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H. S. Department of Justice

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

Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.

> BREKID. RE:

Dear Sir:

Further reference is made to recent correspondence concerning the confiscated Ford sedan, motor number 18-1190702, turned over to George C. Campbell, 818 South Rockford Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

This office has received a communication from B. F. Mizell, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Tallahassee, Florida, a copy of which is attached to each copy of this letter.

Will the Bureau please advise me as to its wishes concerning the request made by Mr. Mizell.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan Special Agent in Charge.

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Cc: Cincinnati Lr. Connelley, Chicago St. Paul Oklahoma City.

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STATE OF FLORIDA
Office of Motor Vehicle Commissioner
Tallahassee.

B. F. MIZELL
Kotor Vehicle Commissioner.

February 17, 1936.

Federal Bureau of Investigation U. S. Department of Justice P. O. Box 4907 Jacksonville, Florida.

Attention: Mr. R. B. Nathan, S/A in Charge

Dear Sir:

RE: Mrs. G. C. Campbell Credit #19292-G

Certificate No. 952564-A registered in the Federal Bureau of Investigation was submitted by Mrs. G. C. Campbell of Tulsa, Oklahoma, for transfer to her name. This request cannot be complied with as the certificate has not been properly assigned; neither has Mrs. Campbell completed the lower portion, or form No. 2.

The certificate is sent to you with request that proper assignment be made to the present owner and the certificate mailed to her at 818 S Rockford Avenue. Tulsa, Oklahoma with advice that she complete the lower portion and resubmit to this department for transfer. Signature of person signing for registered owner as well as that of Mrs. Campbell, should be attested by Notary with seal.

Your cooperation will be very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

/s/ B. F. Mizell Commissioner

/f Cc: Mrs. Campbell.

7-576-9681

March 3, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge, Jacksonville, Florida,

> REA ALVIN KAMPIS, with eliason FIGITIVE, I. O. \$1218, et al; EDBARD QUORGE BRIMER - VICTIM BIDBARTING.

Dear Sire

Reference is made to your letter dated Tebruary 25, 1935, wherein you refer to correspondence concerning the confiscated Ford scien, motor musher 18-1193702, which was turned over to George C. Campbell, 618 South Bookford Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma by your effice.

With reference to the copy of the letter which was received by your office from B. F. Misell, Meter Vehicle Consissioner of Florida, which letter is dated February 17, 1936, you are advised that a proper assignment of the certificate of title should be executed to the present owner, and the certificate of title mailed to the Oklahoza City Office, who will in turn transmit this executed certificate of title to the present owner.

Tou should also advise the assignee to complete the lower portion of the certificate of title and resubmit sees to the Motor Vehicle Consissioner for the State of Florida, as is suggested by Mr. B. F. Misell, Consissioner.

Yery truly yours,

John Migar Houver, Director,

cc-Cincinnati Chicago St. Paul Oklahoma City

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Special Agent in Charge. Filwaukee, Misconsin.

Dear Sir:

Teference is made to the report of Opecial Agent C. E. Brith, dated at Cleveland, Chio, November 27, 1935, wherein h lead was set forth for the Filwaukee office to locate one Transhes", a former immate of Edith Barry's call house at Toledo, ; Chic, and who is supposed to have been present in that house during the period the subjects of this case frequented Toledo, Chio.

On February 21, 1936 there was received from Fost Office Inspector F. T. Casey, Toledo, Olio, a tracing of a letter eddressed to laith berm, which was postmerked at lilwaukee, discensio, February 16, 1936, at 10:30 p.r., and bore the return address of 8733 Clencoe Circle, Nauwatosa, Misconsin. In view of the possibility that this might be the address of "Peaches", whose true name is Helen butler, discreet inquiry should be conducted at the above address to ascertain the identity of the correspondent.

In the event that it is determined that the correspondent is helen Butler, no contact should to had with her et this time, however, arrangements should to made by the Filwaukes office whereby the whereaboute of Halon Eutler will be known to that office when, at the direction of Special Agent in Charge R. J. Connelley, it becomes necessary to interrogate her relative to any information she may have pertaining to the subjects in this case.

A description of Eslen Dutler is set forth in the reference report of Spacial Agent C. E. Gaith.

Very truly yours,

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Division of Inhestigation H. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #812

Chicago, Illinois

February 25th, 1936

Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

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Recently was in Chicago, Illinois, she was interviewed by Special

Agent R. C. Suran, at which time she advised that there was a matter she had had on her mind for some time and did not know what steps to take in order to clear the situation.

She stated the situation referred to one Everett Bible, who was presently serving a life term in the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas. for the murder of one (Fuquea (phonetic,) on July 4th, 1926, this murder occurring on a highway between Tyro and Independence, Kansas. She stated that Mr. Fuquea, accompanied by his wife, was on the highway at which time they were driving close to Herman/Parker and Fred/Barker, who had been to Independence, Kansas "casing" a bank robbery; that when Mr. Fuquea and his wife, whose first name is Myrtle, approached Herman and Fred Barker.__ Herman Barker without provocation stopped his car and killed Mr. Fuquea. Subsequently, Everett Bible was apprehended and convicted of murder end sentenced to the Kansas State Penitentiary.

Thereafter, Herman and Fred Barker came to her home She stated she observed their peculiar actions and from their comments made while reading a newspaper concerning the murder, was confident that they were the individuals who killed Mr. Fuquea. She stated that ElmeryInman, who is presently serving a sentence at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, is familiar with the entire facts concerning this murder, although he was not implicated in it. Herman Barker related the full story to him. RECORDED & INDEXED

She stated that she has never seen Everett Bible and her only interest, in TRATION the matter is to see an innocent man vindicated of the crime. She further advised that she reported this matter to the State Highway Patrox two or three years ago but apparently no action was taken by them. She inquired as to whether there was anything the Bureau could do and was advised by Special Agent R. C. Suran that that was purely a State matter and that there was nothing the Bureau could do in connection with it. A MAR 12 (33)

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It was suggested to the the state of Kansas, and relate her story to him.

It is believed that this individual is identical with one Edward Bible, Kansas State Penitentiery, Lensing, Kansas, Register #9759, who is serving a forty-year sentence for second degree murder, being sentenced in Independence, Kansas, in December of 1926. Edward Bible has been interviewed by Agents of the Kansas City Bureau Office and he has expressed a willingness to furnish any information in his possession which would be of assistance in locating Alvin Karpis. It appears that Edward Bible was recently contacted by Bessie Skinner, former paramour of Eddie Green.

This is being reported for the information of the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

RCS:IJM 7-82 D. M. LADD

Special Agent in Charge

Post Office Box 812 Chicago, Illinois

February 25th, 1936

Special Agent in Charge Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Reference is made to the summary report submitted by Special Agent D. P. Sulliven, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 17th, 1936, concersing Harry Campbell, in which it is noted on page thirty-five thereof

It was suggested that be interviewed regularly in an effort to obtain information concerning the present whereebouts of Campbell and Karpis.

who was in Chicago, Illinois, recently, advised Special Agent R. C. Suran that e now employed in Lensas City, Kinsouri. It is suggested that the Oklahoma City Office determine the

address of in order that the Kansas City Office can conduct appropriate investigation concerning the pend, if advisable, interview him for possible information concerning the Jugitives in this case.

Jos Roward, who has been subject of pest correspondence between the Kensas City, Oklahome City and Chicago Offices, and who is reported to have been a close associate of Herry Compbell in the past, according to the company at Alled in a drug store robbery at Oilton, Oklahoma sometime during the year 1931. It is requested that the Oklahoma City Office conduct appropriate investigation to verify this information.

D. M. LADD Special Agent in Cherge 30

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P. O. Box #1525 Pittsburgh, Pa.

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February 25, 1936 Heith......

Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.

> ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, ET AL.; EDWARD GEORGE BRENER - Victim Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference/is made to Bureau letter of February 18, 1936 (7-576), directing that Mr. B. H. Barker, Vice President of the Federal Laboratories, Incorporated, Pittsburgh, be contacted for the purpose of ascertaining the source of his information that the Bureau was conducting an investigation relative to the sale of Thompson Submachine Guns by Joseph T. Miller of Tulsa, the company's Oklahoma representative.

Today I had occasion to contact Mr. Barker in connection with other matters and endeavored to ascertain from him the name of the person who advised him that the information previously requested of the Federal Laboratories concerning sales by that organization throughout the United States was for the purpose of developing information concerning the activities of its representative, Joseph T. L'iller. Mr. Barker informed me that he could not recall the source of this information but that it came to him while he was in Washington, D. C., during the week prior to January 13, 1936, in response to a subpoena to appear before the Senate Emitions Committee. He stated that it is quite possible that information was furnished him by the Washington representative of the Federal Laboratories, Incorporated. At any rate he advised that he did receive information while in Washington, D. C. that the information requested by former Special Agent in Charge C. K. Flerstone and Special Agent L. C. Taylor was for the purpose of checking the activities of his representative, Joseph T. Miller, and that since the information was requested as to sales West of the Mississippi River he naturally assumed that it was in relation to the activities of Miller.

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Mr. Barker assured me that he was not informed of the Bureau's investigation concerning Miller by anyone in the Department of Justice or the Federal Bureau of Investigation in either Washington or Pittsburgh. He, however, was insistent that he could not recall the source of his information at this time. The writer believes he could have furnished the name of the person who advised him of this fact if he had cared to.

Very truly yours,

R. L. SHIVERS
Special Agent in Charge

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the Buncombe County, North Carolina, jail awaiting triel for the robbery of the State Bank at Mars Hill, North Carolina, was interviewed in the presence of Zeb Nettles, Solicitor. Mr. Nettles made Nichols a proposition that if he (Nichols) would assist the writer, then he (Nettles) would assist Nichols in obtaining a parole after serving a short sentence. The writer was careful not to make any promises of any nature to Nichols. On this occasion Nichols advised that he had an idea who had committed the robbery of the Bank of Aiken, Aiken, South Carolina, and furnished agent with information that will be found in file entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS: BANK OF AIKEN, AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA - BANK ROBBERY", Charlotte file #91-26. To date this information has not been of much value.

Again on January 31, 1936, Nichols was questioned by a gent and he advised that he had never been in the secret room (that he told Agent Snow about) of the Nitengele Club, but felt positive that there was one there for he had known of two or three hundred cases of whiskey being stored there, and that it would take a pretty big room for this much whiskey. Nichols advised that he had never seen subject Karpis at this club or in Greensboro, North Carolina, and had never seen him in company with any of the persons whom he had mentioned to agent Snow. Nichols under close questioning, advised that he had only seen subject Karpis once and that this occasion was during the last week of July, 1935, when he had seen subject Karpis in company with Jack Wilhoyt and two women, one of whom was Jack Wilhoyt's woman, Billie*

With reference to this meeting Nichols advised that he had observed Jack Wilhoyt (whom he knew), subject Karpis, and two women, one of whom was Jack Wilhoyt's woman "Billie come cut of a cafe across the street from the John Sevier Hotel in Johnson City, Tennessee, and that he, Nichols, had told Wilhoyt that he wanted to see him, and thereupon Wilhoyt invited him to accompany them to the John Sevier Hotel. Nichols stated that they went up to the fifth (5th) floor (the exact room not known) where Wilhoyt and Karpis had adjoining rooms, that Wilhoyt never did introduce Karpis just saying "I guess you know this fellow". Nichols stated that he does not remember by what name Wilhoyt referred to Karpis, but was of the opinion that it was "Carl". Nichols also advised that he remained with Wilhoyt and Karpis and the two women for about an hour, and the five of them had a few drinks.

Nichols stated that Wilhoyt, at this time, was driving a Buick roadster, black, about 1931 or 1932 model and he was of the opinion that this car had Arkansas tags on it. He advised that he did not have any idea what kind of car Karpis had.

Nichols was shown a group of photographs, among them was one of subject Karpis, and he selected the one of Karpis and the one of Reese Bailey (subject of I.O.#1328) as being the only two he knew. Nichols stated that the photograph of Karpis was a picture of subject Karpis, but that Karpis did not look much like the picture now as his face was drawn from an operation. Nichols admitted to the writer that he had seen this picture previously and had seen it labeled subject Karpis. With reference to the photograph of Reese Bailey, Nichols stated that this picture looked very much like Jack Foster. (It is here noted that agent subsequently exhibited other photographs to Nichols and he selected two other photographs as being a likeness of Jack Foster.)

Nichols further advised that he had not seen subject Karpis since that time in Johnson City, Tennessee, but had seen Jack Wilhoyt shortly after that, or in August, 1935, in Asheville, North Carolina, where Wilhoyt was arrested for the theft of a yellow Pontiac sedan which he had stolen from in front of the Swannanoa-Berkeley Hotel and had been arrested near the Langren Hotel. Nichols advised that Wilhoyt had "fixed" this arrest and had been released after approximately ans-half hour. Agent later checked the "Rlotter Docket" of the Asheville Police Department and also the reports of stolen automobiles and the above mentioned sutomobile was not reported stolen and there was no record of the arrest.

Nichols was questioned closely relative to subject
Karpis being in Greensboro, North Carolina, and he stated that he
had never seen Karpis; in Greensboro, and that his reason for believing that he had been there was, at one time while he, Nichols,
was; in Greensboro he had observed a large man "hanging" around the
Clegg Hotel with Buck Denby and he had the idea that the man was
from Oklahoma and was waiting for some of the "big-shota" to show
up.

Relative to the New Years Eve party that was to be given at the Nitengele Club, near Knoxville, Tennessee, Nichols advised that all he knew about the party was that before he left Knoxville in September, 1935, Doc Ogle had told him that some of the boys would be at the club on New Years Eve and that if he was in the vicinity, for him to come out. Nichols could not give any reason why he thought Karpis would be there except that he had seen him with Jack Wilhoyt and knew Doc Ogle and Wilhoyt were friends.

Nichols was extremely anxious for his wife (Hazel Nichols, with aliases) to accompany agent and make contacts for him in meeting all of the criminals in and around Knoxville, Tennessee.

Hazel Nichols was interviewed by agent at the Buncombe County jail, where she was visiting, and she advised that she was a prostitute and would do anything to assist Nichols, but that she had only known him since the middle of September, 1935, and did know any of the persons whom Nichols had mentioned. Hazel Nichols advised that she had never been to Knoxville, Tennessee, and had done most of her traveling between Bristol, Tennessee, and North and South Carolina. Mrs. Nichols stated that she would remain in Asheville and that if agent desired to contact her again she could be reached at one of the hotels where girls are allowed to stay.

