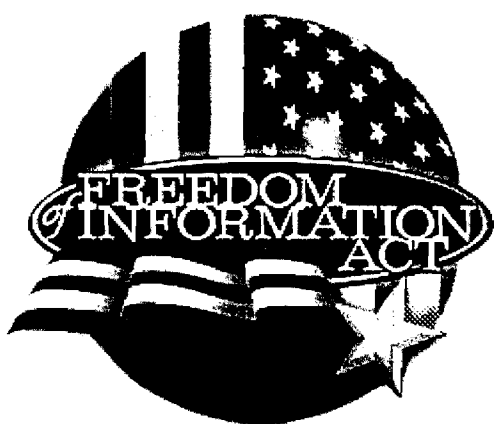


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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG  
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7-374-9169 ✓

Special Agent in Charge,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Re: MURKIN.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Laboratory Report # 2443, in connection with the above entitled case, there are transmitted herewith photographic copies of the following specimens which your office submitted for examination:

7-374-9169:

A. One page letter, questioned document, beginning "I guess you are...".

B. Envelope addressed to Harry W. Vinley and postmarked "Atlanta, Georgia, Station B, January 21, 1936, 6:30 P. M.".

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

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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# 7849<sup>3</sup>

Laboratory Report

Case: Re: BREKID

Number: 7-576-9166

Specimens:

- 7-576-9169-A One page letter, questioned document, beginning, "I guess you are having some colder weather..."  
" B Envelope addressed to Harry W. Tinley and postmarked, Atlanta, Ga., Sta. B. Jan. 21, 1936 at 5:30 P.M.  
Fingerprints of Harry W. Tinley for elimination purposes.  
(Requested that fingerprint of Special Agent Thomas E. Myers be compared with any latent prints developed on the letter for elimination purposes.)

Examination requested by: Atlanta

Date received: chp 1-27-36 11:30 A.M.

Examination requested: Document and Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel ✓  
Kohn

cc - Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Jacksonville

Chicago  
Carmelley

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# 7843

Laboratory Report

Case:

Number: 7-576-9169.

Specimens:

Examination requested by:

Date received:

Examination requested:

Result of examination:

Examination by:

Letter. Written (Typed) on letter head of the McAllister Hotel  
Miami - Florida.

Env. Air mail cov. of McAllister Hotel. Post marked.  
atlanta Ga. sta. B. Jan 21, 1936 5:30 P.M.

Pica type 10 letters per inch.

S h i r t y L.C. Smith. (Spec. 1A) Jan 1934.  
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Quest. Letter.  
h n y a r l no.

Quest. Harry 1294 Piedmont ave. n.e apt 16  
atlanta Georgia

Harry  
Harry

l l  
G. David Fred Barker

no count

I hit Cor if you said one word

Quest. to Place about this sign

Quest. you on the spot if you do check Black

Karpis. Geo Haller Karpis Karpis  
no card

Barker. Arthur Barker B K  
no card

Davis. Volney Davis about  
Volney Davis you  
#1 #2 → P t h  
→ P H if this y p i e  
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no ident.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Re: Brekid.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 23, 1936 transmitting one original letter on the back of which is written in pencil a threatening note which begins "I kill you if", and the accompanying envelope postmarked "Atlanta, Georgia, Station B, January 21, 1936, 5:30 P. M.", together with the fingerprints of Harry W. Tinley, for elimination purposes, in connection with the above entitled case.

You are advised that ten latent fingerprints and one fragmentary palmar impression were developed on the original letter, and five latent finger impressions appeared on the envelope. Six of these latent prints, four of which are on the letter and two inside of the envelope, were eliminated from further consideration as being identical with the fingerprints of Harry W. Tinley. No identifications for elimination purposes could be effected upon comparison with the fingerprints of Special Agent Thomas E. Myers.

The remaining nine latent finger impressions, which are fragmentary in their nature, were compared with the fingerprints of Alvin Karpis, I. O. 1218; Harry Campbell, FBI-419856; Doctor Joseph P. Moran, I. O. 1232; and William E. Meade, FBI-271926, but no identification was effected.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.cc - Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
JacksonvilleChicago  
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

501 Healey Building  
Atlanta, Georgia.  
January 23, 1936.

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PMB

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

Dear Sir:-

FEB -4 1936

RE: BREKID  
Bureau File 7-576

There is being forwarded under separate cover a cellophane envelope containing the following:

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1. Letter written by typewriter on the stationery of the McAllister Hotel, Miami, Florida, beginning, "Dearest Harry: I guess you are having ..." and on the reverse thereof, written in pencil, "I kill you if you said one word to Floie about this

Sign  
The Black Mask  
X Blood  
You are on the spot if you do  
Sorry could not your check  
Black Mask."

2. Also attached is envelope in which same was received, with six cent airmail stamp, postmarked Atlanta, Ga., Station B, January 21, 1936, 5.30 pm., addressed to Mr. Harry W. Tinley, 1294 Piedmont Ave., N.E. (apt. 16), Atlanta, Georgia. The address was originally typed, "Mr. James W. Tinley, McAllister Hotel, Miami, Florida," but it was changed by pencil. On the reverse of the envelope is typed the return address, "Harry W. Tinley, 1294 Piedmont Ave. N E (apt. 16), Atlanta, Ga," and the letters written in pencil across the flap "S W D"

On the evening of January 22, 1936, Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Tinley, 1294 Piedmont Ave., N.E., Apartment 16, Atlanta, Ga., called at the Atlanta, Ga., office and were interviewed by Special Agent T. E. Myers. Mr. Tinley stated that he had received the above letter that day and gave

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the following additional facts concerning it.

The original typed letter was written by Mrs. Marion Tinley, the wife of his brother, James W. Tinley. Enclosed with it was check of the Gulf Refining Company for \$50.50, the latter being a dividend payment to James W. and Harry W. Tinley as executors of an estate. This check required the signatures of both, had originally been sent to James W. Tinley in Miami, and in accordance with his usual practice had been sent to Harry W. Tinley for the latter's signature with an enclosed stamped and addressed envelope for him to return it to his brother in Miami. It appears that the original envelope with its enclosures was stolen, possibly from the mail box at 1294 Piedmont Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Ga. -- which could very easily be done, according to Mr. Tinley -- or possibly at Miami before it was actually placed in the mail. The envelope in which it was received was that originally intended for the return envelope.

Mr. James W. Tinley is the auditor of the McAllister Hotel at Miami, Fla., and has just returned to Miami after testifying at the trial of certain defendants in the Bremer kidnapping case at St. Paul. On account of this fact, it was Harry W. Tinley's opinion that the threat might have something to do with his testifying and might perhaps have originated from some members of the Barker-Karpis gang now at large. You are accordingly requested to have the letter and envelope processed for latent fingerprints and to compare any that may be brought out with the known prints of any members of the Barker-Karpis gang now at large.

Letter and envelope were handled by Mr. Harry W. Tinley, whose fingerprints are attached <sup>to the cardboard envelope</sup> and by Special Agent Thomas E. Myers whose fingerprints are on file in the Identification Section of this Bureau. In addition, Mr. Tinley stated that he had showed the letter to a number of other people who had handled it but he could not recall just who they were.

The Jacksonville Office is being sent a copy of this letter and is requested to interview Mr. James W. Tinley for any relevant information he may be able to give, particularly as to any threats he may have received before or since testifying at St. Paul.


Harry W. Tinley is described as follows, this description

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being based on personal observation of Special Agent Philip M. Breed  
of the Atlanta Bureau Office:

Age 30  
Height 5' 6"  
Weight 130 pounds  
Build medium  
Eyes grey  
Hair medium brown  
Complexion fair  
Face smooth shaven  
Scars none  
Race white  
Nationality American  
Marital status married  
Occupation draftsman, State Highway Department, Atlanta, Ga

Very truly yours,

  
E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc- Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Jacksonville  
Technical Laboratory

F. O. Box #766  
Cincinnati, Ohio

HCH:MMR  
7-43

January 23, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: "BREXID".

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter under date of  
January 14, 1936, addressed to the Chicago Office, there are  
transmitted to you herewith reports of Special Agent W. B.  
Klein, Cincinnati, dated January 9, 1935, and H. J. Connelley,  
Cincinnati, dated November 22, 1934.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Bureau  
Chicago  
St. Paul

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501 Hooley Building  
Atlanta, Georgia  
January 23, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge  
Birmingham, Alabama.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of December 29, 1935,  
wherein you were requested to furnish the Atlanta Office with copies  
of all reports covering investigation in the State of Georgia, prior  
to the establishment of the Atlanta Office on May 2, 1935.

To date the desired reports have not been received and it  
is requested that they be forwarded as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Bureau  
Cincinnati

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P. O. Box 766  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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January 23, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: "BRTKID."

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the El Paso  
Office dated January 20, 1936, transmitting to this office two  
mail traces received from the cover maintained on ~~one~~ ~~one~~ ~~one~~  
Cassell at ~~Kidnap~~, Texas.

Enclosures are forwarded herewith to the  
Chicago Office.

CC Bureau  
St. Paul  
El Paso  
Dallas

Very truly yours,  
J. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Edward J. O'Donnell*

Post Office Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

January 23, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir,

RE: BREKID.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. J. Meehan, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated January 8, 1936, wherein is reported the suggestion that William Elmer Mead might frequent the Centennial Exposition which is to be held in either Fort Worth or Dallas, Texas.

It appears from the report there is no definite information that Mead will in fact frequent the Centennial Exposition but it is known that the Chicago Police Department during the World's Fair in 1933 were endeavoring to locate Mead as it had been alleged that he was defrauding World's Fair visitors.

The dates of the Centennial Exposition are not known to the Chicago Office but it is believed in the event such an Exposition is held in the near future that appropriate steps should be taken to cover this Exposition to determine whether Mead is operating confidence games on the visitors to that Exposition.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
January 17, 1936

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Please refer to the letter from the Pittsburgh Office dated January 13, 1936 to you, a copy of which was furnished this office, concerning contact made with the Federal Laboratories, Incorporated, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, concerning Joseph T. Miller, particularly the last paragraph of page two thereof, which reflects that Mr. Barker of said firm learned, while in Washington, that the information sought from his firm was in connection with the Bureau's investigation concerning Joseph T. Miller.

It occurs to me that there has been a leak somewhere, the source of which should be obtained, for I recall distinctly that it was the desire of the Bureau, and it most certainly is my desire, that this matter be treated in the strictest confidence.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Connelley, Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul.

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Mr. Joseph \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Keith \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Lester \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Schilder \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*Chas. L. Brennan*

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
January 17, 1936.

Mr. Nathan  
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Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
Mr. Gurnea  
Miss Gandy

Time - 12:25 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Connelley telephoned me from St. Paul and said that on January 4, 1936, the Cleveland Office sent in a letter referring to one Carl Baker alias Thomas J. Shaw, in which they requested that appropriate notation be placed against the fingerprints of Baker in order that the Cleveland Office might be advised in the event he was apprehended at any time in the future. As a result of the fingerprint classification and the police department number forwarded with this request, the Identification Division located this person's criminal record. This criminal record proves that Carl Baker alias Thomas J. Shaw is the same person as Milton Lett of Oklahoma, whose mother, Maggie Lett, received the registered letters from Cleveland and Brunswick, Ohio, and who the Oklahoma City Office contacted at that time, inasmuch as the indications were that this person was the contact man between Karpis and Campbell. Mr. Connelley said that based upon the evidence developed at Cleveland, this person Shaw, now known to be Milton Lett, purchased the car used in the robbery of the Garrettsville, Ohio, train. As a result of the notation which was requested by the Cleveland Office, the Identification Division of the Bureau prepared the complete criminal record of this person, on the end of which there was set up the fact that this person was wanted by the FBI for questioning in connection with Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, which complete criminal record was then sent to all of the agencies which had previously sent in fingerprints on Lett, including the Akron, Ohio Police Department. As soon as the Akron Police Department got this information, they called the Post Office Inspector at Cleveland, who got very excited over the fact that we had this information and had not advised him of the same, by reason of the fact that the Inspector claims that he obtained the original fingerprints of Thomas J. Shaw from the Akron Police Department and forwarded the same to the Bureau. The Inspector further claims that the Bureau a month or so ago advised him that we had no record of Shaw. Mr. Connelley said that in view of this, it would appear desirable to ascertain whether the Post Office Inspector at Cleveland did as a matter of fact send in the original prints, and if so, what the Bureau's reply to his communication was. The number of the criminal record as Mr. Connelley's has it before him is FBI-1,008,739, and on the record there appears no record of an inquiry from the Post Office Inspector at Cleveland, Ohio.

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Mr. Connelley said that half of the Akron Police Department is out now looking for Lett, and what he had in mind was either proceeding personally to Oklahoma and taking Lett into custody, or calling the Oklahoma City Office with the request that they take Lett into custody. Mr. Connelley said that he is satisfied the Post Office Inspectors know pretty well who Lett is, and it is just thought that they believe his information will break their case of the robbery of the train at Garrettsville. In view of this, Mr. Connelley said that if we

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pick him up, we can turn him over to the Inspectors at any time that we so desire. Mr. Connelley said that he does not believe that Lett actually participated in the robbery, because from the information which we now have, Lett was in jail at the time the robbery was committed.

I told Mr. Connelley to call the Oklahoma City Office and ask that Lett be picked up for questioning, and in the meantime, I told him that a check would be made here in the Bureau for the purpose of seeing if there has been a slip-up on this situation in the Identification Division.

Time - 1:37 P.M.

Mr. Brantley telephoned me from Oklahoma City and stated that he had just received a telephone call from Mr. Connelley on the above discussed matter during which Mr. Connelley requested the Oklahoma City Office to pick Milton Lett up for questioning.

Mr. Brantley said that in order to facilitate the questioning of this man, he would like to have this afternoon by teletype the criminal record of this person in its complete form. I told him that this would be sent to him this afternoon.

He said that he would advise the Bureau if and when this person is taken into custody.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. TAMM.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
JANUARY 22, 1936

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E. J. Connelley  
Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Sir:

JAN 27 1936

RE: BREKID

On January 20, 1936, Mr. L. F. Cole, who is the Assistant to Mr. E. E. Herrick, Assistant Supervisor in charge of enforcement of the Alcohol Tax Unit for the states of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas and Oklahoma, appeared at the Kansas City Bureau Office with an individual whom he introduced as [REDACTED]

Mr. Cole stated that [REDACTED] had been working as an informant for the Alcohol Tax Unit over a period of a little over a year; that in that Unit's contact with [REDACTED] he had never double-crossed them and had helped them develop a number of good cases. Mr. Cole advised that [REDACTED] had told him that day that he could locate Alvin Karpis; accordingly, Mr. Cole brought [REDACTED] to the Kansas City Office.

At the time of [REDACTED] appearance here with Mr. Cole, [REDACTED] was intoxicated and was in a non-cooperative mood. Special Agent V. C. Spear, who talked to Mr. Cole and [REDACTED] endeavored to ascertain from [REDACTED] how he believed he could locate Karpis, but [REDACTED] merely stated that was his own business. Mr. Cole advised that [REDACTED] had formerly been associated in the liquor business with Ted Newberry, the latter now being deceased as you no doubt know. Agent Spear endeavored to question [REDACTED] but no information could be obtained from him as to how he intended to locate Karpis, [REDACTED] merely stating that through his contacts he would be able to locate Karpis in a comparatively short time. He stated that his proposition was that he would locate Karpis for \$10,000.; that he wanted to get him himself and not be accompanied by Bureau Agents or other law enforcement officials. Agent Spear advised [REDACTED] that this Bureau would pay \$2500. for information furnished exclusively to Bureau Agents leading to the apprehension of Alvin Karpis. [REDACTED] stated that he would not consider this sum, reiterating that he would not consider anything less than \$10,000. As it was impossible to get any information from [REDACTED] which would in any manner indicate the probability of [REDACTED] being

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able to locate Karpis, through talking to [redacted] Agent Spear suggested that [redacted] discuss the matter further with Mr. Cole who was known to [redacted]. It was thought that perhaps Cole could get additional information out of [redacted] and could then furnish the same to this office. b7c b7d

On the next day Mr. Cole interviewed [redacted] again at Cole's office in the New Post Office Building here, at which time, according to Cole, [redacted] was sober; however, [redacted] would not give any further information and would not back down from his proposition of \$10,000.

This afternoon Special Agent Spear conferred with Mr. R. E. Herrick and Mr. L. F. Cole, above named, at their office, relative to the probability of [redacted] being able to locate Karpis as he advised he could. Mr. Herrick's offices were formerly located at St. Louis, Missouri, but the headquarters office for the Assistant Supervisor in charge of the enforcement of the Alcohol Tax Unit was recently moved from St. Louis to Kansas City. Mr. Herrick stated that they had used [redacted] as an informant for a period of a little over a year and that he had worked on several cases with them and had been found to be a very good informant. [redacted] never comes to the Alcohol Tax Unit as an informant unless he is in need of funds, and on those occasions he always does his work before getting the money. Mr. Herrick stated that during Prohibition days [redacted] was associated with Cecil Squires, the latter being closely associated with Ted Newberry. [redacted] Squires smuggled liquor from Bermuda and other points out of this country into New Orleans, and then caused the same to be transported to Chicago and other points. [redacted] having run much of this liquor from New Orleans to Chicago. Squires, according to Mr. Herrick, was convicted at New Orleans some time last year on a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act charge and was sentenced to the United States Industrial Reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio. Mr. Herrick advises [redacted] is this individual's correct name; that he served about six months under that name at the Illinois State Farm at Vandalia, Illinois, on a liquor charge, being discharged therefrom on June 22, 1935, his residence being indicated as [redacted]

Mr. Herrick advised that about sixty days before John Dillinger was killed by Bureau Agents in Chicago, [redacted] had told Herrick that he could locate Dillinger through some woman, whose name [redacted] would not give, at Gary, Indiana. Mr. Herrick advised that although at the time he did not believe that [redacted] could have located Dillinger after the circumstances and developments leading to Dillinger's death were published in the newspapers, Mr. Herrick believes that [redacted] information was correct and that he probably could have located him. Mr. Herrick does



not recall whether he sent this information by letter to his superiors in Washington, D.C., with the suggestion that they turn it over to the Bureau, or whether he may have referred [redacted] to the St. Louis office of this Bureau. b7c b7d

Mr. Herriek said that although he did not desire it to be generally known, he was presently using [redacted] on some big cases in this vicinity and that he had agreed to pay him \$1000. if he developed certain information in one case and he, Herriek, felt certain that [redacted] would be able to develop that information.

Mr. Herriek agreed to have [redacted] come to his office tomorrow, January 23, 1936, at which time he would endeavor to obtain all possible information which would indicate whether [redacted] might be able to locate Karpis. Mr. Herriek stated frankly that he felt certain that [redacted] would not tell him where or how he expected to locate Karpis, but Herriek thought by talking to [redacted] he could determine in his own mind whether he believed [redacted] could do as he stated.

It may be noted that [redacted] while being questioned by Agent Spear in the presence of Mr. Cole on January 20, 1936, at one time remarked that he had been with Karpis the previous night, but would not elaborate any further on this statement. Mr. Herriek remarked that he thought [redacted] might have made such statement merely to impress this Agent; but that the fact that it might be shown definitely that [redacted] had not contacted Karpis would not in and of itself cause Mr. Herriek to believe that [redacted] could not locate Karpis through his contacts, as Mr. Herriek knows that [redacted] has good contacts in the Middle West, including, Kansas City, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Louisville, Wichita, Kansas, and other points.

From observation [redacted] is described as being about [redacted]

This information is being submitted to you for your consideration at this time, and in the event you know of any previous contact which [redacted] may have had with this Bureau I would be pleased to be advised thereof for our information in possible future dealings with him. Mr. Herriek will advise this office tomorrow of the results of his conversation with [redacted] and such information will be immediately passed on to you.

Very truly yours,

MCS:os

cc - Bureau; St. Louis;

St. Paul; Cincinnati (all personal and confidential)

W. A. SMITH

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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BREKID USATY STPAUL EXPECTS TO RELEASE SAC HANSON  
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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Missouri,  
January 23, 1936.

Attention: Technical Laboratory.

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

Dear Sir:

RE:

BREKID

With reference to Bureau letter dated January 14, 1936,  
relative to securing an arrest number on Alvin Schmidt, an accomplice of  
Lee Fanning, in order that his fingerprints may be compared with latent  
prints found in the "You Smile" Tourist Camp in Kansas City, Missouri,  
please be advised that Captain Baxter, Missouri State Highway Patrol,  
Kansas City, Missouri, has advised this office that their records re-  
flect the following on the individual who accompanied Fanning:

Alvin Schmidt - Illinois State Reformatory,  
Pontiac, Illinois,  
#A9430.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 23, 1936 in which you identify the individual who accompanied Lee Fanning at the "You Smith" Tourist Camp in Kansas City, Missouri as Alvin Schmidt, #A9430 State Reformatory, Pontiac, Illinois in connection with the above entitled case.

You are advised that a search of the alphabetical name files of the Identification Division failed to disclose any fingerprint record for Alvin Schmidt, #A9430 State Reformatory, Pontiac, Illinois. If it is possible to secure a copy of this individual's fingerprints, they should be forwarded to the Bureau for comparison with the latent prints previously submitted.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

MILWAUKEE FILE NO. 7-2

REPORT MADE AT <b>Milwaukee, Wisconsin</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-23-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1-16, 17-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ALBERT FRANZ JH</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:      Gus B. Rose denies ever knowing or seeing William E. Meade. Meade unknown to police at La Crosse, Wisconsin. Fred Gondorf, former resident of La Crosse, is reputed to be an international swindler.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE:      Letter to the Milwaukee Office from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley dated at Chicago, Illinois 12-21-35.</p> <p>DETAILS:      AT LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN.</p> <p>Agent interviewed Mr. Gus B. Rose at his brother's jewelry store, 310 Main Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin, and he advised that he had known Fred Gondorf for more than thirty-five years due to the fact that he was a resident and conducted a tea store at 312 Main Street, La Crosse, while he, Rose, and his brother were in the jewelry business at 310 Main Street. According to Rose, he had not seen Gondorf for many years until 1932 when he met him at Chicago; that after this meeting Gondorf wrote to him with reference to some matter concerning his wife who is said to be a very religious Catholic; that while he, Rose, was at Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin, he wrote to Gondorf somewhere in Massachusetts, but he could not recall the address and did not know where Gondorf was presently residing. Rose stated that he knows that Gondorf is in a racket and during the time he has known him Gondorf has never mentioned his business or associates due to the fact that his type of men talk</p>			
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very little concerning themselves.

When Agent asked Rose whether he knew anyone by the name of Meade, he stated that he did not, and upon exhibiting a photograph of Meade, Rose again related that he has never seen this individual and that Gondorf never spoke about Meade. He indicated that Gondorf would not be inclined to provide information relative to Meade even though he possessed same.

Rose claims that he is unemployed at the present time and is staying with his brother, George B. Rose of 130 South 13th Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin; that he has been ill for the past year and has been taking things easy in order to regain his health. He professes to have been in the jewelry business with his brother for a number of years at La Crosse and about twenty years ago he severed his business relationship and went into the architectural manufacturing business at Chicago, Illinois, where he did a large amount of work for the Paramount Theatres.

The following description was obtained from the Agent's personal observation:

Name	GUS B. ROSE
Age	68 years
Height	5' 8"
Weight	130 lbs.
Build	Thin
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Blue
Marital Status	Married
Residence	130 South 13th Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

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Chief of Police J. B. Webber of La Crosse, Wisconsin informed Agent that he has known Gus B. Rose for many years due to the fact that he formerly resided at La Crosse, Wisconsin, where he and his brother George B. Rose conducted a jewelry business; that Rose left La Crosse about twenty years ago and lived in Chicago for quite some time; and that as far as Chief Webber knows, Rose has been a reputable citizen and has never been connected with any rackets.

