAIL FROST'S Plymouth Sedan; 1933 model, factory No. 2,060,959, four-door deluxe sedan, engine No. 65,596, 1934 Iowa license plates 45-331.

Agents then proceeded to New Hampton, Iowa, and interviewed Sheriff GEORGE MURRAY of Chickasaw County, who originally called this office concerning this lead. He had nothing to add to the information he had already given, but he reiterated his statement to the effect that he believes he had a FROST and a MEDLEY or MEDLIN in his custody at one time for a swindle offense. Sheriff MURRAY called the Iowa State Identification Bureau at Des Moines and requested that pictures of all the FROSTS on record be forwarded to the St. Paul office as soon as possible. Sheriff MURRAY called Sheriff TOLAF JOHNSON of Howard County, in which Lime Springs is located, and arranged to have him meet the agents in Lime Springs. Accordingly, agents met Sheriff JOHNSON and his deputy, MR. OWEN. They stated that they had little information concerning MR. VAIL FROST but that he had somewhat of a suspicious reputation in the community, but that they had little or no actual information concerning him. They had heard that he was engaged in rum running.

At the offices of the Lime Springs Telephone Company it was found that MRS. T. R. HUGHES, owner of the said company, was in Des Moines, Iowa, and would remain there until February 24th and that no records could be examined in her absence without her express permission.

MR. T. R. JONES, who is referred to in the reference memorandum as proprietor of a butcher shop in Lime Springs, Iowa, was again interviewed. He related practically the same story as outlined in said reference memorandum and he stated that he obtained his original information from MISS FRANCIS WOLF, who was formerly employed as a maid in the VAIL FROST residence. When questioned concerning the information that he had given to the effect that VAIL FROST was seen in Rochester, Minnesota, on the night Victim BREMER was released, he stated that he drew this inference from newspaper article he had seen in the Lime Springs Herald to the effect that VAIL FROST was a caller in Rochester, Minnesota, on or about that date.

Acting on this information, agents proceeded to the Post Office and there examined copies of the Lime Springs Herald for the past two months. The following clipping was taken from the Lime Springs Herald as of February 8, 1934, which clipping is being kept in the St. Paul file:

"Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Frost drove to Rochester, Minn., Monday, where they met Mr. P. W. Medley, a friend who has been in business in Los Angeles, Calif., the past six months. He will be their guest for a short time. From Rochester they went to Minneapolis, and returned home in the evening. Mr. Frost and Mr. Medley were business callers in Waterloo Tuesday and Wednesday."

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Because of the fact that it was believed that interview with the Lime Springs Herald reporter might prove damaging to the investigation in Lime Springs, said interview was not conducted at this time.

[REDACTED] was interviewed and he stated he had known VAIL FROST since childhood;

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] further stated that he believes VAIL FROST was employed as a salesman by the Fuller Brush Company some 10 or 12 years ago somewhere out of town, the exact location being unknown to him; and that later on, he was employed in various parts of the country as a specialty and advertising salesman.

[REDACTED] He believed that FROST headquartered at Chicago and that some time ago he married a Chicago girl, his present wife, who is his second or third wife. He stated he believed VAIL FROST to be about 50 years of age. He said that the citizens of Lime Springs are suspicious of VAIL FROST because he returned to Lime Springs after an absence of 10 or 12 years and purchased one of the best homes in town; that his father and his mother are people of moderately poor means and it has been rumored that VAIL FROST was a rum runner.

MISS FRANCIS WOLFE was interviewed at the house of CHARLES PETERS where she is employed as a domestic. The following signed statement was obtained from her and photographs of the suspects and others were shown to her. She identified a photograph of ALVIN KARPIS as being a striking resemblance to a man introduced to her as MR. MEDLEY and to whom she makes reference in her signed statement. The picture of ED DOLL was particularly shown to her but she could not recall having seen him and was certain he was not identical with the man known to her as MEDLEY. She described MEDLEY as follows:

Height - 5 feet 3 inches  
Weight - 145 pounds  
Hair - Dark, combed straight back  
Color of eyes - Uncertain  
Thin face  
Dark complexion

She was unable to give an estimate as to his age but stated that she did not believe him to be as old as Agent Nalls. She stated that he was wearing a light suit, dark brown overcoat, and medium brown hat.

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It will be noted that Postal Clerk PRATT and MISS WOLFE select two different photographs as those resembling the man known as MEDLEY, and both MR. PRATT and MISS WOLFE described the individuals they met entirely differently.

"Lime Springs, Iowa.  
Feb. 21, 1934.

"My name is Frances Wolfe, I live in Lime Springs, Iowa. I wish to make the following statement to R. L. Nalls and T. J. Dodd, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice. I make this statement freely and voluntarily.

"I first went to work for Mr. and Mrs. Vail V. Frost at their home in Lime Springs, Iowa, as a maid some time during the last part of November, 1933. They had two automobiles, a black Cadillac Sedan and a Plymouth Sedan, colored light tan. During the time I worked for them, there were no strangers there. I noticed a pistol under Mr. Frost's pillow in the morning when I made the bed. There was also a gun used for hunting, either a rifle or a shot gun. Mr. Frost was away from New Year's Day, of 1934, until he returned Feb. 2, 1934. On Feb. 6, 1934, Mr. and Mrs. Frost left home at about 8:00 a.m., and said they were going to Rochester. They left in the Plymouth and they returned that same night around 7:30 p.m., and they had a man with them whom they introduced to me as Mr. Medley.

"On Feb. 7, 1934, Mr. Medley and Mr. Frost left home at about 8:00 a.m., and went to Waterloo, Iowa; they returned about 7:00 p.m. that night.

"The next day they went to Waterloo and Mason City, I believe, and returned about 7:00 p.m.

"On Friday, Feb. 9, 1934, Mr. Medley and Mr. Frost were out all morning and they returned about noontime.

"Mr. Frost seemed excited about leaving and they left about 3:30 p.m., Mr. Medley driving the Cadillac and Mr. and Mrs. Frost driving the Plymouth, I presume as they packed their things in it before I left the house. I did see Mr. Medley drive off in the Cadillac.

"Mr. Frost just told me that they might go away on Wed., Feb. 7, 1934, but she didn't say when they would leave. She spoke about getting me another job and tried to get me one. She said they might go to Kansas City, Mo. One time I heard Mr. Frost say he would like to go to California.

"From the general conversation, I gathered that Mr. Medley and Mr. Frost were both selling cheese crates.

"Mrs. Frost told me that Mr. Medley came from California recently but that originally they lived in Chicago, that is, Mr. and Mrs. Medley.

"I recall mailing a letter to Mr. Frost somewhere in Michigan, during the latter part of January. Mrs. Frost went to Rochester on Jan. 26, 1934, on the train and came home that evening.

"I think Mr. Medley's first name was Phil or Thiel. He wrote many letters but he mailed them himself.

"On Feb. 3, 1934, Mr. and Mrs. Frost drove off and told me they were going to Minneapolis. They returned late that night.

"Mr. Frost has an Irish setter and also a Persian cat which they took with them.

"There is an oil furnace in the cellar and the cellar is all one big room.

"I describe Mr. Frost as follows:

5 ft. 10½ inches tall  
190 lbs.  
Light brown hair  
Brown eyes  
ruddy complexion  
full face  
large mouth  
Eyes are large and bulging  
False teeth  
Well dressed  
Dark blue chinchilla overcoat  
Derby or grey soft hat.

(Signed) MISS FRANCES WOLFE,  
Lime Springs, Iowa.

Witnessed:

T. J. DODD, Sp. Agent, Div. of  
Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
203 P. O. Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.  
R. L. NALLS, Sp. Agent, Div. of  
Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
203 P. O. Bldg., St. Paul, Minn."

TJD:HVS 3 - Div.; 9 - St. Paul.

T. J. DODD, Special Agent.

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In connection with the above, there is being submitted the following memorandum by Special Agent T.J. Dodd, concerning the clothing alleged to have been purchased by RICHARD FROST, father of VAIL FROST:

Feb. 24, 1934,  
Hampton, Iowa.

Accompanied by Sheriff Murray, agent interviewed Mr. Richard Jones at Lime Springs, Iowa, and exhibited to him pictures which were forwarded from the Iowa Bureau of Investigation. MR. JONES stated that none of these was a picture of VAIL FROST of Lime Springs.

Agent then called on Richard Frost, father of Vail Frost, and he advised that he has not purchased underwear for two years and he does not recall where he last bought underwear.

At the offices of the Lime Spring Telephone Company, agent was advised that the manager is still out of town. "

In connection with the same phase of the investigation, there is submitted herewith the following memorandum of Special Agent O.G. Hall, regarding a telephone conversation had with Mr. Spear of the Kansas City Division Office.

The Chicago Division Office has been requested, by letter, to conduct the necessary investigation as indicated in the memorandum of Special Agent Hall, which is as follows:



MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

St. Paul, Minnesota  
February 22, 1934

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul file 7-30

Mr. Spear of the Kansas City office telephoned today and advised that Vale Frost, Mrs. Vale Frost, and P. W. Medley, had registered at the Berkshire Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Frost gave their reference address as 331 W. Michigan, and registered on the 10th of February. Mr. Medley gave his reference address as 230 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, and registered on February 11. The three checked out of the hotel on February 17. The Frosts, when they arrived at the hotel, had with them a hunting dog, an Angora cat, and a large car, possibly a Cadillac. It seems that Mrs. Frost did not leave Kansas City, but is residing at the home of some doctor. She is calling for her mail at the Berkshire Hotel.

The photograph of Alvin Karpis was exhibited to hotel employees, and they stated that while the photograph bore some resemblance to P. W. Medley, it probably was not his likeness. They described Mr. Medley as follows: 5 ft. 8 inches, 140 pounds, slender build, chestnut hair streaked with gray, nice appearing, wearing dark driving glasses, New York accent. While at the hotel Frost sent two telegrams as follows:

"Feb. 15, 1934.

Mrs. P. W. Medley,  
112 S. 50th St.  
Omaha, Nebraska.

Two cses yesterday. Frost leaving for Chicago Friday or Saturday. Deal not so hot. Writing tonight.

Phil".

"Feb. 15, 1934.

Mrs. H. Medley,  
741 N. 26th St.  
Milwaukee, Wis.

(the message is identical with the one above).

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The Kansas City office was informed that it was no longer desired to apprehend any of the above named, but that if they would conveniently do so, to ascertain Mrs. Frost's whereabouts, in the event it later became important.

O. G. HALL,

Special Agent.

OGH:JMS

Division - 3  
St. Paul - 9

The following is a memorandum submitted by Special Agent O.G. Hall, regarding an interview on February 6, 1934, at the Division Office with Mr. Dan Martin of Pine Island, Minnesota;

St. Paul, Minnesota  
February 27, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al -  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING St. Paul file 7-50

On February 26, 1934, Mr. Dan Martin, proprietor of the White Eagle Station with a tavern in connection therewith, at Pine Island, Minn. came to the Division office and was interviewed by me regarding certain information he had in this case.

He advised that on the night of Edward G. Bremer's release, he had received information that a filling station at Rochester, Minn. had been robbed by two men in a car, which car did not have a front bumper. A few minutes after receiving this information a 1930 Ford Coach, dark dirty color, came from the north on the St. Paul-Rochester highway, and drove into his filling station, which is on the left of the road, the Ford coach facing north when the car was stopped at the pumps. In the car were four men, two in the front seat and two in the back seat. Martin came out of the filling station and was asked to check the oil by the driver. Keeping in mind the reported robbery of the Rochester filling station, Martin walked around the front of the car and found that the car did have a bumper. He also noted however, that the car had Minnesota license plates (1933), number B222403. Martin raised the hood and found that the car did not need any oil. He then walked around the back of the car and as he did so he noticed that the car had the same numbered license on the back. He noticed that the driver of the car was rubbing his eyes as if just awakening, or having had very little sleep for some time; that the man directly in back of the driver was sitting upright in his seat and squarely facing the front of the car. He noticed this man particularly, and described him as being about 35 years of age, medium build, with rather noticeable eyes. The two men on the right side of the car were sitting diagonally, facing the left of the car. He got a very poor view of these people. Something aroused Martin's suspicions, and when the car drove away and continued driving south on the highway he immediately went into his filling station and noticed that the car had arrived at 7.35 P.M. At the same time he wrote the license number of the car on a piece of paper which he exhibited to me. The following morning, when he came to work, he was informed that Bremer had been released on the previous evening. Thinking the matter over he

decided to report the above to the St. Paul Police, and did talk to Tom Dahill, the Chief, giving him the facts. About four o'clock that afternoon, Dahill called up and asked him if he was sure about the license number, to which he replied he could not be mistaken. Dahill then said a Police detective would come out to see him, but never did show up. This is the last he ever heard of the matter.

Concerning the car, he stated he noticed that when it came into the driveway the headlights were turned off, and that when they left both headlights were on. He described the driver of the car as being 45 years old, 5 ft. 8 inches tall, weighing 165 pounds, sandy hair, dark Fedora hat, dissipated looking. He could not give a description of the other front seat occupant, or the rear seat occupant. The driver was not wearing an overcoat. On viewing photos, Martin believed photo of Fred Barker resembled man in the left, rear seat.

Martin also reported that on the same evening Doctor Deitz of Pine Island rode with a man named Ivan of Pine Island to Rochester, Minnesota, and a car at five corners flashed headlights several times as they passed. (This does not appear to be of any significance unless Martin has his dates wrong, and this incident occurred a few days before).

He also reported that a Mrs. Clausen, whose maiden name was Ida Minny, made some remark at Pine Island where she resides, about a bus being stopped or signalled with flash lights. He had no other details concerning this.

I suggest that an immediate investigation be made at Pine Island, to run out the three above incidents. The Agent should have photographs of Curly Clause, Tommy Carroll, the Bentz brothers, Barker brothers, Davis, Campbell and Karpis, as well as others, for the purpose of displaying them to Martin and other persons.

Respectfully submitted,

O. G. HALL,  
Special Agent.

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St. Paul - 9

An Agent has been dispatched to Pine Island, Minnesota, to conduct the necessary investigation concerning the above memorandum and the Division will be promptly notified of all developments of importance.