Nichols advised agent of the names and heng-cuts of other criminals in East Tennessee and Kentucky, but was not able to furnish anything definite as to any crime, or as to where any stolen property was stored. This information is being furnished the Nashville and Louisville offices by letter.

After talking with Nichols for more than twelve hours on different occasions, it is the opinion of this agent that he only knows the men who are backing the a ctual participants in crimes, and does not know of any specific crime that has been backed by these men. Every person mentioned by Nichols as being a leader in the criminal world that has been checked by the Charlotte office and this agent has been a "cheap gembler" or carnival man.

stated that subject Harry Campbell had recently been using the a liases of G. RP Benton, George Benton and Mary Forth, and requested that the State Motor Vehicle Bureaus be searched to ascertain whether Campbell, using the above aliases, has applied for a driver's or chauffeur's license, or has registered an automobile.

On January 30, 1936, the North Carolina Motor Vehicle Bureau advised that a 1925 model Ford coach, motor #11786730, title 587598D was registered in the name of George Benton, West Hickory, North Carolina; a 1921 Buick touring car, motor #814,753, title 13240E, in the name of George Benton, Clinchfield, Rul.Sta., Marioh, North Carolina; 1927 Willys-Knight coupe, motor #67155, title 623594A; Ford, motor #8411545, title 204769; 1934 Chevrolet coupe, motor #4187846, serial 9DA03-17339, title Z21095, and 1935 Chevrolet coupe, motor #5231906, serial #8EA06-9587, title Z117415A were registered in the name of Dr. G. R. Benton, Fremont, North Carolina; and Plymouth touring Fordor motor PJ143185, serial 2498579, title Z103949A was registered in the name of Mrs. G. R. Benton, Fremont, North Carolina. There was no record of a car being registered in North Carolina in the name of Mary Forth.

Inquiries of the South Carolina State Motor Vehicle Division as to automobiles registered in these names and drivers and chauffeur's licenses met with negative results.

AT FREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA.

Special Agent R. L. Morgan ascertained that Dr. George R. Benton is a well known physician at Fremont and has resided there for more than thirty years; that he is married and about sixty-five years of age.

AT CLINCHFIM.D. NORTH CAROLINA.

General inquiry made by Special Agent G. A. Nicholson in Clin chfield developed that about five years ago a certain George Benton had lived there and worked in the Clinchfield Manufacturing Company as an oiler.

Mr. C. B. Landis, Paymaster, Clinchfield Manufacturing Company, stated that he remembered George Benton very well and when he viewed pocket I.O. of Harry Campbell stated that there was a strong resemblance.

Deputy Sheriff B. L. Robbins, Clinchfield, North Carolina, helped agent find someone who knew of George Benton's present whereabouts. After much inquiry Mrs. A. McKnight informed Robbins that George Benton was living in Hickory, North Carolina, and working at the Hickory Hosiery Mill.

AT H ICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA.

Agent interviewed George Benton in the Hickory Hosiery Mill and was informed by him that he had owned a 1921 model Buick touring car at one time and also a 1925 or 1926 model Ford coach in 1929 and 1930. Agent observed that instant George Benton did not resemble Harry Campbell in appearance, and as Benton was very cooperative in the matter, agent took his right index fingerprint and compared it with the fingerprint of Harry Campbell, appearing in the pocket I.O. booklet. The print was not identical. Benton stated that he had lived in Clinchfield for several years and that he had left there to take his present job as a doffer in the Hickory Hosiery Mill.

It appears from the above that Dr. George R. Benton and George Benton, who registered automobiles in North Carolina, are not identical with subject Harry Campbell.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE NASHVILLE OFFICE, at Johnson City, Tennessee, will conduct appropriate investigation at the John Sevier Hotel to ascertain if subject Karpis and Jack Wilhoyt, in company with two women, one described as a large blonde, weighing about one hundred forty pounds and being five feet five inches tell, had occupied adjoining rooms on the fifth (5th) floor of that hetel during the last week of July, 1935.

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Tashington Field Office, Room 5252, Yashington, I.C.

February 26, 1936.

Mr. A.J.Connelley, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Pepartment of Justice, 1933 Bunkers' Building, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sirt

RE: BREKID.

There are being transmitted to you herewith via simual special delivery four photographs of EDRARD C.BARTEDLEMEY. These photographs were obtained at the Civil Service Consistion, in keeping with the request made upon as in a telephonic conversation with Special Agent R.E. Furan on even date.

Very truly yours,

KENIMBL ENC. J. M. KEITH, Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Bureau Cincinnati
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FEBRUARY 26 1936

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

E J CONNELLEY

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forgery charge in 1925, was sentenced to one year and one day at Ste Louis, Missouri on a Dyer Act charge in 1926 and served time continuously in Federal penitentiaries throughout the country on various charges until 1930 when he received a perole from McNeil Island. He served out his parole and was then convicted on a confidence game charge in Colorado and served almost three years in the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado being released December 24, 1935. He stated that he was driving a car for the Sheltons from Oklahoma when he was arrested on the Dyer Act charge in 1926 and that about four years ago, he drove a liquor truck for Frank Stanfield, Cairo, Illinois who, according to Sheed was very powerful in Southern Illinois among the criminal element.

He stated that while in the Colorado State Penitentiary. he met Machine Gun Kelly, Alfred Bates and others. He also met a former Denver broker whose name he fefused to disclose who was serving time in the Penitentiary and who told him that he had placed \$8,500.00 of the Urschel rensom money in a safe deposit box in St. Paul, Minnesota at the request of Ben Laska, the lawyer. This broker, he stated, is a young man with grey hair. Sneed further stated that he then agreed to get this money, as well as Urschel ransom money in a safe deposit box belonging to Harry Campbell, which had been left in a Denver Bank, and turn it over to Federal authorities. His broker friend said that if this were done he would testify for the Government against Laska. Their reason for doing this was to get revenge on Laska who is very powerful among gangsters in Denver and who had been responsible for a number of his friends being sent to the death house. Smeed further stated that he wants to break up the gang of Machine Gun Kelly who has put him and his friends "on the spot" time after time and who has besten him and punished him physically on numerous occasions. He stated that if the Government did not wipe out the gamgaters controlled by Laska, he intended to get out someday and get them himself. Laska, he said, had made the boast that he could send anyone in the State of Colorado to the gas chamber at twenty-five cents a head. The broker, who is still in the penitentiary, has been afraid to disclose the location of the money for fear of Laska, according to Sneed.

After leaving the Colorado State Penitentiary, Sneed stated he went to Denver where he actually gained entrance to the safe deposit box containing the ransom money; that money belonging to his friend was also contained in this box and he took four or five hundred dollars in currency, in accordance with the offer of his friend in the penitentiary. He could not state how much ransom money was in the box but believes it to be the remainder of the unrecovered money aside from that deposited in St. Paul by Lasks.

From Denver, Sneed went to Shawnee, Oklehoma arriving on January 1, 1936. He then went to Fisk, Missouri to visit Irene Hayes the half sister of a fellow convict at the Colorado Penitentiary with whom he had been corresponding. He stayed at Fisk from January 3 to January 5, 1936 and from there immediately proceeded to St. Paul, Minnesota where he remained until January 9, 1936. He entered the safe deposit box in the St. Paul Bank and saw the money but left it there. In connection with the bank, Smed stated that the bankers are crooked and that they admitted him to the safe deposit box. On January 9, 1936 he proceeded to Lansing, Michigan and thence to Flint, Michigan where he stayed with his brother Luther Dusch, 239 Jefferson St., who uses the name of the people who adopted both brothers when their parents died. According to Sneed, Luther Dusch holds a very responsible position in Flint, lives a respectable life and has a wife and two children. He stayed in Flint until January 27, 1936 working for the Flint Cab Company, but the police found out about his past record end he lost his job. He then went to Lansing, Michigen, rented a 1934 Ford Coach, left a bad check for \$20.00 as deposit and took the car to Wabash, Indiana and thence to Kokomo, Indiana where he stored it in a garage and left it. On February/7, 1936 he went from Kokomo to Indianapolis with the father-in-law of P. F. Goodrich in the Goodrich car, stole this automobile later in the day from the garage in which it was parked and came directly to Fisk, Missouri. He was married to Irene Hayes of Fisk, Missouri in Piggott, Arkansas on February 10, 1936 and was arrested February 13, 1936 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

Sneed stated that he is acquainted with Tonmy Touhy, wanted for robbery of the mails, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Blackie Doyle, Thomas H. Robinson, Jr. and others wanted by the Government and that he is able to give information which will lead to their apprehension; that he is familiar with the hide-outs in St. Louis, Chicago, St. Paul, Flint and Denver and he can gain entrance for a Bureau agent who will pose as a gangster and go with him as his friend. In connection with these hide-outs, Sneed stated that in St. Paul the criminals frequent St. Peters St. and that this district covers as much as fifteen blocks; that the doorman at one of the principal places on this street is named Sweeney and has an unusual memory for faces; that a Mexican named Joe Durango is hired at this same place to protect it from outsiders; that in Flint, Michigan one of the largest hide-outs in the country is located under the Capitol Theatre.

In connection with Campbell, Sneed stated that he talked to him while he was in St. Paul in January, 1936 and that the latter would give himself up if he were assured that he would not receive the death penalty. An inconsistency was noted at this point when Sneed stated that

Campbell was afraid of being turned over to the State of Washington for the Weyerhaeuser Kidnaping and that he received a share of the Urschel Kidnaping money. Sheed advised that he had talked to Karpis since his release in September, 1935 but would not saywhere and that Karpis would kill himself before being taken into custody and for this purpose, Karpis carried a wrist watch in which was contained cyanide.

In connection with Robinson, Sneed stated that he, Sneed, was in West Plains, Missouri not long ago; that he came to West Plains to get some money from Robinson but found him gone, and that Robinson is hanging around a woman in St. Paul, who so far has refused to have anything to do with him, Sneed. Sneed stated that he has not seen Touhy or Doyle for three or four years but that he knows some of their associates through whom their location could be ascertained.

In this connection, it should be noted that Roger Touhy has been in custody since 1933 and Tommy Touhy was apprehended some time ago.

Sneed stated that he would not give information as to the identities of the persons and places he had mentioned until he could talk to someone who had authority directly from Washington who could accompany him to the hide-outs and banks mentioned and who could assure him that his friend in the Colorado State Penitentiary would not be involved in charges arising out of his possession of the ransom money and who could further guarentee that all Federal charges would be made at one time against him, Sneed. He said that his reason for wanting to supply this information was to wipe out his past record and make it possible for him to earn an honest living after he was free again; that as long as his enemies, as well as gangster friends are free, he will not be able to do this and further that he wants to see certain ones who have done all they could to harm him, put out of the way.

Sneed further stated that he had met former Special Agent in Charge Melvin Purvis at Chicago, Illinois and had considered giving information to him but was afraid to at that time because he had told Herry Campbell that he knew where the money was kept and that the information would be traced to him.

The substance of the information set out in the foregoing was furnished the Bureau and the Little Rock Office by teletype on February 16, 1936; a copy of this teletype was sent to the Oklahoma City Office of the Bureau.

Sneed is presently being held at Corning, Arkensas on forgery charges and hold orders have been placed against him there by authorities at

Shawnee, Oklahoma and Flint, Michigan on other forgery charges.

On February 18, 1936 Smeed was again interviewed by Special Agent Redmond and Special Agent R. L. Nalls, Little Rock, Arkensas, at Corning, Arkansas. He stated that in 1933 he was sentenced to from five to ten years in the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado on a confidence game charge and served approximately thirty-one months being released December 24, 1935. During this time he became very well acquainted with an inmate of the Penitentiary by the name of Robert Compton, who had been sentenced about 1930 for handling stolen bonds and who escaped in 1931 or 1932. Compton was apprehended and returned to the Penitentiary approximately nine months after his escape. This man was formerly a broker in Denver, Colorado, his number in the Penitentiary being in the thirteen thousands, and Sneed described him as being about thirty-seven years of age, height - 5 feet 11; weight - 160; hair - grey. Compton informed Sneed that he had dealt in stolen bonds and "hot" money for Ben Laska, Machine Gun Kelly, Bates and others and that he had some of this money inbonds contained in safe deposit boxes in Denver and St. Paul. After being released from the Penitentiary on December 24, 1935, Sneed proceeded to Denver, Colorado where he contected Art/Taylor as instructed by Compton. He stayed with Art Taylor over Christmas and together with Taylor, contacted "Blind Joe" Panelli who is said to be wanted by the authorities.

On December 26, 1935 Sneed accompanied Panelli, Taylor and a girl friend of Taylor to the Citizens' Bank of Denver, on Broadway, where Panelli gained entrance to the safe deposit box and Sneed saw a large quantity of money and bonds. Some of the bonds, according to Panelli, came from the mail robbery in 1923 known as the "Wyandotte Robbery" committed by the Shelton Gang in Chicago, Illinois. Sneed stated that he believes Panelli said he gained entrance by obtaining a key from the wife or paramour of Compton who goes by the name of Nelson, first name unknown. This entry was gained at approximately 10:00 A.M. on December 26, 1935 and Panelli and Sneed were the only ones who entered the vault and examined the contents of the box. Sneed advised that he had been requested by Compton to go to the box in Denver to determine if the money and securities were still there. He stated he found a large emount of money in the box as well as the securities. On the previous occasion, Smed informed Agent Redmond that he had taken \$500.00 from this safe deposit box which Compton had promised him. When interviewed on the latter date, Smeed advised that he had left the money and securities intact and had received \$500.00 from Art Taylor former inmate of the Colorado State Penitentiary. Sneed advised

he was known in the Colorado State Penitentiary as William Hass, #17622.

Upon being interrogated further, Sneed stated Compton still maintains offices in Denver but would not admit that he knew the Nelson woman's first name or the names of any of the associates of Compton in business. He further stated he did not know where they maintained their offices and advised that the principal business of Company and his associates is the handling of "hot" securities and that Compton has more or less of aninternational reputation.

Sneed said he proceeded from Denver to St. Paul because Compton had told him that he had placed \$8,500.00 belonging to Ben Laska, Denver attorney, which had come from the Urschel Kidnaping case, in a safe deposit box in a bank at St. Paul at Laska's request; that Compton had informed him he was afraid he might become involved in the kidnaping case if he did not dispose of the money; that Compton stated he was afraid of Laska who knew him under another name and did not know he was an inmate of the Colorado Penitentiary; that Compton wanted him to get the money and turn it over to one of Laska's attorneys so as to take suspicion off of him, further that Compton told him he could gain entrance to this safe deposit box in St. Paul by contacting Harry Campbell who could be located in St. Paul. Sneed stated that Compton had told him Harry Campbell was being sought in connection with a kidnaping case and that Campbell had dealt with him while he was in the brokerage business.

