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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG
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PHONE BREKID FOLLOWING WITNESSES TESTIFIED TODAY -
NICHOLAS RODRIGUEZ, C F ELSNER, JOSEPH GARRIDO, J M ZALACAIN,
JOSE FEIJOO, E DOMINGUEZ, H C GRAZER AND AGENT MCKEE COVERING
HANDLING RANSOM MONEY IN HAVANA

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PHONE, BREKID. CROSS EXAMINATION OF AGENTS SULLIVAN, SURAN
AND BROWN COMPLETED. AGENT OLSON AND SAC CONNELLEY TESTIFIED
RE ARREST OF ~~THE~~ SAWYER AND ADMISSIONS OF SAWYER. AGENT BRENNAN
ALSO TESTIFIED RE ADMISSIONS OF SAWYER. W E PIKE INTRODUCED TWELVE
OF THE ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR BILLS FOUND ON KATE AND FRED BARKER.
BRYAN BOLTON TESTIFIED RE ACTIVITIES AND CONVERSATIONS OF GANG.
SIMON CINOTTO TESTIFIED RE GOETZ DEPOSITING ALLEGED RANSOM MONEY
IN CINOTTOS SHED. GOVERNMENT NEEDS ONLY TO INTRODUCE WITNESSES
FROM THE TREASURY RE DESTRUCTION OF RANSOM MONEY FOUND IN CUBA
BEFORE RESTING
WILL REST MONDAY. DEFENSE INDICATES THEIR CASE WILL BE BRIEF

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Adm. Harp

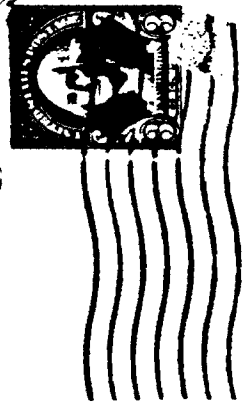
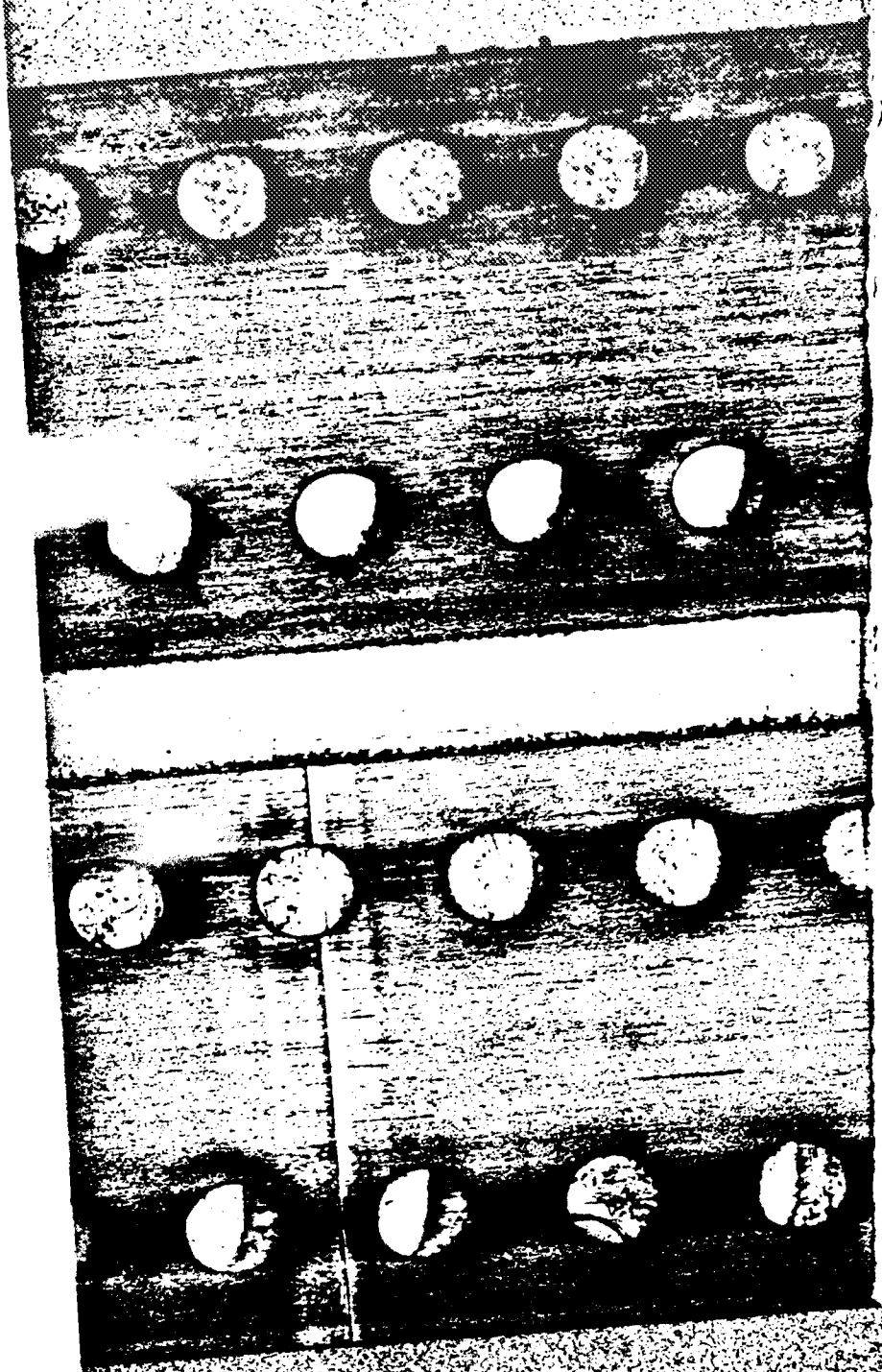
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Not long ago I read in the paper that Mrs Alvin Karpis was getting a divorce from her husband. Shortly afterward news was published of a man being taken in Arizona I believe who claimed to be traveling with Alvin Karpis. He stated that Karpis had had his face lifted. The thought has occurred to me that perhaps Mrs Karpis may find a new friend & marry again the same man with a new face.

No doubt this that has been considered if not I submit is sincerely in the hope that these people will be caught.

Very truly,
W. R.



Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.
Washington D.C.

Bu. File #

January 24, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,
Trenton, N.J.

Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you, please be advised that an examination of the fingerprint records of the Division of Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning the following:

~~John J. Sullivan~~

(CC-Bu. Office, St. Paul, Minn.)
(CC-Bu. Office, Cincinnati, Ohio)
(CC-PD, Newark, N.J.)
(CC-Bureau)

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JAN 25 1936

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

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Chas. D. Brewer

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

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Very truly yours,

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PHONE. EXPECT PROCEED CHICAGO TOMORROW WITH AGENTS MADALA AND
SULLIVAN UPON COMPLETION INQUIRY DOLORES DELANEY AND WYNONA BURDETTE.
SAC HANSON DEPARTING EIGHT FORTY FIVE PM ENROUTE LOSANGELES LOWER
CITY FIVE CAR THIRTY NINE C AND N RAILWAY TRAIN TWENTY ONE AND FROM
OMAHA BY UNION PACIFIC NUMBER SEVEN ARRIVING LOS ANGELES EIGHT
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CLK. OFFICE

503-A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.

Salt Lake City, Utah

January 25, 1936

JEM:MRE
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E.J. Connelley
Chicago, Illinois

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter dated December 14, 1935, please be advised that I have taken this matter up with Special Agent J.T. McLaughlin and he states that he knows J.E. Stratton by reputation and met him once personally; that further, Stratton is now under indictment for the alleged violation of the Statutes of the United States relative to the use and purchase of narcotics and that from all indications that the case against him will be dismissed due to the fact that the use of narcotics by this individual is in most instances under the directions of a registered physician. In connection with the case now pending against him in the U.S. District Court of Nevada, referred to above, agent McLaughlin advises that Stratton has furnished information over a period of six or seven months regarding various persons involved with him in the same and other information regarding himself, which has been proven false.

Agent McLaughlin further advises that he recalls the time Stratton arrived in Reno, Nevada and that former Chief of Police J.N. Kirkley of Reno, kept a close watch on his activities and that agent McLaughlin accompanied Chief Kirkley on a number of occasions observing the activities of this individual and found out that this man was a promoter and also an habitual user of narcotics, but was considered otherwise harmless.

In regard to interviewing Frank Cochran of the Air Service Garage at the present time, please be advised that he is now incarcerated in the U.S. Penitentiary at McNeil Island, Washington and it is expected that he will be released some time during February, 1936. Inasmuch as agent McLaughlin has had frequent conferences with Cochran and knows him, it is probably desirable to wait until Cochran is released from the Penitentiary and returns to Reno before he is interviewed.

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Agent McLaughlin advises that when Cochran was interviewed a number of occasions in the presence of agent V.E. Grim, he identified certain pictures of the Karpis-Barker group as being customers of his and that at that time he was pressed for information regarding them but could not furnish any great amount. However, due to the fact that he did not furnish complete information at that time in regard to his activities with Lester M. Gillis, it is possible that he withheld some information regarding Karpis and the other members involved in the Brekid

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case and might now disclose some additional information regarding these individuals.

It is accordingly being suggested to you that the interview with Cochran be postponed until he returns to Reno and if no communication is received to the contrary, I am instructing agent McLaughlin to interview him at the most practical time after his return to his home in Reno.

Very truly yours,

W.A. RORER
Special Agent in Charge

CC: Bureau
San Francisco
Cincinnati
St. Paul
Cleveland
New York

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

503-A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.

Salt Lake City, Utah

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.

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RE: BREKID

JAN 30 1936

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 19, 1935, directing that a summary of the information contained in the files of each field office regarding William Elmer Mead, be compiled and furnished to all interested offices.

The files in the Salt Lake City office have been reviewed and all the information pertaining to William Elmer Mead was set forth in summary report of Special Agent R.C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated January 6, 1936, with one exception, which will be set forth hereinbelow. In order to avoid duplication of the facts as set forth in agent Suran's report, the Salt Lake City office does not deem it advisable to prepare a summary report in this matter. The exception was in investigation conducted by Special Agent Val C. Zimmer, Salt Lake City, Utah, set forth in his report dated January 14, 1936.

This report sets forth investigation requested by the New York office in report of Special Agent J.B. Dickerson, dated 12-31-35, relative to the location of William A. Shaw, alias Brady, who was indicted with Mead in Jacksonville, Florida in 1922 on a swindle charge; that William A. Shaw pleaded guilty on April 2, 1934 at Jacksonville and was discharged; that at the present time is probably in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Investigation at Salt Lake City, Utah, developed that William Shaw with wife and mother-in-law, operated Stratford Hotel, Salt Lake City in 1931 and 1932 and are presently managing the Broadway Hotel, Salt Lake City; that Shaw's reputation is that of being a contact man for confidence men over the country and absolutely uncooperative.

The report is held pending with an undeveloped lead directed to the Cincinnati office requesting that the Salt Lake City office be advised whether or not they deem it advisable to contact Shaw personally relative to his associations with Mead, inasmuch as the reference report on which

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the investigation is based, only asks for the location of Shaw.

Very truly yours,



W.A. RORER
Special Agent in Charge

CC:All Field Offices

cc Connelly - Chicago

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 25, 1936.

Time - 11:55 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Butts, Assistant General Agent of the Department, telephoned me and said that he had before him a reimbursement voucher from the Department of State containing a number of items, one of which reads as follows: "A long distance telephone call to San Isegro (phonetic), U. S. Immigration Office, San Isegro, reporting for the information of the Department of Justice officials a rumor that Alvin Karpis, a fugitive from justice from the United States, was in the vicinity of Ansanata (phonetic). The Consulate had been previously asked by officials of the Los Angeles Office to report such rumors and other information of interest to the Justice Department."

Mr. Butts wanted to know if the Los Angeles Office referred to in this quotation was the Bureau's Los Angeles Office, and if in fact the Bureau had requested such action of the State Department.

I told Mr. Butts that at the moment I did not know; that, however, I would be glad to check the matter and call him back.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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

FILE NO. **9-59**

REPORT MADE AT Charlotte, N. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-27-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/19, 21, 22/36	REPORT MADE BY G. A. NICHOLSON
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mail carrier at Kings Mountain, N. C. does not recognize any writing on tracings. States Mackie family known to him for 2 years and seem like hard working honest people. Neighbors state Mackie family are of N. C. origin; know nothing of relatives in Texas. Family has had no visitors except persons known to neighbors. Mrs. J. B. Mackie questioned under pretext, states she has no relatives in Texas. H. B. Mackie, brother of J. B. Mackie, Gastonia, N. C. states family has distant relatives in Texas.

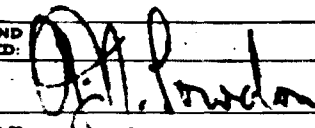
REFERENCE:

Report of W. A. Collier, Jr., dated at Charlotte, N. C., January 10, 1936.

DETAILS:

At Grover, North Carolina

Mr. A. F. Collins, rural mail carrier on Route One, Kings Mountain, N. C., delivers mail to the Mackie family and states that he has known them for about two years, although he knows nothing of their family connections; that they do not send out or receive very much mail and he cannot remember whether or not they have ever sent mail to Texas; and that he knows very little about their private life except that they seem to be hard working, honest people of average intelligence. ~~He did not recognize any writing on the tracings.~~

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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At Mountain View, North Carolina.

Mr. L. F. Ritch, Superintendent of the Mutual Cotton Mill, Number 2, Mountain View, N. C., stated that he had been employed there for the past two years and that he had known Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mackie since that time. He stated that as far as he knew the Mackie family were honest and of average intelligence, and that to his knowledge they had kept the store for the mill hands for about six or seven years. He further stated that he had not noticed any strangers visiting with the Mackies in the vicinity except those whom he knew to be relatives of the Mackies from Gastonia, N. C., and that he thought that the Mackie family originated in or around Granite Falls, N. C.

Mr. T. J. Gray, bookkeeper for the past two years for the Mutual Cotton Mill, Number 2, Mountain View, N. C., gave substantially the same information that Mr. Ritch gave and stated that he did not think that the Mackies had any relatives outside the state of North Carolina, although he did not know them intimately.

Mrs. J. B. Mackie was interviewed under pretext as

Mr. Mackie was out hunting and could not be contacted. Mrs. Mackie stated that although she would like to claim relatives in Texas she did not have any relatives whatsoever in Texas nor had her husband, so far as she knew, or any place outside the State of North Carolina.

At Gastonia, North Carolina.

Mr. H. S. Mackie, who is a buyer for the Gastonia Cotton Mill, was interviewed under the same pretext as above, and informed agent that there were some Mackies some place in Texas who were distant relatives of his but that they were another branch of the family about whom he knew very little. He stated that Jonas Mackie, Newton, N. C., would probably know more about them. He further stated that neither he nor his brother, J. B. Mackie, had ever corresponded with the Texas relatives and that he knew nothing concerning them.

Investigation in this matter at Newton, N. C. will be held in abeyance pending the desire and advice of the office of origin.

[REDACTED]

UNDEVELOPED LEAD: THE CHARLOTTE OFFICE: At Kings Mountain, N. C. Will contact Mr. J. E. Ware, Postmaster, Kings Mountain, N. C., in the near future concerning the above mentioned mail cover.

At the Motor Vehicle Divisions of the State Highway Departments in North and South Carolina, will follow up the original requests made on December 21, 1935 and followed by letter of this date, January 27, 1936, for information as to whether Harry Campbell, aliases G. E. Benton, George Benton, and Mary Forth, had attempted to secure driver's or chauffeur's license or had attempted to register an automobile in either of these States.

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Law Offices
WIDEMAN, WARDLAW & CALDWELL
1401-12 Harvey Building
West Palm Beach, Florida

January 14, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On November 18, 1936 I received your permission
to address the Aiwanis Club of West Palm Beach, Florida,
on the general work of the Bureau and, accordingly, on
November 20th I made such address.

Several days ago I received an invitation to
address the Rotary Club of West Palm Beach on the general
work of the Bureau and presuming upon your previous permission,
I today spoke on this subject at the Rotary Club meeting.
I trust that this meets with your approval.

Though under the impression that I had acknowledg-
ed receipt of your letter dated November 18, enclosing a
chart of the Flagle Case, I now find that I neglected so to
do. Will you please accept my apology for this oversight
and my belated thanks for the letter and enclosure.

While in Miami the other day I picked up a rumor to
the effect that Mrs. Joe Adams, whose husband I understand is
charged with harboring Alvin Karpis, received a present for
Christmas 1934, a silver cocktail set and serving tray from
Karpis. This tray and set is rumored to be sterling silver and
the tray supposedly bears the initials of Mrs. Adams. Likely
you are already advised of this rumor and know whether or not
it contains any truth. I mention it thinking that perhaps, if
true, it might aid in proving that Mr. and Mrs. Joe Adams knew
the identity of Karpis at the time he was staying in the hotel
in Miami managed by this couple.

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Sincerely,

/s/ Harry W. Stewart, Jr.

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Mr. Harry W. Stewart, Jr.,
c/o Wideman, Wardlaw and Caldwell,
1401-12 Harvey Building,
West Palm Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated January 14, 1936, advising of the addresses which you delivered before the Kiwanis Club and the Rotary Club of West Palm Beach. I deeply appreciate your continued interest in this Bureau in addressing these organizations.

I also desire to express my appreciation for the information which you furnished regarding the alleged silver cocktail set which Alvin Karpis supposedly gave Mrs. Joe Adams as a Christmas present in 1934.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

CC-Jacksonville, Fla.

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Edward J. Boyle

FBI CHARLOTTE 1-26-36 12:25 PM VED

BREKID. EXPEDITE REPORT RE KNOXVILLE INVESTIGATION OF INFORMATION
SUPPLIED BY EDDIE NICHOLS.

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cc Bureau
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC, JACKSONVILLE.

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W. B. ...
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BREKID. BUREAU IN RECEIPT OF TELEGRAM FROM PD, PALM BEACH, FLORIDA TO
EFFECT EDWARD BUDICK PRESENTLY IN CUSTODY ON CHARGE OF IMPERSONATING
AN OFFICER. REFER TO LETTER FROM NEWYORK OFFICE TO YOUR OFFICE DATED
APRIL 27, 1934 AND REPORT OF AGENT MAIR DATED JACKSONVILLE MAY 15, 1934
IN BREKID FILE, INFORMATION TO EFFECT BUDICK IS FRIEND OF BERNARD
PHILLIPS AND WAS IN CONTACT WITH HIM IN NEWYORKCITY SEPTEMBER 1932.
INTERVIEW BUDICK AND ASCERTAIN FACTS RELATIVE HIS ASSOCIATION WITH FRANK
MAIR AND PHILLIPS AT NEWYORKCITY. PD, PALM BEACH ADVISED OF CRIMINAL
RECORD OF BUDICK.

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Post Office Drawer "Y", Plaza Station,
St. Louis, Missouri,
January 27, 1936.

Mr. J. B. Moran,
8039 Winthrop Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request of Special Agent
T. B. Ferguson of this office, I am returning herewith two finger-
print cards containing your fingerprints, which were procured by
Agent Ferguson on November 7, 1935.

You will recall that on that occasion, Agent Fergu-
son gave you a written receipt for these fingerprint cards, therefore,
it is requested that this receipt be returned to the St. Louis Office
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A self-addressed envelope,
which requires no postage is being transmitted herewith for your convenience
in replying.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Chicago
Cincinnati
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2448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 27, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: MURKIN

It is respectfully requested that you furnish this
office with a supply of the most recent photographs of subject
ALVIN KARPIS, at as early a date as possible.

Very truly yours,

EJB

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

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 27, 1936

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that this office be
furnished with twenty-five (25) copies of Identification Order
No. 1218 - ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE.

Very truly yours,
J. P. MacFarland
J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

ETB

~~Special Agent
Chicago.
Dear Sir:
Office of
ALVIN KARPIS~~

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W. C. C. R. R.

W. C. C. R. R.

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 27, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

RE: **REX**

Please refer to report of Special Agent E. J. Ryan,
Cleveland, Ohio, dated January 20, 1936, containing an undeveloped
lead for your office to endeavor to locate LILLIAN POOLE at 20 East
Forest Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Lillian Poole has been located and is presently resid-
ing at Toledo, Ohio, therefore, you may disregard the above referred
to lead.

Very truly yours,

EVV/LTB

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID. JURY FIVE PM TODAY RETURNED VERDICT OF GUILTY AS
TO ALL SUBJECTS ON TRIAL, ^{Wm}WEAVER, ^{Wm}MCDONALD., AND ^{Henry}SAWYER. JUDGE
NORDBYE U S DISTRICT COURT, STPAUL, IMMEDIATELY SENTENCED SAWYER
AND WEAVER TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT AND DEFERRED SENTENCE AS TO
MCDONALD TO FEBRUARY ONE, NINETTEN THIRTY SIX, LATER GRANTING
STAY OF EXECUTION AS TO ALL TO JANUARY THIRTY FIRST, NINETTEN
THIRTY SIX. THE JUDGE DESIRES AND US ATTORNEY SULLIVAN REQUESTS
CERTAIN INQUIRY AT DETROIT AS TO MENTAL CAPACITY MCDONALD WHICH
I HAVE REQUESTED IN LETTER TO DETROIT TONIGHT.
BOLTON, DOLORES ^{Henry}DELANEY AND WYMONA ^{Joe}BURDETTE HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED
AT LENGTH AND INTERVIEW TO BE CONTINUED BY AGENTS MADALA AND SULLIVAN
UNTIL SUNDAY. THEY ARE GIVING DETAILS WHICH MAY ASSIST IN FURTHER
INQUIRY AND ACTION AT STPAUL, TOLEDO AND CLEVELAND AND ~~THE~~ THE
GIRLS WILL MATERIALLY ASSIST IN TRIALS OF ^{Henry}RANDALL AND ^{Joe}ADAMS
IN FLORIDA.