Chief of Police J. B. Webber stated that he is acquainted with Fred Gondorf, who is an international swindler and who is absolutely untrustworthy. Gondorf formerly resided and operated a tea store near Rose's jewelry store on Main Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin, which was over twenty years ago and at which time he used to put gold coins into the boxes of tea and sell them. However, after Gondorf left La Crosse, he never returned.

Chief Webber also advised that while Gondorf was residing at La Crosse, one Bert Scott, who now resides in the Northern part of Chicago, Illinois and who is an eye doctor, had been in the swindle racket with Gondorf but had left the racket more than twenty years ago and is a very splendid citizen. He stated that Scott would probably be able to supply some information relative to Gondorf and probably Meade inasmuch as he was connected with Gondorf at one time. Chief Webber informed Agent that William E. Meade was unknown at La Crosse and after reviewing a photograph which Agent exhibited, he was certain that Meade had never operated in his town.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The CHICAGO BUREAU OFFICE will endeavor to locate Bert Scott, who no doubt can be located through the city and telephone directories of Chicago, Illinois, and interview him for the purpose of obtaining the names of Gondorf's associates and any information which may be available concerning Meade. It is also suggested that the name of Chief Webber be not mentioned inasmuch as Scott might believe that the Chief gave some information which would degrade his reputation.

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REPORT MADE AT: BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1/22/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/9, 10, 17, 18/36	REPORT MADE BY: P. M. PLUNKETT
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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I. O. 1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM

CHARACTER OF CASE:  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

## SUMMARY REPORT

## SYNOPSIS:

Summary report of information relative to WILLIAM KIMER MEAD, as contained in files of Boston Bureau Office, setting out details of his appearances in this territory and known contacts.

## REFERENCE:

Bureau letter dated December 19, 1935.

## DETAILS:

This report is submitted for the purpose of summarizing all the information relative to WILLIAM KIMER MEAD in the files of the Boston Office. Since the summary report of Special Agent R. C. Suran dated January 8, 1936, at Chicago, already contains much information, this information will not be duplicated save as to information which has been developed by this office.

As far as is known at this time, Mead's first visit to Boston is reflected by his registration at the Nyles Standish Hotel on May 20 and 21, 1935. No other information concerning this visit is at hand. He was next heard from on June 18, 1935, on which date he contacted James E. Stedman, manufacturer of rubber flooring, residing at 5145 Cote-St. Luke's Road, Montreal, Quebec, and represented himself as Frank Taylor, the personal representative of Mrs. Ross, a wealthy widow of Oklahoma City. Mr. Stedman had placed an ad in the Boston Transcript endeavoring to sell his summer home in Scituate, Mass.

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and Mead offered to buy this for Mrs. Ross who at that time was in New York City. On June 24th Mead again called on Mr. Stedman and brought him to Hyannis, Massachusetts, for the purpose of meeting Mrs. Ross. They stopped at Boston on June 25th, staying at the Vendome Hotel and on the following day proceeded to Hyannis for the purpose of keeping an appointment with Mrs. Ross at the Eggleston Inn. Upon arriving at the Inn and Mrs. Ross not being there, Mead and Stedman went to the Annex where a man named Mr. Parker advised them that Mrs. Ross could not come to Hyannis on that date because her married daughter was sick in New York City. Parker, Mead, and Stedman then went out to lunch at the New York Cafe and while at lunch, Mead discovered a pocketbook under the table which contained \$220 in bills and racetrack clippings which indicated the owner was residing at the Mayflower Hotel, Hyannis, and was the representative of a racing syndicate. Stedman and Mead then went to the Mayflower Hotel where they called on the owner of the pocketbook in his room. The name of this man, Stedman does not recall. When the pocketbook had been returned, Stedman said to this party that he would like to get a tip on a horse and the party answered that he was under \$200,000 bond but that he would think the matter over. After leaving this party in the Mayflower Hotel, Stedman told Mead that if they did get a tip from the owner of the pocketbook, it had better be a good one as he, Stedman, was familiar with crooks and had been a Prison Commissioner for several years in Massachusetts.

Mead then left Stedman, ostensibly to go to New York, and Stedman returned to his farm at New Sharon, Maine, where on June 28, 1935, his attorney received a telegram from Mead, filed at Providence, Rhode Island, stating that he, Taylor, was called home. Although this party called himself Frank Taylor, he is designated herein as Mead, since Stedman positively identifies his photograph. Stedman describes the other two men who were apparently engaged in this confidence game as follows:

#### PARKER

Age:	35
Height:	5' 6"
Weight:	160 lbs.
Complexion:	Blonde
Hair:	Blonde
Peculiarities:	One eye seems slightly out of line with the other.

Stedman describes the other party, the owner of the pocketbook, as follows:

Age:	40
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	200 lbs.
Complexion:	Dark

Mr. Stedman has tentatively identified the picture of Frederick P. Farrell with aliases, who will be mentioned further in this report, as being the owner of the pocketbook residing at the Mayflower Hotel. While Mr. Stedman was in Boston, he was in the building at 50 Congress Street and as he was getting into the elevator there, he saw a man whom he declares is the image of the confidence man, Parker, at Hyannis. The elevator boy addressed this man as Major Morgan. He did not recognize Stedman and Stedman did not speak to him. The Boston City Directory shows a Samuel R. Morgan and Bartol Parker to be in the real estate business in Room 803 of that building. Further investigation of this incident will be made by the Boston Office.

Mr. Stedman was contacted by reason of letters exchanged by the Bureau [REDACTED]

During the time that Mead was contacting Stedman he, on June 27, 1935, contacted one John H. Dunn, a contractor at Northampton, Massachusetts, with plans for the building of houses in that vicinity. He again contacted him on July 5 and 12. Mr. Dunn's suspicions had been aroused, however, and he had so informed the Northampton Police. On July 12, when Mead last visited Dunn (under the name of C. E. Carter) he was arrested by the police at Northampton and charged with investigation and improper registration of an automobile. His bond was fixed at \$200 and he was released before his identity had become known due to the mutilation of his fingerprints. In this connection, there was found in his car a concentrated solution of carbolic acid. While being held in jail at Northampton, Mead had requested that a telegram be delivered for him as follows:

"Mr. Herbert - Callahan - Attorney. Phone.  
Lafayette 6050 - Try - Residence. Boston - Mass.  
Being - held - here - county - jail - default -  
two - hundred dollars - bond - Please - see  
Fred - and - have - matter taken - care - of -  
at - once.

C. E. Carter."

This note was not delivered by the police but the information therein was given the Boston Police by teletype in an effort to identify Carter. Shortly after this Herbert Callahan, who is a well known gangster lawyer in Boston, had phoned Northampton to inquire the amount of bail and sometime later James P. Mahoney, Springfield, Massachusetts, Attorney, appeared at the County Jail at Northampton, with the bail for Mead's release. Mead was released at 1 A. M., July 14th, and of course did not appear at the date his bond was made returnable. Mead's Ford Sedan, which was held by the Northampton Police, is now subject to a lien placed thereon by the Internal Revenue Bureau. However, Attorney James P. Mahoney claims ownership thereof by transfer from Mead.

From a map in Mead's possession at the time of his arrest it seemed apparent that he had spent some time in Mexico since there were lines drawn on this map from El Paso, Texas through Chihuahua, Torreon, Saltillo, Monterey, San Luis Potos, Mexico City, Guadalajara, and Mazatlan. Subsequently, a confidential informant of Herbert Graham, a Postal Inspector in New York City, advised him that Mead had gone to Chicago after his release from Northampton and that he would stay at some hotel on Sheridan Road in that city, which bore the name Sheridan. Investigation by the Chicago Office, however, did not reveal his whereabouts at any hotel of that description.

On July 18, 1935 an anonymous letter was received at the Bureau which is deemed of sufficient importance in this investigation to be quoted in full. The letter follows:

"Bruce Upshaw is Daddy of all Confidence Men, only time in his life has he been arrested your dept was after him twenty odd years ago, the gang was betting he wouldn't have less than fifty 'kicks', partys he had swindled and now on his way to Florida where O'Dell beat this same kick, and on the funniest fluke ever heard of, and now the bet is that Bruce won't get any kicks and will beat it, wish you could hear what all these Con men are saying now about what your man Mr. Graham is over-looking and this town is now full of Con men as Fred Flowe living under name of Farrell at 24 Jordan Road, Brookline second house from Summitt Road has the town his fiver Herbie Callahan - Lawyer also Police Dept. and he has been harboring Elmer Meade for months here, they all are at Ryannes, on the Cape for Summer, now the point is how do all these Con men get away without paying any income tax. Can mention dozen who have annuity's and several who have had over one hundred thousand dollars for their part of one swindle, small poor book-makers like myself they laugh at, when we gladly give up our few dollars when we are lucky enough to make it, they say we should put on a badge and become a policeman and their four flusing and spending of hundreds nightly in cabarets as been the cause of several boys around here starting in their line. This Fred Flower is one mentioned in wire to Callahan and Winter he is partner to Fred Gondorf and Upshaw in Florida, usually Miami now this Flower hasn't been arrested and thats why they cant pick him out, so much money he buys Baby Grand Piano's and Homes for his relatives and many more things of this kind. Now just a few that are here and told the same as Meade that nothing is going to happen to them Fred Gondorf and wife, Eddie Hayes, the Mile a Minute cant remember his real name, Geo. Kennedy, Elmer Meade, Fifiy, Tom Coffee two Englishmen Charley Mitchell known as Fat and Sid left two weeks ago for Europe they and Farrell are wanted

"for a three hundred thousand swindle in Europe, now Coffee and Hayes have annuities Farrel has stock in Safety Deposit Box, now why isn't something done to stop the likes of this Fred if not one way another, if you could but see what he is getting away with here you would realize why his hat is so tight, Hope this will start you its all the truth on the right road"

In accordance with the information contained in this letter, investigation was made at Hyannis, Mass., which revealed the presence of a house on the Craigville Beach Road at Centerville, Mass., operated as a gambling house under the name of J. J. Ward. Further, that a gambling house was run by one David Bennett at 121 Bay View Street, Hyannis. It has been ascertained that these houses were frequented by a ring of confidence men whose names will be set out hereafter, but no direct evidence has been found that Mead had been at either place.

From the investigation conducted by the Boston Office it appears that Mead is known to frequent the better class hotels; he is very fond of gambling, women and liquor. It is believed that bookmakers and gamblers generally are the persons through whom his location may possibly become known and confidential informants in this class should be contacted by all field offices. The possibility is also suggested of developing such a confidential informant among some of the persons of this type who are named in this report.

The information developed by the Boston Office relative to confidence men and their contacts, who are known or thought to be contacts of Mead, is set out hereinafter in alphabetical form:

ACKISS, ARNOLD S.

24 Sidlaw Road, Brighton, Mass.

This person is the son-in-law of Frederick P. Farrell by virtue of his marriage to Farrell's daughter, Gwendolyn. As far as is now known, he is not associated with Farrell in his confidence games but is thought to be familiar with Farrell's occupation. He is a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1930. Further details as to him will be found in the report of P. M. Plunkett at Boston, dated 10-22-35.

BARKER, JAMES, alias "The Englishman" (?)

Last Residence - Fenagate Hotel,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

This man is a confidence man and a close associate of Farrell, Gendorf, Hayes and Farry. It is felt that if

Barker is located, he should be placed under surveillance since he will undoubtedly contact other members of his ring and perhaps Mead. His description is as follows:

Age:	42
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	180
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Gray
Marital Status:	Married
Peculiarities:	Has a decidedly English accent and manner; often carries cane and dresses in English styles.

**BENNETT, DAVID**  
121 Bay View St.,  
Hyannis, Mass.

This man is a local gambler at Hyannis and is known to be a contact of Fred Farrell; presumably, he is also a contact of other confidence men in that town during the summer months.

**BRADLEY, ARTHUR**  
170 Waverley St.,  
Providence, R. I.

This person was employed by Robert Finn at the J. J. Ward house in Centerville, as a professional gambler, and undoubtedly knows the Farrell, Gondorf and Upshaw ring. Captain Gusiak of the Providence Police advises that Bradley is a small time con-man himself and occasionally takes a small part in a big confidence game. He is further known as an associate of Rhode Island gangsters.

**BRADLEY, HAROLD LEE**

alias of Thomas Odell

**BURTON, FRED**

alias of Fred Gondorf

**CALLAHAN, HERBERT F.**  
45 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.

This party is a well known representative of gangsters and other criminals in Boston. Callahan obtained Mead's release from Northampton, Mass., through arrangements with James Mahoney, a Springfield, Mass. Attorney. Callahan admits having known Mead previously but denies that he knew that Carter was Mead on the occasion of his Northampton arrest. An independent investigation of this attorney's activities is being conducted by the Boston Office.

**COFFEY, TOM**

Address unknown.

This name is mentioned in the anonymous communication set out above and is known to P. O. Inspector Graham to be a confidence man. No further information concerning him is available.

**DURIS, FRANKIE**  
Westminster Hotel, Boston, Mass.

This man is a gambler and operates a brewery in Boston. He admits friendship with Farrell, Gondorf, Hayes, Kennedy, and Barker, but denies knowing Mead.

He is also the person who placed bail for Bruce Upshaw on the occasion of the latter's arrest by the Arlington Police last summer. He has a brother, Daniel F. Duris, residing at 411 or 417 Common St., Boston, who is reputed to be a gangster.

ENGLISHMAN, THE

Thought to be an alias of James Barker

FARRELL, FREDERICK P.  
alias Fred Farrell, alias  
Fred Flowers, alias Garland E.  
Tucker. Last residence - Myles  
Standish Hotel, Boston. Previous  
residence - 24 Jordan Rd.  
Brookline, Massachusetts.

This is a confidence man who admits this to have been his occupation practically all his life and who further admits knowing Mead, but has denied cooperation with the Bureau in efforts to locate the latter. Since the interview with Farrell, he has been almost positively identified as the owner of the pocketbook at Hyannis, Mass., on the occasion of the attempted swindling of James Stedman, previously mentioned in this report. Although no direct evidence has been found, it is strongly believed that this is also the "Fred" mentioned in Mead's note to Callahan as set out in this report. It is positively known that he is a close associate of Subject Mead and should his whereabouts be ascertained, he should be placed under surveillance. His photograph and fingerprints are in the Bureau files having been sent August 8, 1935 by the Boston Office, bearing Boston Police #20307. The Boston Office is requesting by letter that copies of Farrell's photograph be sent to each field office. His description is as follows:

Age:	40 years
Marital status:	Married
Wife's name:	Gladys Farrell, alias Pauline G. Lucas
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	185 lbs.
Complexion:	Dark
Eyes:	Hazel
Hair:	Black, straight, full
Occupation:	Con-man
Gives occupation as importer or representative foreign paint concern.	
Peculiarities:	Has mole left cheek near nose and under right side of chin.

FERRY, GEORGE L. alias  
George Ferry, alias  
"Mile-A-Minute"

Last known address - 1949 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Massachusetts.

According to the summary report of R. C. Suran at Chicago, dated 1-6-36, Sergeant Alcock of the Chicago Police states this man is Mead's close advisor and is the brains of the



ring in which he operates. Farry has been definitely associated with Fred Farrell, J. E. Hayes, Fred Gondorf and James Barker. He was interviewed before his possible close connection with Head was known and in that interview denied knowing Head. It is felt that if his whereabouts is ascertained, he should be placed under surveillance. His description is being sent the Bureau in a separate communication with a view to locating a criminal record and photograph. His description is as follows:

Age:	48 to 50 years
Wife's name:	Lola
Height:	5' 8"
Weight:	170 lbs.
Build:	Heavy
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Light
Hair:	Black and gray
Wears small mustache	
Occupation:	Con-man

**FATTY MITCHELL**

alias of James Mann

**FEIN, IRVING**  
Springfield, Mass.

This man is attorney for James P. Mahoney, representing the latter in his suit to recover Head's car from the custody of the Internal Revenue Bureau, which has a lien thereon.

**FIPKY**

Apparently this is the nickname of a confidence man who is associated with those named in the anonymous communication set out in this report. No further information concerning his identity has been obtained.

**FINN, ROBERT** alias J. J. Ward  
Residence - James St., Brookline, Massachusetts.

This man is the proprietor of the house operated in Centerville, Mass., in the summer of 1935 at which many confidence men gathered. As reflected in the report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett at Boston, dated 11-13-35, he operates gambling houses at Saratoga Springs and Boston, Mass., and admits that his houses are sometimes frequented by con-men. Although he claims not to know Head, this statement is doubted in view of his admission of friendship with Farrell, Gondorf and Upshaw.

**FLOWERS, FRED**

alias of Frederick P. Farrell

**FREED, FRED**  
167 Northwest 45th St.  
Miami, Florida.

This man is a gambler and perhaps



also a confidence man. He was employed by Robert Finn in the house at Centerville, Mass., in the summer of 1935. He was also at Saratoga Springs, New York, as reflected in the report of Special Agent P. J. Cotter at Buffalo, dated 10-18-35. Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent J. P. LaCour at Jacksonville dated 9-18-35. Probably Freed is now in the vicinity of Miami engaged in gambling operations and in view of his previous connections with confidence men at Centerville, it is believed he may be in possession of information concerning Subject Mead. It is suggested that he might consider a proposition to sell information on Mead. He is described as -

Age:	38
Height:	5' 7"
Weight:	170
Build:	Stout
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Black
Complexion:	Fair

CONDORF, FRED alias Fred Graham,  
alias Fred Grant

This man is a close friend of Frederick P. Farrell and associates and an interview admitted having known Mead

for over thirty years. At the time of interview with Condorf, his close connection was not known and it is felt that should he be located again, he should be placed under surveillance. His photograph and fingerprints are in the Bureau Files bearing New York City Police Department #6760. A separate communication is being addressed to the Bureau requesting that copies of this photograph be distributed to every field office. His description is as follows:

Age:	70
Height:	5' 7 3/8"
Weight:	180 lbs.
Build:	Heavy
Marital Status:	Married
Hair:	White and full
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Red
Occupation:	Confidence Man

GRAHAM, FRED

alias of Fred Condorf

GRAHAM, HERBERT

Post Office Department, New York City.  
This man is a post office inspector who, for some thirty years, has specialized in the investigation and appre-

hension of confidence men and is well acquainted with a great many of them. He is presently conducting a Post Office investigation with a view to locating Subject Mead and has proved helpful in this connection. The New York Office is contacting him regularly for information which he may develop.

GRANT, FRED

alias of Fred Condorf

GREENHOUSE, WILLIAM

alias of Thomas Odell

HASTINGS, G. ARTHUR  
87 Robbins Road,  
Arlington, Mass.

This man was the intended victim of Subject Mead on March 28, 1935 while staying at the Fort Sumpter Hotel at Charleston, South Carolina. (See report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett at Boston, dated 8-28-35) Mead, on that occasion, was in league with one Lentz and Joseph Peter Dowling, both of whom appear to be professional card sharks. (In this connection see report of G. B. Leckie, dated 9-10-35 at Charlotte and E. F. Fitzsimmons at Jacksonville, dated 9-10-35, the latter reporting showing Dowling to have been arrested at Miami as a card shark and released May 1, 1935)

HAYES, EDDIE, alias of Jay E. Hayes

HAYES, JAY E. Last known residence,  
1454 Beacon St., Brookline, Mass.

This is a confidence man and known to be closely associated with Frederick P. Farrell, Fred Condorf, George Kennedy, George Farry and James Barker. On interview, he admitted knowing Mead, but denied cooperation with the Bureau. Subsequent information indicates that his crowd is closely associated with Mead and it is believed that should he again be located, he should be placed under surveillance. His description is as follows:

Age:	45 to 50
Marital Status:	Married
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	190 lbs.
Complexion:	Medium
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Black, turning gray
Peculiarities:	Small mustache unusually small mouth Wears glasses on black ribbon.

The Bureau is being requested by separate communication to endeavor to locate a photograph and record for this individual and if located, to send a copy to each office.

JAMES, W. E.

Alias of Bruce Upshaw

KENNEDY, GEORGE D., Last Residence -  
1401 Beacon St., Brookline, Mass.

This is a confidence man known  
to be closely associated with

Fred Farrell, Fred Gondorf, Jay E. Hayes, George Farry and James Barker.  
He has never been interviewed and in view of information that Mead is  
closely associated with his crowd, it is felt that if located, he should  
be placed under surveillance. His wife travels with him, described as  
aged 52, height 5' 8", weight 140 lbs. His wife's sister, one Hazel  
Harley, also travels with him. He is described as follows:

Age:	54
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	212 lbs.
Build:	Stocky
Hair:	Black, turning white, scanty
Complexion:	Florida
Wears metal framed glasses. - Clean shaven	
Drives a large sedan, thought to be a Buick	
and is reputed to reside in a good section	
of Miami, Florida.	

The Bureau is being requested by separate communication  
to locate if possible a record and photograph of this individual and  
send copy thereof to each field office. If located, it is thought  
advisable to place this individual under surveillance with a view to the  
possibility of his contacting Mead.

LUCAS, PAULINE G.

This is an alias used by Mrs.  
Frederick P. Farrell in securing  
telephone service at their former  
home at 24 Jordan Rd., Brookline, Mass.

MAHONEY, JAMES P.

44 Vernon St., Springfield, Mass.

This is the attorney who, under the  
direction of Herbert Callahan, placed  
the \$200 bond with the Bail Commissioner at Northampton, Mass., and  
secured Mead's release on July 14th last. An investigation of his activities  
in this connection is being conducted by the Boston Office.

MARSH, JAMES, alias Fatty Mitchell,  
alias James McMahon, alias Milton  
Montgomery, alias Charles Mitchell.

This is a confidence man who is an  
associate of Bruce Upshaw in the  
Deland, Florida swindle. His photo-  
graphs and fingerprints are in the Bureau files having been sent there  
September 9, 1924 under New York City Police #18977. It is felt that,  
being an associate of Bruce Upshaw, he may also be a contact of Subject  
Mead. He is described as follows:

Age:	44 - born Glasgow, Scotland
Height:	5' 6"
Hair:	Auburn
Eyes:	Gray
Present whereabouts:	Unknown

"MILE A MINUTE"

alias of George Farry

MITCHELL, CHARLIE

alias of James Mann

MONTGOMERY, MILTON

alias of James Mann

ODELL, THOMAS J. alias Thomas Bradley, alias Harold Lee Bradley, alias William Greenhouse, alias James Shaw. Residence 15 East 53rd St., New York City.

This is a confidence man who was an associate of Bruce Upshaw in the swindle at Deland, Florida, on April 22, 1935 of Harry Wilmot of New Jersey. Subsequently he was tried and found guilty of this swindle and fined \$1,000. In this connection, see letter of Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt, Jacksonville, to the Bureau, dated 7-31-35. See also report of Special Agent J. W. Vincent, at New York, dated 8-14-35. His description is as follows:

Age:	33 - born New York City
Height:	5' 9"
Weight:	160 lbs.
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Dark Chestnut
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Medium
Occupation:	tailor and confidence man

Since this man is a close friend of Upshaw, he is believed also to be a friend of Mead. The Boston Office is requesting the Bureau by separate letter to furnish copies of his photograph and record to each field office.