There follows a memorandum submitted by Special Agent E.N. Notesteen regarding the effort to locate the seller of the underwear given to Victim BREMER by his kidnapers and also a memorandum by Special Agent E.N. Notesteen regarding the investigation to locate the clothing reported to have been worn by ALVIN KARPIS at the time of his purchase of the three flashlights used in the pay-off in this case:

February 27, 1934.  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

Concerning the effort to locate the sale of the underwear involved in this case, it may be noted that according to the letter from the Chicago office to the Director dated February 17, 1934, which included lists of stores in the St. Paul/territory handling this article, and naming only the Northwest Buyers and Jobbers, 215 E. 4th Street, St. Paul, in the Twin Cities, investigation at that concern developed that the Northwest Jobbers, through Assistant Manager Larry E. Pires, 190 E. 4th Street, St. Paul, during the past two years, sold underwear of the kind described to Blumenfeld's Clothing Store, South St. Paul, and Minkin's Store, 3 East Lake Street, Minneapolis. These two outlets are the only dealers in the Twin Cities proper or in the immediate area handling this article. The underwear is jobbed through Carson Pirie Scott and Co. of Chicago.

At Blumenfeld's Store, South St. Paul, Mr. D. Blumenfeld was interviewed and presented the identical type of underwear, advising that he had sold a great many suits of this underwear in the late Fall and Winter of 1933 and 1934, and had no idea concerning the purchasers. It appears from Mr. Blumenfeld's statement that thousands of truck drivers from all points in the north west visit South St. Paul daily, and his trade is almost entirely transient for that reason. Photographs of the Karpis and Barker group were exhibited to Mr. Blumenfeld, who indicated that the photograph of Alvin Karpis was familiar to him, but he had no distinct recollection as to whether he had sold underwear to this party. He had no recollection as to any of the persons represented in the other photographs.

Mr. M. Minkin, 3 E. Lake St. Minneapolis, Minn. was interviewed and advised that although he carried Carson Pirie Scott and Company underwear he had never stock this particular article which appears to bear a center row of stitching in the collar. It appears that there are two other styles of underwear in approximately the same weight, but neither of these



models has the middle stitch in the collar. Mr. Minkin was unable to give any information of value concerning the sales of any of this underwear.

Neither of the above two stores contacted, concerning the underwear, have for sale either the shirts or socks involved in this matter.

The above investigation was made by this Agent and Special Agent Donaldson, on temporary assignment from the Detroit Division Office.

Respectfully submitted,

BN:JMS

E.N. NOTESTEEN, SPECIAL AGENT.

3-Division  
9-St. Paul



February 27, 1934.  
St. Paul, Minn.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. ROHRER

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING - St. Paul file 7-50

With reference to the clothing reported to have been worn by Alvin Karpis at the time of his purchase of the three flashlights at the F. and W. Grand Silver Store in St. Paul, it may be noted that Mr. D. Blumenfeld, Mr. A. Blumenfeld and Mr. P. J. Possman at the Blumenfeld Clothing Store, Concord Avenue, South St. Paul, stated that some time in January a young man, very well dressed, with a pleasing personality, rather slight in build and dark complexion, called at the Blumenfeld store at about 8.30 in the morning (none of the gentlemen were able to establish the exact date), and purchased a pair of dark high-topped laced leather boots, and a dark blue wool cap with long visor. This customer made no inquiry concerning the price of the two articles and after examining breeches for same at the store, stated he would go elsewhere for the trousers, which he did, leaving his original purchase at the Blumenfeld store. He returned approximately one half hour later and purchased a dark blue wool zipper jacket.

Mr. A. Blumenfeld made this sale. Mr. D. Blumenfeld was not present at the time, but Mr. P. J. Possman was in the store and recalls the statement by Mr. A. Blumenfeld to the effect that "that was an easy sale". Photographs of Karpis and the two Barkers, Volney Davis and Harry Campbell were exhibited to both Mr. A. Blumenfeld and Mr. P. J. Possman, Mr. A. Blumenfeld stating that the photographs of Alvin Karpis looked like the customer, but he was not positive concerning the matter. Mr. Possman also chose the photograph of Alvin Karpis as the purchaser of the cap, zipper jacket and high leather boots.

Neither of the Blumenfelds nor Mr. Possman were able to state positively whether any of the underwear of the type in interest in this case was sold to this customer, although they stated that he might also have purchased underwear, either at the time of the original purchase of the other articles, or at a later date. They indicated that the photograph of Karpis, to the best of their recollection, was familiar to them, and that they believed he might have been in the store on two or three occasions. Mr. Possman stated that he was quite sure he could identify

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the customer if he saw him again. MR. A. BLUMENFELD and MR. POSSMAN were unable to give an accurate description of the purchaser, other than has already been presented.

Concerning the caps carried by BLUMENFELDS, it may be noted that this type of wool cap is apparently identical with that left in the MAGEE payoff car by the kidnapers. The cap which was found in the car and subsequently forwarded to the Division contains a red, gray and blue wool lining with seams dividing the inside of the cap into four sections, which seams, according to information furnished this Agent by the Division are dark blue in color. On the caps now in stock in BLUMENFELD'S store it may be noted that there are none with red predominating in the lining, but they do have a cap of the same general construction, with a blue wool lining, and the seams in black. MR. A. BLUMENFELD advised that these caps come in shipments with various colored linings, and that it is entirely possible that the cap sold to the person believed to have been KARPIS did, in fact, have the red type of lining.

In endeavoring to place the time of the purchase of merchandise at BLUMENFELD'S accurately, MR. A. BLUMENFELD stated that to the best of his recollection the boots, jacket, and cap were sold about five weeks ago, or in the latter part of January, 1934.

Neither MR. BLUMENFELD, nor MR. POSSMAN, were willing to give a signed statement at this time but they will be again contacted in an effort to obtain such a statement even though this statement will not be absolutely definite as to identification.

It is further noted that, in both MR. BLUMENFELD'S and MR. POSSMAN'S opinion, when the purchaser returned to the store, after making the original purchase and leaving to obtain the breeches, with a package in his hand, which, it is believed, was the pair of breeches which he had failed to purchase at BLUMENFELD'S. Concerning the purchase of the breeches, as before stated, none of the clothing stores in South St. Paul, Minnesota, had definite recollection concerning such sale.

Relative to the underwear, as before stated, BLUMENFELD'S handle the identical type of garment purchased for the Victim. This underwear is peculiar in that the collar carries a middle stitch not common to any other type of underwear.

Respectfully submitted,

E. N. NOTESTEEN, SPECIAL AGENT.

ENN:JMS  
3-Div.  
9-St. Paul

Special Agent R.B. Donaldson submitted the following memorandum regarding his effort to locate the seller of the five gallon gasoline cans found at Portage, Wisconsin:

St. Paul, Minnesota,  
February 28, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -  
Victim. KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

With regard to the cans used by the subjects in this case for purposes of transporting gasoline, I wish to advise that I have made inquiry with a view of identification of these cans, and also with a view of locating a place where they were purchased, if possible.

At the general offices of the American Can Company, 747 Prior Avenue, Mr. JOHN GILLESPIE, Manager, was interviewed. He inspected the photograph of the cans, and from the one showing the profile of the cans, that is, the tops, was able to definitely identify the can on the extreme left as being one manufactured by the American Can Company. This type of can, which is known as a domestic oil can, square, five-gallon capacity, wire handle, with 1-3/4 inch screw top, is manufactured in great quantities at the several plants of this concern throughout the United States. The informant stated that his concern does no retail business to speak of but the cans are sold in large quantities to concerns such as paint companies, food companies, etc., to be filled and properly labeled with the purchaser's labels. Occasionally, an individual will call at this office and secure several of these cans. In this connection, the records were inspected in agent's presence to determine small purchases during the past three months and only three of such purchases were noted. In each instance, the purchase was more than four cans with one exception when three cans were purchased. Photographs of the suspects in this case were displayed to the persons who would ordinarily have waited on these customers, and they failed to identify any of them.

MR. GILLESPIE furnished me with a list of concerns to which this can is sold in the Twin Cities. This list contains the names of approximately 50 concerns.

In an interview with a salesman for this company, MR. LOUDERMILK, he stated that he had no idea where such cans could be bought by single units unless it would be from some oil station or from some large manufacturing concern which used them in great quantities and which would accommodate an individual in selling him one can. This gentleman stated that possibly, the Speed-O-Lac Products Company, 115 Glenwood Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, might possibly sell a few of these cans to persons desiring same.

At the offices of this concern in Minneapolis, Minnesota, MR. W. COOPER, Manager, was interviewed. He stated that his company manufactures varnishes, lacquers, and paints, and this type of can is used; that most of the cans are secured from the National Biscuit Company, which concern uses them. He also stated that he had no recollection of selling these cans in retail; and in company with him, agent went with him through the factory and inspected several brands of five-gallon cans therein but did not find any can resembling the three cans shown on the right in the photograph.

MR. COOPER, as also the individuals interviewed at the office of the American Can Company, could not identify the three cans shown on the right in the photograph but thought they were possibly made by the Continental Can Company.

The suggestion that possibly this type of can might have been secured from an oil station caused agent to make inquiry at a number of oil stations in the city of Minneapolis, which included all the principal oil companies. The photograph was displayed in each instance and in every case agent was advised that this particular type of five-gallon can is not used by any of these companies in dispensing its products. Such companies, for the most part, have adopted a round, five-gallon can and have their respective company's labels painted thereon. All of the persons interviewed at these oil stations informed agent that there is a State law which prohibits the placing of gasoline in any can except it be painted red and that they adhere strictly to this regulation; and if an individual called with a can to have it filled which was not painted red, they would not place gasoline in it.

Further inquiry is being made with a view of identifying the other cans and securing addresses of places where they would be possible dispensed. *A more exhaustive investigation is being*

*Conducted*  
*Conducted*

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. DONALDSON,  
Special Agent.

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3 - Division  
9 - St. Paul

Special Agent E.N. Notestein submitted the following memorandum regarding the attempt to locate the store in which the filmolens used in the flashlights at the time of the payoff were purchased:



February 27, 1934.  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR ROHRER:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Relative to investigation in an effort to locate Filmolens, please be advised that the garages and accessory stores in the city of South St. Paul, Minnesota, which is a separate incorporated city, were contacted on February 26, 1934, without result. None of the following concerns carry this item in stock or have any knowledge concerning a recent sale of same:

Gambles Store  
Robinson's Tire and Accessory Store  
Concord Department Store  
Chevrolet Agency  
Ford Agency  
Concord Auto Sales  
Concord Sporting Goods Co.

With the exception of the Robinson Tire and Accessory store, there were no firms in South St. Paul dealing exclusively in automobile accessories. All other concerns which handle automobile parts were visited.

A lead to the Kansas City Office has, previously, been set out for development at Des Moines, Kansas City, and Wichita. A Filmolens is being forwarded to Mr. O. C. Dewey, of the Kansas City Office, at Des Moines, Iowa, for use in contacting the Western Auto Supply Company at that place.

In the event that investigation by the Kansas City Office does not result in location of the place of purchase of the Filmolens, the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis will be divided into districts and an effort made to visit every garage in this locality.

Very truly yours,

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9-St. Paul

E. N. NOTESTEEN, SPECIAL AGENT.



ing two memoranda;

Special Agent D.L.Nicholson submitted the follow-

St. Paul, Minnesota.  
February 28, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -  
Victim. KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Reference is made to the memorandum submitted by Special Agent C. E. Hall dated January 20, 1934, regarding the delivery of the first ransom note in this case. In this connection, agent interviewed BILL RITTER, who resides at 50 Central Terrace, and he stated that on the morning of January 17, 1934, between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m., he left his residence to go to a corner store on Central Avenue to purchase a box of snuff; that as he left his house, a large car, which he believes to be a 1929 or 1930 Hudson Sedan with a trunk on the back, came up Central Terrace at a high rate of speed and turned into Harriet Avenue, this being the street which runs alongside of WALTER MAGEE'S office. RITTER stated that this car contained three men and stopped in front of the driveway into MAGEE'S garage; that one of the individuals got out of the car, at which time he observed that this individual had a package or letter in his hand, and walked toward the garage; that he (RITTER) continued to the store and as he returned, the car drove away, turned left into Central Avenue, and then right on to Rice Street.

RITTER was unable to see the two individuals who remained in the car but stated that the individual who left the car and walked toward the garage was about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches, wearing a light overcoat and hat. He was shown the photographs of the suspects in this case and he selected the photograph of ARTHUR R. BARKER as resembling the individual, although he was unable to make a positive identification.

Inquiries were made at other residences and stores in this vicinity but no one was located who had seen this car or any actions which would appear suspicious and appear to be connected with the delivery of the first ransom note in this case. RITTER also advised that he had heard of no one else in this vicinity having any information or seeing the car.

Over MAGEE'S office, a club, which is thought to be private, is conducted. At this place it was ascertained that the door bore a "closed" sign and agent was unable to gain admittance. No one in the vicinity seemed to know who operates this club although inquiry was not made at MAGEE'S office. It is possible that the club is open only during the evening and bears the closed sign during the daytime. Further inquiry will be made in this connection and the owner of this club will be interviewed.

Respectfully submitted,

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3 - Division  
9 - St. Paul

D. L. NICHOLSON,  
Special Agent.

St. Paul, Minnesota.  
February 28, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-50.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent O. G. Hall dated St. Paul, Minnesota, July 27, 1933, contained in the VERNON C. MILLER file, St. Paul No. 62-888, and being serial No. 91. In this report an interview is set out with MR. THOMAS NEWMAN, attorney at law, Commerce Building.

This agent re-interviewed THOMAS NEWMAN at his office in the Commerce Building who advised that in March, 1933, an individual came to his office stating that his name was J. STANLEY SMITH and requested that he (NEWMAN) represent him in collecting a note in the amount of \$250, which was given to SMITH by JOHN BOVARD, Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri. He stated that he wrote a letter to BOVARD but received no response; that SMITH returned to his office in approximately one month and inquired what progress had been made with regard to the collection of the note; that he informed SMITH that he had not received a reply from BOVARD and that SMITH again returned in approximately one week, at which time a reply had still not been received and SMITH stated that he was going to St. Louis, Missouri, and requested that he be given a copy of the letter which NEWMAN had written to BOVARD, which was done; and he therefore has no correspondence in his office relating to this matter.

He further stated that SMITH first came to his office on a Saturday afternoon and that he wrote the letter himself, as a result of which he has no stenographic notes from which the contents of this letter can be obtained. MR. NEWMAN further advised that several weeks after SMITH had made his last visit to his office, MRS. JAMES McLAREN, who owns the premises at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, called him by phone and inquired as to whether or not he was acquainted with J. STANLEY SMITH. He informed her that he was, but knew nothing definite about him but presumed that he would pay his rent, which was all that MRS. McLAREN appeared to be interested in.

