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REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/2/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/19, 20, 24, 25/34	REPORT MADE BY: M. B. RHODES
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Persons at Chicago who have had occasion to investigate the activities of Edward W. Bents and his brother Theodore E. Bents advise that these brothers have in the past been closely associated with such notorious characters as Eddie Doll, Harvey Bailey, Gus Winkler, Albert L. Bates, Pearce Ianigan, Jack Klutas, Fred Burke and the late Frank Nash; that Ed Bents is an ex-convict with a long record and Theodore Bents has been arrested by Tacoma, Washington and San Francisco, California Police, both men at the present time being fugitives from justice. "Big Homer" alleged to be known to Peoria, Ill. police and to have contact with the Shelton gang at East St. Louis.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Letter of Special Agent in Charge, R. E. Vetterli, San Francisco Office, dated February 14, 1934.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: At Chicago, Illinois.</p> <p>Agent interviewed Mr. Emory J. Smith, Suite 724, First National Bank Building, who stated that he is at the present time and has for many years, been Counsel for the Illinois Bankers Association. He stated he is not a member of the so-called "Secret Six" as stated in the reference letter. In addition to being Counsel for the Illinois Bankers Association, Mr. Smith is Special Assistant to the Attorney General of Illinois, and has for</p>			
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several years in the past been actively engaged in investigating and prosecuting a number of prominent bank robbery cases in this state; that as a result of his activity in the above line he has had occasion to come in contact with a large number of criminals and to study their various gang set-ups.

With reference to the Bentz brothers, Mr. Smith stated that he recalls that approximately two years ago a man named Theodore Bentz, who originally was from the West Coast, was picked up by the authorities in Canada and returned to Madison, Indiana for questioning in a bank robbery there; that the authorities were unable to get anything on this individual and Theodore Bentz was brought to Chicago; that he questioned Bentz in a hotel here in reference to the activities of Bentz's brother, Edward, who is familiarly known as Eddie Bentz, relative to some stolen securities. Subsequent to the above questioning Theodore Bentz was released and he has not seen him since.

Mr. Smith further stated that Eddie Bentz was closely connected with the late Gus Winkler and was also an associate of such notorious criminals as Eddie Doll, Jack Klutas, Fred Burke, Harvey Bailey, Albert L. Bates, Pearce Lanigan and the late Frank Nash. Another member of the gang was Joe Hays, alias Tom Slattery, alias Tracy Cartwright, who was killed in the course of a bank robbery at Upper Marlboro, Maryland, on April 2, 1931. Associated with Hays in the above Maryland robbery were Pearce Lanigan and Edward Bentz, who at that time was using the alias of Edward R. Richards.

Mr. Smith stated that undoubtedly Mr. Roscoe C. Saunders, whose present address is the American Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, who now holds the position of Assistant Superintendent of the Bureau of Identification and Investigation for the State of Illinois, and who at the present time is doing investigative work in Southern Illinois, is well acquainted with all the members of Gus Winkler's outfit, and would, he is confident, furnish representatives of the Division with all the information he has relative to their connections and activities. Saunders was formerly connected with the Illinois Bankers Association as Director of Criminal Prevention.

In a further effort to learn more of the activities of Eddie Bentz, Agent, at the office of the Illinois Bankers Association, examined a number of Mr. Saunder's reports, which reflect that Albert L. Bates, Joe Hays and a man named "Dutch" Miller (not Vernon C. Miller) robbed the Plano State Bank at Plano, Illinois on December 9, 1931; that Saunders obtained a confession from Bates of the above crime and Saunders also obtained a signed statement from Pearce F. Lanigan, who is now an inmate of the Joliet, Illinois Penitentiary, on February 27, 1932, to the effect that Joe Hays told him, shortly before he was killed in the Upper Marlboro robbery, that Bates, "Dutch" Miller and himself held up the Plano bank.

There is in Saunder's reports, a description of Edward W. Bentz, who assisted Lanigan and Hays in the Upper Marlboro robbery. This description is contained on Washington State Prison photograph card, and is set forth as follows:

Name: Edward W. Bentz, alias
George Fairchild.
Washington State Prison No. 8208
Age: 22 (in 1917)
Height: 5 feet 10 3/8 inches
Weight: 175 pounds
Build: Muscular
Hair: Light brown
Eyes: Gray
Complexion: Light
Occupation: Laborer
Place of birth: South Dakota
Criminal Record:

Sentenced on 12/11/18 from Pierce
County, Washington to 1 1/2 to 20 years
in the Washington State Penitentiary
at Walla Walla, Washington, for first
degree forgery; paroled on 11/29/18.

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There is nothing in the Illinois Bankers Association file relative to Theodore Bentz, likewise the names "big Homer" and Whitey Anderson do not appear therein.

Subsequent to the above investigation at the office of the Illinois Bankers Association, Agent again interviewed Mr. Smith, who stated that he believed that he has heard Mr. Saunders, in the past, speak of a hoodlum named "Big Homer" and he stated that he would write Mr. Saunders and request him to furnish what information he has in regard to this individual. As to Whitey Anderson, Mr. Smith was unable to recall this individual.

In the above connection it is noted that in the report of Special Agent B. L. Dameron at St. Louis dated November 28, 1933 in the case entitled Eddie Doll, with aliases, Fugitive, Chicago File No. 26-3139, that Mrs. Catherine Kelly informed Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd of the St. Louis Office at Memphis, Tennessee on September 28, 1933 that she was well acquainted with Doll, who was known to her as Eddie LaRue; that she met him in Fort Worth, Texas when Doll was with Ed Bentz and that Doll and Bentz were wanted at Colfax, Washington for a bank robbery.

Special Agent R. G. Eberstein of the Portland Office submitted a report in the above case dated December 27, 1933, wherein it is stated that two men in Colfax, Washington believed Doll to be one of four men who robbed the First Savings and Trust Bank of Colfax on September 21, 1932. This information confirms previous statements to the effect that Eddie Bentz has been closely associated with Eddie Doll.

An examination of the current telephone directory for Chicago reflects that there is no dentist listed therein as Barnack, referred to in the reference letter; however, the directory lists a Doctor Charles Barnack, 9204 Commercial Avenue, Chicago, said address being in the Southern section of the city.

On February 24, 1934 Agent again conferred with Mr. Smith who advised that he had written Mr. Saunders in regard to "Big Homer" and that Saunders replied to him as follows:

"Now about Big Homer. If he is the man I think he is, he is an associate of the Sheltons and has been around with them in Peoria and I think Montgomery, Chief of Detectives at Peoria knows all about him. I understand he is a big man - weight over 200 - foreign extraction - dark complexion.

He hung out with Carrie Stevens of East St. Louis while down in that section. I will try to obtain more information about him and advise you later.

About Theodore and Ed Bentz. Ed Bentz was an associate of Albert Bates and was to be in the kidnaping of Urschel in Oklahoma, but just before the kidnaping he (Bentz) and the crowd fell out so Bentz missed that. He was wanted for a bank rap in Texas, but guess he got out of that - I am not sure. The best man to see is George Florman of the American Express Company, 1817 Garland Building, 58 East Washington Street, phone Harrison 9700; also our friend over at the Hartford Insurance Company. They know about this man perhaps more than anyone else. I made some notes about Bentz when Theodore was in your office, but later destroyed them. That is why there is no record in the IBA."

Mr. Smith stated to Agent that Mr. Saunders was in error about Theodore Bentz being in his, Smith's, office; that he has no recollection of ever talking to Theodore Bentz in his office, but he remembers talking to him in a hotel in Chicago on the occasion previously referred to, and this is undoubtedly what Mr. Saunders means in his letter. Mr. Smith also advised that the person mentioned by Saunders in the Hartford Fire Insurance Company is Mr. Paul Girard, Chief Special Agent of that Company, who is also mentioned in the letter of reference.

In reviewing the file in this case, Special Agent K. R. McIntire of this office, consolidated the following material facts in reference to the individual known as "Big Homer", who is an important suspect in the instant case.

The Detroit Division Office advised the St. Paul Office by letter on February 9, 1934 that Mrs. Catherine Kelly had advised that Big Homer is usually found loitering around the Island at Burnham, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago; that he is a very heavy set man, about 5 feet 8 inches in height, weighing 220 pounds and talks in a low tone of voice and is between 45 and 50 years of age.

Mrs. Kelly also confirmed the fact that Big Homer is a friend of Eddie Doll, alias LaRue. She stated that he is reported to drive a Cadillac four door sedan and is supposed to have a wife and baby, the latter being about 4 years old, living in Burnham, Illinois.

In a letter to the Jacksonville Office from Chicago, dated February 21, 1934, Big Homer is reported to have been married in Chicago in 1923 or 1924 to an unknown girl; that a man named George Bilton, a close friend of Homer's, was a witness to the above ceremony; that Bilton frequents Delaney's Saloon near 26th and Indiana Avenue, Chicago; that Bilton was supposed to be a chauffeur for Al Capone up to 1926 or 1927, since which time he has been a habitual drunkard. Bilton is supposed to be a friend of Tom Featherstone of the Chicago Police Department, who is in charge of a squad on the South side. Bilton is described as 36 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing 180 pounds and a very neat dresser.

In a letter of this office to the St. Paul Office dated February 17, 1934, it was pointed out that one, Babe Jones, upon interview by Special Agent Newman of this office, advised that Homer is also known as "The Big Moose"; that Homer has a very good friend, one, Willie Harrison, a former St. Louis police character and who now operates a saloon in Calumet City, Illinois. Harrison is reported to have been arrested in Chicago in 1930, 1931 or 1932 for participation in a bank job at Jefferson, Missouri, but was not extradited. Babe Jones described Big Homer as follows:

Age: about 40 years
Height: 6 feet 2 or 3 inches
Weight: 270 pounds
Complexion: Dark
Hair: Dark
Very congenial personality and a good looking individual.

At the Office of the Bureau of Identification, Chicago Police Department, Agent ascertained the following criminal record of suspect, Edward W. Bents:

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[REDACTED]

In addition to the above record the following notations appear in the Chicago Police file:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Agent requested the Identification Bureau of the Chicago Police Department to furnish three copies of Eddie Bentz's photograph. Owing to the press of other matters, the Identification Bureau was not able to supply these photographs immediately, but advised that during the course of the next few days they would prepare same and furnish the Chicago Office with them.

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The Identification Bureau at Chicago had no record of Theodore Bentz, however, at the Bureau of Records, Chicago Police Department, Agent ascertained that that Bureau has a record of two persons by the name of Theodore Benz, who apparently are different individuals.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In accordance with the request contained in the reference letter, Agent interviewed Mr. Paul Girard, Chief Special Agent of the Hartford Indemnity Company, Room A-1329, Insurance Exchange Building, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Girard stated that his office had had occasion to investigate the activities of Ed and Theodore Bentz in connection with bank robberies and attempts to dispose of loot therefrom; that he believes that the Bentz brothers were born in Grand Forks, North Dakota; that their family moved to Tacoma, Washington in the early youth of the boys; that Ed and Theodore Bentz have a brother by the name of George Bentz, who resides at 7124 Beldon Avenue, Chicago. George Bentz is a carpenter and a fairly respectable citizen - by this Girard means that he never knew George Bentz to be in any trouble, however, he does not think George Bentz would give any information as to the present whereabouts of his brothers.

Mr. Girard further stated that Ed Bentz is an associate of Albert Bates, Eddie LaRue and Fred Burke; that on November 12, 1931 the National Branch Bank at Madison, Indiana was held up by a large number of men; that fifty thousand dollars in bonds and some 8 thousand dollars in travellers checks were taken by the robbers; that on Thanksgiving Day, following the above robbery, Theodore Bentz tried to sell some of the above referred to travellers checks to a bank in Calgary, Canada; that the bank got suspicious and got in touch with the Officials of the National Branch Bank of Madison, who advised the Canadian bankers that the above referred to travellers checks were part of the loot from its vaults and requested that Theodore Bentz be picked up by the Canadian authorities. Girard stated that a few minutes after the Canadian bank received the above information, they had the police in Calgary pick Bentz up, and that the police found about five thousand dollars in cash and about two thousand dollars in travellers checks on his person; that the checks were identified as part of the loot from the above bank.

Mr. Girard further stated that Theodore Bentz was returned to the Indiana authorities at Madison, Indiana. However, no one who witnessed the above referred to robbery could identify him as participating in the hold up.

Shortly after the above incident, Ed Bentz was picked up by the authorities, but nobody who witnessed the robbery could identify him. The result of the above was that neither of the Bentz brothers were prosecuted for the above offenses. There was a charge filed against Theodore Bentz by the States Attorney at Chicago for possession of stolen property; Ted claiming to Chicago authorities that the travellers checks which he had in his possession when picked up in Canada, had been secured by him here. However nothing apparently came of the above referred to charges insofar as it effected Theodore Bentz.

Mr. Girard stated that the last time he saw Theodore Bentz was apparently the latter part of 1932 or sometime during January, 1933; that he last saw Ed Bentz in November, 1932 while Bentz was in jail in McKinney, Texas. He stated that Ed Bentz is known to the Seattle Police as number 6894 and that Theodore Bentz has been arrested by the police of Tacoma, Washington and San Francisco, California; that

Theodore Bentz's police number at Tacoma is 6605 and his San Francisco police number is 48921. Mr. Girard further stated that Ted Bentz is about 30 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches tall, weight, about 220 pounds, is clean shaven, medium complexion and is a radio engineer by trade. He stated that he is a much more polished individual than his brother Ed; that Ed is a typical "rough-neck" and the type who would go out and hold up a bank; that Ted is of the salesman type, is a good talker and is an excellent individual to dispose of "hot" goods. Both of the Bentz brothers, in Mr. Girard's opinion, would not hesitate to participate in a kidnaping job.

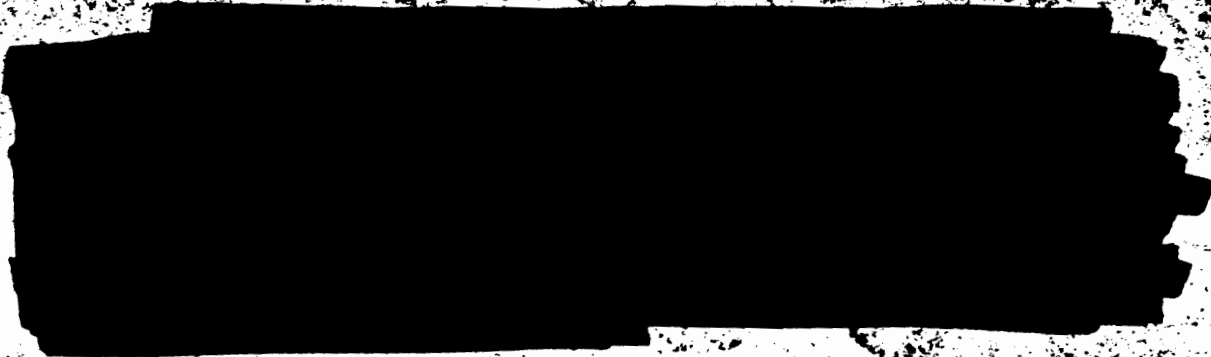
Mr. Girard further stated that, at the present time, Theodore Bentz is wanted by the Chicago office of the American Express Company for fraudulently issuing travellers checks of that concern; that on October 5, 1933 the American Express Company issued an Identification Order for Ted Bentz and offered a reward of \$100.00 for his capture. He further stated that Mr. G. B. Plowman, Chief Special Agent for the American Express Company at Chicago, is very desirous of effecting Ted Bentz's apprehension.

Agent interviewed Mr. H. C. Eldridge, Special Agent of the American Railway Express Company, who advised that his superior, Mr. Plowman is, at the present time, absent from the city and is not expected to return for at least a month. However, he, Eldridge was entirely familiar with the Ted Bentz case and discussed same fully with this Agent.

Mr. Eldridge stated that the American Express Company on October 5, 1933 issued an Identification Order for Ted Bentz, offering a hundred dollars reward for his capture; that to-date Bentz has not been apprehended and the above reward is outstanding. He stated that his company is desirous of prosecuting Ted Bentz for disposing of a number of American Railway Express Money Orders that were stolen. He furnished the following information in regard to Ted Bentz:

He stated that Ted Bentz's correct name is Theodore Everett Bentz; that he uses the alias of Ted Bentz and Edward Byron; that, among the former addresses used by this individual, is care of Mrs. Frank Keller, 816 South Grant Street, Tacoma, Washington, and the Homewood Hotel, Homewood, Illinois; that he is known at the Hershbeck

Motor Corporation, 5603 Hohman Avenue, Hammond, Indiana. Further, that at one time he rented safety deposit box number 4504, Columbus Memorial Building, Chicago.



Mr. Eldridge further advised that a party named J. M. Cartell, address unknown, wrote to Mr. O. D. Colby, Special Agent of the American Express Company, Seattle, Washington, on November 6, 1933, that Theodore Bentz and his nephew Ernest Johnson were at Reno, Nevada about the above time, but however, investigation by Colby at Reno failed to verify the above fact.

According to Mr. Eldridge, Ernest Johnson, who also goes by the name of Ernest Johnstone, a nephew of the Bentz brothers, is 23 years of age (1933), five feet nine one-half inches tall, weight, 141 pounds, medium build, medium dark complexion, blue eyes and dark brown hair; that he has a scar over his left eye near the hair line. He is known to the Seattle police as number 14911, to the Tacoma police as number 6187 and to the Portland, Oregon police as number 12217.

According to Mr. Eldridge, a party named Charles LeRoy Kelso, Dallas, Texas police number 10564 is a brother-in-law of the Bentz brothers. He is supposed to be the husband of Pauline Bentz, who is known as Pauline Richards. Pauline Bentz is described as follows:

Age: 37 years (1932)
Height: 5 feet 9 inches
Weight: 140 pounds
Build: Medium
Complexion: Medium
Eyes: Hazel
Hair: Auburn
Kings County, Washington No. L-3847.