SHAW, JAMES

alias of Thomas Odell

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This is apparently the nickname of a confidence man who is named in the anonymous letter quoted above as being an associate of Subject Mead.

SWERNEY, FRANK

This is the name given by Herbert F. Callahan as the party who furnished the \$200 bail for the release of Mead at Northampton, Mass., on July 14, 1935.

Callahan claims to know no more about him than his name and it is believed that this is a fictitious person.

TUCKER, GARLAND H.

alias of Fred Farrel

UPSHAW, ALLEN

alias of Bruce Upshaw

UPSHAW, BRUCE, alias Allen Upshaw, alias Arthur C. Upshaw. Last residence - Arlington, Mass.

A criminal record and photograph of this individual are in the Bureau Files

under F. B. I. #955056. On April 22, 1935 Upshaw, with Thomas Odell, Fatty Mitchell and a fourth party, unknown, swindled Harry Wilnot of Montclair, New Jersey, of \$100,000. Upshaw was arrested on June 25, 1935 at Arlington, Massachusetts. Before his arrest, he was known to have been in Hyannis, Mass., at the house of Robert Finn on the Craigville Beach Road and accordingly, he is believed a close associate of Fred Farrel and his crowd. Upshaw has been removed to face trial at Deland, Florida, for the Wilnot swindle. At the present time the status of this case is not known. His description is as follows:

Address:	39 Bowdoin St., Arlington, Mass.
Age:	33
Marital Status:	Married Margaret D. Conley
Height:	5' 11"
Weight:	190 lbs.
Hair:	Gray and black
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Ruddy
Teeth:	Fair; one gold front tooth
Nationality:	American
Occupation:	Horseman and confidence man
Peculiarities:	Has skin disease covering body except face known as scleroderma.

Upshaw was interviewed at the time of his arrest in Arlington and denied knowing Head. However, later developments indicate he is probably well acquainted with the latter.

WARD, J. J.

alias of Robert Finn

WARREN, JIM

666 Academy Ave.,  
Providence, R. I.

This individual is a professional gambler who was employed by Robert Finn at the gambling house at Centerville, Mass., during the summer

of 1935 where admittedly the Farrell-Gondorf crowd spent a great deal of time and where it is thought Head was also present. Warren is now in the vicinity of Miami, Florida, as an employee of a gambling house. Warren is undoubtedly close to the confidence men mentioned herein. According to Captain Cusick of the Providence Police, who knows Warren, he is not the type to give information for nothing.

WHITNEY, LOU. Address c/o  
Elks Club, Miami, Florida.

A gambler and close associate of Freddy Freed and Warren. He has been employed as a croupier at the Embassy Club in Miami and by Robert

Finn at Saratoga Springs, New York. Through these connections he should be familiar with a great many confidence men and may be a source of information is properly cultivated. Whitney is married to

a girl named Sweeney of Salem, Mass., whose family is believed to be a fairly prominent one in that city. This information is contained in the report of Special Agent H. B. Fletcher at Boston, dated 10-11-35.

WINTER

This name appears in the anonymous communication quoted herein and is probably the name of a confidence man associated with Farrell, Condorf and Upshaw. No further information concerning him is known.

Previous experience has indicated that it is useless to interview men of the type of Farrell, Condorf, and Upshaw for information relative to the whereabouts of Mead since they are entirely unreliable and have already refused their assistance to the Bureau. It is also known that these persons rarely receive important mail at the addresses at which they are staying. Post Office Inspector Graham advises they usually in every large city have a house or store which serves as a "Post Office". It is suggested that should a surveillance of any of these parties reveal such a place, a mail cover might disclose a letter from Mead who will probably contact some of them.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

**THE JACKSONVILLE OFFICE - AT DELAND, FLORIDA** - Will ascertain the status of the case against Bruce Upshaw at that city and if possible, Upshaw's present location.

**AT MIAMI, FLORIDA** - Will, if possible, locate Lou Whitney, Freddy Freed and Jim Waxman, mentioned in this report, and if deemed advisable, conduct an appropriate interview.

**AT MIAMI, FLORIDA** - Will conduct an investigation as to the whereabouts of the major confidence men mentioned in this report most of whom, it is believed, are presently in that city and probably staying at the better class hotels.

**THE NEW YORK OFFICE** - Will continue to contact Post Office Inspector Herbert Graham for any information his department may have developed relative to William E. Mead and if possible, obtain from him a photograph and record of George Farry, James Barker, Jay E. Hayes and George Kennedy.

**THE BOSTON OFFICE** - Will conduct appropriate investigation looking to the present whereabouts of Fred Farrell, Fred Condorf, and their crowd.

Will conduct investigation at the Vendome Hotel, relative to the registration of Mead and James H. Stedman on June 26, 1935.



BOSTON OFFICE - Will conduct investigation of Samuel R. Morgan, real estate dealer at 50 Congress Street, who is thought by Mr. Stedman to be one Parker associated with Mead at Hyannis, Mass., in June of 1935.

AT HYANNIS, MASS., Will conduct investigation at the Eggleston Inn and the Mayflower Hotel with a view to determining who were the parties associated with Mead at that place in June of 1935.

Fred Farrell's handwriting, copies of which are in the Boston Office files, should be checked against the registrations at these places since his picture has been almost positively identified as one of the parties with Mead.

P E N D I N G

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri,  
January 25, 1936.

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Information has been received from informants at Nevada, Missouri, that an automobile, make unknown, bearing California license 2-T-6747 (dark numerals on orange background) has been parked at various times recently in front of the residence of Ted Thornton and Earl Morris, associates of Milton Lett, in Nevada, Missouri. It is noted in the report of Special Agent H. E. Mc Kee, Los Angeles, 1-17-36, that Dolly Larimer, a relative of Thornton left California recently for Iola, Kansas. It is possible that said car may belong to Miss Larimer, although it is not stated in the report of Agent Mc Kee that she was making the trip in an automobile.

It is suggested that it be ascertained to whom the above license has been issued, as well as the make of the automobile. If it is not registered to Dolly Larimer or her relatives as set out in the report above referred to, it is requested that the identity of the party to whom said license has been issued be determined and that it be ascertained whether these plates have been stolen.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago  
Cleveland - Oklahoma City.

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P. O. Box 536  
Los Angeles, California  
January 20, 1936

Dear Sir:-

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

Apartment 608,  
Apartment 608,

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# Division of Investigation

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

January 24, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to the summary report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett, Boston, dated January 22, 1936, in the above entitled case. It will be noticed that Frederick P. Farrell has been almost positively identified as having been involved with Subject William Elmer Mead in an attempted swindle at Hyannis, Mass., in June of 1935. It is, therefore, thought advisable to furnish each field office with a photograph of Farrell. This photograph and fingerprints were sent to the Bureau August 8, 1935 by the Boston Office and bear Boston Police #20307.

A close associate of Farrell is Fred Gondorf with aliases, Fred Graham, Fred Grant, and Fred Burton. The photograph and fingerprints of this individual are in the Bureau Files, bearing New York City Police Department #6760 and it is suggested to the Bureau that his photograph be furnished to all field offices for use in conducting investigation relative to the whereabouts of Mead.

The following named and described persons are associates of the above two individuals and the evidence would seem to indicate they are also close friends of Mead. It is, therefore, thought advisable that if the Bureau possesses records and photographs of them that they be furnished to each field office:

JAMES BARKER, alias "The Englishman" (?)

Age: 42  
Height: 5' 11"  
Weight: 160 lbs.  
Hair: Gray  
Marital Status: Married  
Peculiarities: Dresses and speaks in extremely English manner.

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GEORGE L. FARRY, alias George Farry, alias "Mile-a-Minute" Last known address 1949 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass.

Age: 48 to 50  
Nationality: American

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Wife's name: Lola  
Height: 5' 8"  
Weight: 170 lbs.  
Build: Heavy  
Eyes: Blue  
Complexion: Light  
Hair: Black, turning gray  
Small mustache.

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JAY E. HAYES, alias EDDIE HAYES 0 2-52  
Last known residence - 1454 Beacon St.  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Age: 45 to 50  
Nationality: American  
Marital Status: Married  
Height: 5' 10"  
Weight: 190 lbs.  
Build: Medium  
Eyes: Blue  
Hair: Black and gray  
Peculiarities: Very small mouth  
Small mustache  
Carries glasses on  
black ribbon

GEORGE D. KENNEDY. Last residence,  
1401 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Age: 56  
Nationality: American  
Marital Status: Married  
Wife's name: Probably Harley  
Height: 5' 10"  
Weight: 212 lbs.  
Build: Stocky  
Hair: Black, turning white, scanty  
Complexion: Florid  
Metal Framed Glasses

Photographs of the following named individuals are enclosed  
herewith, and it is suggested that copies be sent to each field office.

JAMES MANN, alias FATTY MITCHELL, alias 0 7-5-1  
JAMES MCMAHON, alias MILTON MONTGOMERY 0  
alias CHARLES MITCHELL, New York City #E8977. 0

FRED GONDORF with aliases, FRED GRAHAM,  
FRED GRANT. NEW YORK POLICE #67600.

2-5-2  
THOMAS ODELL with aliases, WILLIAM  
GREENHOUSE, JAMES SEAN, N. Y. POLICE #108751.

Very truly yours,

  
C. D. McKean  
Special Agent in Charge

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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Fred Gondorf  
with aliases

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POLICE DEPARTMENT CITY OF NEW YORK		No.	
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Alias Fatty Mitchell			
Residence			
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Born	Glasgow	Occupation	
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L. C. Schilder

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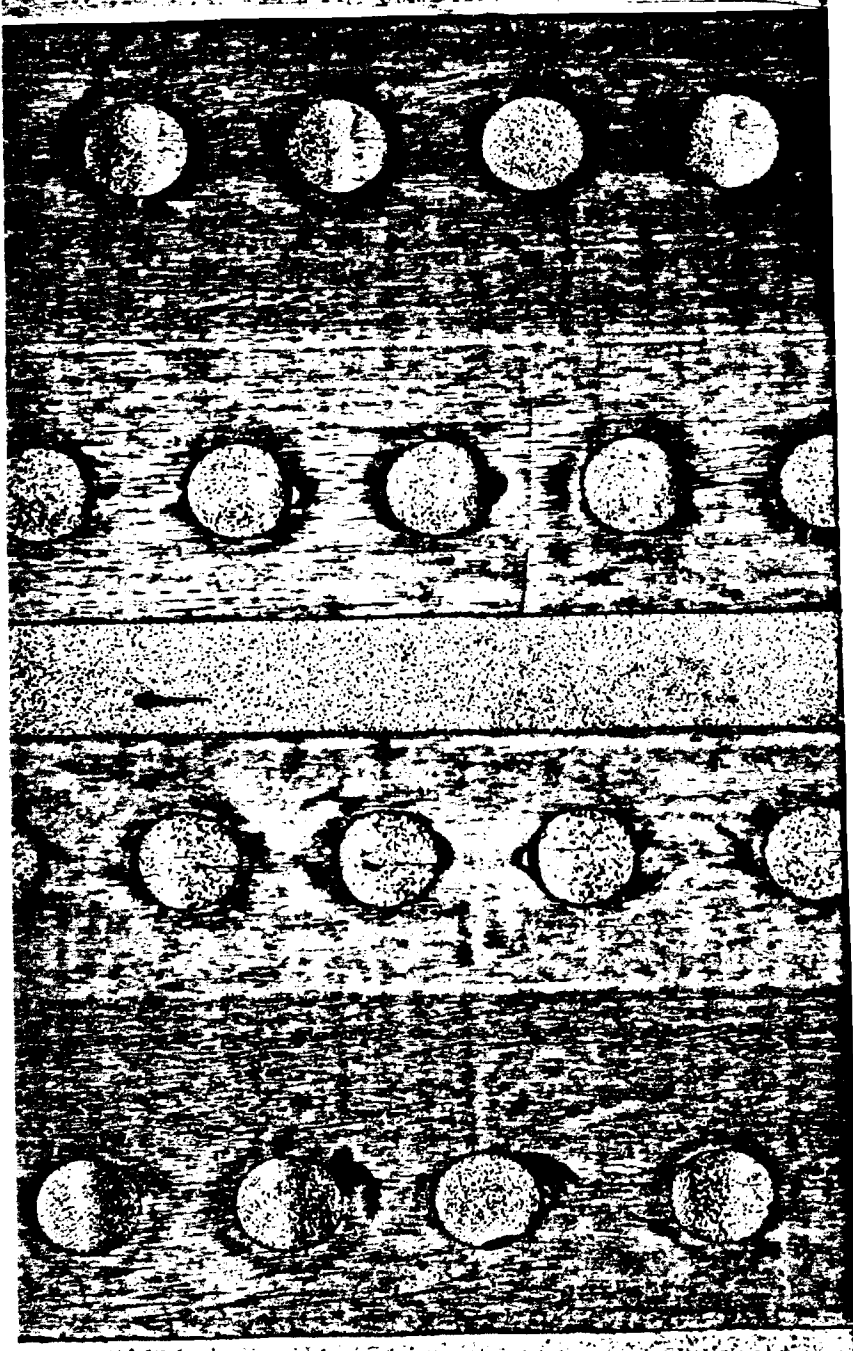
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February 17, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; ET AL;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

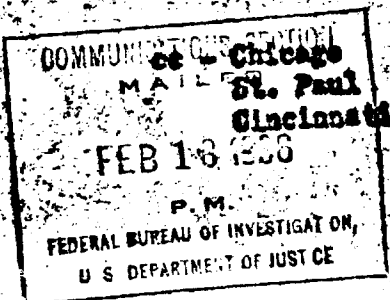
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of  
January 24, 1936 wherein you referred to one Frederick P.  
Farrell, who has been identified as having been involved  
with subject William Elmer Head in an attempted swindle  
at Hyannis, Massachusetts, in June of 1935.

Please be advised that the Bureau is unable  
to locate the photograph of Farrell which was sent to the  
Bureau by your office under date of August 8, 1935. It is,  
therefore, requested that you obtain a photograph of  
Farrell from the Boston Police Department and transmit it  
to the Bureau at an early date so that your request in the  
letter of reference may be complied with.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.



1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
JANUARY 23, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

On January 20, 1936, information was received from Mr. Dan Heuman, proprietor of Dan's Spring Works, 18th and Cherry Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, to the effect that on January 17, 1936, two men drove a Pontiac coupe into his shop, one of whom was identified by employees as being Karpis.

Special Agent A. E. Farland interviewed Anton Mozial and G. O. Stroud, the employees who installed the spring. They advised that one of the persons who drove the Pontiac car into the shop was carrying two pistols in shoulder holsters and was identified by them as being Karpis. The car was described as a 1933 model bearing Minnesota license plates, number unknown, and a St. Paul, Minnesota, city license, number unknown. They stated that these individuals informed them that they were the owners of the Prosser Motor Company, St. Paul, Minnesota.

It is suggested that appropriate investigation be made to determine whether anyone connected with the Prosser Motor Company was in Kansas City on the above date.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH,  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

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DIRECTOR

PHONE BREKID H C FRAZER AND AGENT MCKEE COMPLETED TESTIMONY

TODAY. FOLLOWING OTHER WITNESSES TESTIFIED SHOWING PRESENCE OF

GANG IN MIAMI DURING FALL OF NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR - ROY STAGER,

JAMES TINLEY, F E COVELL, L E GRAY, JAMES GRANT, WILLIAM JOHNSON,

HENRY DEBRO, AND ETHEL MOORE. TESTIMONY OF JOE ADAMS COMMENCED

AS COURT ADJOURNED FOR THE DAY.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

January 15, 1936.

Time - 12:35 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis.

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I telephoned the Kansas City Office and talked with Special Agent M. C. Spear, who was acting in charge of the office, advising him that the Bureau has a press dispatch to the effect that Alvin Karpis engaged in a gun battle with Federal and State authorities at Aurora, Missouri, and made his escape. Mr. Spear said that just a few minutes ago, they heard this over the air, the facts, however, being slightly different. He said that their information is to the effect that a person who had stored a car there several weeks ago, had called for the car with another man today; that the owner of the garage in which the car was stored told the men who called the car that he didn't have the keys to the same for the reason that the State Highway Patrol had come and gotten them. The garage man later identified the party who called for the car, by photograph, as being Karpis. As a matter of fact, Mr. Spear said that the Agents of that office had been keeping this car under surveillance for some time, and a report was submitted by Special Agent McNulty recently under the caption UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (1935 Hudson Coach, Motor #59987); National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, the date of this report being January 10, 1936. Upon receiving the information recited in the first part of this memorandum, Mr. Spear said he tried to get in touch with McNulty and the call is in at this time. The active surveillance of this automobile by the Agents was discontinued last night, and arrangements made with the State Highway Patrol that if anyone called for the car, the Bureau would be promptly notified.

Mr. Spear said that just as soon as he gets in touch with Agent McNulty and gets the facts of this matter, he will advise the Bureau.

Time - 12:55 P.M.

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I telephoned Mr. Spear again inquiring if he had the facts of this situation as yet. He said that he had gotten in touch with McNulty, who did not himself have all the facts at that time. McNulty is contacting the proper authorities at Aurora for the purpose of getting the straight facts of this matter at this time.

The set-up of the situation was this: Two of the Agents, McNulty and D. L. McCormack, have been working on the surveillance of this automobile. McNulty has been working in the garage as a mechanic while McCormack has been the "outside man". The two Agents continued the surveillance in this manner for several days, but discontinued the same last evening at six o'clock, when the garage closed, at which time they made arrangements with a Trooper who is station

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at Aurora, whereby the Trooper would be notified by the operator of the garage in the event anyone called for the car, the Trooper in turn notifying the Agents. The car in question was left at the garage on December 30, 1935.

I instructed Mr. Spear to contact the Bureau just as soon as he gets the details relative to the alleged gun battle reported by the press.

Time - 1:12 P.M.

In my absence, Mr. Spear telephoned Mr. Thompson in my office to report the further facts in this situation.

The Agents above mentioned began the surveillance of the car in question on January 10, 1936, and continued the same from the 10th to the 14th, inclusive. When the person who brought the automobile into the garage came in, he told the owner of the garage that he would call for the car in about ten days or two weeks. The two weeks period was up Monday, and it was decided that the active surveillance should continue no longer. Accordingly, the Agents withdrew from the active surveillance, and the same was continued in part by a State Highway Trooper by the name of George, who is stationed at Aurora, Missouri. This morning about 7:50 A.M., two men came to the garage in a 1931 Ford Cabriolet, dark green in color. On the car, there were license plates with a black background. The number of the license was not obtained, nor was the name of the state in which the license was issued obtained. The car, when it arrived, parked diagonally across the street from the garage in which the automobile under surveillance is parked. There were two men in this car, one of whom was later identified as Karpis. The one identified as Karpis got out of the car and came over to the garage, asking the attendant for the keys to the Hudson automobile under surveillance. In order to throw the man off, the attendant told this person that he did not have the keys now for the reason that Trooper George of the State Highway patrol had come and gotten them. The person calling for the car left the garage, then, stating that he had to go and get his hair cut, and would return in about 30 minutes. At the time this person left, the garage attendant, Seburn by name, got in touch with Trooper George. Trooper George left within 15 minutes later in the direction which he thought the car bearing the person who had called for the Hudson had gone. Thirty minutes after the car left containing the person thought to be Karpis and his companion, the car was sighted at Wentworth, Missouri. Trooper George gave the information which he had to his headquarters, and the information was broadcasted over the State Police radio station.

Concerning the identification of this person as Karpis, Mr. Spear pointed out that in the report of Agent McNulty's dated January 10, 1936, there is set out a description of the individual who left the automobile at the garage

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in the first instance. Photographs of Karpis which are in the possession of the Kansas City Office were shown to the garage attendant at this garage prior to today, and he was of the opinion that there was a strong resemblance between this person and Karpis. However, since the garage attendant has actually seen this person again, he is not so sure that he is Karpis. The attendant says that the build of the man and his general description fairly well fit the description of Karpis. However, in so far as the facial features are concerned, there is not such a strong resemblance.

With reference to the other person mentioned in this situation, he being the person who stayed in the car at the time the person thought to be Karpis came into the garage, there is nothing definite known about him. There is available at this time only a very meagre description of him, this being obtained at the time both of the men came into the garage on December 30, 1935 to store the Hudson automobile.

With reference to the reports that there had been a gun battle, Mr. Spear said that this is erroneous. The person who called at the garage for the Hudson automobile did not get the same, and left Aurora, Missouri without further ado, and certainly without a gun battle of any kind.

Mr. Thompson suggested that the Hudson automobile left in the garage by these individuals should be processed for fingerprints, and any latents developed compared with the fingerprints of Karpis and Campbell. Mr. Spear said that he does not know whether this has been done, but said that he would call it to the attention of the investigating Agents.

Further developments will be reported to the Bureau promptly.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. TAMM.



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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

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January 23, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID.  
Confiscated Ford Sedan,  
Motor No. 19-1190702.

This office is in receipt of a communication dated January 19, 1936, from Mr. George C. Campbell, 818 South Rockford Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, father of subject Campbell. Copies of this communication are attached hereto, together with copies of the enclosure referred to in Campbell's letter.

It is noted that he is writing relative to the registration of the above described automobile in the State of Oklahoma, this car having been recently turned over to Campbell by the Jacksonville Office.

The Jacksonville Office file contains Certificate of Title issued by the State of Florida, in the name of Federal Bureau of Investigation for the above car, together with Transfer of Motor Vehicle License Tag Registration.

I will appreciate the advice of the Bureau whether it is desired that these papers be turned over to Campbell.

Very truly yours,

*Ans 1/29/36  
ac*  
R. B. Nathan

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Oklahoma City,  
Mr. Connelley, Chicago

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TULSA OKLAHOMA  
818 S. Rockford Ave  
January 19, 1936

Mr. R. A. Alt,  
Jacksonville, Fla.  
U. S. Department of Justice

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter dated January 13, 1936 which I received from Mr. B. F. Mizell, Motor Vehicle Commissioner, Tallahassee, Florida.

As stated in the above mentioned letter they suggest that I write the Department of Justice in regard to the transfer of Certificate of Title covering Ford Sedan Motor #18-1190702.

I have consulted Mr. Atkins, the Tag Agent here in Tulsa regarding having this car registered in Oklahoma and obtaining a title for it and was advised by him that it would be necessary to obtain a duplicate registration certificate from Florida.

Will you please forward me the certificate and title to this car in order that I may have it properly registered in the State of Oklahoma.

If there are any charges for this service please forward me those papers C.O.D.

Thanking you for this favor, I remain

Geo. C. Campbell  
818 S. Rockford, Tulsa, Okla.

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Mr. George C. Campbell,  
818 S. Rockford Ave.  
Tulsa, Okla.

Dear Mr. Campbell:

In reply to your letter of January 10, I wish to advise that upon referring to my records covering Ford Sedan Motor #18-1190702, I find that Title #952564-A was issued in the name of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, P.O. Box 4907, Jacksonville, Florida, April 11, 1935, - 1935 Tag No. 39-195 was also transferred to this name under transfer No. 8683.

I would suggest that you write the Department of Justice at Jacksonville requesting them to transfer the above Certificate of Title to you. I believe your Oklahoma Officers will accept the Florida Title showing proper transfer to you and issue registration in that State thereon.

However, if you should desire, complete Form No. 2, on reverse side of the title and send to this office with fee of \$1.00 and Florida Title will be issued in your name.

Very truly yours,

/s/ B. F. Mizell  
Commissioner.

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January 29, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

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

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of  
January 23, 1936, in the above entitled case, referring  
to the car recently turned over to Mr. George C.  
Campbell, father of subject Campbell.