MR. NEWMAN further stated that the identity of SMITH is unknown to him and that on one occasion, he believes SMITH was accompanied to his office by a woman but that he paid little attention to her and was unable to describe her; that SMITH informed him that he was employed by the Consolidated Metals Company of St. Louis, Missouri.

The photographs of the suspects in this case were exhibited to NEWMAN who selected the photograph of HARRY CAMPBELL as resembling J. STANLEY SMITH. It is to be noted that when previously interviewed by Agent Hall, NEWMAN selected the photograph of ALVIN KARPIS as resembling SMITH.

NEWMAN claimed to have no additional information regarding SMITH or his associates and claimed not to have seen anyone in company with SMITH with the exception of the woman as set out above.

Respectfully submitted,

D. L. NICHOLSON,  
Special Agent.

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As stated in reference report, investigation is being conducted to develop all angles of this case at the earliest possible date.

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO

8201

MAR 2 1934

The Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your circular letter of February 8, 1934, "List of Bank Notes Paid as Ransom in Kidnaping Cases", with inclosures.

If you desire that copies of the letter under acknowledgment and copies of the inclosures thereto be submitted to Customs field officers, I have to request that 500 copies of the circular and its inclosures be furnished the Bureau for dissemination.

By direction of the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

*F. J. Murphy*

F. J. MURPHY  
Assistant General Counsel.

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Commissioner of Customs,  
Bureau of Customs,  
Treasury Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Hon. F. J. Murphy.

Reference: 8201.

Dear Sir:-

I desire to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated March 2, 1934, in which you request 500 additional copies of the list of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnapping cases for submission to the Customs Field Officers of your Bureau.

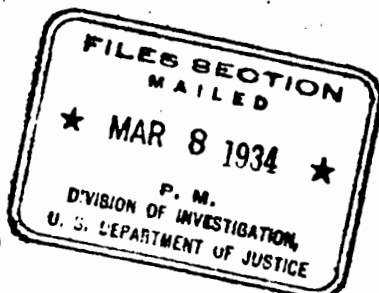
I am pleased to comply with your request and am today arranging to have 500 copies of this list delivered to your office.

Thanking you for your attention and cooperation in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director.

cc: Washington F.O.  
Equipment & Printing Sec.





1216 Smith Young Tower  
San Antonio, Texas.  
February 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 1274,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Sr.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Through a confidential source at Houston, Texas, information was received to the effect that one Johan Armour, Miami, Okla., is a sweetheart of Fred Barker and he not only on occasions contacts her personally but that he communicates with her regularly. Of course, it is not known his method of communication.

Through this same source information has been received that Mrs. Chastain (full name unknown) at Sapulpa, Okla., who is the mother of Bob Chastain, now alleged to be an inmate of the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Okla., and who was formerly a running mate of the Barker boys, is for some reason very bitter towards the Barker boys and might be a source of information, if properly contacted.

Information has also been received that there is a tourist camp on the Sand Springs Road, just off the highway at the south approach of the Arkansas River Bridge, operated by an individual known as "Cagle Eye" and that this place is occasionally used as a hide-out by Oklahoan outlaws including the Barkers and their running mates; that it also be used as a Post Office for these individuals.

While this information is meager, it is furnished you for whatever use you may be able to make of it.

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Very truly yours,

cc:  
Division  
Dallas  
Kansas City  
Chicago

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Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent

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318 News Building  
San Francisco, California.

February 25, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Federal Building, Suite L,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir: Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Referring to my letter of the 24th in-  
stant, regarding the tracing of certain California licenses,  
please be advised the National Automobile Theft Bureau checked  
1934 California license #7N9150, and ascertained it was is-  
sued to Erma Genevieve Hinson, of 962 South Concord Street,  
Los Angeles, California, for a model A Ford, and it is under-  
stood that her husband is an employee of the Los Angeles Fire  
Department.

I am sending a copy of this letter to  
Los Angeles for further checking.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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c.c. Los Angeles.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 19, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

MR. NATHAN...  
MR. TOLSON...  
MR. CLEGG...  
MR. COWLEY...  
MR. EDWARDS...  
MR. EGAN...  
MR. QUINN...  
MR. LESTER...  
MR. LOCKE...  
MR. ROPER...

With reference to issuing Identification Orders on Arthur R. Barker, et al in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case, it is suggested that there not be Identification Orders issued in this case for the following reasons:

The only purpose served by issuing Identification Orders would be to put the Division on record that the kidnapers were known and it is not believed that the issuance of Identification Orders will result in the arrest of these individuals by any local police department because of their connection with police departments. With the amount of money in their possession now, they are in a position to bribe the ordinary police official.

On the other hand, the following reasons are set forth why Identification Orders should not be issued:

1. The Division has in its possession more information relative to the identity of these individuals than in any previous case, where the Division was seeking a fugitive, to my knowledge. In this connection, reference is made to the memorandum dated January 31, 1934 covering the activities of these individuals.

2. It is believed that these individuals will be located solely through the efforts of Special Agents of the Division, who, when located, can then direct the activities of a police department in bringing about their arrest.

3. In lieu of Identification Orders, it is suggested that a strip of photographs be prepared, bearing the full face view of each of these individuals, said strip to be prepared in the size of the book containing Government transportation requests and sufficient number prepared so that each Agent in the Division will have one in his possession, this strip to contain the name and general description of each individual. In the event it is deemed advisable, sufficient number will be placed in the hands of responsible and trusty detectives of local police departments in the Middle West.

Respectfully,

R. P. Natch

E. E. Natch

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Edward G. Bremer

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 1, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

As previously reported, Edward George Bremer claims that he heard certain sounds, including the sounding of a siren, the blowing of a factory whistle, and the ringing of church bells, at specific times during the period he was held captive. In order to locate the hideout, circular letters which contain all available information pertaining to the sounds heard by Bremer have been forwarded to towns and cities in Minnesota, Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and North Dakota. Copies of said circular letters have previously been forwarded to the Division.

As indicated in former reports, submitted in this matter, it appears that Portage, Wisconsin, is situated approximately half way from the place where Bremer was held captive to Rochester, Minnesota, the place where Bremer was released. In view of this fact, it appears quite probable that the hideout is situated in Wisconsin or the northern part of Illinois. Index cards have been made for all towns in Illinois which are within a radius of 235 miles from Portage, Wisconsin. The names of these towns and cities were taken from the Postal Guide. Likewise, index cards have been made on all towns in Wisconsin, which are listed in the Postal Guide.

Approximately 200 replies are received daily. These replies are being filed in alphabetical order with reference to the town in which the author of the letter resides. Separate files are being maintained for the replies of each State. This procedure has been adopted in order to expedite the search for replies from certain town when information is received that possibly the hideout may be situated at that place. Upon receipt of replies from the various towns and cities, appropriate notations are made on the index cards, whether the reply contains negative information or whether information is contained therein indicating the possibility that the hideout may be in that particular locality.

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In view of favorable information received from the following towns the Chicago office was requested on February 22, 1934, to conduct appropriate investigation at Cary and Crystal Lake, Illinois, and Burlington, Wisconsin. On February 26, 1934, the Chicago office was requested by telegraph

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to conduct investigation at Morton Grove, Illinois, and Melrose Park, Illinois. On March 1, 1934, Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis of the Chicago office was requested by telephone to cause appropriate inquiry to be made in the vicinity of Riverside, Illinois. These requests were made as a result of information contained in the replies to the circular letters received from these cities.

Today, circular letters are being forwarded to each town and city situated in the State of Wisconsin from which replies have not been received. Said circular letters are being directed to the Postmasters of said towns because of the fact that many of the towns listed in the Postal Guide do not have mayors or other officials to whom previous circular letters were directed.

In addition to forwarding circular letters to the places indicated above, letters have likewise been directed to officials in each town situated in Lake County and Porter County, Indiana, as well as numerous other cities in Indiana and Iowa, which are within a radius of 235 miles of Portage, Wisconsin.

Very truly yours,

  
W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

VWP:HVS

1216 Smith Young Tower  
San Antonio, Texas.  
February 27, 1934.

GTJ/ME

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Suite L, Federal Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Referring to report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, of your office, for February 20, 1934, page 20, wherein it is stated that Jack Carter had made a call from the Ambassador Hotel, Kansas City, to No. 5866, San Antonio, Texas.

There are at present the following Telephone Exchanges in San Antonio:

Belmont	Fannin	Kenwood	Parkview
Cathedral	Garfield	Lambert	Pershing

that have been in existence since September 3, 1932, and prior to that time the Exchanges were:

Crockett	Mission	Travis	Woodlawn
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In order to check the possible identity of the person called over Telephone 5866 it will be necessary to know what Exchange was called or at least to know the approximate date of the call, in order to determine whether it could have been over one of the old Exchanges or one of the present Exchanges.

Through a confidential informant at Houston, Texas, it has been ascertained that Paula Herman always stopped at the Baltimore Hotel in Kansas City, Mo., when in that city for short periods of time. Some lead on her may be obtained at this hotel.

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Very truly yours,

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Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.**

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>San Francisco, Cal.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2/26/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2/20-21/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. E. Vetterli--IS</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, alias GEORGE DUHN, alias R. E. HAM-ILTON, alias RAYMOND HADLEY, alias GEORGE HALLER. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Check of the various newspaper stands on streets and in hotels at San Francisco, Oakland, and Sacramento, California, failed to reflect any unduly suspicious circumstances surrounding inquiries for St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Telegram from St. Paul Office, dated February 16, 1934.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The following investigation was conducted at Sacramento, California by Special Agent S. J. Tracy:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Mr. Louis Chargin, employee, newsstand handling out of town papers at the corner of 9th and K Streets, Sacramento, advised that no requests have been made of him for St. Paul or Minneapolis newspapers during the past three weeks, or prior thereto, that he could recall.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Mr. Al Myers, owner of the newsstand mentioned in the preceding paragraph, advised that about 9 days ago a well dressed man accompanied by an equally well dressed woman, asked for a Minneapolis newspaper of recent date, then inquired for back numbers of the same paper. Mr. Myers said he informed them that he did not have any back numbers, and referred them to the newsstand at 7th and K Streets, but he noticed that they left his stand, and walked along K Street towards 10th Street, in the opposite direction from where he directed them. He described the woman as wearing a</p>			
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red or rust colored coat with fur trim, somewhat shorter than her companion, and appearing to be about ten years younger, and having considerable make-up on. He described the man as being about 42 years of age, dark grey suit, overcoat, about 180 pounds, and about 5'8" tall, light complexioned. He has not seen them since, or before, and there was nothing about their conduct to attract his attention other than as stated above.

Mr. Oscar Parisi, employee at newsstand at 9th and J Streets, Sacramento, advised that he had not had any requests for St. Paul or Minneapolis papers that he recalled, for several months. Mr. Jim Daily, owner of the stand at 9th and J Streets, was unable to recall any requests for such papers.

Mr. F. B. Fites, owner of newsstand at 808 I Street, opposite the Post Office Building, Sacramento, stated that he does not carry out of town papers for the reason that he has practically no call for same. That no one has inquired concerning St. Paul or Minneapolis papers recently that he recalls.

Mr. H. Hogan, employee of newsstand at 7th and K Streets, Old Post Office Building Corner, advised that he had had no calls for St. Paul or Minneapolis newspapers during the past several weeks from strangers.

Mr. J. J. Patton, owner of the newsstand at 7th and K Sts., advised that in the early evening, two days following the release of Bremer, a dark colored Packard Sedan stopped at the curb in front of his stand, and one of two men in the front seat inquired for a St. Paul newspaper; that they returned two days later and got the paper, and as they took it, one of the men pointed to an article and said "there it is", and they drove off. Patten stated that he never saw them before or since, but that he would recognize them if they returned. It is his impression that the automobile had California plates, for the reason that he believes he would have noticed out of State plates. He described the man as appearing to be tall and heavy, but he is not sure of the height because they did not get out of the car. It is also his recollection that they appeared rather "tough" or "hard boiled", wore hats but no overcoats. He added that he was very busy at the time, and did not pay a great deal of attention to them, and he could not describe the condition of the car as to dust or mud, indicating considerable travel, or as to luggage, or other contents of the car.

Mr. Patton, a young man, stated that if he saw the men again he would recognize them, would note their appearance and automobile license number, and advise the United States District Attorney, Post Office Building, Sacramento, requesting that the San Francisco Division Office be notified.

No other newsstands handling out of town papers could be located in Sacramento. The hotels handle Pacific Coast papers generally, and a few handle the Denver Post. The Hotel Sacramento handles one New York City paper of minor circulation.



All of the places contacted referred Agent to the newstand operated by Mr. Patton at the corner of 7th and K Streets. This stand is on the main street so far as through traffic is concerned.

The following investigation at Oakland, California, was conducted by Special Agent Wm. R. Ramsey, Jr.:

Investigation developed that there are presently only two newstands carrying out of State newspapers, a stand at the northeast corner of 7th and Washington, L. Hooker, attendant, and on 12th between Broadway and Washington, attendant Guido Espino.

Inquiry conducted at these and other locations in Oakland where it was thought that such papers might have been carried, confirmed the information that only the two stands noted carried out of town papers.

At neither of these stands were St. Paul or Minneapolis papers available, and Agent was advised that they had not carried them for some two months. Further that no unusual inquiries had been made for such papers, or Chicago papers, nor had anyone endeavored to have them ordered.

The investigation set forth below was conducted by Special Agent T. P. Geraghty at San Francisco, California:

Agent made investigation at the Palace Hotel, Fairmont Hotel, and St. Francis Hotel; none of the above hotels handles St. Paul or Minneapolis papers.

The newsstand at 8 - 3rd Street, just off of Market Street, handles 4 Minneapolis papers a day, and one St. Paul weekly Sunday paper. The newsstand in front of 702 Market Street, near Kearney Street, handles two Minneapolis papers a day. No St. Paul papers handled.

Neither of the proprietors of the above newsstands could again recognize any purchaser of the Minneapolis or St. Paul papers.

Newsstands at Market and Powell, and Market and Jones Streets, do not handle St. Paul or Minneapolis papers.

The woman in charge of the out of town newspaper department at the Public Library, Civic Center, stated that the Public Library receives daily the Minneapolis Journal and St. Paul Pioneer Press, which papers are in demand everyday, but that she has taken no particular attention to persons calling for and reading said papers.

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St. Paul, Minnesota

February 23, 1934

MEMORANDUM:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

Each agent who is especially assigned to this case and those agents of the Chicago office who are working toward the location of the hideout, or who may thereafter do any work in the vicinity of the hideout, must be familiar with the contents.

Outstanding Noises Which Were Heard by  
Victim and Which Distinguish the  
Vicinity of the Hideout.