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I WILL PROCEED CHICAGO TEN FIFTY FIVE PM CB AND Q BY LOWER THREE
CAR SEVEN ARRIVING CHICAGO EIGHT AM REGISTERING GREAT NORTHERN
HOTEL

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Edward G. Bremer

Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
January 27, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

REKID

Reference is made to your letter of
January 23, 1936, and reply of the St. Paul Office
dated January 25, 1936, wherein the latter office
advised that the Prosser Motor Company was unknown
in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

A further search in Minneapolis and St.
Paul has failed to disclose any person by the name
of Prosser who may have been the occupants of the
Pontiac Coupe. Check of automobile registrations
and drivers' license in Minnesota failed to disclose
any Prossers which could not be identified as being
other than the individuals mentioned in your letter.

Very truly yours,

G. E. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
January 25, 1936.

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

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of the Bureau dated December 19, 1935, (7-576) wherein the Little Rock Office was requested to prepare a summary report of all information appearing in the files in this case pertaining to William Elmer Mead, with aliases.

This is to advise that a review of the files of this case in the Little Rock Office reveals that no investigative activity has been conducted with reference to Mead in the State of Arkansas and the only information appearing in the files as to this subject has been submitted by the Bureau and auxiliary offices.

In view of the above, no summary report is being submitted by this office, and a copy of this letter is being forwarded to the interested offices.

Very truly yours,

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CHAPMAN FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

During a telephonic conversation which I had with Mr. Connelley at St. Paul, he advised that he was through out there and would return to Chicago tonight, arriving in Chicago in the morning. I asked Mr. Connelley to call me after he gets acclimated in Chicago again so that we might discuss the setup at Cleveland, and also the one in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

January 27, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

In connection with the possible trial of Myrtle Eaton in Florida with reference to an indictment charging the harboring of William Weaver, interview with her indicates that her first husband was one FRED ROWLES; that she was born March 14, 1902 and that when seventeen years of age she was married to Rowles at Des Moines, Iowa; that in 1919 she started living with Doc Eaton, with whom she continued to live until he was sent to the penitentiary in Minnesota, and thereafter she again lived with him in 1931 when he was released. About 1932 she was living at 845 Portland Avenue, St. Paul, and first started her intimate association with William Weaver.

It is requested that immediate effort be made to determine the marital status between Myrtle Eaton and Fred Rowles, particularly as to whether she was ever divorced from this individual, and with this idea in mind it is suggested that the necessary court records be examined, and thereafter possibly Fred Rowles located and interviewed, in order that this information may be available for the presentation of this case in Florida.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 612
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

January 27, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

In re: PERKID

Reference is made to your letter of January 23, 1936, in this matter, as to confiscated Ford Sedan, Motor No. 18-1180702, which apparently was purchased by Harry Campbell under the name of Summers in Florida, subsequently confiscated by the Bureau, and thereafter returned by your office to George C. Campbell, 218 South Rockford Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

It is noted that it is proposed that possibly there should be a transfer effected from the Bureau to George C. Campbell, based upon our registration of this automobile for official use in the State of Florida, as to which in my opinion I believe to be an undesirable action, for reason that we have no assurance as to what channels this car may eventually go into, and there is no way of knowing at this time what possibilities might arise in the future to embarrass us by reason of the fact that tracing of the car might indicate prior Bureau ownership of the automobile, which would be referred to incorrectly in the future.

It is believed that the father, George C. Campbell, succeeded to no better right or title of ownership in this car than is indicated by the record showing the purchase by subject Harry Campbell, and if the father cares to register this car he should predicate same upon the title reflected in the party who originally purchased same, without reference to the fact that the Bureau had this car registered for tags in the State of Florida, and which as previously above indicated, in my opinion should not be used as the basis for title or ownership of the car by any other person.

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Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge

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POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

January 27, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter of January 14, 1936 addressed to me at St. Paul in the above entitled matter. In connection with the investigation of a person known as Harry Campbell, located at Midland, Texas, and in connection with the investigation of the people referred to are, and that definite investigation be made to determine whether there is any possibility of locating Harry Campbell or Alvin Karpis through inquiry, confidentially and discreetly carried on as to the individuals referred to.

In the future it is suggested that based upon the information contained in the copies of the reports in this case available to you, and the information appearing on the identification order, that any information received in the mail of the brother be referred to all offices in which it is believed that consideration should be given, by referring these matters to the necessary consideration, and to the offices as to any and all necessary investigation.

In connection with your prior inquiry at Midland, Texas it is believed that this warrants further definite suitable consideration and active aggressive investigative action, in order that by discreet careful planning we may locate Harry Campbell through this brother, as it is apparent that he is in touch with his relatives at Tulsa, Oklahoma. The investigation as to this brother should be continuously and actively carried on until such time as Harry Campbell

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The attention of the Oklahoma City office is being called to the fact that the relatives of Harry Campbell, Tulsa, Okla., are apparently are availing themselves of the situation wherein letters are mailed by means of the railway mail service, which is a well known fact.

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The El Paso and Dallas offices, in connection with their check of the mail of the relatives of this fugitive, should also give consideration to the possible use by these relatives of the railway mail service, rather than allowing same to go through the regular Post Office.

Tracing No. 1 enclosed with the letter of the El Paso office is being forwarded herewith to the Dallas office, and tracing No. 2 is being forwarded herewith to the San Antonio office. Tracings No. 3 and 4 are being forwarded herewith to the Oklahoma City office for their information.

Sincerely yours,

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

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POST OFFICE BOX 612
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

January 27, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter of January 22, 1936 as to the services offered by one [redacted] to act as a confidential informant to locate Alvin Karpis, for which he requests \$10,000.00, and who was referred to you by Mr. L. F. Cole of the Alcohol Tax Unit, Kansas City.

We have no prior information as to this individual as far as I can learn from the file in this matter at Chicago, except that it is noted in report of Agent Hansen, Oklahoma City, dated August 6, 1934, page 8, copies of which were furnished your office, that reference is made to one [redacted] a "hot bond" dealer, Tulsa, Oklahoma, who indicated to a certain extent that he would act as an informant, and also indicated a somewhat similar attitude as is reflected by the [redacted] you have had contact with.

For the information of the Oklahoma City office, to which copy of this letter is being forwarded, this party [redacted] is described as being about [redacted]

[redacted] it is possible that Agent Hansen can supply a description of the person he contacted under the name of [redacted] at Tulsa, in order to determine whether or not these individuals are one and the same.

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In connection with the dealings of the Kansas City office with this party [redacted] it appears that he is an individual who should be given definitely to understand that in connection with any services he renders, we will dictate the necessary arrangements as to [redacted] JAN 29 1936 believed he is an opportunist, endeavoring to effect an offer of a large reward in hopes that he might develop information looking to the location of subject Karpis.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

CC Okla. City (Person. & Conf) Special Agent in Charge.
Bureau " "
St. Louis " "
St. Paul " " Cincinnati

POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

January 27, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

For the information of the file in this matter, there is returned herewith to you copy of letter of the Los Angeles office dated January 10, 1936, addressed to the Director, which was forwarded to me at St. Paul, for the completion of your file, together with the enclosures indicated, namely picture of Charles J. Fitzgerald, and specimens of the handwriting of Fitzgerald and Imogene Robertson, one copy of this already being available in the files of the Chicago office.

Very truly yours,

R. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
January 28, 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:

With reference to Bureau letter of December 19, 1935 and the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran of the Chicago Office, dated January 6, 1936 with reference to the compilation of data concerning William Elmer Mead, with aliases, please be advised that the records of the Oklahoma City Office have been checked, attention, of course, being given to all of his aliases as contained in the letter and report referred to, and nothing has been found with respect to him that is not contained in the instant case.

In view of the foregoing, it does not appear necessary to prepare any summary report concerning this angle of the case.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc All Field Offices,
and Connelley, Chicago.

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

January 29, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 20, 1936,
making inquiry concerning Mr. Jay M. Thomas, who recently assumed
the management of the Carter Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio.

For your information, Mr. Thomas opened the Cavalier Hotel
at Virginia Beach, Virginia some few years ago. This Hotel is one
of the leading Hotels in Virginia, particularly on the eastern sea-
board and is patronized principally by a high class clientele from
New York and Boston. After leaving the Cavalier Hotel, Mr. Thomas
assumed the management of the Elliott Hotel in Suffolk, Virginia.
He then took over the management of the Roosevelt Hotel in New
York City. Later, he took over the management of the Hotel Roanoke,
Roanoke, Virginia and of the Patrick Henry Hotel in Roanoke, Virginia.

Mr. Thomas then assumed the management of the Stonewall
Jackson Hotel, Staunton, Virginia, later, going to the Carter Hotel
in Cleveland, Ohio.

The above mentioned Hotels are all leading and prominent
Hotels.

Mr. Charles Gay, Manager of the Lafayette Hotel, this
city, who is personally known to Special Agent F. M. Hickey, advised
that he has known Mr. Thomas personally for a number of years. He
stated that Mr. Thomas is reliable and could be contacted for any in-
formation of a confidential nature.

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Special Agent F. M. Hickey also communicated with Colonel
C. B. Borland, Director, Public Safety, Norfolk, Virginia, which City
is located near Virginia Beach. Colonel Borland advised that he knows
Mr. Thomas personally and that he is considered a very reliable and

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dependable man and that in his opinion, Mr. Thomas could be approached for any information of a confidential nature.

Mr. Thomas is a relative of General J. Leslie Kincaid, formerly Adjutant General of the State of New York. He is now President of the American Hotels Corporation.

I believe that you will find Mr. Thomas cooperative and should you desire to contact him on an exceptionally confidential inquiry in connection with instant investigation that he would be only too willing to render every assistance.

Very truly yours,

J. M. KEITH,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cincinnati.

POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

January 27, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

Reference is made to your letters of January 14, 1936, both of which enclosed copies of the log maintained as to the tap on the telephone of WILLIAM FERGUS at Cleveland, Ohio.

In this connection the various parties who have contacted William Fergus, such as Mr. Cane at Cherry 6043, "Needle" Mitchell, the party in Room 617 Carter Hotel, et al, these persons should be the subject of the necessary intensive investigation in order that we may be intimately advised as to the addresses, locations, business activities and connections of any and all parties who may come in contact with William Fergus, and who may be remotely connected with him, particularly as to his association with Arthur Heberbrand and James Patton. All of these parties should be definitely identified, and the possibility eliminated of their being a contact for the subjects we are endeavoring to locate, or the intermediary through which the subjects we are endeavoring to apprehend may contact either with Heberbrand and Patton or any other persons.

These checks as to the individuals referred to should be carefully worked out in order that nothing may be done which would arouse the suspicions of the persons in question, as due to the activities as against the Harvard Club there, these individuals will undoubtedly be more or less apprehensive at this time.

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Very truly yours,

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E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812
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January 27, 1936.

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

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Dear Sir:

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In re: BREKID

Reference is made to my telephone conversation of January 17, 1936 from the St. Paul office advising as to the fact that Thomas J. Shaw, arrested at Akron, Ohio, had been identified as one and the same as Milton Lett, through his criminal record.

The first information referred to us by the Post Office Inspectors at Cleveland indicated that they themselves had written to the Bureau asking for the criminal record of Thomas J. Shaw, based upon a copy of the fingerprints that had been obtained by them from the Akron Police Department, to which a reply was received indicating that Shaw had no prior criminal record. However, subsequently the Post Office Inspector at Cleveland changed his story as to how he had been advised that no criminal record was available, and indicated that apparently when he obtained the record from the Akron Police he had asked them as to a further criminal record as to Thomas J. Shaw, and the Akron Police advised that upon forwarding his prints on October 19, 1935 they had received a reply from the Bureau to the effect that he had no prior record. Subsequently as indicated in my telephone conversation, when the Cleveland office, upon my instructions, requested that a wanted notice be placed as against the record of Shaw, based upon his Akron, Ohio arrest apparently the Bureau located his complete criminal record, as is reflected in Bureau letter of January 13, 1936, file 7-576, and having assembled his complete criminal record, same was thereafter forwarded to the Akron, Ohio Police Department. Immediately the Akron Police Department received this criminal record, it being our impression that possibly the wanted notice was also included thereon, but which by subsequent inquiry of the Akron Police Department was proved to be erroneous, they called the Post Office Inspectors at Cleveland, advising them of the latest information as to the record of Shaw, and the information that he was one and the same as Milton Lett. Acting immediately on such information the Post Office Inspectors endeavored in both Ohio and Oklahoma to cause the arrest of Milton Lett for their purposes.

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In this connection in telephone communication to the Oklahoma City office I requested that they endeavor to locate Milton Lett possibly under the pretext that we wished to confer with him as to his possible confidential services in locating Harry Campbell, and thereafter they should arrange to get out of him any possible information which would indicate the location of Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis, particularly as it is believed he might know the location in Cleveland, Ohio or that vicinity of these subjects. As yet the Oklahoma City office has not advised me as to whether they have located Milton Lett and I presume they have been unable to do so. While it is realized that Milton Lett was undoubtedly under arrest on November 6 and 7, 1935 and could not have taken part in the Garrettsville, Ohio train robbery, the fact remains that the Post Office Inspectors claim the positive identification of him as Shaw in the buying of the automobile used in this robbery, at Cleveland, Ohio on October 25, 1935. It is possible that the arrests of Milton Lett might have been self-serving in order that he might have a definite alibi at the time this robbery occurred, he apparently having been arrested November 6, 1935 at Coffeyville, and later turned over on November 7th to Yates Center, Kansas, although apparently immediately thereafter released.

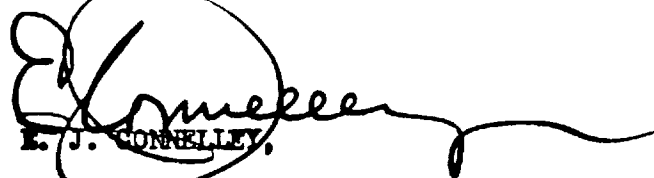
The most recent activities of Milton Lett known to us is his employment at the Harvard Club from about April to September, 1935 as furnished by our confidential informant at Cleveland, and it is very possible that as has previously been reported, Campbell contacted Lett and left fifty dollars with Mark Whinnery in Oklahoma in April, 1935, who thereafter took Lett to the vicinity of Cleveland where he obtained employment at the Harvard Club. It is noted that apparently about the time Lett disappeared from Cleveland and later appeared in Oklahoma and after which he was arrested as previously above referred to, this represents approximately the same time as Harry Campbell is alleged to have possibly again visited with his mother and father at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

With this situation in mind it is believed that the surveillance being maintained of the home of the father and mother of Campbell at Tulsa should be continued for the present time, until the situation has been definitely worked out and all possibilities eliminated as to Lett and Campbell both in Oklahoma and Cleveland, Ohio and vicinity.

Copies of this letter are being furnished the Oklahoma City office with the request that they furnish me with copies of the log

maintained as to this particular surveillance, or a report covering any and all possible developments to date.

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.

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January 27, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

In compliance with the request of Mr. Rosen, I am transmitting herewith six copies of the criminal record as appearing in the files of the Identification Division of Thomas J. Shaw, alias Carl Baker, alias Milton Lett, Police Department, Akron, Ohio, #26337, #FBI-1008739.

Respectfully,

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

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REPORT MADE AT: Charlotte, N. C.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-22-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-20-36	REPORT MADE BY: ROSWELL E. SMITH
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

In accordance with the request contained in Bureau letter dated December 19, 1935, that a summary report containing all information concerning William Elmer Mead, with aliases, available from investigation in the Charlotte office territory be prepared for all offices, a review of the Charlotte files reveals that no information concerning Mead exists except that contained in the BREMER file, which information is as follows:

As reflected in the report of Special Agent Paul M. Plunkett, dated at Boston, Mass., August 28, 1935, G. Arthur Hastings, 37 Robbins Road, Arlington, Mass. had contacted William Elmer Mead through his casual acquaintance with Joseph Peter Bowling and E. M. "Jack" Lantz of Savannah, Ga., at Charleston, S. C., about March 27, 1935.

The report of Special Agent A. E. Lockie dated at Charlotte, N. C., September 10, 1935, reflects that Joseph Peter Bowling, aliases: James Dexter, James P. Donohue, James P. Proper, Joe Bowling, was arrested at Charleston, S. C., on the night of March 28, 1935, for investigation, and released when formal charges were not placed against him; that Bowling was a professed card shark; that he is not a resident of Charleston, S. C.; and the record of his arrest as above set out is the only information obtained in Charleston concerning him.

Investigation at the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston, S. C. failed to result in a discovery of Bowling's having been registered at that hotel in 1935, although he was reputedly stopping at the Francis Marion Hotel when he was arrested.

The report of Special Agent Robert S. Henden, dated at Atlanta, Ga., October 9, 1935, reflects that Joseph Peter Bowling and E. M. "Jack" Lantz were closely interviewed concerning their chance meeting with William Elmer Mead and G. Arthur Hastings at Charleston, S. C., about March 27, 1935, and they denied knowing any of Mead's associates or being possessed of any information concerning

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his present whereabouts, contending that their meeting with him in Charleston was accidental.

The report of Special Agent L. V. Chesser, dated at Charlotte, N. C., October 23, 1935, reflects that P. O. Mead, 332 Eager Street, Charleston, S. C., is a reputable business man and has no connection with William Elmer Mead, as was thought possible as shown in the report of Special Agent Robert C. Haddon, Atlanta, Ga., above referred to. Further investigation at Charleston, S. C. revealed that the P. O. Mead family above set out is the only Mead family in that city.

The report of Special Agent Paul M. Plunkett, dated at Boston, Mass., July 20, 1935, reflects that William E. Mead, as C. E. Carter, was arrested by the Northampton Police, Northampton, Mass., July 12, 1935, and that among his effects was discovered a "Conoco Passport", number 755768, Season 1935-36, issued by the Conoco Travel Bureau, Denver, Colo. to C. E. Charles, Charleston Hotel, Charleston, S. C. Subsequent investigation, as reflected by the report of Special Agent A. H. Gere, dated at Denver, Colo., July 30, 1935, developed that C. E. Charles, Charleston Hotel, Charleston, S. C., on April 5, 1935, requested road maps of Mexico for himself and four friends, the names of whom were unavailable.

The report of Special Agent A. E. Lockie, dated at Charlotte, N. C., August 14, 1935, reflects that investigation at Charleston, S. C., showed that C. E. Charles had been registered at the Charleston Hotel on May 15, 1935, registering from Savannah, and remaining through May 18th. Further investigation at Charleston failed to reflect any information concerning C. E. Charles.

The records of the Charleston Hotel, Charleston, S. C., did reflect that on April 23, 1935, Mr. and Mrs. William Mead registered at that hotel from Schenectady, New York, being there for only one night.

The signatures of C. E. Charles and Mr. and Mrs. William Mead, as appearing on the register of the Charleston Hotel were traced and have been forwarded to the office of origin for comparison with the known handwriting of William Elmer Mead.

The photograph of William Elmer Mead was freely exhibited to various witnesses at Charleston, S. C. in all investigations conducted there without effecting an identification.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 7-11

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REPORT MADE AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 1/25/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/21-23/36	REPORT MADE BY J. E. LAWLER
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, w.a., FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, w.a., FUGITIVE, I.O. #1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.a., I.O. #1232, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Esther Bixler and sister Mrs. L. F. Callihan located at Falconer, New York. Unable to ascertain standing and reputation. Mail cover placed. All telephone calls traced to persons of good reputation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent C. E. Greaney, Pittsburgh, Penna., dated 1/3/36; report of Special Agent E. J. Dowd, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 1/9/36; Cleveland Bureau office letter dated 1/22/36.</p> <p>DETAILS: At Jamestown, New York The 1934 City Directory of Jamestown, N. Y. revealed the name of Esther Bixler, maid, 97 Forest Avenue, no residence address given. In the street listing of the same directory, it appeared that Dr. R. B. Barone was listed as residing at 97 Forest Avenue. Of the five Sutton names appearing in the directory, none appeared as having a wife by the name of Pearl.</p> <p>Thomas Clark, Superintendent of Mail, Jamestown Post Office, stated upon interview that Miss Esther Bixler was unknown to him; that she had no forwarding address from 97 Forest Avenue; that there was no Sutton listed whose wife's maiden name was Pearl. Mr. Clark further stated that to his knowledge, Dr. Barone bore an excellent reputation in the community.</p> <p>Chief of Police C. F. Sandburg, Jamestown Police Department, stated upon interview that Dr. Barone had a very excellent reputation in the community and could be trusted and relied upon.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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Miss E. C. Clark, Secretary to Dr. Barone, 97 Forest Avenue, stated upon interview that Dr. Barone was presently out of the city and would not return for some two weeks. Miss Clark advised the writer that there was employed sometime ago a young lady by the name of Esther Bixler as a maid in the residence of Dr. Barone; that Miss Bixler was employed before the time of her (Miss Clark's) employment, but that she understood Miss Bixler had been discharged by Mrs. Barone, and that she was presently living with her sister at Falconer, New York. The exact date she did not know, and was unable to ascertain from other employees of Dr. Barone's household.

Mr. John Wright, Superintendent of the Jamestown Telephone Company, stated upon interview that telephone number 64131 was listed for the Anderson Restaurant and Bakery, 7 E. Main Street, Falconer, New York; that the phone had been connected since July, 1935; that he personally knew the two Anderson boys who ran the Restaurant, and that they had good reputations and were reliable people in that community.

At Falconer, New York

Mr. Leon Rider, Postmaster, stated upon interview that he did not know the Bixler girl, but that there were two individuals in that community by the name of Esther and Pearl Sutton; that this was a maiden name, and that neither of them were married. Mr. Rider further stated that the two Anderson boys of the Anderson Restaurant and Bakery, bore an excellent reputation in the community and were very reliable and substantial citizens.

Miss Edna R. Lyons, General Delivery Clerk, stated upon interview that she did not know anyone by the name of Bixler in the community, and a search through the city directory by her for the name of Bixler, revealed there was no one presently at Falconer by that name.

Mr. Theodore, Postal Carrier, stated upon interview that to his knowledge there was an Esther Bixler living at 121 Elmwood Avenue, Falconer, N. Y., with her married sister Mrs. L. A. Callihan. Search of the two directories of Falconer, N.Y. indicated that the maiden name of Mrs. L. A. Callihan was Pearl M.; that Mr. Callihan was a mechanic.