Sneed stated that while enroute to St. Paul, he stopped over at Shawnee, Oklahoma where he forged a \$200.00 check and then proceeded to Fisk, Missouri where he stopped for a day or two; that he arrived in St. Paul around the 8th or 9th of January, 1936 and went immediately to Apartment 17, 610 St. Peters Street, St. Paul, which is occupied by Grace Nelson, a Mrs. Thompson and a girl named Tiny. He stated that he received knowledge as to the location of these three girls through underworld sources which he could not recall. He made himself known to Grace Nelson by describing her brother, also an inmate of the Colorado State Penitentiary, stating he did not know at the time that Grace Nelson had a brother in the Penitentiary. While in St. Paul Sneed stayed at this address for a period of several days. The first evening he was introduced to the sweetheart of Tiny who is known as "Sugar" and who operates two or three readhouses in and around St. Paul. They went to the readhouse owned by "Sugar" which is situated on the adge

St. Paul and is reached by driving through a park and situated near a large manufacturing plant; that the roadhouse sets back from the road, is entered in the rear and has a driveway which circles the place. At this time he told "Sugar" he wanted to see Harry Campbell and while he was there he met Blackie Arms whom he knew in Leavenworth Penitentiary and who was formerly associated with the Berger gang in Southern Illienois. It should be noted that during the month of July, 1934 Blackie Arms was sentenced to ten years in a Federal Penitentiary in the Southern District of Illinois on a charge of assaulting a Prchibition Agent. "Sugar" took him to various spots in and around St. Paul but they were unable to locate Campbell. The next morning which was on or about Janeuary 9, 1936, Campbell came to the apartment at 610 St. Peters St. He stated it was the first time he had ever seen Campbell and described him as follows:

Age - approximately 32
Height - 5 feet 10
Weight - 165
Hair - brown or black
Complexion - medium fair
Build - medium.

At this point, a photograph of Harry Campbell was exhibited to Sneed and he failed to identify this photograph as being that of the person he had seen. A conversation with the person alleged to have been Campbell, which lasted until about 2:00 o'clock that afternoon, disclosed that the money belonging to Ben Laska had been placed in a bank 3.5 in St. Paul in a safe deposit box and while the banker did not know it was kidnap money at the time it was deposited he has since learned the character of the contents of the box but is afraid to dispose of it. This banker is known to have dealt with underworld characters on numerous occasions according to Sneed. It was the understanding of Sneed that Compton had placed this money in the bank through Campbell. During the above conversation, the possibility was discussed by Sneed and Campbell of securing the money and using it to blackmail Laska but Campbell advised that it was extremely dangerous to take this money from its present resting place. On the same night, Campbell appeared at the same apartment on St. Peters St., driving a new LaSalle Seden, 60 Series, probably dark blue in color, with fenders of a different shade; that he left the apartment with Campbell and got into the car where he was introduced by Campbell to his friend whom he introduced as Alvin Karpis. The description of this man was given by Sneed as follows: 🔩

> Age - 28 Height - 5 feet 10 Weight - 150 Heir - very black

Complexion - medium fair Face - slender

At this point, the picture of Karpis was exhibited to Sneed and he identified it after some hesitency as being that of the person seen by him with Campbell. During that night they visited a number of spots in and around St. Peul meeting several of his former acquaintances he had known in the Penitentiary. The next morning, a men cane to the apartment on St. Peters St. who gave the name of Sweeney and whom he knew as the doorman at one of "Sugar's" roadhouses. This men he stated is rather small in build and is decidedly Irish in appearance.

At about 10:00 o'clock that morning, Sweeney took him to a large bank which is situated across the street from the bus station in St. Paul in a building which is very old in appearance. Sweeney gained entrence to the box and took him into the vault where he showed him a package about two and one-half inches thick which he stated was the ransom money Sneed had been asking about. He also let Sneed take this money but in the meantime Sneed had decided for his own safety, it would be better to leave it where it was. Smeed stated he left the same day by bus arriving at Flint, Michigan on January 11, 1936 where he went to stey with his brother Luther Dusch.

On January 27, 1936 Sneed left Flint, Michigan and went to Lansing, Michigan where he rented a car from the Rent-A-Car Company leaving a bad check for \$20.00 as deposit. He then drove to Wabash, Indiana and from Wabash to Kokomo, Indiana arriving at Kokomo on January 29, 1936 where he left the car. On February 7, 1936 he drove with the father—in-law of P. F. Goodrich, whose name he could not recall, in the Goodrich car to Indianapolis, where the car was stored at the Century Garage. He returned later in the day and stole this car driving it to Fisk, Missouri. In company with Irene Hayes he made two visits to Arkansas in the Goodrich car, the dates of these visits being February 9, 1936 and February 12, 1936. On February 10, 1936 Sneed married Irene Hayes under the mame of P. F. Goodrich at Piggott, Arkansas.

In view of the discrepancies in the statements made by Sneed, very little credence is placed in the information which he furnished and the advisebility of conducting further investigation in the matter is

being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin.

Separate reports are being prepared with reference to the information furnished by Smeed in connection with the URSCHEL and STOLNAP cases.

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Please refer to a recent letter in which I informed you that Billy Woods, a Burns Detective Agency representative at Tulsa, desired to put me in contact with an informant in this case, who, it was believed, possesses information as to the whereabouts of Karpis and Campbell.

I am transmitting herewith copies of a memorandum prepared by me containing the results of my interview with Woods and the informant. It will be noted that the alleged informant is Miss Eilene Baldwin of Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

It is kindly requested that the contents of this memorandum be reviewed at the earliest possible moment and that I be informed by teletype by noon on Sunday, February 25rd, whether it is desired that the services of this woman be utilized in the manner desired by her, that is, whether she should be paid money for a specified period, and whether I should make an effort to furnish her a car.

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MEMORANDUM

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Pebruary 20, 1986

RE: BREKID

Agent Kingman called by telephone on February 18th and said that Billy Woods, Burns Detective Agent at Tulsa, had an informant who desired to converse with me and no one else, concerning Kerpis and Gempbell, and that it was believed that she had information which would result in revealing their whereabouts.

I made arrangements to go to Tulsa and there met Woods during the evening of February 19, 1936, who informed me that his informant is the evening of February 19, 1936, who informed me that his informant is

ments for her to meet me in fulsa during the evening of the 19th. Woods steted that he has known this woman for approximately three years and during that time she has served as his informant, and he has always found her to be very reliable; that so far as he knows, she has never

found her to be very reliable; that so far as he knows, she has never been convicted of any offense; that she referred to above, and makes her living; that she is well acquarriced with outlaws of all kinds in the State of Oklahoma and has served as an informant and in an under cover capacity within the past few years for the Kansas State Highway Patrol, the Railway Express Agency several life insurance companies upon whom frauds were attempted, and for him. He also said that she had served in an under cover capacity for Jim Bracewell, Special Agent of the Greet Lake Pipeline Company of Tulsa. He says that he is positive that her efforts with the aforesaid organizations have been highly productive. According to Woods, this woman came to him several days ago and stated that she believes that she is in position to obtain some information concerning the whereabouts of Krpis and Campbell and that she did not want to get in touch with any and it occurred to her that he would know to whom she could be referred in connection with the matter; that he informed her that this Bureau is seeking Kerpis and Compbell, and that he would put her in touch with a Special Agent of the Bureau, but that she said that she desired to talk to the man who was in charge of the Bureau in this district, for which reason he had me contacted. Hoods stated that he is not getting much work as a representative of the Burns Detective Agency, that he understands that the Bureau will pay some money for confidential information which lends to the apprehension by the Bureau of Kerpis and Campbell, or either of them, and that he believed that if he were the medium, through which the Bureau obtained the information which would result in the apprehension of these men through this woman, that he could share in this money, as he is badly in need of it.

I met

In Tulsa during the evening of

February 19th, and had a conversation with her, lasting for approximately
two hours. She is a woman in her thirties, well dressed, without an education, but presents a fair appearance, and is intelligent. She informed
me that she had worked with the organizations mentioned above by Woods
in an under cover capacity, and as an informant, and that she has never
received any publicity in connection with her efforts, and that she does
not desire any. She told me that she
is making a living.

She informed me that she has never been convicted of any offense, has never been married to an outlaw, but that for several years she has lived in Oklahoma, the last five of which have been spen and that she enjoys work of an under cover character with law enforcement agencies. She stated that she had been instrumental in obtaining valuable information on several occasions for the organizations hitherto mentioned.

I asked her why she had a desire to furnish information as to the whereabouts of Kerpis and Campbell and she stated that she enjoys the work, that she knows they are badly wanted, and that she believes that within a reasonable length of time, probably thirty days, that she would be able to obtain the desired information. I asked her if she knows Kerpis and Campbell and she stated that she is not personally acquainted with them, but that she saw them in Tulsa a few years ago. She approximated the time as about four years ago, at which time she said they were with Burrheed Keady, whom she has known for several years. She was asked if she had information of a definite character that these men are in this locality, to which she replied that she had not. She did say, however, that she believes that they are or have been in Oklahous recently. The reasons given by her for this belief are that she is at present keeping company with

stated that she is not in love with but that she likes him, that he is fond of her and that she has extended to him many kindnesses; that is a shrewd individual, is a criminal, is well acquainted with the underworld in this pert of the country, and that he has told her that he knows Karpis and Campbell, but that she has not heard him say that he has seen either of them for some time; that he has well acquainted with Tom Hill, Burrhead Keady, and others of a like cheracter, as in indicated, and that within the past few weeks she has stopped with him on more than one occasion at the place of Burrhead Keady in Tuka, and that they would carry on conversations of a welled character, not mentioning names

specifically, but which suggested to her mind that they referred to activities which were not within the law. She said that she believes that by constant association with during the day and the night, she will obtain information as to the whereabouts of Karpis and Campbell, either through him or Burrheed Keady. She said that the father and mother live in Oklahoma City, but that he has a brother, whose first name she does not know, who is the owner of some greyhounds, which are running at the races at some place in Florida at the present time, and that is contemplating going to Florida within the near future, to be accompanied by a man by the name of who is not known to her as an outlaw, but who is a mechanic in some garage, and probably Burrhead Keady. She stated that she had been extended an invitation to make this trip with them, but that she had made no plans to accompany them.

This woman was asked many questions concerning her knowledge of Karpis and Campbell, such as where the parents of Campbell reside, what, if any, connections Karpis had in this country, either past or present, and she was unable to furnish anything with reference thereto except that she believed that they were contacting Burrhead Kesdy. She did not know that Karpis had a wife from Kiefer, Oklahoma, but she did state that she believed that Campbell's parents resided in Tulsa or near there. She stated that not long ago she went one day with to Doolan's ranch, near Perry, Oklahoma, and that she remained in went out and talked to the man at the place. She the car, while did not know the identity of the man with whom they conversed, so she said. She informed that while there, another individual came up from some part of the premises, not in an automobile, but walking, and that she gained the impression from her observations that this individual was "; ot", and she thought perhaps it may have been Karpis or Campbell, but of this she was not certain. She stated that she and had been in the company of Burrhead Keady and his girl friend, whose first name is Johnny or Johnnie, the last name being to her unknown. She didn't state where she had been with these people but Merely seld that she had been riding around with them in Tulsa and vicinity. (The name of Johnny is being the name of the girl friend of Burrhead Keady is in line with information which has been obtained through a telephone tep at Tulsa). stated that told her that the Kansas State Highway Patrol had approached his several times in an effort to "finger" Karpis, and Campbell, because they knew that he was acquainted with them and felt that he could do the job; that related to her that Joe Anderson, a member of the Kensas Highway Patrol, to his, Anderson's, home and kept him there for had even taker several days, telking to him, attempting to persuade him to furnish information as to the whereabouts of Kerpis and Campbell, but that he had never divulged any such information, and that in duscussing it with her, had laughed at the efforts of the Kansas Patrol to get him to do this job. She stated that it would be useless to attempt to interview and under no circumstances would she want him to know that she had even interviewed a representative of this Bureau concerning this matter, and that she most certainly would not tell him that she had approached any law enforcement

agency. She stated that as she recalls was sentenced to the penitentiary in 1954 to serve five years, and as has been stated, was released in December 1955. She was asked whether, in her opinion, the perole of the had been arranged in order for him to obtain this information for the knass Righway Patrol, and her reply was that she does not believe such to be the case. She was questioned as to what outlaws she knows in the vicinity of Coffeyville, Kensas, other than Tom Hill. She stated that she knows Alvin Sherwood. She did not mention that she is acquainted with Milton Lett or Sam Coker, and she was not questioned specifically as to these two individuals. With further reference to her acquaintance with and knowledge of Burrhead Keady, she said that she had never been a girl friend of Keady's, but that he knows her and she knows him and that he believes her to be reliable, that is to say, that she is not one who would do any smitching, and that she would have nothing to do with law enforcement officials.

This woman was informed by me as to what the Bureau will do for her financially in the event she furnishes information as to the wheresbouts of either Karpis or Campbell, which results in their apprehension by this Bureau. She stated that she is not particularly interested in any reward or money of that kind, but that she would like to undertake the job of obtaining the information as to their whereabouts for a period of thirty days et least, to be paid her travelling expenses and about \$5.00 per day. She stated that she would need an automobile and that she does not own one and that she feels that she could not obtain the information without the use of an automobile. She stated that she is making sufficient money in her business to take care of herself and children comfortably and that she is not 🦟 in financial difficulties at this time. She was well dressed, had on three expensive appearing diamond rings, and was wearing an elegant fur coat. She stated that if she were to undertake a matter of this kind that she would have to inform her friends and acquaintences that

but that, of course, she would not dispose of it. I informed her that I was not in position at the time to give her an answer as to whether we could utilise her services in the manner she desires, but that probably I would contact her in the immediate future if any such arrangement were to be entered into.

This woman is shrewd, cunning, and unquestionably is acquainted with the underworld in this part of the country, or lat least a large share of them. While she appears to be confortably fixed at this time, her financial condition, of course, is not known to the writer. She did not appear to be purely mercenary, nor did she appear to be seeking information. She asked very few questions during the conversation between us, and the only information that I gave her was, of course, that Karpis and Campbell are badly wanted by this Bureau, which she already well knew.