1. A loud stationary siren sounded early each weekday morning and at almost the same time a whistle, which appeared to be a factory whistle, also blew. This siren never sounded but once on Sunday, which was possibly the second Sunday of victim's captivity (January 28th) and at that time sounded perhaps three or four times.
2. A whistle which appeared to be a factory whistle, and also appeared to be stationary, blew each weekday morning and evening at about dusk, which whistle never blew at midday nor on Sunday.
3. A church bell rang each Saturday in the late afternoon, which bell again rang each Sunday morning several times, indicating several services.
4. A second church bell rang each Sunday morning once, indicating one Sunday morning service. No church bell was heard at any other times.
5. Railroad trains passed constantly, but many trains passed in the early morning and about dusk.
6. What appeared to be a shifting locomotive engine was heard daily at various times and was close enough to the hideout for the victim to hear the discharge of steam from the exhaust.
7. Airplanes were heard most of the days of victim's captivity, but not every day. Their noises appeared to have no regularity as to the time of day when heard.

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Characteristics Which  
Distinguish Location  
of Hideout House.

1. A large and a small dog could be heard almost daily by victim, barking in the vicinity of the house.

2. Children could be heard daily, plainly, very close to the hideout house; and the voices of the children indicated that they passed the hideout house each morning and afternoon to and from school.

3. Each day were heard sounds of motor vehicles close by, indicating that the highway was perhaps not more than two city blocks away; heard these vehicles change gears indicating that they were either stopping for a railroad crossing, an intersection, or changing gears for an incline.

4. The factory whistle appeared to be closer to the hideout house than the church bells but the church bells were closer than the siren. The locomotive was closer to the hideout than the factory whistle. Trains appeared to stop as for a station approximately one mile away.

5. To enter hideout, victim, close by the house, walked down from seven to ten steps, perhaps wooden.

6. Victim heard kidnapers' car when they would approach hideout but did not hear them leave, which may indicate that there is inclined ground in close proximity of house.

Peculiarities of Hideout House

1. Victim believes there were at least six rooms, and maybe more, on the floor of the house where he was confined; that there was a floor above him, which he thinks was occupied by a man, a woman, and two children.

2. He believes the entrance to the floor on which he was kept was through the kitchen.

3. An electric rug cleaner was used in the house.

4. The flushing lever to the toilet had the cover broken off, leaving only a metal screw effect.

5. Adjacent to the toilet, which was on the same floor that victim was kept, and the floor of the toilet was of a slightly higher level than that of the other rooms.

6. At least two stoves, one in the kitchen and one in an adjacent room, were coal burning stoves, and victim believes there was a coal bin on the floor on which he was kept.

7. The house was equipped with electric lights; and in victim's bedroom the light had a drop cord.

8. Victim's bed was of iron, the head of which appeared to have a metal scroll design effect.

9. The wall paper in victim's room contained trees with various colored flowers, shaped like clover leaves. The paper also contained a fence consisting of two upright posts together with horizontal posts of the same length on each side. The wooden pieces to each fence design ranged in number from nine to eleven.

10. Victim's bedroom contained a small, cheap wooden table covered with oil cloth.

11. Victim believes that there were four or more beds on the floor where he was confined.

12. It is possible that the door opening between the living room, wherein there was a coal burning stove, and the small room adjacent to the toilet had no door swung therein.

13. Victim's bedroom had a window near one corner, which window was boarded up and probably now contains marks in the window casing indicating that nails or screws were used.

Food Which was Furnished Victim  
and Concerning Which, When Hideout  
is Found, Investigation Should be  
Made to Establish Identification.

Meats:

Veal, pork, chicken, steak, and oysters.

Canned Fruit:

Peaches, pears, apricots, canned goods, peas, corn, tomato juice, coffee, chili con carne, perhaps chop suey.

Biscuits:

On one occasion, served biscuits which were possibly baker's biscuits or Bisquick biscuits.

Other Foods:

Celery, radishes, sliced tomatoes, ripe olives, apple pie, fresh pears, apples, oranges, colored beans, strawberry shortcake, and chop suey which may have been prepared by Chinese.

On one occasion, victim was given fresh fish, which he is quite sure were perch and which the kidnapers claimed they caught by fishing through ice.

Other Peculiarities

On one occasion, the hideout was visited by an outsider who remained in the kitchen and was entertained by only one of the kidnapers. He may have been a neighbor, a game warden, or a trapper, if trappers live in that vicinity. The investigative report covering this occasion should be reviewed and every effort made to locate him.

Investigative report should also be consulted for the peculiarities of cutlery, china, and dishes. A cereal bowl was furnished victim which was yellow inside with a blue flower therein.

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W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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U.S. Army Recruiting Office.  
Post Office Bldg.  
Glens Falls N.Y.

3/1/34.

Dear Sir.

I am very much interested in the List of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases that was sent me, I am up here in the foot hills of the Adirondacks Mountains a good hide out for kidnapers I think, and of course being a soldier in the Army do not have many five and ten dollar bills to check your list with, But I am staying at a Hotel here where there is plenty of money changes hands, and I have given this list to the manager of this Hotel and he is also very much interested in it, and we check it right along, Perhaps you have still in mind the Oconnell case that happened in Albany only sixty miles from here, I also have this in mind and know they are around here, and hope that I can be of some assistance to you some time, but being in the Federal Government the same as you are it would be difficult for me to get anything out of it, unless the Manager of the hotel was given credit for information that would eventually lead to an arrest and convection. However we have talked this thing over between ourselves, and if we should ever happen to run in to any of the numbers that you have listed, You can be assured that I will not fail to notify you.

Yours Respectfully.  
Lawrence X Considine.  
U.S. Army Representative.

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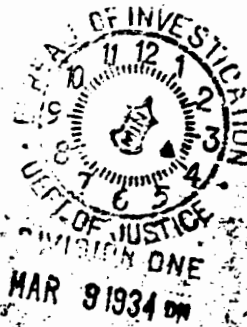
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334 Mr. Lawrence Considine,  
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Glens Falls, New York.

Dear Sir:-

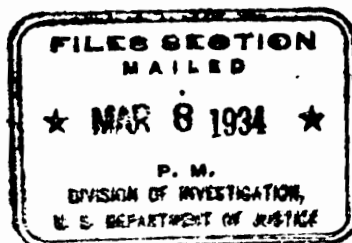
I desire to acknowledge receipt of your communication dated March 1, 1934, wherein you refer to the circular listing bank notes used as ransom in kidnapping cases which was issued by the Division of Investigation.

I desire to thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Should you at any time identify any currency by the list, please immediately notify either this office or Mr. F. X. Fay who is the Special Agent in Charge of the New York office of this Division located at 370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403, New York, New York.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc: N. Y.



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SUITE 1 - FEDERAL BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.  
FEBRUARY 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box No. 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases  
ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of February 23, 1934, relative the  
above entitled matter, you will find enclosed herewith eight photographs  
of Maurice Weiner, with aliases, together with three photostatic copies  
of Weiner's fingerprint card, all of which were secured from the United  
States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

In accordance with instructions contained in your letter, communica-  
tion is being forwarded to the Division requesting that fingerprints of this  
individual, together with those appearing in the title of this case, be  
placed in the single fingerprint file for comparison purposes.

Very truly yours,

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H. C. SPEAR

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625 Lafayette Building  
Detroit, Michigan  
March 1, 1934

- MEMORANDUM -

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Pursuant to instructions contained in memorandum of Special Agent in Charge Larson to the effect that Agent contact the news stands in the city of Detroit handling St. Paul or Minneapolis newspapers, all the news dealers mentioned in the memorandum were contacted by this Agent with the exception of the Majestic News Company located on the 5th floor of the Shubert Building, and the Bagley News Company, located at 620 Capitol Theatre Building, Agent being advised that these were distributing offices for the news stands, and they did not sell papers to individuals.

As the result of the contacts it was learned that there are only about six St. Paul and six Minneapolis newspapers received in Detroit, Michigan; that none of the stands have regular customers for these papers, and that it is very seldom that all the papers are sold.

Agent was advised by the men at the news stands that it is very seldom they see the same customer twice.

Photographs of members of the Karpis-Barker gang were shown to the men at the news stands and they advised that none of these men were known to them.

J. L. Murphy  
Special Agent

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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
February 28, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. ROYER:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -  
Victim. KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-30.

There has been received at the St. Paul Division office a letter from MR. ENOCH H. NELSON, Superintendent of Mails at Minneapolis, Minnesota, in which he advises that Carrier J. W. DWYER stated that the people who reside at 2427 East Lake of the Isles Boulevard think that C. H. DAVIS, who resided at that address, may be some sort of racketeer; that he appeared to have plenty of money, was well dressed, and used to stay out until three or four a.m.

Agent interviewed Carrier J. W. DWYER of the Traffic Station and he advised that MRS. ANNA F. BUHOLZ resides at 2427 East Lake of the Isles Boulevard; that she has resided at this address for many years and that she is the owner of the home at this address and is, in his opinion, thoroughly reliable.

Agent interviewed MRS. BUHOLZ, who advised that on January 15, 1934, MR. C. H. DAVIS, who at that time was employed by the National Fiber Can Company of Cudahy, Wisconsin, as a Minneapolis representative, obtained a room at her home and remained there until February 15, 1934, a period of one month; that during this period, DAVIS went out quite frequently with an individual by the name of MASTERCAN, whose father, she understands, owns and operates the National Fiber Can Company, and that on these occasions he kept very late hours:

MRS. BUHOLZ described this individual as being 29 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches, 165 pounds, chestnut hair, brown eyes, pleasing personality, and was a neat dresser.

She was unable to identify the suspects in this case as being DAVIS. From the above, it would seem that this C. H. DAVIS is not the DAVIS involved in this investigation.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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D. L. NICHOLSON 3 1934  
Special Agent

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
February 23, 1934

DB:00

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al.,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
Kidnaping

Reference is made to my letter to you, dated February 23, 1934, in the above-captioned case, particularly to paragraphs two and three on page two of said letter, in which it is indicated that one Tom Antone had been interviewed at the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, and that he said that his wife, Billie Evans, was in jail at Vinita, Oklahoma on a forgery charge.

Please be advised that Special Agent Hollis has interviewed Billie Evans, who is now in jail at Vinita, Oklahoma on a forgery charge. She stated to Agent Hollis that she is not married to Antone, but that she is from McAlester, Oklahoma, and met him in that vicinity last fall, and after his escape from the Penitentiary, accompanied him to Chicago, Illinois; that Antone said that Dorothy Slaymon (or Slayman), the alleged wife of Alvin Karpis, is a niece of Antone, and that while in Chicago, she and Antone visited Dorothy Slaymon who was residing at that time in the 900 block on Buena Terrace in an apartment with a girl whose first name is Kay, but whose last name is unknown; that Dorothy Slaymon's name is on the buzzer or directory in this apartment building, and that Dorothy was at that time working with the Eastman Kodak Company in Chicago; that she did not see Karpis while in Chicago and did not hear his name mentioned, but that Antone and the Slaymon woman had several talks of a confidential nature which she did not overhear, and every indication is that probably the Slaymon girl is related to Antone. This information was furnished telephonically on February 24th to the Chicago office.

Agent Hollis, in a further interview with Melissa Deven at Tulsa, Oklahoma, mentioned in the letter referred to, learned that Harry Campbell and people reside at 825 South Rockford, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and that Campbell has a favorite sister whose name is Laura Campbell; that this girl, sometime in

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January, went to St. Louis, Missouri for the purpose of undergoing a surgical operation, but that she did not go through with it, and returned to Tulsa, and got some treatment in a local hospital there; that the Bevan woman has stated that Laura Campbell now has her bags packed, and is in readiness to go to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota for this operation sometime about March 1, 1934. Malissa Bevan stated that it is a known fact that the Campbell family is in destitute circumstances, and that no member thereof is earning enough money to defray the expenses of even the trip to St. Louis, Missouri, or the trip to Rochester, Minnesota, and the general belief is, of course, that Harry Campbell is furnishing this girl with the money required in these activities. This information has been furnished telephonically to the St. Paul office, with the suggestion that inquiry might be made at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota to determine whether arrangements have been made for the hospitalization of Laura Campbell, and in the event she goes there, proper surveillance could be maintained in an effort to ascertain whether Harry Campbell contacts her.

This office, at this time, has under consideration the matter of shadowing Laura Campbell if it can be learned that she really is going to Rochester, Minnesota for hospital treatment, as it is thought she possibly might contact Harry Campbell en route.

On February 24, 1934, I received a long distance telephone call from Special Agent in Charge Blake of the Dallas office, in which he referred to a memorandum of Agent Guinane of the Oklahoma City office, dated December 18, 1933, which relates to the information furnished concerning the home of one Horace Cannady (or Kennedy) near Madill, Oklahoma, suspected as being the hide-out of gangsters and outlaws. Mr. Blake stated that he had received information from one E. E. Wyatt, a Special Agent of the Ft. Worth and Denver Railroad, to the effect that a confidential informant of Wyatt, whose name has not been learned, has made the statement to Wyatt that there are supposed to be four men in an automobile, at the home of Horace Cannady near Madill, Oklahoma; that this car bears a Michigan license, and that the four men are the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer.

The Oklahoma City office has a file on one Horace Cannady, alias Horace Kennedy, a boxcar thief, who has been convicted in Federal Court and sentenced to the Leavenworth Penitentiary. Inquiry by Agent Smith of this office of the Frisco Railroad Special Agents, disclosed that Horace Cannady is now serving a term in the McAlester State Penitentiary for boxcar theft. The Penitentiary at McAlester was contacted, and it was ascertained that Cannady is now confined there.

Agents Smith and Deaderick immediately went to Ardmore, Madill and Tishomingo, Oklahoma where inquiries were made of reliable persons with

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respect to whether any Horace Cannady (or Kennedy) is known in that locality. None is known to any of the officers interviewed. Inquiries were made of the Assistant Postmaster at Madill, Oklahoma with respect to whether or not any Horace Cannady (or Kennedy) is known down there or has been known in the past, and results were negative.

Agents Smith and Deaderick interviewed T. S. Splawn, Sheriff at Madill, Oklahoma who is said by Sheriff Fred Hunt of Tishomingo, Oklahoma, a friend of this Division, to be reliable and trustworthy, and Splawn stated that he formerly was an employee in the Post Office and has resided at Madill for many, many years, but has never heard of any Horace Cannady (or Kennedy) and that he has no information as to any such hide-out in that locality. Sheriff Splawn related to these Agents that about a week prior to the 24th of February, he was informed that two or three strange men in a large car, bearing a Michigan State license, had visited two local prostitutes, and that these men were well-dressed, apparently suspicious, and they were not known, but that before he could get down to conduct an investigation, they had gone, where he did not learn nor did anyone ascertain the make of the car or the license number it was bearing.