You are authorized to transmit the Certificate  
of Title, issued by the State of Florida for the above  
car, in the name of the Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
to Mr. George C. Campbell, inasmuch as the Certificate  
of Title should be released with the possession of the  
car.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Oklahoma City

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

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REPORT MADE AT <b>St. Louis, Mo.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-23-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1-8, 10, 16, 18-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. S. BUSH JSB:F</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.#1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O.#1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O.#1236, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><b>W. A. Winklebleck, step-grandfather of Mickey Rheinamith Campbell, former wife of Harry Campbell, is reputed to be a well respected citizen of Toledo, Ill. and is engaged in the business of shoe repairing. Both Mr. and Mrs. Winklebleck denied ever having seen Harry Campbell. William Edwin Cronk, Bismarck, Ill. is not identical with Alvin Karpis. Dr. George Ormiston of Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. has returned to England. Persons at Fuszner Brothers Service Station, Kirkwood, Mo. unable to identify photographs of Karpis or Campbell as that of individual who procured Sinclair Missouri Road Maps at that service station.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>P.</b></p>			
REFERENCE: <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><b>Report of Special Agent J. Michael McGrath, Aberdeen, S. Dakota dated 12-21-35; Report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri dated 1-16-36; Letter from the Cleveland Office dated 12-31-35.</b></p>			
DETAILS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><b>In accordance with request contained in letter of reference, the following investigation was conducted at Toledo, Illinois by Special Agent T. S. Ferguson, of the St. Louis office of the Bureau:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AT TOLEDO, ILLINOIS</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><b>Rufus B. Grissom, Acting Postmaster, Toledo, Illinois, a town of 700 population, advised that W. A. Winklebleck was a well</b></p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jay Q. Newman</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <b>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</b>		
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respected member of the community, being engaged in the business of shoe and harness repairing. Continuing, Grissom stated that Winklebleck was presently married to a widow, formerly known as Dovie Garrison, of Toledo, Illinois who also bore an excellent reputation, notwithstanding the fact that several of her children had been involved in petty local crime. Grissom stated that Mrs. Winklebleck has a daughter, of a former marriage, whose given name is Meima, presently living somewhere in Texas. However, he had not seen this woman in Toledo, Illinois during the past three years, nor had he known of any recent visitors in the Winklebleck household, nor had anyone other than the Winkleblecks received mail at their address.

Grissom advised that William A. Rodebaugh was a reliable citizen who would treat inquiries as to Mr. and Mrs. Winklebleck in a confidential manner. A photograph of Harry Campbell was exhibited to Acting Postmaster Grissom who stated that he had never seen anyone answering this description in or around Toledo, Illinois.

William A. Rodebaugh, Clerk of Circuit Court, Cumberland County, and a neighbor of W. A. Winklebleck at Toledo, Illinois, was interviewed and advised that Winklebleck had lived across the street from his home during the past three years and enjoyed a respected reputation in the community. Rodebaugh stated that Winklebleck, in his opinion, was financially responsible, having purchased his home and business site, and he regarded him as being an excellent neighbor and good citizen. Rodebaugh advised that the Winkleblecks had not received any strangers in their household, to his knowledge during recent months, nor had he observed any automobiles parked on their premises. Continuing, Rodebaugh stated that both Mr. and Mrs. Winklebleck were elderly people, who lived a more or less retired life, and he felt that in the event they had received strangers in their household, it would have been noticed by either him or other members of his family. The Winklebleck residence is situated in the midst of an extensive plot of ground, and it is reasonable to believe that the entrance or exit of any strangers in their household would be observed by Rodebaugh. A photograph of Harry Campbell was exhibited to Rodebaugh, and he advised that he had never seen the likeness of this man in or about Toledo, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Winklebleck were interviewed, without making the purpose of agent's inquiry known. Mr. and Mrs. Winklebleck appeared to be a very elderly couple, living alone in their home at Toledo, Illinois and they answered questions very frankly, and in general conversation, spoke freely of the various members of their family, and

exhibited photographs of Meima Gibson and Mickey Campbell, daughter and granddaughter respectively of Mrs. Winklebleck. Mrs. Winklebleck explained that her daughter by a former marriage, Meima Gibson, 38 years old, was now residing in Pampa, Texas, and through a former marriage was the mother of three daughters--Edna, Helen and Mildred Rhein-smith. Continuing, Mrs. Winklebleck stated that Mildred Rhein-smith was called "Mickey", and upon questioning advised that her, (Mickey's) first marriage had resulted in a divorce. However, she could not recall the name of Mickey's first husband, and advised that she had never seen this man. Mrs. Winklebleck stated that the last time she had seen Meima Gibson and Mickey (known as Mrs. Mickey Rhein-smith Campbell) was in February, 1935 at which time she, Mrs. Winklebleck was ill and sent money to Pampa, Texas upon which Meima Gibson and Mickey came to Toledo, Illinois for a visit. Mrs. Winklebleck advised that she did not question Mickey concerning her first husband, or any of her personal affairs, inasmuch as she was not particularly interested and did not know the man. She advised that Mickey told her at this time that she had left her little girl, a child of her first marriage, at home in Texas with her second husband, while she made the trip to Toledo, Illinois for the aforementioned visit. Further, that she was quite sure that Mickey was still in Pampa, Texas, inasmuch as she had received a Christmas card from her only a few weeks ago.

A photograph of subject Harry Campbell was exhibited to both Mr. and Mrs. Winklebleck, at the close of the interview, and neither of them recognized same as being a likeness of anyone whom they had ever seen.

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The following investigation was also conducted by Special Agent T. S. Ferguson; his memorandum being contained in the St. Louis file:

On January 4, 1936, O. D. Mann, State's Attorney, Danville, Illinois, advised the reporting agent that one C. H. Smith, Bismarck, Illinois had visited his office and informed him that he had positively identified an individual, whom he had seen the day before at Bismarck, Illinois as being ALVIN KARPIS. Accordingly, agent interviewed C. H. Smith, Route #1, Bismarck, Illinois and exhibited photographs of Alvin Karpis which Smith identified as being an individual whom he had seen on January 3, 1936 in company with a man whom he knew as LEO COX a local police character, hunting along the creek west of Bismarck.

Inasmuch as informant C. H. Smith did not desire to have his identity disclosed to Leo Cox, as being the informant, it was necessary to interview this man under subterfuge. Accordingly, agent accompanied by Deputy U. S. Marshal Jack Ray visited Bismarck, Illinois and suggested to Leo Cox that he had been identified as being near the scene of the W. P. A. Warehouses, at Danville, Illinois about the time a theft of Government property was reported and that it would be necessary for him to establish an alibi, as to his whereabouts on the afternoon of January 3, 1936. Leo Cox, in defense, advised that he was hunting at that time, with a man whom he knew to be Edwin Cronk, to whose home Cox directed this agent.

William Edwin Cronk, Bismarck, Illinois was interviewed under subterfuge of establishing an alibi for Leo Cox, and it was ascertained that he had been in Bismarck, Illinois since November, 1934 having formerly been employed by the Harrison Steel Company, Attica, Indiana. Cronk exhibited his discharge papers from the United States Navy, which indicated that he enlisted on May 22, 1919 at Indianapolis, Indiana; further, that he was born October 5, 1901, Williamsport, Indiana; 5 feet 9 inches height; 146 pounds, weight; blue eyes, brown hair, ruddy complexion. It should be noted that this man bore a striking resemblance to the photograph of Alvin Karpis, and it was deemed advisable to compare the print of Cronk's right index finger, with that of Alvin Karpis, contained in Pocket Identification Orders, which disclosed a dissimilarity.

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It is observed in the report of reference submitted by Special Agent J. Michael McGrath at Aberdeen, South Dakota on December 21, 1935 that the St. Louis Office of the Bureau was requested to interview Professor Ormiston at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri to ascertain whether he knew Armstrong alias Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston.

The reporting agent ascertained at Washington University that one Dr. George Ormiston was the only person who had ever been associated with that University in the capacity of a Professor or teacher and that Dr. George Ormiston who was also connected with the Children's Hospital, 500 S. Kingshighway Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri until the summer of 1935, had returned to London, England.

At the Children's Hospital, 500 S. Kingshighway Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri, it was ascertained from Miss H. C. Coleman, Secretary,



that Dr. George Ormiston left St. Louis on June 29, 1935 to return to England and his present address is 18 Taviton St., Endsleigh Garden, London W. C.1. Miss Coleman stated that Dr. Ormiston was a native of Edinburgh Scotland and was in St. Louis for approximately two years and in June, 1935 associated with the Washington University. She stated that neither the Washington University nor the Children's Hospital keeps a record of the family connections of the doctors employed there, however that she was certain that he was the only member of his family who had ever been to the United States and that prior to coming to St. Louis he was connected with some hospital in Chicago. She stated that while he was connected with the Children's Hospital in St. Louis, he was instructor in Clinical Pediatrics.

It will be observed in the report of reference submitted by Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri dated January 16, 1936 that the St. Louis office was requested to conduct investigation at the Fuszner Brothers Service Station, 332 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, Missouri.

Reference to the St. Louis telephone directory revealed that the Sinclair Refining Company operates a filling station known as Fuszner Brothers, 332 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, Missouri.

Ben Fuszner, Eddy Hodges and Jesse Owens, colored, who are the only persons employed at the Fuszner Brothers Service Station, were interviewed and stated that this station is open every day from 6:30 A.M. to 9:45 P.M. Photographs of Karpis and Campbell were exhibited to Fuszner, Hodges and Owens. Fuszner and Owens stated that no one, to their knowledge, had ever stopped at that service station resembling Karpis or Campbell and although Hodges stated that Campbell's photograph looked somewhat familiar to him, he could not say definitely whether either one of these individuals had stopped at that filling station for gasoline or service.

In this connection, Fuszner stated that the Sinclair Missouri Road Maps bearing the Fuszner Brothers stamp, are available to anyone who stops at that filling station, however Fuszner stated positively that a 1935 model Hudson automobile had not been greased or serviced at that station within the past four or five months. He stated that possibly this automobile stopped at the station for gasoline or oil but that the only Hudson automobiles which had been greased or serviced there within the past four or five months were old model Hudson automobiles.

One copy each of I. O. #1218 and #1236 of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, was left with Ben Fuszner and he stated that in the event either one of these individuals appears at that service station, he will immediately communicate with the St. Louis office of the Bureau.

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PHONE. BREKID. AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO RENT APARTMENT FOR PERIOD OF ONE MONTH AT EIGHTYFIVE DOLLARS PER MONTH AT 2842 NORTH FRANCISCO AVENUE, SAID APARTMENT BEING DIRECTLY OVER APARTMENT OF MR. AND MRS. JOHN KARPOVICZ. THIS WILL ENABLE BETTER CHECK ON ACTIVITIES OF KARPOVICZ AND WILL ELIMINATE THE TWO ROOMS PRESENTLY BEING RENTED FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

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PHONE. BREKID. TELEPHONIC CONVERSATIONS OF FITZGERALD AND ROBERTSON WOMAN

TODAY INDICATE THAT WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS THEY WILL AGAIN MAKE TRIP TO CARLS-

BAD, NEW MEXICO IN CONNECTION WITH OIL DEALS. FITZGERALD POSSIBLY TO TRAVEL

BY AIRPLANE AND ROBERTSON WOMAN AND CHARLOTTE PACKARD TO GO BY AUTOMOBILE.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH AIRPORT OFFICIALS TO RESERVE SPACE FOR AGENT IN THE

EVENT A RESERVATION IS REQUESTED BY FITZGERALD, AND, OF COURSE, ONE CAR

CONTAINING TWO AGENTS WILL KEEP GIRL UNDER SURVEILLANCE. NOTHING ELSE OF

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Mr. Nease  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

Post Office Drawer "V" Plaza Station,  
St. Louis, Missouri  
January 24, 1936.

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

Re: HOMER CLEO FANNING, alias A. J. Bentley,  
ALFRED J. SCHMIDT, alias Johnson,  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom,  
Kansas City, Missouri dated January 6, 1936 in the case entitled  
"ALVIN KARPIS with aliases-FUGITIVE I.O. #1218, et al. EDWARD GEORGE  
BREMER-VICTIM, Kidnaping".

There is being transmitted to the Bureau attached to the Tech-  
nical Laboratory's copy of this letter, U. S. Silver Certificate of  
one dollar denomination #B141195361 which was forwarded to this of-  
fice by Mr. E. Conner, Cashier of the Citizens' National Bank, Kirks-  
ville, Missouri. Mr. Conner stated that this bill was received from  
an individual who was an associate of one HOMER CLEO FANNING. Fanning  
who was apprehended at Kansas City, Missouri on December 31, 1935 as  
indicated in the report of reference, is presently confined in the  
County Jail at Kirksville, Missouri.

Mr. Conner had read in the newspapers that Fanning's companion  
in Kansas City was Alvin Karpis, therefore he forwarded this bill to  
the St. Louis office of the Bureau suggesting that possibly latent  
fingerprints could be developed thereon.

Although it is believed that Fanning's companion in Kansas City  
was undoubtedly Alfred J. Schmidt and not Alvin Karpis, the afore-  
mentioned bill is being transmitted to the Technical Laboratory of  
the Bureau and it is requested that in the event latent fingerprints  
are developed thereon, such prints be compared with the prints of  
Alvin Karpis. Please return the bill to this office when it has served  
its purpose.

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Very truly yours,

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JAY C. FRYMAN,

Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT: Denver, Colorado	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-22-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-20-36	REPORT MADE BY: A. R. GERR
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.	
SUMMARY REPORT			
<p><b>SYNOPSIS:</b></p> <p>Summary report of information in the Denver file relative to the activities of William Elmer Mead, with aliases John Henry Foster, J. W. Reed, J. W. Baker, J. W. Parker, Edwin Elza Gaynor, One Clark, "The Christ Kid", E. E. Laird, in the Colo. district.</p>			
<p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Bureau letter dated 12-19-35.</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>A review of the Denver file reveals that William Elmer Mead, true name, with aliases John Henry Foster, J. W. Reed, J. W. Baker, J. W. Parker, Edwin Elza Gaynor, One Clark, "The Christ Kid", E. E. Laird, was received at the Colorado State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado, on June 3, 1923, from Denver, Colorado, to serve a sentence of three to ten years upon conviction of the charge of conspiracy to steal, one count, and confidence game, two counts, the sentences to run concurrently.</p> <p>The following personal description of William Elmer Mead, as obtained from the records of the Colorado State Penitentiary, #12127, Canon City, Colorado, as of June 3, 1923, is as follows, under the name of John Henry Foster:</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. H. Brown</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-9192	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JAN 27 1936
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Age	48 (1925)
Height	5-10
Weight	140
Build	Slender
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue grey
Complexion	Medium
Occupation	Bricklayer
Fingerprint	1 U 6
Classification	17 Rt 2

The records of the Colorado State Penitentiary show that William Elmer Mead was paroled September 14, 1925, and discharged from parole June 4, 1929. At the time he was received at the penitentiary, he gave the names of his nearest relatives as Thomas Mead, Los Angeles, California, and his wife, Mrs. Katherine Mead, Hotel Van, Denver, Colorado. Upon being released from the penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado, on September 14, 1925, he was taken into custody by the United States Marshal at Denver, Colorado, on a charge of using the mails to defraud.

While on parole, William Elmer Mead reported to the Warden of the State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado, from the following addresses:

October 5, 1925. 111 East Ontario Street, Chicago, Illinois.  
 October 8, 1925. 6139 South Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
 November 13, 1925. General Delivery, Jacksonville, Florida.  
 December 1, 1925 to March 15, 1926. Hotel Mason, Jacksonville, Florida.  
 March 30, 1926 to March 4, 1929. 6139 South Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

While in the State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado, from June 3, 1923, to September 14, 1925, William Elmer Mead, under the name of John Henry Foster corresponded with the following persons:

Wife, Mrs. Kate (W. E.) Mead:  
 Little Earhardt Hotel, 1940 Broadway, Denver, Colorado.  
 Hotel Albany, 369 North 23rd Street, Portland, Oregon.  
 228 East 2nd Street, Los Angeles, California.  
 Hotel Van, 1544 Welton Street, Denver, Colorado.  
 111 East Ontario Street, Chicago, Illinois.  
 In care of Judge Berriman, Chicago, Illinois (continuous and numerous communications)

Father, A. F. Mead or A. T. Mead or A. S. Mead or A. L. Mead or A. G. Mead (correspondence records illegible).  
123 North San Pedro (or Peral, illegible) Street, Los Angeles, California.  
228 East 2nd Street, Los Angeles, California, (several communications)

Mr. Louis W. Nathan, 600 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Henry C. Smith, Suite 705, Ridge Arcade, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Algie Young, 1503 East Evans Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado.

Mrs. Katie Nyburger, 171 South Hosier Street, Los Angeles, California.  
(continuous and numerous communications)

C. B. Jenkinson, Thermopolis, Wyoming.

G. Hines, Great Northern Hotel, Joplin, Missouri.

Sears, Roebuck & Company, Chicago, Illinois. (Over 200 incoming communications, and 34 outgoing letters)

The following is a description of the wife of William Elmer Mead:

Name	MRS. KATHERINE MEAD alias KATE MEAD alias "KLONDIKE KATE" alias "CALIFORNIA KATE"
Age	42
Height	5-6 or 7
Weight	155 to 160
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Gray, almost white
Complexion	Blonde
Peculiarities	Good dresser and neat in appearance

The following criminal history of William Elmer Mead was obtained from the records of the Identification Unit, Colorado State Penitentiary:

No. 12127	June 7, 1923	$\frac{1}{17}$	$\frac{U}{Rt}$	$\frac{6}{2}$
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JOHN H. FOSTER

Aliases: William E. Mead (True Name), J. W. Reed, J. W. Baker, J.

W. Parker, Edwin Elza Gaynor, One Clark, "The Christ Kid", and E. E. Laird, John Henry Foster.

Received June 3, 1923, from Denver County; sentence, 5 to 10 years; Crime, conspiracy to steal - 1 count, confidence game - 2 counts; to run concurrently. Born Iowa; occupation, bricklayer; age, 48; weight, 140 pounds; height 5 feet 10 inches; medium complexion; brown hair; blue-grey eyes; slender build; Date of sentence, June 2, 1923. Min. term expires December 3, 1925. Paroled September 14, 1925. Discharged from parole June 4, 1929.

Criminal History:

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When William Elmer Mead, under the alias of C. E. Carter, was arrested at Northampton, Massachusetts, on July 12, 1935, and released on a \$200.00 bond, it was ascertained that he left behind him, among other articles, a "Conoco Passport #755768" for the 1935-6 season, issued by the Conoco Travel Bureau, Denver, Colorado, to C. E. Charles, Charleston Hotel, Charleston, South Carolina. The original request from C. E. Charles was destroyed in accordance with their

practice, by the Conoco Travel Bureau, Denver, Colorado, on July 25, 1935, but the records retained showed that on April 5, 1935, C. E. Charles of the Charleston Hotel, Charleston, South Carolina, requested road maps of Old Mexico for himself and four friends, whose names and addresses he furnished but a record of which was not retained by the Conoco Travel Bureau, stating that he and his friends contemplated making a trip to Old Mexico when the highway was completed during the summer of 1935, and road maps of North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, and Old Mexico, were furnished to C. E. Charles and his four friends as requested. The Denver Office has never been informed that C. E. Charles of the Charleston Hotel, Charleston, South Carolina, has been identified as identical with William Elmer Mead with aliases.

Leads to interview the correspondents of William Elmer Mead, while confined in the State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado, from June 3, 1923, to September 14, 1925, are not being set out in this report for the reason that leads covering the same were set out in the report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Denver, Colorado, dated December 9, 1935.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

January 24, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID

I have been informed by Assistant United States Attorney William A. Paisley, that the Department has written him concerning the indictment now pending against Myrtle Eaton at Jacksonville, Florida. It seems that it has been indicated to Mr. Paisley that the indictment is somewhat faulty. Mr. Paisley has advised that he intends to draw another indictment, within the next few days, against Myrtle Eaton, and to submit same to the Department with the request that they place their stamp of approval upon it, or advise him of the exact type of indictment, including wording thereof, that the Department wishes obtained. He then expects to present the matter to a Grand Jury which is to convene February 23, 1936, at Tampa, Florida, and request the return of a new indictment.

I will keep in touch with Mr. Paisley, and the local situation as respects the return of this additional indictment so that the Bureau and interested offices may be promptly advised of subsequent developments.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Mr. Connelley, Chicago.

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DIRECTOR

PHONE. RE- MILTON LETTS, CRIMINAL RECORD. WAS HE IN CUSTODY  
ANY PLACE ON NOVEMBER 7, LAST YEAR. THIS WILL BE ESSENTIAL  
IN THE EVENT HE IS PICKED UP HERE AND QUESTIONED CONCERNING THE  
TRAIN ROBBERY AT GARRETTSVILLE, OHIO.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

Transmit the following message to: OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA

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REGARDING MILTON LETTS ACCORDING BUREAU RECORDS ARRESTED POLICE

COFFEYVILLE KANSAS FIRST DEGREE ROBBERY NOVEMBER SIXTH LAST ARRESTED

SHERIFF YATES CENTER KANSAS NOVEMBER SEVENTH LAST CHARGE HOLD UP INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>CINCINNATI, OHIO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-25-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1-22-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. H. KLETT MGR</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218 et al., EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">W. T. Hamilton met Charles Leamington in Florida; first met Meade in Lima, Ohio, who was known to him as Longworth. Can furnish no additional information regarding Meade. Has not seen Leamington or Meade since he was defrauded and has never been re-paid in any manner whatsoever.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Report of Special Agent C. E. Smith dated 11-11-35 at Cleveland, Ohio; Report of Special Agent R. H. Klett dated 12-9-35 at Cincinnati, Ohio.</p>			
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><u>AT SPRINGFIELD, OHIO</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Agent interviewed Mr. W. T. Hamilton at his office in the Shuey Building, Springfield, Ohio, at which time he stated that he had destroyed all of his records pertaining to the \$30,000.00 loss suffered by him and he furnished Agent the following information from memory. Mr. Hamilton stated that he first met Charles Leamington alias Charles Long in Florida and that a meeting was later arranged in Lima, Ohio, at which time he was to purchase the stock in question and at which time he turned over to Meade, whom he knew as Longworth \$30,000.00. Mr. Hamilton states after he discovered that he had been defrauded he had gone to Chicago and various other places in an effort to ascertain the identity of the parties and it was through the Chicago Police Department that he first learned the true identity of</p>			
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the parties who had defrauded him. Mr. Hamilton further stated that he has never seen any of the parties since that date, although he had been informed by the Lima Police Department that they had in custody, about two years ago, the man who had acted as Attorney when the deal was consummated, but at that time he was just starting in business and did not want to receive any publicity and therefore did not prosecute. He further stated that he really had nothing on the man who had acted as Attorney, whose name appears to have been George Sterns, although Mr. Hamilton could not recall his name, but in his opinion the party who really defrauded him was Leamington and the others had just assisted him in the work. Mr. Hamilton states that he has never seen either Meade or Leamington since that time and that he has at no time been reimbursed in any manner whatsoever.

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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

January 24, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In trial of this matter at St. Paul today, Harry Sawyer, William Weaver and Cassius McDonald were found guilty of Conspiracy to kidnap Edward George Bremer as covered in last indictment of September, 1935. Weaver and Sawyer were immediately sentenced by United States District Court Judge Nordbye to life imprisonment and execution deferred to January 31, 1936. Sentence as to Cassius McDonald was deferred to such latter date after being first set for February 1, 1936.