The records of the Oklahoma City Office disclose a file, the title of which is

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origin, Kansas City. The report of Special Agent R. J. Horstrom of the

Kansas City Office, dated 10-22-34, reflects that the attention of the United States Attorney at Topaka, Kansas was called to the activities. of Wesley E. Gege, a Deputy Sheriff of Creek County, Oklahoma, in connection with some express money orders which had checks had been furnished these two careves by Gages and start these and that those was sentenced to the penitentiary at Lansing, Renses. There was no prosecution in this case, as reflected by the report of SAO.

R. B. Nathan, Kansas City, 10-26-34. The Oklahoma City files also reflect a case, the title of which is which shows that this which shows that this individual in Merch, 1924, was sentenced to ten years in the State Peni-stated to me emphatically that she does not desire that any representative of the Bureau contact her by phone or in person but that she should at her place of business or her residence be telegraphed at her residence to meet someone at some designated place in Tulsa at some specific hour. DWIGHT BRANTLEY Special Agent in Charge.

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7-576-970/February 25, 1936

Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Port Office Box 1276, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

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I have received your letter of February 21, 1936, transmitting a percentage received by you concerning your interview with

I do not feel that the information in the possession of this momen, concerning the whereabouts of Kerpis and Campbell, is sufficiently detailed to justify the Bureau's hiring her on a monthly basis. In the event is able to furnish the Bureau with my information of value concerning the whererbouts of Kerpis and Campbell, you are authorized, of course, to pay her a reasonable sum, but the Bureau does not feel at this time that this momen should be hired under the terms suggested by her,

Very truly yours, For the Director,

Harold Rethen, Assistant Director.

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

February 23, 1936.

Time - 11:40 A.M.

Mr. Baughman Chief Clerk Mr. Clegg Mr. Edwards Mr. Tamm . Mr. Tracy Gan dy

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Mr. Tolson

I telephoned SAC Brantley at the Oklahoma City Office with reference to his memorandum submitted to the Bureau setting forth the results of his interview with the woman informant with whom he was put in contact by Billie Woods, and told him that I had diligently studied the information in this memorandum, and failed to see where this woman has any specific information to sell the Bureau; that it would appear to me there are possibly a thousand people in the State of Oklahoma who are in just as good a position as this woman to make a contact with the subjects, and would be just as good contacts to start on as this woman. I told Mr. Brantley that the Bureau cannot authorize the employment of this woman on a day basis as an informant, but our proposition to her should be that if she can furnish any definitely tangible information which will be productive of results, we will compensate her accordingly.

Mr. Brantley said he would be guided accordingly.

Mr. Brantley said that another angle of this matter has just arisen about which he wanted to furnish information to the Bureau. Early this morning, Special Agent Kingman, who is working on this matter in Tulsa, Oklahoma, telephoned Mr. Brantley and advised that he had just found out that the police at Tulsa had arrested Burrhead Keady last night. Kingman made some casual inquiries of Earl Gardner, and Gardner told him confidentially that he had personally arrested this man and turned him over to the Post Office Inspectors there in Tulsa. The indications are that no one was greested with Keady. Further inquiries of Earl Gardner revealed that Sam'Coker may be at this time in Florida with Milton Lett, both of whom were supposed to be informants of ours. RECORDED & INDEXED

This is all the information available on this situation at this time, and it is the opinion of Mr. Brantley that the Post Office Inspectors won't get any information of value from Keady. Any developments in the matter will be promptly furnished the Bureau.

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HDH:SLB 7-43 February 26, 1936

Special Agent In Charge, Cleveland, Chio.

Re: "BREKID"

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter dated February 21, 1935, requesting information concerning 1935, Ohio license 9638-H which was observed on an automobile parked at the house of Edith Barry in Toledo, Ohio.

Please be advised that the license in question was issued to Carl Y. Kinker, 2111 Chestnut St., Toledo, Uhio, for a 1935 Dodge sedan, motor #D2-43360, serial #4055847.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CCNNELLEY, Special agent In Charge.

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Mr. E. J. Connolley. Special Agent in Charge, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to my letter of February 21, 1936, concorning the installation of a telephone tap on the residence telephone of JOHN B. DAVENFORT of Minnespolis, Minnesota. . .

This is to advise that the tap has been installed in accordance with the plan outlined in my letter above referred to. Special Agent C. W. Dunker and his wife have taken up residence at 4128 Chicago Avenue, Linneapolis, under the name of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dietz. Copies of the log being mainteines on this tap, will be forwarded to you periodically.

Very truly yours,

C. R. STalk. Special agent in Charge.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to: St. Paul Bureau Office.

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2-26-36 6-45 PM

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SAC ST PAUL

PHONE. BREID. POLICE, PEKIN, ILLINOIS, HOLDING ON SUSPICION THOMAS
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CC Bureau (by mail) CC SAC Connelley (by mail) CC Chicago CC Cincinnati

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Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

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316 Security Building Phoenix, Arizona

February 22, 1936

Special Agent in Charge 🗓 Paso, Texas

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Dear Sir:

الم المثلال (Referring to your teletype dated February 16, 1936, in which you advised that the X'itzgereld party departed from El Paso, Toxas, on the norming of February 16, 1936, and were expected to arrive at Phoenix, arizona, in the early evening of that date, please be advised that this office immediately wade arrangements with the San Carlos Hotel here, where it was expected that the Fitzgerald party would stop, for the reservation of three rooms for his party and an additional room to be used by agents for surveillance purposes. However, when the Fitzgereld party arrived at Phoenix at about 7:15 P. M. on the night of Webruary 16, 1938, only Reley went into the San Carlos Rotel to register. The clark on duty did not recognize him and consecuently Haley was advised that there were no vacant rocks, the hotel at that time being filled except for the rooms previously reserved for the party.

The Fitzgerald party then registered at the Adams Hotel, where Fitzgerald occupied Room 724, Krs. Holmes Room 720, and Haley Room 722, ell being adjoining rooms.

Surveillance was maintained over the party by Special Agent H. A. Snow of this office throughout the night, and it was noted that after having dinner in the Adams Hotel Coffee Shop the entire party proceeded to their respective rooms at about 9:30 P. M. and remained there, requesting to be called on the morning of February 17, 1935, et 6:00 A. M. There were no long distance or local calls made from or to members of the party during the night. Arrangements were made with the Manager of the adoms Hotel to have an agent remain in the telephone exchange room of that hotel where he was supplied with duplicate earphones, but no local or long distance calls were made to or from any members of the party during the night.

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The Fitzgereld party came into the lobby of the Adams Hetel about 6:30 A. M., Pebruary 17, 1936, had breakfast in the Hotel Coffee Chep and departed for Les Angeles, California, at 7:00 A. M., it being noted that Special Agents F. E. Wright and A. B. Leckie followed in the Eureau Euick, and shortly thereafter Special Agents J. S. Bugus and H. A. Snow, of this office, followed in the Phoenix office Hudson. The El Paso Hudson was returned on that date to your office by Special Agent J. J. McGuire of the Los angeles office.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERCOM
Special agent in Charge

Los Angeles

E. J. Connelley, Chicago
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FBI LOS ANGELES

2-22-36

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DIRECTOR, SAC CONNELLEY, CHICAGO, SAC CLEVELAND, SAC ST. PAUL PHONE. BREKID. FITZGERALD TODAY TELEPHONED UNITED AIRLINES MAKING INQUIRY AS TO ROUND TRIP TO CLEVELAND. AIR MAIL LETTER ADDRESSED TO ARTHUR CHRISTOPHERSON 301 HENNEPIN AVE 3RD STREET BAR MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. DEPOSITED IN MAIL BOX TODAY BY FITZGERALD AT 11:30 AM AND SAME WILL LEAVE ON FLANE 9 PM TODAY ANOTHER ENVELOPE ENCLOSED WITH FOLLOWING why to my famin WRITTEN THEREON QUOTE HAND TO BRO J UNQUOTE

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1301 First Actional Bank Building
Ellesc, Texas
February 25, 1936

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Special agent in Charge, San Antonio, Texas,

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In connection with the cover being maintained on the mail of Clarence G. (Jack) Campbell at hidlend, Texas, brother of Harry Ocambell, there has been received in this office, and is being herewith enclosed, tracing from the post office at kidlend reflecting receipt of a letter bearing the postmark February 21, I P.V., 1935, addressed to Mrs. C. G. Campbell, c/o Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Co., Midland, Texas, return address Box 835, College Station, Texas.

It is requested that investigation be made relative to the writer of this letter.

In this connection, it will be stated that report is being prepared at this office, copies of which are being forwarded to your office, setting out the results of a recent investigation at lidland which discloses that Joe Campbell, son of the above mentioned Clarence G. Campbell, is a student at the Texas A. and M. College at College Station, Texas. It is presumed that the above letter is from Joe Campbell. This statement is made in order that you may have the information at hand in connection with the investigation to be made relative to this rail dover.

Your ettention is called to the fact that Special gent in Charge E. J. Connelley has requested that all lee's covering mail received by Clarence G. Campbell be given expeditious attention.

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Federal Rureau of Inbestigation

H. S. Department of Justice

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

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

Dear Sir:

Bryan Bolton, who is an important Government witness in this case and in a related case, has advised that some bridge work has become loose and renders it very difficult for him to eat. Inquiry of Doctor Leo J. Kelly, 908 Lowry Building, St. Paul, who performed work previously on Bolton and who was compensated by "blue slip", has advised that in his opinion replacement of this bridge will not cost more than \$2.00. Since it is desirable to maintain the goodwill which Bolton has for this Bureau, authority to expend approximately \$2.00 for the above named purpose is requested.

Very truly yours,

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C. W. STEIN Special Agent in Charge

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March 4, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge, ft. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: ALVIR KAMPIC, with oliason, Fugitive \$1218, et al; MEMAAD GEORGE BRIMER - VICTIM KINDAPING.

Dear Sirs

In compliance with the request in your letter dated February 25, 1936, you are authorized to expend the amount of \$2.00 for the necessary dental work to be performed by Dr. Leo J. Kelly, 903 Lowry Building, Et. Paul, Minnesota, for the replacement of some bridge work for Bryan Bolton.

Yery truly yours,

John Edgar Hoovers Directors

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1 This case originated at FILE NO. 7-82 CINCINNATI, OHIO DATE WHEN MADE REPORT MADE AT PERIOD FOR REPORT MADE BY 2/25/36 Chicago, Illinois 2/13,15,17-21/36 D. P. SULLIVAN DPS: FVV CHARACTER OF CASE TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.1216 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; KIDNAPING: HARBORING OF FUGITIVES: HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; ETAL; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE: NATIONAL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim. FIREARMS ACT. SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Philip "Blackie" Dimenza states that he, Fred Honsen, "Little Sneeze" Friedman, Martin Quirk, Alvin Karpis, and a sixth man, identity unknown, intended robbing the Illinois Power & Light Corporation offices at Peoria, Illinois on February 24, 1936. According to Dimenza Quirk and Friedman are the contacts for Karpis, who, with the rest of the mob, planned to hide out at the home of C.A. "Red" [Mallon, 516] Adams Street) Peoria, Ill. after the robbery. Investigation at Peoria indicates above mob had "cased" the robbery. Mallon reported to be notorious character at Peoria and is closely connected with individuals at Peoria and Hayana, Ill, who apparently were acquainted with Volney Davis. Information obtained from confidential informant Mark/Lowe that Kerpis has been visiting Havane, Ill. in the past few months. Close check being maintained on developments at Peoria and Rayana Ill. through confidential informants. REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agents K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Il dated 2-26-35; R.L. Shivers, St. Louis, Missouri, dated 2-23-35; J.L. Madala, Chicago, Ill., 11-30-35; and D. S. Hostetter, St. Louis, Missouri, dated 2-19-36. DETAILS: On February 13, 1936, one Philip "Blackie" Dimenza was arrested by Agents of the Chicago Bureau office and Chicago police detectives at his apartment, 1843 Laflin Street, Chicago, Illinois, DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES COPIES OF THIS REPORT (3)→ Bureau 2 - St. Paul 2 - Cincinnati 2 - Cleveland 2 - St. Louis 2 - Milwaukee 2 - Chicago COPIES DESTROYED

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in connection with the robbery of the National Bank at St. Charles, Illinois. He was questioned, and confessed to participating in this bank robbery, naming his colleagues and furnishing full details as to same; and he also supplied details concerning the participants in the robberies of the Hamilton State Bank and the University State Bank in Chicago, Illinois.

During the course of this questioning Dimenza advised that on the morning of February 13, 1936, he and another party had "cased" a payroll stickup at a town approximately 180 miles from Chicago, and that this job was to be pulled on Monday, February 24, 1936, by six men, including Alvin Karpis and an individual whom he was to bring with him.

At the request of Special Agent L. W. Arms, who had been conducting the questioning of Dimenza, he was interviewed by Special Agents S. K. McKee and R. C. Suran for the details of the alleged stickup in which Karpis was to participate.

Dimenza informed that he is known under the aliases "Blackie" Pain and "Snowball"; that he is 28 years of age, 5° ll" in height, weighs 238 pounds, is of a heavy build, has brown eyes and curly black hair, which is graying at the temples. He was sentenced to Joliet Penitentiary on November 3, 1933, on a charge of extortion, his penitentiary number being 8003, and he was released from this institution under date of April 30, 1934, after his conviction had been reversed.

With respect to Alvin Karpis he stated that shortly before cold weather in the fall of 1934 he was friendly with "Doc" Barker, "Slim "Gibson, Ollie Berg, and Bruno Austin, who at that time were gentling in a place known as "Zuikey's" on Roosevelt Road, a short distance west of Kedzie Avenue. He stated that on one or two occasions he talked with Bruno Austin, who was at the wheel of his Ford Sedanautomobile, and that another individual was in the rear seat of this car, and that during these conversations Austin told him the man sitting in the rear seat was Karpis. He stated frankly that he did not believe he would know Karpis if he saw him.

As a matter of information it is to be stated that during the fall of 1934 investigation was made by this office through one Harry Samsky, who operates the Acorn Express and Van Company, 1332 South Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, with the idea of locating Russell Gibson. This investigation is covered in the reports of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated 11-12-34 and 12-17-34. It should be stated that mention was made at that time by Harry Samsky that Gibson and his associates were frequenting Zuikey's place.