In view of the fact that the informant of Wyatt and informant of Detective Ed Weatherford of the Ft. Worth Police Department, mentioned in the memorandum of Agent Guinane, December 18, 1935, whose identity is not known by this office, had definite information as to the location of one Horace Cannady (or Kennedy), it was not deemed advisable at this time to interview the alleged prostitutes at Madill, Oklahoma contacted by the men in the car with the Michigan State license.

Upon receipt of advice from Agents Smith and Deaderick as to their failure to find any trace of Horace Cannady (or Kennedy), I contacted Special Agent in Charge Blake at Dallas, and requested that every effort be made to have the informant, or one of them in this matter, meet Agents of this office at Ardmore, Oklahoma, or that vicinity, in an effort to determine definitely the location of this place. Mr. Blake later informed me that he had contacted Ed Weatherford of the Ft. Worth Police Department, and that Weatherford believed that the informant could locate the place and would proceed to Ardmore, but not unless accompanied by Weatherford, where a conference could be had with representatives of this office in an effort to locate this place.

Mr. Blake informed me that he would advise when the informant and Ed Weatherford could proceed to Ardmore, and would designate a meeting place.

Up to the present writing, no information has been received to the effect when the informant is to be at Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Further investigation in connection with the Barkers, Karpis, Campbell and Volney Davis has been conducted in this District, and reports covering the same will be submitted as early as practicable.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Division  
Kansas City, Mo.  
Dallas, Texas  
Chicago, Ill.

1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 1, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Suite "L", Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

On even date, this office received a letter from  
Mr. John Karpavicz, 224 North Broadway, Topeka, Kansas, said letter  
being postmarked at Topeka, Kansas, 2:00 P.M., February 26,  
1934.

It is understood that KARPIS has frequented Topeka  
and vicinity and that he has a sister living in Topeka.

In confirmation of my wire of even date to you,  
it is requested that pertinent investigation be conducted at  
the State Savings Bank in Topeka, Kansas.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 1, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
Edward George Bremer, Victim.  
KIDNAPING. Chicago File 7-82.

Reference is made to your letter dated February 26, 1934, at Saint Paul, Minnesota, in which you request twenty photostatic copies of each of the following photographs: Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, Arthur R. Barker, Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker.

It is noted these are the large photographs transmitted with your letter of February 26th. Reference is now made to my telephonic conversation with you yesterday afternoon, in which it was explained that twenty copies of each of the photographs of the above named persons, were forwarded to you on the night of February 27, 1934, in view of which fact, you advised it would not be necessary to make twenty copies of each of the larger photographs.

In keeping with our telephonic conversation of this morning, I am transmitting herewith, to you, the large photographs of the above named five individuals.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Room 1403  
370 Lexington Ave.  
New York City

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March 1, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers' Building  
Chicago, Illinois

AUG 15 1934

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim  
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent B. M. Hirsch dated at Washington, D. C. February 27th, 1934, and the portion thereof relating to the goggles involved in this matter.

It has been ascertained by Special Agent C. E. Weeks, of this office, that these goggles were manufactured by the Chicago Eye Shield Company, 2300 Warren Boulevard, Chicago, this information being supplied by Mr. F. A. Fink of the White Head Metal Products Company, New York, agents for these goggles. Mr. Fink advised that a Mr. Malcolm is the president and owner of the Chicago Company and should be contacted with reference thereto. He stated that Mr. Liautand may be contacted in the event of Mr. Malcolm's absence.

The goggle is listed as Industrial Goggle, 524 "M and L" and is made to wear over regular eyeglasses. Mr. Fink advised that they are a comparatively expensive make of goggle and are not ordinarily used except where State labor regulations require such precautions, and are as a general matter sold to large industrial concerns; further, that it is a common thing for strips of inner tubing to be used as a headband when the original headband wears out. He further advised that the ventilation holes on the sides of the goggles are covered by a steel mesh at the time of manufacture. Information as to distributors of these goggles should be obtained from the Chicago office of the company.

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During the course of the investigation, Mr. C. W. Blount, Assistant Manager of the Bakelite Corporation, 247 Park Avenue, New York City, was interviewed and he advised that the frames for the goggles are made of bakelite, described as material #1957 with 34 oak; that the frames were apparently manufactured about five years ago inasmuch as the outer portions of the shield have become scarred due to exposure to weather, whereas the portion nearest the rim is still smooth, indicating that they were molded before the time when the molders were aware of the best process of molding and that they had used the 34 oak to strengthen the construction around the frames. Incidentally he pointed out that these goggles have been used in both grinding and welding work, it being indicated that they were used for grinding due to the fact that particles of steel are adhering to the sides of the goggles and that they were used for welding, due to the fact that splashes of the acid penetrated into the glass. He suggested that a chemist should be able to analyze the particles of steel adhering to the sides to determine whether it is machine or tool steel and that in the event it appears to be tool steel, the field of search for the place at which they were used may be greatly limited.

He further stated that inasmuch as it appeared they had been used for both grinding and welding, the probability is that they were used in a very small shop or garage where one individual would do both types of work.

The goggles in question have been forwarded to the Chicago office by separate cover and a summary of the foregoing information submitted by telegram today.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY  
Special Agent in Charge

CC:Division ✓  
St. Paul



U. S. Department of Justice  
**Bureau of Investigation**  
311 Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

March 2, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Upon telephonic instructions from Mr. H. H. Clegg of the Division, Agent Levin interviewed Mr. Alexander Jamie at the Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C. on February 24, 1934.

Mr. Jamie advised that he did not have in his possession any files relating to any cases and particularly to the Woolverton kidnaping which occurred in 1932 at South Bend, Indiana and also the file in connection with the robbery of the First State Bank, Holland, Michigan. Mr. Jamie, however, stated that he had recently received a letter from his son from Chicago which in substance stated that Agent John Madala attached to the Chicago Division Office had interviewed the son and had either been given or had access to the two above mentioned files. Mr. Jamie further stated that if such were not the case, he would immediately, upon request, advise his son to turn over whatever information the Division sought in connection with the two above described files.

In addition, Mr. Jamie recalled that a Lieutenant Hutson of the Michigan State Police whose headquarters are Lansing, Michigan, had been actively interested in the robbery of the First State Bank of Holland, Michigan and doubtless had more information than Mr. Jamie's file in that matter would reveal.

This information was given to Mr. Clegg by telephone on February 24, 1934.

Very truly yours,

*Earle M. Black*  
EARLE M. BLACK, Assistant  
Special Agent in Charge.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.  
FEBRUARY 28, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, to this office under date of February 23, 1934, there are being transmitted herewith a photostatic copy of the fingerprints and two photographs of Maurice Weiner, alias Red Viner, alias Maurice Viner, obtained from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, where his register number is 39154.

Pursuant to Inspector Rorer's instructions, it is respectfully requested that the attached fingerprints of Weiner be placed in the single fingerprint file for comparison purposes in connection with the above captioned case.

Very truly yours,

*M. C. Spear*

M. C. SPEAR  
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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1900 HUNTER'S BUILDING  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

March 1, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that a zipper brief bag bearing the name of Mr. Dahill, Chief of Police, St. Paul, Minnesota, was left at this office some time ago by Assistant Attorney General Joseph B. Keenan. This bag contained certain papers and was held intact here and was forwarded to you yesterday for delivery to Mr. Dahill.

Please see that he gets this bag immediately.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,

Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

RAA:SLH

March 2, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

RE: EDWARD DOLL with aliases--  
I. O. #1214  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act

The following arrangements have been made with respect to the removal of this subject from Tampa, Florida, to Springfield in the Southern District of Illinois.

C. M. Hildreth, Jr., United States Marshal, Jacksonville, Florida, advised that he has received authority from the Department to employ three guards to accompany Deputy United States Marshal Joe Moe in the transportation of this subject from Tampa, Florida, to Springfield, Illinois; that the three guards will be hand-picked and he has instructed Deputy Moe to exercise all precaution in the removal of this individual. He has arranged a drawing-room reservation for the entire route.

The party will leave Tampa, Florida, March 3, 1934, at 1:10 P. M., via Seaboard Air Line Railway, arriving at Jacksonville, Florida, at 7:15 P. M.; will depart from Jacksonville at 9 P. M., via Southern Railway; will arrive at Atlanta, Georgia, March 4, 1934, at 6:20 A. M.; will leave Atlanta, via N. C. & St. L. at 8 A. M., arriving at St. Louis, Missouri, on March 5, 1934, at 7:45 A. M.; will leave St. Louis at 9:10 A. M., arriving in Springfield, Illinois, March 5, 1934, at 11:30 A. M.

Deputy Joe Moe has been advised and cautioned by the writer, generally and specifically, to exercise all possible precaution in the handling of this man. He has been advised of his desperate character and that undoubtedly he will attempt to escape if given the smallest opportunity.

Doll will be kept under constant guard of Division Agents until his departure from Tampa.

Suggestion is made to the St. Louis office that the custodian of the institution in which Doll will be confined in Springfield, Illinois, be warned and cautioned to use all care to prevent this person's escape. Doll has indicated that if given a fifty-fifty chance he will at least make an attempt to escape.

Very truly yours,

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R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Suite 1 -  
Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri,  
March 1, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1216 Smith-Young Tower Building,  
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases  
ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

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The St. Paul office advised by letter dated February 20, 1934, that it is necessary to locate Paula Harmon, who is now associating with Doc Barker, Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis, and to that end, your attention is invited to the report of Special Agent in Charge R. G. Harvey, Kansas City, Mo., March 25, 1932, in the case captioned: Frank Nash, Escaped Federal Prisoner, a copy of which report was furnished to your office.

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The above mentioned letter from the St. Paul office dated February 20, 1934, suggested that Paula Harmon be located through Mrs. Maud Mikuel, and that if no success were had in locating Paula Harmon, that probably the address of Madelyn Snyder, a very close friend of Paula Harmon, could be determined.

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Investigation at Kansas City, Kansas, by Special Agent H. D. Bray reveals that Frank and Margaret Mikuel moved from 537 Elizabeth Street, during June 1932, to 1140 Quindaro Boulevard, and that they have been gone from that address about nine months, according to Mrs. Hannon, the owner of the property.

The Post Office at Kansas City, Kansas, has no forwarding address on Mr. and Mrs. Mikuel, however, it was learned from John Mikuel, 400 Fowler Street, Kansas City, Mo., that he is a brother of Frank, and that Frank and Margaret Mikuel are now residing at 1616 Walker Ave., Houston, Texas, and that Fran Mikuel is employed in a garage somewhere in Houston.

It is suggested that your office carry out the request of the St. Paul office by endeavoring to locate Paul Harmon and Madelyn Snyder through Mrs. Mikuel.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Division  
cc-St. Paul

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>Chicago, Ill.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3/3/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2/22, 23, 26/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>M. F. GLENN</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Alvin Karpis, Fred and Arthur Barker and associates unknown at the Florence Hotel, Pullman, Illinois. Room 21, Graceton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, was occupied by one David Feinerman, alias A. B. Fine, and his paramour from November 10 to December 23, 1933. Efforts to determine the identity of Feinerman's paramour at this time unsuccessful.</p>			
<p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Letter from the Kansas City Office, dated 2/16/34. Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, dated 2/20/34.</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>Mrs. William Fischer, manager of the Florence Hotel, Pullman, Illinois, advised, when interviewed, that M. J. Finley, who formerly resided at this hotel, and who was in the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad as a special agent, is now deceased. The photographs of Alvin Karpis, the two Barker brothers, Kate Barker, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, Theodore and Edward Bentz, Sam Tarran and Thomas Carroll were exhibited to Mrs. William Fischer, the manager of the Florence Hotel above referred to, and she was unable to identify any of them. Said photographs were also exhibited to the manager of the Florence Hotel, namely Mr. William Fischer, and to the clerk at said hotel, William Simpson, and they failed to identify these pictures as being those of anyone known to them.</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>M. H. C. [Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-957	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 5 - 1934
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The register at the Florence Hotel, Pullman, Illinois, was checked from December 1930 to date, and same failed to reveal that Alvin Karpis or the Barker brothers had registered at this hotel during the period indicated. Mrs. William Fischer, the manager of the Florence Hotel, advised that she would gladly communicate with this Office in the event any of the above named individuals should appear at her place. It is noted, however, from the report of Special Agent J. J. Keating, dated August 4, 1932, at Chicago, Illinois, entitled "FRANK NASH, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO 1166, ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER" that the Fischers are not considered reliable, and that no information of value may be expected from them.

Referring to reference letter dated at Kansas City on 2/16/34, it was noted that a billfold containing a pencilled memorandum bearing the following inscription - "Drexel 0780, Room 21" and the name "Gloria Passen" was found in the yard of Don Hassebrook, 1346 High Street, Topeka, Kansas; that this billfold apparently was owned by Thomas Carroll, with aliases.

Mrs. L. H. Eckroad, manager of the Graceton Hotel, 4249 Drexel Blvd., Chicago, Illinois, telephone - Drexel 0780, informed Special Agent W. C. Baum, of the Chicago Division Office, that Room 21, prior to the opening date of the Fair in Chicago, had not been occupied for approximately two years; that during the Fair this room was occupied from time to time by various individuals, none of whom remained more than one night; that on November 10, 1933, she rented this room to one A. B. Feinerman and his alleged wife, Anne Feinerman; that they occupied this room until December 23, 1933. Mrs. Eckroad informed Agent Baum that she was not very well acquainted with the Feinermans; that they never spoke to anybody while living at this address.

Mrs. Eckroad, when interviewed by the writer, advised that Feinerman was apparently of Jewish origin; that he recently operated a restaurant or tavern at 205 East 43rd Street, Chicago, Illinois; that he had sold out this place some time during the middle of December 1933. Mrs. Eckroad stated further that Feinerman and his alleged wife, Anne, left the Graceton Hotel on December 23, 1933, stating that they were going to Detroit, Michigan, and expected to open a tavern at 47th and Drexel Blvd., Chicago, Illinois, on their return from Detroit. Mrs. Eckroad stated further that a short time prior to the Feinermans' departure from the Graceton Hotel, Feinerman purchased a Ford Coupe; that she believed this was a 1933 model. She

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stated she had no idea where this car was purchased and no more information to offer regarding same.