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Elmer Hall, Police Officer, stated upon interview that he did not know anyone in the community by the name of Esther Bixler; that as far as he knew the Callihans bore a good reputation in the community; that they were more or less unknown and that the exact length of their stay in Falconer was not known to him.

Chief of Police W. M. Paplow stated upon interview that Esther Bixler was unknown to him and that L. E. Callihan bore a good reputation in the community.

Inasmuch as the reputation and standing of Esther Bixler and Mrs. L. E. Callihan were unknown, a mail cover was effected with the Postmaster, Leon Rider, and a letter of confirmation of this mail cover is being sent to him.

At Westfield, New York

Chief of Police Andrew Tolletson, who was ascertained to be a reliable officer at the Buffalo Bureau office, stated upon interview that Miss Bessie McDonald, 57 Elm Street, was a lifetime resident of Westfield and bore an excellent reputation; that she was about 48 years old, and that she was performing secretarial work at the Welch Grape Juice Company. The writer wishes to state that Miss Bessie McDonald was indicated in the report of E. J. Dowd as having received one of the telephone calls listed in his report.

Mr. F. E. Richardson, Assistant Postmaster, stated upon interview that he had known Miss Bessie McDonald all her life; that she had been working for some 35 years at the Welch Grape Juice Company; that she was approximately 50 years old, and that her father was a superintendent of the Welch Plant before his death.

At Franklinville, New York

Mr. J. J. McClorey, Postmaster, stated upon interview that James Pierce, 15 Chestnut Avenue, was an attorney and a lifetime resident of Franklinville; that he was single, and bore an excellent reputation in the community, and was presently their County Attorney. The writer

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wishes to note that Mr. James Pierce was one of the recipients of a phone call as set out in the report of E. J. Dowd.

At Buffalo, New York

Mr. P. W. Halffenstein, Superintendent, N.Y. State Telephone Company, Room 1300, 40 Church Street, stated after a search of his records that: Delaware 8435 was listed in the name of Marvin B. Morrison, 84 Delham Street, and that the phone was connected Jan. 4, 1934: Garfield 8940 was listed in the name of the Cornwell Quality Tool Co., 62 Landon Street, and that there was a separate listing at this number in the name of Gust C. Hoff; that the phone was connected Oct. 15, 1926; University 8424 was listed in the name of Dr. Herman F. May, 59 Greenfield Street, and that the phone was connected in December, 1921; that all of the above listed subscribers had paid their bills regularly, and there was nothing against them at the Telephone Company.

The 1935 City Directory indicates that Marvin B. Morrison is Treasurer of the Morrison Railway Supply Company; that he is married and that his present address is 84 Delham Street; that Gust C. Hoff was a salesman, and that his present address is 62 Landon Street; that Herman F. May is a physician at 59 Bryant Street, and that his residence is at 59 Greenfield Street.

Assistant U.S. Attorney J. E. Cariero stated upon interview that Dr. May is one of the outstanding physicians of Buffalo, New York; that he bears an excellent reputation, and is the U.S. Attorney, George L. Grobe's, private physician. The names of Hoff and Morrison were unknown to him.

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A letter from the Special Agent in Charge, Cleveland, Ohio, dated Jan. 22, 1936, indicated that the long distance telephone calls

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set out in the report of E. J. Dowd dated Jan. 9, 1936, made by Murray Cook from his home and place of business, The Swallows, Ashtabula, Ohio, should not be checked by the auxiliary offices, in view of which the other calls set out in the reference report are not being checked.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

BUFFALO OFFICE at Falconer, N.Y. will report the mail cover placed on the mail of Miss Esther Bixler and Mrs. L. M. Callihan at 121 Elmwood Avenue.

P E N D I N G

P.O. Box #64
Buffalo, New York

January 27, 1936

Mr. Leon Rider
Postmaster
Paloalto, New York

Dear Sir:

This is to confirm the oral agreement between you
and a representative of this office placing a mail cover on the
mail of Mrs. Esther Rider and Mrs. L. A. Galligan, and all of
the mail addressed to 181 Highland Avenue, Paloalto, New York.

It is requested that you place this
mail cover on the mail as it is received at the
office.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

D. E. SACHERT
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

1300 Liberty Trust Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

January 27, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

I am attaching hereto receipt covering
transfer of one Buick Car to the U.S. Marshal.

You will recall that this was the car
in the Karpis Case. It has been deleted from our inventory.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Vetterli
R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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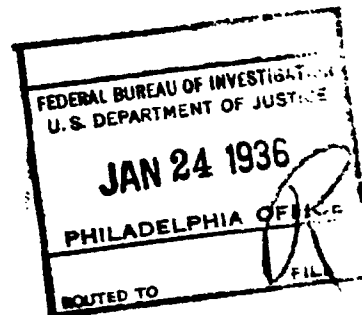
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Philadelphia, Pa.
January 22, 1936

Received from the Federal Bureau of
Investigation, United States Department of
Justice, Philadelphia, Pa., one Buick Sedan,
Motor #42949155, Serial #2783525, in accord-
ance with an order issued by the United States
District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania,
Court #M-575, dated January 20, 1936.

John D. Leahy
Chief Deputy Marshal

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524 40th St. ⁷⁰⁸
West Palm Beach
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Mr. Edgar Hoover FEB 6 1936
Department of Justice
Washington D.C.

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St. Paul, Chicago,
Mr. Connelley, &
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Dear Sir: Reference is made
to my letter of 20th inst. in
which I requested contact with
you of Mr. Green in the
Department of P.E. Mr. Kerley
has however no answer
has been received from you
Mr. Green has asked my
permission in this matter
however I will enlighten you
with matter which is at all

here and has been since
Dec 10th and how long
before that I can't tell.
This is no doubt contrary
to what you think.

Immediately upon ^{the} recognition
of Alvin I went to P. H. Co.
and saw Staton Thompson
and took him over the
field he promised his support
and gave me his telephone
no. Several times afterwards
I called him and he was out
and one time failed to materialize
after he rec'd my message.
On another occasion I
printed out a man badly

wanted and he took the
man out of hearing distant
and after a few minutes talk
with him let him go free
although he admitted that the
man had all qualifications
and ear marks, such as eyes,
hair, teeth all out, looks and
right but that he was 2 inches
taller than himself not 5 ft 10 1/2
inches as he himself was that
bright Detective Thompson is
so bigger than myself my
height is 5 ft 7 inches. This
is a very interesting story immediately
to get the Detective's case
and then we hear a story
and not a story of they did
in which I lost 2000 in that.

I don't know just how much
longer Karpis will be kept
but confidentially between us
two he would be here until
he was able to grow a thick
coat there before we could find
him. understandingly between
us I don't trust them and
another thing it would take
up too much space on paper
to go into details on this subject.
Your office would if first
been notified of this upon
first detection of Karpis but
I was hot on his trail and after
quick returns. but Alvin has
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529 40th St.
West Palm Beach, Fla.
Jan 27/36

Mr. Edgar Hoover
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: Reference is made to my letter of 20th inst. in which I requested contact with one of your G Men in the apprehending of P. B. No. 1, Alvin Karpis. So far however no answer has been received from you or no G Man has asked my cooperation in this matter. However I will enlighten you on this matter. Alvin is still here and has been since Dec 10th and how long before that I can't tell. This is no doubt contrary to what you think. Immediately upon the recognition of Alvin I went to P. Mtr's. and saw Detective Thompson and took him over the field. He promised his support and gave me his telephone no. several times afterwards I called him and he was out and one time failed to materialize after he rec'd my message. On another occasion I pointed out a man badly wanted and he took this man out of hearing distant and after a few minutes talk with him let him go free although he admitted that this man had all qualifications and ear marks, such as eyes, hair, teeth all out, looks and weight but that he was 2 inches taller than himself not 5 ft 10 1/8 inches as he himself was that height. Detective Thompson is not higher than myself my height is 5 ft 8 inches. This criminal left the city immediately but another Detective was looking for him one hour afterwards. I am not certain if they picked him up, I lost \$250.00 on that. I don't know just how much longer Karpis will be here but confidentially between us two he could be here until he was able to grow whiskers before these cops could find him. Understandly between us I don't trust them and another thing it would take up too much space on paper to go into details on this subject. Your office would of first been notified of this upon first detection of Karpis but I was hot on his trail and expected quick returns, but Alvin has the instincts of 2 devils.

Respectfully,

/s/ J. F. Gates

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February 4, 1936

Mr. J. P. Gates,
329 40th Street,
West Palm Beach, Florida.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter dated January 27, 1936, which refers to a letter which you addressed to me under date of January 20, 1936, pertaining to the case involving the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer.

Please be advised that I wrote you on January 27, 1936, concerning this matter, and informed you that I have instructed Mr. E. S. Nathan, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 412 U. S. Court House and Post Office Building, Jacksonville, Florida, to have an Agent call upon you with reference to your communication.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc Jacksonville (with copies of incoming letter)

St. Paul (with copy of incoming letter)

Minneapolis (with copy of incoming letter)

E. J. Connelley - Chicago (with copy of incoming letter)



Post Office Box 1278
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
January 27, 1936

EB:VC

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 21, 1936, requesting that you be advised why Agent S. E. Dennis of this office did not receive training in the use of firearms, other than pistol, and scientific equipment for the month of December, 1935.

Please be advised that during the month of December, Special Agent Dennis was engaged on a surveillance assignment in connection with the Brakid case, which precluded his receiving the training.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 412
Chicago Illinois

January 27, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

RE: MEAD

Dear Sir:

Bureau

In connection with investigation which has been conducted for the purpose of effecting the apprehension of William Eimer Mead, it is desired that all offices contact the confidence and bunco squads of police departments in all cities in their respective districts of 50,000 or more population, furnishing photographs of Mead if same are not already in possession of the various police departments, and requesting that investigations be made through leading hotels and other places frequented by confidence men in order to hasten the location of this individual. It is especially suggested that investigations be made in places where winter horse racing is being conducted.

Edwards

Each office is referred to the "Personal and Confidential" letter from the Bureau under date of December 19, 1935, which contains descriptive and other data as to Mead, and states why his apprehension is desired.

Very truly yours,

E. J. DONNELLY
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

January 29, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

As requested in your letter of January 27, 1936, you will find attached hereto one dozen photographs of Alvin Karpis. This is the most recent photograph of Karpis available, and is Tulsa Police Department #8008, taken June 10, 1935. The police number which originally appeared on this picture has been eliminated in order that it might serve better for identification purposes.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY
Special Agent in Charge

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

CHARGE

January 28, 1936

R. A. ALT
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
629 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG
OMAHA NEBRASKA

REKID IMMEDIATELY FURNISH INFORMATION REQUESTED BY LETTER JANUARY
FOURTH AS TO CHARLES J FITZGERALD ALSO EXPEDITE INQUIRY ON
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Post Office Box 518
Chicago Illinois

January 28, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

The Chicago Office is in receipt of a mail tracing from the Post Office, Chicago, Illinois, of a letter addressed to Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Newbold, 2240 North Franklin Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, postmarked at Chicago, Illinois, 8 p.m., January 7, 1936. The letter is addressed to Sarah Newbold, 225 Jefferson Street, Chicago, Illinois, and Mrs. F. E. Newbold are the brother-in-law and sister of Alvin Karpis, and apparently Sarah Newbold is some relative of Mr. F. E. Newbold.

It is requested that you conduct the appropriate investigation at Topeka, Kansas, in order that the Bureau will be fully apprised of all the relatives and contacts of the Newbold family.

Very truly yours,

R. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

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JANUARY 28, 1936

J. N. KEITH
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ROOM 1408, 570 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

BREKID WILL NOT NEED SERVICES J. N. JONES AT CHICAGO FOR THE PRESENT

EXPECTED CONNECTION MYSELF STOP WILL NEED HIM CLEVELAND FEBRUARY FIRST

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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JANUARY 28, 1935

C. W. STEIN
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
222 UPTOWN STATION & FEDERAL COURTS BLDG.,
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

BRUCE WILSON WILL SULLIVAN MADALA PROCEED CHICAGO

CONNELLY

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POST OFFICE BOX 512
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

January 28, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

In connection with the trial of Harry Sawyer and others at St. Paul January 8 to 24, 1936, resulting in the conviction of Sawyer, Weaver and McDonald, Sawyer when on the witness stand in his own defense indicated, notwithstanding his previous denial to me, that he was in Florida at Miami in September, 1934, together with Willis Harrison; that he and Willis Harrison left Miami, and Sawyer proceeded to Detroit, Michigan in September, and registered at the Lamox Hotel. He did not advise the name he used there at that time, but he was using the name of JAMES in Miami.

It is requested that the records of the Lamox Hotel be examined to determine whether he stopped at this hotel. This inquiry should be discreet and careful, and if Sawyer did stop at such hotel it would be advisable to determine just what the character of the place is, for the possibility that other subjects may have in the past stopped at this establishment, or might use same as a stopping place in the future.

Very truly yours,

R. J. CONNELLEY,

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

January 28, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

Reference is made to report of Special Agent J. L. Flood, Omaha, Nebraska January 22, 1936, in which reference is made to the criminal record of Harry Sawyer, and in which it is indicated that as Harry Sandlovich on December 23, 1914 he entered a plea of guilty in the County District Court, Lincoln, Nebraska to the charge of burglary with explosives, and was placed on probation for three years, and discharged therefrom on September 22, 1917.

At the time Harry Sawyer testified at the trial of the above indicated case on January 21, 1936 at St. Paul, in his cross examination United States Attorney Sullivan asked him as to whether or not he had ever been convicted of a felony, as is the usual impeachment proceeding in connection with witnesses under these circumstances, and first Harry Sawyer replied that he refused to answer, on the advice of his attorney. The Court then asked the defense counsel as to whether they had so instructed their client and Eugene O'Sullivan, attorney, Omaha, Nebraska, one of the counsels for Harry Sawyer advised immediately that he had not advised him to that effect, but that he had instructed him to say no. In subsequent explanation of the position of attorney O'Sullivan he submitted to the Court and the United States Attorney the contention that this party, having entered a plea of guilty and thereafter being placed immediately on probation without having entered upon an actual sentence under such plea of guilty, had therefore never been convicted of a felony, under what was apparently some local practice at Omaha, Nebraska.

Some research just immediately to the Government considering placing this situation in evidence in rebuttal at the close of the defense proceedings, indicated some decisions showing inability of the prosecution to introduce any such evidence as to prior conviction, most

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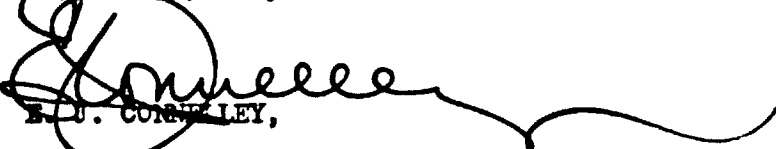
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of which however, had to do with the remoteness of the original conviction with the present conviction, rather than the situation as above referred to, to the effect that the party had not been convicted of a felony inasmuch as he had never entered into or served any part of a sentence in connection with his plea of guilty in question.

For the information of the various offices, in efforts to present such evidence in the future in trials of cases, it is suggested that the Omaha office, to which copy of this letter is being sent, confer with the United States Attorney in that district as to what may be the situation in a case as covered by Harry Sawyer, and particularly as to what would be the situation as to Sawyer having answered no, in reply to the question as to whether he had been convicted of a felony, under all the circumstances indicated by the record as obtained from the County District Court at Lincoln, Nebraska. This is desired in order that the possibility of charging Harry Sawyer with perjury under the circumstances could be considered. However it is to be noted that Sawyer is now under a life sentence in connection with this case and probably will not be prosecuted, but the information is nevertheless desired for future reference in cases of a similar nature.

Very truly yours,


E. J. CONNELLEY,

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

Special Agent in Charge.

EJC:JMS

CC Omaha
St. Paul
Cincinnati

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620 First National Bank Building,

Omaha, Nebraska.

January 23, 1936.

Air Mail

Special Delivery

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter of January 20, 1936, quoting a letter dated January 18, 1936, received by your office from Assistant Chief of Police Foster Halvey, of Fairbury, Nebraska, to the effect that an informant had advised Mr. Halvey that Karpis is supposed to be in hiding within a radius of eight miles of McPherson, Kansas, at which place he has been for some time.

Please be advised that immediately upon receipt of your letter, I assigned Special Agent J. B. Culbertson to contact Foster Halvey at Fairbury, Nebraska. Mr. Halvey informed Agent Culbertson that his informant is Cecil Leon Lindsay, 217 D Street, Fairbury. Lindsay is about twenty-seven years of age, has lived at Fairbury all his life and his occupation is sign painter. Locally, his reputation is apparently good. He has no criminal record.

Upon contact, Lindsay advised Agent Culbertson that about two weeks ago, in a local saloon, the Blue Moon, now closed, a man who claimed his name was Johnston approached him and offered to buy a drink, which offer was accepted. A few days later, while Lindsay was painting a sign, Johnston came along and again asked Lindsay to have a drink and some cake. Lindsay replied that he had to finish his job first. After this, he, with Johnston, again went to the Blue Moon saloon. Johnston then inquired how Lindsay started in as being a sign painter. Lindsay informed him that he had studied art in Chicago in 1929 and 1930, and in Chicago lived at 1049 Oakdale Avenue, and later resided at 12 West Elm Street. Lindsay informed Johnston that while at the first address in Chicago he went on several parties with young people and during several of these parties he was invited to join some of the younger folks in holdups, which he refused. Then Johnston said that he formerly was engaged in the slot machine racket in Chicago and inquired of Lindsay why he hadn't joined up with the young folks in holdups. Lindsay replied by saying that he did not want to be a hunted man like Karpis, then Johnston said that Karpis is presently located within eight miles of McPherson, Kansas, where he has a blonde "moll", who is working as a waitress on the north side of McPherson.

Lindsay is positive that Johnston made aforementioned statement with reference to Karpis, but stated that at the time Johnston made these statements he was under the influence of drink; in fact, considerably under the influence.

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Lindsay claimed that Johnston was driving a new Pontiac Sedan, with Nebraska License Tags, the numbers of which indicated that they were issued for Douglas County, Omaha being the County Seat.

The best description that Lindsay could furnish of Johnston is as follows: Age, about 32 years; height, about 5 feet; weight, approximately 175 pounds; build, slender; black hair; well dressed and apparently had plenty of money.

Lindsay claims that he has not seen Johnston since the aforementioned conversations took place at the Blue Room saloon about two weeks ago.

Very truly yours,

R. A. ALT,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 612

Chicago, Illinois

January 28th, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 24th, 1936, together with photographic negatives of Fred Hunter, and in accordance with the request contained therein the front and side views have been printed as one picture, in the form of a regular police photograph, and fifty copies thereof have been prepared. These copies, together with the negatives, are being forwarded to your Office herewith.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated January 20, 1936, addressed to the New Orleans Office in which you advise that Harold B. McBride, No. 5143 D. C. Reformatory, Lorton, Virginia, had been interviewed at which time he furnished information that Lillian Holden was found to be contacting members of the Barker-Karpis gang and its associates in Chicago.

The Chicago Office desires to be advised whether the McBride referred to is identical with William Baker, alias Harold McBride, who in the past has contacted Detroit, Chicago and Los Angeles Offices, claiming that he would be able to locate fugitive members of the Barker-Karpis gang. The practice of this individual was to contact local newspapers and thereafter through the newspapers get in touch with the various field offices of the Bureau, always demanding considerable sums of money for expenses, and his information was found to be of no value, however, it is definitely known that he is known to Lillian Holden.

Photograph of William Baker, alias Harold McBride, is attached hereto for the Washington Field Office for use in determining whether William Baker is identical with Harold B. McBride, now confined in the Lorton Reformatory.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT.

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Post Office Box 512
Chicago Illinois

VIA AIR MAIL

January 29, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In connection with efforts to effect the apprehension of subjects Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, it has become desirable to locate one Milton Lett, whose only known place of residence is the home of his mother, Mrs. Maggie Lett, Wann, Oklahoma.

For a considerable period of time Milton Lett has been considered as an informant by the Oklahoma City Bureau office, and was thought to be located in and around Wann, Oklahoma. Recently, however, information has been received from the post office inspectors at Cleveland, Ohio that the photograph of one Thomas J. Shaw has been identified as that of the individual who on October 25, 1935, at Cleveland, Ohio, purchased a Plymouth sedan automobile, which was used in a mail robbery which occurred at Garrettsville, Ohio on November 7, 1935. Through fingerprint records it was established that Thomas J. Shaw is identical with Milton Lett. It should be stated that Milton Lett was arrested at Coffeyville, Kansas on November 6, 1935, and on the following day was turned over to the authorities at Yates Center, Kansas, by whom he was subsequently released. It is possible that these arrests of Lett may have been self-serving in order that he might have a definite alibi at the time of the Garrettsville mail robbery.

Information furnished to Special Agent Paul Hansen of the Oklahoma City office by Thomas Hill of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma tends to indicate that Milton Lett is the individual who accompanied Harry Campbell to the home of Mark Whinnery in Oklahoma during 1935 when \$80.00 was left with Whinnery. It is known that Lett was employed at the Harvard Club in Cleveland from about April to September, 1935, this information having come from a confidential informant in Cleveland.

In view of these situations, it is definitely believed that Lett has information as to the whereabouts of Campbell and Karpis, and for that reason it is desired that he be located and interviewed. You are advised that if you are successful in locating

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this man he should be taken into custody in such a manner that no one will know of his arrest, the setup being desirable in order to prevent Karpis and Campbell from being tipped off in the event Lett actually has knowledge of their locations.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent A.J. Nordstrom, Kansas City, Missouri dated December 9, 1935 covering an interview with Mrs. Esther Twilly, 1401 Elm Street, Coffeyville, Kansas, in which she advised that her son-in-law Earl Morris was working for another son-in-law, Ted Thornton in a night club or tavern located on the highway between Ft. Scott, Kansas and Nevada, Missouri, at a point about five miles out of Ft. Scott. It is to be stated that Earl Morris was recently visiting in Washington, D.C. with James White, who has previously furnished valuable information to the Bureau.