The Judge indicated to Mr. Sullivan, United States Attorney, St. Paul, that he did this (which was on motion of the United States Attorney as is usual practice) in order to have some information available on date of sentence as to the mental condition of McDonald as his actions occasionally indicate he is possibly not just right mentally or possibly deficient in this respect.

In conference with the United States Attorney, this was discussed and he indicated that he wished for a report as to any thing the files may show as to McDonald in this respect. This will be covered at Chicago as to the files, that is, what is shown as to his past activities insofar as they reflect on his, McDonald's, ability to determine the difference between right and wrong. It was indicated to the United States Attorney that this is the observation of myself and Agent J. L. Brennan who has had the most recent contacts with McDonald: that he apparently has a keen mind but suffers from delusions of grandeur as is common to the average old time confidence man, but that he apparently is fully capable of differentiating between right and wrong and fully aware of the consequences of his illegal acts.

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The United States Attorney has requested certain inquiry at Detroit, his supposed most recent home; however, in the inquiry you should be careful not to disclose the purpose of your inquiry to the persons approached for the reason that they might be inclined to say he is crazy, to help him at this time.

With the above in mind, it is requested that you immediately make the following inquiry and have a report in the St. Paul Office not later than January 30, 1936: Ascertain the names of several people, business associates or servants, and employees, who have been in contact with McDonald during 1934-1935, and ascertain just what their relations have been, business, social or otherwise, going into detail in order that it can be determined if the actions of McDonald in such dealings, contacts, etc., have been the actions of a normal person fully capable of transacting his affairs with understanding and shrewdness, contrary to any actions which might indicate peculiarities or complex of other than a normal person fully capable of knowing and determining right and wrong as applied to his own actions.

It is appreciated that McDonald's mistaken ideas of grandeur and pose may mislead some and the interviews should be discreet, careful and poised in order that his friends and associates may not make themselves serving in the interests of McDonald. It is believed the length of the sentence of the court will depend upon his mental condition.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 24, 1936

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Mr. Tolson  
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Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Edwards  
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Mr. Foxworth  
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Mr. Joseph  
Mr. Keith  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Schilder  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to the news item appearing in the Indianapolis Times on January 15, 1936 concerning the Aurora, Missouri incident and in compliance with your penned comments relative to this news item, there is attached hereto a memorandum setting forth the complete facts concerning this matter.

Respectfully,

E.A. Tamm

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January 24, 1936

MEMORANDUM

Re: Brekid

On December 30, 1935 a 1935 Hudson coach, bearing motor #59987, was stored by two men at a garage at Aurora, Missouri. Subsequent investigation reflected that one of the men resembled the photograph of Alvin Karpis, a subject in the instant case, and the other the photograph of Percy Geary, Identification Order No. 1216.

A complete report relative to the investigation in this matter was submitted by Special Agent M. C. Spear, of the Kansas City Office, under date of January 16, 1936.

H. L. George, of Aurora, Missouri, connected with the State Highway Patrol, informed Special Agent Spear on January 7, 1936 at Springfield, Missouri, that on December 30, 1935 two individuals parked the instant car in the Seburn Motor Company garage at Aurora, Missouri. At the time it was parked in this garage it lacked a rear license plate, but did have a 1935 Illinois license in front. George related that he had exhibited to the proprietors of this garage photographs and that they identified the profile view of a photograph of Alvin Karpis as bearing a resemblance to one of the individuals who brought the car to the garage. The Missouri State Highway Patrol ascertained from the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau in Chicago that the car was stolen at that point on November 3, 1935 from the owner, one B. E. Jacques. This car was insured by the Fire Association of Philadelphia.

The two individuals who parked the car at Aurora had stated that they would return in ten days or two weeks and at that time get the car. These facts were telephonically related to the Kansas City Office of the Bureau and Agent Spear proceeded to Aurora, Missouri where the proprietors of the Seburn Motor Company were interviewed. Mr. Oliver Seburn stated that about 2:00 P.M. on December 30, 1935, an individual walked into his garage and made inquiries about storage. He was informed that the daily rate was \$.25 per day. He said he did not have his car with him, but would return shortly. Seburn described the individual. Approximately fifteen minutes after the inquiry had been made of Oliver Seburn, the 1935 Hudson coach was driven into the garage and was observed by Mr. Harry Seburn, a brother of Oliver Seburn. There were in this car two men, one of whom got out and waited at the garage entrance. This individual, according to Harry Seburn, fits the description of the person described by Oliver Seburn. The second individual, who then approached Harry Seburn, inquired about the weekly rate for storage, stating that he would probably leave the Hudson for a period of ten days or two weeks. Arrangements were

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completed to leave the car for a period of two weeks for the sum of \$1.50. No parking check was given for the car, inasmuch as the second individual stated that he would personally return for it. A description of the second individual was obtained from Harry Seburn.

Photographs of Bureau fugitives were exhibited to Oliver and Harry Seburn and they stated that the profile view of Alvin Karpis appearing on Identification Order No. 1218 was similar to the man who first made inquiries relative to storage. This was the individual who waited at the garage door while final arrangements were made. Harry Seburn said that there was some slight similarity between the photograph of Percy Geary and the man who parked the car. Oliver and Harry Seburn, at the request of Trooper George, put the distributor of the automobile out of commission and deflated the front tire. The garage is closed from 6:00 P.M. until 7:00 A.M. A brief examination of the automobile after closing hours on January 9, 1936 was made by Agent Spear and an extensive examination of the car was deferred until January 10, 1936, due to the fact that the Agent had already held the proprietors beyond closing time.

The substance of this information was furnished by a teletype message from the Kansas City Office to the Bureau and the Chicago Office on January 10, 1936, and on this same date, Agent McNulty made a detailed examination of the automobile and the results of this examination are contained in Agent Spear's report. It should be noted that the instant automobile was left at the Seburn Motor Company garage, Aurora, Missouri, on December 30, 1935 and a minute examination of the car was not made until January 10, 1936, which examination disclosed information concerning the tires, the body, evidence of tampering with the license plates, the rear tire compartment lock and also disclosed information concerning the body of the car and tools and articles which were found therein. A Sinclair, Missouri road map on the back of which was printed with a hand stamp the following, "Fuszner Bros. 352 South Kirkwood Rd" was forwarded to the Technical Laboratory to be processed for latent fingerprints. No latent fingerprints were obtained from the automobile except two fragmentary prints which were discovered on the upper part of the steering wheel. These were forwarded to the Technical Laboratory, where it was ascertained that the fragmentary prints could not be searched. However, a palmar print was obtained from the Sinclair Road Map. There being no palmar prints of the subjects mentioned herein available in the Technical Laboratory, no identification could be made from this palmar print.

Pursuant to instructions, Special Agent in Charge W. A. Smith, and Special Agents W. John McNulty and B. L. McCormack began a surveillance in the Seburn Garage, Aurora, Missouri, on January 10, 1936, the garage being open only during the hours of 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Agent McNulty was dressed in a pair of overalls and worked in the garage under the pretext of an employee of the garage. This surveillance was maintained

by these Agents from January 10 to January 14, 1936 at 6:00 P.M. inclusive. As the car had been found to be stolen and the individuals who had left the same had indicated they would call for it within ten days or two weeks, which two weeks period expired January 13, 1936, it was thought that probably these individuals had abandoned the car and would not return for it. Accordingly, after Special Agent McNulty had discussed this matter by telephone with Special Agent in Charge Smith, the decision was made to withdraw the active surveillance by the Bureau Agents at Aurora and to effect arrangements whereby Messrs. Seburn at the garage would immediately notify State Highway Patrolman George, who is stationed at and resides at Aurora, Missouri, in the event of the reappearance of the men who had left the car there, in order that they might be taken into custody. Other local peace officers in Aurora, as well as peace officers in that vicinity of the State, were notified, in order that they might assist in the apprehension of these men, in the event they returned for the car after the surveillance was withdrawn by Bureau Agents on January 14, 1936.

On the following morning, January 15, 1936, a radio dispatch was heard by Mr. Smith, Kansas City, Missouri, emanating from the station of the Kansas City Star, W.D.A.F., Kansas City, Missouri, indicating that two men, one of whom was thought possibly to be Karpis, had called for a car at a garage at Aurora, Missouri, which had been left there previously and had escaped a trap laid for these men by officers. Inasmuch as Mr. Smith was ill, a telephone call was immediately placed by Agent Spear, who at the time was Acting Special Agent in Charge, to Special Agent W. John McNulty, at Springfield, Missouri. Prior to completing the call to Agent McNulty, a call was received from Mr. Tamm, of the Bureau, at which time he advised that press reports had just been received at the Bureau indicating that two men had escaped from a trap laid by State and Federal officers at Aurora, Missouri, it being thought that one of the men was Karpis, the escape having been accompanied by a gun battle between the men who escaped and the officers. Mr. Tamm requested that the Bureau be immediately furnished with complete information concerning this matter at the earliest possible moment. Upon obtaining information by telephone from Agent McNulty as to what happened, Mr. Spear immediately telephoned the Bureau and advised Mr. Thompson, who was in Mr. Tamm's office during his absence, of the substance of this information. Mr. Spear stated — this is what happened.

Agent McNulty immediately proceeded from Springfield, Missouri to Aurora, Missouri and en route met Agent V. W. Gillen, who accompanied him to Aurora. Special Agents McNulty and Gillen interviewed Harry and Oliver Seburn at their garage. Oliver stated that at about 7:45 A.M. on January 15, 1936, he had left the garage to go to a filling station which is located across the street from his garage and that he had not been at the garage when the Hudson coach was called for. Harry Seburn stated that about 7:50 A.M. a poorly dressed man walked into the garage and asked for the Hudson coach. This man, Harry Seburn disclosed, was the one whom he had

previously identified as having some resemblance to Alvin Karpis. He described this man as having on heavy work shoes, old black sweater, dark gray coat and hatless. He stated that this was the man who had first contacted his brother on December 30, 1935 and whom he had subsequently seen on that date. Further, that on seeing this man again, he, Harry, did not think the resemblance to Karpis was as great as he had previously believed. Harry Seburn told the individual believed to have resembled Alvin Karpis that the keys to the auto were in the possession of Trooper George, when as a matter of fact they were in the safe of the garage. This individual stated that he was going out for a shave and would return later for the auto. He said that he wanted to talk to Trooper George personally and inquired where the barber shops in Aurora were located. Harry Seburn observed this individual to proceed west on Olive Street to an automobile in which another man was seated whom he was unable to describe. This auto was a dark green 1931 Ford cabriolet bearing a license plate with white numerals on a black background. Harry Seburn was unable to determine the state or year of issue of this license plate, but stated that the numerals were 649597. The Ford is said to have had 2" white adhesive tape stuck to the canvas near the rear window where the canvas meets the frame of the car. This was probably used to keep out drafts. The men drove off in the direction of U. S. Missouri Highway #60. Harry Seburn stated that he immediately telephoned Trooper George and requested him to inform an Agent of the Kansas City Office. The 1931 Ford above mentioned had been parked in front of the Aurora Grocery on West Olive Street.

It was also determined from Harry Seburn that an inquiry regarding storage had been made of one Lee Adams in Aurora about December 30, 1935 and Lee Adams was interviewed by Special Agent V. W. Gillen. Upon interview, T. Lee Adams, 151 West Locust Street, Aurora, Missouri, stated that on or about December 30, 1935 a man came into his bowling alleys and barroom, located at 100 Madison Street, and inquired of Mr. Adams as to his garage located in the rear of his house. The man was more or less insistent upon renting this garage rather than taking a space in a local commercial garage and as a result of this, Mr. Adams told him to put his car in the garage if he could get it in. This unknown person was unable to use the garage at this time. A description of this unknown person was obtained from Mr. Adams. Pictures were exhibited of the subjects contained in the Pocket Identification Order Book and Adams stated that the unknown person resembled the photograph of Mahan and Richard Keller. Richard Keller, however, has been apprehended. According to Adams, the unknown person did not resemble the photograph of Karpis. From the information obtained, it is believed that this unknown person who attempted to rent this garage from Mr. Adams is the person who later stored the car at the Seburn Motor Company garage at Aurora, Missouri.

Special Agents Gillen and McNulty contacted Trooper George in his patrol car, which was parked opposite the Seburn garage on West Olive Street, and he advised that on receiving the information from Harry Seburn,

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he had notified all the nearby offices of the State Highway Patrol, in an effort to stop the 1931 Ford cabriolet and according to reports he had received, it appears that the auto was last seen between Pierce City and Wentworth, at about 8:30 A.M.

During the evening of January 15, 1936 Agent McNulty contacted Sergeant H. M. Sayers, temporarily in charge of Troop D, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Springfield, Missouri, who advised that no additional information had been received of either the 1931 green Ford cabriolet or its occupants.

The above information relative to the incident at Aurora, Missouri on January 15, 1936 was furnished by conference teletype message to the Oklahoma City, Little Rock and St. Paul Offices of the Bureau. The information was also disseminated by State Highway Patrolman George to his highway patrol which was then sent to various stations of the highway patrol, in order that efforts could be made to locate the 1931 Ford cabriolet. The information of this incident was also furnished to Mr. Frank Stone, Assistant to the Superintendent of the Kansas State Highway Patrol at Topeka, Kansas.

Investigation is presently being conducted by the St. Louis Office of the Bureau to obtain all information in connection with the Sinclair Refining Company map which was found in the car and at the Kansas City Office in connection with the information contained herein. The New York City Office has also been furnished with the information contained herein, inasmuch as an investigation is being conducted by that office to determine the location of Percy Geary, who is wanted in connection with the kidnaping of John J. O'Connell.

INDIANAPOLIS TIMES  
January 15, 1936

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Baughman	
Chief Clerk	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Joseph	
Mr. Keith	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Schilder	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	

## KARPIS TRAP FAILS WHILE G-MEN EAT

Desperado and Aid Escape  
Garage Ambuscade.

By United Press

AURORA, Mo., Jan. 15.—Alvin Karpis, America's public enemy No. 1, and a companion escaped a trap set by Federal officers and highway patrolmen at a garage today.

The trap had been maintained since Dec. 30 when Karpis and his companion rented space to store their automobile.

The identification of Karpis at that time was made positive by Harry and Oliver Seburn, who operate the garage, and several attendants.

The trap failed when officers temporarily relaxed their vigilance at breakfast.

I want all facts in  
this matter & if story  
is untrue I may want  
to write to head of WP  
re the distortion & resultant  
discrediting of law en-  
forcement officers.

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Memo to  
Director



Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
January 24, 1936

Mr. John J. Farrell  
United States Marshal  
327 Federal Courts Building  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

BREKID

This office desires to interview Bryan Bolton now confined in the Ramsey County Jail. I believe it would be most advisable to have him interviewed at this office for a few hours and request that he be brought from the Ramsey County Jail for that purpose.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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POST OFFICE BOX 812,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

January 24, 1936.

Mr. Ernest J. Krueger,  
Postmaster,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that a cover be maintained for a period of thirty days on all mail delivered to the family of Robert Venute at 525 North Wood Street, Chicago, Illinois, and that tracings thereof be forwarded to this office marked for the attention of file No. 7-82.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I remain

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 812,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

January 24, 1936.

Mr. Ernest J. Krueger,  
Postmaster,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that a cover be maintained for a period of thirty days on all mail delivered to the family of Philip Newbold at 2240 North Franklin Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and that tracings thereof be forwarded to this office marked for the attention of file No. 7-82.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I remain

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
January 24, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

BRKID

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the report of Special Agent Philip M. Reed, Atlanta, Georgia, dated January 14, 1936, submitted in the above entitled case.

You will note in this report that Leon Felix, alias E. C. Howard, was released from the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, on November 29, 1935, at which time he gave as his home address 814 South Hobart Avenue, Los Angeles, California. You will further note that this address is in close proximity to the address of 512 South Hobart Avenue, at which place Charles J. Fitzgerald is presently residing.

Your attention is invited to the summary report submitted by Special Agent E. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated January 6, 1936, which contains certain information concerning William Elmer Meade. In this report it is stated that Meade was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury, Jacksonville, Florida, on December 15, 1922 charged with Mail Fraud, and his co-defendants in that case were William A. Shaw and E. C. Howard.

Concerning Shaw, there is submitted herewith a copy of the report of Special Agent Val C. Zimmer, dated at Salt Lake City, Utah, January 14, 1936. It is requested that you conduct appropriate investigation in the vicinity of 814 South Hobart Avenue to determine whether William Elmer Meade is residing in that vicinity. However, due to the close proximity of this address to that occupied by Charles J. Fitzgerald, it is believed that it would be inadvisable to interview Howard at this time if he is located at that address.

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Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago, Illinois

January 23rd, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of January 18th, 1936, fifteen copies were made of the photograph of Milton Lett and these copies are being attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida  
January 25, 1936.

Mr. W. Sanders Grawling  
Assistant U. S. Attorney  
Miami, Florida.

RE: BREKID

Dear Mr. Grawling:

Reference is made to your letter of January 10, 1936, transmitting certain communications relating to property reported to belong to the Rolfe Armored Truck Service, Inc., Miami, Florida.

You are advised that the records of this office indicate that this property was turned over to you by Special Agent in Charge J. E. Hanson. Information to this effect is contained in the report of Agent Hanson dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, at page 47. There is no record that this property is in the possession of this office at this time.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Connelley, Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul.

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ROLFE ARMORED TRUCK SERVICE, INC.,  
Miami, Florida.

December 30, 1935

AFFIDAVIT

This will certify that the Rolfe Armored Truck Service, Inc.,  
of Miami, Florida, is the rightful owner of the following  
property, to-wit:

One 45 automatic Colts pistol

One leather shoulder holster for above named  
gun

One nickel-plated round badge with the following  
inscription:

armored truck special police Miami, Fla.  
with the seal of the State of Florida in the  
center.

One special police card issued by the City of Miami  
about January 7, 1935, to one Henry Randall.

The above named property was seized from one Henry Randall  
alias Duke Randall alias Henry Stern, when arrested in  
Miami, Fla., and is now in custody of the Department of  
Justice, I understand.

ROLFE ARMORED TRUCK SERVICE, INC.

By

/s/ M. H. Rolfe,  
President.

/s/ T. L. Bush

/s/ E. A. Lindblom

Notary Public for the State of Florida at Large  
My commission expires April 25, 1938.

(Notary Seal)

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA, IN AND FOR THE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

No. 4608-M Crim.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :

v. :

HENRY RANDALL, et al. :

Defendants. :  
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AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA )

COUNTY OF DADE )

SS

Hendry Randall, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he  
is informed that agents of the United States Government have in their  
possession a certain firearm, holster and other articles taken from  
this affiant; that all of said property so taken is the property of  
M. H. Rolfe; and this affiant waives all claim to said property and  
requests that the same be returned to the said M. H. Rolfe.

/s/ Hendry Randall  
Henry Randall  
Duke Randall  
Henry Stern

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of  
November, A.D. 1935.

/s/ J. Anon Abbott  
Notary Public, State of Florida,  
County of Dade.

My commission expires  
9/19/37.

(Notary Seal)



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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Washington, D.C.  
October 21, 1935.

WLB:an

W. Sanders Gramling, Esq.,  
Assistant United States Attorney,  
Miami, Florida.

Re: United States v. Adams, et al.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter dated October 15 from the  
Rolfe Armored Truck Service, Inc., a copy of which I am enclosing herewith.

It will be noted that a claim is there made of ownership  
of a certain pistol and shoulder holster. I am of the opinion that such  
pistol and shoulder holster are not material for the trial of Duke Randall  
or any of the other defendants and further that in the event we should  
determine to use them for any purpose they could be properly subpoenaed by  
number and identified as well as if they remained in our custody. However,  
that may be I do not wish to pass upon such claim of ownership merely by  
reason of the letter referred to but would insist that the claimant file  
an affidavit of ownership and that they obtain from Duke Randall from whose  
possession the property was taken a full acquittance of any claim of owner-  
ship by him in such property. In the event these conditions should be  
complied with to your satisfaction I see no reason why the property might  
not be returned. However, unless such affidavit of ownership upon the  
part of the claimant and disclaimance of any claim of ownership upon the  
part of Randall should be delivered to you I do not believe we could  
safely relinquish our possession. Of course, in the event of delivery a  
complete receipt should be obtained.

Very truly yours,

(S) Walter L. Barlow  
Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

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ROLFE ARMORED TRUCK SERVICE, INC.  
P.O. Box 1028  
Miami, Florida.

October 15, 1935.

Mr. Walter L. Barlow  
Special Assistant to  
Attorney General  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barlow:

There is a case now pending against one Duke Randall, charged with having in his possession unlawfully a machine gun here in the city of Miami. This man had in his possession at the time of his arrest here a 45 Cole automatic pistol, a shoulder holster, a Rolfe Armored Truck Service Inc. badge, and a special police card issued by the city of Miami. I was informed by the department of Justice agent here in charge of this case that the above mentioned articles, which belong to this company, would be returned in due time to me. The winter season is approaching and we need all our equipment as we employ more men in the winter season, of course, than in the summer.

I was talking to Saunders Gramling, assistant U.S. Attorney here, who is a personal friend of mine, and he advised me to write you regarding the return of the above mentioned articles. Will you please advise me if these can be released to me at an early date: Thanking you in advance for an early reply, we beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

ROLFE ARMORED TRUCK SERVICE, INC.

By M. H. Rolfe, Pres.

MEH:r

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota,  
Jan. 25, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 19, 1935, Bureau file 7-576.

Examination of the files of the St. Paul Bureau Office with respect to WILLIAM ELMER MEAD reveals that on February 6, 1934, the Assistant Director, Mr. Harold Nathan, addressed a communication to the Kansas City Office relating to the confidence scheme perpetrated on one Martin Wunderlich, by the Subject.

The Kansas City Office submitted a memorandum of an interview with Wunderlich relating to this matter and on January 20, 1936, a summary report was submitted by Special Agent W. E. Hopton of the Kansas City Office. The St. Paul Office file contains no further information regarding Mead other than is contained in investigative reports from other offices.

Very truly yours,

*C. W. Stein*

C. W. STEIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC-E.J. Connelley, Chicago.  
Cincinnati

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Post Office Box 815  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
January 24, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge  
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sir:

BREKID

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Val C. Zimmer, Salt Lake City, Utah, dated January 14, 1936, in which advice is requested of the office of origin as to whether an open interview should be had with William Shaw, associate of William Elmer Meade.

It is requested that your office take the appropriate steps to interview Shaw for any possible information that can be obtained from him concerning the present whereabouts of William Elmer Meade.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
JANUARY 24, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1218; ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

The following quoted letter dated January 23, 1936,  
was received from Assistant Chief of Police Foster Holvey, of  
Fairbury, Nebraska:

"I have been informed by an informant that claims to know the  
hideout of Alvin Karpis, and I am herewith giving this informa-  
tion to you as the logical officer and my informant states that  
he will give same information to any Federal Agent interviewing  
him although he wishes information to be kept confidential.

"Alvin Karpis is supposed to be in hiding within a radius of  
eight miles of McPherson, Kansas, and has been in hiding for  
some time at this place.

"This information may be valueless and on the other hand it may  
prove to be a very hot tip.

"Trusting that we may be of further service to your office, I  
remain

It is requested that you immediately have an Agent con-  
tact Mr. Holvey and through him his informant in an effort to  
ascertain the exact whereabouts of the alleged hideout of Karpis.

Very truly yours,

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cc - Bureau  
Mr. Connelley, Chicago  
Cincinnati

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida  
January 25, 1936.