Dimenza stated that a short time ago Fred Hansen end "Little Sneeze" Friedman, who were two of the participants in the St. Charles Bank robbery, told him that a payroll robbery of the Power and Light Company, Peoria, Illinois, had been contemplated for some time by Alvin Karpis, and that this job had not been pulled off for the reason that Peoria is surrounded by bridges and Karpis had been unsuccessful in locating a "hangover" spot. He advised that Hansen supplied a "hangover" spot, and on February 12, 1936, he, Dimenza, Friedman, and Hansen went to Peoria for the purpose of casing this job. His statement was that Hansen stayed at the home of "Red" Mellon, 5162 North Adams Street, who operates a saloon in Peoria and whose home is supposed to be used as the "hangover" spot. Dimenza and Friedman had a suite composed of a bedroom with twin beds and a parlor at the Jefferson Hotel, for which they paid \$5.00. He stated that both of them registered from St. Louis, Missouri, and that he used the name John DeStafano. He also stated that there was a convention in Peoria on the date they were there, but that the headquarters of the same were not at the Jefferson Hotel.

Dimenza's statement is that on the morning of February 13, 1936, the Power and Light Company was "cased" and he drew a diagram of the place and vicinity. The set-up is that at 8:00 A.M. every morning a shipment of money is brought to the place by a Brinks Express truck, and that four guards manned same; that three of them take the money into the establishment while the driver remains with the truck. The plan is to wait until the money has been delivered and then enter the premises from a door around the corner from the door where the money was delivered and stick the place up. His statement is that the job is supposed to be good for from \$60,000.00 to \$100,000.00 on any Monday. This stickup was planned for February 24, 1936.

Dimenza stated further that the contacts for Karpis in Chicago, Illinois, are Leo "Little Sneeze"/Friedman and Marty Quirk. Friedman is supposed to hang around the corner of Roosevelt Road and Kedzie Avenue, and reference to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated April 3, 1935, indicates that his parents live at 3720 West 13th Street, Chicago, Illinois, and that

en older brother, known as "Big Sneeze", hangs around a restaurant at 3612 West Roosevelt Road.

Dimenza stated that "Little Sneeze" formerly fought at King Levinsky's stable.

The men who are supposed to participate in the robbery of the Peoria Power & Light Company are:

Marty Quirk
"Little Sneeze" Friedman
"Big" Fred Hansen
"Blackie" Dimenza
Alvin Karpis
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Marty Quirk is presently confined in the Cook County Jail, following conviction for carrying a concealed weapon, but Dimenza, Hansen and "Little Sneeze" were planning on effecting his release on February 14, 1936, through a writ of habeas corpus.

With respect to Quirk, it was stated that he has a room at the Hotel Croydon under his correct name, and it was stated that the management of this hotel is "wrong". Dimenza also stated that Quirk, under the name of Marty Parker, has a four-room apartment at the Delaware Towers, 25 East Delaware Place; that the telephone number of this apartment building is Whitehall 4245, and that he occupies this apartment with a woman who is employed at the Minuet Club as an entertainer.

In connection with information provided by Dimenza, Fred Hansen and "Little Sneeze" Friedman were interviewed by Special Agents R. C. Suran and S. K. McKee with negative results, both of these men refusing to provide any information concerning themselves or their acquaintances.

In connection with the information supplied by Philip "Blackie" Dimenza, subject in the St. Charles bank robbery concerning Marty Quirk and Leo "Little Sneeze" Friedman being contacts in Chicago, Illinois for Alvin Karpis and as to these individuals and others planning a payroll stick-up at Peoria, Illinois on February 24, 1936, the following check of the story told by Dimenza was made by Special Agents D.P. Sullivan and S.K.McKee:

On February 14, 1936, Miss L. Will, manager of the Delaware Towers Apartment, 25 E. Delaware Place was interviewed, and reference to registration records of the apartment revealed that Martin Parker registered on July 24, 1934, and remained as a guest until January 11, 1935, at which time he departed for Florida. During the time this man occupied the apartment in question there were two other men living with him, but only Parker was registered. Miss Will advised that Parker and his companions were well behaved; that they had a negro cook who prepared their meals, and that she thought nothing untoward about them until several visitors inquired for Marty Parker under the name of Marty Quirk. She stated that after this occurrence she watched Quirk and his companions, and they finally checked out of the building at her request.

Interview was also had with Ann Mayer, clerk and telephone operator at this apartment, and she informed that one of the individuals who lived with Marty Quirk was named Red Parker, but she could not supply the name of the second man. She also stated that when Quirk left the apartment he had his trunk shipped to some point in Hollywood, Florida under the name of Parker.

Photographs of subjects Karpis and Campbell, also of Philip Dimenza, were displayed both to Miss Will and Miss Mayer, but neither one could recognize any of the pictures as persons who had visited the Quirk apartment.

On February 14, 1936, Thomas J. O'Connor, who was arrested at the home of Philip "Blackie" Dimenza, 1843 Laflin Street, and who stated that he was a cousin of Marty Quirk was questioned by Special Agents D.P.Sullivan and S.K.McKee for possible information as to Alvin Karpis. He informed that he is 24 years of age; that his education consists of the first year of high school in addition to one year in a business school; that he lives with Mrs. Ellen Moriarity, an aunt, at 7918 S. Marshfield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; that he is presently employed as a bartender at the Casino, a cafe and tavern located at 7500 S. Halsted Street at a salary of \$25.00 per week. The owner of the Casino is one Fred Franks. O'Connor stated that his parents live at 1611 First Avenue, New York; that they had recently moved from 107 E. 102nd Street, New York. O'Connor advised that he first came to Chicago during November, 1933, for the purpose of getting a job; that he went to the home of his aunt, where he now lives, and there became acquainted with his cousin Marty Quirk, who gave him a job as a doorman in a handbook, which he operated at 112 E. Superior Street. He said he worked in this handbook for a short time; later as an usher at the Empress Theatre on the south side, and still later as a bartender at Schlitz Tavern, 79th and Stony Island. These jobs according to O'Connor were

secured for him by Quirk. O'Connor was very frank to state that he thinks a lot of Quirk and would do almost enything for him. He said that during the latter part of 1934, he lived with Quirk more than half the time at an apartment at 25 E. Delaware Place, where Quirk was living under the name of D. S. Parker. In this connection he said the only other person that he knew to stay in Quirk's apartment was one "Red" Evans, who also worked in Quirk's handbook. He advised that after moving from the spartment on Delaware Place, Quirk lived in a cottage at 7350 Lake Park; later at the Hotel Croydon, and during November, 1935, when he was arrested for possession of concealed weapon following a shooting affair in the tavern of the Hotel Croydon, was residing in a room at the Hotel Cass, According to O'Connor, Quirk's business is bookmaking.

At the time O'Connor was arrested he was in company with Leo "Little Sneeze" Friedman, and he advised that he had become acquainted with "Little Sneeze" at the 112 K. Superior Street bookie during the time he was working there; that "Sneeze" frequented this bookie and knew that he was a cousin of Quirk. He said that several days prior to his arrest, "Little Sneeze" Friedman visited him at the Casino and asked that he accompany him to the office of Attorney Eddie King, 188 W. Randolph Street to arrange an appeal for Marty Quirk in order that he might be released on an eppeal bond. He stated his information was that Friedman was calling on "Blackie" Dimenza in order to secure some money to pay Attorney King in providing Quirk's appeal. He said further that he knew nothing of "Little Sneeze" Friedman other than the above.

At the time of O'Connor's arrest, he had in his pocket a card bearing the following writing - "D. Miller, Jefferson Hotel, Peoria, Illinois". As to this eard O'Connor claimed that some time during November, 1935, Marty Quirk called him up at home and asked that he telegraph \$15.00 to this party, his name and address being furnished over the telephone at the time of the conversation. O'Connor said that he did not ask any questions as to Miller's identity, and that Quirk did not tell him anything about the man, but that due to his friendship for Quirk and as Quirk had given him money from time to time in the past, he felt obligated to the man, and for that reason telegraphed the \$15.00 in question from the Western Union office located at 79th and Halsted Streets.

O'Connor insisted that the above story as to wiring money to D. Miller at Peoria, Illinois, was correct, and that he knew nothing more concerning the incident. Repeated efforts were made to obtain information from him concerning the identity of Miller, but his story could not be shaken. The card bearing the name of Miller and the address will be found in the file.

Contained on a slip of paper in O'Connor's room were the telephone numbers - Plaza 2294 and Triangle 10563. The respective listings were ascertained to be Helen F. Langer, 6248 S. Harper Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and Martin A. Fanning, 1000 E. 82nd Street, Chicago, Illinois.

In response to questions, O'Connor advised that Helen Langer is a girl who works at the Casino and with whom he has been keeping company for possibly three weeks, and that Martin Fanning is a close friend of Marty Quirk, who operates a saloon at 82nd . Street and Ellis Avenue, which place he, O'Connor frequents from time to time.

It is to be stated that Leo Friedman was questioned in line with the information supplied by O'Connor with respect to the circumstances under which they became acquainted with each other, and that the data furnished by O'Connor was corroborated by Friedman.

AT JOLIET, ILLINOIS

The following investigation was conducted by the writer at the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet (Stateville), Illinois. Brunc Austin was interviewed regarding the statement made by Dimenza concerning his association with Doc Barker, Russell Gibson, Ollie Berg and Alvin Karpis and frequenting Zuikey's gambling place on Roosevelt Road. Austin stated that he is well acquainted with Zuckerman, who operates the gambling house bearing his name but which is commonly known as Zuikey's; that he has frequented the neighborhood of Roosevelt Road and Kedzie Avenue for many years. He stated that he was well acquainted with Philip "Blackie" Dimenza, Fred Hensen, "Little Sneeze" Friedman and Marty Quirk. He stated that in the fall of 1934 during the time that he was living at the home of Bartholmey, the present Postmaster at Bensenville, Illinois, he associated with members of the Barker-Karpis gang; that at that time he was in the company of Doc Barker, Russell Gibson, Willis Harrison and Bryan Bolton on warious occasions. He provided information concerning the activities of these individuals, which information has been set out in a separate report that has no bearing on instant investigation. Austin stated that Russell Gibson likewise was well acquainted with persons frequenting Zuikey's place and individuals hanging about this neighborhood; that Gibson and Doc Barker on a few occasions in the fall of 1934 visited Zuikey's gembling place and that on no occasion can he recall Alvin Karpis or Harry Campbell visiting Zuikey's place. Because of the confidential nature of a statement made by Dimenza, Austin's statement was not questioned. He apparently—was telling the truth when he stated that Karpis, to his knowledge, was not acquainted with Zuckerman who operates the above gembling place and did not frequent his establishment.

Austin stated further that to his knowledge Martin Quirk and "Little Sneeze" Friedman were not acquainted with Alvin Karpis and he expressed his doubt that there was any connection between Karpis and these two men.

AT PEORIA, ILLINOIS

With Special Agent D. S. Hostetter, the following investigation was conducted:

C. G. Koppang, auditor of the Jefferson Hotel was interviewed. He obtained the registration card of John DeStafano and La
Freedman, indicating that these two men registered at the Jefferson
Hotel at 2:00 A.M. on February 13, 1936 from St. Louis, Missouri.
They were given Suite 720 consisting of a bedroom and a living
room and paid \$5.00 cash in advance. They stayed only one night
and checked out that evening. Mrs. Turpin, cashier, was shown
photographs of Dimenza, Hansen, "Little Sneeze" Friedman, Karpis
and Campbell, and she stated that she recalled Dimenza having been
at the hotel for a night or two in the past two weeks. She likewise
stated that she felt certain she had seen Hansen and "Little Sneeze"
Friedman at the hotel some time during the past few months. She
was unable to identify the remaining photographs.

In a further effort to determine the truth of the statements made by Dimenza concerning the proposed robbery of the Illinois Power & Light Company office, the following investigation was conducted:

It was ascertained that the office of the Illinois Power & Light Company is located at 542 South Adams Street, Peoria, Illinois. The above address is at the intersection of South Adams Street and Walmut Street and exactly answers the description as provided by Dimenza.

On the morning of February 18, 1936 Special Agent Hostetter and the writer kept this place under surveillance. At 8:01 A.M. a Brinks Express Company truck proceeded along Welnut Street to the side entrence of the Illinois Power & Light Company building; parked, and three men emerged from the truck and carried bags, apparently containing money, into the Light Company office. The truck remained approximately five minutes and drove away. From the above investi-

gation it is probable that Dimenza was telling the truth when he stated that he and other members of the gang with which he associated intended to rob the office of the above company.

Special Agent Hostetter, who is resident Agent at Peoria, stated that C. A. "Red" Mallon is a notorious character in Peoria and undoubtedly would harbor anyone if there was sufficient money in it for him. He stated that Mallon operates the Elmo Tavern at 210 Hamilton Street and that Mallon's name has been mentioned on several occasions in various himjacking cases presently under insvestigation by the Bureau.

Carrier Rediger of the Peoria Post Office, who handles mail delivered to the 210 Hamilton Street address, was interviewed. He stated that Mallon operates the Saint Elmo Tavern at the above address with James Carrigan. The above tavern is licensed in the name of Carrigan who apparently is acting only as a "straw man" for Mallon. Rediger stated that Mallon lives with a prostitute named Margaret Campbell who operated in a house of prostitution over the above saloon where she and Mallon resided up to January 21, 1936; that Mallon and this woman moved and left a forwarding address to $516\frac{1}{2}$ North Adams Street, Peoria, Illinois, This address is identical with the address given by Dimenza as being Mallon's home. From the reference report of Special Agent Madala it is noted on Page 7 that a telephone call was made from the apartment of John Sampson, 425 Clemons Street, Madison, Wisconsin on July 24, 1935, to telephone number 6913 at Peoria, Illinois and spoke with a party named Johnson. Johnson is an elies used by Sampson. The telephone 6913 is a telephone listed to Margaret Campbell who was residing at that time with Mallon at 210 Hamilton Street. This telephone has recently been changed to their new address at 5162 North Adems Street. It likewise should be noted that in the reference report of Special Agent McIntire, information is set out therein that Evelyn Sampson, nee Westphal, and John Sempson, man and wife, were residing at Mat/Cleason's home in Aurora, Illinois on the night that Davis visited Gleason's home after his escape at Yorkville, Illinois,

Reference is likewise made to the reference report of Agent Madala which indicates that Davis was undoubtedly residing at 126 East Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin on or about May 23, 1935 under the name of G. L. Jordan. Davis apparently engaged with Sampson and Graham in the robbery of a jewelry store at Madison, Wisconsin on May 23, 1935 for which robbery Sampson was later arrested and sentenced to the Wisconsin State Penitentiary. In this connection the connection of Sampson with Mallon and other criminals at Peoria and Havans, Illinois will be set out in greater detail later in this report.