Reference is also made to report of Special Agent Paul Hansen, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma dated December 18, 1935, a portion of which relates to an interview by Agent Hansen with Milton Lett at Mann, Oklahoma on December 11, 1935. During this interview Lett stated he had not been around his home of late for the reason that he had been working for Ted Thornton at a small night club near Ft. Scott, Kansas.

Prior contacts have shown Mrs. Esther Twilly was willing to furnish any information in her possession. It is desired that immediate contact be had with this woman in order to learn from her the location of her son-in-law Ted Thornton, who can no doubt supply data as to the location of Lett if he is not with him. It is possible that Mrs. Twilly can furnish information which will result in the location of Lett. It is desired that the contact with Mrs. Twilly be handled in such a manner that she will not be caused to think that either Thornton or Lett is involved in any difficulty, or that Lett is to be taken into custody.

If you are successful in apprehending Milton Lett, it is requested that you advise me immediately by long distance telephone. The Oklahoma City office should be advised immediately of all developments in this matter as they are presently endeavoring to locate Lett for the same purpose.

The post office inspectors at Cleveland, Ohio are endeavoring to apprehend Lett, and advise they will take custody of him if he is located at any time. This disposition will be available as to Lett when we have exhausted the possibilities of obtaining from him data as to the location of Karpis and Campbell.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY
Special Agent in Charge

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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.
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Dr. Gerald M. Pothoff, President-Treasurer, of the Chiropractic Psychopathic Sanitarium, Davenport, Iowa, with which institution he has been connected since 1924, bears excellent reputation, has no connection with the fugitives at large in this case. County Attorney, Estherville, Iowa, advises indictment has been returned against Charles J. Fitzgerald for bank robbery. Two witnesses recognize Fitzgerald at scene of robbery and in event he is arrested outside of Iowa, he will be extradited. KIMAN STONE left Estherville in 1917 and was not identified as one of the bank robbers with Fitzgerald; neither was he identified at Gus Stone.

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REFERENCE: Letters from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, 12/18/35, 12/27/35, 12/30/35, 1/4/36.

DETAILS:

Investigation was made by Special Agent J. N. Franz to determine the identity and responsibility of Dr. Gerald M. Pothoff, D.C., 824 West 6th Street, Forest Park, Davenport, Iowa, and further to ascertain if Doctor Pothoff is the contact through which Charles J. Fitzgerald is communicating

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with KARPIS and CAMPBELL. The following memorandum was submitted by Agent Franz:-

"Dr. G. Pothoff, D.C., is Doctor Gerald M. Pothoff, President-Treasurer of the Chiropractic Psychopathic Sanitarium, known as the Forest Park Sanitarium, Davenport, Iowa. He has been connected with that institution since 1924 and bears an excellent reputation in Davenport, Iowa, according to Chief of Police Sam Kelly and the Davenport Chamber of Commerce Information Bureau.

"I also contacted Mr. M. B. Hart, Business Manager of the Forest Park Sanitarium, who stated that Doctor Pothoff has been the Chief Consulting Physician of that institution since 1924.

"After receiving the above information relative to Doctor Pothoff, I was convinced that he was a responsible person, of good reputation, who could be relied upon. I, therefore, contacted him to see if he received the letter under consideration. I thought that perhaps William Leonard might be receiving treatment at the Sanitarium and that the check enclosed in the letter may have been in payment for services rendered; however, Doctor Pothoff stated they do not have a patient bearing that name, nor have they such a patient. He stated he did receive a letter from Los Angeles. He searched through a stack of letters on his desk, located it, and noted that it was postmarked December 26, 1935. The letter was from the Superior of the Monastery of The Angels, Los Angeles, California."

Special Agent E. E. Bundy conducted the following investigation at Des Moines and Estherville, Iowa:-

"At the Iowa State Bureau of Investigation, Des Moines, Iowa, the file of the matters pertaining to the robbery of the Emmet County State Bank at Estherville, Iowa on August 30, 1929, was examined. From this file, it was determined that according to one report to the Bureau of Investigation at Des Moines, Iowa, a police officer named Jones, at Estherville, Iowa, had given information that one ELMAN STONE, who formerly lived in Estherville, but had not been there for fifteen years, was the bandit who drove the getaway car, after the Estherville bank robbery. This information is supposed to have been disclosed by Elman Stone's brother, at a drinking party. Nothing further concerning ELMAN STONE is contained in the file."

"Another report in this file, however, states that the photograph of Harry Morris, alias 'Slim' Moran, has been identified as that of the driver of the getaway car. This Harry Morris was killed on August 18, 1931, and his body was found near Red Wing, Minnesota.

"It is also noted that, according to some accounts, there were four bandits involved and, according to other accounts, there were five. Descriptions of only four are given in the reports. One report stated that escape was made in a farm truck and it is, therefore, possible that the fifth subject waited at a distance from Estherville in this farm truck, since this was not present at the scene of the robbery.

"The four persons present at the robbery are described as follows:-

"No. 1 - apparently the leader: Age, 45; height, 5 feet 1 inch; weight, 225; build, inclined to be corpulent; complexion, dark; eyes, dark; beard, black.

"No. 2 - Age, 40; height, 5 feet 11 inches; weight, 190; complexion, dark; face, broad; voice, deep and raspy.

"No. 3 - Age, 35 years; height, 5 feet 9 inches; weight, 180-190 pounds; complexion, dark; face round.

"No. 4 - Age, 30; height, 5 feet 10 inches; weight, 170-175; complexion, dark; face round. This man stayed in the street with the car and the other three entered the bank.

"At Estherville, Iowa, Sheriff Cliff Fredricksen advised that the police officer named Jones is L. L. Jones, who is still on the Estherville Police Force. Sheriff Fredricksen stated he did not know ELMAN STONE, nor did he know of the part he was supposed to have played in the bank robbery.

"L. L. Jones advised that shortly after the robbery, someone, he does not recall who, told him that Howard Stone, brother of ELMAN STONE, remarked at a drinking party that his brother ELMAN STONE was one of the bandits who held up the Emmet County State Bank, being the one who drove the getaway car; that the party of bandits, in making their getaway, drove east for a few miles and there got into a Chevrolet farm truck, which then drove them to Minneapolis, Minnesota.

"Regarding this reported statement of Howard Stone, Mr. Jones stated that same was communicated to the Iowa State Bureau of Investigation and that an agent of the State Bureau then came to Estherville, but after hearing from Mr. Jones the account of this matter, decided that it did not merit investigation and nothing more was ever done about it.

"Jones, himself, did not know ELMAN STONE. He suggested, however, that Grover McCall, of Estherville, knew ELMAN STONE. Grover McCall stated that ELMAN STONE had lived at Estherville during his younger years and attended school there; that he was a fireman for the Rock Island Railroad but since leaving Estherville, he has not been back at any time to the knowledge of Mr. McCall. Mr. McCall stated that Elman apparently was a good citizen. Description by Mr. McCall is as follows: Age, 45; height, 5 feet 7 inches; weight, 155; hair, light brown; eyes, light; complexion, fair, nationality, American; peculiarities, pigeon-toed and had slouchy walk.

"Howard Stone, brother of ELMAN STONE, who has been suspected of petty thieving, but who has no known criminal record, advised that his brother, ELMAN, left Estherville about 1917, when he went to Kansas City, Missouri, where he was employed by the Union Pacific Railroad; that from Kansas City, Missouri, he went to Warsaw, Missouri, where he operated a farm for several years; that several years ago he is believed to have left this farm, but his present whereabouts are not known; that Elman's son-in-law, Ernie Grubb, who lives in Kansas City, Kansas and is employed by the Union Pacific Railroad, can inform as to Elman's present whereabouts; that Elman was never known by any name, other than his own and has never been nicknamed 'Gus'; that since leaving about 1917, Elman has never returned to Estherville. According to Howard Stone, Elman is of the following description: Age, 45; height, 5 feet 7 inches; weight, 140; build, slender; eyes, blue or gray; hair, gray; peculiarities, deaf. Elman has been married three times. His first mother-in-law lives at Estherville, Iowa. He has several children, whose names and whereabouts can be supplied by Mrs. Ernie Grubb, Kansas City, Kansas, his daughter. The only photograph which Howard Stone had of Elman was an old one, which it was not deemed of value to have; however, if photograph is desired, it is probable that Mrs. Ernie Grubb can supply a recent one. Howard Stone stated that he has never known of any trouble that his brother Elman has had and that Elman is not the kind of man who would be in trouble.

"William M. Hale, County Attorney, stated he is not familiar with the evidence against Charles J. Fitzgerald. He examined the

the indictment against Fitzgerald, however, with his attached statements of witnesses and then stated that this indictment is now good and that Fitzgerald will be returned for prosecution, if located in the future, and that he will be extradited from any place; however, if the place of arrest is very distant from Estherville, he would first seek the approval of the County Commissioners to the necessary cost. An examination of the witnesses' statements indicated that two witnesses recognized Fitzgerald at the scene of the robbery and that one of two others recognized his photograph and Mr. Hale stated all of these witnesses are still available."

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

KANSAS CITY BUREAU OFFICE: Upon referring to the reference letter of December 18, 1935, directed to this office, copy of which was forwarded to the Kansas City Bureau Office, will note a photograph of Elman Stone is desired so that it may be forwarded to the Denver Bureau Office to be exhibited to Arthur Johnson alias "Red" Price, presently confined in the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado.

At Kansas City, Kansas, interview Mrs. Ernie Grubb, whose husband is employed by the Union Pacific Railroad, and obtain a photograph of Elman Stone. Information herein set forth is to the effect that Mrs. Grubb might be able to furnish a recent photograph of Elman Stone.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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January 28, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

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

With reference to previous correspondence concerning the drawing of a new indictment at Jacksonville, Florida, inasmuch as the United States Attorney at St. Paul, in a conference with Special Agent K. R. McIntire, suggested that the indictment now pending against Myrtle Eaton at Jacksonville, Florida is defective, the Jacksonville, Florida Office of the Bureau has been informed by Assistant United States Attorney William A. Paisley that the Department has written him concerning this matter. Mr. Paisley is of the opinion that the indictment is somewhat faulty and has stated he intends to draw another indictment within the next few days against Myrtle Eaton and, upon completion of this new indictment, he intends to submit it to the Department for approval. If the indictment is approved he will present the matter to a Grand Jury which is to convene on February 23, 1936 at Tampa, Florida, and at such time he will request the return of a new indictment.

Respectfully,

A. Rosen

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At approximately ten miles east of Mauston, Wisconsin, on January 9, 1936, at approximately 2:00 P.M., Mr. Karpavicz had an accident occasioned by his failure to make a right turn in the road, which resulted in his landing in a ditch. A passing car extended aid to Mr. Karpavicz, helping him to return his automobile to the road and he proceeded to Mauston, Wisconsin, without further assistance. However, at that place he drove to Bakin's Garage for necessary repairs to his automobile. These emergency repairs necessitated his remaining at Mauston, Wisconsin, until noon on January 10, 1936, whereupon he registered at the Mauston Hotel, Mauston, Wisconsin, for the night of January 9, 1936. A surveillance was maintained by Agents during the night and Karpavicz was observed to frequent several taverns in Mauston.

Mr. Karpavicz left Mauston, Wisconsin, at 12:15 P. M. on January 10, 1936, and proceeded without further trouble to St. Paul, Minnesota, arriving there at about 11:35 P. M. on January 10, 1936. Upon his arrival at the latter place he was observed to stop at 1039 Lawson Street, where he remained for approximately fifteen minutes. It was later ascertained that this is the home of Mrs. Delaney, mother of Dolores Delaney.

Upon his return to the automobile Mr. Karpavicz proceeded to the business district of St. Paul and registered at the Seymour Hotel, located on Robert Street between Third and Fourth Streets, where he registered for the night and no further activity on his part was observed by Agents until they were relieved by Agents J. E. Brennan and M. J. Cassidy of the St. Paul Bureau Office at approximately 12:25 A. M. on January 11, 1936.

It is noted that while enroute from Chicago to St. Paul, Mr. Karpavicz made frequent stops along the road, necessitated by the fact that he became very easily confused in his directions, and it was necessary for the Agents to take side roads and drive without lights to avoid recognition by Mr. Karpavicz. It was also noted that frequent stops were made by this individual at various taverns along the road and it was quite evident that Mr. Karpavicz was under the influence of liquor during most of the trip.

At no time did Mr. Karpavicz make any contact with any of the subjects in this case and from inquiries made by the Agents at the various taverns at which Mr. Karpavicz spent his time, it was quite evident that he did not know that he was being followed by Agents of the Bureau.

On January 11, 1936, at 8:30 A. M., Agents Brennan and Cassidy of the St. Paul Bureau Office, and Agents Kirkland and Duffey of the Chicago Bureau Office, made a surveillance of the Seymour Hotel and Mr. Karpavicz was observed to leave the hotel and proceed to the address, 1039 Lawson Street, which address, according to information received from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, proved to be the home of Mrs. Delaney and Mrs. Pat Reilly, wife of Pat Reilly, a subject in the JODIL case, now confined in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

No further activities on the part of Mr. Karpavicz were observed by the Agents maintaining this surveillance until 5:00 P. M. on the above date, whereupon they were relieved by Agent P. C. Dunne of the St. Paul Office and Agent Doyle of the Chicago Office.

On January 12, 1936, Agents Kirkland, Doyle and Duffey returned to the Chicago Bureau Office from St. Paul.

Special Agent Brennan reported the information that he and Special Agent Cassidy were informed at 10:30 P. M. on January 10, 1936 that the above named Agents from the Chicago Office had arrived at approximately 10:25 P. M., maintaining a surveillance of John Karpavicz, and that these Agents were at that time parked in front of the Seymour Hotel, 321 Robert Street, St. Paul. At this point Special Agents Cassidy and Brennan contacted the Special Agents from the Chicago Office, and at 11:00 P. M. Special Agents Cassidy and Brennan were informed that Karpavicz had checked into the Seymour Hotel. Agents Brennan and Cassidy, after remaining in front of the Seymour Hotel until 2:00 A. M. on January 11, 1936, on instructions of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley obtained a room located under that room occupied by Mr. Karpavicz. This room was in such position that Agents Cassidy and Brennan could observe Mr. Karpavicz coming down the elevator or the stairway of the Seymour Hotel.

At 7:30 A. M. on January 11, 1936, Agents Duffey and Kirkland came to the Seymour Hotel and at 8:00 A. M. Mr. Karpavicz emerged from the Hotel and attempted to start his Ford coupe, which bore Illinois 1936 license No. 546-784, but Mr. Karpavicz was unable to get his car started. He then went to the First National Bank Garage and had the Ford towed there, and it was determined that he left orders to reline the brakes of this car. Mr. Karpavicz then wandered around town and eventually went to the Ramsey County Court

House and then proceeded to the jail, after which he proceeded to the Federal Building. Agents Kirkland and Duffey again took over the surveillance at this point and Agents Cassidy and Brennan proceeded to the garage and secured the details concerning the repair to Mr. Karpavicz' car. It was learned that Mr. Karpavicz could not obtain possession of this car until approximately 2:00 P. M. on January 11, 1936.

Mr. Karpavicz returned to the Seymour Hotel and remained until 1:30 P. M., after which he wandered around the streets of St. Paul and eventually went to the garage and obtained possession of his car, after which he drove to the address of 1039 Lawson Street, which address is previously mentioned in this report.

At 4:30 P. M. on January 11, 1936, Agents Cassidy and Brennan were relieved of the surveillance by Agents S. Wolf and Dunne of the St. Paul Office.

On Sunday, January 12, 1936, Agents Cassidy and Brennan proceeded to the address of 1039 Lawson at 9:30 A. M., at which point they did not observe the automobile of Mr. Karpavicz, and no Agents were observed in the vicinity of that address. Agents Cassidy and Brennan thereafter located the car of Mr. Karpavicz in front of the Spaulding Hotel. Agent Brennan, at about 4:00 P. M., observed Mrs. Pat Reilly come up the street with a young man and woman and enter this Hotel.

The following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent S. W. Hardy concerning his activities in the surveillance of Mr. Karpavicz:

"About 9:00 P. M., January 11, 1936, Agent was instructed to find the car of John Karpavicz which had Illinois plates and was supposed to be in St. Paul. Shortly thereafter Agents H. A. Loughran and Hardy located this car parked at 5th and Wabasha Streets, and notified the St. Paul Office. The car was unoccupied when found.

"Special Agent in Charge Connelley instructed that when Karpavicz returned to the car he was to be watched until he went to bed. Agent Loughran watched the Karpavicz car while Agent Hardy went to get a Bureau car (Ballards' Garage, 3rd & Wabasha). On returning, Karpavicz' car and Agent Loughran's car had gone from 5th and Wabasha. Agent Hardy tried unsuccessfully

until 12:30 A. M., January 12, 1936, to pick up the surveillance of Karpavicz and rejoin Agent Loughran, going twice to 1039 E. Lawson Street, address of Mrs. Delaney, and to 554 and 536 Edmund Street, (one of which is said to be the address of Mrs. Pat Reilly, daughter of Mrs. Delaney).

"Agents Hardy and Sidney Wolf relieved Agents Cassidy and J. B. Brennan at 4:00 P. M., January 12, 1936, covering John Karpavicz' car parked on Wabasha Street near the Spaulding Hotel in St. Paul, with instructions to watch this car, and Karpavicz, (if he should appear) until the latter went to bed. The purpose was to apprehend Alvin Karpis if he contacted John Karpavicz.

"Agent Hardy watched this car until 11:15 P. M., receiving instructions to discontinue at that time. The car was not moved during this time. Agent Wolf followed John Karpavicz, Mrs. Delaney, and a younger man and woman from the Spaulding Hotel to a cafe about 5:30 P. M., after which the younger couple went west on Wabasha Street, Mrs. Delaney got on a street car, and John Karpavicz returned to the Spaulding Hotel and went to a room about 6:30 P. M.

"Agent Wolf ascertained from the clerk in the Spaulding Hotel that Karpavicz was not registered there under his own name, but there was an elderly man from Chicago who registered there on the evening of January 11, 1936 using the name of Reynolds, Chicago, Illinois.

"Alvin Karpis was not seen during this surveillance. The young woman mentioned resembled Mrs. Pat Reilly (Babe Delaney) and may have been her. The identity of the man escorting her is not known."

The following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent E. A. Loughran concerning his activity in the surveillance of Mr. Karpavicz:

"On January 11, 1936, Agent was driving north on Wabasha Street from Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, Minn., about 10:00 P. M., accompanied by Special Agent S. W. Hardy, when Agent Hardy spotted the Illinois 1936 license 546-784 on an old model Ford coupe parked on the east side of Wabasha Street near the corner of 3th Street in front of the Northern States Power Building - the first car parked south of the corner. Agent drove Agent Hardy to the Federal

Courts Building to let the latter notify the Agent in Charge. Agent then proceeded back to 5th and Wabasha and finding the instant auto still parked, proceeded to park the Hudson on the east side of Wabasha Street at the northeast corner of 4th and Wabasha Streets, and proceeded to the corner of 5th and Wabasha to watch the car and await Agent Hardy's return. Agent stationed himself on the southwest corner of 5th and Wabasha.

"About 10:30 P. M. Agent Hardy appeared and shortly thereafter both Agents were joined by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, who advised that a discreet surveillance of the car and its occupants should be kept as it was not believed that John Karpavicz, the driver of the car, was aware that he was being watched, but that he was probably going to the Delaney residence at 1039 E. Lawson Street for the night.

"Mr. Connelley left about 10:40 P. M. and shortly thereafter Agent Hardy left, stating he had been instructed to get another car.

"About 11:00 P. M. Agent observed three people, who had stopped near the building line of the Northern States Power Company building, where people also wait for street cars, go over to the instant car and proceed to unlock it, whereupon Agent crossed Wabasha Street and approached the car as an elderly man in an old gray overcoat and a gray felt hat proceeded around the rear of the car to the left door. At the same time the girl in the party, dressed in dark clothes, entered the car. As Agent passed by the car, the third person, a man described as about 22 years old, 5'8" tall, 150 pounds in weight, medium build, turned around and looked at Agent before entering the car. Agent thought that this person might possibly be Alvin Karpis but upon seeing his eyes, together with his age and height, immediately realized that he was not. His eyes were completely unlike those appearing in the photograph of Karpis in that they were more round and his face contour was also more rounded. The older man was not observed closely. As Agent passed the car and reached a point about fifty feet beyond, going south on the east side of Wabasha, the engine of the instant car was started.

"Agent hurriedly proceeded to enter the Hudson parked at the opposite end of the block but was unable to see the car ahead due to an obstruction in the middle of the block on the east

side of Wabasha, where a platform used for digging and loading sand had been built. Agent therefore immediately started the Hudson and proceeded north on Wabasha, believing that the other car had driven off. As the Hudson passed the above obstruction, the Ford was noted about twenty-five to thirty-five feet ahead and as no other cars were in the block at the time, Agent slowed down and proceeded across 5th Street, believing that the other car would start shortly and either go in the same direction or turn east on 5th towards the Delaney residence. Driving at about 10 miles per hour Agent continued observing the other car through the rear view mirror, but it did not start to move. Therefore, with two cars having pulled up behind Agent, it was decided to turn east on 6th and hurriedly make the block. When Agent started south on Cedar Street (1 block east of Wabasha), a sharp lookout was kept for the instant car on 5th Street but it did not appear, and on reaching that Street, Agent turned west but did not see the instant car on that Street or crossing Wabasha. Upon arriving at 5th and Wabasha, it was noted that the other car was gone so Agent proceeded over Wabasha to 6th Street and drove down 6th rapidly to a point two blocks from what is called the 6th Street Bridge, believing that instant car was being driven to the Delaney residence at 1039 E. Lawson Street. The car not having been seen, Agent proceeded over to 7th Street and followed this Street to Arcade; out Arcade to Lawson, and east on Lawson Street to Earl Street. While proceeding east on Lawson, Agent noted cars with two foreign licenses - one Arkansas and one Wisconsin. The Arkansas license was observed about a block east of Arcade Street and the Wisconsin license about half-way between Arcade and Earl Streets. The glass on both cars was frosted as though someone was inside. The instant car not having been seen, Agent proceeded to a drug store on Arcade and called the Office, speaking to Mr. Stein, and being advised to come in as the boys had put the crowd to bed. At this time it was 11:30 P. M."