According to Mr. Eldridge, the Bentz Brothers are close associates of George "Machine Gun Kelly" and A. L. Bates; that while these men were around Chicago last year they received mail through a Mrs. A. A. Turner, Lawrence Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

Concerning Edward Bentz, Mr. Eldridge stated that his correct name is Edward Wilhelm Bentz; that he had a bank account at the Continental and Commercial National Bank, Chicago, in the name of E. R. Richards, 745 South State Street, Chicago. He is also known as Ned Dewey, Ned R. Dewey, Neu Dewey, Fred Williams, Miles Dancher, Miles Dauncher, Jack O. Kearns, Arthur Desmond, Ned Roland Dewey, E. N. Bentz, G. B. Rainier and G. B. Renier. His former wife is Mrs. E. R. Ronaldson, alias Vera Bentz, who is known to the Seattle police as number 17109; that his present sweetheart is named either Marion Friedmark, Mary Friedmark or Vera Freemark, who formerly resided at 704 Monroe Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; that a Mrs. R. Capperton, 17907 Homewood Avenue, Homewood, Illinois, is a sister of the Bentz brothers and that they have a brother, George, who resides at 7124 Belden Avenue, Chicago. A Mrs. Frank Hays and Joe Wineberg are alleged to be friends of the Bentz's. Mrs. Frank Hays' address is 2340 Coleman Avenue, Chicago and Joe Wineberg's address is 28 West Harrison Street, Chicago.

Mr. Eldridge further stated that along about November 23, 1933 Mr. H. H. Maxwell, Chief Special Agent of the Railway Express Agency of Seattle, Washington, wrote a letter to his office advising that Ed Bentz was supposed to be living in or near Minneapolis, Minnesota about that time; however, his office conducted investigation there and the above lead was unproductive. He further stated that Mr. Colby of his Seattle Office advised him by letter on December 11, 1933, that the Bentz brothers and "Pretty Boy Floyd" were supposed to be living in the mountains, 125 miles South of Seattle; that this lead, up to-date, has been unproductive, inasmuch as he has heard nothing more from Colby in regard to the matter.

The following automobiles are used by Ed and Theodore Bentz:

1928 Model Oldsmobile Sedan, 1930 Illinois License plates number 736658, issued to Edward Byron, 2009 Ridge Road, Homewood, Illinois.

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1931 Model Ford Tudor Sedan, 1933 Illinois License plates number 865133, issued to G. B. Rainier, Sheldrake Hotel, Chicago.

He further stated that Ed Bentz was supposed to be driving a Lincoln Sedan, blue in color, with Illinois license plates at Chehalis, Washington on December 4, 1933. This information was also received by him from his Seattle representative, Mr. O. D. Colby.

Mr. Eldridge furnished this Agent with a number of the Identification Orders issued by his company for Theodore Bentz and they are being made a part of the Chicago file.

Subsequent to Agent's interview with Mr. Eldridge, Agent again interviewed Mr. Emory C. Smith, who advised that he had recently obtained a photograph and a copy of Ed Bentz's fingerprints. He furnished Agent with the above documents and same are being made a part of the Chicago file. The source of same, according to Mr. Smith, is the Chicago Police Department.

Inasmuch as Ed and Theodore Bentz and Big Homer are considered as suspects in the instant case, it is desired that these persons be apprehended and questioned in regard thereto, therefore, the following leads are being set forth with a view to apprehending these parties.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

ST. LOUIS OFFICE.

At Peoria, Illinois.

Is requested to interview Chief of Detectives Fred Montgomery and ascertain from him all information in his possession as to Big Homer; securing, if possible, photographs and fingerprints of this individual and transmit same to this office, as well as to the Division and to the St. Paul offices.

It is also suggested that the St. Louis Office, through its contacts at East St. Louis, Illinois, endeavor to ascertain something of Big Homer's identity.

At St. Louis, Missouri.

It is also suggested that the St. Louis Office interview Mr. Roscoe Saunders, who now resides at the American Hotel in St. Louis, and obtain from him what additional information, if any, he has as to the identity of Big Homer and Ed and Theodore Bentz.

PORTLAND OFFICE.

The attention of this office is directed to the various names and addresses of relatives and associates of the Bentz brothers in that territory referred to herein; same to be used by the Portland office in efforts to apprehend these two brothers. It is thought that contact by that office with the Seattle and Tacoma Police Departments together with an interview with Mr. O. D. Colby, Special Agent of the American Express Company, Seattle and Mr. H. H. Maxwell, Special Agent of the Railway Express Agency, Seattle, might be productive as to furnishing leads as to the present whereabouts of these men.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE.

The attention of this office is invited to the various addresses of relatives and friends of the Bentz brothers in San Francisco, referred to herein, and it is suggested that same be used by that office in their efforts to locate these boys for questioning in connection with this case.

CHICAGO OFFICE.

At Burnham, Illinois.

Will conduct appropriate investigation in an effort to locate Big Homer, keeping in mind the fact that Homer is supposed to have a wife and baby residing at that place; will also endeavor to contact George Bilton, who hangs out at Delaneys saloon near 26th and Indiana Avenue, Chicago, in an effort to locate Big Homer; will also contact Bilton through Officer Tom Featherstone of the Chicago Police Department.

At Chicago, Illinois.

Will also endeavor to locate Ed and Theodore Bentz by conducting investigation at various addresses of their friends, relatives and associates, referred to herein; keeping in contact with Mr. Emory Smith, Mr. Paul Girard and Mr. Eldridge, previously referred to.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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March 1, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

In a memorandum dated February 16, 1934, there is reported a telephone conversation with Mr. Purvis at Chicago, showing that I asked him to locate a brief bag of Mr. Dahill of St. Paul and transmit the brief bag to him.

Mr. Purvis stated he would do so on that date and incidentally remarked that he would not be surprised if the brief bag contained information concerning the Bohn and perhaps the Hamm kidnaping cases.

Confirming conversation with the Director's office today, I telephoned Mr. Purvis and found out that the brief bag had been forwarded to the St. Paul office yesterday, February 28, 1934, and the St. Paul office was being asked to deliver the brief bag to Chief Dahill.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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U. S. Department of Justice

625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
March 2, 1934

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases;
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM
Kidnaping Detroit file 7-25

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a memorandum from Special Agent R. C. Chapman of Cleveland, advising that he recently came in contact with one [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Telephone [redacted]

[redacted] advised Agent Chapman that an individual known to him as Wilbur Pettijohn appeared in Cleveland some time in December, 1933, driving a dark colored Buick Coupe with a cream colored stripe, which car bore New York license plates, numbers unknown. That he was accompanied by a woman who was introduced as his, Pettijohn's, wife. [redacted] states that Pettijohn remained in Cleveland for a period of about two weeks and, when he departed, he indicated that he was going to either Detroit or Chicago. [redacted] at the present time, is unable to furnish any information as to where Pettijohn resided while in Cleveland.

He further went on to state that an individual in Cleveland known as "Jimmie the Wop" had informed him that about five days following the release of Victim Bremer, Pettijohn was in Cleveland for a few days, displaying a roll of money and indicating that he had come from Chicago or Milwaukee. [redacted] stated that this man, Jimmie the Wop, seemed to be under the impression that perhaps Pettijohn might have been involved in the Bremer kidnaping. [redacted] states that he did not see Pettijohn on this occasion but that it is his information that Pettijohn left Cleveland within a few days, probably driving south.

[redacted] also advised that perhaps Pettijohn was involved in the Factor kidnaping and also might have been involved with Basil Banghart and others in the mail robbery at Charlotte, North Carolina, in November. He further added that Pettijohn was sentenced in Federal Court, Cleveland, 1935.

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or five years ago to serve a term in the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta following a conviction under the Dyer Act. [redacted] states that he became personally acquainted with many underworld characters while operating a garage in Cleveland and it was through this medium that he became acquainted with Pettijohn.

The files in this office reflect that one V. B. Pettijohn, Jr., alias W. B. Rankin, alias E. A. [redacted], was the Subject of an investigation of [redacted] [redacted] was the office of [redacted] in [redacted] concerning a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. It is noted in this particular file and in the report of Special Agent Cox, Charlotte, dated 8-16-30, that Pettijohn was sentenced from Cleveland on May 4, 1926, to serve 18 months at Atlanta. The Detroit Office does not have a file on this case and it is believed that the file concerning this offense is now in Cincinnati, which office covered the territory in which Cleveland is located in 1928.

The description of Pettijohn in the above report is given as follows:

Age: 41
Height: 6 feet 1 inch
Weight: 150 pounds
Build: Slender
Hair: Black
Eyes: Hazel
Occupation: Associated Press reporter
Slight scar on left cheek
Nose: Broken and is pointed to the right side of his face

This answers practically the same description as that given by [redacted] the informant at [redacted].

It is suggested, in view of the information furnished by [redacted] that Pettijohn's fingerprints, which are evidently on file at the Identification Unit, be examined for comparison with the latent fingerprints found with regard to the Bremer kidnaping. It is also suggested that the Division forward photographs of Pettijohn to the Chicago and St. Paul Offices.

A copy of this letter is also being forwarded to the Charlotte Office for such consideration as it might be given in connection with the mail robbery which occurred there on November 15, 1933.

It is [redacted] impression that Pettijohn will be back in Cleveland before long and, in the event the Division desires to locate him, he, [redacted] will put forth every effort in aiding us along this line.

cc - Chicago
St. Paul
Charlotte
Cincinnati
Birmingham

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

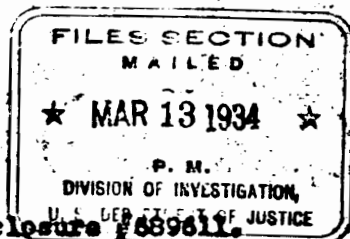
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 2, 1934, in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al; Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

From the information appearing in the identification files of the Division it would appear the individual described as W. D. Pettijohn was received on November 3, 1933, in the State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, to serve a sentence of 5 years, convicted of issuing fraudulent checks. Copies of the criminal record of Pettijohn who is Division No. 222725, are attached herewith for all offices which receive copies of this letter. The Kansas City office should determine whether this individual is at present incarcerated in the State Penitentiary at Jefferson City.

A photograph is transmitted herewith to the Detroit office in order that it may be exhibited to the informer at Cleveland, Ohio, to determine if he is identical with Wilbur Pettijohn described to Special Agent Chapman.

Very truly yours,



Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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Mr. Rorer called from St. Paul (10:30 A. M.) He advised that he desired Agents G. G. Hall, Coulter, Motesteen, Halls, Noonan, V. E. Peterson, Reinecke and Fortenberry at St. Paul in connection with the Bremer case. Agent Fortenberry is at present in the home of the victim at St. Paul and Mr. Rorer desires that he be retained at St. Paul. Mr. Rorer advised that Agent Reinecke arrived there last night, but he had not received any instructions as to the sending of two Agents back to Chicago. He was instructed that this should be done. He stated that McKee was in Wisconsin but he will leave there for Chicago and Agent Glynn will go to Chicago tonight. Mr. Rorer referred to his request of last night that a stenographer be sent to the St. Paul office from the Chicago office. He also stated he thought Agent Blake could be released.

Mr. Rorer requested that the informant by the name of Korn who submitted information relative to two brothers who traveled with an old woman, should be interviewed at length as the information submitted by him fits in with information they have received at St. P. I have telephoned Mr. Fay to treat this informant, whose identity has not been disclosed, with every possible proper consideration, as the information he has furnished appears to be checking very accurately in some respects and is tying in to some extent with the case which we are now handling.

Mr. Rorer was instructed to advise the Division of the name of the confidential informant mentioned in the memorandum of Agent Hall dated February 6, 1934, which confidential informant advised some of our Agents that former Chief of Police Brown [redacted] hunting with Barker and Karpis.

Mr. Rorer was also instructed to furnish any information possible relative to alleged criticism of the St. Paul Police Department for failing to catch the Barker-Karpis-Ham gang, by Mr. Mahoney, Mayor of St. Paul. This criticism was alleged to have been made by Mr. Mahoney in 1932 while he was campaigning for re-election.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

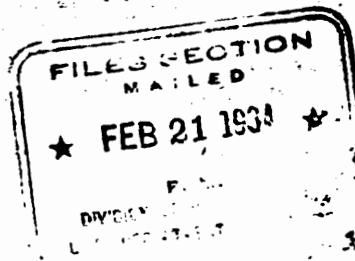
I telephoned Mr. Rorer at St. Paul in regard to the investigation of the Bremer case. He stated that they are making more headway than this morning; that the girl positively identified the cap; and that with regard to the flashlight, the girl stated that he had a little red disc in his hand and wanted to buy some similar. Mr. Rorer was very much pleased with the work done by Agent Notesteen in identifying this girl. Mr. Rorer stated that when other evidence was turned over to him the cap was not included by Mr. Hanni, and that he discovered it only this morning. I instructed him to make a careful check to see that nothing else has been hidden away.

Mr. Rorer wishes to have Agents Hall, Coulter, Notesteen, Halls, Noonan, Peterson, Reinecke and Bremer on the case. Agent Fortenberry is now assigned to the case, but will be released when they have finished interviewing the victim. Mr. Blake is returning to Dallas. Agents Hardy, Dodd, and Anderson are left in the St. Paul Office with Agent in Charge Hanni to handle the regular work of that office. I advised him that a stenographer is leaving Chicago this evening for St. Paul. I again told Mr. Rorer that he is of course in complete charge of this investigation and that he may call on the St. Paul Office or any other office to fan out leads.

Mr. Rorer advised me that the memorandum being prepared relative to conditions in St. Paul and Minneapolis is being mailed to us tonight.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
Kidnaping - Extortion.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent B. M. Hirsh, dated February 27, 1934, and special attention is called to the investigation concerning the pillow in the above named report. The investigation at this office was conducted in compliance with the report of reference.

At Charles Bloom, Inc., 15 East 26th Street, New York City, Mr. Bloom stated upon examination of the pillow top that it appears to be a domestic product; that it was probably sold at least ten years ago. Its execution indicates that the braid and muslin top were gathered separately. It would be necessary, in order to determine the manufacturer of this pillow, to examine the pillow form, and an examination was so conducted. There appeared to be a printed word on the upper side of the pillow form, apparently reading "COKE", under which appeared to be the numbers 22 x 26, indicating that the size of the pillow form was 22" by 26". Upon measuring the pillow, it was found that the numbers coincided with the printed matter on the muslin, of which the pillow was made. Further examination of the pillow form disclosed that it was made of an unbleached muslin of a very cheap grade, and which is not customarily used by the manufacturers of pillows. The pillow top apparently indicates a design of foreign nature and appears to be that of a Pierrot and Pierrette, usually found in the designs of France and Italy. The pillow top is made of a cotton back goods, having a cheap plush rayon face, and is usually found in goods used for upholstery pillows, and decorative pillows used for davenports, couches and the like.

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At the Patent Division, located at the New York Public Library, examination of the trade names and trade marks contained therein was made, to ascertain if the word COKE or any variation of same was registered. This check of the records was made from 1915 to date and nothing bearing upon this identification could be made. Examination of Thomas' Directory was also made, to determine if any firms doing business under the above stated name were listed. The records revealed no like or similar name.

At the John Wanamaker stores, Broadway at 9th Street, New York City, buyers of the Upholstery, Curtain, Drapery, Bedspread and Pillow Departments were interviewed to determine whether they had ever handled such an article, and whether they were familiar with its manufacture or distribution. No information of any value could be ascertain from those interviewed which would directly point to the identity of same, and the possibility that it ever had been handled by this shop. Miss Tyson, in charge of the Drapery Department, advised that the pillow and pillow form might be of home made origin; that it apparently showed a great deal of wear, and to the best of her knowledge would be at least ten or fifteen years old. She also stated that she had never seen this particular type of pillow on display in any other department stores.

At the Silk Association of America, Inc., 468 Fourth Avenue, New York City, Miss Bunt, Secretary of the Association, stated that the pillow form and pillow top are of unusual design, and that in all her experience she had never come in contact with this particular type of pillow. Examination of the records of textile design indicated that no such pattern had ever been registered with this Association. She also stated that registration of designs was usually confined to silks used in the manufacture of ladies' dresses, and that this custom had been instituted approximately four years ago. Prior to that time no concerted effort was made to register pattern designs. Examination of the pillow top was made by Mr. McCready, expert of the Velvet and Plush Department, of the Silk Association of America, who stated that the pillow top was either of foreign manufacture or made in a home; that it was customary for women years ago to purchase patterns on this particular type of cotton cloth having a plush facing, upon which they would dye certain colors and by means of a special needle containing a dissolving solution outline their particular pattern which they desired to be obtained.

Mr. Abe Blumenthal, of Sidney Blumenthal & Company, 1 Park Avenue, stated that his particular firm was engaged in the manufacture of all types of curtains, draperies, bedspreads, pillows, and various types of cloths used in practically every type of manufacture, and

and that to his knowledge his firm had never handled this particular type of plush velvet. Experts in the employ of the above named company were interviewed to determine whether they had ever come in contact with this particular type pillow top, and they could come to no definite conclusion in determining whether the particular case in question was made by a domestic firm or whether it was of foreign manufacture.

Mr. Pillsbury, superintendent of the P. R. Mitchell, Inc., located at 548 West 23rd Street, manufacturers of pillow forms, stated that the particular pillow form submitted to him for examination was not manufactured by a New York pillow manufacturer, and came to this conclusion after examining the contents of the pillow, which is comprised of a kapok filling mixed with cotton scraps. All pillows manufactured in the state of New York must be submitted for approval to the Department of Bedding, a branch of the Department of Labor of the state of New York, and before such pillows are approved must bear a tag stating that the contents of the pillow are either kapok, down or cotton, and percentages of these ingredients must be stated on the tags attached to the pillow forms sold by the retailers. This law has been in effect for the last fifteen years, and in view of the type of filler and muslin used, it is the belief of Mr. Pillsbury that this particular type of pillow was manufactured in a state having no strict regulations concerning the manufacture of bedding. He suggested that the Better Bedding Alliance of America, located at 608 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, be interviewed to determine the identification of the word "COKE" on the pillow form. He stated that this particular publication has on file a list of all trade names not registered at the Patent Office. It also has a list of all firms submitting advertisements to the publication and engaged in the manufacture of pillow forms.