In connection with the address $516\frac{1}{2}$ North Adams Street, carrier F. E. West, who delivers the mail to this address, has stated that Mallon and Margaret Campbell have been residing there since January 21, 1936; that the Campbell woman is engaged in prostitution at this address; that the neighborhood in the vicinity of Mallon's home is disreputable and that he knew of no one living in close vicinity to Mallon's home who could be trusted. He stated that the houses at 516 and 518 North Adams Street, which houses are located on either side of Mallon's home, were houses of prostitution.

Both carrier West and Rediger were shown photographs of Alvin Karpis, Campbell, Dimenza, Friedman and Hansen and they failed to recognize any of them.

Cerrier West further stated that he had not noticed anyone of a suspicious nature about the Mallon home nor had he seen any evidence of anyone hiding out at this house.

Through Assistant Superintendent of Mails Earl Jefferies, a thirty-day mail cover was placed on all first class mail delivered to Mallon's residence, 5162 North Adams Street, and to his seloon at 210 North Hamilton Street.

With Agent Hostetter an inspection was made of the vicinity of 5162 North Adams Street for the purpose of locating a point where a surveillence might be made of this address in case it is deemed necessary in the future. It was noted that this is a section of the city occupied principally by prostitutes and shady characters. The only available places for possible surveillance are a small house at 514 North Adams Street and a laundry shop at about 520 North Adams Street and an armory located directly across the street from the Mallon home. Except for the armory the remaining two places apparently are not sufficiently close to Mallon's home to be effective in any surveillance.

The Saint Elmo Tavern, 210 Hamilton Street, is located on the edge of the red light district of Peoria. The customers at this tavern, according to Agent Hostetter, consist almost exclusively of criminals and derelicts. Any attempt to keep this place under surveillance by frequenting the tavern would probably arouse suspicions

Inasmuch as Dimenza had no information indicating that Karpis was personally frequenting Mallon's tavern or home, and inasmuch as any effort to make a direct surveillance of these places would prove ineffective, it was deemed advisable to locate some individual sufficiently close to Mallon or his wife who would be able to visit Mallon's home and tavern and obtain all available ineformation which Mallon might have concerning Karpis without arousing suspicion.

In this connection, as mentioned above, Mallon's name has been frequently mentioned as a possible principal or contact for hi-jacking gangs operating in and about Peoria, Illinois during the past year. During this time Special Agent Hostetter has been in almost constant contact with Detective Sergeant Kamins, who is in charge of the Auto Squad, Peoria Police Department. Kamins has previously provided valuable information concerning Mallon and his associates and is one of the few Peoria Police Officers who has proven himself honest and trustworthy. He has filed an application for a position as Special Agent with the Bureau and is greatly desirous of being appointed. For the above reasons it was deemed advisable to contact Detective Sergeant Kamins for the purpose of securing the services of some person who might be able to obtain information concerning Mallon's possible connection with Karpis.

Detective Sergeant Kamins was interviewed by Special Agent Hostetter and the writer. He stated that he was personelly acquainted with Mallon; that he considered that Mallon was probably the most logical person in Peoria who would be contacted by a fugitive. It was his opinion that Mallon would probably hide anyone out for money. Detective Kamins stated he had no information that Karpis or Campbell had been in the vicinity of Peoria.

During the course of this conversation both Detective Kamins and Agent Hostetter recalled that Harold Brown, a constable at Havana, Illinois had previously provided information concerning the connections of Mallon with other notorious characters living at Peoria and Havana, Illinois. Harold Brown is a cousin of Gerald Brown who resides at Havana, Illinois, a town located approximately forty miles from Peoria. Brown is reported to control the slot machines in this town and is considered a notorious character.

In connection with Brown it might be mentioned that, as set out in the reference report of Agent McIntire, Mat Gleason, after his arrest, stated that Gerald Brown was a close acquaintance of Corey Bales; that he thought it possible that Volney Davis might visit Gerald Brown at Havana, Illinois. At that time the St. Louis office maintained a surveillance of Gerald Brown's tavern at Havana, Illinois. Thereafter an investigation in that town resulted in the information that Harold Brown was the only law enforcement official at Havana who could be relied upon to give any information concerning Gerald Brown and other notorious characters visiting this town. At that time Harold Brown was

interviewed and he furnished information concerning Geneld Brown, John Sampson, alias Sam Johnson, mentioned above, James Myers and other known criminal associates of Brown's. Thereafter on at least two occasions Harold Brown telephonically communicated with the St. Louis office and provided information which he deemed was important in locating Volney Davis. Herold Brown has been contacted on various occasions by Agent Hostetter since that time and he has continued to provide information concerning these individuels.

Detective Sergeant Kamins stated that he would not make any independent investigation on his own initiative concerning Mallon and would be willing to aid in anyway possible to further investigation to be conducted at Peoria, Illinois.

AT HAVANA, ILLINOIS

On February 18, 1936 Harold Brown, Constable at Havana, was interviewed by Special Agent Hostetter and the writer. He stated that he had obtained no information indicating that Alvin Karpis or Harry Campbell were visiting or had any connections at Peoria or Havana, Illinois; that through his cousin Gerald Brown and other acquaintances of Brown's he had met Red Mallon on three or four occasions and had visited his saloon at 210 Hamilton Street. He stated that he occasionally visits Peoria with Jimmie Myers and that it is not unusual for them to visit various taverns in Peoria and that he believes he could visit both Mallon's tavern and his residence without arousing suspicion. In this connection it may be noted that James Myers was formerly a partner of Jack Klutas in the operation of stills at Peoria and vicinity. Brown istated that Jack Summers, another member of this gang who was born and raised at Cuba, Illinois, is presently residing at Havana, Summers formerly associated with Fred Goetz at Springfield, Illinois before Goetz came to Chicago. Brown stated that Myers has a home on the old Canton-Peoria road. He described this house as being the second house out of Canton as one drives towards Peoria. Harry Hunter, an elderly man and Fred Thompson, who were likewise mentioned as members of the same gang, are likewise residing at Havana, Illinois.

Previous investigation in this case and in the various hi-jacking cases presently under investigation, Frank Kraener, who operates the 101 Tavern in Peoria and the 101 Ranch located about five miles south of Peoria on Farmington Road, is considered as being a person sufficiently close to this gang and sufficiently disreputable to harbor any fugitives.

In further conversation had with Harold Brown, he stated that at the first opportunity, and probably within two or three days following the interview had with him, he would make it a point to go to Peoria, Illinois and contact James Myers and make a discreet inquiry by frequenting Mallon's salcon and residence to obtain any information that might be available indicating that Karpis or Campbell are frequenting this town. Brown was advised of the rewards outstanding for both Karpis and Campbell and he appeared to be greatly interested and inasmuch as he has previously provided valuable information concerning this same gang, it is believed that he will be an important contact.

AT PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Con the afternoon of February 18, 1936 Detective Sergeant Kemins called Agent Hostetter and advised he had information that he believed Agents might be interested in. Kamins was interviewed and he stated that he had been paired-up with Detective Joseph Kelly as a partner on the day of this interview; that during the course of the day Kemins mentioned to Kelly that he wished "something hot would happen around Peoria" and in subsequent conversation had Detective Kelly stated that he felt certain that "something hot" would happen. Kemins questioned Kelly and Kelly stated he had an informant who told him that Kerpis, during the past few months, had been visiting at Havana, Illinois; that during the time he was there he stayed at or in the close vicinity of this town. Kemins stated that when he received this information he suggested to Kelly that he provide the above information to Agent Hostetter with whom Kelly was acquainted and Kelly agreed to do so.

Agent Hostetter interviewed Detective Joseph Kelly of the Peoria Police Department at the home of Detective Kamins on February 18, 1936 and he furnished the following information:

He stated that on February 6, 1936 a bartender at Peoria, Illinois contacted him telephonically and arranged for an interview, at which time this bartender stated that about four or five months ago James Eyers, accompanied by two strangers appeared at the saloon where the informant was then employed and after purchasing a few drinks departed. The bartender stated that he had been acquainted with Myers for many years and was aware of the fact that Myers had been flush with money during the past six months. The bartender mentioned that Myers' only known source of income was a small interest in the local slot machine racket and that he consequently approached Myers one month after Myers and these men had visited his place of employment, and inasmuch as he was then out of work, requested Myers in a friendly way to be cut-in on whatever racket Myers had, feeling that because of his close acquaintanceship

with Myers that Myers might be willing to cut him in on some easy money.

According to Kelly the bartender stated that Myers then mentioned that he had recently returned from a party at Havana, Illinois and that there was a possibility that he might arrange for the bartender to attend one of these parties in the near future.

During the course of further conversation had with reference to Havena, Illinois and the jobs that were available, Myers related that Alvin Karpis had a hideout in the vicinity of Havana, Illinois. Myers mentioned at that time that Havana was a "hot spot" and that in all probabilities arrangements could be made whereby the bartender could secure a job in connection with slot machines and punch boards operated in that town.

The bartender further advised Kelly that he had asked Myers if Karpis was one of the two strangers with Myers on the occasion of Liyers visit to his place of employment about a month before and the bartender recalled that Myers did not answer this question but remarked that Karpis would not visit Peoria because the police had two-way radio equipment and other modern equipment for crime detection.

Detective Kelly had no further definite information concerning the place or the people with whom Karpis hid out at Havana, Illinois but stated that the bartender informed him that some time ago Karpis disappeared when Gerald Brown was arrested in connection with a Plymouth coupe which, according to Myers, Karpis had supposedly stolen in Wisconsin; that Brown was shortly thereafter released and Karpis returned to his hideout at Hevana and has been in and out of that town since that date.

In connection with this bartender Detective Kelly stated that he has known this man for some years; that he was closely connected with Red Mallon and his associates; that Kelly had on occasions done little favors for this man who in return had given him information at various times which had resulted in the apprehension of fugitives whom Kelly was looking for; that he had found this informant to be absolutely reliable.

Before the conversation between Kelly and the bartender ended the bartender agreed to continue his efforts to obtain more definite information concerning the persons contacted by and responsible for harboring Karpis in Havana, Illinois. Kelly stated that as an inducement he promised to pay this bartender \$1,000.00 out of his own pocket in the event that Karpis was located. Kelly mentioned to Agent Hostetter that he had done this on his own initiative because he was anxious to participate in the apprehension

of Karpis and felt that he might possibly be repaid through any reward outstanding for Karpis; that he had decided to give this information to Agent Hostetter on Sunday, February 9, 1936 when he personally contacted Agent Hostetter, at which time he asked Agent Hostetter for a photograph of William Elmer Mead. Agent Hostetter, a few days previous to February 9, 1926 had provided several Detectives at the Peoria Police Department with photographs of Mead. Agent Hostetter recalls that on the above occasion when Kelly requested a photograph of Mead, Kelly during a general conversation had between them made several inquiries as to whether rewards would be paid by the Bureau for fugitives who were badly wanted. Detective Kelly stated that he would keep in touch with this bartender and would immediately report any information he might obtain from him.

On the following day Detective Kelly was interviewed by Special Agent Hostetter and the writer and he was asked whether his informant would be opposed to being interviewed by Agents. Detective Kelly stated that he would make efforts to induce his informant to personally contact Agents. Thereafter Detective Kelly was again interviewed and he stated that he had seen his informant who mentioned that he would not provide information at this time to anyone but Detective Kelly and that he intended contacting Jimmie Myers, who was presently in Peoria and expected to go with Myers to Havana, Illinois in an effort to obtain more definite information concerning Myers'statement that Karpis was frequenting this town. Kelly stated that he personally had no objection to Agents contacting his informant if they deemed it advisable and at this time stated that his informant was Mark Lowe, a brother of Zeke Lowe, who operates the Band Box Tavera at Peoria, Illinois.

It may be mentioned here that Zeke Lowe is a close associate of the criminal element at Peoria, Illinois, and is on extremely friendly terms with Jimmie Myers, Red Mallon, Gerald Brown and other members of this gang. Inasmuch as Mark Lowe has indicated that he would not provide any information to anyone other than Detective Kelly at this time, it was not deemed advisable for Agents to interview him.

Detective Kelly mentioned that Lowe had promised him that in case he obtained definite information concerning the report that Karpis is frequenting Havana, Illinois he would be willing to personally provide this information to Agents. Detective Kelly stated that Mark Lowe is greatly interested in obtaining this information because of the rewards outstanding for the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell. Detective Kelly stated that he will keep in constant touch with Mark Lowe and will immediately provide Agent Hostetter with any information that Mark Lowe may give him.

In connection with the statement made by informant Mark Lowe that Gerald Brown was recently arrested at Canton, Illinois in a stolen Plymouth automobile, it is probable that Mark Lowe had reference to a 1934 Ford V-8 tudor sedan which was wrecked at Canton, Illinois on September 20, 1934. This car was at that time occupied by John Sempson, alias Sam Johnson and Jack Summers. The details of the above wreck are set out in the reference report of Special Agent R. L. Shivers. In the above mentioned report on Page ten it is likewise noted that Harold Brown, when he was interviewed at that time, mentioned that a tovern operated by James Myers at that time at Saint David, Illinois was a place that Volney Davis might visit.

The present address of James Myers is not known. He is known to spend some of his time at Peoria, Canton and Havana, Illinois. Further efforts will be made to ascertain where Myers is presently residing.

A close contact will be maintained with Detective Joseph Kelly and With informant Harold Brown for any information that Brown and Mark Lowe may obtain indicating that Karpis or Campbell are frequenting Peoria, Illinois or adjoining towns.

On February 20, 1936 Detective Kelly stated that he bad interviewed informant Mark Lowe and that Mark Lowe stated that he had not been able to contact James Myers but at that time mentioned to Kelly that when Karpis first came to Havana, Illinois some five or six months ago a man named Campbell accompanied him; that they left some time later and that Karpis has returned on several occasions since that time. Lowe stated during the course of this interview with Detective Kelly that he had learned that Karpis had not been in Peoria, Illinois at any time.

It is known that C. A. "Red" Mallon has been arrested by the Peoria Police Department sometime during the past, but there is no criminal record or photograph of him now available at this police department. It is reported that in the past, criminal records and photographs of various Peoria hoodlums have disappeared from the files of the Peoria Police Department.

The following description of Mallon was obtained from Detective Sergeant Kamins:

Age: 58 to 40 years
Height: 5 feet 9 inches
Weight: 155 pounds
Build: Medium
Heir: Red
Complexion: Sandy
Nationality: American
Characteristics: Unusually rough skin;
has a stomach cancer.