The following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent P. C. Dunne concerning his activity in connection with the surveillance of Mr. Karpavicz:

"On January 11, 1936, Special Agents P. C. Dunne, the writer, and Jerome Doyle, employing writer's personally owned automobile, were instructed by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley to proceed to 1039 East Lawson Street, St. Paul, Minn., and there to maintain a surveillance of Mr. John Karpavicz, father of Subject Alvin Karpis. The above instructions further reflected that Mr. Karpavicz was driving a 1930 model Ford coupe, blue in color, and bearing Illinois license plates 546-784, 1936. At 2:00 P. M. Agent Doyle and writer proceeded to 1039 E. Lawson Street and

there maintained a watch on the party and car outlined above. At 6:00 P. M. of the same day, Mr. Karpavicz, accompanied by Mrs. Delaney, the mother of Dolores Delaney, woman of Alvin Karpis, left the home of Mrs. Delaney and proceeded to either 532 or 536 Edmund Street.

"Due to the fact that the street was very dark and also due to the fact that the houses bore no house numbers, Agents were unable to determine the exact address of the home where Mr. Karpavicz and Mrs. Delaney stopped.

"At 8:00 P. M. on the same day, Mr. Karpavicz, Mrs. Delaney and another young woman left the house at 532 or 536 Edmund Street and proceeded in a direction toward the downtown section of St. Paul.

"It might be mentioned here that up until the time that the third party joined Mr. Karpavicz and his woman companion, the surveillance maintained by writer and Special Agent Doyle was quite successful. However, the third party, later identified as Mrs. Pat Reilly (Babe Delaney), a sister to Dolores Delaney, at once caused Mr. Karpavicz to employ a rather puzzling route. Agents followed the Ford car and its occupants up and down several dark and deserted streets and finally arrived near the State Capitol Building on E. Rice Street, St. Paul.

"The line of travel of both the Ford car and its occupants and the car of Agents proceeded around the business district of St. Paul, up to the New Post Office Building at Kellogg Blvd. and Cedar Street, St. Paul.

"At this point, Agents' car was about a half block behind Mr. Karpavicz and company when suddenly the car driven by Karpavicz came to a halt, and Agents' car was forced to go around the car of Karpavicz, due to the fact that Agents had no time or space to park their car. Agents proceeded one-half block down Kellogg Blvd. to the American Express Terminal Loading Platform, killed the lights on the car, turned around, turned on the car lights and came back up Kellogg Blvd. to where the car driven by Karpavicz was now parked on the left-hand side of the Street. When Agents' car passed the car of Karpavicz it was parked, facing south, the parking lights were on, and the occupants were getting out. Mrs. Pat Reilly was standing on the sidewalk, and Agents' car passed them, made a right-hand turn at the next corner, one-half block from the parked car,

came to a stop behind a sign board, and Agent Doyle doubled back on foot to watch the occupants of the car under surveillance.

"Writer remained in Agents' car, cut the lights, and kept the motor running. After a few minutes writer left the car and stood behind the sign-board and saw Agent Doyle coming back up the Street in front of the Post Office. When Agent Doyle approached writing Agent, who had walked about 25 yards to meet Agent Doyle, Agent Doyle told writer that when he first came up to the car he thought that it was empty but suddenly Mrs. Reilly looked out of the window and shook her fist at him. Agent Doyle was "made" as far as Mrs. Reilly was concerned. Writer then proceeded to a beer-joint directly across from the parked car of Karpavicz, hoping that Mr. Karpavicz and Mrs. Delaney were in there. When writer entered the beer-joint he saw a hat and coat, resembling the attire worn by Mr. Karpavicz, a soiled grey Fedora hat and a dark overcoat, hanging near one of the booths in the beer-joint.

"The beer-joint consisted of a bar, a steam table in the right side of the room and booths, completely partitioned off, on the lefthand side of the room. It was not possible for Agent to secure a view of the occupants of the booths without walking right up to them and viewing the occupants face to face, making it possible that Agent would be "made" by the occupants, had they been Mr. Karpavicz and Mrs. Delaney.

"In the meantime Agent Doyle was in the car driven by Agents watching the parked car under surveillance. Suddenly Agent heard an automobile horn toot, but believing it to be just another car, did not leave the beer-joint but attempted to see who was in the booths. Agent then walked near the booths but could see no one, due to the high walls surrounding them. Agent then left the beer-joint and noticed that the car of Mr. Karpavicz was gone. Immediately Agent Doyle drove up and reported that he had blown the horn outside of the beer-joint but that he was forced to follow the car under surveillance and therefore could not wait for writer. Agent Doyle also reported that he had lost Mr. Karpavicz and company.

"Writer and Agent Doyle, after scouring the loop for the car under watch, and not being able to find it, returned to the vicinity of 1059 E. Lawson Street and maintained a vigil there up until the time that Agents called their office and received instructions to abandon the watch."

After the arrival of Mr. Karpavicz in St. Paul, he was interviewed on several occasions by Special Agent R. C. Suran during the time Mr. Karpavicz was in attendance at the trial of William Weaver, et al.

Mr. Karpavicz advised Agent Suran that his purpose in coming to St. Paul was to visit Dolores Delaney, who was at that time confined in the Ramsey County jail as a prospective witness for the Government in the trial of William Weaver, et al. Mr. Karpavicz further advised that he also intended to listen to the evidence submitted by the Government in this case to determine to his own satisfaction the guilt of his son, Alvin Karpis. Mr. Karpavicz advised that he had registered at the Hotel Spanning, corner 9th and Wabasha Streets, St. Paul, under the name of "Reynolds", and had been assigned to Room 100, and that his reason for so registering was to avoid the newspaper reporters in so far as possible. Mr. Karpavicz stated that he also intended to visit Mrs. Helen Delaney, mother of Dolores Delaney.

Mr. Karpavicz advised Agent Suran that enroute to St. Paul he had had a wreck with his car near Mauston, Wisconsin, and at no time during this initial interview had Mr. Karpavicz on January 11, 1936 at the St. Paul Bureau Office did he indicate that he was aware of the surveillance being made of him.

In this connection, Agent Suran, in compliance with the request contained in reference letter from the St. Paul office, dated January 4, 1936, on the night of January 5, 1936 visited the Karpavicz family at 2840 North Francisco Street, Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of securing the clothes of Dolores Delaney, at which time Agent Suran engaged Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz in conversation relative to their son, Alvin Karpis. Both denied that they had information concerning the present whereabouts of Alvin Karpis.

Mr. Karpavicz volunteered the information to Agent Suran that he had heard rumors that Federal Agents or Police Officers were maintaining a surveillance over his home but that he had not observed such surveillance and he did not believe that such was true. Agent Suran advised Mr. Karpavicz that the Federal Bureau of Investigation did not believe that Alvin Karpis would be foolish enough to visit his father, and furthermore, if information was wanted from Mr. Karpavicz or his wife, they would be directly approached.

Mr. Karpavicz further stated that his son-in-law, Mr. Newbold, had advised him that Government Agents had been at his place of employment and interviewed him concerning Alvin Karpis. Karpavicz stated that he was not very friendly with Mr. Newbold and believed that Mr. Newbold was only trying to "fool him". He stated that he did not trust Newbold and was of the opinion that Newbold would "tip off" the Police if he knew the whereabouts of Karpis.

Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz stated frankly that they would not furnish information concerning the whereabouts of their son if the same was known to them. However, Mr. Karpavicz, as he has previously stated to Agents of the Bureau, advised that if he knew the present whereabouts of his son he would proceed to him and endeavor to induce him to surrender but that he would go no further in causing the apprehension of his son.

Mr. Karpavicz is well aware of the charge of murder against Subject Alvin Karpis at West Plains, Missouri for the murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelly, and is further aware that if convicted of first degree murder in the State of Missouri, Subject Karpis would be liable to the death penalty. It was indicated to Mr. Karpavicz that should the Federal Bureau of Investigation obtain custody of Alvin Karpis, the most the Federal Government could give him would be life imprisonment, and he stated he realized that would be true, and for that reason he desired if his son were captured that the Agents of this Bureau obtain custody of him.

Mr. Karpavicz stated further to Agent Suran that when he went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to obtain custody of the child of Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney, he was given \$50.00 by Dolores. Mr. Karpavicz displayed to Agent Suran the baby carriage and bed and other articles recently purchased for the baby and in voluntarily furnishing information as to where they obtained the funds to purchase these articles, Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz advised that at the time they received custody of the baby, Mrs. Karpavicz had \$400.00, which she had saved over a period of years, and that this amount had now been almost completely exhausted in support of the child; that medicine and milk were large items of expense, and they furnished the further information that from time to time they had sent Dolores Delaney small sums of money at Milan, Michigan.

When Mr. Karpavicz arrived in St. Paul, he came to the St. Paul Bureau Office, as previously mentioned, and displayed to Special Agent in Charge Connelley and Special Agent Suran approximately \$35.00, \$10.00 of which he turned over to Agent Suran for delivery to Dolores Delaney, inasmuch as it was not deemed advisable to permit Mr. Karpavicz to visit with Dolores Delaney until after it was definitely decided whether she would be used as a witness. Agent Suran delivered the \$10.00 to Dolores Delaney and obtained the appropriate receipt for same, which was placed in the St. Paul Bureau Office file.

On January 18, 1936, United States Attorney George Sullivan granted permission to John Karpavicz and Mrs. Helen Delaney to visit Dolores Delaney at the Ramsey County jail. Special Agent in Charge R. D. Brown and Agent Suran accompanied these persons to the jail and they were permitted to visit Dolores, one at a time, in the presence of Special Agent in Charge Brown and Agent Suran. Special Agent in Charge Brown and Agent Suran overheard the entire conversation had, which conversation was mostly concerning the baby of Dolores Delaney. Nothing was said by either Mr. Karpavicz or Mrs. Delaney which would be of value to this investigation, and no indication was given to Dolores by either Mr. Karpavicz or Helen Delaney that she should not cooperate with the Government.

Mr. Karpavicz advised Agent Suran that he intended to return to Chicago on the evening of January 18, 1936, as the janitor whom he had employed to take his place at 2840 North Francisco had permitted a fire to occur in the building, doing considerable damage and cutting off complete telephone and electric service to the building. He stated he intended to return to Chicago due to this situation and that he would return in his Ford coupe, but due to the condition of the roads, he probably would not arrive in Chicago until Sunday night, January 19, or on Monday morning, January 20.

Both Mrs. Delaney and Mr. Karpavicz were questioned concerning the present whereabouts of Jean Delaney, but both denied that they knew where she was presently residing. Mrs. Delaney stated that Jean was presently employed as a checkroom girl in some night club on the near north side of Chicago, but she claimed she could not recall the name of the night club.

On January 19, 1936, Agent Suran inquired at the Spaulding Hotel, St. Paul, to determine whether Mr. "Reynolds" had departed, and was advised by the clerk on duty that Mr. "Reynolds" (Karpavicz) had checked out of the Hotel at 3:00 P. M. on January 18, 1936, and stated that he was returning to Chicago, Illinois.

The Agents maintaining the surveillance of the home of John Karpavicz observed that Mr. Karpavicz returned to his home at 9:30 P. M. on January 19, 1936, at which time he was accompanied by a woman. At 9:45 P. M. an outgoing call was made from the Karpavicz apartment and it was Mrs. Pat Reilly (Babe Delaney) calling the Silhouette Club, Briargate 6336, located at 1555 Howard Street, Chicago, Illinois. She asked for "Jean; the checkroom girl". The Silhouette Club is no doubt the place of employment of Jean Delaney. As will be previously noted in this report, Mrs. Helen Delaney stated that Jean was working as a checkroom girl in a night club in Chicago.

From the foregoing it is noted that Babe Delaney returned to Chicago, Illinois from St. Paul with John Karpavicz.

Inasmuch as John Karpavicz was in close touch with Babe Reilly, who is difficult to follow, and his, John Karpavicz' movements were accounted for during period January 12 to January 18, 1936, while he was at St. Paul attending the trial and living at the Spaulding Hotel, close surveillance was discontinued upon instruction of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley in order to avoid arousing his suspicions with resulting possible interference with check and surveillance being maintained at Chicago.

This was also followed in allowing him to return to Chicago, it being difficult to follow him due to his slow driving and the fact that he becomes lost frequently in following the route of travel.

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General Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
722 Highland Savings Bldg.
Denver, Colo.
January 27, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

It will be recalled that upon the occasion of the visit of Special Agent in Charge D. Brantley to the Denver Bureau Office on January 25, 1936, one Collins Freeman appeared and was first interviewed by Special Agent S. E. Groff of the Denver Office and later jointly by Mr. Brantley and Mr. Groff. During the interview, Mr. Groff took some notes, which were typed up in rough form and furnished to Mr. Brantley prior to his departure from Denver. As suggested by him, they are now being repeated in letter form for the completion of the file in this case.

Collins Freeman, presently residing at the Great Northern Hotel, 1612 Larimer Street, Denver, Colorado, stated that he was released from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on June 12, 1935, and that about November 10, 1935, he was visiting one Ned Tubbs, a moonshiner, who has a log cabin and small farm about four miles from Salina, Oklahoma, on the road to Stillwell, Oklahoma. On that date, a man believed by Freeman to have been Alvin Karpis came, stayed about one hour and left. When he arrived, he shook hands and talked with Tubbs, and then went back to the kitchen and talked; he bought some whiskey from Tubbs; Mrs. Tubbs asked him when he was going to bring some groceries, to which he replied he would bring them the next time he came.

Freeman stated positively that no one came with Karpis, but that there was another car with him. Freeman did not see the occupants of this other car but said that there were at least two persons in it and that at least one of them was a man. He heard them talking but could not hear any of the words. After the departure of Karpis, Freeman learned from Tubbs that he came often to this place and sometimes stayed for as long as a couple of weeks. Freeman saw Tubbs in Salina, Oklahoma, about the end of November, 1935, and was

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informed by him that the same man had been to Tubbs' cabin again. Freeman asked Tubbs if this man were Karpis, but Tubbs shook his head and asked how he recognized him, to which Freeman replied that he had seen pictures of Karpis and had observed that this man appeared to be identical with them. Freeman stated that Tubbs never did admit that this man was Karpis but also never did deny it, but when Freeman was questioning Tubbs as to the identity of the man, he was told by him that he had better keep his mouth shut about what he had seen as it might be to his benefit later if he did so.

Freeman explained his acquaintanceship with Tubbs by stating that he, Freeman, had been in a trusty camp twenty miles from Sallisaw, and Tubbs used to sell whiskey to the convicts there. He further said that Tubbs used to be a good friend of Pretty Boy Floyd, and has lived in his present cabin about all of his life and is well known.

Freeman described Tubbs' cabin as being built of logs, one story, kitchen on the back of the cabin, and having a large chimney made of rocks. It has a picket fence, and there is a clearing in front of the cabin. This cabin is situated alone in a wooded country and is about one quarter of a mile back in the woods off of the main highway, on the left hand side coming from Sallisaw, and as mentioned above, is about four miles from that town. There are two dirt roads, roughly in the shape of a "Y", both leading from the main highway and ending at the cabin. Tubbs has one dog. Ordinarily there is no one at this cabin except Tubbs and his wife.

The first page of photographs in the pocket identification booklet was displayed to Freeman, and he selected the photograph of Karpis as being of the man he saw.

According to Freeman, a description of Tubbs is as follows:

Name	REX TUBBS
Age	35-38
Height	5-9
Weight	140-150
Hair	Red
Complexion	Ruddy

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A description of Freeman by personal observation
of Agent and questioning is as follows:

Name	COLLINS FREEMAN alias FREEMAN COL- LINS alias THOMAS KERRY alias COL- LINS KERRY
Age	24
Height	5-1
Weight	100
Hair	Brown. Parted left side
Eyes	Blue grey
Complexion	Ruddy
Beard	Smooth shaven
Marks	Tattoo bird on left hand base of thumb.
Idiosyncrasies	Keeps mouth open
Criminal record	Claims arrested at Nebert, Nebraska, for investigation; New Orleans, Louisiana, for investigation; and San Bernardino, California, for in- vestigation.
Occupation	Served in Navy and worked for Mrs. Ruth Grimes at her ranch, Tlay Town, Colorado.

Very truly yours,

A. D. BROWN
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau
E. J. Connelley
Cincinnati

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Mr. E.J. Connelley,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois.

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1443 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 28, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: WILLIAM F. FERGUS

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. P. Barras, Washington, D. C., dated December 12, 1935, particularly with reference to passport information in regard to William F. Fergus of Cleveland, Ohio.

Recent information developed at Cleveland is to the effect that William F. Fergus contemplates returning to Europe, but apparently because of income tax difficulties he is experiencing some trouble in securing a passport. It is respectfully requested that your office conduct appropriate investigation at the State Department to determine whether or not William F. Fergus has applied for a passport, and if so full particulars should be secured with reference to it. In the event he has not yet applied for passport, it is requested that you make suitable arrangements with the State Department in order to be notified at such time as he makes such application, in order that you may at that time obtain full particulars and advise this office.

Very truly yours,

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cc - Bureau
- E. J. Connelley
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J. P. McFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE: 1/24/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/27/36	REPORT MADE BY: E. K. BAKER
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.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Review of file made to indicate mental condition of Cassius M. McDonald as reflected by prior investigations and personal contacts with Agents; same indicates McDonald has exaggerated ideas of his importance, is cunning and evasive in handling, but apparently knows difference between right and wrong.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from Special Agent in Charge E.J. Connelley, St. Paul, Minnesota to Detroit office dated 1-24-36.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</u></p> <p>Following the conviction of subject Cassius M. McDonald in United States District Court, St. Paul, Minnesota on January 24, 1936, the matter of his sentence was deferred until February 1, 1936 by Federal Judge Gunnar Nordbye in order that some information as to his mental condition might be available on the date of sentence as his actions from time to time during the course of the trial indicated to Judge Nordbye and to United States Attorney George Sullivan that he was possibly not just right mentally or possibly deficient in that respect. United States Attorney George Sullivan requested a review of the files as to McDonald insofar as they reflect his ability to determine the difference between right and wrong.</p> <p>It should be stated that the writer has been in personal contact with McDonald on various occasions, all of which were in connection with official business.</p>			
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In Miami, Florida on February 13, 1935 McDonald was interviewed by the writer and Special Agent R. D. Brown at the Dade County Jail. During this interview McDonald assumed the attitude that he was a most important individual; that Bureau Agents had made a great mistake in arresting him; that he was personally acquainted with President Roosevelt, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, senators Vandenberg, Coudens, Hamilton Lewis and representative Hamilton Fish, and if Agents were not extremely careful in their dealings with him that he would have them fired. He was questioned at this time as to the transfer by him of the ransom money in Havana, Cuba, he merely being told that a large sum of the ransom money could be put into his hands through a chain of evidence in Cuba, and he replied "you will have to do that". Later he advised that he would plead guilty if the ransom money could be placed in his hands through evidence. He was asked other questions concerning his activities in Cuba but all of his answers were contrary to known facts. He impressed Agents during the course of this interview as having a highly exaggerated idea of his own importance and as being highly insulted because he was in jail. He was asked about two different arrests at Havana, Cuba and at this time he became highly insulted and refused to talk further with Agents, claiming that he had never been arrested and that he did not have to stand for such insults.

In contrast to the above is the attitude assumed by McDonald in Detroit, Michigan on October 15, 1935 when contact was had with him by the writer and Special Agent J. H. Hansen. At that time McDonald appeared before the United States Commissioner at Detroit, Michigan at a removal hearing. Agents talked with him in the confinement room in the office of the United States Marshal at Detroit and McDonald's efforts to be friendly were very noticeable. He addressed Agent Hansen as "John" and the writer as "Mac" and during the course of the conversation went into the events surrounding his arrest in Florida in February. During the course of this interview McDonald advised that his father, Michael McDonald, was a leading figure in the gambling world in and around Chicago, Illinois during the eighteen nineties. The writer asked him if he was related to Guy D. McDonald and he replied that he was and went on to state that he had spent a lot of money on this brother at the Mayo Brothers Sanatorium, Rochester, Minnesota, in connection with a growth on his eye. As to this brother it should be stated that during September, 1934, investigation in the Dillinger case disclosed that Guy D. McDonald was residing in a cottage at Wauconda, Illinois, which was the property of one James Murray, an ex-convict, he having served a sentence at Leavenworth penitentiary for participation in the Roadcut mail robbery and that Baby Face Nelson was harbored in this cottage by Guy D. McDonald.

McDonald's attitude of friendliness and apology for the attitude he had assumed at Miami, Florida during the early part of the year was in such contrast to his attitude at the former interview that Agents were impressed by the great difference. Agents received the impression at the time of this interview that McDonald had changed his attitude thinking that in so doing he might be able to help himself in some way.

During the course of the recent trial at St. Paul, Minnesota the writer exchanged greetings with McDonald on several occasions and it should be stated that on each of these occasions McDonald's attitude was one of extreme friendliness. The writer received the impression during all contacts with McDonald that his various attitudes were those of the old-time confidence man and his roles of amity or friendliness, as the case might be, were self serving.

At the time McDonald was arrested by Bureau Agents at West Palm Beach, Florida on February 9, 1935, there was found in his possession two leather brief cases of the zipper type which contained equipment such as order blanks of brokerage houses, telegraph company forms and envelopes of the type on which messages are delivered, tape and glue for preparing such messages, checks on numerous banks, all of which was the type of paraphernalia commonly used by a confidence man in perpetrating a race horse swindle. McDonald would offer no explanation for possession of this equipment. Investigation of the contents of these brief cases was made and the many papers found therein were shown to be fictitious.