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

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Further reference is made to your letter dated December 18, 1935, and reply from this office dated December 19, 1935, relative to a decoy letter forwarded by registered mail from Jacksonville to W. E. Mead, 1533 West Fargo Street, Chicago, Illinois, this letter bearing the return address of Jack Lentz, P.O. Box 4907, Jacksonville, Fla.

You are advised that on January 24, 1936, a notification was received by this office indicating that this letter had been returned undelivered.

The letter was obtained from the postal authorities, and is being forwarded herewith to you. It is noted that the envelope bears notations indicating that efforts to deliver the letter were unsuccessful.

Very truly yours,

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R. B. Nathan  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

January 24, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Enclosed herewith you will find photographic negatives of FRED HUNTER, and it is requested that you print fifty (50) photographs therefrom and forward them to the Cleveland office.

In printing these photographs it is suggested that a front and side view be printed as one picture in the form of a regular police photograph.

Very truly yours,

EJH/EJB

Enclosures

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- E. J. Connelley

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio.

FILE NO. 7-24

REPORT MADE AT <b>Jacksonville, Fla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-25-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1-21-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. B. DONALDSON</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>C. O. Andrews, Allandale, Florida, unable to furnish any information indicating association between William Weaver and persons occupying his, Andrews', home last summer. This tenant, one John Francis Terry, was an ex-service man from Brooklyn, NY, receiving monthly pension, and present whereabouts not known. News boy at Port Orange, Florida, recalls delivering Jacksonville paper to Weaver last winter and conversed with him a number of times.</p>			
<p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Bureau letter dated 1-17-36, addressed to C. O. Andrews, Box 478, Allandale, Florida, and report of Special Agent R. B. Donaldson, Jacksonville, Florida, dated 11-20-35.</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p><b>AT ALLANDALE, FLORIDA:</b></p> <p>Interview was had with Mr. C. O. Andrews, who resides on the River Road about 1/2 mile from the main highway, and due East of Allandale. Mr. Andrews spends his winters here with his sister, a Mrs. Rust. His home is at Haynes Falls, N.Y.</p> <p>Mr. Andrews states that it has been his practice for a number of years past to spend the winter here, and upon going North in the Spring, he generally secures a tenant to occupy the house, and protect it during his absence. In return free rent is allowed. Last year, upon returning to New York, he made</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. B. Donaldson</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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arrangements with one John Francis Terry, who was then residing in the village of Port Orange, Florida, for him to take care of the place during the summer. Terry was recommended by a local preacher, Rev. Fithian. He took up his residence in informant's home in April, 1935, and it was presumed he was going to stay there until November, 1935. However, Mr. Andrews states that Terry left without giving him any notice, and from the best inquiries made around the neighborhood, it seems that Terry left here shortly after the apprehension of William Weaver. He has no information to indicate that the apprehension of Weaver had any bearing on the departure of Terry, but did learn that Terry raised chickens, which was a business also indulged in by Weaver, and heard that Terry went to Weaver's place once or twice, but not very authoritatively.

Foremost, however, in the mind of informant is the fact that when Terry left here, he took some of the personal property of informant from the cottage, without due compensation, and said property had to be replaced. This loss seemed to be the uppermost thing in the mind of Mrs. Rust.

Mr. Andrews did not get a history of Terry upon engaging his services, except to learn that he was a World War Veteran, who claimed to have come from the North some where, and stated that he was receiving a monthly Government check for disability by reason of having been gassed.

Terry drove an old automobile, which was in only a fair state of repair, and the make of it is not known.

Mr. Andrews could not give any exact description of Terry, other than to state that he was maybe 5' 6", age somewhere in the neighborhood of 45 years, of medium complexion, and hair turning gray, apparently having been of a light color in years gone by. He stated his occupation as being a locksmith, and had the appearance of a typical Irishman.

Agent displayed to Mr. Andrews and his sister, Mrs. Rust, the handbook of photographs of outstanding fugitives being shown by the Bureau, but they were unable to select therefrom anyone who even resembled Mr. Terry.

In the Village of Port Orange, inquiry was made of Mrs. Alice Wells, Postmaster, regarding John Francis Terry. She stated that Mr. Terry had lived here about one year, and that he came here from Brooklyn, N.Y. for his health; that he was a World War Veteran, indicating that he had been gassed in the war and was suffering from the effects of same yet.

Mrs. Wells also states that Terry received a check monthly from the Government, and to the best of her recollection, it was mailed from Brooklyn, N.Y.

This lady is familiar with the appearance of William Weaver, and has furnished information heretofore in connection with this case, and she advises that it would be her conclusion that Terry had no connection whatever with William Weaver or Myrtle Eaton.

In the report of reference mentioned above, considerable investigation was made regarding newspapers received by William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton while they resided at Harbor Oaks, Florida.

The Jacksonville Office in this connection has just received a letter from Adrian Dagley of Port Orange, Florida. Dagley is the boy who delivered daily, the Florida Times Union to the Weaver residence. In the letter he states that he has been unable to locate any exact records on the time he delivered this paper.

Dagley indicates that the paper was delivered by him from December 1st, 1934, until the following June, and also that he saw and talked to Weaver a number of times at this place.

The matter of using him as a witness will be given due consideration, and if he is called, a careful interview will again be had with him in the presence of the United States Attorney.

P E N D I N G

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

January 25, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Kansas City, Missouri

RE: BREXID

Dear Sir:

Under date of January 23, 1936, the Cincinnati Bureau Office forwarded to this Office a mail tracing received from the El Paso Bureau Office which tracing is the result of a mail never being maintained on the mail of C. G. (Jack) Campbell, brother of Harry Campbell, at Midland, Texas.

This tracing is addressed to Mr. Jack Camel (with picture of a camel drawn at right of surname), in care of the T. P. Oil Company, Midland, Texas, addressed first to Fort Worth, Texas, and postmarked Eldorado, Kansas, January 15, 1936, 2:30 P.M., with the return address of Tom Hadgen or Hodgson. It is requested that your Office conduct the necessary investigation to determine the identity of Tom Hadgen.

The El Paso Bureau Office is requested that in the future when mail tracings are received in connection with this case that the tracings be transmitted directly to the Office covering the point of origin of the letter mailed to C. G. Campbell in order that the investigation can be expedited in connection with all individuals who are corresponding with C. G. Campbell at Midland, Texas.

Very truly yours,

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D. H. LADD,

Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
January 25, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

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BKKID

Reference is made to your letter of January 23, 1936 regarding two men driving a 1933 model Pontiac Coupe, bearing unknown Minnesota license plates and a St. Paul, Minnesota, city license.

It will be recalled that the two individuals who were driving this car stated that they were the owners of the Prosser Motor Company, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Investigation both in Minneapolis and St. Paul has disclosed that there is no Prosser Motor Company or any company of a similar name. Also St. Paul has not issued a city license since 1922.

Further investigation will be made on January 27, 1936 to learn whether any car is registered under the name of Prosser in Minnesota, or whether a driver's license has been issued to any individual who cannot be otherwise identified.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STZIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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1449 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

January 25, 1936.

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

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Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

On January 23, 1936, Special Agent C. E. Smith contacted

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] in regard to the individuals  
who lived at the house of Edith Barry during the period she, Lou, resided  
there. [REDACTED] Lou was very reluctant to discuss the matter  
and remarked [REDACTED] wanted to know too much. However, she did advise  
[REDACTED] the reason she was frightened and the reason that "Peaches" and  
she left Edith Barry's house was that they had found out the true identity  
of the two individuals who had lived at the house of Edith Barry, namely,  
Karpis and Campbell.

Edward D. Bremer

Upon receipt of this information, unless instructions to the contrary are received from you, Lou will be interrogated by Cleveland Bureau office agents.

Very truly yours,

S/S/MB

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Bureau ✓  
- Cincinnati  
- Chicago  
- St. Paul

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-33-

REPORT MADE AT <b>DALLAS, TEXAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/24/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/24/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>F. J. BLAKE</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1218; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>Reporting recent results of mail covers placed by Dallas Office at White Deer and Pampa, Texas.</b>			
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REFERENCE: <b>Report of Special Agent D. W. Gleason, Dallas, Texas, January 15, 1936.</b>			
DETAILS: <p>There is being transmitted with copies of this report to the Oklahoma City Office tracing of a letter addressed to Mrs. Mima Gibson, Pampa, Texas, Box 1672, postmarked Tulsa, Oklahoma, January 14, 1936, and bearing the return address "M. E. Krester, 1107 Southatica Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma."</p> <p>There is also transmitted to the Oklahoma City Office tracing of a letter addressed to Eula Bee Campbell, Pampa, Texas, Box 1672, postmarked Tulsa, Oklahoma, January 18, 1936, 2:30 p. m., and bearing the return address of Evelyn Wood, Tulsa, Oklahoma.</p> <p>For possible investigation by the St. Louis Office, there is being transmitted with copies of this report tracing of a postcard addressed to Mrs. Mima Gibson, Pampa, Texas, Box ---, postmarked Toledo, Illinois, January 15, 1936, 11 a. m., and is quoted as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Toledo, Ill. 15, 1936</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Just a few lines I am writing for Mother as she is sick and not able to write but think she likes better last night night before last she was up almost all night and it was her bowls"</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>F. J. Blake</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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you now she gust dont eat enough and she  
gets a little Bell she wont take her medicine  
she dr say they should have some one all the  
time but not all time and you know  
they wont want to stay here  
children will must close ans Real Soon

Iva  
she wont take her medicine she wont take sick."

On December 29, 1935, 1 p. m., there was mailed at Pampa, Texas  
a letter addressed to Mrs. Helen Fuller, 508 Central, Cheyenne, Wyoming,  
bearing the return address of Mickey Mackie, Pampa, Texas. This letter  
was received at the Pampa Post Office, and a tracing there-  
of is being furnished to the Denver Office.

It is also being transmitted to the Denver Office tracing  
of a letter addressed to Miss Golda Gibson, Box 611, White Deer, Texas,  
bearing the return address of 912 Lugo, Ft. Morgan, Colorado.  
This tracing was received at the Dallas Bureau Office January 17,  
1936, does not indicate the postmark on the letter.

The Denver Office is also being furnished tracing of a letter  
addressed to Mrs. Golda Gibson, Box 611, White Deer, Texas, bearing the  
return address of 912 Lugo, Ft. Morgan, Colorado. This tracing was received at the Dallas  
Bureau Office, and does not indicate the postmark on the letter.

The Postmasters at White Deer and Pampa, Texas, have also furnished  
the Dallas Office the following:

Tracing of a letter addressed to Mr. Ralph Gibson, White Deer,  
Texas, return address Pampa, Texas, R. R. 1, Box 37, no postmark being  
indicated on the tracing; and

Tracing of a letter addressed to C. L. Grum, Borger, Texas,  
postmarked Pampa, Texas, December 30, 1935, 1 p. m., return address  
Kima Gibson, Box 1672, Pampa, Texas. On this tracing appears the  
notation: "Unclaimed Retd. to sender."

These tracing are being retained in the files of the Dallas  
Bureau Office for investigation by this office.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

**Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
January 25, 1936**

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

Dear Sir:

BREKID

Reference is hereby made to Bureau letters of January 6th and 7th, 1936 wherein I was advised that the firearms listed in letter from the Jacksonville Office to the Bureau under date of September 4, 1935, were being forwarded to this office via American Railway Express; also the tan brief case referred to in said letter was being sent registered mail. Likewise, reference is made to Jacksonville Office letter to St. Paul dated December 30, 1935, advising ammunition taken from the Weaver residence was being forwarded to this office.

Please be advised that under Government Bill of Lading J-68266, the referred to ammunition, firearms and brief case are being returned to the Bureau today, via American Railway Express. Original and memorandum copy of Bill of Lading J-68266 are hereto attached.

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Very truly yours,

JAN 30 1936

C. W. Stein

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Special Agent in Charge

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

January 24, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated January 4, 1936, wherein it is stated that a telephone tap is to be placed on the telephone of James "Tip" O'Neill at Cleveland, Ohio.

It has been ascertained that James "Tip" O'Neill resides in Cleveland, Ohio at 11835 Lake Avenue, Apartment 19, with one Marie Flynn, and there is in this apartment an unlisted telephone, Lakewood 6354M. The location is in a very nice apartment house district of Cleveland. A careful survey of the neighborhood was made for the purpose of locating a suitable apartment from which the tap could be run, however, the only available place which has been located is a furnished apartment about five blocks away, but which appears to be served from the same telephone circuit from which the telephone of O'Neill is served. This apartment will not be available until February 1, 1936, and in anticipation of using this apartment, a deposit has been made on it in order that it will be available on February 1, 1936.

With reference to the Harvard Club at Cleveland, Ohio, information has reached this office that it has been reopened and is operating in a quiet way, catering to an exclusive clientele. The general consensus of opinion is that the club will be operating openly in the not too distant future. However, this is problematical.

It has been ascertained that Art Hebebrand is maintaining a woman, Ruth Eager, at the Lake Shore Hotel and has been maintaining this woman since about November, 1935, and that for a period of approximately a year prior to that time he maintained a suite at the Lake Shore Hotel, where he apparently had affairs with other women. We are, at the present time, endeavoring to obtain all long distance telephone calls made from the apartments occupied by him at this hotel.

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*Ed George Bremer*

Our confidential informant at the Harvard Club advises that it is his understanding that a definite contact has been made in Poland by Mitchell and Clarence Hebebrand, and that William F. Vergus is expected to return to Europe to join them in the very near future for the furtherance of their slot machine interests in Poland.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

RJW/RJB

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
January 23, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

BREKID

In connection with the trial of Harry Sawyer, William Weaver, and Cassius McDonald, in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of Saint Paul, certain matters arose in connection with the testimony of Agents and their use of notes and reference to reports previously submitted which it is believed might be of value in the training of personnel of the Bureau, in order that Agents in the future when taking the stand to testify might be advised of what the possibilities and limitations are as to certain methods of cross-examination. With this idea in mind it is possible that the Bureau would care to furnish the following information to the various offices, together with copies of the decision enclosed herewith, for necessary instructions to Bureau personnel in their next monthly conference.

In the trial of this same case involving other subjects in May 1935, Special Agent R. D. Brown when on the witness stand used his personal notes in connection with his testimony to refresh his recollection concerning an interview he had had with Subject McLaughlin, one of the money changers. Such use of his notes may or may not have been necessary. However, having used same on the witness stand to refresh his recollection, the defense attorney in cross-examination, requested and was allowed access to same in order to cross-examine him, and thereafter the defense submitted these notes to the jury as an exhibit in the case for the defense, and without objection by the

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United States Attorney they were allowed to be introduced in this manner. My observation as to this would be that if it is unnecessary for an Agent to refresh his recollection from his notes when actually on the stand, it is not believed that he should make reference to such notes, and if it is necessary for him to use his notes for this purpose greater care should be had in the preparation of such notes at the time they are originally made. 2

In connection with the testimony of Special Agent J. L. Madala in the prior trial in May 1935, Agent Madala testified on the stand from his own independent recollection without reference to any memoranda or reports. However, at the time he was subjected to cross-examination the defense attorney brought up the question as to whether he had submitted a report of his original interview with Ollie Berg, as to whom he was testifying, and when he advised he had done so and that he had since read his report subsequent to submission of such report and prior to his testimony in this case, the defense requested that he produce this report, which he declined to do, and subsequently in conference after adjournment of court that day and prior to the time the Judge had definitely passed upon the issue as to whether he had to produce such report, the United States Attorney, or Assistant United States Attorney, agreed and did furnish to the defense counsel the portions of the summary report submitted in this case to him covering the interview of Agent Madala with Defendant Ollie Berg. He did this without going into the legal phases as to the objectionable features of such practice, with the contention that to do otherwise would have created in the minds of the jurors the opinion that there was something in the report which we did not wish them to see, or something which was at variance with what the Agent had testified to.

The defense, after being given this opportunity to use the portions of the report in question, apparently made little use of same, for the reason that Agent Madala's testimony closely followed the written report. It is to be noted that the use of the portion of a summary report for this purpose might not always result so favorably, for the reason that at times frequently the summary report is a digest of the Agent's report in the

matter and does not cover in great detail the information as would be found in an investigative report.

In the testimony of the present trial of the Government witnesses, apparently having this same situation in mind as established by the previously indicated precedent, the defense attorney, Mr. Jerry Hoffman, representing William Weaver, in the cross-examination of Agent Suran, who had testified with reference to certain statements of William Weaver as are reflected in his report dated September 7, 1935 and as covered by the attached abstracts of such report enclosed herewith, questioned Agent Suran as to whether he had submitted a report, and he indicated that he had done so. He asked him if he had used this report to refresh his recollection, and Agent Suran admitted he had read his report as late as the night before his testimony on the date he was examined, and he, Agent Suran, testified that he was testifying as to what his recollection was in this matter and also upon what was contained in his report, which of course should have been answered to the effect that, if anything, he was testifying to his recollection and had only refreshed his recollection by reference to his report.

The defense attorney then requested that Agent Suran produce his report, and at that particular time he had the report in question in his pocket. Upon the request of the defense attorney the report was submitted to the court after Agent Suran had indicated a desire to confer with the United States Attorney. However, the Judge directed that he produce the report, and this being at the close of the day's session, the matter was left for decision the following morning.

Assistant United States Attorney Halsey and United States Attorney Sullivan were advised by me that this report necessarily contained, in addition to the testimony as stated by Agent Suran, various confidential matters which would seriously affect the further investigation and operations of the Bureau in connection with this case looking toward the apprehension of the fugitives as yet unlocated, and that I personally, as speaking for the Bureau, would refuse that this report be produced, for the reason of the fact that the defense had no right legally or otherwise to have such report produced under the contentions indicated.

The United States Attorney indicated that possibly it would not be necessary, and had extracted from the report the portions referred to in Agent Suran's testimony covered in the attached extracts enclosed herewith, with the idea in mind of contending to the court that this is the only portion of the report which should be produced.

However, after suitable reference to the library, they located the decisions as to requests for Agents' reports being produced in court, and on the following morning this was cited to the court as a reason for not producing the report, this being the case of Lennon vs. United States, Circuit Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, June 8, 1927, No. 7497, as covered in the Federal Reporter, Second Series, Volume 20, September, 1927.

For the Bureau's consideration and possible reference to the various field offices, I am attaching hereto certain extracts from this decision which cover the question in issue as to whether an Agent would be required to produce his written reports under the contentions above cited, and which definitely indicates that such is not necessary particularly wherein he has not used same to refresh his memory on the witness stand, notwithstanding he may have read the reports frequently in the past and may have refreshed his recollection by such reading of the reported matter.

After referring to the above indicated decision, the Assistant United States Attorney still believed that it would be desirable to allow the defense to have these portions and to submit same to the jury. However, United States Attorney Sullivan advised that he did not believe it desirable to make this concession to the defense counsel, and as a result the confidential nature of the report was called to the attention of the Judge together with the decision indicated, and the Judge sustained the position that it was not necessary for this report to be produced in court.

There was also involved in this situation, at that time, the testimony of Agent Sullivan, who testified

as to certain statements of William Weaver as covered in the report of Agent Suran, and also the same situation arose as to the testimony of Special Agent E. D. Brown covering certain testimony by this Agent as to the statements of William Weaver as covered in his report of September 12, 1935 in the Brekid matter, as is covered by extracts taken from the last above referred to report attached hereto.

In connection with the introduction of certain secondary evidence to prove that the five and ten dollar bills found in Havana, Cuba, were the bills involved in the payment of the ransom for the return of Edward G. Bremer, and which bills themselves could not be produced for reason of the fact that they had been forwarded to the Treasury Department for mutilation and redemption, Agent McKee went on the stand and testified as to the fact that he had received in May 1935 instructions from the Bureau to advise the Federal Reserve Bank agency at Havana, Cuba, that they should forward these bills for mutilation and redemption inasmuch as we had completed our examination of same by listing the serial numbers appearing on such bills, this being the instructions received by Agent McKee in teletype from the Bureau in May 1935 to the Jacksonville Office that this action be taken.

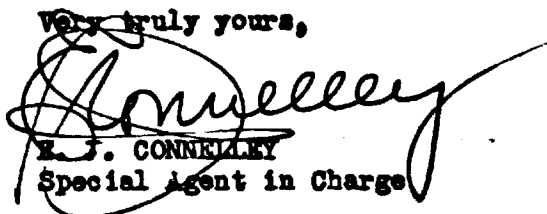
The defense brought up the contention that the failure to produce these bills in court was a result of the direct action of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, inasmuch as they had instructed that they be forwarded for mutilation and redemption rather than arranging for their retention and subsequent production in Federal Court here. Mr. L. L. Drill, former United States Attorney, Saint Paul, argued for the defense the contention indicated and cited various decisions which indicated in his opinion that we should not be allowed to produce this secondary evidence by the weight of decisions previously referred to, and which in substance indicated that in the absence of a showing that the person endeavoring to produce such secondary evidence had not fraudulently caused them to not be available, He did not believe we had a right to produce this secondary evidence as indicated.



The court, in its opinion as to this situation, very definitely advised Mr. Drill and the defense that there was no question in his mind but that these bills had been forwarded for mutilation and redemption in good faith, and that there was no question in his mind that nothing other than good faith was had by the Government in their action in connection with the handling of this ransom money; that, however, probably the Government might have exercised misjudgment in their method of handling same and for this reason he would deny the motion of the defense for the exclusion of such secondary evidence to prove this situation.

It is believed that in the future should a situation arise wherein the original ransom money is located and it is expected that the direct evidence of this ransom money and its proper identification are to be produced in court as evidence, some arrangement should be made to have this money maintained intact for production in this manner, and that we should not in any way advise except as against the mutilation and destruction of such money in order that we may maintain our position to this latter effect should such occur in the future as to any ransom money involved which we care to produce in the trial of a case.

Very truly yours,

  
E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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LENNON v. UNITED STATES.

Circuit Court of Appeals,  
Eighth Circuit. June 8,  
1927.

No. 7497.

1. Criminal law (Key) 741 (1) - Case must be submitted to jury where competent evidence is offered, which is sufficient, if believed, to sustain conviction.

Where proper and legal evidence has been offered by the prosecution which, if believed, is sufficient in law to show that defendant participated in the commission of an offense, and to sustain a conviction, it is the duty of the court to submit the cause to the jury.

2. Criminal law (Key) 622 (1) - Separate trial is discretionary with the court.

Granting of a separate trial rests in the sound discretion of the court.

3. Witnesses (Key) 256 - Only where witness refreshes memory while on stand may production and inspection of writing be demanded.

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Only when a witness uses a paper to refresh his memory while on the stand is there a right to demand its production and inspection..

4. Witnesses(Key) 344 (2) - Misconduct not resulting in conviction of crime is not subject for cross-examination.

Acts of misconduct, not resulting in conviction of crime, are not proper subject of cross-examination to impeach a witness.

5. Criminal law (Key) 423 (1) - Acts of each of defendants, jointly indicted for maintaining nuisance, in promotion of the business, are admissible against all (National Prohibition Act, tit.2, parag. 21 (Comp.St. parag.10138 $\frac{1}{2}$ jj)).).

Where defendants were jointly indicted for maintaining a nuisance, in violation of National Prohibition Act, tit.2, parag. 21 (Comp. St. parag.10138 $\frac{1}{2}$ jj), acts of each in promotion of the business are binding on all, and may be shown, even in absence of any charge of conspiracy.

In Error to the District Court of the United States for the District of Minnesota, John B. Sanborn, Judge.