The St. Louis office has photographs of Jack Summers, John Sampson and Gerald Brown, copies of which photographs are likewise in the Chicago file in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; (Hi-jacking of Truck driven by George I. Staley, Kimbel Truck Lines; hi-jacking of truck driven by Charles Darrow, Shephard Trucking Company); THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT. Copies of the above photographs will be made and placed in instant file.

The following investigation was conducted at Rockford, filinois by Special Agent Charles Jenkins on February 5, 1936.

Mrs. H. R. Wise, 523 Palm Street, Rockford, Illinois, who had been previously interviewed by Agent Jenkins (see report of Agent Jenkins dated June 26, 1935), and was shown pictures of Volney Davis, Tony Mareno, Mike Mareno, John Sampson and Richard Graham, and after carefully scrutinizing same she unhesitatingly stated that Volney Davis was the man known to her as George LaFrank who had rented Apartment 11 at the Palm Apartments, of which she is caretaker, at 523 Palm Street, on March 12, 1935, occupying same until March 27, 1935. She stated that Davis was accompanied by a woman whom he represented to be his wife and who was described by Mrs. Wise as being 34 or 35 years of age, 5 feet 3 inches tall, weighing 140 pounds, with dark complexion, black kinky hair, apparently of French or Italian extraction, possessing a busky voice and a very noticeable body odor. Mrs. Wise advised that she had never seen any of the other persons whose pictures were shown here

Dr. H. P. Wise, husband of the woman whose statement is set forth above, was also shown the photographs which had been previously displayed to Mrs. Wise, and he informed Agent that he had never seen any of the said persons. Dr. Wise stated that on one occasion while Apartment 11 was being occupied by Mr. and Mrs. LaFrank he went to this apartment for the purpose of fixing the gas range; that after knocking he was asked as to his identity and after making known the purpose of his visit he was, after a short delay, admitted to the apartment. This occurred during the daytime.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

AT PEORIA, HILINOIS, will keep in close contact with Detective Joseph Kelly for any information he may obtain from his informant Mark Lowe concerning Alvin Karpis or Harry Campbell frequenting Havana, Illinois.

Will ascertain the telephone number at the Band Box Tavern operated by Zeke Lowe and the telephone number of his residence located over the above tavern in order that the long distance telephone calls from these telephones may be checked should further investigation make this advisable.

AT CANTON, ILLINOIS, will locate the residence of James Myers, who is reported to live on the outskirts of Canton, and make a discreet investigation through the Post Office or other reliable means for the purpose of ascertaining whether Karpis is residing at or visiting the Myers residence.

AT HAVANA, ILLINOIS, will keep in close touch with informant Harold Brown and endeavor to have him contact James Myers for the estensible purpose of obtaining information concerning Karpis visiting Red Mallon at Peoria, Illinois. It is not deemed advisable at this time to inform Harold Brown of the information indicating that Karpis is visiting Havana, Illinois.

Will interview the Postmaster for any information that he may have indicating that Karpis or Campbell are visiting this town and in this connection it is noted that this Postmaster has previously provided the St. Louis office with valuable information concerning hoodlums living at Havana.

CHICAGO OFFICE

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, will obtain the long distance telephone calls made from telephone Peoria 6913, which telephone is listed to Margaret Campbell, $516\frac{1}{2}$ North Adams Street, Peoria, Illinois, through the Claim Department of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company.

Will make further efforts to determine the reported connection existing between Marty Quirk and "Little Sneezh" Friedman with Alvin Karpis.

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DETAILS: On February 15th, 1936, Bruno Austin was interviewed concerning matters that will be set out in a separate report. During the course of the conversation had with him a general discussion was had concerning his connection with members of the Barker-Karpis gang and the activities of the gang members during the time he was acquainted with them.

He stated that he formerly was acquainted with Russell Gibson for some years and had engaged in various crimes with him during the past five years. He said he did not become acquainted with other members of the Barker-Karpis geng until the summer of 1934; that during this time he was frequenting Bensenville, Illinois and during the summer and fall lived at the home of Bertholmey, present Postmaster of Bensenville; that he was considered "hot" because he was wanted on a murder charge. He stated that probably in the latter part of August of 1934 he proceeded to Toledo, Ohio with Bryar Bolton; that he became acquainted with Ted and Bert Angus but did not know them very well; that he and Bolton stayed in Toledo a week or more and resided at the cottage owned by Bert Angus, which is located about twelve miles out of Toledo on Lake Erie; that during this time Bolton and himself stayed at the cottage nearly all the time and only occasionally saw other members of the gang; that Russell Gibson at this time was residing in some hotel in Toledo; that William J. VHarrison and his former wife, Ruth Heidt, were likewise living somewhere in Toledo; that Doc Barker visited Toledo during this time; that he did not know where Doc Barker, Fred Barker and other members of the gang were residing at that time. Austin stated that Willie Harrison came out to the cottage during the day and cooked for them.

Moran went to a tavern located in the downtown section of Toledo. Austin stated that he is not acquainted with that town and cannot recall its exact location. The names of Joe Roscoe and "Nig" Cousins were not familiar to him. He stated the tavern was located in the middle of a block; that on entering a bar extended along the left side of the tavern. In the rear there were tables and a dance floor. All of the gang were drinking that evening and Doc Moran became so intoxicated that he was scarcely able to stand. The conversation turned to Moran's condition and Doc Barker mentioned that the gang would have to take care of Doc Moran and both Russell Gibson and Doc Barker talked about "pushing", meaning to kill Doctor Moran in some fashion. They spoke about obtaining either rope or wire with which they would fasten a concrete block about the body of Doctor Moran. Austin stated that he gained the impression that Doc Barker and Gibson were to obtain the concrete block from the owner of the tavern in which they were drinking.

With reference to this tavern, which Austin stated was not the Casino Club, he mentioned that a man nemed Nate Trigger, who was presently confined in

the Cook County Jail on a charge of murder, would know the location of same inasmuch as Trigger was at that time gunning for Austin and came to Toledo, Ohio to kill him; that he was at the tavern with that purpose in mind. When he ascertained that Austin was travelling with the Barker-Karpis gang he apparently charged his mind.

Continuing, Austin stated that about 11:00 P. M. that evening, Russell Gibson and Doc Earker left the saloon with Doctor Moran. Bolton and Austin remained about half an hour and returned to Bert Angus' cottage outside of Toledo. Austin stated that about 3:00 A. M. the following morning Russell Gibson and Doc Earker came to the cottage. Barker, in explanation of his wet clothing, stated to Austin and Bolton that while he and Gibson were out in the boat it became very rough and during the course of his trip he had gotten "soaked" with water. During the conversation Doc Barker mentioned that he and Gibson had taken care of Doctor Moran.

Austin stated that about two days after this occurrence, he, Russell Gibson and his wife, Clara, left Toledo and returned to Chicago. Austin stated that on arriving in Chicago he went to Bensenville, Illinois; that about two weeks later he saw at one time or other nearly all members of the gang; that he had heard some one of them had been in Florida and he noticed that they all appeared to be "flushed" and had heard that some members of the gang had exchanged some money in Florida or in Cuba.

He stated that sometime during September, while staying at Bartholmey's home in Bensenville he heard from some member of the geng that they had turned their money over to Farmer for safekeeping; that Farmer in turn had deposited it with a man who, he told Austin, was his brother-in-law. On three or four occasions during the fall of 1934, at the request of either Doc Barker or Russell Gibson, Austin got in touch with Elmer Farmer for the purpose of getting some money from this man for Barker or for Gibson. On these occasions Farmer took Austin with him. In describing the place they went to, Austin stated that on leaving Bensenville they would go south on York Street to the second block south of Lake Street. At this point they would turn east to the last street before a dead end. At this intersection they would turn left and would stop at the second house north of this intersection on the east side of the street. Farmer would go into the house and return with the money, which was in thousand-dollar bills. Austin stated that he did not know the name of this man but recalled seeing a girl about nineteen years of age answer the door when Farmer called; that in all he obtained approximately seven or eight thousand dollers for Barker and Gibson and during December of 1934 he recalls on one occasion obtaining \$4000.00 in thousand-dollar bills at this place for Doc Barker.

Austin stated that members of the Barker-Karpis gang had engaged in several crimes in the year 1934 and intended to participate in several other robberies late in 1934 or early in 1935 but were prevented in effecting same because of the apprehension of various members of the gang.

He stated that in November, 1934, some one of the gang, whose identity he does not know, received a letter from a party located somewhere in the east, probably in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; that the party mentioned in this letter that they had a prospective place for a robbery. As a result, William J. Harrison was sent to Philadelphia and he made several trips between Chicago and Philadelphia in laying plans for the robbery. Doc Barker and other members of the gang intimated that the robbery would undoubtedly yield from \$40,000.00 to \$80,000.00. Austin was invited to participate but refused. He stated that Doc Barker, Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, Russell Gibson, Bryan Bolton and William J. Harrison proceeded to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; that the above-mentioned men, with the exception of Harrison, and four men from Philadelphia, whose identities he does not know, participated in robbing a bank messenger who was accompanied by two policemen in the downtown section of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Austin stated that the gang obtained only \$13,000.00 or \$14,000.00 in this robbery; that Harrison took no part in this robbery but went to Philadelphia only for the purpose of cooking for the gang; that on the return of Russell Gibson, Doc Barker and Bryan Bolton to Chicago each one of them gave him \$100.00 out of their share in the robbery.

Austin further stated that sometime during the fall of 1934 Doc Earker, Russell Gibson and Bryan Polton robbed the Butler Brothers Meil Order House at Chicago, Illinois and got \$3800.00. Austin denied that he participated in this robbery, but from his conversation he left the impression that he was in on the job. He stated that an employee of the above mail order house originally tipped off Russell Gibson about the possibility of robbing this place. Austin refused to divulge the identity of this man. He stated that the gang expected to obtain \$50,000.00 or more in this robbery because of a payroll which was to be received there that day; that the job was not properly cased and as a result the gang robbed it a day early; that the gang stuck up the whole first floor of this establishment and they climbed over the cashier's cage and obtained the money.

Austin likewise stated that for some time the gang had been easing the shipment of the monthly payroll from Chicago to Fort Sheridan, Illinois; that this payroll, amounting to \$104,000.00, was shipped by train to Lake Forest, Illinois, where it was picked up in a truck and taken to Fort Sheridan; that this monthly shipment was made on either the 30th or 31st of each month; that William J. Harrison had on numerous occasions cased the transfer of

this payroll from the train and railroad station to the truck at Lake Forest, Illinois; that the gang intended to effect this robbery on the 30th or 31st of November; that Russell Gibson got in touch with Claude Maddox at the Hi-Ho Club in Cicero and sent word to Lester Joseph "Beby-Face" Gillis, who was then on the west coast; that Gillis came east for the purpose of engaging with the Barker-Karpis gang in this robbery, but was killed in the gun battle at Barrington, Illinois on his way to Chicago; that as a result the gang put off this stickup, but finally had determined to "pull the job" on the last day of January, 1935.

Austin likewise stated that on the last Monday in each month a payroll is sent by registered mail from the Federal Reserve Bank at Chicago, Illinois, to the Federal Reserve Bank at Kankakee, Illinois; that the gang had cased this job for some time and had decided to pull this job on the last Monday in January, 1935; that they expected to get between \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00 in this robbery. Austin stated that on arriving at Kankakee a Post Office truck picked the money up and took it to the Post Office; that they intended to take this money when it was delivered from the truck to the Post Office.

Austin was questioned thoroughly concerning the various places in and about Chicago frequented by the gang. He stated that the owner of the Bowery night club located on Clark Street, Chicago, was well acqueinted with Russell Gibson and likewise knew Doc Barker; that this man was approximately sixty or sixty-five years of age and was called "Papa" Smith; that he is certain that Smith accompanied members of the gang on a few robberies; that Smith was quite wealthy and apparently had no need to steal but did so apparently for pleasure. Austin stated that Doc Barker and Russell Gibson hung around the Bowery quite frequently during the fall of 1934; that he did not know whether Kerpis or Campbell were acquainted with this man named Smith.

Austin likewise stated that Doc Barker, Gibson and others in the gang, including himself, intended robbing the State Liquor Tax Bureau located at Washington and Wells Streets; that they figured this place would be good for \$100,000.00.

Austin stated he was not well acquainted with Karpis because Karpis was out of town during the fall of 1934; that he had seen Karpis on several occarsions, however.

He stated that the gang on numerous occasions frequented Kahn's Barbecue Stand, located on North Avenue near Elmhurst, Illinois; that the gang apparently was referred to this place by Elmer Farmer; that they frequently stayed over night at the last tourist cabin from the road at this barbecue stand; that practically all the members of the Barker-Kerpis gang on various

occasions were intimate with both daughters of Mr. Kahn. It may be mentioned here that Rheinhold Kahn no longer operates the above berbecue stand; that since May of 1935 it has been operated by a man named Schneider.

Austin likewise stated that various members of the gang, including Willie Harrison, Russell Gibson, Doc Barker and Bryan Bolton stayed in tourist cabins operated by a barbecue stand the location of which he described as follows: leaving Bensenville go south on York Street to Lake Street; turn right and proceed west two or three blocks. Austin stated that on the south side of Lake Street at this point there is located a barbecue stand directly opposite from an airport. Austin stated there are several white tourist cabins attached to this barbecue stand; that there is a gas pump in front of this stand; that the man who operates this barbecue stand is a close friend of Elmer Farmer.

Bruno Austin provided the following information:

He stated that in the spring of 1935, during the time that he and Doc Barker were confined to the Ramsey County Jail at St. Paul, Doc Barker suggested to him that in case he was released, Austin should go to Jim Farmer and ask him for the bomb device which was buried. This device was a bomb that may be attached to the leg of a person and the mechanism could be set for a definite time so that the bomb would go off at the expiration of this time or would go off at any time in case any portion of the bomb was touched or tampered with. Doc Barker likewise told him at this time that in case Austin was released he could get in touch with Alvin Karpis by seeing an exchoodlum named Russell, who resides in Detroit, Michigan; that Russell was now quite wealthy, owned a home and had a yacht; that Russell was friendly with the gang and had arranged for a hideout located in a small town just outside of Montreal Canada; that it would cost Karpis approximately \$75.00 a day to stay at this hideout. Barker intimated to Austin that because Karpis was whote he undoubtedly could be located through Russell at the above-mentioned place, near Montreal, Canada.