He was interviewed at the time of his arrest by Special Agent J. E. Hansen, and the attitude he assumed was that his dignity had been insulted. As during the interview with Special Agents Brown and McKee, he attempted to impress upon Agent Hansen the fact that he was personally acquainted with important people at Washington, D. C. and that if Agent Hansen was not careful in dealing with him that he would "get his job".

A short time prior to the beginning of the recent trial on this matter at St. Paul, Minnesota, McDonald was interviewed by Special Agent J. E. Brennan at the Ramsey County Jail in St. Paul. At that time he made some remark which Agent Brennan did not like and Brennan gave him a short answer indicating that he did not care to talk with him. McDonald then became angry and stated he would see to it that Agent Brennan made a public apology to him in court. During the course of the trial Agent Brennan encountered McDonald in one of the men's rooms in the Court House and at that time McDonald attempted to apologize for having become angry, stating he was sorry he had lost his temper and that there was no sense in not being friends.

Attention is also called to the fact that during the course of McDonald's negotiations as to the exchange of ransom money in this case at Havana, Cuba during September, 1934, he did not stop at the Hotel Presidente where he had stayed on all previous visits but registered at the Hotel Nacional under his correct name and in his dealings as to the exchange of the money he used the alias of St. Brian.

Attention is also called to the fact that during December, 1935 Mrs. Cassius M. McDonald made a trip to Havana, Cuba and on the day following her departure a man named Bosque began to visit the various persons who appeared against McDonald as witnesses in St. Paul, Minnesota, telling them that he was a friend of Mr. and Mrs. McDonald and offering them money if they would not appear against him in court. When he was told that they were not interested in the money, veiled threats were made, they being told that they would be killed by gangsters with machine guns as soon as they reached the United States; further, that the last person who had testified against McDonald was found in a barrel with his head cut off.

It should also be stated that Cassius M. McDonald was investigated about 15 years ago by Post Office Inspectors at Detroit, Michigan for having harbored a man wanted in connection with the Rondout, Illinois mail robbery. Nothing ever became of this investigation however.

Contacts of the writer with Cassius M. McDonald has indicated that the man has a keen mind but as in the case of the average confidence man has exaggerated ideas of his importance and believes he can out-smart the other man through trickery. His answers to questions concerning his activities have shown that he was fully capable of differentiating between right and wrong and was fully aware of the consequences of his illegal activities. The varied attitudes assumed by him on the occasions he has been interviewed go to show that he was gradually realizing the seriousness of his involvement and that he was possibly trying to ingratiate himself with Agents in order to possibly cause them to feel sorry for him and thereby help himself.

Investigation has shown that McDonald has the actions of a person who is fully capable of attending to his affairs. It is to be stated that a person who has dealt with him on only one occasion or during one continuous period of time might be the victim of his personality or ability to win confidences, and if McDonald was trying to impress upon others the idea that he was not all right mentally he might be successful in doing so.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

NO. 1

CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

REPORT MADE AT: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE: 1/27/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12/8, 9/36 12/19/35 to 1/23/36	REPORT MADE BY: R. E. MURAN ROSIER
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Surveillance of John Karpavicz at Chicago, Ill., from 12/19/35 to 1/9/36 and from 1/19/36 to 1/23/36 failed to determine Karpavicz is in contact with subject Karpis, but indicates that he visits the home of Peter and Anna Karpus and strike family, 3840 Harold Avenue, Chicago, Ill., A. Nelson, 1804 East 66th Place, Chicago, Ill., is friend of Delaney family as is his mother, Mrs. Katherine Witley. Richard H. Thornton identified photograph of subject Moran as being identical with W. E. Armstrong. No record of Dr. Robert Armstrong at University of Chicago. Marie Mead as Marie DeTemple made bond for W. E. Mead at Chicago, Ill., after latter's arrest, 8/11/33. Mead not identified at 2970 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Ill.

Two \$1,000 bills, Serial F00017823A and F00017803A, in group of bills shipped by the Federal Reserve Bank, Atlanta, Georgia, to Federal Reserve Bank Agency, Havana, Cuba, February 12, 1934. Investigation discloses that Dr. Otto Von Gorries, plastic surgeon, Chicago, Ill., would probably notify Police authorities if he were approached by badly wanted fugitive. Dr. David V. Owens, Chicago, Ill., admits formerly having Chicago hoodlums as patients. Denies knowing Karpis or Campbell. Dr. Harold Cassidy and Art O'Leary admit knowing W. E. Mead, but claim to have no information relative to present whereabouts.

DETAILS:

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REFERENCES:

Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Ill., dated 12/26/35; report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Ill., dated 12/27/35; letter from St. Paul Bureau Office dated 12/30/35; report of Special Agent J. Michael McGrath, Aberdeen, South Dakota, dated 12/21/35; letter from Jacksonville Bureau Office dated 11/8/35; report of Special Agent W. R. Ramsey, San Francisco, California, dated 12/21/35; report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, Chicago, Ill., dated 12/10/35; Bureau letter dated 12/14/35; Bureau letter dated 12/4/35.

DETAILS:

The surveillance of John Karpavicz, who resides at 2840 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois has been continued by Special Agents of the Chicago Bureau Office since the rendition of the reference report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Chicago, Illinois, December 27, 1935.

Special Agents V. E. Criss and M. E. Gurnea have been stationed in the home of James Greer at 2841 North Francisco, from which point the surveillance is maintained of the front of the apartment house occupied by John Karpavicz. Special Agents Criss and Gurnea occupied this plant from December 19, 1935, to January 10, 1936, on which latter date Special Agent Gurnea was relieved of the assignment by Special Agent J. M. Jones. On January 21, 1936, Special Agent H. R. Duffey relieved Special Agent Jones on this assignment and Agent Duffey has continued on the surveillance throughout the period covered by the instant report.

Special Agents V. M. Kirkland and R. P. Shanahan together with informant Anthony Vaitkus, have been stationed at 2839 North Richmond Street, Chicago, Illinois, where the telephone tap of John Karpavicz' telephone has been maintained. On January 3, 1936, Special Agent Shanahan was relieved on this plant by Special Agent D. A. Bryce, the latter Agent continuing to cover this assignment until he was relieved on January 8, 1936, by Special Agent J. C. Wheeler.

On January 9, 1936, John Karpavicz left Chicago, Illinois, for St. Paul, Minnesota, where he remained until January 19, 1936, on which latter date he returned to Chicago.

The activities of John Karpavicz at St. Paul are being reported in a separate report and it is here stated that while John Karpavicz was in St. Paul, Minnesota, the surveillances at 2841 North Francisco and 2839 North Richmond Street, Chicago, Illinois, were continued by the Agents above named inasmuch as Mrs. John Karpavicz, mother of Alvin Karpis, as well as the son of Alvin Karpis remained at the address of 2840 North Francisco Street.

Among the suspicious circumstances observed at the home of John Karpavicz, Special Agent Gurnea on December 20, 1935, at 5:45 p.m., observed an unknown man, apparently trying to look into the apartment being occupied by John Karpavicz which is the basement apartment. Special Agent Gurnea immediately by means of radio broadcast notified Special Agent R. P. Shanahan of this occurrence. Special Agent Shanahan, as above noted, was stationed at 2839 North Richmond Street. Special Agent Shanahan conducted an immediate investigation of this occurrence, but was unable to locate the individual referred to by Special Agent Gurnea.

On December 31, 1935, at 12:23 p.m., an outgoing call was made from the telephone of John Karpavicz, Belmont 7899 to Calumet 5093. Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, on the telephone tap, overheard b7c

Special Agent Shanahan reports that this woman appeared to be nervous.

Special Agent R. C. Suran upon being telephonically advised of this occurrence by Special Agent Shanahan immediately ascertained that telephone Calumet 5093 was issued to Joe Jacoby,

2423 South Halsted Street. An immediate investigation was conducted at that place to determine the nature of the residence wherein this telephone was located. Agent Suran determined that the address at 2423 South Halsted Street, Chicago, was a small house adjoining the river and was obviously a fish market.

Special Agent Shanahan maintained a surveillance at California and George Streets on 12/31/35 from 7:40 p.m. to 9 p.m., but no contact was made at that address between the parties to the telephone conversation. Special Agent Shanahan noticed a young woman waiting in the vicinity of the above corner, but no one met her and she went into an apartment house on George Street at about 8:30 p.m., and did not reappear and it is not believed that this woman was the one who referred to herself as Jean in the telephone conversation.

At 9:08 p.m., on 12/31/35, an incoming call was overheard on Belmont 7899. This conversation was between Clara Venute and Mrs. Karpavicz in Lithuanian and the same was translated by Anthony Vaitkus. b7c

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At 11:10 p.m. on January 19, 1936, Babe Delaney (Mrs. Pat Reilly) called from the Karpavicz apartment to Briargate 6336, which is the Silhouette Club located at 5515 Howard Street. At this time Babe Delaney asked to speak to the check room girl, who apparently is her sister, Jean Delaney. When the girl answered

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Due to a fire in the apartment building occupied by John Karpavicz the telephone service and electric light service were temporarily suspended due to damage done to the wires by the fire, which occurred on January 13, 1936. The telephone tap on the telephone of John Karpavicz was disconnected at 2:05 p.m. on that date and was not again connected until the telephone linesmen had completed the necessary repairs to the various tele-

phones at the apartment house. Special Agent Jones again connected the telephone tap at 3:15 p.m. on January 18, 1936. A complete telephone log as well as the log of other activities of Agents engaged in this surveillance have been maintained, but the same are not being wholly incorporated in this report, but are located in the files of the Chicago Bureau Office.

The following investigation was conducted and reported by Special Agent John L. Madala:

Reference is made to letter from the St. Paul Bureau office, dated December 30, 1935, wherein it is requested that this office endeavor to locate Richard H. Thornton and interview him for whatever information he might have relative to Robert Carville Ormiston, alias Armstrong who it is believed is identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran. It was suggested that Armstrong can probably be located through Mr. Fay of the Automobile Dealers Association of Chicago.

There is no Automobile Dealers Association in Chicago, Illinois, and a telephone inquiry at the AAA Auto Association revealed that Mr. Fay is an official of the Chicago Auto Trade Association, located at 307 N. Michigan Avenue, telephone Franklin 6022.

Agent interviewed Mr. J. R. Schneider, secretary to Mr. Fay at the above address on January 3, 1936. He advised after consulting his records that Mr. Richard H. Thornton is presently connected with the Medinah Athletic Club of Chicago in some official capacity; and that he is no longer engaged in the automobile sales business.

At the Medinah Athletic Club, 540 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, it was learned that Mr. Thornton holds the position of secretary to the president, Mr. J. L. McKee. Agent interviewed Mr. Thornton in his office, room 2603, and he advised that he has known Armstrong, whose full name is W. R. Armstrong, since 1923, at which time Armstrong was working for Chat Schifer, who then was general manager for the Durant Distributor at Fort Wayne, Indiana; that during that period he, Thornton, was assistant sales manager of the Durant Motor Car Company at Lansing, Michigan, and Armstrong made frequent trips to Lansing and conducted business with him; that subsequently Armstrong came to Lansing and worked out of that office as a territory man.

Mr. Thornton further stated that some time later, when he was Vice-President of the W. C. Auble Motor Company, Durant Distributors in Chicago, Illinois, Armstrong paid him frequent visits, and on many occasions went on parties with him; that he then lost track of Armstrong until 1927 or 1928, when he heard that Armstrong was connected with the Peerless Motor Car Company at Cleveland, Ohio; that he at that time was with this same company in Chicago, Illinois holding the position of sales manager. Mr. Thornton stated that his first assignment with the Peerless Motor Car Company was to proceed to Minneapolis and check up on Armstrong,

as it appeared he had embezzled about \$300.00 of the company's money, these funds being advanced to him at the time they sent him to Minneapolis as their wholesale representative in that territory. Mr. Thornton stated that when he reached Minneapolis, he found Armstrong confined in the United States Veterans Hospital at Ft. Snelling, apparently addicted to dope; that Armstrong appeared in a bad shape, his manner of speech was very incoherent and he could not get any information out of him relative to the \$300.00 which was advanced to him. He stated that he, Thornton, began checking up Armstrong's wife and found that she had separated from Armstrong and returned to her home somewhere in Indiana; that he could not salvage any of the money in question. Mr. Thornton further stated that Armstrong has a young son and as far as he knows, the boy is living with his mother; that it is his understanding that Armstrong was a Captain in the United States Army during the World War.

Agent was further advised by Mr. Thornton that while Armstrong was working out of the Cleveland branch of the Durant Motor Car Company, at Cleveland, Ohio, he was under the direct supervision of Charles Tucker, who is now employed with some automobile agency at Omaha, Nebraska; that both Tucker and Chet Schifer, of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, were very friendly with Armstrong, and can probably furnish more information concerning him than he. As the last time he saw Armstrong was in February of 1929; that he hasn't heard anything directly or indirectly of him since that time.

Agent exhibited to Mr. Thornton a photograph of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, and he identified it as the man known to him as Armstrong, stating that there is no question in his mind about the identification. He stated that Armstrong must now be around 42 years of age.

With reference to report of Special Agent J. Michael McGrath, Aberdeen office dated December 21, 1935 requesting investigation at the University of Chicago for information concerning the sister of Doctor Robert Carlville Ormiston, who is reported to have formerly been the Dean of Women at this university, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan on December 23, 1935:

Doctor Moulds, secretary of the Board of Trustees, University of Chicago was interviewed. Doctor Moulds has been attached to the University of Chicago for many years. He stated that he could not recall any woman by the name of Ormiston or Armstrong, the alias occasionally used by Doctor Robert Ormiston, having been connected with the University of Chicago. He expressly stated that the woman who was Dean of Women at the University in 1925 and for many years prior thereto is now retired and is residing on the south side of Chicago. He could not recall a Dean of Women at the University of Chicago who has died for many years past. Doctor Moulds likewise stated that he could not recall any person by the name of Doctor Robert Carlville Ormiston being connected with the university at any time. He checked his records under the name of both Armstrong and Ormiston but stated that there was no information in the files indicating that any person by those names, either man or woman, was at any time connected with the University of Chicago.

With reference to letter from the Jacksonville office dated Nov. 8, 1935, setting out information concerning the arrest of William Elmer Mead at Chicago, Illinois in 1933 on mail fraud charges preferred against him by the United States District Court at Jacksonville, Florida, Agent Sullivan made inquiry at the Clerk's office of the United States District Court, Chicago whose records indicate that a warrant on a mail fraud charge originally was issued at Jacksonville on February 2, 1932 and was returned endorsed "not found", and an alias warrant was issued on August 11, 1933, and Mead was arrested at Chicago on August 15th of the same year. Bond for his appearance in the sum of \$10,000 was given by Mead who gave his address at that time as 2970 Sheridan Road. The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co., 175 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, handled Mead's bond. Mead appeared on August 24, 1935 and the above bond was cancelled and a new bond in the sum of \$10,000 with the above company as surety was given. Mead at that time gave his address as 1533 Fargo Avenue. On August 25, 1933 the above bond with the transcript of the testimony was mailed to the United States District Court at Jacksonville, Florida. In this connection on April 30, 1934 Mr. E. J. Maroney of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, 170 West Jackson Boulevard called the Chicago Bureau office and stated that when Mead was arrested at Chicago in the above mail fraud charge a woman giving her name as Marie DeTemple, 1533 Fargo Avenue, Chicago came to his office and put up \$10,000 in Liberty bonds to secure a bond for Mead's release;

that when Mead failed to appear for trial the bond was forfeited. Maroney stated that at that time the Internal Revenue Bureau had also been checking on Marie DeTemple and Mead for evasion of income tax; that Marie DeTemple appeared at his office on several occasions and when Mead failed to appear in answer to the above charge, upon questioning she stated that she thought Mead might have gone to Cuba although she did not know his whereabouts. Maroney stated that Louis Piquett formerly attorney for John Dillinger, was representing Mead.

J. E. Mathews and Mr. Detrick, Manager of the Claim Department, United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, 170 West Jackson Boulevard were interviewed to ascertain whether they had any additional information to that obtained in 1934 from Mr. Maroney. The file was checked and there was a notation indicating a previous address for Marie DeTemple as 6159 South Clark Street. The company had a registered letter mailed to this address which was returned marked "no such address", and in fact there is no such address in Chicago as 6159 South Clark Street. The above \$10,000 bond was forfeited on May 18, 1934 at Jacksonville, Florida and was paid in full. There is no other information in the file of value in locating Mead.

At the Wellington Arms Hotel, 2970 Sheridan Road A. C. David, Manager, and T. J. Gorman, Assistant Manager were interviewed by Agent D. P. Sullivan and photographs of Mead were exhibited to them, and they failed to recognize same. This is a furnished apartment building and tenants are not compelled to sign leases. There is no forwarding address of record for Mead from this address.

From the description of Marie DeTemple given by Mr. Maroney and Mr. Detrick of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, Marie DeTemple is identical with Marie Mead, wife of William Elmer Mead, who resides at 1533 Fargo Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Previous investigation has developed information that the Internal Revenue Bureau has levied an attachment on all the profits of the above address, which is an apartment house, in payment of an income tax lien against William Elmer Mead.

With reference to report of Special Agent W. R. Ramsey, San Francisco, dated December 21, 1935 setting out an undeveloped lead to ascertain whether William Elmer Mead or Kate Mead own property in Chicago, Agent Sullivan made inquiry at the office of the County Assessor, County Recorder and County Treasurer at Chicago, and ascertained that the owners of real property in Chicago are not listed in alphabetical order; that the only way it can be learned whether a person holds property in Chicago is to check through from the present date the books containing names of all the grantors

and grantees of property in Chicago until a lead was filed under the name sought. Agent Sullivan ascertained that this would take approximately two weeks time. It was not deemed advisable to spend that amount of time in such a search, inasmuch as the work would be useless if Mead held property under a fictitious name not known to the Bureau.

With reference to the lead in report of Special Agent John L. Madala December 10, 1935, Chicago, Illinois to conduct investigation at 3840 Emerald Avenue, Chicago, Illinois an address visited by John Karpavicz on December 1, 1935, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan: Carrier Coleman, 22nd Street Station, 2215 South State Street who delivers mail to the above address was interviewed. He stated that he cannot recall the names of the persons living at 3840 Emerald Avenue and stated they have resided at this address for some years; that he can recall a person whose name sounded like Letucks receiving mail at the above address. He suggested that Agent Sullivan contact Mr. Anthony Smith who lives immediately across the street at 3839 Emerald Avenue.

Mr. Anthony Smith, 3839 South Emerald Avenue was interviewed and stated that Mr. Karpus, and his son Arthur resided on the second floor at 3840 Emerald Avenue and Mr. Karpus' brother and his foster daughter Edna Karpus resided on the first floor. Mr. Smith stated that there are likewise a couple of roomers residing on the first floor with the Karpus family. He stated that the occupants of 3840 South Emerald Avenue are quiet and well behaved people who did not mingle with the neighbors; that he had never noticed anything suspicious about the house and could not recall any visitors. Mr. Smith's son Edward was also present and stated that Arthur Karpus occasionally drives a new car which is probably a Plymouth, but he believed that this car belonged to Arthur's employer. Edward stated that occasionally new cars are parked in front of the house and that he would make a record of any license plates on any new Ford, Chevrolet or other small cars and would immediately notify this office thereof. Mr. Anthony Smith likewise stated that he had seen Edna Karpus at the Cook County Bureau of Public Welfare on one occasion. Photographs of Karpis and Campbell were shown to Mr. Smith and his son Edward, but they failed to recognize them as representing anyone visiting 3840 Emerald Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

At the Cook County Bureau of Public Welfare, 35th and Ashland Avenue the records were examined by Agent Sullivan, and showed that in 1933 George and Mary Karpus and their son Arthur, 3840 Emerald Avenue applied for relief; that George is a member of the American Clothiers Union, Local 269; that they listed as relatives Peter Karpus, a brother, who is a member of the Icecream Union, Local 702, and Edna, an adopted daughter of Peter Karpus. The records show that in May, 1935 they listed as a roomer Peter Letucks; that Arthur Karpus was employed at the Capital Press, 2541 Halsted Street; that in June 1934 Edna Karpus was employed as a housekeeper for Antone Tykas 3204 Wallace Street. Neither family has been on relief since 1934.

It is to be noted that on November 24, 1935 Mr. Karpavicz was followed to 3236 West 110th Street, Chicago. Upon investigation this address was found to be occupied by a family named Lettucks. Undoubtedly this person is a relative of the Lettucks residing at 3240 South Emerald Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

With reference to the call made by Mr. Karpavicz to 3133 South Halsted St. on December 1, 1935 an examination of the premises resulted in ascertaining that this is a hall. Carrier James Dytruch, McKinley Park Station who delivers mail to the above address stated that the address 3133 South Halsted was a Lithuanian meeting hall used by Lithuanian organizations; that there are no living quarters in the building. He was shown photographs of Karpis and Campbell but failed to recognize them, nor could he recall ever having delivered mail to the above address for anyone named Karpis or Campbell. Undoubtedly Mr. Karpavicz's visits to this hall are made because of his nationality, and he possibly is a member of some Lithuanian organization.

With reference to the telephone call made by Mrs. Karpavicz on November 14, 1935 to a Mrs. Greenhouse, 2717 Argyle Street, the following investigation was conducted. It was ascertained that Doctor Klein resides next door to the above address at 4945 Fairfield Avenue. Mrs. Klein was interviewed and stated that the address 2717 Argyle Street is a small apartment house containing three stories with one apartment on each floor; that it was built by the Greenhouse family; that Mr. and Mrs. Greenhouse reside on the second floor; that Mr. Greenhouse is engaged in importing tassels and ornaments for women's dresses; that the first floor is occupied by other members of the Greenhouse family consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Greenhouse, an elderly couple who are not employed, and by their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Glube. Mr. Glube is an architect and is interested in local politics. She stated that these families are orderly and apparently steady and reputable people. Mrs. Klein stated that she could not recall any suspicious persons visiting the Glube family; that she did recall Mrs. Greenhouse stated on one occasion that she formerly lived in the vicinity of Francisco and Diversey Avenue. It is to be noted that this is in the close vicinity of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz. Inasmuch as the Greenhouse family apparently is reputable, and inasmuch as the investigation indicates that they are merely acquaintances of the Karpavicz family, no further investigation was conducted concerning these people at this time.