At the Labor Department, New York City, Department of Bedding, L. A. Havens, Director, examined the pillow, pillow top and contents, stating that this apparently was a foreign product, either brought into this country or manufactured by someone at home. It is the duty of this particular department to examine all bedding produced in the state of New York for approval and distribution throughout the state. This particular design of pillow top is not familiar to Mr. Havens, and it is not customary for pillow manufacturers to sew the pillow form in the particular manner in which this pillow form was executed. An examination of the kapok contents of the pillow was made in the laboratory of this department, and the result showed it to contain 50% cotton and 50% kapok, of an inferior grade, which has never been used by manufacturers in this state and is of a secondary class, usually gathered from second hand

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Letter to Director.

pillows. The particular type of cotton apparently seems to be of foreign growth, and is the type grown in Egypt. This, however, could not be determined, because the available tests could not be run at this time. Mr. Havens also advised that this pillow form may have been manufactured, assuming that it was of domestic make, in Chicago, where the requirements are not as strict as those in this state, and he suggested that the following manufacturers be interviewed:

The Economy Pillow Company
Ettinger Manufacturing Company
Rose Lace Manufacturing Company
Edson Novelty Company.

The pillow and pillow top are being forwarded to the Chicago office by registered mail, under separate cover, for proper investigation.

Very truly yours,

D. X. Fay

F. X. FAY
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-St. Paul
Chicago
Washington Field.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

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REPORT MADE AT: San Antonio, Texas.	DATE WHEN MADE: March 1, 1934	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2- 3, 16, 21, 23, 24 26, 27 -34	REPORT MADE BY: J. V. Murphy
TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. Nora Mauher, 1717 Chenevert Street, Houston, sister-in-law of Paula Harmon, nee Brannan, furnished information relative to Paula Harmon and her associates, and her photographs. Investigation developed Paula Harmon, as Polly Walker, nee Brannan, arrested Houston Police Department their No. 4038, March 5, 1933. Photograph and fingerprints obtained from Houston Police. Houston Police records show Paula Harmon arrested 2-26-26 at Rock Island, Illinois, as Mrs. C. P. Harmon, P. D. #1303.

REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agents C. B. Winstead, Dallas, Texas, 1-31-34, and H. T. Arterberry, Dallas, Texas, 2-16-34, and telegram of SAC Hanni, St. Paul, Minnesota, 2-19-34.

DETAILS:

Mrs. Marvin T. Treadwell, 1708 Chartress Street, Houston, Texas, sister-in-law of Paula Harmon, was interviewed and stated that she had little or nothing to do with Paula Harmon, wife of her brother, C. P. Harmon; that her sister, Mrs. Nora Mauher, 1717 Chenevert Street, could furnish more information than any of the relatives of her brother, C. P. Harmon relative to Paula Harmon. Mrs. Treadwell stated that she had nothing to do with Paula Harmon, and therefore, would not have any information of value concerning her; that possibly her sister, Mrs. J. A. Bryan, of 1708 Travis Street, Houston, Texas, might be able to supply some information regarding Paula Harmon.

Mrs. Phillip (Nora) Mauher, Apartment #2, 1717 Chenevert Street, Houston, was interviewed. She stated that she does not know the present whereabouts of Paula Harmon; that she has had no contact with her in some time. Mrs. Mauher

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stated that in her opinion none of her sisters would have any information concerning Paula or her whereabouts; that she assisted Paula and her husband, Curtis Preston Harmon, prior to his death in the fall of 1931, in keeping him hid from the authorities, but since his death she has nothing to conceal and will assist in every way in locating Paula, his wife, as she is of the opinion that much of her brother's (C. P. Harmon) troubles were due to influences of Paula Harmon, his wife. She stated that in 1931 she and her family were residing in Kansas City, Missouri, and her brother, C. P. Harmon, was serving a term in Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary; that during the time Curtis Preston Harmon, her brother, was in Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary his wife, Paula Harmon, was staying with some people in St. Paul, Minnesota, who operated a road house and where various criminals frequented. She does not know the name or location of the road house.

With reference to telephone numbers in memorandum book of personal effects of Paula Harmon, as set forth on Page #4, of reference report of Special Agent Winstead, Dallas Office, 1-31-34, Mrs. Mauher stated that Paula during her visits at her home mentioned the name of "Lydia Johnson, Kan-2082," and she must be a friend of her's; that "Callie, Douglas 0869" is a negro maid of Paula's and wherever Paula may be in Chicago she will have this negro maid "Callie" working for her; that she recalls Paula mentioning a friend of her's in Chicago by the name of Madline, and she, Mrs. Mauher, is of the opinion that Madline is the wife of one Jack Snider, a Greek or Italian. Also Paula mentioned the name of her good friend Sue Gordon, Buck 1460, which, in opinion of Mrs. Mauher, is a resident and personal friend of Paula's in Chicago. Mrs. Mauher stated that if Paula is in Chicago she will be found in the company of her personal friend Madline Snider. She also stated that at one time Paula had an apartment on Diversey Parkway, exact number unknown, in Chicago, and she sold her furnishings to her friend Madline; that when she had the place she had the negro maid, "Callie" working for her.

Mrs. Mauher furnished Agent with two snapshots of Paula Harmon, nee Branhan, one of which was taken prior to the time she had an automobile accident in January, 1932, and the other since January, 1932; that as result of the accident, Paula received a broken nose, which left a scar across the base of the bridge of her nose, and slightly dislocated her cheekbones. Mrs. Mauher stated she has no other information regarding Paula Harmon.

The above information was furnished SAC Jones by telephone, for transmittal to interested offices.

Mrs. Joseph A. Bryan, Apartment 35, 1708 Travis Street, Houston, was interviewed and she stated that she has no information regarding present whereabouts of Paula Harmon; that she last saw her in 1931 or 1932, when Paula came to see

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her regarding the insurance carried by Curtis Preston Harmon; that her brother, Curtis Preston Harmon, had made her, Mrs. Bryan, the beneficiary of his insurance policy, and after his marriage to Paula Harmon, he then had same changed, making Mrs. Paula Harmon the beneficiary; that after her brother, C. P. Harmon, was killed, Paula Harmon called upon her to find out if Curtis Preston Harmon had made change in the beneficiary of his insurance policy. Mrs. Bryan stated that she informed Paula Harmon that her brother, Curtis Preston Harmon, had changed the beneficiary of his insurance policy to his wife, Mrs. Paula Harmon, and if he had not, she Mrs. Bryan, certainly would have collected same upon his death, and Mrs. Paula Harmon would never have received one cent of it. Mrs. Bryan stated she had no regard for Paula Harmon, and had nothing to do with her, and could not furnish any information regarding present whereabouts of her.

An effort was made to locate Charles M. and Mrs. Francis Face, a former salesman and wife, in Houston, Texas, who were friends of Mrs. Paula Harmon, without success. Upon interviewing Mrs. Mauher again she stated that she sewed for Mrs. Charles Face, but Mrs. Face had often inquired of her if she knew where Paula was located. She is of the opinion that Mrs. Face can furnish no information regarding Paula's whereabouts, and if Agent would interview her, Mrs. Face would not divulge Paula's location, if she knew.

Mrs. Mauher stated that when her brother, Curtis Preston Harmon, was in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, Paula Harmon resided at 4017 Pine Grove, Chicago, Illinois, under the name of Marie Merritt. Also she lived in an apartment one block off Sheridan Drive, street address unknown, and Paula later sold her apartment furnishings to her girl friend named "Louise." Mrs. Mauher further stated that about June, 1933, Paula Harmon was at the Baltimore Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, and she sent some money to Theodore Riley, at Beaumont, Texas, her boy friend.

A check of identification records of the Houston Police Department was made regarding Paula Harmon and her various aliases, but no record could be found of her.

The above information was furnished to SAC Jones, San Antonio Office, by telephone for taking up for transmittal to interested offices.

An effort was made to ascertain location of Carl C. Curry, friend of Paula Harmon, through the Postoffice Department, but they have no record of such person. 1930-31 City Directory of Houston lists Carl C. (Rose F) Curry, automobile salesman, 1411 Dumble Street, but interview at this location discloses he is not residing there and his present location is not known. The Postoffice Department state they have no forwarding address on Carl C. Curry, as records are not kept on forwarding address but two years. Check of Police records, Houston Police

Department, disclosed no record of Carl C. Curry.

On February 21, 1934, Mr. Don Dever, Kansas State Highway Officer, at Houston, Texas, informed Agent that Fred Barker has a sweetheart at Miami, Oklahoma, by the name of Joan Armour (sometimes pronounced "Amur"); that she is corresponding regularly with Barker. Mr. Dever also stated that Mrs. Chasteen, who resided in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, and is the mother of Bob Chasteen, now serving State sentence in Oklahoma State Penitentiary, is now unfriendly to Fred Barker, former associate of her son, Bob Chasteen, and she may be able to furnish information regarding Fred Barker, which may lead to his whereabouts. Mr. Dever also stated there is a tourist camp located just off the highway at the South approach of the Sand Springs, Oklahoma, bridge over the Arkansas River, which is operated by a man named Smith, alias "Humpy," alias "Goggle Eye," who is friendly to all criminals, and many criminals have stopped at his tourist camp. This information was also furnished the San Antonio Office by telephone for transmittal.

This Agent, assisted by Special Agent E. H. Parker, after checking various taxi cab companies, located Theodore Riley at Ford Taxi Company, 2409 Avenue "E" Galveston, Texas, who stated that he is now residing at 2419 Avenue "F" Galveston. He stated that he knew Paula Harmon, nee Brannan, in Beaumont, Texas where he lived with her for a period of time. He stated he has not seen her since she left Beaumont, Texas, in April or May, 1933, for Chicago, Illinois, when he took her to the airport field for departure; that after she left she returned in about ten days or two weeks, and in a few days again left, stating she was going to Chicago, Illinois, and he was unaware of her whereabouts as he has not heard from her or seen her since. Riley stated that after Paula left the second time, she called him by long distance telephone from Kansas City, Missouri, and then sent him \$40.00 by mail; that at time she called him she did not state where she was stopping in Kansas City. Riley stated he does not know where Paula Harmon may be located in either Chicago, St. Paul, or Kansas City, and does not know any of her friends in those cities. Photograph of Paula Harmon which was obtained from Mrs. Nora Mauher in Houston, was exhibited to Theodore Riley, and he readily identified same as that of Paula Harmon, nee Paula Brannan. Theodore Riley further stated that Paula was never much of a letter writer, and that she wrote to him only once a week. Riley stated he has not seen Paula Harmon for a period of 30 days, and that he has not seen her for a period of 30 days, and that he has not seen her for a period of 30 days.

Mr. Joe Passarelli, Proprietor of Buccaneer Garage, 2224 Avenue "Q", Galveston, Texas, was interviewed and stated he formerly resided in Beaumont, Texas, but does not recall anyone by the name of Paula Brannan. Photographs of Paula Harmon, nee Brannan, were exhibited to Mr. Passarelli, and he again stated he does not recall such a person.

Mr. Ollie Quinn was located and interviewed at the De Luxe Club, 421-1/2 21st Street, Galveston, Texas, which club he operates. He stated that he does not know such a person as Paula Brannan or Paula Harmon, and there is no one by that name living with him. Photographs of Paula Harmon, nee Brannan, were exhibited to Ollie Quinn, and he again stated he does not know any such person. He stated that about seven or eight years ago he kept company with a girl from Beaumont by the name of "Polly" but he does not know where she is now, and that City Detective Moore, Galveston Police Department, had made inquiry of him regarding the same matter several days ago.

Chief of Detectives Dave Henry, Galveston Police Department, was interviewed and stated that they received inquiry from Chief of Police Kennady, Beaumont, regarding Paula Brannan, but they were unable to obtain any information concerning her or anyone or information of her present whereabouts.

Agent was informed by SAC Jones, San Antonio Office, by telephone on February 23, that Paula Harmon, nee Paula Brannan had a bank account in Houston, Texas, and to check local banks for information regarding same. Check was made of all banks in Houston, Texas, to ascertain if Paula Harmon, nee Paula Brannan, had a checking, savings account or safe deposit box.

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Mrs. Nora Mauher, 1717 Chenevert Street, Apartment #2, Houston, was again interviewed and stated that Paula Harmon, nee Paula Brannan, never resided at 2201 North Boulevard, Houston, in 1932 or 1933; that this address is that of Mrs. Larson, sister of Mrs. Mauher, and if Paula Brannan gave that address as her address it was unknown to Mrs. Larson, as Paula has never visited at any time at home of Mrs. Larson.

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After considerable checking of identification records of Houston Police Department with Special Agent E. H. Parker and Mr. Henry Keller, Superintendent Identification Bureau, Houston Police Department, there was found in records of this Police Department record of arrest of one "Polly Walker, nee Brannan" on 5-5-33, charge loitering, Houston Police Department #4038. From the description of "Polly Walker" and place of her nativity, it was believed that she was the same as Paula Harmon, nee Paula Brannan. Photograph of Polly Walker was exhibited to Mrs. Nora Mauher, sister-in-law of Paula Harmon, 1917 Chenevert Street, Apartment #2, Houston, who positively identified same as that of Paula Brannan. Photographs and copies of fingerprints of Polly Walker, Houston P.D. #4038, were obtained and forwarded to the San Antonio Office on February 27th for transmittal to the office of origin.

In checking records of the Identification Bureau, Houston Police Department, it was noted on record of Curtis Preston Harmon, Houston P.D. #2648, that he was killed about 10-22-1931 at Meonminee, Wisconsin, in the Kraft State Bank Robbery of October 20, 1931; also this record states that Mrs. C. P. Harmon, Rock Island, Illinois, P. D. #1303, was arrested with C. P. Harmon, their #1305, James Ira Harmon, their #1306, and Leota Graham, their #1304, on charge of robbery of Underwood, Iowa, Postoffice; that they were returned to Council Bluffs, Iowa, 2-26-26, and held for Federal Grand Jury, and the women released.

Mr. Henry Keller stated that according to notation he made on criminal records of C. P. Harmon, Houston P. D. #2648, Mrs. C. P. Harmon on 9-9-32 came to the Identification Bureau of the Houston Police Department to secure copy of the fingerprints of Curtis Preston "Charlie" Harmon for purpose of establishing the identification and death of her husband, C. P. Harmon, who was killed about 10-22-31, but his identity was not established; that her purpose in securing these fingerprints was to establish the death of her husband and to collect his War Risk Insurance, which he carried while he was in the United States Navy. Mr. Keller stated he did not take Mrs. Paula Harmon's fingerprints and does not have copy of same, but did make impression, at her request, of four of her fingerprints on a form she had for the purpose of establishing claim for her deceased husband's War Risk Insurance, which she evidently sent to the Government at Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Nora Mauher, upon being further interviewed, stated she was separated from her husband, Phillip Mauher, for a number of years, and that she communicated with him several times each month; that she is of the opinion that if he knew of the whereabouts of Paula he would certainly have informed her.

The above information was transmitted to the San Antonio Office by telephone for the purpose of requesting auxiliary offices to expediate leads and check information obtained.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

Dallas Office: At Beaumont, Texas - as per telephonic advice from San Antonio Office check records of telephone #6855 for any long distance calls during period the phone was held by Paula Harmon.

Oklahoma City Office: Data relative to Tourist Camp, Sand Springs road furnished for whatever use it may be in checking movements of persons mentioned in this or any other case.

San Antonio Office: Will prepare composite picture of all photos, the fingerprints, and signature of Paula Harmon, and furnish Washington, and each Bureau Office with copies.

PENDING.

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March 14, 1934

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

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, deceased
Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases -
Fugitive, I.O. #1201
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Page 4 of the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, dated at San Antonio, Texas, March 1, 1934, in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim, Kidnaping, wherein it is noted that one Theodore Riley stated upon being interviewed that Paula Harmon left Beaumont, Texas in April or May, 1933 for Chicago, Illinois, and that she later returned to Beaumont, Texas, and after a stay of a few days again departed for Chicago, Illinois; that shortly after the second departure from Beaumont, Texas, Paula Harmon called him by long distance telephone from Kansas City, Missouri, and later sent him \$40 by mail.

From present indications, it appears that Paula Harmon is now associating with members of the so-called Barker-Karpis Gang; that during June, 1933 she was residing with members of this gang at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, that a long distance call was traced from Kansas City, Missouri to the Hollyhocks Inn at St. Paul, Minnesota on the night before the massacre at Kansas City, and that possibly a member or members of the Barker-Karpis Gang made a hurried trip either by air or automobile to Kansas City, Missouri and participated in the massacre.

In order to establish the whereabouts of Paula Harmon, it is suggested that long distance telephone calls be checked for the purpose of locating the long distance call referred to above.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

cc San Antonio
St. Paul



- MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE R. G. HARVEY -

York, Pa., March 2, 1934.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to letter from the St. Paul Office dated February 17, 1934, and letter from the New York Office, dated February 21, 1934.

The photostatic copy of the wall paper design, according to Victim Bremer's conception of the wall paper in the room of his confinement during his abduction, was on this date exhibited to J. Eisenhart, Works Manager, R. Euler, and William Burton, designer, of the United Wall Paper Co., Inc., Carlisle and Linden Avenues, York, Pa.

Mr. Burton finally recalled a pattern which he designed a few years ago for the Sears Roebuck and Company, Chicago, Illinois. This pattern is Sidewall Style #515 of the 1931 line of Sears Roebuck and Company. The only sample on hand was torn from 1931 catalogue of Sears, Roebuck and Company, and furnished to this agent. It is approximately 24 inches in length and 20 inches in width, although the bottom tree has been cut out, leaving a hole of two by five inches in the specimen.

With regard to the design, there are four trees to each complete design in a diamond effect and not on horizontal plane, as understood from the victim's conception. It may be stated that on the specimen obtained there are only three trees, counting the one which has been cut out for some purpose in the past by the wall paper company. There appears to be a cluster of flowers, seemingly attached to a small branch between each two trees, in accordance with the victim's conception. These flowers, which are also on the trees, are of different colors, including yellow, pinkish red, and blue, and are similar in shape and of three to five petal effect.