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Mrs. Eckroad stated that the Feinermans received no mail while living at the Graceton Hotel, and had no friends visiting them. She also stated that she had no idea where Feinerman or his alleged wife came from. She stated, however, that she believed that Mrs. Feinerman came from the North Side of Chicago, and on one occasion heard her call a telephone number with a Sunnyside exchange; that Mrs. Feinerman told her, Mrs. Eckroad, that this was her sister's telephone number.

Mrs. Eckroad described Feinerman and his alleged wife as follows:

Name	A. B. Feinerman
Age	35
Height	5'5"
Weight	160 to 170 lbs.
Build	stocky
Complexion	swarthy
Hair	black, somewhat curly, turning gray over the temples
Eyes	blue
Marks & Scars	appeared to have scar on right side of mouth
Beard	heavy and dark, however clean shaven
Mouth	large and flabby
Appearance	unkempt and dirty
Nationality	apparently Jewish

Name	Anne Feinerman
Age	20
Height	5'6"
Weight	100 lbs.
Build	slender
Hair	bleached blonde
Eyes	hazel
Complexion	fair and pale
Dressed in a black crepe dress and black seal skin jaquette.	

Photographs of Karpis, the Barker brothers, Davis, Campbell, Kate Barker, Thomas Carroll and the two Bentz brothers were exhibited to Mrs. Bokroad and she failed to identify any of them.

James Lynch, assistant superintendent of Post Office Station M, 4235 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, informed the writer that Feinerman and his alleged wife were unknown to this Office; that their records failed to reveal that Feinerman ever received mail General Delivery or rented a box at said office.

Inquiry at 205 East 43rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, revealed that this store is now occupied by two colored men who operate a tavern. They stated, when interviewed, that Feinerman was unknown to them, and suggested that inquiry be made at the office of the J. F. Armstrong Realty Company, 205 East 43rd Street, regarding the identity of Feinerman.

The application for rental of the premises at 205 East 43rd Street, on file at the office of J. F. Armstrong Realty Company, 205 East 43rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, was examined and same revealed that these premises were leased to one David Fineman, from August 29, 1933 to December 10, 1933; that at the time these premises were rented Fineman claimed to be living at 535 Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and gave as references Dr. A. M. Oberman, 818 W. 14th Street, Chicago, Illinois, and William Weinstein, 4022 Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Illinois. The clerk on duty at the office of the J. F. Armstrong Realty Company informed the writer that on December 10, 1933 Fineman sold his business at 205 East 43rd Street, and that his present whereabouts are now unknown to them.

Mrs. Carol Luck, 535 Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, when interviewed, stated that she had rented one of her rooms to Feinerman some time in July of 1933; that he left her about the first of November 1933, and that when he left he was several weeks in arrears on his room rent. Mrs. Luck stated that she knew nothing of Feinerman's connections in the City of Chicago, and was not aware that he had an alleged wife by the name of Anne. Mrs. Luck was unable to give any in-

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Under the pretense of being a restaurant owner, Agent called on Manny Goodman and Solly Schuman, both of whom are mentioned above, and inquired as to where they purchased their chili. Both of them stated that they purchased their chili from some concern in Chicago, and denied that they purchased any from David Feinerman.

It will be noted from the interview had with Mrs. Eckroad, manager of the Graceton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, that Feinerman, who apparently is known under the following names - David or A. B. Feinerman, or David or A. B. Fineman - is now said to be the owner of a Ford Coupe. It is quite possible that when Feinerman purchased this car he gave the address of 535 Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, or Graceton Hotel, 4249 Drexel Blvd., Chicago, Illinois.

Report covering the remainder of the investigation requested in reference letter will go forth from this Office immediately.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE ST. LOUIS OFFICE will direct a letter to the Secretary of State of the State of Illinois at Springfield, Illinois, to determine whether or not there is a Ford Coupe, probably a 1933 model registered under the following names: David or A. B. Feinerman, or David or A. B. Fineman, 535 Wrightwood Avenue, or Graceton Hotel, 4249 Drexel Blvd., Chicago, Illinois. If there is such a car registered determine where same was purchased.

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THE CHICAGO OFFICE at Chicago, Illinois [redacted] and will  
also secure photograph of Feinerman from police department.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota.**

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>Kansas City, Mo.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3-1-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2-14 to 2-28 1934</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>M. C. SPEAR JGW</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Details possible Bremer hideout Davenport, Iowa, do not coincide with chart actual hideout. Vail-Frost and Madley left Kansas City hotel for Chicago February 17, 1934. Further investigation to locate Karpis and associates through Informant at Topeka, Kansas futile to date; investigation along this line being continued. Photographs Frank and Bossie Nigro, former suspects in Katz kidnaping, Kansas City, Missouri, 1931, being furnished St. Paul for possible identification instant case. Fred and Arthur Barker apparently not known to have visited father, George Barker, at Neosho, Missouri since summer of 1933. Further investigation being made at Neosho in an effort to obtain information relative location Barker Brothers. Investigation Kansas City, Missouri Water Department fails to reflect Volney Davis as employee thereof. Numerous stores throughout Kansas City territory contacted relative to sale of flashlights and lens used in instant case, but no information obtained to indicate any suspects purchased such merchandise Kansas City territory.</p>			
<p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, dated February 20, 1934.</p>			
<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:          3 - Division          3 - St. Paul          2 - Oklahoma City          2 - Chicago          4 - Kansas City (1 File 62-766)</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</b></p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">7-576-958</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MAR 5 1934 A M</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <i>[Signature]</i></p>	
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DETAILS:

Referring to letter from Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni, of the St. Paul Office, to the Kansas City Office, dated February 18, 1934, requesting that an investigation be made relative to the possible hideout where Bremer was kept, being in Davenport, Iowa, based upon information furnished by Mrs. Mary Kroll, 2340 East High Street, Davenport, Iowa, Special Agent Iiah Whitson, under the guise of conducting a survey of economical housing conditions in behalf of the Civil Works Administration, gained entrance to all houses on the north side of the street, in the 2300 block on East High Street at Davenport and made a thorough inspection of the various houses visited; however, Agent Whitson did not locate a house which answered the description of the place where Bremer was held in this kidnaping case. The house designated by Mrs. Mary Kroll at 2326 East High Street, Davenport, Iowa, was examined by Special Agent Whitson, and it was found that the occupants are Joe Cerney, wife Louise Cerney, his son Charlie, and his daughter Helen.

Agent Whitson states technically there might be considered to be four rooms downstairs in this house, but the living room stretches across the front of the entire house, using space otherwise possible for two rooms. The furniture is new looking and there is a cabinet radio. Back of the long living room is a bedroom and kitchen. Between the bedroom and kitchen is a stairway to the cellar and attic. The house has a hot water heating system, and the living quarters are very neat, even the furnace appearing to be clean. The only room which appears to be not particularly neat is the laundry room and the basement. From Agent Whitson's examination of these premises, it did not appear that the same was that where Bremer was held, judging from the chart of the Bremer kidnaping hideout, which was furnished by the St. Paul Office. A chart of the Cerney premises prepared by Agent Whitson is attached to St. Paul copies of this report.

Agent Whitson noticed that at 6:30 AM the bells of the State Orphans' Home at Davenport rang; however, he did not hear a siren or factory whistle at 7:00 AM. In view of the fact that Agent Whitson had proceeded into the house under the guise of a Civil Works Administration worker, he did not question the occupants, Joe Cerney and his family, relative to the gentleman who was supposed to have been brought into those premises with a bandaged head, as mentioned by Mrs. Mary Kroll, information of which will be found in the copy of Agent Dewey's memorandum set out in letter from the Kansas City Office to the St. Paul Office under date of February 7, 1934. An interview will be had with the Cerney family in the immediate future to ascertain the details relative to the individual who Mrs. Kroll saw being taken into the Cerney home with a bandaged head.

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Reference is made to the report of Assistant Director Harold Nathan, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, February 21, 1934, particularly the memorandum of Special Agent T. J. Dodd set out therein, on pages three to six inclusive, relative to Vail Frost of Lime Spring, Iowa; reference is also being made to letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer to the Kansas City Office under date of February 22, 1934 relative to Frost.

Through investigation by Special Agent O. C. Dewey at Des Moines, Iowa, it was ascertained that 1933 Iowa license plates 45-947 were issued on a 1928 Cadillac Sedan, motor number 302521, in the name of V. V. Frost of Lime Spring, Iowa. Contact by Special Agent Dewey with the State Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Des Moines, Iowa, reflected that that Bureau had no record of information on file concerning Vail Frost.

It was likewise ascertained that the above described Cadillac Sedan had not been licensed in the State of Missouri.

The following memorandum has been submitted by Special Agent G. F. Hurley relative to the investigation of Special Agent A. E. Farland and himself relative to their inquiries to locate the Frosts. The information obtained was immediately furnished Special Agent Hall of the St. Paul Office by telephone, and pursuant to this telephonic conversation the Kansas City Office was advised to make no efforts to cause the apprehension of Mrs. Frost in Kansas City, however to endeavor to ascertain her whereabouts in order that such information would be available in the event the same was later needed.

February 22, 1934.

Memorandum for Mr. Spear:

Re: Unknown Subjects;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping

"On above date Agents A. E. Farland and G. F. Hurley proceeded to the Berkshire Hotel, 1021 Linwood Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri, and ascertained from Mrs. Ostrander, Manager, that on February 10, 1934, a Mr. V. V. Frost and wife registered in at the hotel; registration card No. 349 shows Mr. V. V. Frost and wife, 331 West Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, assigned room 604. Registration card No. 374 for February 11, 1934 shows the name of P. W. Medley, 230 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, assigned room 604.

"The employees at the hotel were questioned about the activities of the above people and gave the following information; that both Mr. Medley and Mr. and Mrs. Frost were continually visiting each others room and were up at all hours of the night;

Mr. Frost had a large bird dog that he played with continually, and Mrs. Frost had an angora cat with her as a pet. Medley only had a hand trunk with him when he checked in, but the Frosts had considerable luggage. The employees are under the impression that Frost and Medley had cars, but could give no information concerning the same, other than that one of them was a Cadillac.

"Both Mr. Frost and Mr. Medley left the hotel on February 17th sometime in the morning; Mrs. Frost did not leave the hotel until later in the day, stating that she was going to live with some doctor while her husband was away.

Mrs. Frost has called at the hotel periodically since that time for mail. When Frost and Medley left the hotel they left as a forwarding address, the New Vickery Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. When Medley left the hotel he paid his rent with a check, drawn on some Chicago bank.

Medley was described by the employees at the hotel as being about 35 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches in height, 140 pounds in weight, slim build, wore dark glasses, chestnut brown hair streaked with grey, clean cut in appearance, and talked with a New York accent. Pictures of Alvin Karpis, suspect in this case, were shown to the employees, and while no positive identification was established, the consensus of opinion was that the pictures did resemble Medley. It should be borne in mind that Medley usually wore dark glasses while around the hotel.

On February 15th, Medley sent two telegrams while staying at the hotel. These telegrams were viewed by Agent at the local Western Union Station, 1015 East 31st Street, Kansas City, Missouri, through the courtesy of [REDACTED]. One telegram was addressed to Mrs. P. W. Medley, 112 South 50th Street, Omaha, Nebraska:

The second telegram was addressed to Mrs. H. Medley, 741 North 26th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

Investigation was made at the LaSalle Garage, which is located across from the Berkshire Hotel, to ascertain whether or not Medley or Frost had parked their car there while staying at the hotel. The registration sheet of this garage failed to disclose any information about either a Cadillac or a Plymouth car, which cars were supposed to have been in the possession of Frost and Medley while they were in Kansas City. A check was also made at the Berkshire Garage with no results.

No effort was made to locate Mrs. Frost until the above information was relayed to the St. Paul Office, and this action is being left to the discretion of the St. Paul Office.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd) G. F. Hurley,

Special Agent

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Investigation has been pursued further by the Kansas City Office in an endeavor to locate Alvin Karpis and his associates through contact with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and the following memorandum concerning further investigation by Special Agents W. F. Trainor and A. E. Farland has been submitted by Special Agent Trainor:

Reference is made to the report in this case dated at Kansas City, Missouri. [REDACTED] Mention is there made of Informant [REDACTED] who was endeavoring to secure information relative to the location of Alvin Karpis, through Italians named Frank, Tony and Joe of Kansas City, who are said to be mutual friends of [REDACTED] and Karpis.

The location of the dine and dance establishment of these Italians was finally fixed by [REDACTED] as 532 Grand Avenue. [REDACTED] also secured the phone number of that establishment as Harrison 9182. Later investigation at the Telephone Company relative to this phone will be shown herein.

On each day from February 19 to 22, 1934, [REDACTED] met this Agent at the Pickwick Hotel, in Kansas City, Missouri, per arrangement with him. He was unable during his stay here to make personal contact with "Frank" or to learn the surnames of the Italians in question. He was unable to learn where they live, as he was told by a boy on duty at 532 Grand Avenue that Tony and Frank, while they reside somewhere in Kansas City, always call the restaurant themselves and their residence address or personal telephone numbers are unknown at their place of business.

[REDACTED] saw Tony in a dark colored Chevrolet Sedan, with two other men who were strange to him. Tony was in the front seat, on the right hand side and another man was behind the steering wheel, the third man being in the back seat. [REDACTED] The lights were out and he was not able to secure the license number of the car without suspicious scrutiny and therefore did not do so. [REDACTED]

that Tony had some money which he was afraid to spend because it was "hot". That it was not counterfeit, but that it was desired that it be changed for other currency.

The informant described the companions of Tony as follows:

(1) Man in driver's seat:

Age: 30-35 years

Height: 5' 10"

WEIGHT: 170 to 175 lbs.

Complexion: Light

Dressed in grey overcoat, felt hat. Appeared like a prize-fighter, had cauliflower ears. Apparently an American. Spoke in calm tones, plain English speech.

(2) Man in back seat of car:

Age 22-24 years

Height: 5'5"

Weight: 140 lbs.

Complexion: Dark

Dressed in dark suit, no overcoat; wore red tie with black diagonal stripes. Did little talking. Had Accent of Green, Italian, or Mexican. Looked like Mexican.

These parties were seen only in sitting posture, according to the informant, and he could not secure a clear view of them due to poor light.

The car in which Tony and these men were seated was parked in the street on Locust near 6th Street, in front of a grey colored tenement house, across from which there is a vacant lot.

and to keep in touch with the

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On the night of February 21st Agent R. G. Reed and this Agent stopped at the Pickwick Hotel in order that the informant might make immediate contact with information as to any new development, but he failed to call or appear, as he was asked to do if any new information were available.