With reference to the report of Special Agent John L. Madala dated December 21, 1935 concerning telephone call made from the Karpavicz home to Hyde Park 7671, unpublished telephone listed to William Beyer, 1504 East 66th Place, and with further reference to the automobile bearing Illinois license plates 707-413 listed to G. A. Nelson, 1400 East 66th Place, which automobile was used by Mrs. Delaney, Bud Delaney, and Mrs. Ortlepp (not Orthlope as previously reported), on November 12, 1935 when driving away from the Karpavicz home, the following investigation was conducted by Agent D.P. Sullivan:

Carrier Jackson of the Jackson Park Post Office Station, 6813 Langley Avenue, Chicago stated that Mrs. Beyer is manager of the apartment building at 1504 East 66th Place; that she apparently is honest and reputable. He stated that a Mr. and Mrs. Ortlepp and parties named Nelson receive mail at 1504 E. 66th Place, having moved about two months ago from 1400 East 66th Place. He stated that Mrs. Ortlepp formerly was Mrs. Nelson, but has since remarried; that she is an elderly woman who has a son and daughter named Nelson. The carrier suggested that Agent interview Mrs. Lawless, manager of the apartment building at 1400 East 66th Place. Mrs. J. E. Lawless, 1400 East 66th Place was interviewed and stated that Mr. and Mrs. Ortlepp, a daughter named Sis, a son Harry, about twenty years of age and another son Gifford A. Nelson, resided in her apartment house for approximately three years, but moved about two months ago; that Gifford Nelson recently married and is not now living with his mother who is presently residing at 1504 E. 66th Place. Mrs. Lawless stated that Mr. Ortlepp formerly worked in some capacity for the United States Government but is presently unemployed; that Gifford Nelson is a member of the Black Horse Troop in Chicago which she understands is a highly reputable social organization; that the family is apparently both responsible and honest. Mrs. Lawless stated that the younger son Harry Nelson is presently working for the Inland Steel Mills at Chicago and obtained employment there from Mr. William Anderson who lives in her apartment house. Mrs. Lawless stated that she believed it would be safe to contact the Anderson family for further information concerning these people.

Mrs. William Anderson, 1408 East 66th Place was interviewed by Agent Sullivan and stated that she is acquainted with and occasionally visits Mr. and Mrs. Ortlepp; that she recalls having heard from the family that some two or three years ago Delores Delaney visited the Ortlepp family on several occasions; that afterwards they had ascertained that she had been brought to the apartment house by Alvin Karpis who did not enter the house but waited for her outside in an automobile. Mrs. Anderson stated that Babe Delaney had recently left Chicago for St. Paul, Minnesota; that Mrs. Delaney is residing with her son Robert Delaney in the 6000 block on South Kimbark Avenue. She stated that Jean Delaney is living somewhere on the north side of Chicago and that Gifford A. Nelson is employed by the Continental Casualty Company in the Standard Oil Building in a position which he has held for several years. She stated that the Ortlepps and Nelsons very seldom refer to Alvin Karpis and she does not believe this family is in touch with him. However she suggested that Agent Sullivan contact Gifford A. Nelson.

Mr. Gifford A. Nelson, Continental Casualty Company, 11th floor Standard Oil Building was interviewed by Agent Sullivan and stated that his family, with his mother Mrs. Ortlepp formerly resided in St. Paul in an apartment house with the Delaney family; that he has known the Delaney girls since they were children; that they appeared to be responsible until he discovered

that various members of the family were connected with the Dillinger and Karpis gangs. He stated that he had heard that about two years ago when Dolores Delaney visited his folks while they were residing at 1400 East 66th Place, Alvin Karpis had brought her to the apartment house, but did not enter. He stated that he is well acquainted with Robert Delaney who spends a great deal of time with his younger brother Harry Nelson. He stated he feels certain that the Delaney family is not in touch with Alvin Karpis; that he does know that Mrs. Delaney stated that her son Robert Delaney had given her three dollars for Christmas, which she had to spend for groceries; that apparently the family is without funds, inasmuch as Mrs. Delaney is staying in Chicago because she cannot afford to go back to St. Paul, Minn. He stated that Robert Delaney is employed by a mattress and upholstery stuffing company on the north side of Chicago; that this upholstery stuffing used by this company is called sisel (phonetic spelling). He stated he did not believe it advisable to contact his brother Harry or his mother for further information concerning the Delaney family and advised he would make inquiry to ascertain where Delaney is working, and likewise would discreetly question his younger brother for any information he may have concerning the whereabouts of Alvin Karpis.

With reference to the Christmas card addressed to Dolores Delaney from Mrs. Katherine Ortlepp, 1502 East 66th Place as mentioned in letter from the Detroit office to the Bureau dated December 28, 1935, it is evident that this card was sent by Mrs. Ortlepp mentioned above.

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The report of Special Agent John E. Lunsford, Birmingham, Alabama, dated April 30, 1935, sets forth a list of all \$1,000 bills shipped from the Federal Reserve Bank, Atlanta, Georgia, to the Federal Reserve Bank, Havana, Cuba, during the year 1934. This report indicates that on February 12, 1934, bills of \$1,000 denomination in the amount of \$600,000 were shipped by the Federal Reserve Bank at Atlanta, Georgia, to the Federal Reserve Bank, Havana, Cuba. The serial numbers of

such shipment were as follows:

F00014401A-F00014400A
F00017801A-F00017800A
F00018801A-F00018400A
(\$100,000. circulated bills)

It will be noted that two \$1,000 bills found in the safety deposit box at Waukegan, Illinois, bear serial numbers F00017823A and F00017809A, which serial numbers are within the group shipped to the Federal Reserve Bank at Havana, Cuba, in the package containing \$1,000 bills bearing serial numbers from F00017801A-F00017800A. It is believed possible that the \$1,000 bill bearing serial number F00018542A may have been shipped by the Federal Reserve Bank, Atlanta, Georgia, to the Federal Reserve Bank, Havana, Cuba, sometime during the year, 1953, and the Atlanta Bureau Office has been requested by letter to conduct an investigation at the Federal Reserve Bank, Atlanta, Georgia, to ascertain if the aforementioned bill was also shipped from Atlanta, Georgia, to Havana, Cuba.

The following investigation was conducted and reported by Special Agent John L. Madala:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 4, 1935, in which there was set forth considerable information concerning Dr. David D. Omens and Dr. Otto Von Borries, who are reputed to be syndicate doctors.

it is possible that Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell may try to make arrangements for plastic surgery through either of the above two physicians.

It was noted in the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran dated at Chicago, Illinois, April 3, 1935, that a general character investigation was made concerning Dr. Von Borries which investigation was predicated on the finding of an advertisement of Dr. Von Borries among the personal effects of Alvin Karpis in Miami, Florida, on or about June 16, 1935.

With further reference to the aforesaid investigation concerning Dr. Von Borries, Agent again contacted on December 8, 1935, Mr. B. O. Halling, Assistant Director of the Bureau of Investigation, Chicago Medical Association, 512 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, telephone Superior 0880. Mr. Halling advised from his records that he has received no further information with respect to the character of Dr. Von Borries since an Agent from this Office interviewed him last in February of this year; that he has a memorandum in his file indicating that should he come into possession of any derogatory information relative to Dr. Von Borries he should immediately notify this Office of same. Mr. Halling at this time reiterated to Agent substantially the same information which he previously furnished Special Agent A. A. Muzzey and which is contained in the report of reference of Special Agent Suran, and, therefore, same is not included in this report.

Concerning Dr. David V. Omens (not David D. Omens), Mr. Halling secured his file on him and advised therefrom that Dr. Omens apparently enjoys a good reputation within the medical society; that he is a fellow of the American Medical Association and a member in good standing of the Chicago Medical

Association; that he graduated from the Medical School of Loyola University at Chicago, Illinois in 1916 and since that time has enjoyed a good general practice in Chicago, Illinois. There appeared in the file of Dr. Omens a newspaper clipping dated June 15, 1931 which indicated that Dr. Omens was a defense witness in the trial of Al Capone when he was being prosecuted in the Federal Court for contempt of court charges; that he was instituting a civil suit against the estate of Mike "the Pike" Heitler for \$1,000.00 which was the amount of a note executed by Heitler and held by Dr. Omens for payment of medical services rendered to him. It will be recalled that Mike "the Pike" Heitler was murdered in gangland fashion in the early part of 1931 and his body burned in an abandoned ice house near Barrington, Illinois; that he was closely allied with the Capone Syndicate of Chicago, Illinois up until that time.

In an effort to obtain further information regarding the general reputation of Dr. Omens, Agent examined at the office of the United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois, the transcript of testimony in the case of Al Capone which was taken at the time he was prosecuted for contempt of court charges in the Federal District Court at Chicago, Illinois. It was noted that Dr. Omens did in fact appear as a defense witness for Al Capone and that in this connection he testified under oath that he graduated from the Medical School of Loyola University in 1916 and has practiced continuously in Chicago, Illinois, since that time; that he attended the family of Al Capone in a professional capacity for eight years prior to 1931. It was further noted that Dr. Omens proceeded to Florida on January 14, 1929 after receiving telegraphic instructions from Al Capone to this effect; that he remained at Al Capone's home in Miami, Florida, for a period of two weeks during which time he treated him for bronchial pneumonia. Dr. Omens further testified that he assisted Dr. Ormsby for eight years prior to 1931 at the Rush Medical School Clinic and that he spent two hours every day at this clinic without receiving any pay, his work in that connection being voluntary. He also admitted that he is a general practitioner, but contemplates specializing in diseases of the skin. It was noted that the attorneys for the prosecution elicited from Dr. Omens during the cross examination of him that he was requested to go to Florida to attend Al Capone by Al's brother, Ralph Capone. He also admitted on the stand on cross examination that he at one time served Jack Guzik and Marty Durkin in a professional way.

A check of the city telephone directory disclosed that Dr. David V. Omens has his office and residence at 1211 Independence Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, telephone Rockwell 4075.

It was determined that the above address is in the district covered by the Hawthorne Post Office Station, 2302 South Crawford Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Agent interviewed Carrier Leo Jacobson at the above Post Office Station on December 12, 1935, and he advised that he had delivered mail to Dr. Omens for the past four years and is very well acquainted with him; that Dr. Omens formerly had his office at 1225 Independence Boulevard, having moved from that address to his present location about three years ago. The carrier is of the opinion that Dr. Omens owns the building at the latter address, stating that he had the front side completely remodeled when he moved into it. He further stated that Dr. Omens and his family solely occupy the premises at 1211 Independence Boulevard and that he has his office on the first floor.

When questioned with reference to any persons who might be in the employ of Dr. Omens, Carrier Jacobson advised that to his knowledge the Doctor has no nurse assisting him in his work and that the only person he has observed around there other than the immediate members of his family is a young colored girl who appears to be the maid; that she apparently resides there as he sees her almost every day when he delivers mail to that address. Carrier Jacobson further advised that Dr. Omens drives a large Buick Sedan, 1934 model, and that his office hours are from 12 noon to 1 p.m. every day except Sunday; that he specializes in skin diseases and has a more than average practice; that he is of Jewish nativity and most of his patronage consists of people of that race.

Agent was further advised by the carrier that Dr. Omens receives considerable mail, both first and second class matter. He, however, was unable to state where most of the mail came from, explaining that he never had occasion to particularly pay attention to it. ~~It was not possible to make any further inquiry at this time.~~ Carrier Jacobson advised Agent that he usually arrives at the address, 1211 Independence Boulevard with his mail at about 9:30 a.m., and 2:30 p.m., and as a consequence he never gets to see any of Dr. Omens' patients.

An examination of the medical directory published by the American Medical Association disclosed that Dr. David V. Omens, 1811 Independence Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, graduated from the medical school of Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois, in the year 1916. He was an interne at the Jefferson Park Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, during 1916 and 1917, and later became a staff member of that hospital as dermatologist (skin diseases).

In view of the above and the further fact that it has been definitely established that Dr. Omens treated Arthur Johnson, alias Red Price, at this same hospital on November 16, 1931, it was believed advisable to make inquiry at this institution to determine whether Dr. Omens had in the past year placed any subjects involved in this case therein for medical attention.

Agent called at the Jefferson Park Hospital, which is located at 1406 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois, and interviewed Dr. I. B. Robertson, Superintendent. Dr. Robertson advised that Dr. Omens has not been on the staff of the Jefferson Park Hospital since 1932, however, he still occasionally places some of his patients in their care. He further stated that he has known Dr. Omens for about fifteen years and always found him to be a gentleman and a good practitioner; that he is now specializing in skin diseases which practice has little or no use for the facilities of a hospital.

Agent asked Dr. Robertson what persons, if any, were placed in the Jefferson Park Hospital by Dr. Omens within the past two years. He advised after consulting his records that he treated only two persons therein, a young girl of about fifteen years of age, and an elderly woman, both of whom are of the Jewish race, and apparently are not in any way connected with persons of the type of the majority of Dr. Omens's patients. It may be stated here that Dr. Robertson currently perceived what Agent was endeavoring to ascertain from him as he advanced the information that the only person whom he considers of a questionable character whom Dr. Omens placed in the hospital within the past three years was Frank Nitti, who was treated by Dr. Omens for a gunshot wound in the latter part of 1932. He further advised that it is common knowledge that Dr. Omens was the family physician of the Capone family for many years and it is his opinion that any person of bad repute whom Dr. Omens has attended in the past were referred to him by this family. He stated that Dr. Omens never held himself out to be,

ner has he the reputation of being a hoodlum doctor and although he has in the past taken care of many of Al Capone's friends, he did not do so with any infringement upon the law. Dr. Robertson stated that Omens is high up among the medical society in Chicago, Illinois, and is a staff member at the Mount Sinai Hospital and the Presbyterian Hospital both in Chicago, Illinois; that he likewise practices on the subject of dermatology one hour every week at the Rush Medical School, which institution is an affiliation of the University of Chicago; that he is also a voluntary clinic physician of the Dermatology Division of the Rush Medical School.

Agent exhibited to Dr. Robertson photographs of Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis and Charles J. Fitzgerald as well as Thomas Henry Robinson, subject in the Stelap case, and he definitely stated that none of these persons to his knowledge were ever patients in the Jefferson Park Hospital.

Agent next visited the Mount Sinai Hospital which is located at California Avenue and 15th Place, Chicago, Illinois, in order to determine whether Dr. Omens treated Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell or Charles J. Fitzgerald at this hospital during the past year, it being noted that Dr. Omens was also a member of the staff of this hospital. In this connection Agent interviewed Mr. H. W. Helman, office manager, who advised that he has been in the employ of the subject hospital for the last eight or nine years. He stated that the Mount Sinai Hospital is an affiliation of the Jewish Charities of Chicago and that approximately 90% of its patients are people of the Jewish race. Agent was further advised by Mr. Helman that Dr. Omens has been on the staff of this hospital for many years but that the number of patients placed therein by him have been very few. He stated that most of Dr. Omens' work with the hospital is in its clinic where he specializes in the treatment of skin diseases.

Agent asked Mr. Helman what patients, if any, have been placed or treated by Dr. Omens in the hospital during the past year and he advised from his own recollection that he attended Jack McGurn and Nick Ceracella as well as two young girls; that Ceracella was confined in the hospital with bronchial pneumonia for three or four weeks in the early part of this year and that Jack McGurn remained in the hospital for only a few days on account of a slight ailment which Mr. Helman could not recall.

It might be stated that both Jack McGurn and Nick Ceratella are prominent members of the Capone syndicate in Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Helman further provided the information that Dr. Omens does not handle any more general practice and for this reason the facilities of a hospital are very seldom required by him. Agent exhibited to Mr. Helman photographs of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Charles J. Fitzgerald, and he advised after viewing same that he is certain that none of these individuals were ever patients at the Mount Sinai Hospital.

At the Presbyterian Hospital, which is located at Congress and Wood Streets, Chicago, Illinois, Agent contacted Dr. A. S. Bacon, Superintendent. Dr. Bacon advised that Dr. Omens is unknown to him and that he has never been on the staff of the Presbyterian hospital and to his knowledge no patients were ever placed with the institution by Dr. Omens.

Inasmuch as no definite information was obtained which might indicate that Dr. Omens is involved in this case in any way, it was believed advisable to openly interview him with reference to his treatment of Arthur Johnson, alias Red Price, in 1931, it being noted that he was never interviewed in this regard and also to observe his reaction in this connection. It might be stated that during the interview with Dr. Omens which will be set out hereinafter, no mention of Karpis or Campbell was made to him nor did Agent advance to him the possibility that these persons might come to him, probably upon the recommendation of the syndicate for any plastic surgery work.

Dr. Omens briefly related his professional history most of which has already been made a part of this report and, therefore, will not be included in this interview. He stated that he has been the family physician for the Capone family for approximately ten years and that he treated Ralph Capone for gastric pains about one month ago; that he likewise was the family physician for Gus Winkler until the time of his, Winkler's, death. Dr. Omens related with reference to the circumstances by which he was introduced into the syndicate that for three or four years prior to 1925 he was Chief Surgeon for the Checker Cab Company; that during this period Al Capone and Ted Newberry, both of whom later became allied with the syndicate, were the "strong-armed" men for the

Checker Cab Company, and since they functioned out of his office in that they investigated any accidents in which the Checker Cab Company was involved, he became very close to them; that after he severed his connections with the Checker Cab Company in 1933 and entered into general practice work, Al Capone and Ted Newberry retained him as their family physician and thereafter these persons referred many of their friends to him, some of whom were Ralph Capone, Jack Guzik, Jack McGurn, Gus Winkler, Frank Nitti, Louis Campagni and several others prominent in the Chicago underworld.

It might be stated that Dr. Owens did not attempt to conceal the fact that he had attended the above named persons, all of whom were at one time considered public enemies of Chicago. On the contrary, he advised that these persons have the utmost confidence in him and usually contact him whenever they need the attention of a physician; that if their ailment does not come within the category of his practice, he would refer them to the proper specialist. Dr. Owens further advised that he started specializing in dermatology three years ago and that about 95% of his practice at the present time is of that nature; that he occasionally treats persons for the nerve diseases and upon special request will perform tonsil operations. He further stated that he is on the staff of the Mount Sinai Hospital and the Jefferson Park Hospital and that once a week for two hours he serves as a dermatologist in the clinic at the Rush Medical School, Chicago, Illinois.

With reference to his attendance of Arthur "Red" Johnson at the Jefferson Park Hospital, he stated that this individual was known to him by the name of Arthur Cameron and that he was referred to him by either Gus Winkler or Ted Newberry. He could furnish no further information with respect to this individual and referred Agent to the Jefferson Park Hospital for the complete history and his diagnosis of Johnson. Inasmuch as this information had previously been obtained by Special Agent W. Carter Baum and is contained in the report of that Agent dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 15, 1935, in the Kansas City Massacre case, this lead was not carried out.

Agent asked Dr. Owens if any person or persons appeared at his office within the past year and asked his advice in connection with any plastic surgery work. He immediately replied in the negative and added that he would not even consider a proposition of that type. In this connection he mentioned the

recent convictions of Dr. William Loesser and Dr. Harold Cassidy in the Dillinger case, stating that he does not want to become involved with the Government in any way.

Agent then asked Dr. Omens whether he at any time referred any person or persons who desired a plastic surgery operation to a specialist in that work, having in mind the information set forth in reference letter in that Dr. Von Borries made certain alterations on Gus Winkler at the instance of Dr. Omens. It was noted that Dr. Omens displayed surprise at the above question and after some time reluctantly admitted that he on one occasion referred Gus Winkler to a plastic surgeon in Chicago for such an operation. He, however, diplomatically refused to furnish the name of the subject plastic surgeon, explaining that he did not want to involve him and at the same time mentioned that the patient in this case was not wanted for any crime at the time the operation was performed. Without any specific request being made of him, Dr. Omens advised Agent that should he receive any calls either directly or through another party with reference to a plastic surgery operation, he will immediately call it to the attention of the Chicago Bureau Office. He added that he now enjoys a more than average practice in skin diseases and does not want to become involved in any way with the Government or any matter which will give him any unfavorable publicity. Dr. Omens appeared sincere in his statements in this regard and was furnished the name of the reporting Agent and Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley as well as with the telephone number of the Chicago Bureau Office.

With further reference to Dr. Otto Von Borries, who according to reference letter is an established and unscrupulous plastic surgeon in Chicago, Illinois, the following investigation was conducted:

An examination of the City telephone directory disclosed that Dr. Von Borries still maintains offices at 162 N. State Street, Chicago, Illinois, telephone Dearborn 6278.

With a view to determining whether Dr. Von Borries has an unlisted telephone number assigned to him, in addition to the one mentioned above, Agent contacted the Illinois Bell Telephone Company as to this and was advised that the telephone listed in the current directory is the only one assigned to Dr. Von Borries at 162 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois.

In order to personally observe Dr. Von Borries and any assistants or employees which he might have and also to observe his reaction to a proposition involving a plastic surgery operation under questionable and suspicious conditions, Agent called upon Dr. Von Borries at his office, Room 707, on December 9, 1935. Agent, without disclosing his identity, informed Dr. Von Borries that his name is Manders and that he was representing a young fellow who resides out of town and who desires certain alterations be made on his face; that Agent was referred to him, Dr. Von Borries, by a mutual acquaintance the name of whom was not given. He was further informed that Agent had previously consulted other plastic surgeons for his friend with reference to the operation in question, but that none of them wanted to undertake the work for some reason or other. During the ensuing conversation with Dr. Von Borries Agent endeavored to lead Dr. Von Borries to believe that his friend could not stand an arrest; that he is willing to pay a large sum of money for the operation and that any work performed by him would be kept in strict confidence. It might be stated that in this discussion with Dr. Von Borries concerning the contemplated operation, it was noted that at no time did Dr. Von Borries indicate or attempt to discourage Agent in letting him perform the operation in question on the supposed friend. On the contrary, however, he made every effort to encourage the idea of having him perform the operation. He stated that he considered himself one of the best plastic surgeons in the country and emphasized the fact that he has been engaged in this type of practice for almost thirty-five years; that he is the oldest established plastic surgeon in Chicago. He further related that he is a native of Kentucky and boasted of the fact that he holds degrees in medicine and engineering and law. He stated that he has a grown son and daughter, both of whom have succeeded in the business world; that he at one time was worth \$100,000.00 but lost all of his money in bad real estate investments.