With regard to the fence it may be stated that there is a fence effect at the base of each tree; the fence at the upper left hand portion consisting of ten parts, including horizontal and vertical parts; the fence at the upper right hand portion consisting of nine parts, and the fence in the middle lower part consisting of eleven parts. As previously stated, the tree and fence at the top of the diamond design are not contained on the specimen.

In addition to the above, the background or foundation of the design appears to be similar to that shown in the photostat.

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None of the above mentioned officials of the United Wall Paper Company could recall any other patterns similar to the photostatic copy but stated that the original design as well as a complete specimen could be obtained from Mr. H. A. Hauptli, manager, Searls, Roebuck and Company, 1017 South Homan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. It was further learned that this design was especially drawn for Sears, Roebuck and Company and that company was the only one which manufactured or sold the same. It is believed that if this be so, and the particular pattern is identified by the victim, practically all of the sales can be traced. The particular pattern is stated to be of a cheap variety, possibly 5¢ to 9¢.

W. L. LISTERMAN,
Special Agent.

735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

March 2, 1934

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir

Pursuant to information furnished by the St. Paul and New York Offices, a further interview was had by Special Agent J. E. Listerman with William Burton, one of the expert designers of the United Wall Paper Factories, Inc., York, Pa., who, after viewing the photographic copy of the design furnished, recalled that he designed a similar pattern for Sears Roebuck & Co., mail order house, Chicago, Ill., same being pattern 618 of the year 1931 line. According to Mr. Burton, this was the only year that this particular pattern was manufactured for Sears Roebuck & Co., and they are the only concern which sold this pattern. Mr. Burton advised that this pattern resembles almost identically the rough sketch drawing furnished by the St. Paul Office. The only sample in possession of the United Wall Paper Factories, Inc., at the present time, is 18" square. This sample was forwarded to the Philadelphia Office by Agent Listerman and is being transmitted to the St. Paul Office in order that it may be exhibited to the victim. In the event this paper is identified, the Chicago Office should be requested to make appropriate investigation.

It will be observed that the rough sketch prepared as a result of information furnished by the victim shows four sections of fence, there being eleven posts in the upper left corner. It will be observed that the attached design shows ten posts in the upper left corner. It will also be observed that the victim's design contains nine posts in the upper and lower right sides, and that the attached design contains nine posts in the upper right side. The attached design is quite identical, in that it shows the branch of a tree with a sort of flower effect. It will be noted that other flowers are scattered throughout the design, in conformity with victim's description. The flowers are orange, blue, and greenish in color.

Mr. Burton suggested that H. A. Hautli, manager, Sears Roebuck & Co., 1017 South Wacker Avenue, Chicago, Ill., be interviewed. In view of the fact that

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Sears Roebuck & Co. keep invoices on sales, it was Mr. Burton's opinion that we might be able to locate records of the sale of this particular pattern. He informed that it is a cheap paper, costing between 8¢ and 9¢ a roll.

It is suggested that, in the event the attached design is identified by the victim, the St. Paul Office request the Chicago Office to conduct appropriate investigation.

Very truly yours

R. G. Harvey
Special Agent in Charge

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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; et al --- UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation at Crystal Lake, Marengo and Cary, Illinois and Burlington, Wisconsin made in effort to locate the hideout in which Victim BREMER was held, unsuccessful.			
REFERENCE: Telegram from Saint Paul Office to Chicago Office, dated Febr. 22, 1934; letter from the Saint Paul Office to the Chicago Office, dated February 21, 1934.			
DETAILS: At Chicago, Illinois The following investigations were conducted by the Agents hereinafter mentioned, at Crystal Lake, Marengo and Cary, Illinois and at Burlington, Wisconsin, in keeping with the reference telegram and letter, in the hope of locating the point at which BREMER was held by his abductors. The results of the investigations are being set out in memorandum form for the purpose of conserving time and expediting the reporting of same: The following investigation was conducted at Marengo, Illinois by Special Agent R. A. Knittle:			
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At Marengo, Illinois

"On February 23, 1934, Agent proceeded to Marengo, Illinois, by Division car, and interviewed Father D. P. Drennan, Pastor of the Sacred Heart Church, 323 North Taylor Street, who had made a reply to the circular letter sent to the Catholic Churches by the Saint Paul Division Office in regard to the ringing of church bells.

Father Drennan advised that on each Saturday afternoon, at approximately 6:00 o'clock, a bell was rung by the Lutheran Church, which bell also rang each Sunday morning.

On Sunday mornings another bell, that of the Methodist Church, was also rung. In regard to a factory whistle, Father Drennan advised that there were none in Marengo, nor in the vicinity, which could be heard in that city. He also advised that a fire siren is blown each weekday evening at 6:00 o'clock, except Sunday, and that it did not sound at any other time. He advised that on Sunday, December 31, 1933, this siren was blown at about 5:00 or 6:00 A.M., when it sounded one long blast.

In regard to the sounds heard by Victim, indicating a highway, it is noted that U. S. Highway #20 passes through the heart of Marengo, and that the course of cars or trucks being driven thereon might be stopped by one traffic light situated on the intersection of the two main streets of Marengo.

In an interview with the Station Master of the Chicago, Northwestern Railway, the only railroad passage through Marengo, it was learned that the following trains pass through that town:

Passenger trains: West bound -- 11:28 A.M.
East bound -- 5:40 P.M.

Freight trains: East bound -- 10:00 P.M.
West bound -- 2:00 A.M.

Also a local freight: East bound 9:30 A.M.,
West bound 2:00 P.M.

Note: This local freight runs in one direction one day and returns the next.

Postmaster Metcalfe was interviewed and substantiated the above details in regard to the ringing of bells, blowing of whistles and sirens, as related by Father Drennan."

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At Crystal Lake, Illinois

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. C. Jamison, on February 27, 1934.

"At 5:45 A.M., the undersigned arrived at Crystal Lake, Illinois. The business section of this town is about two miles from State Highway No. 14, which passes through its outskirts. The main line of the Northwestern Railway passes through the business section of the town. There are a number of side tracks paralleling the main track, but only a few empty freight cars were standing on the tracks.

Agent observed five churches in Crystal Lake, four of which are located close to the business section. The fifth is located adjacent to Route No. 14 on the outskirts of the town.

A check was made in all parts of the town for factory and business establishments, but the only ones observed were a rather large greenhouse, a quarry or gravel bed, a lumber and coal yard, and one or two other smaller establishments. None of these was sufficiently large to indicate that there would be any large degree of switching of freight cars and trains about on the railroad tracks.

A check was also made to determine whether or not there was a sufficiently large volume of truck traffic through the town or any steep grades or stop signs at main intersections, which would require the shifting of gears. There was found to be a large volume of traffic on Highway No. 14, but there were no stop signs or grades which would require the traffic to slow down or stop in the vicinity of the town. There was very little truck traffic through the town.

The only sounds observed by Agent were from a factory whistle which blew at 7:00 A.M. No siren was blown at this time or at any time from 5:45 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. Discreet inquiry about the town did not produce any information which would show that a factory whistle and a siren sounded at approximately the same time or that any siren was blown in the town.

It was also observed that the locations of the churches were such that if church bells were heard at all, bells of at least four would also be heard.

Agent observed two engines coaling at a coal station located on the Northwestern main line, but there were no indications of any switching being done. The exhaust from the engines was barely

heard through the closed windows of the automobile at a distance of only four or five blocks from the railroad yards, and it does not seem possible that the noise could be heard at a distance of half a mile through closed windows.

It was the conclusion of this Agent, from the inspection of the town and the information obtained, that it did not answer the requirements as set forth in the letter from the Saint Paul Office, dated February 21, 1934."

At Burlington, Wisconsin

The following investigation was conducted at Burlington, Wisconsin by Special Agent S. K. McKee on February 24, 25, 1934:

"Observations were made by this Agent at Burlington, Wis., on February 24 and 25, 1934. On the first day, observations were made for factory whistles, church bells and sirens from 5:45 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. and on the following day from 5:45 A.M. until 11:30 A.M., and the following was noted:

February 24, 1934: 7:00 A.M., a flute-like whistle;
12:00 Noon, a whistle;
1:00 P.M., a whistle;
6:00 P.M., church bells.

February 25, 1934: 8:40 A.M., church bells;
10:00 A.M., church bells.

Burlington, Wisconsin is a town of some 4,100 population. It is served by four State highways; namely, Routes Nos. 120, 43, 83 and 56. It is also served by the Chicago, Milwaukee, Saint Paul and Pacific Railroad and the Soo Line Railroad. Located within a mile of the town are Browns Lake, Odens Lake and Echo Lake, all of which are in close proximity to both of the above named railroads and to Highway No. 120.

It was ascertained that there are three factories in this town which have whistles. The Burlington Mills, Inc., which is located within the town limits, has a whistle which blows from Monday to Friday, inclusive, at 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., the whistle not blowing at all on either Saturday or Sunday.

The factory of Nestles Milk Products, Inc., operates a whistle which blows at 7:00 A.M., 12:00 Noon, 1:00 P.M., and 3:00 P.M., from Monday to Friday, inclusive, and at 7:00 A.M., 12:00 Noon, and 1:00 P.M. on Saturdays. This whistle does not blow at all on Sunday.

The Burlington Brass Works also has a whistle. The whistle is located on the inside of the above plant and the writer was informed that same could not be heard for more than one city block from the factory premises.

There are located in Burlington, two churches which have bells; namely, Saint Mary's Catholic Church and Saint John's Lutheran Church.

Mr. H. A. Hathorn of the Burlington Fire Department was contacted and he stated that the Fire Department has a siren which is blown at 6:00 P.M. on all days of the week, except Saturday and Sunday. Aside from the above, it was stated that this siren is used for fire alarm purposes and in this connection it was learned that the same was blown at the following times on Sunday Mornings during the period the Victim premer was held:

January 28; 10:00 A.M., in connection with the rural fire of Ben Seihoff and at 3:45 P.M., in connection with the rural fire of Earnest Voss.

The alarm sounded at these two fires was two blasts for each fire, which is the ordinary rural alarm.

February 4: 8:55 A.M., in connection with the fire of William Kazmaier, Box No. 15.

At the time of this fire, a six blast alarm was sounded twice.

In addition to the Milwaukee and Soo Line Railroads, which pass through the town of Burlington; it was ascertained that the Milwaukee Electric Power Company has an Electric car which has Burlington, Wisconsin as one of its terminal points. This electric car, at the time of entering the car sheds in the town, makes a sharp screeching noise, which can be heard for at least a mile. Both of the railroads

passing through Burlington, operate numerous trains, both freight and passenger, throughout the twenty-four hours of the day. Agent observed that a shifting locomotive was in use on the Soo Line from early on the morning of February 24, until approximately 8:00 P.M., and it was noticed that the movements of this locomotive could be heard very distinctly for a distance of at least a half mile.

It will be noted from the above, that Burlington, Wis. has factory whistles blowing at 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 A.M., and at 5:00 and 6:00 P.M., one of which also sounds at Noon and 1:00 P.M. Attention is invited, however, to the fact that the only siren located in this town does not sound at all in the morning, but only at 8:00 P.M.

It should also be stated that there are numerous points in the town of Burlington and on the outskirts where an automobile or truck would have to slow down or stop and that the changing of gears might be heard in this connection."

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. L. Madala:

At Cary, Illinois

"Investigation by this Agent was conducted at Cary, Ill. for the purpose of determining whether the sounds heard by Victim Bremer during the twenty-two days of his captivity, originated from this town; however, before reporting the outcome of the investigation at this point, it might be well to include certain information with regard to the location and vicinity of the town of Cary.

It will be noted Cary is situated on the Fox River, two miles northwest of Fox River Grove, Illinois, in which town Louis Cernocky owns and operates a roadhouse and dance hall. In this connection, it was established, during the investigation of the Kansas City Massacre, that "Big Louie", as Louis Cernocky is known by his friends, has been, for a long time, harboring and hiding out fugitives from justice, including such men as Verne Miller, Frank Nash, Three-fingered Jack White and Fur Sammons. It was also established that during the summer of 1932, "Doc" and Fred Barker, together with ALVIN KARPIS, the principal suspects in this case, were frequent visitors at Louie's place.

Cary is a town of about 750 population, located approximately forty miles northwest of Chicago on U. S. Highway No. 12 and

on the Chicago Northwestern Railroad. From an examination of a Wisconsin Road Map, it was noted that this town is approximately three hundred and fifty miles, or a good ten or eleven hours drive to Rochester, Minnesota, the town in which BREMER was released; also, Cary is about one hundred miles from Madison, Wisconsin. In this connection, reference is made to the report of Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, February 14, 1934, which reflects Victim's statement, in which statement the Victim advised that the kidnapers passed through a town having street cars, at a point about two hours drive before they reached the unknown hideout. Madison, Wisconsin, it was learned, has a street railway system. It is also interesting to note that Portage, Wisconsin, in which town two five gallon metal cans were found, which contained 'Doc' Barker's latent fingerprints, is on a direct route to Rochester, Minnesota from Cary, Illinois and is approximately half of the distance between the two cities. In view of the foregoing, and the further fact that Cary has a siren, an airport, railroads, highway and church bells, a thorough investigation was made at this point.

Agent arrived at Cary, Illinois at 5:45 A.M., February 24, 1934 and remained until 8:30 A.M., during which time no siren or factory whistles were heard. In this connection, Agent interviewed Mr. Edward A. Meyers, a personal friend of the writer, and a man who can be trusted. Mr. Meyers, incidentally, is a trustee of the town as well as Cashier of the First State Bank of Cary. He advised that Cary possesses a siren, which is located on the top of the Village Hall and that this siren is blown every day with the exception of Sunday, at 12:00 Noon; that there are no factories in Cary and consequently, no whistles are blown at any time during the day. He further stated there are three churches in the town; namely, the Catholic, German Lutheran and Evangelical Churches, and that each has an early service on Sunday mornings; that although he has never paid any particular attention to the time of the ringing of the bells of these churches, he is almost positive that one or two bells ring every Sunday morning between 6:00 and 7:00 A.M.; that to his recollection, he cannot say he ever heard any bells ringing on Saturday afternoon between the hours of 4:00 and 6:00 P.M.; that the only church that would be apt to have a service on Saturday afternoon, would be the Catholic Church and to his knowledge, this church does not have a bell.

With regard to airplanes flying over the town, Mr. Meyers advised there is an airport located about a half mile from Cary proper but that no planes have been landing or starting from this field since September of 1933; that he does not recall any planes flying over the

town, except the regular mail plane, which flies over the town every day at approximately 5:00 P.M. He could furnish no definite information with respect to seeing or hearing more airplanes on Sundays than any other day of the week.

From Agent's personal knowledge, it was remembered that during the summer of 1933, a licensed pilot, whose name is unknown to Agent, took up passengers every Sunday afternoon on short rides. It appeared to Agent that this plane took off and landed in a field just beyond Cary. Relative to this matter, Agent learned from Mr. Meyers, that the landing place was at the aforementioned airport. Agent also learned from Mr. Meyers, that the pilot referred to above, is now living in Cary, Illinois, where he owns and operates an electrical store; that this pilot's name is Ronald Stewart.

Mr. Stewart was located at his store operated under the trade name "The Suburban Electrical Company", and he advised that he is a licensed pilot and that he owns his own plane; that he did considerable commercial flying during the summer of 1933 and it is true he took up passengers in his plane every Sunday afternoon for a nominal fee. He advised, however, that he made his last flight on September 24, 1933. He further stated that the airport in Cary, Illinois is owned by John Hertz, former President of the Yellow Cab Company, and that he (Stewart), is manager thereof; that to his recollection, there are no pilots in the vicinity of Cary, who take up passengers at any time during the winter season. He also stated that the only planes which fly over the town are the regular mail planes, which make their appearance daily at about 5:00 P.M.

With respect to Sunday flying, Stewart advised he can recall of only one Sunday when he heard more than one plane in the air; that this was on January 27, 1934, when the National Ski Meet was held in Cary on this date. He stated then there were four or five planes made their appearance in Cary and flew over the town part of the time during the progress of the meet. However, all of these planes departed from Cary immediately after the activities of the day were finished.

Mr. Stewart stated there are two or three commercial pilots in Waukegan and Elgin, Illinois, and that they occasionally fly over Cary. He could give no definite information with respect to the days trips were made by these pilots.

From Agent's personal observation, and bearing in mind that Victim Bremer claimed he often heard the changing of gears on

cars and trucks, indicating they were stopping or slowing down, it was noted there are no stop signs or breaks in the road, which might necessitate the stopping or slowing down of cars passing through the town. The main highway running through Cary, is free from all obstructions and anyone can easily drive through the town without stopping; however, the streets intersecting the main highway all bear "Slow-Danger" signs. It was observed that many cars come to a complete stop before turning on to the highway or crossing it.

With respect to the shifting of locomotives, which Victim Bremer claims he heard, it was noted there is a switch yard in the town proper, which is used in the morning for the purpose of making up trains before their usual run to Chicago. There are seven suburban trains leaving Cary every morning, except Sunday, and it was noted that three of these trains start their run at Cary. There are also many trains going through the town during the day and in the evening between the hours of 5:00 and 7:00 P.M. there are more trains than during the balance of the day.

From Cary, Illinois, Agent proceeded to Fox River Grove, Illinois, and there interviewed Mr. John Budda, Postmaster, who is a personal friend of this Agent. He advised that Fox River Grove has a siren, which is located on top of the fire house and this siren is sounded every Saturday at 12:00 Noon; also, of course, in the event of fire. He could not recall whether it was ever blown on Sunday within the past two months. He advised there are no churches in Fox River Grove, the nearest one being in Cary, Illinois, and it is practically impossible to hear the church bells from Cary unless there is a strong wind blowing from the direction of Cary.