\_\_\_\_\_ went to 532 Grand Avenue where the boy on duty told him that \_\_\_\_\_ and Tony were both there. \_\_\_\_\_

they had left town that morning, around 9:00 A.M. That they were driving a tan colored Auburn Coupe with yellow canvas top and that the boy on duty had carried some suitcases to the car for them when they left.

On the evening of February 22nd, Sheriff Rogers, of Topeka, advised telephonically that [redacted] to have seen a tan colored coupe of description similar to that in which Frank and Tony were allegedly traveling from Kansas City, [redacted]

the informant stated that he had not since seen the Italians.

Topeka was arranged at the National Bank of Topeka in a vacant office

He promised to keep in close contact with the Sheriff and it was arranged that he should secure any money which might be given him by the Italians to change, and that he would bring it to Mr. Rogers, if the opportunity offered, and if not to change it at some department store and immediately advise Mr. Rogers where it was changed.

The informant was shown photographs of Karpis, Arthur R. Barker,

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Fred Barker, T. L. Carroll and numerous other suspects in this matter, but stated he could not identify any of them as men whom he had seen while in Kansas City.

The Kansas City Office is keeping in close touch with this informant and if any new developments occur the Sheriff at Topeka will immediately call for the assistance of the Kansas City Office. The instant case was not mentioned by Agents but Sheriff Dean Rogers of Topeka suggested that the Italians might be disposing of some of the Bremer ransom money. Mr. Rogers is keeping the matter secret and no publicity will be given same, according to his statement.

Mr. Rogers stated that there is a party named Earl Mallory residing at 451 Lake Street, Topeka, Kansas. That Mallory is a police character and is now on bond in Topeka on charges of Highway Robbery. That he suspects Mallory of being friendly with members of the Barker-Karpis mob and that his house is being watched closely. He stated that there was at the residence on the afternoon of February 23rd two strange automobiles; one a Hupmobile Sedan, green and black color, bearing California 1934 license #6B-5037 and a Ford 1929 model Coupe, dark blue color, bearing California 1934 tags #7N9150. It was also ascertained that there are strange men in the house as a general rule. The house will be closely watched by Mr. Rogers. As yet he did not believe it advisable to raid the place. The license numbers and owners are being checked by the Los Angeles and San Francisco offices.

Sheriff Rogers stated he has a confidential informant residing in Topeka who knows Alvin Karpis personally, and who stated to him that through another acquaintance of Karpis, name not mentioned by Mr. Rogers, he learned that on the night of February 15, 1934, which was the night of the attempt to rob the National Bank of Topeka, Karpis was seen by the party mentioned, in a brown colored Hupmobile sedan with several other men who were not recognized, on the street in Topeka. Karpis was partially intoxicated and recognizing the man waved to him. The man talked with him and when asked where he was going Karpis remarked "we're headed for St. Joe". At that, one of Karpis' companions is said to have shoved him down in the car and the group drove away.

Since it would be necessary to travel by way of St. Joseph, Missouri, from Topeka in proceeding to Albany, Missouri, which point is mentioned in the report of February 20th as a hide-out of Karpis, it was deemed probable that Karpis and his companions were headed for Albany from Topeka. Immediate investigation there was therefore believed advisable. Due to the violent snow storm Agents Farland and Trainor were unable to proceed further than St. Joseph, Missouri.

Inquiry was made at the St. Joseph, Missouri Police Department where Detective C. C. Fee, formerly Sheriff at Albany, was interviewed. He was not told the reason for the inquiry. He was asked whether or not he had ever heard of an Italian at Albany who might be the brother of Frank, mentioned herein. He stated that there were no Italians there when he resided at Albany. That he has been away from the town for ten years and that if there are any of that nationality in that vicinity now they would be easily located through inquiry of residents at Albany.

Mr. Fee stated that there is a stationary siren used at Albany for fire alarm purposes and that he believes it is also used morning, noon and evening to denote the time of day. He makes occasional trips to Albany for visits to relatives and believes the siren was being used last December when he was there. The pretext was used that an informant had stated that a certain purpose, whose location the Division is seeking, lives in a small town in the vicinity of St. Joseph, believed to be Albany, which town uses such a siren, the name of the town not being definitely known. There is not such a siren shown as being used in Albany, Missouri, according to information furnished in letter from the Chicago Office to the St. Paul Office dated 2-16-1934.

At the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Kansas City, Mo., Agent was given access to the records by Mr. John Moler, Assistant General Attorney. It is found that phone number Harrison 9182 is located at 532 Grand Avenue, and is a public telephone, the number not being listed in the directory. The phone was installed October 18, 1933, in the name of Fred Carlat, 205 Reliance Building; Carlat is a real estate operator and receives a commission on the phone. The name Sam Carrumusa is shown on the contract and is crossed out, indicating that Carrumusa had the phone in his name when it was first installed. No credit card is made out for such a phone, as the company is in position of a debtor rather than a creditor of the subscriber.

The only long distance telephone call on Harrison 9182 during the period since installation is shown to have been made on December 25, 1933, to Claude Attaberry, 1320 Jackson, St. Joseph, Missouri, phone number 63911. That party's connections will be investigated.

Calls made to suburban points from this phone are shown of record as follows:

Jan. 13, 1934	to phone number Bethel 72-N-11
Jan. 21, 1934	to phone number Bethel 72-N-11
Feb. 7, 1934	" " " "
Feb. 10, 1934	" " " "
Jan. 15, 1934	" " Independence 1967W.

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No long distance calls of the Bethel and Independence numbers are shown of record.

It is shown that phone number Bethel 78-N-11 is that of J. F. Hickman, located 1/2 mile East of Muncey, Kansas. It is found from the contract of Hickman that he works for the Union Pacific Railroad Company at the roundhouse. He will be further checked.

The Independence, Missouri phone number, 1967W, is shown as that of J. E. Campbell, 11633 East 15th Street, Independence, Missouri. The phone was disconnected February 9, 1934. The contract card of Campbell is on file at the Independence, Missouri Office of the telephone company and has not been examined.

At this time the telephone company is securing tickets of long distance and suburban calls of Fred Carlat for the past two months. He resides at 824 W. 52nd Terrace, house telephone number Highland 4694, and has business telephone Victor 6752 at 205 Reliance Building. It appears that Carlat may be able to furnish the names of Frank and Tony, or whoever holds the lease on 532 Grand Avenue. The establishment at that address is found to be known as the "M. & L. Buffet". For the present no open inquiry is being made of Carlat, since there is danger that he might advise the Italians who are under suspicion, namely Frank and Tony.

Sheriff Tom Bash, of Kansas City, was consulted and advised that he is not acquainted with the parties who operate the M. & L. Buffet. He promised to secure whatever information he can in this connection and advise. He will treat it as confidential. Mr. Bash is entirely reliable and cooperates freely with this office.

The City License Inspector has no record of any license issued for operation of a restaurant at 532 Grand Avenue.

Inquiry through the Alcoholic Beverage Unit, of this Division, fails to reflect any record of an investigation of parties located at 532 Grand Avenue. Further inquiry in this connection will be made relative to Tudis Jackson and his friends of the Italian element here. Same could not be completed due to the fact that most of the employees of that office were absent on Saturday afternoon when Agent called. Some knowledge of Frank and Tony may be in possession of that unit.

Investigation was also attempted at the Internal Revenue Division of the U. S. Treasury Department to ascertain whether there has been a permit issued for sale of beer or whiskey at 532 Grand Avenue, but that office was closed due to Saturday half-holiday. Same will be later made.

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Investigation was made by Special Agents Farland and this Agent at Albany, Missouri, on February 26 and 27, 1934. Upon arrival there immediate contact was made with Dr. C. A. Ross, dentist, who is Mayor of Albany and considered a very reliable citizen. He called into conference Mr. E. L. Redmon, Prosecuting Attorney, at Albany, whom he stated is a very discreet person. These individuals were requested to treat the inquiry in strict confidence. No mention was made of the instant kidnaping case, nor of the Kansas City massacre case. They were shown photographs of Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker, Harry Campbell and Volney Davis, for purposes of identification as likenesses of persons seen there by them. They were unable to identify any of the photographs, but both stated that the photograph of Karpis was somewhat familiar to them, although they could not place Karpis as anyone whom they have seen.

Messrs. Ross and Redmon stated there is no Italian family residing anywhere within a radius of twenty miles from Albany, or in Albany, insofar as they know, and that they believe they are acquainted with everyone in that vicinity. They stated that they know of no criminal hideout in or near Albany. They advised that the only family in the vicinity who might be friendly with such individuals as Karpis, and others, would be a family named Shelby, who have been associated with outside bootleggers, and who reside near the Burlington Railroad Station at Albany in a one story frame house. There are a couple of young women in the Shelby family who are reported to be of lewd character and they have some illegitimate children, all residing at the same place. There is a young man in the family named Russell Shelby, known as "Harmonica". Russell Shelby is from 28 to 30 years of age; 5'8" in height; 155 pounds in weight; medium complexion; effeminate in his actions and served a term in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth three or four years ago, according to these men; the charge on which he served or the place at which he was convicted is unknown to them. He comes into Albany occasionally but remains away a great part of the time.

There is a party known as Walter Tracy in jail now at Albany, Missouri, charged with attempted bank robbery. He was arrested last April and held in the County Jail at St. Joseph, Missouri, from which place he escaped approximately September 1, 1933, and was reapprehended in Chicago, Illinois, during December 1933 when he was returned to Albany. It was reported by Mr. Redmon that Tracy has a hook-up with Kansas City mobsters, especially some of the Italians. He stated he has been interviewing Tracy for the purpose of securing information regarding general activities of the underworld, and that Tracy apparently is willing to furnish him information, but to date has given nothing definite. He recommended that if any definite information could be secured by the Agents relative to individuals in the vicinity of Albany it might be advantageous to talk with Tracy. However, until more

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definite information had been ascertained it was deemed inadvisable to interview this prisoner, for the reason that it might result in divulging to him more information than he would be expected to give. Furthermore such an interview did not seem desirable without some definite basis upon which it would be possible to question him.

Messrs. Ross and Redmon advised that they have no information whatever regarding anyone named "Frank" who has a brother residing in the vicinity of Albany and who comes from Kansas City. Mention was made to them of the possibility of Frank driving a tan colored Hupmobile Sedan. Mr. Ross stated that one of his night police officers had several months ago mentioned something about a car of that description of which he was somewhat suspicious. He promised to take up the matter with the police officers and secure any information available. It was recommended by these men that no interviews be had with the police or sheriff at that time because these men are inclined to gossip and are not discreet in their activities.

Mr. Ross ascertained that the Shelbys do not have electric lights or city water in their residence.

It was definitely ascertained by these Agents, who heard same, and through interview with Messrs. Ross and Redmon that there is a stationary siren at Albany, Missouri, which is sounded at 7 A.M.; noon; and 3 P.M. There are a number of sawmills, which are moveable, in the vicinity of Albany and there is also a train on the Burlington Railroad which passes Albany about 7 A.M. each day. This is probably a coincidence but the Agents heard the siren and the train whistle at the same instant on the morning of February 27th. The sawmills which operate in the vicinity of Albany are said to sound their whistles, when in operation, in the morning at seven. There is no Catholic Church at Albany, but the Southside School has a bell very much like a church bell. There is only one church bell at Albany, and that is on the Methodist Church, which bell sounds almost identically the same as the school bell. Messrs. Ross and Redmon stated that the school bell rings every morning and that on Sunday the Methodist Church bell rings at 9 A.M. and 10:45 A.M., and that occasionally there are special services at the church, although Mr. Redmon does not recall that there were any within the past four weeks. He is a member of that church.

Most of the people in the vicinity of Albany are said to burn coal for heating purposes. There is said to be fishing on the river not far from Albany where they catch perch and other small fish. There is no Game Warden at Albany.

Mr. Redmon suggested that he personally interview Walter Tracy on February 27th, since he has been accustomed to talking to him almost daily.

He performed the interview and returned stating that Tracy had informed him that he is acquainted with two Italian gangsters at Kansas City, one known as Tony Fatella and another known as Frank Nigro. During that interview, Tracy informed Mr. Redmon that he had an idea that he could be of assistance to law enforcement if he were given a "break", and he mentioned that he believed he knew something about some individuals connected with the Bremer kidnaping case. This statement was made to Mr. Redmon, according to Redmon, "out of a clear sky", and when Mr. Redmon repeated same to the Agents there was no indication given to him that the Bremer case was the one in which Agents are primarily interested. Discussion in regard to that was terminated.

The Agents decided to immediately proceed to Topeka, Kansas at that juncture and display photographs of Frank Nigro and Bossie Nigro, who are respectively Kansas City Missouri Police Department 7908 and U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #1212, and with whom this office has been familiar heretofore. These were to be displayed confidentially to [REDACTED] to determine whether or not Frank Nigro is the individual known to him as Frank.

The photographs were displayed on February 28th [REDACTED] who stated that neither is a likeness of the party known to him as Frank or Tony or Joe, and that he does not recall having seen either of these individuals.

Agent Trainor ascertained several months ago, while at the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department reading the police file in connection with the Michael Katz kidnaping case, which occurred in 1931.

[REDACTED] was thoroughly interrogated in an effort to secure a copy of the handwriting of Alvin Karpis and stated that he once heard from Karpis during the year 1931, after he himself was released from [REDACTED] while Karpis was there confined. He searched through his trunks at his residence, [REDACTED] but was unable to find any specimen whatever of the handwriting of Karpis. He stated that Karpis had a girl friend, name unknown to him, who formerly resided with Karpis' sister, Mrs. Amelia Grooms, on Monroe Street, in Topeka, but he does not know her name nor where she is now located. He

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promised to secure any additional information in this connection.

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[redacted] stated that since he left Kansas City on February 22nd no further contact has been made with him by Frank, Tony or Joe. He thinks it is probable that due to the violent snow storm which occurred, they may be remaining inactive for the time being, and that it is possible that they will contact him later. He is in constant touch with the Sheriff at Topeka and with this office, and if there are any new developments he promises to report same. He also stated that he will come to Kansas City on the evening of March 1st, and if he can, at that time, secure any additional information regarding the whereabouts and name of Frank he will report it to the Kansas City Office. [redacted] was requested to mingle among his underworld friends in Topeka on February 28th and to report on that date to this Agent any information available as to the surname of Frank. He remarked that there is a bootlegger named Bully Brown, at Topeka, who used to purchase liquor from Tudie Jackson and Frank, and that he might know Frank's last name. Sheriff Dean Rogers advised that he would send one of his jailers to see Bully Brown, that party being well acquainted with Brown, and an endeavor would be made to learn the surname of Frank. This endeavor was not successful on February 28th and Sheriff Rogers will report any additional information secured telephonically.