Dr. Von Borries assured Agent that any work performed by him would be kept confidential and in this connection recited that if men like Billinger would come to his office for plastic surgery work and if they desired that no record be kept of any operation which they might undergo, he would destroy such a record both for their and his safety. He further confidentially informed Agent that any person could enter and leave his office without anybody within the office seeing him; that there is a door leading to the corridor from his private office and that one could enter by that way without anyone else seeing him.

At the end of the consultation with Dr. Von Borries Agent informed him that he would see his friend the following day and advise him of the results of the conference with him; that if the friend agreed to have him, Dr. Von Borries, perform the operation in question, Agent will communicate with him by telephone and arrange for an appointment. It might be stated that Dr. Von Borries confidentially informed Agent that he would be unable to definitely advise further whether he could perform the operation before first examining the subject and several times suggested that Agent bring the supposed patient to his office for a preliminary examination, indicating that everything will be all right. Agent informed Dr. Von Borries that he would get in touch with him in a few days.

It was noted that Dr. Von Borries has a fairly large office which consists of a reception or waiting room, two small adjoining offices and an operating room. There are two doors through which one can enter his office from the outside, one leading to the reception room and the other to his operating room. It was further noted that he has a young girl, approximately 18 years of age working for him as a nurse and office girl. No other employees were seen and no persons called at his office during Agent's visit with Dr. Von Borries.

In order to secure further information relative to Dr. Von Borries and particularly as to who has been in his employ during the past year, Agent called at the Main Post Office and interviewed Carriers Frank Kenney and G. Kempel, who jointly deliver mail to Dr. Von Borries. Both of these carriers advised that Dr. Von Borries is a very eccentric individual and is especially fond of women, as a result of which he has from time to time received considerable publicity in the newspapers. They were unable to furnish the name of the girl who now is working for Dr. Von Borries, but stated that she has been in his employ for only five or six months; that previous thereto a stout blonde girl worked for the Doctor, but they have not seen her for some time nor do they know her name or anything about her. It was further ascertained from the carriers that Dr. Von Borries lives and sleeps in his office; that he receives very little personal mail and he very seldom has a patient in his office. Carrier Kenney advised that on one occasion last year Dr. Von Borries became involved in an affair with some young girl and received considerable publicity on account of it. He could not remember the details of this affair nor could he or the other carrier furnish any further information with respect to Dr. Von Borries.

At the merge of the Chicago Evening American, Agent caused a search to be made of the newspaper clippings pertaining to Otto Von Borries. These clippings were presented to Agent for examination and it was noted that he received considerable publicity over a period of the past twenty years, in the local newspapers, most of which was as a result of unsuccessful marriages and affairs with women. The latest clipping, which was dated May 12, 1934, reflects that one Miss Florence Lasch, of 4065 Meade Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was forcibly held by Dr. Von Borries for eight to ten days in the rear room of his office; that he twisted her arm and threatened to kill her if she tried to escape.

Agent endeavored several times without success to contact Miss Florence Lasch for information which might lead to any of the employees who might have worked for Dr. Von Borries during this year.

Investigation disclosed that the building at 162 North State Street is managed by Mr. H. E. Gordon and that he is very reliable and trustworthy and could be counted upon to furnish whatever information is in his possession relative to any tenant in the building.

In view of this Agent interviewed Mr. H. E. Gordon in his office, Room 1101, and was advised that he has been manager of the said building for four years and has known Dr. Von Borries for that length of time. He stated that he is very friendly with the Doctor and knows him better than probably any other tenant in the building. Mr. Gordon continued that Dr. Von Borries is a native of Kentucky and comes from a very prominent and wealthy family; that the Doctor was at one time worth considerable money, but lost it all through several unfortunate affairs with women. He stated that Dr. Von Borries has been married at least five times and that he undoubtedly is paying alimony to three or four of his former wives; that his last marriage was about a year ago and existed for only a few days; that in this case he married a young girl about twenty-five years of age and according to reports he kept this girl locked within his office for eight days; that after she managed to make her escape she filed a bill of divorce against him, charging him with cruelty.

Agent was further advised by Mr. Gordon that Dr. Von Borries lives and sleeps in his office and has done so for the past five or six years; that he is down and out and owes the

building about \$5,000 for back rent. Mr. Gordon stated, however, that his firm holds the deed to a piece of property owned by Dr. Von Borries either in Hammond or Gary, Indiana, which is worth about \$10,000 to \$12,000 and for this reason he is not very much worried about the Doctor's inability in this regard.

With reference to the character of Dr. Von Borries, Mr. Gordon advised that the Doctor is as honest as the day is long, is very conscientious, has good habits with the exception of his fancy for women, and is very liberal with his money when he has any; that whenever the Doctor collects any money from his patients he immediately comes to his office and pays him a certain portion of it on account. He also lets Mr. Gordon know when he is to perform an operation and how much money he will receive for it.

Agent asked Mr. Gordon whether he believed Dr. Von Borries would perform any plastic surgery operation on a person of the Dillinger type if he were offered a large amount of money to do so. He replied he is certain that Dr. Von Borries would not entertain the thought of doing such a job and as an example, Mr. Gordon related that shortly after the killing of John Dillinger when considerable publicity was had with reference to the facial operation on Dillinger, he, Mr. Gordon, dined with Dr. Von Borries on one occasion during this time and in discussing the above matter with him, Dr. Von Borries asserted that he would not undertake such an operation for all the money in the world.

It might be stated that up to this point, Agent did not apprise Mr. Gordon the purpose of the inquiry concerning Dr. Von Borries, but informed him that the investigation in fact was predicated on an anonymous letter, possibly from a former dissatisfied patient of his.

Agent also asked Mr. Gordon whether to his knowledge Dr. Von Borries ever left Chicago or his office for several days within the past year or whether to his knowledge the Doctor ever came into sudden possession of a large amount of money. Mr. Gordon replied that he is fairly certain that Dr. Von Borries did not leave the city or his office for any length of time during this year and also that to his knowledge he did not collect a large amount of money at one time. Agent had Mr. Gordon produce Dr. Von Borries' account and an examination of same disclosed that Dr. Von Borries made the following payments on account for rent during 1935:

1/15/35	\$ 45.00
2/25/35	100.00
4/3/35	90.00
4/4/35	19.11
4/15/35	75.00
5/3/35	80.00
5/22/35	78.51
5/25/35	80.00
5/28/35	85.00
6/8/35	80.00
6/18/35	100.00
7/3/35	75.00
7/10/35	80.00
7/13/35	75.00
7/16/35	80.00
8/24/35	85.87
8/26/35	80.00
11/30/35	150.00

Balance as of 12/10/35 \$5044.83

It will be noted that the largest payment on account made by Dr. Von Borries was \$150.00.

Agent also asked Mr. Gordon whether he knows the name of Dr. Von Borries' present assistant and also the name of the girl who preceded her. He stated that the girl who is now working for the Doctor is a young Jewish woman who has been in his employ for only six or seven months; that she secured her position with him through her father who is a member of the same lodge as the Doctor in the Knights of Pythias; that they frequently play cards together at the lodge hall and it is Mr. Gordon's understanding that the girl's father at one time asked the Doctor while playing cards with him whether he could use an office girl, stating that his daughter had been out of work for sometime. He further stated that around that time Dr. Von Borries was having trouble with the girl who was then employed with him; that he discharged her and hired the girl who is now working for him. Mr. Gordon further advised that Dr. Von Borries formerly had a nurse whose name was Nancy Lang, a native of Texas, and that after she left the Doctor she and her husband proceeded to Texas to live. He could not furnish the name of the city to which this girl had gone and could furnish no further information which might assist in locating her.

Agent again called upon Mr. Gordon two days after the initial interview with him at which time he advised that Dr. Von Borries informed him that a man named Manders had appeared in his office and approached him in connection with a facial operation which he was very suspicious of; that Manders told him that he was representing a friend who wanted certain scars removed from his face and that he had previously made inquiries of several other plastic surgeons to perform the operation in question, but they refused to undertake it; that he was told that the patient in this case had considerable money and would be willing to pay a high price for the operation; that, however, the same should be kept very confidential. In fact, Dr. Von Borries related to Mr. Gordon virtually the exact conversation which Agent had with him under pretext two days previous. The Doctor further informed Mr. Gordon that he seriously believes that the patient in this case is a badly wanted fugitive and that he does not exactly know what to do; that he does not want to throw two or three thousand dollars out the window by refusing to operate on this person, nor does he want to become involved with the law should the individual in question be a badly wanted fugitive. In this connection he asked Mr. Gordon what he should do when these persons again contact him with reference to the operation in question, advising Mr. Gordon that the man, Manders, informed him that he would call him in two or three days and make an appointment with him to examine the patient in this case. He suggested to Mr. Gordon that he might call the State's Attorney's office and fully apprise them of the above mentioned incident and have two men stationed in the rear of his office to observe Manders and his friend when they appear in his office for an examination.

Mr. Gordon advised Agent that he informed the Doctor that the latter suggestion would be the best thing he could do and then advised Agent that if the Government were interested in this matter, he could have the Doctor contact this office rather than the State's Attorney's office to observe the two persons when they again contact the Doctor. Agent informed Mr. Gordon that such a procedure would be greatly appreciated by the Bureau and furnished him with Agent's name and the telephone number of the Chicago Bureau Office.

A few days thereafter Agent again contacted Mr. Gordon and inquired whether this man, Manders, had as yet contacted Dr. Von Borries. Mr. Gordon stated that he had not seen the Doctor for several days and in Agent's presence he called

Dr. Von Borries on the telephone and asked him whether Manders had as yet telephoned him or called at his office. Dr. Von Borries replied that he had received no further word from either Manders or anyone else with reference to that particular operation, and of course this is true as Agent did not communicate with him any further relative to the same.

In view of the information secured from Mr. Gordon to the effect that Dr. Von Borries immediately related to him the incident regarding Agent's visit under suspicious circumstances and the further fact that he intended to communicate with the State's Attorney's office, Chicago, Illinois, in order that they could observe the two persons in this case, it is believed that Dr. Von Borries would seriously hesitate in accepting a similar proposition from any person. It is believed Dr. Von Borries will inform Mr. Gordon of any similar proposition in the future and inasmuch as Mr. Gordon has already expressed his willingness to notify the Chicago Bureau Office of any such matters, no further investigation with respect to Dr. Von Borries will be conducted.

The following investigation was conducted and reported by Special Agent John L. Madala:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 14, 1935, wherein it was requested that an interview be had with Arthur O'Leary and Dr. Harold Cassidy, subjects in the Dillinger case, for any information they may have which will be of assistance in locating and apprehending William Elmer Meade, it being noted that Dr. William Leiser was urged by Louis Piquett and Arthur O'Leary to perform a fingerprint operation on Meade which work was done in Louisville, Kentucky, during the spring of 1934.

An examination of the Dillinger files in this Office disclosed that Arthur O'Leary and Dr. Harold Cassidy were placed on one-year probation in October of 1934. Agent interviewed on December 23, 1935, Mr. C. W. Fisher, Chief Deputy Probation Officer at his office in the Federal Building, Chicago, and he advised from his records that Arthur O'Leary is presently employed as an investigator for H. C. Mullins, law firm, located at 3206 West Ainalie Street, Chicago, Illinois; that O'Leary resides at 5715 Kenmore Street, Chicago, telephone number, Sunny-side 3292. Mr. Fisher further advised that Dr. Harold B. Cassidy has reentered the practice of medicine and has his office at 4802 Broadway, Chicago, Illinois, telephone Adamore 4236; that he resides at 1830 Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, with his parents, the telephone number being Edgewater 5544.

On December 24, 1935, Agent interviewed Dr. Harold Cassidy at his office, 4802 Broadway. A photograph of William Elmer Meade was exhibited to Dr. Cassidy and he immediately identified it as the person known to him as Elmer Meade. He related that he met this individual in the fall of 1933 at which time Arthur O'Leary brought him to his office which was then at 4175 Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, and introduced him as Elmer Meade; that O'Leary stated Meade was a friend of his and asked Dr. Cassidy to write for him a letter of recommendation to the effect that he has known Meade for several years; that Meade is of good character; and has been his family physician during the entire period of his acquaintance with him. In this connection O'Leary informed Dr. Cassidy that Meade was in trouble with the Government in Florida on a mail fraud charge and that it was necessary for him to have several letters from reputable persons in Chicago, Illinois, indicating that he is a person of

good standing and character; that these letters would materially assist him in the settlement of his case in Florida. Further, that these letters would be sent to the proper officials in Washington, D. C., for their consideration.

Dr. Cassidy advised Agent that he did not see any wrong in writing such a letter for Mr. Meade and as a consequence he complied with O'Leary's request. He stated that he mentioned in the letter in question that he has known Elmer Meade for approximately seven or eight years; that he has been his family physician for that length of time and that he owns his residence at some address on Fargo Street, which Dr. Cassidy was unable to recall. He further mentioned therein that Mr. Meade was an individual of good standing and good moral character and that after the letter was typed he gave it to Mr. Meade. Dr. Cassidy advised that it is his recollection that Meade was also endeavoring to secure similar letters of recommendation from a priest, a law enforcement official in Chicago and possibly from a legislator; that he does not know whether O'Leary was successful in obtaining such a letter from such individuals.

Dr. Cassidy stated that the above occasion was the only time he observed Mr. Meade; that he never discussed him with O'Leary any time thereafter and does not know anything about his history or connections in Chicago, Illinois. He further denied any knowledge of the fingerprint operation on Meade performed by Dr. Lesser in Louisville, Kentucky, stating in this connection that he heard for the first time that such an operation had been performed when he was questioned about it at the Chicago Bureau Office at the time of his arrest. Dr. Cassidy stated that he believes he saw Mrs. Meade at one time in Art O'Leary's apartment when he was living at the Lincoln Park Arms Hotel; that this must have been a short time after O'Leary brought Mr. Meade to his office; that he engaged in no conversation with Mrs. Meade and the only reason he knows it was she, was that O'Leary casually introduced him to her. He stated that the incident was so vague in his mind, he is unable to describe her.

Dr. Cassidy could furnish no further information with respect to either Mr. or Mrs. Meade except that he recalls that Mr. Meade had some disfigurement on his face.

On December 22, 1935, Special Agent R. C. Suran interviewed Art O'Leary at the Chicago Bureau Office relative to William Elmer Mead. Art O'Leary advised that he presently resides at 5715 Kenmore Street, Chicago, Illinois, telephone number Sunnyside 3272. O'Leary advised that to the best of his recollection at the present time he first met William Elmer Mead at the law firm of Litsinger, Healy and Reid, 111 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, or through an attorney, Louis W. Mack, and that as near as he can recall he first met Mead about five years ago at which time he was employed as a "bond-runner" obtaining bonds for the clients of various law firms who had been arrested on criminal charges. O'Leary advised that he was unable to definitely recall under what exact circumstances he did meet Mead, but stated it was probably in connection with his bond-running business. He stated that so far as he knew the attorneys above mentioned did not know Mead. He stated that Louis W. Mack has now been disbarred from practice in Chicago, Illinois, and has also been indicted on the criminal charge of embezzling funds from the Nurrie Company, glass makers, at Chicago, Illinois, but that he is rather certain that Mack does not know William Elmer Mead. He stated that he knew Mead as Elmer Mead and also knew Elmer Mead's wife as Kate Mead. He stated that during his association with Elmer and Kate Mead, they resided at 1533 Fargo Street, Chicago, Illinois. He stated that he had observed Kate Mead in the office of Louis Piquett on numerous occasions during the year 1933, at which time Louis Piquett was representing Kate Mead in connection with an income tax lawsuit which was pending against her by the Federal Government. He stated that he on several occasions also observed Elmer Mead in the law offices of Louis Piquett at the time William Elmer Mead was endeavoring to fight a mail fraud charge pending against him at Jacksonville, Florida. O'Leary stated that Mead was represented in Jacksonville by an attorney by the name of Myerson. O'Leary stated that sometime during the spring of 1934, the exact date of which he cannot remember, Kate Mead, Louis Piquett and himself, drove to Elgin, Illinois, where Elmer Mead was at that time located in a hotel. He stated the purpose of this trip to Elgin, Illinois was to take Dr. Wilhelm Loeser there to discuss with Mead the alteration of the latter's fingerprints. He stated that after their arrival at Elgin, Illinois, Loeser refused to permit anyone to be present with Mead when he, Dr. Loeser, discussed the fingerprint operation with him. O'Leary advised that the operation on Mead's fingers was subsequently performed at Louisville, Kentucky, and that he, O'Leary, was not present during this operation.

The details concerning this have previously been reported in the statements of O'Leary and Lesser in the Jodil case.

O'Leary claims that he has not seen William Elmer Mead since this trip to Elgin, Illinois, and that he would not know how to locate Mead at the present time. He stated, however, that he would be willing to furnish any information that he could obtain concerning this matter and advised that in the event an Agent desired to get in touch with him, communication should be had at his residence, telephone Sunnyside 3272, and in the event that he, Art O'Leary, was not at home, a message should be left for him to call this Office, leaving only the telephone number or the Agent's name as he, O'Leary, did not desire that his wife have knowledge that he was being interviewed by Agents of this Office.

The appropriate leads concerning William Elmer Mead have been set forth in the summary report of Special Agent R. G. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated January 6, 1936, and, therefore, no additional leads are being set out in this report.

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REPORT MADE AT Trenton, New Jersey	DATE WHEN MADE 1-27-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-7, 23, 25-36	REPORT MADE BY N. D. WILLS
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232, ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="text-align: right; transform: rotate(90deg); font-size: small;">RECEIVED JAN 21 10 15 AM '36 U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</div> <p>Mrs. William E. Kermode states that she knows a person named Karpus, who has lived in Linden, New Jersey, for more than seven years in her neighborhood. She further advises Karpus had been a bar-tender at Big May's Place, Linden, New Jersey, and she considers him "a nice man." Pictures of subjects Karpis, Campbell and others not identified by Mrs. Kermode or the operator of Big May's place.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent N. D. Wills, dated at Trenton, New Jersey, November 22, 1935.			
DETAILS: <u>AT LINDEN, NEW JERSEY</u> <p>Agent ascertained from Detective C. A. Koeller, Linden, New Jersey, Police Department, that his confidential informant had given him the name of Mrs. William E. Kermode, 15 West 19th Street, Linden, New Jersey, as being the person he</p>			
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had overheard to say, "Ain't that Karpus man nice?"

In company with Detective Koeller, Agent interviewed Mrs. Kermode, who advised that she had been frequenting Big May's Place, a saloon operated by May Tennis, 16th Street and Winans Avenue, Linden, New Jersey. For a period of time a bar-tender was employed by the name of Karpus, whom she knew by sight and became better acquainted with him during her visits to the saloon. However, she had at no time gone out with this man, even though she had been living in the vicinity of his residence for seven years. When asked what sort of person this man Karpus is, Mrs. Kermode promptly replied, "He is a nice man," but beyond that was unable to relate any other information.

Upon being shown a group of pictures in which were included pictures of subject Karpis and subject Campbell, Mrs. Kermode stated that she had never seen anyone in the group of pictures, nor was she able to recall anyone who resembled any person in the group exhibited to her.

At Big May's Place, 16th Street and Winans Avenue, Agent and Detective Koeller interviewed May Tennis and Ella Skelly, a former associate of May Tennis, who had lived in Linden, New Jersey, and neither May Tennis (also known as "Big May") nor Ella Skelly was able to identify any one of the pictures exhibited to them, which pictures included photographs of subjects Karpis and Campbell.

Detective Koeller advised Agent that the Karpus that had at one time been a bar-tender at Big May's Place and above referred to by Mrs. Kermode, is of the same family that resides on 18th Street, Linden, New Jersey, and has resided there for the past seven or eight years, and that in all

probability his confidential informant overheard Mrs. Kermode make the remarks concerning the bar-tender Karpus and not the subject Alvin Karpis.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE TRENTON OFFICE AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY - Will expedite the lead at Newark, New Jersey, set out in the report of Special Agent N. D. Wills, dated November 22, 1935.

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420 Post Office Bldg.,
Dallas, Texas.

January 29, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of January 23, 1936, you are advised that the Texas Centennial does not open in Dallas until June, 1936, at which time the information conveyed in your letter will have appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Director
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Dear Sir:

Very truly yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

Referring to your memorandum of the 23rd instant, concerning the attendance of several witnesses subpoenaed from Miami in the case at St. Paul against Weaver, McDonald et al, please note the attached memorandum from the General Agent on the subject. Can you furnish us with more detailed information?

Respectfully,
Brien McMahon
BRIEN McMAHON,
Assistant Attorney General.

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H. J. McCLURE
GENERAL AGENT

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January 28, 1936.

Memorandum for Mr. Hugh A. Fisher.
Criminal Division.

Referring to the attached memorandum from the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, you are advised that I have no information concerning any witnesses from Miami, in the case involving the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, or of any authorized expenditures in connection with their attendance.

It is assumed that if these witnesses actually attended from Miami, they were duly subpoenaed and attended pursuant thereto. There is, of course, no authority for the payment of the expense of clothing of other expenses to witnesses in criminal cases residing within the territorial limits of the United States, where subpoenas will "run". They are allowed only the fees and mileage prescribed by law, - such payments being made by the United States marshal for the district in which they attend. The Government could not, of course, undertake to provide clothing for witnesses for whom subpoenas may be issued, and it has never been the practice to do so; in fact, it is clear that the appropriation is not available therefor, and we would be establishing an extremely undesirable precedent in even attempting to do so.

The files are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

H. J. McClure
General Agent.

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