With respect to factory whistles, Mr. Budda advised there are no factories in the town or its close vicinity and consequently no whistles can be heard there. The nearest factory is located at Barrington, Illinois, six miles from Fox River Grove, which factory blows a whistle every morning, with the exception of Sunday, at 7:00 A.M.; however, because of the distance between the two towns, this whistle is only faintly heard. He also advised there is no shifting of locomotives in the town and that all trains passing through Fox River Grove are mostly through trains and very few stop to take on or discharge passengers. It was noted, from personal observation, there are no stop signs or breaks in the road at Fox River Grove, which would necessitate the stopping or slowing down of automobiles while passing through the town; consequently, there is little shifting of cars or trucks.

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During the conversation with Mr. Budda, he advised that sometime ago, but within the past two months, three tough-looking boys, though well dressed, endeavored to rent a cottage on the Algonquin Road, at a point approximately a half mile from Fox River Grove. He stated this cottage is owned by Mr. Joe Ladvosky, who also owns and rents other cottages. Mr. Budda advised, as he remembers the incident, Ladvosky did not like the looks of these individuals and as a consequence, set the rent so high that the boys did not care to pay it. Mr. Ladvosky could not be located for interview, as he was in Chicago on that date, but in this connection, Agent interviewed Mr. Matt Weber, who is employed by Mr. Ladvosky as a handyman. Mr. Weber stated that about three weeks ago, three boys appeared at Mr. Ladvosky's home and advised that Mr. LeGrosse, a real estate dealer in the town of Fox River Grove, had referred them to him and that they were desirous of renting a cottage for a period of about three or four weeks. Mr. Weber advised he showed the three boys a cottage and he feels he would know the boys if he were to see them again. He stated all three appeared to be young looking, two of them about nineteen years of age and the other about twenty-five. Mr. Weber stated the oldest boy, who did most of the talking, advised him his friend, pointing to one of the other boys, had just gotten over a severe illness and that this boy's father wanted him to get into the country and rest up for a short time; that he and the other boy were very good friends of the "sick" boy and they were planning to live with him for company.

Mr. Weber further advised their story sounded "fishy" to him and this, coupled with the fact their actions appeared suspicious, he was not in favor of renting the cottage to them. He stated he talked the situation over with Ladvosky, the owner, and Mr. Ladvosky suggested that he quote them a rental of \$25.00 per month, hoping thereby to discourage them. Mr. Weber stated that the boys refused to pay this high rent and departed without any further comment.

Agent exhibited to Mr. Weber, the photographs of FRED AND 'DOC' BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, VOLNEY DAVIS, and HARRY CAMPBELL, and after carefully examining same, Mr. Weber partially identified the photographs of HARRY CAMPBELL and FRED BARKER as being likenesses of two of the men who had appeared at Mr. Ladvosky's home for the purpose of renting a cottage. Mr. Weber advised that the cottage these boys desired to rent was unfurnished and he could not understand why three young boys, as he referred to them, would want to rent an unfurnished cottage for such a short period of time. He stated these boys were total strangers to him and were driving a large sedan. He could furnish no information with regard to the make of this car, or the numbers of the license plates thereon.

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Mr. LeGrosse was interviewed at his office in Fox River Grove, Illinois, and he advised as he is the only real estate dealer in the town, he is very often called upon by persons making inquiries concerning the renting of cottages in the vicinity of the town. Mr. LeGrosse advised that about three or four weeks ago, three young-looking fellows came to his office and inquired as to whether they could rent a cottage for about three or four weeks; that these boys informed him one of their number had just recovered from a serious illness and it would be necessary for him to spend a few weeks resting in the country.

Mr. LeGrosse stated he followed the usual procedure and referred the boys to Mr. Joe Ladvosky and after directing the boys to Mr. Ladvosky's place, he paid no more attention to them.

Agent questioned Mr. LeGrosse very closely with respect to the exact date these men appeared at his office and he advised that although he has no record of the date, he is almost positive it was not more than one month ago. The photographs of the suspects in this case were exhibited to Mr. LeGrosse and after carefully examining the same, he stated in his opinion none of the men, who inquired about renting a cottage, resembled any of the photographs in question. He advised the men that appeared at his office were much younger and did not answer the descriptions of the suspects. He could furnish nothing definite with regard to the residence of these men and stated they were total strangers to him.

From Fox River Grove, Illinois, Agent proceeded to Algonquin, Illinois, which is about four miles West of Cary. At this place, an interview was had with Mr. Frank Dvorak, the Postmaster, who is also a personal friend of this Agent's. Mr. Dvorak advised that Algonquin has a siren and same is blown only at Noon on Saturdays, for the purpose of testing it out and, of course, is also blown in case of fire. Mr. Dvorak could not recall of the siren being blown on any Sunday during the past two months. With regard to factory whistles, Mr. Dvorak stated there is located in Algonquin, the American Iron Works Company, which has a whistle that is blown every morning, with the exception of Sunday, at 6:00 A.M., then again at 7:30 A.M., 12:00 Noon and 4:30 P.M. He further stated that the whistle sounds almost like a siren and in fact when heard at a distance, it is difficult to differentiate between the two sounds.

Mr. Dvorak advised there are three churches in Algonquin, all having bells, but the bells usually ring immediately before a service and he advised he is positive they ring on Sunday Mornings sometime between 6:00 and 7:00 A.M. He could not account, however, for

any bells ringing on Saturday afternoon, stating that to his knowledge there is no occasion which would warrant the ringing of such bells at that time. His wife, who is a regular attendant at church, stated that she is positive there are no bells that ring on Saturday afternoons.

With regard to the shifting of locomotives, Mr. Dvorak stated there are only two trains which pass through Algonquin daily; however, he stated oftentimes freight trains run along the side and make up at the American Iron Works Company, for the purpose of loading and unloading manufactured iron products. Mr. Dvorak advised there is considerable shifting of locomotives in Cary and that this shifting may be heard in Algonquin only on a quiet day, or when the wind is blowing in the direction from that town. He could furnish no information relative to airplanes flying over the town, advising that he has never paid any particular attention to them.

Mr. Dvorak advised that the only plane he saw or heard within the past two months, is the regular mail plane flying over Algonquin daily at 5:00 P.M.

From Agent's personal observation, there is only one stop sign at Algonquin, placed at the intersection of Routes Nos. 22 and 63. There is considerable traffic through the town over these two highways and it was noticed that all automobiles usually come to a complete stop before crossing the intersection, which necessitates the shifting of gears.

Similar investigations, as outlined in the reference letter, were conducted at Barrington, Palatine, Arlington Heights, and Des Plaines, Illinois, but nothing was discovered which would link these towns as possible hideouts. All of these towns have sirens, but they are never blown at 6:00 A.M., except in case of fire.

It is to be noted that the sounds heard from the various towns mentioned above in this report, are somewhat similar to those heard by Mr. Bremer, but it is also to be observed that in these towns several bells and whistles may be heard, which were not mentioned by Mr. Bremer.

This information is being set out in detail, in order that Mr. Bremer may again be questioned, it being the belief of this office that Mr. Bremer may be confused as to the number of bells, sirens or whistles, which he heard at various times during his confinement.

At Chicago, Illinois

Telegram from Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated February 28, 1934, at Saint Paul, Minnesota, was received regarding a possible hideout at Melrose Park, Brookfield and Morton Grove, Illinois. It is to be noted that investigation has gone forward at Melrose Park and Brookfield, Illinois, and the results of this investigation will be reported in the immediate future. Investigation will go forward at Morton Grove, Illinois, and also at Riverside, Illinois, the latter point being mentioned in a telephonic conversation between Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis and Inspector Rorer at Saint Paul, on March 1, 1934.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1216 Smith Young Tower,
San Antonio, Texas,
March 1, 1934.

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim,
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:-

This office has obtained at Houston and Galveston, Texas, several photographs of Paula Harmon alias Polly Walker, and other aliases heretofore mentioned in reports in this case, and has prepared in this office a composite photograph of all of these pictures, together with her fingerprints and signature.

In view of the fact that an intensive effort is being made to locate this woman copies of this composite photograph are being mailed to all Division offices, and I am attaching hereto three copies of this photograph for the Division's records.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones
Special Agent in Charge

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cc-All Division Offices

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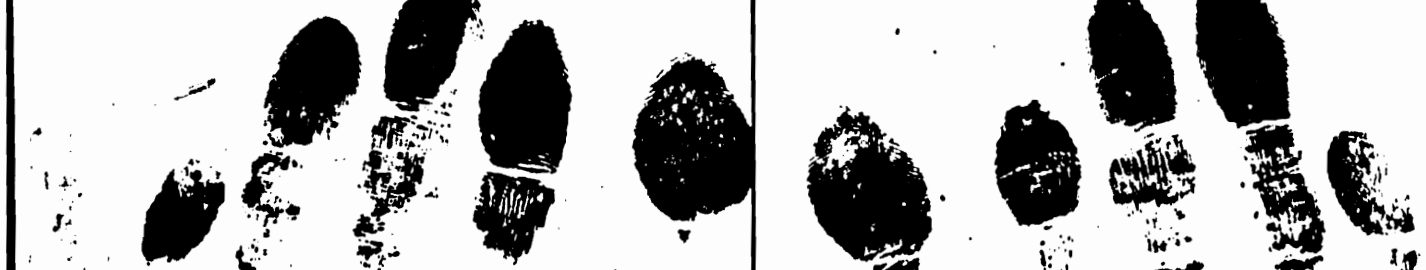
NAME **POLLY WALKER** No. **4038** Class **110 11**
 ALIAS **NEE BRANNAN** Ref. **110 16**



Hair **M.Lt.Ch. Eyes Ch.Gr. Height 5-0 1/2 Weight 110 Age 30-34**
 I. Cut cic upper arm ant.

Arr. 3-4-34, Spradley, Loitering, Case dismissed 3-14-34.
 M.O. Picked up at Milby Hotel, Night time, with # 039 (Emily Connors)

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Bureau of Identification—DEPT. OF POLICE—Houston, Texas

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 but it is
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 Paula Harmon*

Miss Paula Brannan

Miss Paula Brannan

PAULA HARMON alias
 Polly Walker nee Brannan.
 Age: 30 (1934)
 Ht: 5' 3" (1924)
 Wt: 99# (1924)
 Hair: Md.Lt. Ch. (1924)
 Eyes: Ch.Gr.
 Scars: I. Cut cic upper arm ant.
 Sc. base of nose & cheek bone
 dislocated. Jan 1932. (May
 have been corrected by plastic
 surgery)
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Laboratory Report

February 27, 1934.

Case: Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Number: 7-576
Kidnaping.

Specimens: 1 envelope and enclosures addressed to Mr. J. J. Woolverton,
South Bend, Ind., and dated 2-1-32.
1 envelope addressed to Mr. Howard A. Woolverton, South Bend,
Ind., dated 2-4-32, with enclosures.
Original list of serial numbers of bills paid in the Woolverton
case.

Examination requested by: Chicago Office.

Date received: February 15, 1934.

Examination requested: Handwriting and typewriting.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A.Appel.

February 15. These original extortion letters in the Woolverton Case have been compared with other cases. The letter "Give your nephew \$8000.00" measures 9.9 by 7.97 inches. This paper has a linen finish and the water-mark "HYTONE" which is probably that of the Western Tablet and Stationery Co., St. Joseph, Missouri. The envelope measures 9.48 by 4.11 inches and there is no water-mark.

The envelope postmarked February 4, 1932, measures 9.52 by 4.13 inches. The handwriting on this envelope is identical with that used in addressing other envelopes in this case. There are no water-marks in this envelope or in the insert envelope, the latter of which measures 9.49 by 3.47 inches. The letter in this envelope beginning "Dear Sir" is written on four sheets, all torn to the present size, undoubtedly for the purpose of folding them in the insert envelope. They measure 8.36 by 7.65 inches and there is no water-mark.

A comparison of the pencil handprinting in the Woolverton Case was made with that in the case of Edsel Ford, Victim. There are a great many similarities. The printing in each is very smooth and nearly perfect for the style used. If specimens of suspects may be obtained it may be possible to identify them with either or both of these extortion cases. However, while it

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is felt that they were probably both written by the same person, it is not believed that a positive conclusion to that effect may be made.

The handwriting on the envelopes in the Woolverton Case is very similar to the handwriting on the anonymous letter forwarded to Factor, which was previously compared with an anonymous letter sent from Minneapolis to Judge Vaught at Oklahoma City during the trial of the Kellys in the Urschel case. It was concluded at that time that these two letters were written by the same person. The address on the Woolverton letters is limited and a positive conclusion is believed impossible without additional specimens. Of course, these can only be obtained when a suspect is secured.

Photostatic copies of these letters are being attached to copies of this report.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN APLE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

- 6 - Director (Copies for Factor, Kelly, and Ford files), also Woolverton file.
- 2 - Agent Conroy.
- 1 - Chicago.
- 2 - St. Paul. *(Agent Roman)*
- 4 - Laboratory (Copies for Factor, Kelly, and Ford files), also Woolverton file.



Federal Judge Edgar S. Vaught
Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma.

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Dear Judge —

St Paul Sep 24 1932

If you got any regards for your self or your family you better go easy and not convict them Minneapolis boys that handled that money from Mose Barnett and Bates. We will take good care of you and your family if them boys dont get free. And we are going to take good care of Sheeney Wolke for the squawking he done, dont worry about that he is going to get the 1 way ride pretty soon so he will never blab again any more.

Your turn is next if you dont turn them boys loose we will turn on the heat for you and your hell damn family and we dont mean maybe. If you dont want a machine gun pitcher tattoo on your hide just remember our warning and let them boys loose in a hurry because we aint going to wait long to do our stuff judge.

Remember the Minneapolis police chief can tell you them boys is all right and just gamblers and bootleggers that is good friends of his and wouldnt mess up in any kidnaper job while they is good easy money around here without going out of town and taking chances on the big house.

Now remember we mean killing if you dont leave them go because enough of us is out to raise plenty hell if you dont.

Let the mob

Factor Case

The house you identified in
Denver was not occupied since
the night of June 30 -

Tom Leahy was in hospital having a
operation on night you were kidnaped
his brother Roger Leahy and
Madden was with him for
protection from enemies - the hospital
has all record of that -

it was Humphries car the
durenberg that snatched you -
it was that bunch with the Kellys
- muller - Bailey - bunch - and
you know it - looks like the
government is threatening you with
extradition to England - everyone now
can see how the government is
trying to frame some one -

Go to England and blow out your
brains - or you will get in a
dungeon

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

March 2, 1934.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM -
Kidnaping.

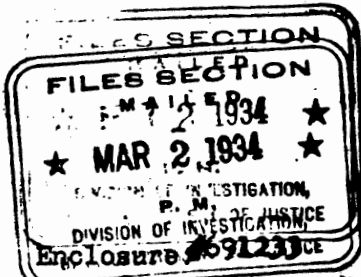
Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division February 15, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.



CC Chicago
Agent Rorer

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

February 28, 1934.

Case: Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Number: 7-576
Kidnaping.

Specimens: 1 coffee can in which was sent a note from the
kidnapers.

Examination requested by: St. Paul Division Office.

Date received: February 19, 1934.

Examination requested: Fingerprint and General Laboratory.

Result of examination:

Examination by: S. F. Pickering

There are no features about this Hills Brothers coffee can which will lead to any identification, in so far as a laboratory examination is concerned. Local inquiry among retailers might develop information of value.

A report on the latent prints developed on this can has been previously submitted.

The original can and cover is being returned to St. Paul under registered cover.

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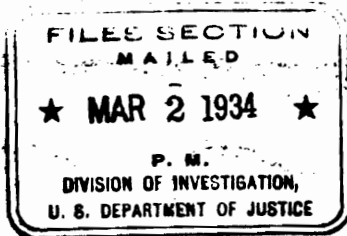
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Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM -
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division ^{February 19, 1934.}



Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

Enclosure: 691231

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 28, 1934.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
Kidnaping. St. Paul File 7-30

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto are two sets of palm prints of REUBEN GROSSMAN and FRANK GROSSMAN. These two men are the persons who found and handled the five gallon gasoline cans found near Portage, Wisconsin. Investigation disclosed that they are the only two who handled these cans without the use of gloves. Special Agent H. H. Reinecke, who obtained these prints stated that it was not possible to obtain better ones because of the fact that the hands were coarse, dried and wrinkled.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Rorer

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1900 BANKERS BUILDING,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.



March 2, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases;
et al ; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING
CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Reference is made to the letter of Special Agent J. L. Flood dated at Omaha, Nebraska, on March 1, 1934, directed to this office, by which he forwarded the fingerprints of Leota Graham, Mrs. C. P. Harmon, Charles P. Harmon and James Ira Harmon. The above mentioned prints are being forwarded herewith to the Division with the request that a wanted notice be placed in the files with regard to Mrs. C. P. Harmon, who is also known as Paula Harmon. It is observed that she is wanted for questioning in this case, in view of the fact that it is felt that she is a close associate of Karpis and the Barker brothers.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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202A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
February 28, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Answering your communication of February 24th, 1934, I wish to make known that National and State banks located in the Salt Lake City Division office territory, number 261. However, it is felt that approximately 270 circulars should be sent this office, in the future, for circularization.

I also wish to make known that this office has three packages of Division lists of numbers of the ransom money paid in the case of Alvin Karpis with aliases et al., Edward G. Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping, which were received over and above the supply necessary to circularize the National and State banks, and law-enforcement officials. Please advise this office if these lists should be returned to the Division, retained at this office, or destroyed.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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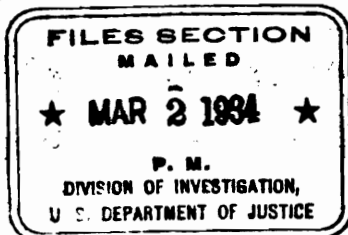
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 766,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to Division letter dated February 20, 1934, transmitting copies of an anonymous letter dated February 13, 1934, at Gentry, Arkansas, in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - Edward G. Bremer, Victim - Kidnaping.