[redacted] through inquiry of some of his bootlegger friends, names not known, advised this Agent on February 28 that he ascertained the name of Frank to be probably Frank Tipini, although he is uncertain as to the correctness of this name. Later investigation at Kansas City failed to reflect that Tipini is known to Sheriff Tom Bash or his assistant John Kelley.

[redacted] which Agent secured several weeks ago through confidential sources. Open inquiry at the Police Department was not believed advisable at this time. This matter is being followed through all sources in Kansas City which it appear can be advisably approached.

Investigation will be continued in a cautious manner at Albany, Missouri. On this date, March 1st, Agents Farland and Trainor are proceeding to the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas to interview several convicts who come from Topeka, Kansas, and who may be acquainted with Tudie Jackson and Frank. As soon as Frank's surname can be ascertained it appears that a better basis for investigation at Albany, Missouri, may be available.

The authenticity of the statements of [redacted] informant, are of course somewhat questioned since he is probably seeking to prolong favor with the Sheriff at Topeka. However, every possible avenue of investigation is being followed based upon the information secured from him. It appears probable that there are such individuals as Frank, Tony and Joe, and that those parties may be friends of Alvin Karpis since this information has been available through [redacted] for several months, as mentioned in

the report of this Agent dated December 27, 1933, in the Kansas City massacre case.

Information as secured from [REDACTED] is being reported to the Kansas City Office in memorandum form when secured.

Photographs of Bossie Nigro and Frank Nigro, mentioned above, are being forwarded herewith to the St. Paul Division Office.



Relative to the 1934 California license plates 8-B-5037 which appeared upon the Hupmobile Sedan at Topeka, Kansas, as mentioned in above quoted memorandum from Special Agent Trainor, it was ascertained by the San Francisco Office that this license had been issued on a Hupmobile Sedan, motor number 105078, in the name of Jules G. Lacock, Fort McArthur, San Pedro, California. Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, of the San Francisco Office, in his letter to the Kansas City Office, under date of February 24, 1934, advises that he requested the Los Angeles Office by telephone to make inquiry concerning these license plates. Under date of February 24, 1934, Acting Special Agent in Charge Sackett, of the Los Angeles Office, telegraphically advised that the above mentioned Hupmobile was an old car of a grey color; further stating that the registrant, Jules G. Lacock, retired from the United States Army with the rank of Sergeant-Major in 1932 after thirty years of service; further stating that after retirement Lacock ran a lunch counter in North Hollywood, and was later employed by the Fox Studios in West Hollywood; Lacock's present address being 431 Lake Street, Topeka, Kansas. It was further stated in Los Angeles telegram that Lacock is about 58 years of age, however, looks younger; is 5 feet 8-1/2 inches in height; 155 pounds in weight; his eyes are squinted; the right corner of his mouth turns up; his hair is slightly grey; his reputation while in the Army was said to be good, and it was said that he was a musician.

Relative to the 1934 California license tags 7-F-9150 seen on the 1929 model Ford Coupe at Topeka, Kansas, mentioned in Agent Trainor's memorandum, hereinbefore quoted, the Los Angeles Office advised that these plates had been issued to the registrant and legal owner, Irma G. Hinson, 962 South Concord Street, Los Angeles, California, Mrs. Hinson being the wife of Glenn Hinson, who had been employed by the Los Angeles Fire Department for the past ten years. The Los Angeles Office further advised that Hinson's reputation was said to be excellent. The car in question is a 1929 Ford Coupe bearing motor number A-2344120; has black body and wheels. The car was said to have been in Los Angeles, California with the exception of a short period in December, 1933, and it was further stated that the car was presently at Los Angeles. Mrs. Hinson was described as being 30 years of age, 5 feet 2 inches in height, 140 pounds in weight, light brown hair, brown eyes and fair complexion. Mr. Hinson was described as being 30 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches in height, 175 pounds in weight, having brown hair, being somewhat bald, having brown eyes and medium complexion. It was further stated that Mrs. Hinson had departed last week (apparently the week beginning February 11th) for some unknown point in the East.

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The following memorandums were submitted by Special Agent H. D. Bray under date of February 16, 1934 and February 20, 1934, concerning his investigation at Neosho, Missouri and vicinity, looking toward the location of Fred Barker and Arthur Barker, it being remembered that the Barkers' father, George E. Barker, resides at Neosho, Missouri.



On February 8, 1934, Captain Malik, State Highway Patrol, Springfield, Missouri, called the Kansas City office and advised that he desired an Agent to meet Sergeant Kohler at Joplin, Missouri, the following day.

Sergeant George B. Kohler, State Highway Patrol, Joplin, Missouri, advised Agent that the reason for Captain Malik's call was that the newspapers had stated that Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis were wanted in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case at St. Paul.

Sergeant Kohler advised that his troop at [redacted] and at [redacted] had, through a confidential informant, gained entrance with a gang operating at [redacted]. Sergeant Kohler advised that he and two other State troopers had spent several days associating with the gang and had received considerable valuable information. He advised that to date they had identified two of the members as being wanted on serious charges, but that they were deferring apprehension of these two members in the hope of learning plans of various jobs being anticipated by the gang and in the hope of securing information as to the location of Barker, Karpis and others badly wanted.

Sergeant Kohler advised that investigation had shown that Fred Barker's father, residing at Neosho, Missouri, frequently makes trips to Picher, Oklahoma, where he contacts one W. M. Holey, a promoter, and cashes checks with Holey, drawn on the order of Barker's bank account at Neosho, Missouri; that Holey in turn cashes these checks at Mary's Grocery Store, No. 1, at Picher.

He, Sergeant Kohler, advised that his investigation reveals that the elder Barker probably meets Fred Barker at the filling station of Earl Slade, north of Picher on U. S. Highway No. 66.

Sergeant Kohler stated that from an informant at [redacted] it had been learned that Fred had a place used as a hide-out on the farm of Bill or Bob Frazer, about five miles east of Picher on the Neosho River.

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Sergeant Kohler advised that George Calvin, who is now being held at the County Jail at Springfield, Missouri, for attempting with arms to rob a bank at Reed Springs, Missouri, was talking and was furnishing valuable information, which was proving to be correct, but that they expected to receive additional information from Calvin of more importance; that Calvin had advised that Fred Barker was known as "the Kid."

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Sergeant Kohler advised that the gang at [REDACTED] had mentioned "the Kid" several times in his presence and in the presence of the informant, and that the Kid was often referred to along with Scarface Johnnie, who was spoken of as now being in South Dakota.

Sergeant Kohler advised that Scarface Johnnie is believed to be Louis (Slick) Austin, alias "Slick" Lewis, who has a large red scar on the right side of his face running diagonal from the temple to the chin, or from the corner of the jawbone to the eyebrow, dark complexion, about 5 feet 10 inches, slender, age 35 to 45, with gray hair over ears and temples. This information was picked up by Association with the gang. His information is that Scarface Johnnie will be back in [REDACTED] soon.

Scarface Johnnie is supposed to be a partner of James Marvin Marshall, Springfield, Mo., P.D. No. 907, who is described as

34 years  
5 feet 9½ inches  
185 pounds  
stout  
hair brown  
eyes gray  
tattoo - girl's head on right and left forearms.

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Captain Kalick was later interviewed and he and Sergeant Kohler advised that they had the utmost confidence in their informant, [REDACTED]

At this time no information has been received from the St. Paul office indicating that Bremer could have been held as great a distance from St. Paul as Picher, Oklahoma. However, this information is being submitted for possible future reference.

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Reference is made to my memorandum, dated February 16, 1934. At Neosho, Missouri, interview was had with [REDACTED] with whom Agent has had earlier contact.

[REDACTED] is advised that Barker had done odd jobs such as washing dishes and wore old clothes until about two years ago when he suddenly quit work [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and began wearing better clothes. He advised that Barker now has no visible means of support, although he claims to own a mine somewhere in Oklahoma.

[REDACTED] has endeavored to learn something about the mine, but the mine remains a secret. It is very doubtful that he has a mine, and it is believed that Barker is mentioning the mine to allay suspicion. The purpose of the interview was not disclosed, that is, that Fred and Doc are sought in the instant case, however, [REDACTED] volunteered his opinion, based on newspaper articles, that the Barkers may have been involved in this case.

[REDACTED] who has been interested in assisting the State Highway Patrol in locating Fred Barker for several months, advised that Doc Barker had not been seen in Neosho since the summer of 1933 when he was supposed to have just been released from the Oklahoma Penitentiary.

George Barker is now driving a 1933 Chevrolet Coach which he bought new from the Chevrolet dealer at Neosho. Sergeant George B. Kahler, State Patrol, Joplin, Missouri, recommended interviewing Merl Parkorney at the Chevrolet garage, in whom Kahler has the greatest confidence from past experience. Mr. Parkorney advised that about a year ago George Barker bought a second hand 1930 Chevrolet car from a local man in Neosho, whom he knew, and on April 8, 1933, Barker traded it in on a new 1933 Chevrolet Coach, paying \$250.00 by a check on the First National Bank of Neosho, and making a note for \$165.00. A month later he paid the note by a check on the same bank. These are the only cars George Barker has ever owned. He advised that Barker later bought a radio for the car and also paid for it by check. He does not purchase gasoline there, however, should he make a purchase there Mr. Parkorney promised to either keep the bills or keep the serial numbers and notify the Kansas City office.

George Barker occupies a room over the Peoples Cafe and apparently spends most of his money at the cafe, however, Agent was advised by Sergeant Kahler that the management of the cafe could not be expected to furnish any information. He likewise buys his gasoline and oil at a small garage with the same reputation.

Interview was had with Jess Saxton, former deputy sheriff and a good source of information, who advised that he had been attempting to locate Fred Barker for two years through George Barker. He advised that once every week or two weeks George Barker will leave Neosho in his car, usually about 11 P.M., and sometimes about 5 P.M., and return early the next morning or the second day. Mr. Saxton about three months ago followed Barker to determine where he was going and determined that he always followed U. S. Highway #71 to a point about five miles toward Joplin, Missouri, where he turned west on a country road. The road being traveled very lightly he never followed him any farther. This road would lead to Joplin by a circuitous route, or to Oklahoma. It is believed that he might be going to the home of Kate Melton, a man, who has a new brick house about five miles from the highway on the country road. Kate Melton is a gambler of bad reputation. His name has been mentioned by the gang being watched by the Patrol at Joplin, as mentioned in my other memorandum.

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Mr. Saxton advised that George is foolish about women and is often seen talking to various girls of Neosho; that he will try to make a date with any girl that will smile at him. He advised that one [redacted] who is a local girl, her parents residing on a farm near Neosho, has been seen frequently riding with George Barker, and going up and down the stairs leading to George Barker's room. [redacted] has spent much of her time in

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Picher, Oklahoma, also. She is no doubt the blonde referred to in the telephone call from Special Agent in Charge Brantley as she is about 35 years old, blonde hair, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches and slender.

Mr. Barton feels that the old man is meeting Fred Barker on his frequent trips and that Fred could be located by following George, however, it would be impossible to follow him on a lonely road without arousing attention. He advises that George Barker is easily approached and dislikes driving the car, due to his age and limited experience with cars. He believes that a stranger could within a few days time get himself into the graces of the elder Barker so well that he would allow the stranger to go along on one of his trips to drive the car, provided he assumed the right pose. In view of the circumstances, however, this appears doubtful.

Mr. Barton advised that Doc Barker had not been seen in Weonho since he spent a few days with his father in the summer of 1933. At that time he had a small child with him, about four or five years old, which he believed was a girl. He did not know whether Doc was married.

Concerning the mine near Picher, Oklahoma, mentioned in my earlier memorandum, Sergeant Kahler advised that he would take his informant with him on February 22, 1934 to Picher and locate the mine; that the informant was unable to describe the location of the mine as a circuitous route was taken to reach it when the informant was there before.

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On February 22, 1934 Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, of the Oklahoma City Office, telephonically furnished certain information relative to the possible whereabouts of Volney Davis, which telephonic conversation was confirmed through letter from Agent in Charge Brantley to the St. Paul Office under date of February 23, 1934. Special Agent G. F. Hurley inspected the employment records of the Kansas City, Missouri Water Department for any information concerning the present employment or whereabouts of Volney Davis; however, these records failed to reflect any information concerning Davis.

Accompanied by Fred Hussey, Chief Mechanical Engineer of the Kansas City, Missouri Water Department, Special Agent Hurley interviewed Carl Wishrope, Superintendent of the Pipe Lines, A. C. Crepp, Chief Engineer of the Water Department, M. F. Russel, Chief Engineer of the Pumping Division, B. Gilkerson, Superintendent of the Filtration Plant, Pat Harrison, Foreman of the Pipe Lines, and Mr. Geary, Chief of the Meter Division, all of the above named being connected with the Kansas City, Missouri Water Department and having charge of employees in various divisions of that Department. None of these individuals knew Davis by name nor by photograph.

Similar inquiries to the above will be made at the Municipal Water Department of Kansas City, Kansas, a city adjacent to Kansas City, Missouri, in an endeavor to ascertain whether Davis may possibly be employed by that Company.

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Reference is made to Division letter to Chicago dated February 11, 1934; Detroit letter to St. Paul dated February 12, 1934; and Chicago letter to the Division dated February 13, 1934, concerning the list of stores, which, it was requested, should be contacted to ascertain if they had sold any of the flashlights or filmolens used by the kidnapers in this case had been purchased from those stores. The following stores were contacted; however, no information was obtained from any of the stores to indicate that any of the suspects in this case had purchased either the flashlight or lens therefrom:

SEARS AND ROEBUCK STORES:

At 519 Jefferson Street, Burlington, Iowa.  
111 East College Street, Iowa City, Iowa.  
101 South Market Street, Okaloosa, Iowa.  
121 East Main Street, Ottumwa, Iowa.  
28 Main Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa.  
412 Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa.  
114 East Second Street, Davenport, Iowa.

Likewise the Eagle Auto Parts Company, 212 Scott Street, Davenport, Iowa, was contacted, as was the J. C. Penny Company at Des Moines, Iowa.

Investigation reflected that there had never been an H. L. Green Store in Keokuk, Iowa.

Further investigation is being pursued constantly in this case by the Kansas City Office and any information, which, it is believed, should be the subject of immediate inquiry by some other field office is being furnished the particular office by telephone or telegraph, and likewise copies of memorandums received by Agents from the field relative to particular important information are being immediately furnished the St. Paul Office and the Division.

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