Criminal prosecution by the United States against A. L. Lennon. Judgment of conviction, and defendant brings error. Affirmed.

George R. Smith, of Minneapolis, Minn. (Edward J. Callahan and John F. Dahl, both of Minneapolis, Minn., William J. Hughes, Jr., of Washington, D.C., and Joseph A. Kozlak and William B. Moverly, both of Minneapolis, Minn., on the brief), for plaintiff in error.

James A. Wharton, Asst. U.S. Atty., of St. Paul, Minn. (Lafayette French, Jr., U.S. Atty., of St. Paul, Minn., on the brief), for the United States.

Before WALTER H. SANBORN and BOOTH, Circuit Judges, and DAVIS, District Judge.

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(5) III. It is urged that the court should have required the production of certain documents. When the witness Medbury was on the stand he was asked on cross-examination whether he had read his report before testifying. This is what the record reveals:

Q. Did you, before you went on the stand, read over your reports to refresh your recollection with reference to these matters?

Mr. Wharton: Objected to; too remote, no time mentioned, indefinite.

Q. Shortly before going on the stand?

The Court: He may answer.

A. I spent a lot of time studying the reports.

Q. You spent a lot of time studying the reports, preparatory to going on the stand here as a witness?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And that was done shortly before going on as a witness, or was it way last summer? A. Last summer also.

Q. When did you last look at your reports, prior to going on the stand here to testify? A. Last night.

Q. And you studied the reports over carefully, did you?

A. Tried to; yes.

Q. Now, I ask the privilege of seeing the memoranda that witness admits he used for the purpose of refreshing his recollection from, though not in court.

Mr. Wharton: Same objection as before.

The Court: As I recollect it, he testified to that matter from his independent recollection, Mr. Dahl, and I do not believe the court has any right to require the witness to show his reports.

It will be observed that the witness did not use his reports while on the witness stand or in court. Reliance is placed upon the case of Morris v. U.S. (C.C.A.) 149 F. 123, 9 Ann.Cas.558. In that case a witness while on the stand used, for the purpose of refreshing his memory, a paper which purported to be an affidavit made

by him and sworn to before a justice of the peace. The defendant was refused permission to inspect and examine the paper. This was held to be error, because it is a well-settled rule that the opposing party or counsel has the right, upon proper demand, to inspect and use, for purposes of cross-examination, any paper or memorandum which is used by a witness, while on the stand, for the purpose of refreshing his present recollection. This right is accorded, in order that he may ascertain whether the paper or memorandum used has any legitimate tendency to bring the fact in controversy to the mind of the witness, and in order that he may be in a position to cross-examine as to the testimony given and thereby to test the candor and integrity of the witness. *People v. Schepps*, 217 Mich. 406, 186 N.W. 508, 21 A.L.R. 658; *State v. Bacon*, 41 Vt. 526, 98 Am. Dec. 616; *Rutledge v. State*, 94 Tex. Cr. R. 231, 250 S.W. 698.

But in this case the situation was very different. The paper was not used while the witness was on the stand; it was not in court, but was read by the witness in his room, the day before the trial. Witnesses frequently refresh their memories before going into court, by referring to papers in their possession which are not taken into court; and where they rely on their recollection of the facts, as this witness did, it is not necessary that the writing be produced. It is only where the witness uses the paper to refresh his memory while on the stand that there exists a right to compel the production of the writing for inspection. *Wabash, etc., Canal v. Elsdon*, 5 Ind. 133; *Davenport v. McKee*, 94 N.C. 530; *State v. Collins*, 15 S.C. 379, 40 Am. Rep. 697; *Hamilton v. Rice*, 15 Tex. 382; *Tibbetts v. Sternberg*, 66 Barb. (N.Y.) 201; *State v. Magers*, 36 Or. 38, 58 P. 892; 28 R.C.L. 596; 22 L.R.A. (N.S.) 706, 40 Cyc. 2463. The defendant has no just ground of complaint of the ruling of the court on this motion.

(4) IV. Another assignment of error is based upon the ruling of the court in excluding certain testimony. When one of the witnesses for the government was on the stand, he was asked in cross-examination whether, at a certain time, he registered at a hotel with a woman; whether, on another occasion, he had liquor in his possession and attempted to sell the same; and whether, at another time, he was intoxicated and disorderly. To this course of cross-examination the court sustained the objections of counsel for the government. The

purpose of the defendant was, of course, to impeach the witness and cast a doubt upon his credibility. Acts of misconduct, not resulting in conviction of a crime, are not the proper subject of cross-examination to impeach a witness. *Terzo v. U.S. (C.C.A.) 9F. (2d) 357*; *Conner v. U.S. (C.C.A.) 7 F. (2d.) 313*; *Glover v. U.S. (C.C.A.) 147 F. 426, 8 Ann. Cas. 1184*. This court holds even a conviction of a misdemeanor may not be used to discredit a witness, unless the offense amounts to an infamous crime. *Haussemer v. U.S. (C.C.A.) 4 F. (2d) 884*. There is no substance in this assignment of error.

(5) V. Lastly, complaint is made of the action of the court in admitting certain exhibits in evidence. The government introduced the canceled checks which showed the disposition that was made of the money collected at the bar. Some of these checks were given to employees, and some to persons who furnished supplies to the drinking establishment; other of the checks were deposited to the credit of the building fund of the lodge. They indicated the extent of the business that was being operated. These checks were executed by the secretary of the lodge, who was one of the five defendants on trial. The part played by each of the defendants was a proper consideration in determining whether the several defendants were jointly maintaining a nuisance. If they were jointly engaged in the commission of an offense, the acts of each of the parties in the promotion of the undertaking was binding upon all the other defendants. The checks drawn by one of the parties to the joint charge in connection with the transactions under investigation was properly considered in the case. This is true, even in the absence of any charge of conspiracy. *St. Clair v. U.S., 154 U.S. 134, 14 S.Ct. 1002, 38 L.Ed. 936*; *Gould v. U.S. (C.C.A.) 209 F. 730*; *Blanton v. U.S. (C.C.A.) 213 F. 320, Ann. Cas. 1914D, 1238*; *Chambers v. U.S. (C.C.A.) 237 F. 513*; *Sprinkle v. U.S. (C.C.A.) 141 F. 811*.

There appears to be no substantial error in the record, and therefore the judgment is affirmed.

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Subject WILLIAM WEAVER and MYRTLE KATON arrived in St. Paul, Minnesota, by plane from Jacksonville, Florida on September 2, 1935, at which time they were immediately brought to the St. Paul Office where Subject WEAVER was questioned by Special Agent in Charge Connelley, Special Agents R. D. Brown, and R. C. Suran. Subsequently on September 3, 1935, Subject Weaver was turned over to the custody of the United States Marshal at St. Paul, Minnesota and remanded to the Ramsey County Jail in default of \$50,000 bond. \* \* \*

Both Subjects WEAVER and KATON have been intermittently questioned by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan since they were apprehended by Bureau Agents at Harbor Oaks, Florida on September 1, 1935, and the questioning of these individuals continued by Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and R. C. Suran since their confinement in the Ramsey County Jail.

WILLIAM WEAVER advised Special Agent R. C. Suran that his true name is PHOENIX DONALD; that he was born at Little Rock, Ark., on Dec. 13, 1896 and that he at the present time has two sisters Mrs. Nellie Frazier, Mammoth Springs, Ark., and Mrs. W. T. Bowling, sister, Salem, Ark; that his parents are deceased. \* \* \*

With few exceptions WEAVER without hesitancy admitted his association with various members of the KARPIS-BARKER mob. WEAVER stated that prior to his incarceration in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary he worked around the various oil fields in the vicinity of Sapulpa, Tulsa, and Drumright, Oklahoma, and that during this time he first met Subject HARRY CAMPBELL. He further admitted knowing FRED BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS prior to the time he was incarcerated in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. WEAVER would not discuss in detail how he first became acquainted with these individuals. He stated that of the entire gang he was best acquainted with DOC BARKER as he served time with him in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. He also stated he served time with VOLNEY DAVIS in the same institution. \* \* \*

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Photographs which were introduced into evidence in the previous trial held in St. Paul in this case were shown to WEAVER, namely Government exhibit #56, photograph of HARRY CAMPBELL; Government Exhibit #116, photograph of OLLIE BERG; Government Exhibit #55, photograph of WILLIAM J. HARRISON; Government Exhibit #57, photograph of HARRY SAWYER; Government Exhibit #52, photograph of VOLNEY DAVIS; Government Exhibit #59, photograph of FRED BARKER; Government Exhibit #53, photograph of RUSSELL GIBSON; Government Exhibit #60, photograph of DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN; Government Exhibit #58, photograph of ALVIN KARPIS, and he admitted that he was acquainted with all these various individuals under those names.

He was also shown Government exhibit #112 and 117 of GEORGE GOETZ and he stated that he did not know this individual. However, subsequently WEAVER admitted to Special Agents Sullivan and Suran that he did know FRED GOETZ and to the best of his knowledge he first met GOETZ in St. Paul, Minnesota at HARRY SAWYER's saloon, and had seen him thereafter on several occasions at various night clubs. Prior to this admission WEAVER advised Special Agent Sullivan that it was his opinion that GOETZ had been killed by members of the Capone Syndicate at Cicero, Illinois, in March, 1934, because GOETZ had insisted on erecting a gas station contrary to the wishes of the Syndicate. Upon questioning he stated that he was absolutely certain that neither DOC BARKER nor WILLIAM J. HARRISON who are reported to have been with GOETZ a few minutes before his death, had anything to do with GOETZ's murder.

As to BYRON BOLTON, WEAVER insists that he never heard of this individual until he observed his name recently in connection with this case in the various newspapers. Efforts were made to secure the address at which WEAVER lived just prior and at the time BREMER was kidnaped in St. Paul on Jan. 17, 1934. WEAVER admitted that he was living in St. Paul, Minn., on the date Bremer was kidnaped but claimed that he could not recall the address. He was asked if it was on Avon Street, and he stated that it might have been but remarked "You fellows know so why ask me". \* \* \*



WEAVER was further questioned concerning his residence at Grand Forest Beach near Sandusky, Ohio during the spring and summer of 1934. WEAVER stated that prior to the time that he and MYRTLE EATON rented a cottage at Grand Forest Beach they lived in an apartment at Toledo, Ohio, the address of which he did not know. He did state, however, that while living at Grand Forest Beach various members of the mob visited him, including JIMMIE WILSON, OLLIE BERG, SLIM GIBSON, HARRY and GLADYS SAWYER, but he refused to discuss details of these visits or the identity of the other members of the mob who were living at Grand Forest Beach, Toledo, and Cleveland, Ohio, at that time, merely remarking "You all know more about that than I do".

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WEAVER furnished further information that prior to the time Ed. G. Bremer was kidnaped in January, 1934, that two other mobs from Chicago came to St. Paul for the purpose of kidnaping Bremer and one mob went so far as to proceed to Bremer's home, in front of which they engaged in an argument among themselves as to whether to enter Bremer's home and take him out or wait until he left the house, and it was at this point the plan was abandoned. WEAVER stated that the leader of this mob is now dead and he was asked if the man was "Big Homer". He stated that he knew "Big Homer" and knew that Homer had a mob of his own in Chicago, Illinois; that he further knew Homer was dead, but he refused to state whether this was the individual to whom he referred, remarking that he would probably tell an Agent of the Bureau all about it at a subsequent date. WEAVER has made this latter remark on several occasions concerning the Bremer kidnaping, stating that the true facts of the kidnaping have not yet come to light. \*\*\*

\*\*\* Weaver would generally sit quietly and give Agent no answer. However, Agent once remarked to Weaver that Mr. Bremer was extremely grateful to him for bandaging his wounded head and giving him kind words while at the hideout. Agent then asked Weaver if it were not true that he took Bremer's part when other members of the gang attempted to get rough with him. Weaver then smiled and stated, "Well, I am not saying I had anything to do with this kidnaping, but if I did have something to do with it that is true". Apparently Weaver was later sorry that he made this remark for Agent continued to question him in an attempt to develop further admissions from him and he would state, "Some day I may be in a position to tell you what actually happened", and further, "I don't think you fellows have all the facts in this case yet".

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Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

RE: BREXID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter addressed to the  
Special Agent in Charge, Chicago, dated January 14, 1936,  
wherein it is stated that certain reports had not been for-  
warded from designated offices.

In order to complete the file in the Cleveland  
office in this case, there is being attached to this letter  
a copy of report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Salt Lake City,  
dated March 22, 1934.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER  
Special Agent in Charge

Encl.

cc - Bureau  
E. J. Connelley, Chicago  
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Kansas City, Missouri  
January 24, 1936

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Referring to my letter dated January 22, 1936, addressed to you at Chicago, relative to one [redacted] who claimed that he could locate Alvin Karpis, please be advised that Special Agent M. G. Spear conferred with Messrs. R. E. Herrick and L. F. Cole of the Alcoholic Tax Unit, Kansas City, Missouri, this morning and they advised that [redacted] had not come to their office on January 23, 1936, as was contemplated and they had, as yet, been unable to locate him. Mr. Herrick and Mr. Cole both stated that they believed [redacted] would undoubtedly get in touch with them in the immediate future.

Any further developments concerning [redacted] will be referred to you promptly.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-27

REPORT MADE AT <b>Salt Lake City, Utah</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-22-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1-5 to 9-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. T. McLAUGHLIN JR</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218, FUG. HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236, FUG. DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p style="text-align: center;">Investigation Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada, reflect no information that Alvin Karpis or Harry Campbell have been in that vicinity.</p>			
REFERENCE:  <p style="text-align: center;">Letter of E. J. Connelley dated 12-26-35 and letter of Chicago office to St. Paul dated 1-5-36.</p>			
DETAILS:  <p style="text-align: center;">This investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. D. Horn and agent at <b>LAS VEGAS, NEVADA.</b></p> <p>Agents contacted Chief of Police David Mackey who advised that the only Peggy that had been on the line for any length of time was Peggy Roberts, alias Robinson, who recently was taken into custody by the Los Angeles police in connection with the death of her husband at Los Angeles, who is alleged to have died from an over-dose of narcotics. This particular Peggy was a confidential informer for Chief of Police Mackey and he advised that she did not own a LaSalle car to his knowledge, and that she had always furnished him information regarding activities on the line and that said information was in most instances reliable. He advised that she was a very tall blonde and that a complete description, as well as a picture of this individual, could be obtained, if necessary, from the Los Angeles Police Department. He further advised that there was a Peggy Frances on the line, but that she had no pimp, no automobile and has not been seen residing or living with any one and that she made her abode at the line where none of the pimps or men reside. According to Chief of Police Mackey</p>			
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these are the only Peggys, to his knowledge, that are prostitutes, who are now residing or were residing at Las Vegas, Nevada.

Agents interviewed Homer Groves, Deputy Sheriff, who advised that the only Peggy he ever heard of was Peggy Roberts, or Robinson, whose husband died recently in Los Angeles; that at the present time at Las Vegas there were not many prostitutes or pimps, due to the fact that there were only approximately fifteen hundred employees at the Boulder Dam and most of them are married and live in Boulder City, and that there is no activity at the gambling places, and that since Chief of Police Mackey has been in office the city of Las Vegas has been unusually well policed.

From all indications and past experiences with the police officers and sheriff's men in Las Vegas, Chief of Police Mackey and Deputy Sheriff Homer Groves are reliable and have always worked well with agents from the Salt Lake City office. Deputy Sheriff Groves was advised that there was a rumor to the effect that possibly Karpis or Campbell might frequent Las Vegas, Nevada, and that it would be beneficial to him to keep a close look out on all new comers as well as any of the huts or tourist camps in the outlying district. Deputy Sheriff Groves advised that he would keep this matter very confidential and would keep a close look-out and would notify the Salt Lake City office in the event he received any information of importance.

The only LaSalle Coupe in Las Vegas, Nevada, at the present time is a late 1934 Model, yellow in color, bearing California license No. 5W259 (1935). This car was parked in the vicinity of the line, and after observing it for some time agents, accompanied by Chief of Police Mackey and Deputy Sheriff Homer Groves, located and interviewed the owner of this automobile, who was Walter Van Deusen. He produced certificate of ownership of this automobile and stated that he had purchased same from Scott Motors Company, Reno, Nevada, from Ray Root, now Sheriff of Washoe County, and an ex-salesman for Scott Motors Company. He stated that at one time he had worked at the Bank Club, Reno, Nevada, and later at the so-called State Line Club, Lake Tahoe, Nevada and California. The home occupied by Van Deusen was carefully scrutinized and the only persons residing there were his wife, himself and infant daughter. Van Deusen was informed that the government and police officers were looking for a stolen LaSalle Coupe and the only one in Las Vegas was his particular car, and that all they desired was an examination of same, which was permitted. This car bore motor No. 2102868.

The San Francisco office was communicated with by telegram on the date of January 8, 1936, and they advised on that date that 1934 LaSalle Coupe bearing 1935 California license 5W259, Motor No. 2102868, was registered in the name of W. Van Deusen, 1617 South Flower Street, Los Angeles; as legal owner the Standard Discount Corporation, 1035 South Broadway, Los Angeles, was given. They further advised that California operator's license was issued on April 11, 1935 to Walter Van Deusen, described as: age - 34, height - 5 ft. 8 in., weight - 125 pounds, eyes - blue, hair - brown.

A description of Van Deusen is as follows: age - 35; height - 5 feet 8 inches; weight - one hundred thirty-five pounds; eyes - blue; hair - brown; face - peaked; clean shaven; nationality - possibly German-Jew; occupation - gambler and floor manager during the day time at the Northern Club.



All tourist camps in Las Vegas and vicinity were canvassed and none of them reflect that anyone at any of these camps own or have a LaSalle Coupe of any model or description.

Agents, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Groves and Chief of Police Mackey, visited all night clubs and tourist camps in the vicinity of Las Vegas, Nevada, but found no evidence of Karpis or Campbell ever being in the vicinity.

At the Northern Club the writer interviewed Gene Hunter, who formerly resided in Reno, Nevada and worked at the Town House, and at one time worked at the Log Cabin at Lake Tahoe, Nevada and California. Hunter on a number of occasions has indirectly furnished information to Agent. He was questioned as to whether there were any "hot" ones in town. He stated that if there were any one "hot" outside of narcotic peddlers he did not know who they could be, as Las Vegas was not a safe place at the present time for anyone to hide out in. He said that Los Angeles, being a much larger place than Las Vegas, and gambling having recently opened up there, was a more desirable place for anyone wanted to hide out in.

#### AT RENO, NEVADA:

It will be recalled from previous reports submitted in this case that Alvin Karpis is known as one of the Burns boys in Reno, Nevada, associated with the Barker boys, who likewise used the same name.

Charles Rennie, Dave Speller, of the Town House, Detective Richard Heap, Police Department, George Hart and Mr. Rich at the Tavern, all knew Karpis as Burns while he was in Reno and was frequently seen in Reno and talked to by these individuals, with the exception of Detective Heap. These persons were contacted and they advised that they had no information regarding Karpis. This contact was made in a very discreet and off-hand manner and not as a direct inquiry, in order not to arouse suspicion in this vicinity.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Kansas City, Missouri</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-16-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1-9 to 16-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>M. C. SPEAR</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

1935 Hudson Coach, motor number 59987, stored at Seburn Motor Company Garage, Aurora, Missouri, 12-30-35, by two men, one of whom said to resemble Alvin Karpis; Missouri State Highway Patrol subsequently learning that this car stolen from B. E. Jacques, Chicago, Illinois, 11-3-35. Men leaving car indicated would return for same in ten days to two weeks. Surveillance maintained by two Agents, Kansas City Office, working in garage from January 10 to 14, 1936, inclusive, when surveillance discontinued and arrangements made for local officers to be notified in event reappearance above mentioned two men. These two men appeared at garage about 7:50 A.M., 1-15-36 and upon being advised by garage owner that keys to car were in possession of Missouri State Highway Patrolman men disappeared and did not return. Garage men immediately notified Highway Patrolman at Aurora, Missouri, who took up chase but was unable to locate individuals in question, who escaped in 1931 Ford Cabriolet. Proprietors, Seburn Garage, indicate that since seeing individual first identified possibly as Karpis they did not think he resembled facial features in Karpis' photograph. Law enforcement officials notified to endeavor to locate and apprehend these men in above mentioned Ford car. Fragmentary latent prints obtained from Hudson car being forwarded Bureau.

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REFERENCE:

Conference teletype message from Kansas City Bureau Office to Bureau and Chicago Office dated 1-10-36;  
Conference teletype message from Kansas City Office to St. Paul, Little Rock and Oklahoma City Offices, dated 1-15-36.

DETAILS:

For the information of the Bureau offices interested in the instant Bremer kidnaping case the following is being quoted from the report submitted by Special Agent W. John McNulty, of the Kansas City Office, dated January 10, 1936, under the caption "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, 1935 HUDSON COACH, MOTOR NUMBER 59987 - NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT":

" This investigation is predicated upon information received by the writer at Springfield, Missouri, from State Highway Patrolman H. L. George of Aurora, Missouri.

" Mr. George stated that on 12-30-35 two individuals parked a black 1935 Hudson Coach, 8 cylinders, Motor Number 59987, Serial Number 542860, in the Seburn Motor Company Garage at Aurora, Missouri. At the time it was parked in this garage it lacked a rear license plate, but bore on the front 1935 Illinois license 1-044-078. Trooper George said that he had exhibited to the proprietors of the Seburn Garage photographs, and that they had identified the profile view of the photograph of Alvin Karpis as bearing a resemblance to one of the two individuals who brought the car to the garage. Trooper George was not informed that the car had been left at the Seburn Garage until January 7, 1936. A telegram dispatched by the Missouri State Highway Patrol to the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau brought the information that instant automobile was stolen in Chicago, Illinois, on November 3, 1935 from the owner, one B. E. Jacques, street address unknown; and further that this car was insured with the Fire Association of Philadelphia.

" Inasmuch as the individuals who parked the car at Aurora had stated that they would return for the same in ten days or two weeks, arrangements had been made by the Missouri State Highway Patrol with the insurance company to leave the car for a period of about ten days at the garage in Aurora. Agent was informed that the speedometer reading on this automobile, as observed by Trooper George, was 7870.

" After telephonically contacting the Kansas City Bureau Office, Agent proceeded to Aurora, Missouri, where the proprietors of the Seburn Motor Company Garage were interviewed.

" Mr. Oliver Seburn stated that at about 2 P.M. on December 30, 1935, an individual walked into his garage and made inquiries about storage. He was informed that the daily rate was 25¢ per day. He said he did not have his car with him, but would return shortly. Oliver Seburn describes this individual as follows:

Age	About 33
Height	5' 10"
Weight	150 pounds
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Color not noticed
Build	Slender
Complexion	Medium with brownish tinge
	Clean shaven, no glasses.
Peculiarities	Wide through cheek bones, small chin, small drooping mouth.
Dress	Had on gray checked overcoat, dark suit and dark hat.

Oliver Seburn stated that after inquiry had been made concerning storage he returned to work at the rear of the garage.

" Mr. Harry Seburn said that about fifteen minutes after the inquiry had been made of his brother, the 1935 Hudson Coach was driven into the garage. There were two men in the car as it drove up, one of whom got out and waited at the garage entrance. This individual, Harry Seburn says, fits the description given above by his brother Oliver. The second individual, who then approached Harry Seburn, inquired what the weekly rate for storage would be, stating that they would probably leave their Hudson there for ten days or two weeks. He was informed that the car could be parked there for two weeks for the sum of \$1.50. The second man agreed to this rate and stated that he did not wish a parking check for the car, as he would personally return for it. The best description that Harry Seburn could furnish of this second man is as follows:

Age	About 30
Height	6'
Weight	160 pounds
Build	Slender
Face	Ruddy
	Wore glasses
Dress	Well dressed, in brown overcoat.