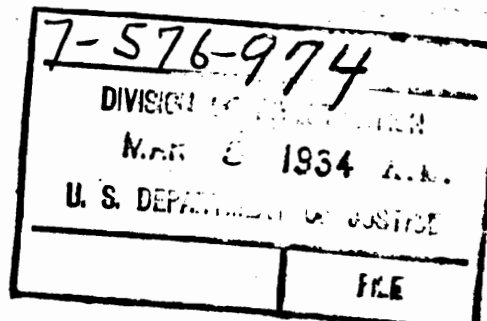
Very truly yours,

Director.



cc-W.A. Rorer

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Mr. W. B. Carroll,
Lieutenant in Charge,
Bureau of Criminal Identification,
Great Falls, Montana.

Dear Mr. Carroll:-

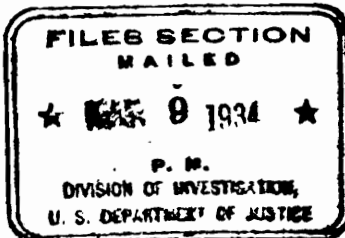
In response to your communication dated March 1, 1934, requesting a copy of the list of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnapping cases I wish to advise you that I am pleased to comply with your request and am today directing Mr. D. H. Dickason who is the Special Agent in Charge of the Butte, Montana office of this Division to furnish you the list.

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

Sincerely yours,

Director.

cc: Butte.



BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION

W. B. CARROLL, E. M.
LIEUTENANT IN CHARGE
CO-OPERATING WITH
THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION

CITY OF
GREAT FALLS



GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

COUNTY OF
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FRED VILES
J. E. BEAULAUER

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JOHN LESLIE
MIKE HOLLAND
F. J. WHEIR

March 1, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Will you please have forwarded to me a copy
of your "LIST OF BANK NOTES PAID AS RANSOM IN KIDNAPING CASES"
dated February 8, 1934, and oblige

Very sincerely yours,

W. B. Carroll
W. B. Carroll,
Lieut. in Charge.

*Ans 3-9-34
copy & letter to
Sutcliffe. (g)*

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1583,
Butte, Montana.

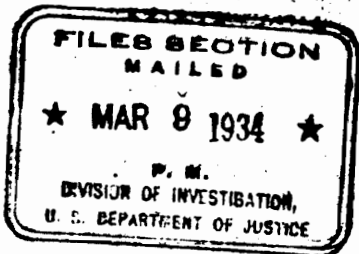
Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter
addressed by me to Mr. W. B. Carroll of the Bureau
of Criminal Identification at Great Falls, Montana.

It is desired that you forward to Mr.
Carroll a copy of the list of bank notes used as ransom
in kidnapping cases. You should add Mr. Carroll's
name to your mailing list for circulars of this nature
unless, of course, this has already been done.

Very truly yours,

Director.



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

March 3, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

In connection with the attempt to identify the latent prints secured by the Scientific Laboratory, it is respectfully suggested that the fingerprints of C. D. Harris, Des Moines, Iowa, Police Department No. 9024; John Gordon, St. Paul, Minnesota, Police Department No. 20805; Nina Snyder, Des Moines, Iowa, Police Department No. 9020; and John Waters alias "Go About" Riley, Des Moines, Iowa, Police Department No. 2820, be placed in the single fingerprint file for comparison purposes. OK

Very truly yours,

W. A. Rorer
W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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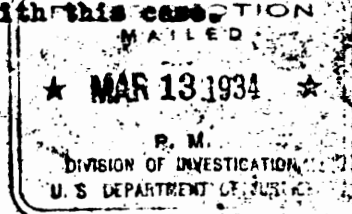
Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 5, 1934, in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim - KIDNAPING.

It has not been possible to identify a fingerprint record of John Gordon, St. Paul, Minnesota Police Department #20805 in the files of the Identification Unit. In connection with the record of Nina Snyder, Des Moines, Iowa, Police Department #9020, there is transmitted herewith the criminal record of one Nina Snyder, our #18232, who may possibly be identical with the suspect whom you name.

It is desired you furnish additional information concerning John Gordon, and if available, a copy of his fingerprints, together with advice as to whether the Nina Snyder described is the suspect in this case. Fingerprints of the other individuals mentioned in your letter have been entered in the single fingerprint file and have been compared with the latent prints developed in connection with this case.



Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #698503.

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DIRECTOR:

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BREKID WALL PAPER SAMPLE FURNISHED BY PHILADELPHIA OFFICE
POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED BY BREMER

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RORER.

Edward W.

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Telephone Your Telegrams to Postal Telegraph



THE
AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK

BROADWAY AND THIRD

N. S. GANDY, PRESIDENT

SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA

87055

March 1, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 8 giving a long list of numbers of currency paid in kidnapping cases. We will, of course, cooperate with you in any way possible.

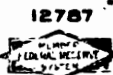
I trust you will permit a suggestion in regard to this matter. It would seem to me that a payment of large sums to kidnappers acts as a direct premium on kidnapping and induces the commission of many such crimes. It would be much better to prohibit under severe penalty payment, or any offer to pay any sum whatever to kidnappers. When such a law was adopted and became known, I believe it would stop most crimes of this sort. We cannot expect the victims of the kidnapping to initiate this law at the time when they are laboring under stress, but we believe that they would, for the most part, live up to such a law. Even should it seem harsh in some cases, certainly the individual cases should give way to the public good. Experience in such cases as the Los Angeles Hickman case, the Lindberg case, and the recent San Jose case would indicate that a payment of a ransom is really no protection to the life of the victim.

I am suggesting that your department initiate such a law, or recommend the same to the President and legislative department of the government.

Very truly yours,

N. S. Gandy

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Mr. H. S. Gandy, President,
The American National Bank,
Broadway and Third,
Santa Monica, California.

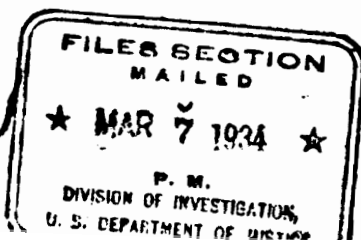
Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you for your letter of March 1, 1934, acknowledging receipt of a list of numbers of the currency paid in kidnaping cases and expressing your willingness to cooperate with this Division in connection therewith.

With regard to your suggestion that the payment of large sums of money to kidnapers acts as a direct premium on kidnaping and induces the commission of many such crimes, and recommending that the payment of such ransom be made an offense, kindly be advised that I am referring your letter to Mr. William Stanley, the Assistant to the Attorney General, who is in charge of proposed legislation.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
MR. WILLIAM STANLEY

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter from Mr. M. S. Gandy, President of the American National Bank, Broadway and Third, Santa Monica, California, dated March 1, 1934, acknowledging the receipt of a list of numbers of the currency paid in kidnaping cases and recommending that the payment of ransom money be made an offense.

I have advised Mr. Gandy that this recommendation has been referred to you for appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl. 691327.



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[Handwritten signature]

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

March 2, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 1576,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

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

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It seems important to supply you with a description of the automobile which, it is believed, was used in transporting the Victim to Rochester, Minnesota, on the evening of February 1, 1934, where he was released following the payment of the ransom the night before and to supply the offices listed below with copies hereof for their information.

Investigation at a filling station at Stockton, Minnesota, thirty-eight miles east of Rochester, Minnesota, disclosed that about 7:00 P.M., February 7, 1934, a car drove into this filling station and was filled with fifteen gallons of gasoline and three quarts of oil and several guns were noted by the attendant on the floor of the back seat of this car and also numerous shot-gun, or rifle, shells. This car came to this station from the west, made a "U" turn into the station and, after being serviced, again proceeded west, from the direction in which it originally came and which is in the direction of Rochester, Minnesota.

The Victim's statement shows that, about one hour prior to his being left at Rochester, Minnesota, he was taken from the car by two of the kidnapers while the third one left, presumably, for gasoline and returned shortly thereafter and picked up the Victim and the other two men. From the Victim's description of this place and all of the circumstances which surround it, it appears that the car which was serviced at this filling station at Stockton, Minnesota, was actually the kidnapers' car and the one used in transporting the Victim to Rochester, Minnesota, on the night of his release.

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It appears that this car was a 1935 Model Buick four-door sedan, of a dark color, probably either black or very dark blue. It is believed to be about the largest Buick made of the 1935 model, which would make it either a four-door sedan, model 33-97, or a four-door, seven passenger sedan, model 33-90. It is also possible that this car might have been a four-door sedan, model 33-97. The only difference between the 80 series and the 90 series is the difference of eight inches in the wheel base, the motor being of the same size, namely, eight cylinder and the body, with the exception of the length, being identical. This car, at the time it was serviced, as above described, is believed to have 1935 Wisconsin license plates with six digits in the number, the first three of which are believed to have been "347", although this is not definite. This car is also believed to have had an electric hot water heater as the attendant thought he could hear a buzzing which might have been the motor in such a heater. It is not known whether the car had wire or steel wheels, or whether the spare wheel was in the rear, or in fender wells on the side of the car.

In view of this almost positive identification of the car used the night of the release of the Victim being a large four-door Buick sedan, dark in color, this should be kept in mind in any investigation wherein it might be pertinent with a view of locating the subjects.

The matter of this automobile and its appearance at Stockton, Minnesota, will be more fully covered in a report in the near future and your office supplied with copies thereof.

Very truly yours,

W.A. BOWEN, INSPECTOR.

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JEE:HCB

February 22, 1934.

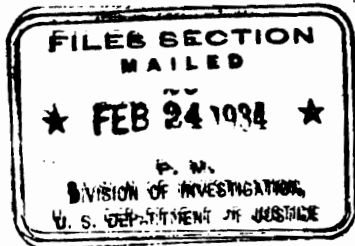
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG *Done*

With reference to the handling of the Bremer case at St. Paul, it might be well to send out a letter to all Agents in Charge, instructing them to direct the mail pertaining to this matter to the St. Paul Office, attention of Inspector Rorer, who is to be in charge of the investigation. The Agents in Charge shall likewise be informed that should they receive any telegram signed by Mr. Rorer or any telephone call from him, they should promptly comply with his request, as he is to be in exclusive charge of this investigation.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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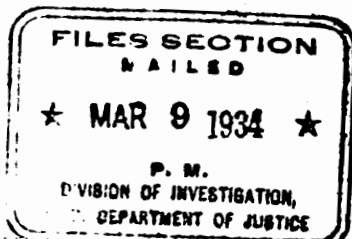
I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated February 28, 1934, in which you advise of the action taken by you in connection with the circular issued by the Division of Investigation listing bank notes paid as ransom in kidnapping cases.

Allow me to thank you for your efforts in this matter and I fully appreciate your attention and cooperation.

Should you need additional copies of this circular I shall be pleased to have you contact Mr. F. X. Fay who is the Special Agent in Charge of the New York office of this Division located at 370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403, New York, New York.

Sincerely yours,

Director.



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370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,
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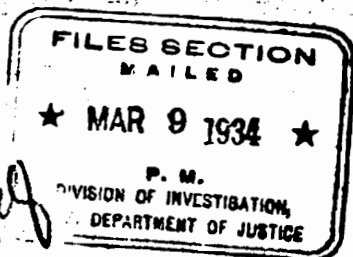
Dear Sir:-

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For your information there is transmitted
herewith a copy of a letter received from [redacted]
[redacted] and a copy of my reply thereto.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #362549.



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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
February 28, 1934

DB:CG

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al.,
Edward G. Bremer, Victim, Kidnapping

On February 27th, Mr. S. C. Depenbrink, Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, Oklahoma City, working on "hot" oil matters having to do with income tax law, was in this office and stated that during the course of his investigations, he has had to contact many informants, a large number of whom are racketeers and gangsters, and that during January 1934, at the Mincks Hotel in Tulsa, Oklahoma, he interviewed one of these informants, whose name he would not furnish, and that this individual told him that there is one "big shot" mixed up in the "hot" oil deals in Oklahoma who is from St. Paul, Minnesota; is well acquainted there, and a big politician; that this man from St. Paul had a room in the Biltmore Hotel at Oklahoma City during January, and that the informant was present in this room when the man from St. Paul received a long distance telephone call from some individual in St. Paul, requesting said party to permit a draft upon his account for \$50,000 for a part of the ransom money in the Bremer kidnap case, and that this man from St. Paul told the individual talking that it would be perfectly all right for them to draw upon him for \$50,000.

It appeared to Mr. Depenbrink, from his conversation with his informant, that they were experiencing some difficulty in St. Paul in raising the \$200,000 ransom money.

Mr. Depenbrink informed me that he queried his informant to some extent and learned that this man's name from St. Paul is Thompson, first name unknown, but that he is well known there. Mr. Depenbrink stated that it is the theory of his informant that this man Thompson from St. Paul may be in on the kidnaping, and that he permitted his account to be drawn

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upon for the sum of \$50,000, and that he would share the rest of the ransom money. According to Mr. Depenbrink, the man who delivered the ransom money, Magee of St. Paul, knows Thompson well, and will be in position to furnish information concerning him if he will.

Depenbrink told me that he did not feel disposed at this time to disclose the name of his informant as to do so, he believes would seriously interfere with the case upon which he is working, as it is of some magnitude, and involving approximately thirty million barrels of "hot" oil.

He informed me that his informant is of the opinion that Thompson has now left Oklahoma City and possibly is in some sanatorium in Hot Springs, Arkansas, the name of which he does not know.

I am not conducting further investigation in this particular at this time, but am furnishing you the data given me by Mr. Depenbrink for such use as you wish to make of it, and should you desire further inquiries in connection therewith, please advise.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Division ✓

SPC:GN

March 4, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 815,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of February 20, 1934, concerning the progress made in the examination of latent fingerprints in connection with the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping. In addition to the identifications noted in that letter, latent prints have been eliminated from consideration as follows:

On the letter beginning "My Dear Lil: As my old standby", five latent prints have been found to be those of the victim.

On the letter beginning "My Dear Father Deere: I am calling on you", six latent prints have been found to be those of the victim.

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On the letter beginning "My Dear Father: I've seen the newspaper", five latent prints have been found to be those of the victim.

On the black leather handbag submitted for examination there have been developed three fragmentary latent prints on the fittings. These have been compared for elimination purposes with the fingerprints of Special Agent in Charge Hanni and Special Agent Notestein with negative results. Further comparisons will be conducted with the fingerprints of suspects. None of the latent prints could be classified for search through the single fingerprint file.

On the coffee can delivered to the Millers four fragmentary latent prints were developed, none of which could be classified. These fragments have been compared with the fingerprints of John Miller and Mrs. John Miller. Further comparisons with the fingerprints of suspects will be made.

On the envelope flap bearing the notation "Wickersham 2-5400(?)", seven fragmentary latent prints were developed, none of which have been identified.

On the membership card in the St. Paul Chapter of the American Institute of Banking in the name of E. G. Bremer, one fragmentary print was developed which has not been identified.

On complimentary season ticket #44 to Twin City Classic Bowling League, three latent prints were developed, two of which were found to be those of the victim.

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W. A. Rorer

The fingerprints of Mrs. Florence Humphrey have been compared with the fragmentary latent prints previously developed on one of the signal lights but with negative results.

No fingerprints could be developed on the goggles submitted by your office.

Since the identification of one latent fingerprint on one of the gasoline cans with the fingerprints of Arthur Barker, as previously reported, the comparison of latent prints found in connection with the case with suspects has been confined to a list of associates of the Karpis gang as variously reported by field offices and after a perusal of the Division files. Examinations consisting of the comparison of fingerprints of other possible suspects not associated with this gang and who were named previously will not be conducted until the comparisons of the latent prints with the below named associates of the Karpis gang have been completed. The list of reported associates is given below and your office should carefully examine this list with a view to supplementing the same where desirable:

Van Vleet Albrubt
Arthur Barker, our file 289428.

Fred Barker
Edward Bentz, our file 15279.
Theodore Bentz, our file 510598.
Harry Campbell, our file 419836.
Clarence Colton, our file 130936.
Volney Davis, our file 400441.
James M. Hayes, our file 164126.
Alvin Karpis, our file 199217.
John H. Luger, our file 515201.
Alvis Payton, our file 676983.
Bernard Phillips, our file 328905.
John Roland, our file 515120.
Harry A. Sawyer, #29022 USP, Leavenworth,
Kansas.

Samuel Schragar, our file 182772.
Sam Terrin, our file 196876.
William Weaver, our file 17920.
Polly Walker, our file 105860.
W. C. Wiesiman, our file 88986.
Edward Wilhite, our file 75884.
J. L. Wolf, our file 203836.
Glen Roy Wright, our file 79217.
John P. Ferrick, our file 535809.

Roland Williams, our file 90593.
Don Young, our file 407760.
Leon Glickman, #27307 USP, Leavenworth,
Kansas.

Jack Ora Kilburn, our file 226726.
Joe Ann Scott, our file 387096.
Earl Whinnery, #1083 PD, Tulsa, Okla.
L. B. Webb, #7378 PD, Tulsa, Okla.
Terry Whinnery, our file 485582.
Jewell Johnson, #5942 PD, Tulsa, Okla.
Harley Bratton, our file 50696.
Dorothy E. Karpis, our file 524620.
Guy Thompson, our file 626351.
B. Louis Wright, our file 557020.
George Campbell, our file 515909.
Charles H. Johnson, our file 56878.
Earl Wilson, our file 62682.
Billie Fitch, our file 545339.
Tom Carroll, our file 114729.
T. J. Marvin, our file 485775.
George F. Turner, our file 62524.
Murray Humphreys, our file 551952.
Leo Jones, #5535 SP, Sioux Falls, S. D.
Gail Stucker, our file 705693.
Floyd Strain, our file 245194.

James
Clyde
E.

Mr. W. A. Rorer

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X James Lawson, our file 83804.
Clyde Nimerick, our file 77961.
Ernestine Aiken, our file 392786.

X Charles Adams, our file 185726.
William Conway, our file 87717.

For your confidential information the fingerprints of all persons submitted by your office for elimination purposes in connection with this case have been searched through the main fingerprint files of the Division but no criminal records have been disclosed.

Very truly yours,

Director.

P. O. Box 518,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 2, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
C. B. Winstead of your office dated 2-27-34 in which on
page 3 it is noted that Paula Herman may have attempted to
telephone Stonewall J. Smith at Houston, Texas, and that said
Mr. Smith operates the Federal Metal Company.

There is attached hereto a copy of the report of
Special Agent O. G. Hall dated 7-27-33 at St. Paul, Minnesota,
in the case entitled Vernon S. Miller, with aliases, et al,
Obstruction of Justice, St. Paul file 62-688. In this report
you will note that investigation regarding 204 Vernon Avenue
developed that a party named J. Stanley Smith had rented
these premises and had, according to Tom Newman, a criminal
lawyer in St. Paul, endeavored to engage his services to
collect a promissory note. The report reflects that Tom
Newman had no desire whatever to supply this Division with
any information regarding the occupants of 204 Vernon Avenue.
It has been established, however, that the two Barker boys,
Karpis, and possibly Paula Herman did reside at that address
in St. Paul.

Mr. Newman, the attorney above mentioned, was inter-
viewed recently and he stated that J. Stanley Smith had
represented that he was connected with the Consolidated
Metal Company. Because of the similarity of names and the
alleged occupation, it is requested that your office conduct
a thorough investigation regarding Stonewall J. Smith as it is
possible that he might be one of the persons who resided at
204 Vernon Avenue during the period immediately preceding the
abduction of William Hamm, Jr.

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Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER, Inspector.

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803A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
February 28th, 1934.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING - S.L. File 7-27.

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Dear Sir:

Your letter of February 23rd, 1934, having to do with
Abe Ginsburg, was received here on February 26th, and was given
my immediate attention.

At Denver, Colorado, Agent Val C. Zimmermann of the Bureau of
Identification of the Denver, Colorado, Police Department, on March 1, 1934 A.M.
after a check of the records of that unit, it was stated that the
name of Abe Ginsburg was not of record, and no photograph of him
was available.

Through Ray Humphreys, Investigator for the State District
Attorney's office for the County of Denver, Denver, Colorado, it
was learned that Mr. Humphreys, while seeking to locate a man named
Emerson, arrested Abe Ginsburg at Denver, Colorado, on January 21st,
1933, while he was getting his automobile serviced at a filling
station at 19th and Arapahoe Streets. Ginsburg was at that time
driving a 1932 Buick two door sedan, which carried Wisconsin license
plates, number not known. Ginsburg was at that time accompanied
by a woman, name and description not of record, whom he stated was
his secretary. Mr. Humphreys informed Agent Zimmermann that he
checked Ginsburg very thoroughly, and determined that Ginsburg was
not the man that he was looking for, and released Ginsburg.
Instructing him that he should leave Denver. Ginsburg furnished
his address as 3440 Dupont South, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Ginsburg
was not photographed or fingerprinted, and Mr. Humphreys has no
criminal record covering Ginsburg. It was Mr. Humphreys' opinion
that Ginsburg was "hot" at the time he was in Denver, although
nothing could be developed against him.

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Upon reviewing Mr. Humphreys' file, Agent Zimmer noted a letter from the County Attorney of New Ulm, Minnesota, dated October 23, 1933, but the contents of the letter appear not of value, but it is probable that further information may be secured through the County Attorney of New Ulm.

The attached photograph of Abe Ginsburg, apparently taken by the "Minneapolis Journal Photo", was borrowed from Mr. Humphreys, and is being attached hereto for your uses. When it has served its purpose, it should be returned to me for transmission to Mr. Humphreys.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL,
Edward G. Bremer - Victim,
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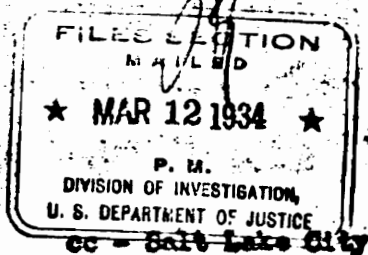
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of the Salt Lake City Office dated February 28, 1934, addressed to you, inclosing a photograph obtained from Mr. Ray Humphreys, Investigator for the State District Attorney's Office for the County of Denver, Denver, Colorado, which photograph was of Abe Ginsburg, taken by the "Minneapolis Journal Photo" and apparently the Abe Ginsburg in whom the Division is presently interested.

It is suggested that this photograph be forwarded to the Division as of possible assistance in locating a criminal record in the files of the Identification Unit on Ginsburg.

Very truly yours,

Director.



1900 BANKERS BUILDING,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

March 3, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases;
et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING
CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

I am enclosing herewith an office memorandum which I prepared on matter submitted to me by Captain Gilbert, Chief Investigator for the States Attorney's office, Chicago, Illinois, with regard to Tom Flannigan, which matter I discussed with you a few days ago.

You are advised that prompt attention will be given the information contained in this memorandum. A copy of this memorandum is also being forwarded to the Division.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Chicago, Illinois,
March 1, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO SPECIAL AGENTS K.R. MCINTIRE AND JAY C. NEWMAN

Captain Gilbert, Chief Investigator of the State's Attorney's office, called this office yesterday and stated that one Matthew Flannigan, who is now employed in the County Clerk's office at Crago, in Wakonda, Illinois, which is just north of Libertyville, Illinois, is a brother of one Tom Flannigan, who has been living with one Fred G. Kellner, at 6644 Ogallala Avenue, telephone number Newcastle 6204, Chicago. He states that Flannigan is also known to Vincent Connors, of 521 Ida Street, Des Plaines, also residing at 678 Lee Street, Des Plaines. Connors, it will be recalled, was arrested at St. Paul during the Hama trial. Tom Flannigan runs the R. K. O. Radio Laboratory at 6300 Northwest Highway, Newcastle 4040, which is owned by a man named Lenz, of the Racing Forum. Tom is quite a big fellow and has another brother by the name of William C. Flannigan, at 8106 North Keating Avenue, Miles Center, telephone number Delaware 3372. Tom Flannigan is said to be in New York with two other fellows, endeavoring to leave the country. He also mentioned the following names:

Volney Davis, McAlester, Okla., #12808.
Arthur Barker, alias Doc Barker, McAlester, Oklahoma,
Police Dept. #11906.
Fred Barker, Kansas City, P.D. #9836
Alvin Karpis, Kansas City, P.D. #1539
Tommy Carroll, St. Paul P.D. #23978

He states that this mob contacts with Tom Flannigan and that they also used to connect with Kelly and Bates.

Captain Gilbert called Lieutenant Ed Kelly of his office while he was here, who stated that William C. Flannigan, the brother of Tom, would give a description of Tom if he were called by anyone stating that he is Captain Gilbert's Secretary, or some other person from Captain Gilbert's office.

I have discussed this matter with Inspector Rorer in St. Paul by telephone and he states that he knows of no one by this name who has been suspected in the Bremer case. However, it is desired that you discuss this with me, in order that description of Tom Flannigan might be obtained and also that appropriate action might be taken.

MHF/RZW

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

7-576-986

420 Federal Building
Dallas, Texas.

March 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
Edward G. Bremer (Victim)
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Referring to Agent Dunn's report, dated at Dallas,
Texas, 2-28-34.

Detective Ed Weatherford advised he had again con-
tacted his informant at Ft. Worth, Texas, who reported Fred
Barker has a close personal friend named "Burrhead/Katy", a
race horse bookmaker with George Harford, both at Tulsa, Okla.;
that when Fred Barker needs any money "Burrhead" supplies him
with necessary funds. This informant believes "Burrhead" to be
in communication with Fred Barker and knows his hangouts.

Informant also advised Weatherford that while Charlie
Harmon and George Kelley were in Leavenworth Penitentiary, Paula
Harmon visited her husband and was accompanied by Kathryn Kelley,
whom she introduced to Kelley, later marrying him upon his re-
lease.

The informant also stated that City Detective George
Stewart of Tulsa, Oklahoma, knows Fred Barker and is very
antagonistic to Barker and can be depended upon to assist. He
says that Detective Stewart has been in trouble over whiskey but
in the case of Barker will assist.

Very truly yours,

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F. J. BLAKE,
Special Agent

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of March 1st, in the matter of
ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, ET AL, EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim,
Kidnaping - Extortion, your file No. 7-30.

Attached hereto you will find a photograph of DAVE BERMAN alias
CHARLES LONDON alias JOSEPH MISCHLER alias DAVE, THE JEW, New York City
P.D. No. B-68109, together with his criminal record as contained in the
file of the New York City Police Department.

Detective John Cordes of the Main Office Detail was the one who
arrested Berman on May 5, 1927. Cordes advised that this was a kidnaping
case and that Berman, together with one Joseph Marcus, kidnaped Abe Sharlin
and James Taylor, at that time two prominent New York City bootleggers,
who later went to Chicago and are now reported to be in California.
They had these two kidnaped from April 28 to May 5, 1927, and demanded
\$270,000.00 ransom. At the time of the arrest, Marcus was shot to death
and Berman's left eye was knocked out. There was found in the pocket of
Marcus a check for \$30,000.00. Cordes said that he knows nothing concern-
ing the \$11,000.00 still unrecovered.

With reference to page 3 of my letter of March 1st, wherein is
mentioned the fact that the mail clerk at Sing Sing Prison has been
maintaining a watch on the mail of Berman, this is to inform that this
office has learned the mail clerk has been maintaining such a watch
not due to any tip or inside information, but due solely to the fact that
he realized Berman was from St. Paul and decided to watch his mail as the
same might disclose some information concerning the kidnaping.

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F. L. FAY,
Special Agent in

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Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - ET AL -
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING

With reference to your telegram of February 26, 1934, and your letter of confirmation of the same date, in which you advise that you believe it advisable to cover the Carnera-Loughran fight at Miami, Florida, with a view of locating suspects in this case, immediately upon receipt of this telegraphic request from you I conferred with the Division, due to the fact that Agents were not available to make the desired investigation. In the meantime, I forwarded letters of a confidential nature to all banks in the greater Miami area, including Coral Gables, Miami Beach, Palm Beach, and West Palm Beach, requesting them to advise the Jacksonville office immediately, by telegram or telephone, in the event any currency in a considerable amount in the denominations listed in this case should be received. Up to this date I have received no information concerning this matter.

This is also to advise that this fight, because of weather conditions, could not be held at Miami the night of February 26th. It was staged the night of March 1st. I am told by persons well informed that the attendance was very small and the betting was practically nil. No large bets were exchanged and very little interest manifested by fight enthusiasts in Miami.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

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

March 3, 1934.

Mr. O. C. Huey,
Kirkwood Hotel,
Des Moines, Iowa,

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-50.

Reference is made to your letter dated March 1, 1934, in the above entitled case, which letter transmitted to the St. Paul Division office fingerprints of Dan Niemeyer, H. F. Spoo, H. Raines, and William Niemeyer, with the request that it be ascertained at the St. Paul Police Department whether or not these individuals have criminal records and are wanted at the present time. Please be advised that the St. Paul Police Department has no criminal record on Dan Niemeyer, H. F. Spoo, and H. Raines.

The fingerprint impressions of the above mentioned individuals, which were forwarded with the letter of reference, are being returned herewith.

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Cc Kansas City

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Very truly yours, W. A. RORER, Inspector
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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 2, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite 1, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al;
Edward G. Bremer - Victim.
Kidnaping.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telegram from this office to you, dated March 1, 1934, in which you were requested to supply certain information regarding the ownership, address of owner, and description of automobile bearing Nebraska 1934 license, motor vehicle, number 14-770, and your reply thereto under date of March 2, 1934, advising that such number has not been issued this year.

You are advised that a 1933 model, black, four-door, Chevrolet Sedan, equipped with side mounts, was observed at the corner of Cleveland and Marshall Avenues, in St. Paul on March 1, 1934. There is no doubt but that the automobile bore Nebraska 1934 motor vehicle license number 14-770. Inasmuch as this address is obscure insofar as tourists are concerned and for the further reason that it has just been discovered that the Barker brothers and Alvin Karpis resided at the above mentioned corner for a month or two last year, and the gang with whom they associated owned numerous Chevrolet automobiles, and that it is believed that some of the members of the mob have a connection at this location, it is very much desired that the owner of the automobile in question be established, and that the motor and serial number of the automobile be secured.

Undoubtedly the before mentioned license has been issued, but not completely recorded at this time. I should therefore like to ask that this matter be taken up again in the near future with the proper authorities.

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Very truly yours,

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801 Title Guaranty Building
St. Louis, Missouri
March 2, 1934

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

Dear Sir: Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases.
ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases.
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
Edward George Bremer - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to the letter of the St. Paul
Office addressed to the New York City Office under date of
February 23, 1934, with reference to the canvassing of dealers
in out of town newspapers in the various districts.

Supplementing the report of Special Agent H. G.
Maynor, St. Louis, Missouri, dated February 26, 1934, covering
the canvass of said dealers in this district, this is to advise
that inquiry of the National System at 204 North 3rd Street, St.
Louis, Missouri, disclosed that this concern, or system, receives
approximately ten copies of the Minneapolis Journal, Sunday edi-
tion, and five copies of the daily edition, which are not dis-
tributed to the public in any way, and are used only for the pur-
pose of clipping the advertising appearing therein and distri-
buted to their advertising customers.

The remaining leads in this district will be cov-
ered as expeditiously as possible.

Very truly yours,

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cc. Division.

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
March 2, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box #1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING. Chicago File 7-82.

Dear Sir:-

This will inform you that on even date, this office secured information from the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, that Mrs. Emily Newbold, 2840 North Francisco Street, Chicago, Illinois, the sister of ALVIN KARPIS, made a long distance telephone call on January 18, 1934, from Chicago telephone number Belmont 7899, to Sapulpa, Oklahoma, said message being directed to Dorothy Slayman, care of Mrs. Ralph Piper, 1415 South Main Street, telephone number 1043-M, on which call the charge was \$3.25.

Your letter dated February 28, 1934, to the Saint Paul Office, copy of which was furnished this office, disclosed that in the fall of 1933, Dorothy Slayman is alleged to have been living in the 900 block on Buena Terrace, Chicago, Ill.

In view of the fact that recent disclosures indicate Dorothy Slayman, the alleged wife of Alvin Karpis, is presently living in Sapulpa, it is desired that the proper investigation be conducted at that point by your office.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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

March 1, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Confirming the conversation of Special Agent E.M. Notestein,
this morning, with you, please be advised that it is desired that a
check be made of the town of Riverside, as the possible place where
Victim may have been held captive.

Information has been received from two sources that the
various sounds heard by Victim BREMER during the time that he had been
held prisoner in the hideout, exist in the town of Riverside, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

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W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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

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

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

Dear Sir:

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

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

Very truly yours,

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P.O. Box 518, St. Paul, Minn.

March 1, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Enclosed herewith you will find photograph of four tin cans, which are being considered in connection with the above styled case. We are desirous of determining the name and address of the concern which manufactures the type of can shown at the right of the photograph. As you will note, the three cans on the right are identical in pattern. The can on the extreme left has been identified as product of the American Can Company. These cans are described as five gallon square type tin cans with 1-3/4" screw cap and wire handle. Several companies, which are reported to manufacture square type cans, are listed below.

Please contact the concerns, which may be located in your district, with a view of determining whether they manufacture this identical can. If the company listed does not produce the identical can, make inquiry of them as to who may possibly produce this can and make every effort otherwise to identify the maker of this product.

The Chicago Division Office is further requested to call at the main office of the Continental Can Company for suggestions as to names of can manufacturers other than those enumerated herein.

It is desired that the following concerns be contacted:

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Channel Can Company, Chicago, Illinois;
Continental Can Company, Chicago, Illinois;
Independent Can Company, 2655 West Van Buren, Chicago, Ill.;
St. Louis Can Company, St. Louis, Missouri;
Stueber and Kuek, Peoria, Illinois;
Comneant Can Company, Comneant, Ohio.

If identity of the cans in question is established, a list of all concerns, or persons, to whom sales were made, giving addresses for the past two years, should be secured. This list should include sale in the states, as follows:

Minnesota
North Dakota
South Dakota
Iowa
Illinois
Indiana
Wisconsin.

Kindly give this matter your immediate attention and advise me promptly of results obtained. The photograph forwarded herewith should be returned to the St. Paul Division Office.

Very truly yours,

W.A. BAKER, INSPECTOR.

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CC St. Louis (Enc. 2)
CC Detroit (Enc. 2)

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

March 3, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

There is enclosed a Filmolens identical with the type used
by the kidnapers in the instant case.

It is requested that this lens be exhibited to all employees
of the Western Auto Supply Company store in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and
that photographs of Karpis, the Barkers brothers, Volney Davis, and
Harry Campbell be shown to these employees and an effort made to ascer-
tain whether or not quantities of these lens, size 3-3/8 inch, either
in six, nine, or twelve units, were purchased by any of the above named
suspects subsequent to January 27, 1934, and prior to February 5, 1934.

In the event that none of the employees in the Western Auto
Supply Company store have any recollection concerning sales of the
Filmolens in excess of one to a person, it is suggested that arrange-
ments be made through the manager of the store to have the sales slips
forwarded from the auditor's office in Kansas City to the Western Auto
Supply Company branch at Milwaukee. These slips should be checked to
positively determine whether or not sales in quantity have been made.

The enclosed lens should be returned to the St. Paul Division
office upon completion of this investigation.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER

Inspector

W. A. RORER, Division of Investigation
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box #1576,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82.

Information secured from the Illinois Bell Telephone Company disclosed that Mrs. Margaret Lee, 6144 North Washatenaw Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on February 17, 1934, telephoned a telegraphic message, which was directed to an unknown party in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The message was signed "Marge" and the charges thereon were \$1.21.

It is observed that Mrs. Margaret Lee, is the wife of Lee Philips, now incarcerated in the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois, Lee Philips being a brother of Bernard Philips.

It is believed advisable that the records of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies in Hot Springs, Arkansas be examined for a telegram received on February 17, 1934, signed by "Marge" and on which was \$1.21. Undoubtedly, information of value source.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 2, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 215,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

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

Referring to my letter of February 26, 1934 in the
above captioned case, I am transmitting herewith six photographs
of Glen Roy Wright. These photographs I am inclosing herewith
are the same as those hitherto forwarded, but appear a bit more
distinct.