" Photographs of Bureau fugitives were exhibited to Oliver and Harry Seburn, and they stated that the profile view of Alvin Karpis, appearing on Identification Order #1218 was similar to the man who first made inquiries relative to day storage, and who waited at the garage door while final arrangements were made. Harry Seburn said that there was some slight similarity between the photograph of Percy Geary, #9 in the booklet of pocket identification orders, and

the man who parked the car.

Oliver and Harry Seburn said that at the request of Trooper George, they had put the distributor of the automobile out of commission and deflated the right front tire. The garage is closed from 6 P.M. until 7 A.M.

Agent made a brief examination of the automobile after closing hours on 1-9-36 and noted that the car was a 1935 black Hudson Coach, Motor Number 59987. The front Illinois license plate, as noted by Trooper George, was 1-044-078 - 1935. On observing this license plate it was noted that an attempt had been made to remove it from the bracket. An examination of the rear license plate bracket revealed indications that a license plate had recently been removed. The lock on the rear tire compartment had been tampered with, and the cylinder of the lock removed. Exhaustive examination of the car was deferred until January 10, 1936, due to the fact that Agent had already held the proprietors beyond closing time.

The substance of this information was furnished by teletype from the Kansas City Office to the Bureau and the Chicago Office on January 10, 1936.

On January 10, 1936, Agent McNulty made a detailed examination of the automobile recovered in instant case. It was ascertained that the four tires on which the car was standing were Goodyear All-Weather Tread. Their serial numbers are as follows:

Right front:	A56235367KT
Left front:	A53692367KT
Right rear:	B24541467KT
Left rear:	A59338367KT

The spare tire, which is in the rear compartment of the car, and has never been off the spare wheel, bore the following serial number:

F15267267CT.

An examination of the right side of the car (side across from the driver's side) revealed a dent on the rear fender just above the running board. Examination of the back of the car, in addition to the removal of the cylinder of the rear tire compartment lock

mentioned in the previous report herein quoted, disclosed that the rear license plate bracket was badly twisted, probably caused by the removal of the rear license plate, which was missing at the time of the recovery of the car.

The left front fender had two large dents, one on the top and side of the fender opposite the headlight, and one on the front of the fender near the front bumper.

The rear tire compartment, in addition to the spare tire and wheel, contained the following items: screw driver, socket wrench, hammer, jack, monkey wrench, pliers, and five small individual chains. All of the tools had a new appearance; the chains, however, had evidently recently been used, as they were rusty and somewhat caked with mud.

An examination of the rear seat and floor disclosed that there were six burned paper matches in the right ash tray, which is at the side of the right rear window. Under the rear seat were found: one burned paper match, one empty manila paper bag, and one torn contest slip issued by the Hudson Automobile Company. The crank for the automobile was found lying on the floor in front of the rear seat.

Under the left front seat (driver's seat) was found an eight inch screw driver and a wrench, the latter being manufactured by the Crescent Tool Company of Jamestown, New York.

An examination of the front compartment (opposite the seat next to the driver's seat) revealed a whisk broom which had been considerable use, a rubber band, a rag, and a three-way ratchet screw driver. In this compartment was also found a Sinclair Missouri road map, on the back of which was printed with a hand stamp the following: "Fuszner Bros. 332 South Kirkwood Rd." This map appeared to have had some usage, and inasmuch as it had been handled only by Trooper H. L. George of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the garage proprietors, Oliver and Harry Seburn, it is being forwarded to the Technical Laboratory to be processed for latent fingerprints. The fingerprints of the above mentioned individuals were secured for elimination purposes and are being forwarded to the Bureau, together with the map.

It may here be noted that instant automobile was left at Seburn's Garage, Aurora, Missouri, on December 30, 1935. The examination of the same did not take place until January 10, 1936.

An examination of the automobile for latent fingerprints was unsuccessful, except that two fragmentary prints were discovered on the upper part of the steering wheel. On being questioned the Seburns and Trooper George stated that they did not recall having handled this part of the steering wheel when they examined the car.

The above mentioned prints were lifted and are also being forwarded to the Technical Laboratory.

It may be noted, as mentioned in the report quoted in the body of this report of Agent McNulty dated January 10, 1936, that the proprietors of the garage stated that one of the two individuals who stored the car resembled the profile of Alvin Karpis. Harry Seburn stated that the second individual who made the final arrangements with him in some degree resembled the photograph of Percy Geary, which is number 9 in the pocket identification order booklet. The Bureau is being requested to compare the "lifts" and any fingerprints that may be developed on the map which are not eliminated by comparison with the prints of Trooper George and the Seburns, with the fingerprints of Alvin Karpis and Percy Geary. It is being requested that a check of the latent impressions be made against the single fingerprint file.

The speedometer on the car registered 7872 miles. The trip reading was 93.4. The reading on the water gauge disclosed that the radiator was slightly more than half full; and the gasoline tank was filled to five-eighths of capacity.

Pursuant to instructions of Special Agent in Charge W. A. Smith, Special Agents W. John McNulty and D. L. McCormack began a surveillance in the Seburn Garage, Aurora, Missouri, on January 10, 1936, the garage being open only during the hours from 7:00 A.M. to 6 P.M. Agent McNulty was dressed in a pair of overalls, working in the garage under the pretext of an employee of the garage.

This surveillance was maintained by these Agents from January 10 to January 14, 1936, at 6 P.M., inclusive. As the car had been found to be a stolen car and the individuals who had left the same had indicated they would call for it within ten days to two weeks, which two weeks period expired on January 13, 1936, it was thought that probably these individuals had abandoned the car and would not return for the same. Accordingly, after Special Agent McNulty had discussed this matter by telephone with Special Agent in Charge W. A. Smith, the decision was made to withdraw the active surveillance by the Bureau Agents at Aurora, Missouri, and to effect arrangements whereby Messrs. Seburn at the garage would immediately notify State Highway Patrolman George, who is stationed at and resides at Aurora, Missouri, in the event of the reappearance of the men who had left the car there, in order that they might be taken into custody. Other local peace officers at Aurora, Missouri, as well as peace officers in that vicinity of the state, were notified in order that they might assist in the apprehension of these men in the event they returned for this car after the surveillance was withdrawn by Bureau Agents on January 14, 1936.

The following morning, January 15, 1936, a radio dispatch was heard by Special Agent in Charge Smith, at Kansas City, emanating from the station of the Kansas City Star - W.D.A.F., Kansas City, Missouri - indicating that two men, one of whom was thought possibly to be Karpis, had called for a car at a garage at Aurora, Missouri, which had been left there previously, and had escaped a trap laid for these men by officers. A telephone call was immediately placed by the writer, who at the time was Acting Special Agent in Charge in the absence of Special Agent in Charge Smith due to illness, to Resident Agent W. John McNulty at Springfield, Missouri. Prior to completing the call to Agent McNulty a call was received from Mr. E. A. Tamm, of the Bureau, at which time he advised that press reports had just been received at the Bureau indicating that two men had escaped from a trap laid by state and federal officers at Aurora, Missouri, it being thought one of the men was Karpis, the escape having been accompanied by a gun battle between the men who escaped and the officers. Mr. Tamm was advised that the Kansas City Office was checking this matter immediately and would furnish the substance of the information to the Bureau at the earliest possible moment. Upon obtaining the information by telephone from Agent McNulty as to what had happened the same was furnished by the writer immediately, by telephone, to Mr. Thompson, at the Bureau, who, Agent was advised, was in Mr. Tamm's office during his absence. The substance of the information furnished the Bureau was a summarization of that information which is reported hereinafter by Special Agent W. John McNulty.

Upon receipt of the telephone call by Special Agent McNulty from the writer Agent McNulty had obtained information as to what had happened at Aurora, Missouri, by telephoning Messrs. Harry and Oliver Seburn, at Aurora, Missouri, from Springfield, Missouri. Immediately after concluding the telephone conversation and furnishing the information to the Kansas City Office, Agent McNulty proceeded from Springfield, Missouri to Aurora, Missouri, and enroute there met Agent V. W. Gillen, who accompanied him on the following investigation at Aurora, Missouri.

Special Agents McNulty and Gillen interviewed Harry and Oliver Seburn at their garage at Aurora, Missouri. Oliver Seburn stated that at about 7:45 A.M. on January 15, 1936, he had left the garage to go to a filling station which is located across the Street (West Olive) from his garage, and that he had not been at the garage when the Hudson Coach was called for.

Harry Seburn advised that about 7:50 A.M. a poorly dressed man walked into the garage and asked for the Hudson Coach -- this man, he stated, was the one whom he had previously identified as having some resemblance to Alvin Karpis. He described this man as having on heavy work shoes, old black sweater, dark gray coat, and hatless. He further stated that this was the man who had first contacted his brother on December 30, 1935, and whom he had subse-

quently seen on that day. He further described this man as follows:

Age	About 33
Height	5' 10"
Weight	150
Hair	Dark, parted in middle
Build	Slender
Complexion	Tan
Peculiarities	Wide through upper part of face, small chin and mouth.

On seeing this man again Harry Seburn stated that he now did not think that the resemblance to Karpis was as great as he had previously believed.

Harry Seburn informed the above individual that the keys to the auto were in the possession of Trooper George (they were in fact in the garage safe) and the man stated that he was going out for a shave and would return later for the auto. He said he wanted to talk with Trooper George personally and inquired where the barber shops in Aurora were located.

When this man left the garage Harry Seburn observed him go west on Olive Street to an automobile in which another man was seated whom he was unable to describe. The auto was a dark green 1931 Ford Cabriolet which had a license plate with white numerals on a black background. While Harry Seburn was unable to make out the state or year of issue the numerals on the license plate were 649997. The Ford is also said to have had 2" white adhesive tape stuck to the canvas near the rear window where the canvas meets the frame of this car, probably to keep out drafts. The men drove off in the direction of U. S. Missouri Highway 60. Harry Seburn states that he immediately telephoned Trooper George and requested him to inform the Agent. The 1931 Ford above mentioned had been parked in front of the Aurora Grocery on West Olive Street.

Oliver Seburn stated that he had learned that inquiry regarding storage had been made of one Lee Adams in Aurora about December 30, 1935, and Lee Adams was interviewed by Special Agent V. W. Gillen.

T. Lee Adams, 131 West Locust Street, Aurora, Missouri, was interviewed at his combined pool hall, bowling alleys and bar-room at 100 Madison Street. He stated that on or about December 30, 1935, a man came into his place and said that he noticed Mr. Adams had a garage at his house and wondered if it were for rent. The man was more or less insistent about renting it rather than taking space at a local commercial garage, so Mr. Adams told him to put



his car in the garage if he could get it past the rubbish, etc. Soon the man returned and said the garage was too small for his lengthy Hudson. He, the unknown man, explained that the car was too heavy for general travel about the country and that he was going to use his friend's lighter car.

Mr. Adams described this person as follows:

Age	About 30
Height	5' 10"
Weight	155 lbs.
Build	Medium
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Unknown, but believed dark.
Beard	A day old and dark, heavy, the type which looks dark after a shave.
Scars	None observed.
Speech	Moderate, nothing noticeable about it; hence believed to be native of this part of the country.
Dress	Well dressed - Blue overcoat, dark Fedora hat, dark business suit.
Stance	Fairly erect, not noticed to stoop.

Agent Gillen exhibited pictures in the Pocket Identification Order Book and Mr. Adams stated that the unknown man looked more like Number 2 - Mahan, and number 5 - Richard Keller (canceled), than any of the others. He did not think he looked like Karpis at all, nor that he looked enough like Mahan or Keller to be either of them.

Mr. Adams presumed that the man had been to his home and that his wife had sent him to the pool hall but he had not spoken to his wife about it. Agents McNulty and Gillen sought to interview Mrs. Adams but she was not available.

Special Agents Gillen and McNulty contacted Trooper George in his patrol car, which was situated opposite the Seburn Garage on West Olive Street, and he had advised that on receiving the information from Harry Seburn he had notified all the nearby offices of the State Highway Patrol in an effort to stop the 1931 Ford Cabriolet, but that no news had been received in the matter other than that an auto thought to be the same had been seen between Pierce City and Wentworth at about 8:30 A.M.

During the evening of January 15, 1936, Agent McNulty contacted Sgt. H. M. Sayers, temporarily in charge of Troop D, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Springfield, Missouri, who advised that no additional information had been received of either the 1931 Green Ford Cabriolet or its occupants. Sgt. Sayers will immediately notify Agent McNulty of any developments in this matter.



In addition to the above information relative to the incident at Aurora, Missouri, on January 15, 1936, being furnished to the Bureau by telephone, the same was furnished by conference teletype message to the Oklahoma City, Little Rock and St. Paul offices, it being noted that a teletype message had been previously received that date, January 15, 1936, from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at St. Paul, inquiring relative to the details of the Aurora incident. The information had immediately been furnished by State Highway Patrolman George to his Highway Patrol, which was then disseminated among the various stations of the Highway Patrol in order that efforts could be made to locate the 1931 Ford Cabriolet and the men therein could be taken into custody. This information was also furnished by the writer to Mr. Frank Stone, Assistant to the Superintendent of the Kansas State Highway Patrol at Topeka, Kansas, with the request that same be furnished to his men as it appeared the car was heading towards Kansas.

At the time Agent McNulty advised the writer of the information which he had received by telephone at Springfield from the Seburn Brothers Garage of Aurora, Missouri, the license number on the 1931 Ford Cabriolet in which the two men escaped was not known. By reference to the information set out hereinabove it is noted that as a matter of fact the license number was 649597 and although the state which issued the plate was not known, Messrs. Seburn stated that the plate bore white numerals on a black background.

Based on information appearing in Bureau Bulletin Number 58, dated November 6, 1934, relative to the color schemes of 1935 automobile license plates, telegrams were dispatched to the Salt Lake City, Milwaukee and Nashville Bureau Offices requesting them, respectively, to ascertain whether a Utah, Wisconsin or Tennessee license plate number 649597 had been issued for the year 1935, and, if so, to ascertain the details relative to the registration of those plates and whether the same had been reported stolen. It is noted that those three states are the only ones listed in the above mentioned Bureau Bulletin which have the color scheme indicated above. Telegraphic replies were received from those offices indicating that the Utah license numbers for 1935 did not exceed two hundred thousand; that the Wisconsin license numbers for 1935 ran only to six hundred thirteen thousand; further indicating that the Wisconsin license plates for 1936 only ran to sixty thousand; that at no time had a Tennessee license plate of that number been issued.

In view of the fact Special Agent V. W. Gillen advised by telephone that the individuals who had seen the license plate on this 1931 Ford Cabriolet had stated that the same appeared rather narrow and long, and the further fact that Agent Gillen advised he had seen a 1936 Illinois license plate that date, January 15, 1936, which plate appeared to have white numerals on black background, a telegram was dispatched to the Chicago Office on January 15, 1936,

requesting that office to ascertain through the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau at Chicago, Illinois, whether 1936 Illinois license plates were white numerals on black background, and, if so, to advise this office relative to the registration record of 1936 Illinois plates of the above number and whether the same had been reported stolen, giving the details. A telegraphic reply was received from the Chicago office indicating that 1936 Illinois license plates consisted of black background with white numerals, and further advised that the St. Louis office had been requested to check the appropriate license plates.

A telephone call was received during the night of January 15, 1936 from Special Agent Bush, of the St. Louis Office, at which time he informed that he had had contact with the Automobile Registration Office at Springfield, Illinois, and had learned that to date there had been no Illinois license issued in the six hundred thousand series for the year 1936. He advised, however, that 1935 Illinois license plates number 649597 had been issued to Robert B. Janes, 1125 Holley Court, Oak Park, Illinois, for a LaSalle Coupe, Motor Number 218834. However, in connection with the information relative to 1935 plates it is noted that their color scheme is not white numerals on a black background, it appearing that the color scheme in that state for that year was marine blue on pearl gray.

Telephonic communication was had by the writer with Mr. A. H. Bazal of the Sinclair Refining Company, located at 1907 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, in an endeavor to ascertain the location of the Sinclair Refining Station which had issued a road map mentioned hereinabove bearing the printing from a hand stamp of the following: "Fuszner, 332 South Kirkwood Road". Mr. Bazal advised that although he had no record reflecting the information he thought that possibly that filling station was either in St. Louis, Missouri, or in a suburb Kirkwood, Missouri, and that if contact was had with Mr. H. F. Nelson, Assistant Manager of the Sinclair Refining Company at 13th and Gratiot Streets, St. Louis, Missouri, it could be determined definitely whether this filling station of the Sinclair Refining Company was located at St. Louis or Kirkwood, Missouri.

Information relative to the above is also being reported by the Kansas City office in its file captioned "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, 1935 HUDSON COACH, MOTOR NUMBER 59987 - NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT", in which Kansas City is the office of origin, it appearing that the two unknown men who left this Hudson Coach very probably violated the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

A copy of this report is being furnished the New York City Office in view of the mention hereinabove relative to Percy Geary, with aliases - Fugitive, I.O. #1216, New York City being the office of origin in the case involving this individual.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE ST. LOUIS BUREAU OFFICE will contact Mr. H. F. Nelson, Assistant Manager of the Sinclair Refining Company, 13th and Gratiot Streets, St. Louis, Missouri, in an endeavor to ascertain whether the Sinclair Refining Company may have a filling station operated by "Fuszner Brothers, 332 South Kirkwood Road", at St. Louis, Missouri or Kirkwood, Missouri, or at any other point in the territory covered by the St. Louis district of the Sinclair Refining Company.

In the event no such filling station can be located it is suggested that an appropriate lead be set out for the Chicago Office to endeavor to locate such a station, as it is believed that there is a Kirkwood Road in Chicago, Illinois.

In submitting reports relative to this lead either by the St. Louis or Chicago offices, copies of the same should be furnished the Kansas City Office for its file entitled "Unknown Subjects, 1935 Hudson Coach, Motor Number 59987 - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act".

THE KANSAS CITY BUREAU OFFICE will make appropriate investigation upon receipt of any information relative to the location of the 1931 Ford Cabriolet mentioned hereinabove, or the two men who appeared in the same at Aurora, Missouri, one of whom was identified as possibly being Subject Alvin Karpis.

P E N D I N G.

### TWO FLEE POLICE TRAP.

Aurora, Mo., Garage Man Believes  
One Is Karpis.

(By The Star's Own Service.)

AURORA, Mo., Jan. 15.—A trap set here December 30 by Missouri state highway patrolmen and federal officers for Alvin Karpis and an unidentified companion failed to catch its victims early today when two men, believed to be those sought, escaped after returning to get a car which they had left in storage.

December 30, two men, one of whom has been identified since by Harry Seburn and Oliver Seburn, owners of a motor company, as Alvin Karpis drove into the motor company in a Hudson sedan bearing an Illinois license and after storing the car, said they would return for it later.

They walked away from the garage. Upon investigation of the license plates, it was learned the car had been stolen in Chicago about November 3. Officers then started a daily vigil at the garage, awaiting the return of the two men.

This morning at 8:30 o'clock when Harry Seburn was the only one in the place, the two returned. The unidentified man entered and asked for the keys to the car. When Seburn told him a state patrolman had them, the man ran to the car outside and the two drove away. Seburn summoned a state patrolman who lives here and the call went out for all officers surrounding Aurora to be on the lookout for two men in a Ford cabriolet.

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## KARPIS SCARE STIRS AURORA

Two Men, One Resembling  
Gangster, Escape Net  
Spread by Officers

Special to The Leader and Press

AURORA, Jan. 15—Excitement over reports that one of the two men who slipped through a trap set by federal and state officers at a garage here was Alvin Karpis, America's public enemy No. 1, had subsided by noon today.

Harry Seburn, garageman, who at first said one of the visitors had resembled Karpis, later declared he "didn't hardly believe it was Karpis, but it was a man about his size."

Machine Found Stolen

Harvey George, state highway patrolman stationed here, said there is "no foundation for reports that the man was Karpis."

The trap was set for the pair after they brought a car to Seburn's garage here December 30 for storage. Highway patrolmen checked the machine, found it had been stolen in Illinois, and issued a hold order for it.

Later Harry Seburn and his brother, Oliver, told federal officers that one of the men "looked like" a picture of Karpis.

The pair returned here at 8 o'clock this morning and "wanted to know if their car was still here," Harry Seburn said.

Driving Green Coupe

"I told them it was, but that Mr. George, the patrolman, had the keys and they'd have to see him about it," Seburn said. "They said they were going on up in town, but they left in the direction of highway 60, which is south of here."

Seburn said he notified George immediately. George notified patrol officers at Springfield and officers were instructed to watch all roads for the two men, who were driving a green Ford convertible coupe, 1931 model, with the rear window covered with white adhesive tape.

## ALVIN KARPIS AND PAL ESCAPE TRAP SET IN AURORA, MO.

**But Officers Are Believed  
Hot on Trail of Elusive  
Desperado.**

By United Press.

AURORA, MO., Jan. 13.—Alvin Karpis, America's public enemy No. 1, and a companion escaped a trap set by federal officers and highway patrolmen at a garage here Wednesday.

The trap set for the desperado had been maintained by a corps of federal agents and highway patrolmen since December 30, when Karpis and his companion rented space in a garage in which to store their motor car.

The identification of Karpis at that time was made positive by Harry and Oliver Seburn, who operate the garage, and several attendants who were there when the two men drove the machine in.

The trap failed when officers temporarily relaxed their vigilance during breakfast. However, federal agents and several highway patrolmen immediately took up the trail and were believed to be less than five minutes behind the desperado.

"The car stopped in front of the garage about 8:30 o'clock," Harry Seburn, who was alone, said, "and one of the men got out. The man who stayed in the car resembled Karpis. The man who came into the garage I am positive was the same one who rented the space from me and my brother last December."

"He asked me for the keys to the machine saying he wanted to take it out. I said that the man who had the keys was eating breakfast and that I would get them. Apparently he became suspicious for he turned and ran to the car and they drove rapidly away toward the west. I ran to the restaurant and notified officers."

Southwestern Missouri immediately was blanketed with radio broadcasts as county officials and highway patrolmen took up the chase and barricaded certain roads. Officers said that Karpis and his

pal might head towards the corner of the state and escape into either Kansas, Oklahoma or Arkansas. They were driving a 1931 Ford coupe.

Local officers said the two men tried to rent a private garage December 30 and in failing to do so stored the machine in the Seburn garage. They explained the car belonged to "a friend in Chicago." Officers became suspicious and notified highway patrolmen who in turn notified federal agents.

**ANOTHER KARPIS FALSE ALARM.**

**Police Net at Aurora, Mo., Caused  
by Mistake in Identification.**

*(By the Associated Press.)*

AURORA, Mo., Jan. 15.—Another Alvin Karpis "scare," second in three weeks, sent Missouri officers scurrying on a fruitless hunt today for the nation's public enemy No. 1.

The accused kidnaper-bank robber and killer who succeeded "Baby Face" Nelson in the role of the country's most sought fugitive, was the object of an elaborate police net set at Aurora, where a garage operator said a customer resembled Karpis. Highway patrolmen later said definitely the man seen was not the notorious outlaw.

Three weeks ago, Missouri officers spread a similar net over highways because a Kansas City prisoner, Homer Fanning, said Karpis had been with him and had eluded police scout cars in an early morning chase. After a 2-day hunt by police, Fanning admitted his story was not true.