The Chicago office is being furnished two of these
photographs and the Kansas City office two.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 814,
Birmingham, Ala.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM
KIDNAPING. Chicago File 7-82

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Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to the underwear purchased for the Victim by his abductors. It is observed this underwear was manufactured by the Appalachian Woolen Mills, at Knoxville, Tennessee, exclusively for Carson-Pirie-Scott, of Chicago, Illinois. It is further observed that the underwear in question bore the numbers "28-44-70", indicating "28" was the factory operator number; "44" was the size and that "70" was the length of the garment to the crotch.

Recent investigation by this office at Waukesha, Wisconsin discloses that about one month ago, an unknown individual purchased two suits of this underwear, marked "LIFE SIZE - UNDERWEAR - SATISFIES", from Friedman Brothers, 322 West Main Street, Waukesha, Wisconsin. Investigation at that point also discloses that the unknown individual appeared at the store at approximately 4:00 or 4:50 P.M. and requested two suits of underwear, size 44. At this time, the clerk in the store, Miss Bahr, showed him underwear having short sleeves, whereupon the prospective purchaser became somewhat excited and declared he wanted long sleeved underwear. At this point, Mr. Sam Friedman, the owner of the store, interposed and consummated the sale of two suits of underwear, believed to be identical with the suit purchased by the abductors for the Victim in this case. The underwear purchased by this unknown individual at Waukesha, Wisconsin was size 44. It is to be noted that Sam Friedman no longer has any long sleeved underwear of the type purchased from Carson-Pirie-Scott, his possession and has only short sleeved underwear of this type at the present time. It is also observed that the short sleeved underwear bears only eight pearl buttons, while the underwear purchased for the Victim has nine buttons in front.

Mr. Friedman was unable to advise whether the suit which he sold to this individual bore eight or nine buttons. Friedman informed that the underwear he sold to this unknown person was purchased from Carson-Pirie-Scott, Chicago, in 1932, but he was unable to recall the exact date.

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not certain whether the suits carried eight or nine pearl buttons in front.

Efforts have been made by the Chicago Office, through Mr. Burkland of Carson-Pirie-Scott's Wholesale House, Chicago, Illinois to ascertain whether the suits of underwear shipped to Sam Friedman at Waukegan, Wisconsin in September of 1932, under invoice No. 7032, had eight or nine buttons, but without success. Mr. Burkland advised that inquiries should be made of the manufacturer at Knoxville, Tennessee, to determine specifically whether the long sleeved underwear, bearing the marking "28-44-70", which would indicate size 44 underwear, manufactured and sent to Carson-Pirie & Scott in 1932, carried eight or nine pearl buttons in front. It is important to determine whether the underwear in question, manufactured for Carson-Pirie-Scott, during 1932, bore nine pearl buttons in front, since it is observed the underwear purchased for the Victim had nine pearl buttons in front.

Mr. Burkland stated that it was his belief that sizes smaller than 44 are manufactured with eight buttons, but that from size 44 on up, nine or more buttons are used in front.

The importance of this inquiry is borne out by the fact that the unknown individual, who purchased the underwear at Waukegan, Wisconsin from Sam Friedman, was in very much of a hurry, was irritable when shown underwear with short sleeves, very definitely asked for underwear size 44, did not ask the price, purchased two suits and handed Mr. Friedman a Five Dollar Bill, paid little regard to the amount of change which he had received.

For the information of the Saint Paul Office, the unknown individual referred to in this letter is described as follows: Age, 30-35; height, 5 feet 5 to 7 inches; 155 to 170 pounds; build, short and stocky; dark hair; wore dark blue overcoat and light grey felt hat; was described as being well dressed; had the appearance of an American, was not Jewish and did not appear to be a foreigner; did not have a mustache, no scars or peculiarities noticeable.

For the further information of the Saint Paul Office, it is observed that all the pictures of the suspects in this case, together with photographs of numerous other individuals who might possibly fit the description of this unknown party, were displayed to Miss Bahr and to Mr. Sam Friedman at Waukegan, Wisconsin, but they failed to recognize any of the pictures as being a likeness of the purchaser of the underwear in question.

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It is respectfully requested that the investigation indicated at Knoxville, Tennessee, be expedited.

Very truly yours,

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St. Paul
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M. E. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 1, 1934.

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al;
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-80.

Dear Sir:

In connection with captioned case it has become very desirable to locate one C. W. Davis, who is believed to be a member of the gang associated with Karpis and the Barkers, and whose correct identity is not known. Referring to my letter to the Director of recent date, a copy of which was furnished your office, you will note that the Barkers lived at 2062 Marshall Avenue. Ed Wiekman, the janitor at that address, furnished the following license numbers which he had noted on automobiles at that address:

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Through the Minnesota Motor Vehicle License Bureau it has been determined definitely that the Minnesota license was issued to Charles Fisher, 683, St. Peter Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, for a 1933 Chevrolet Coach. Fisher was recently apprehended at San Antonio, Texas, and was subsequently sentenced in Federal Court at Mankato, Minnesota, to serve three terms of five years each in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, on charges of Post Office burglary. These sentences were to run concurrently. He was also sentenced to serve two three-year terms on a similar charge, which sentences were to also run concurrently, but consecutively with first sentence.

C. W. Davis bought at least two Chevrolet Sedans from the Midway Chevrolet Company of St. Paul, which was the place, incidentally, where Fisher bought his automobile. Arthur R. Barker, alias Doc Barker, has been partially been identified by one Herbert L. Wilds, a questionable garage owner of St. Paul, as the person who had been in his garage with a 1932 model Chevrolet Sedan, which car was possibly purchased under the name of C. W. Davis from the Midway Chevrolet Company, same being one of the Chevrolets referred to as having been purchased by Davis. The C. W. Davis now referred to may be either Volney Davis or Doc Barker. C. W. Davis has been described as being about thirty-five years of age, about five feet

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Suite 1 -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
March 5, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL
GEORGE EDWARD BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

While in Wichita, Kansas, Special Agent R. C. Sura was advised by
Captain O. E. Lyle of the Detective Department of the Police there
that one [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had in-
formed that one Harry Miller, alias Harry Lester, alias Lester,
alias Murphy, U. S. Penitentiary #29 955, Leavenworth, Kansas, a
professional kidnaper, was believed to be presently in the vicinity
of St. Paul, Minnesota, and might possibly have some connection with
the instant case.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] stated that he did not have any definite
information that Miller was involved in the instant case, but he
thought he was a logical suspect. Miller is described as being
41 years of age; 5 ft. 8 in.; weight 155 pounds; hair bald - gray;
build medium; complexion medium; race white; F. P. C. 14 17 21 21
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Captain Lyle advised that Miller was released from the U. S. Peni-
tentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, on December 22, 1933, to Harry J.
Bratt, Secretary of Masterson and Company, 55 1/2 1/2, Wichita, Kansas. While

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From a letter in Captain Lyle's file, it appears that the St. Paul, Minnesota, Police Department's file number on Miller is 5051, it not being known whether St. Paul Police Department has a photograph of Miller. At this time, I am communicating with the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, in order to obtain a photograph of Miller and immediately upon its receipt, the same will be transmitted to you.

Captain Lyle also added that Clyde Nimerick, Denver, Colorado, PD #9248, who, with Ray Majors, was responsible for the kidnaping of F. C. Hawey, Assistant Cashier of the Southwest National Bank, Wichita, Kansas, might be a logical suspect. Majors is now serving a life sentence at Lansing, Kansas. The instant case file reflects that the St. Paul office already has a photograph of Clyde Nimerick.

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The above information is being submitted for any value it may be
in the instant case.

Very truly yours,

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

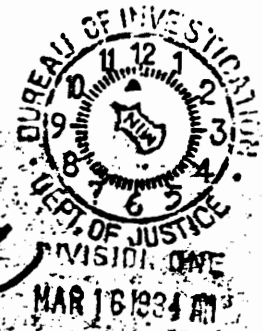
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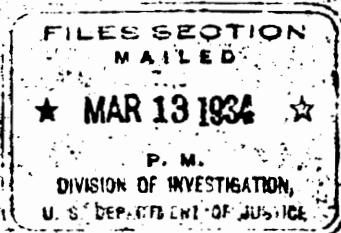
Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Kansas City office, dated March 3, 1934, addressed to you, in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL, GEORGE EDWARD BREMER - VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

The files of the Identification Unit of the Division contain a record of Harry Miller, Leavenworth #29955; however, the St. Paul Police Department have his arrest as Harry Moore, #17685, in that City in October, 1921, charged with Investigation. No record of this individual under St. Paul #5051 appears in the record.

There are transmitted herewith, two copies of the photograph of Miller. The fingerprints of both Miller and Clyde Wimerick are being entered in the single fingerprint file and will be compared with latent prints in connection with this case.



Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #898507

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Laboratory Report

February 27, 1934.

Case: Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Number: 7-576
Kidnaping.

Specimens: 4 five gallon tin gasoline cans
1 tin funnel
Specimens of gasoline taken from the above cans.

Examination requested by: St. Paul Office.

Date received: February 16, 1934.

Examination requested: General, Laboratory, and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by: S.F. Pickering.

With further reference to laboratory report dated February 21, 1934, no appreciable differences have been detected in various gasolenes dyed red such as have been collected in Washington. It, therefore, is improbable that any further information can be obtained from the samples of red gasoline submitted for examination. The light colored gasoline appears the same as Texaco regular. There is no way of determining definitely that it is this particular brand as most companies make up their gasolenes to specification and for the most part the differences between different brands are approximately the same as the normal variations of an individual brand. It is thought no further information can be obtained on these specimens.

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

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
EDWARD G. BREMER -
Victim - Kidnaping

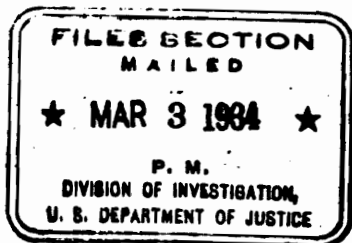
Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division February 16, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.



Enclosure: 682965

Handwritten signatures and initials at the bottom of the page.

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Laboratory Report
February 24, 1934.

Case: Unknown Subjects
Edward G. Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping

Number: 7-576

Specimens: .2 metal signs "Shell"

Examination requested by: St. Paul Division Office

Date received: February 16, 1934

Examination requested: Fingerprint and General Laboratory

Result of examination:

Examination by: E. P. Coffey

Two metal signs reading "Shell", reported to have been used as door shields on an automobile in connection with the kidnaping, were examined. Photographs of these have been recorded for record purposes and copies furnished the St. Paul Office.

These signs are made of heavy copper and have every appearance of being the work of a professional sign painter, and in the absence of any indication to the contrary, it is believed they were legitimately made, in the first instance, for some branch of the Shell Company. Due to the fact, Shell Officials in St. Paul have disclaimed knowledge of this type of sign, the original signs have been forwarded to the Chicago Office to be exhibited to Shell Officials in their district with a view to determining their origin.

Should this line of investigation fail to produce results, it is suggested the signs be returned to the laboratory and consideration will be given to having a further study made by a metallurgist.

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

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
EDWARD G. BREMER -
Victim; Kidnaping

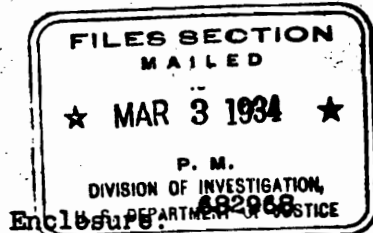
Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in
the Division February 16, 1934

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.



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Laboratory Report

February 26, 1934.

Case: Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Number: 7-576
Kidnaping.

Specimens: 1 black leather handbag.

Examination requested by: St. Paul Office.

Date received: February 21, 1934.

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by: E.P. Coffey.

The leather bag submitted by the St. Paul Office and reported to have been left in the bus station in connection with the delivery of a contact message has been examined and is found to be a cheap handbag apparently new, the material of which it is made being stamped "Genuine Cowhide", the fittings and stitching being particularly indicative of its cheap quality. It is black and has an imitation buff colored lining. It is of the travelling handbag type and is fitted within with a compartment on one side, the top of which clips to the side and there are two pockets stitched in the lining on the opposite side. The name of the manufacturer was not noted on the article but there appears stamped on the bottom the trade slogan "Warranted Genuine Cowhide" as well as symbols and numbers arranged one above the other as follows:

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This data should serve to assist materially in locating the retailer of this bag once the manufacturer has been found.

A number of photographic views have been made of the bag and the Washington Field Office is being requested to ascertain the names of likely manufacturers of the article and set forth leads for the tracing of the same to the ultimate retailer.

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Two latent prints were developed on the fittings on the handbag. These were quite fragmentary and will be of value only for direct comparison.

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with the fingerprints of any suspects or persons known to have handled the handbag. A further report on the examination of these latent prints will be submitted. .

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

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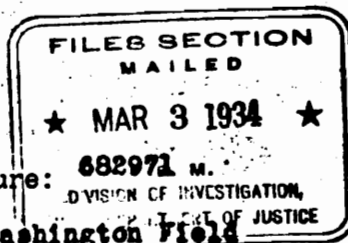
Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division February 21, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.



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Minneapolis, Minn.

Feb. 18 - 1934

Mr. Homer S. Cummings,
Attorney General
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

You probably know these things. The Bremer family was caught in a machine made by their own hand.

They have been all powerful, financially and politically, for fifteen years that I know of. Not only in Ramsey County (St. Paul) but throughout the entire state, they watched this election and that one.

After all, good government means some one played good politics but questionable politicians make bad government.

About twelve years ago, Mr. Floyd B. Olson was elected County attorney in Hennepin County (Minneapolis). A very shrewd young man. He flirted with the possibility of bigger things; But not without the encouragement of his Ramsey county friends. In eight years time he had made many friends and many alliances; but not a one could compare to the Bremer friendship.

In 1930, Mr. Adolph and Otto Bremer made Mr. Floyd B. Olson, the only Farmer-labor governor in the U.S. And now "Floyd" has passed them by. He has climbed the political ladder and is still going strong. He is Minnesota's "Kingfish" - a political four-flusher and a demagogue.

He knows the tricks to ensnare the votes of the masses and also the tricks to ensnare the support of crooked politicians and business men. Many have questioned the Governor's integrity and his trust from a monetary point of view, but I will cast that aside and say his ambition is for power, a desire to lead the parade and a readiness and a willingness to go to any end to thrust himself into prominence.

This, sir, is to my way of thinking the number one reason why Minnesota has been both a winter and summer resort for mobs gunmen stock salemen and what have you. The Bremer-Olson machine ain't what she use to be but she's still in good working order. Look up one Mr. Walter McGee, Bremer's boy "Friday" Look up "Stillwater" (Minn penitentiary) releases and pardons

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Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) Joseph M. Mulheran
1619 Glenwood Ave.
Minneapolis, Minn.

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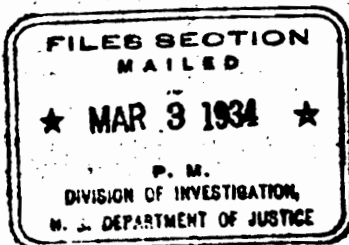
Mr. Joseph M. Mulheran,
1619 Glenwood Avenue,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Kindly be advised that your letter of February 18, 1934, addressed to the Attorney General, concerning the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer has been referred to Mr. W. A. Rorer, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Post Office Box 515, St. Paul, Minnesota, for appropriate attention. Any information you are able to give him concerning this case will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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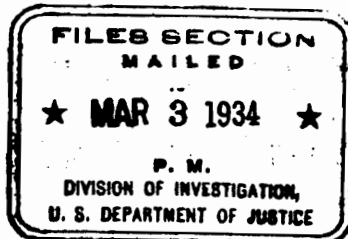
Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN
SUBJECTS, Edward G. Bremer, Victim, KIDNAPING.

There are inclosed herewith copies of a letter
dated February 18, 1934, addressed to the Attorney General,
from Mr. Joseph M. Mulhern, 1619 Glenwood Avenue,
Minneapolis, Minnesota, for appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,



Director.

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Laboratory Report

February 26, 1934.

Case: Alvin Karpis with aliases, Arthur Barker with Number: 7-576
aliases, Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer,
Victim; Kidnaping.

Specimens: 1 black woolen cap (size 6 7/8)

Examination requested by: St. Paul Office.

Date received: February 24, 1934.

Examination requested: General and Laboratory.

Result of examination:

E.P. Coffey.
Examination by:

The cap which was submitted is of a type probably used in the north-west section, having a long vizor and an edge folded up so designed to be wrapped around the head and ears if desired. The cap is made of cotton wool and has a distinctive lining inside consisting of a red, white, and gray fabric design. The outside is of dark navy blue and the cord holding the flaps together in front is of black. The size is 6 7/8 and the cap appears to be new. It has the union label of the Cloth Hat Caps Millinery Workers and bears the letter "E" and the stamped serial number 9466411. It should be of considerable assistance in locating the place where it was sold.

The Washington Field Office is being requested to conduct appropriate investigation with a view to ascertaining the location of the headquarters of this union for the purpose of tracing the manufacturer and ultimate retailer.

Two hairs which are probably human were found clinging to the lining of the hat and in several places in the lining and on the outside of the back were small flakes of cellophane which might indicate that the article was originally sold wrapped in a cellophane display covering.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
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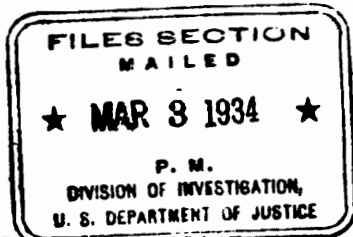
Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division February 24, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.



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Miss Flora G. Orr, Washington representative of the St. Paul News, telephoned to inquire with reference to the Bremer case. I told her that of course we could give no information.

Miss Orr called my attention to the Congressional Record for February 27th, in which the allegation is made by Congressman Francis H. Shoemaker of Minnesota that two Department of Justice Agents - Mel Harney and Clark Carhart - are holding their jobs through influence of Pierce Butler and other political influence. Miss Orr was under the impression that these men were employed by this Division, although she stated she thought Harney had at one time been connected with the Prohibition Unit. I informed Miss Orr that they are not in my employ and suggested that she call Mr. Hurley.

Very truly yours,

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