Austin was likewise questioned as to his knowledge of the Hamm kidnaping case and various bank jobs that have occurred in Chicago and vicinity, but he denied having any information concerning the Hamm kidnaping case. He stated that should his conviction be reversed by the Appellate Court he would provide information to Agent concerning six or seven bank jobs that have occurred. Austin stated that the Appellate Court would not pass on his conviction until November of 1936.

UNDEVILOPED LEADS:

The CHICAGO OFFICE will endeavor to locate the barbeque stand and the tourist cabins operated in connection with the above barbeque stand which Bruno Austin mentioned as being the place where members of the Barker-Karpis gang stayed on various occasions during 1934. This barbeque stand, according to Austin, is located on Lake Street west of York Street. Will make appropriate investigation to ascertain whether Karpis or Campbell have been frequenting this place.

Will make appropriate investigation at the Bowery night club on Clark Street to ascertain whether Karpis or Campbell had been either frequenting this place or contacting "Papa" Smith, the owner.

Will make efforts to locate the man reported to be a brother-in-law of Elmer Farmer, who, according to Bruno Austin, acted as banker for Russell Gibson and Doc Barker and possibly other members of the Barker-Karpis gang, as mentioned in the details of this report. Investigation will be conducted to ascertain whether Karpis or Campbell have contacted this man.

At the Cook County Jail, Chicago, will interview Nate Trigger who is reported to be awaiting prosecution on a charge of murder and obtain from him the location of the tavern in Toledo, Ohio mentioned by Bruno Austin as the place where Dr. Joseph P. Moran's death was planned.

The PHILADELPHIA OFFICE at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will make appropriate investigation at the Police Department to ascertain whether there is any record of a robbery of a bank messenger in the manner described by Bruno Austin. This robbery, according to Austin, is supposed to have taken place about November of 1934.

Appropriate investigation should be made to ascertain whether the Philadelphia Police Department has any information concerning the identity of the persons responsible for the above robbery. The details of same should be ascertained.

The DETROIT OFFICE will make a discreet investigation to ascertain the identity of a man named Russell who is reported to be an ex-hoodlum who is now quite wealthy. Discreet inquiry should be made to determine whether Russell has any relatives, friends or acquaintences residing in the vicinity of Montreal, Canada. If the statement of Austin is verified it is suggested that the Detroit Office determine all possible details concerning the alleged hideout which Russell is reported to have obtained for Alvin Karpis in a small town located near Montreal.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

BUREAU OF PRISONS

WASHINGTON

February 17, 1936/

MEMORANDUM FOR THE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION:

Enclosed please find copy of a letter dated February 14th, sent by Warden Zerbst of Leavenworth to Warden Johnston at Alcatraz.

There may be a basis for suspecting that a Federal offense has been committed in the use of the Connecticut car and the suspected purchase of machine gunes near Tulsa, Oklahoma. Authorities at Leavenworth will be glad to give any facts in their possession to your investigators.

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Hr. J. A. Johnston, Warden, U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California.

Dear Warden:

On May 3rd, 1935, we transferred one of our inmates, James Clark, #46137, to your institution. He was one of the group of prisoners who kidnaped Warden Prather of the Kansas State Prison and escaped over the wall during a Memorial Day entertainment on May 30th, 1933.

It has been reported to me that his wife has purchased two machine guns and five tubes of nitro-glycerine in or near Tulsa, Oklahoma, which are to be used in an effort to free her husband. I would have regarded this information as rather indefinite, but for the following facts.

On January 14, 1936, we released from this institution one Alfred M. Loomis, #39315 with transportation to Bridgeport, Connecticut. Shortly previous to his release Loomis had been transferred here from your institution. This morning I learn that yesterday, Loomis was in Leavenworth driving a new Chrysler Coupe with a Connecticut license, and that he was accompanied by a woman who closely answered the discription of Mrs. James Clark, wife of your inmate. They are accused of swindling a local jeweler out of a diamond ring, but they succeeded in evading the police and escaped. The car carried a Connecticut license plate on rear but no license on the front of the car. The license number was not obtained.

There is little doubt that the man in Leavenworth yesterday was Loomis and if his companion was Mrs. Clark, these activities, coupled with the reports of the machine guns and explosives, may be significant. I am passing this on to you for your information.

Very truly yours,

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February 26, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with; liases, Fugitive, I.O. #121 et al; EDWARD GHORGE BRENE!, Victim; Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to previous correspondence in this matter pertaining to the investigation conducted by the Pitts-burgh Bureau Office relative to one Joseph T. Miller of Tulsa, Oklahoma, a representative of the Federal Laboratories in that state who, it is alleged, may have supplied members of the Barker Karpis gang with Thompson submachine guns.

For your further information I am transmitting herewith copies of a communication which was received by the Bureau under date of February 17, 1936. You will note that this letter was addressed by the Warden of the Leavenworth Penitentiary to Mr. J. A. Johnston, Warden of the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California under date of February 14, 1936 and relates to one James Clark, #46167, who was transferred to the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island on May 3, 1935.

It is requested that you determine whether the aforementioned communication has any specific bearing or can be associated in any manner with the activities of Joseph T. Willer.

Very truly yours, For the Director, ALECORDED COPY FILED IN 4/ 2

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION MAILED Harold Wathan, Assistant Director. Enclosure 284659 FEB 27 (223 cc-St. Paul (copy of letter to Mr. J. A. Johnston dated 2-14-Chicago HEDERAL BURES ditto LAT ON, U.S. Deliebik dittosi CE Cincinnuti V Pittsburgh / ditto San Francisco ditto ditto Kansas City

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent C. D. white, Los Angeles, dated November 16, 1935, in the above en-Dear Siri titled case, which report acts out a lead for the Oklahoma City office to Laure Labore Bons one a rada for any offices pas peep interviewed, but a cony of the investigative report by Special Agent Paul Hansen covering this interview was not furnished your office due to an insufficient number of copies, and your office is here being advised of the result of that investigation in this

Delloss was interviewed by Agent Hunsen at Jules, Cklahima, and he reitorated what he had told Agent white in los Bamer. Angeles. He said that he believed Karpis was going in and out of Puchlo, Colorado at frequent intervals. Ho said he had obtained no further information than what had been given Agent Shite; that is is his intention to go back out to Colorado, and endeavor to obtain some information through the Ables that will locate Karple, in order that he can make the money that is offered for him. He asked that the Able brothers not be interviewed openly by an agent, as he said they would not divilge any information to an

It might be stated in connection with this information that Deloss is regarded as being most unreliable. A review officer. of the file in this case will disclose that bekons has heretofore given information concerning subjects in this case, which has been sholly untrue.

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February 27, 1936

Time: 6:15 P. M.

RE: Bremer Kidnaping; Adams and lieller.

In a telephone conversation from Miami, Florida, with -Kr. Brien McMahon in Washington, Kr. McMahon stated that from a review of the files he was of the opinion that the case against Heller would have to be nolle proceed. I stated that one of the men at the Bureau was thoroughly familiar with the case and that I would have him immediately prepare a memorandum of any facts in . our files concerning this matter and after he, Er. Mchahon, had all these facts before him his decision would be agreeable to me. Mr. McMahon stated that he believed the case against Heller was weak and that it would cost a tremendous amount to bring the large: number of witnesses from Cuba, also that some of the evidence would be ruled out thereby weakening the other two cases. Fr. McMahon stated that he was determined to go through with the case against Adams and the other person involved; that he had heard that idems was claiming to have the case fixed so that it would not come to trial.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover, Director.

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TO STATE OF HISTOR

Post Office Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
February 26, 1956

PH: VO 7-58

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Banters Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BRIKID

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 17, 1936 in the above entitled case, on page twelve, where he has listed the relatives of Harry Campbell and their respective addresses.

It is noted that the address of Clell Campbell, a brother to Harry Campbell, is shown as "whereabouts unknown". For your information and the information of the Portland Office, Clell Campbell is residing, according to the last information obtained, at the Tacoma Fotel, Olympia, Washington, Halapparently previously resided at the Benson Hotel in Olympia, According to information obtained from the parents of Harry Campbell, their son, Clell, recently had some accident and is suffering from some foot trouble as a result of that accidents.

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DaiGHT BESHTLET, Special Agent in Charge.

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February 27: 1936.

Special Agent in Charge, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Beer Sir:

RE: BUYE

Peference is made to telephone conversation between Special Agent in Charge Pwinkt Brautley and the writer, regarding one BURNEAD KEADY.

On February 24, 1936, Special Agent E. J. Dond interviewed lost Office Inspector 3. J. Rettrick at his office, and ascertained from him that prior to February 17, 1936, when he returned to Cleveland, Chio, he spent ten days at and in the vicinity of Tulsa, Cklahoma and Coffeyville, Kansas, in connection with his invectivation of the Carrettsville, Chic mail train robbery. He stated that while the post office invectigation is progressing satisfactorily his survey of the cituation indicates that due to the activities of Agents of this Bureau, and according to information reported by confidential informants of the post office inspectors, Hilton Lett and other suspects are now difficult to locate. He further advised that he received information to the effect that Filton Lett drove into Joffeyville, Kansus on February 14, 1936, but by the time the information reached the post office inspectors, Milton Lett disappeared from Coffeyville, Kanens. Rowever, arrengements have been made with an attorney representing Lett to have him surrendered so that he might be interviewed by the post office inspectors.

In this connection Mr. Hettrick advised that he believes Milton lett holds the key to the solution of the Carrettsville mail train robbery and probably is in a position to bring about the capture of Alvin Karpis, Earry Campbell, and other suspects, whom he believes perticipated in this robbery. Mr. Hettrick further advised that to his knowledge Cam Coker and Burrhead Ready had not been picked up by or for the post office inspectors, and at the present time their whereabouts is unknown to him. He did, however, state that a number of associates of suspects are under observation and some of them have been interviewed and questioned by port office inspectors, smong them being reported confidential informants of this Bureau, the names of whom he did not make known.

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Then asked as to the latest developments in regard to the possible wheresbouts of Alvin Enrpis, Mr. Hettrick stated that numerous contacts are being made, which he hopes will result in the apprehension of Karpis, after which the Cleveland Bureau office will be notified.

Special Agent E. J. Dowd observed that in contrast to previous interviews with Inspector Heitrick, he is now more reluctant to furnish information concerning the activities of the post office inspectors in their efforts to locate Milton Lett, Alvin Karpis, and Harry Campbell.

Subsequent to the above interview by Agent Dowd a teletype message was transmitted to the Eureau and the Oklahoma Bureau office, deted February 26, 1936, indicating that apparently Burrhead Keady was in custody of the post office inspectors. This matter was first called to the attention of the Cleveland Bureau office by a newspaper article which appeared in the Cleveland Hews under date of February 26, 1936.

ifforts will be made to interview Burrhend Kendy et Cleveland, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

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J. P. MecFARLAND Epocial Agent in Charge First Metional Bank Building Oraha, Nebraska. February 26, 1936.

Fr. E. J. Connolley. Special Agent in Charge, P. C. Box #312. Chicago, Illinois.

Pear Sir:

Further reference is node to your letter of January the 27th, 1936, and our roply of February the 6th, which is with reference to the rarriage of Lyrth Chaton to Fred Rowles, and her subsequent divorce from him. The following information was obtained. by Special Agent R. R. Bundy at Indianola, Iora, on February the

The records in custody of the County Clerk disclose that lyrtle Kubbard, age eighteen, residence Des Maims, Iona, place of birth Des Voires, daughter of Charles Rubbard and Bessie Saith, was married at Inlianois, Iowa, on August the 17th, 1917, to H. J. Rowles, ago twenty-six, residence and place of birth Sioux Falls, South Dakota, son of C. C. Roules and Rollie Talborth. Witnesses were Ray Sumptor of Des Foines, Iowa, and C. E. Phelps, no address given. The ceremony was performed by W. A. Graves, Justice of the Feace, Indienola, Iora.

It is of interest to note that Clarence "Doc Y laton, with whom Myrtle Eston lived out of wellock at Des Roines, Ioka, and from whom she took her mone, is reported at present to be living at Burlington, Wisconsin, under the name of C. D. Hubbard, which may be the mone of hyrtle Esten's father, Charles Hubbard, or perhaps the initials stand for "Clarence" and "Dos". ...

Yery truly yours,

R. A. ALT. Special Agent in Charge.

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effort to ascertain whether Mead had registered there during this season under his true name or known aliases. It was ascertained that on October 30, 1935, one Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Mead, Pasadena, California, registered into the George Washington Hotel and were assigned to Room 504, as evidenced by original registration card No. 4389, and they checked out on October 31, 1935. A tracing of this registration was made and is transmitted, with copies of this report, to the Los Angeles Office, for assistance in covering the hereinafter suggested lead.

By reference to original registration card No. 5677, it was ascertained that one Mr. and Mrs. Marcus J. Mead, 270 West 70th Street. New York City, registered into the George Washington Hotel on January 27, 1936, and were assigned to Room 632. The records further indicate that they checked out on January 28, 1936. A tracing of this registration was made and is being forwarded to the New York City Office, with copies of this report, for assistance in covering the hereinafter suggested lead.

The photographs of Mead were exhibited to hotel employees, none of whom was able to identify them as likenesses of any individual they had observed about the premises of the George Washington Hotel. Similar inquiries were made at the Salt Air and the Royal Worth Hotels, West Palm Beach, but no information obtained to indicate that Mead has been registered at either of those hotels under his true name or known aliases; nor were any of the employees of those hotels able to identify the photographs of Mead.

It may be stated that confidence men most usually operate at West Palm Beach, in the vicinity of the civic center, where numerous visitors congregate for recreation purposes. On frequent visits to West Palm Beach, in this and other matters, individuals congregating at the civic center have been observed but no one, among the persons observed, appeared to fit the description of Mead.

On January 27, 1936, one Charles hillips, with aliases, a confidence man, and subject of a Bureau investigation for alleged violation of the National Stolen Property Act, was apprehended at West Palm Beach, Florida, through the cooperation of Deputy Sheriff J. W. Loadholtes. Phillips was subsequently interviewed at the Dade County Jail, Miami, Florida, and he stated that he had met Mead about twelve years ago in Atlanta, Georgia, since which time he has not seen Mead, and claims to know nothing of his whereabouts and activities. Phillips identified the photographs of Mead.

but stated that the most recent photograph of that individual did not appear to be a likeness of the man known to him as Mead.

During the course of this investigation it was ascertained that confidence men operate exclusively in the City of West Palm Beach, and are not permitted in the hotels and other exclusive places at Palm Beach. However, inquiry was made of Detective Homer O. Large, Palm Beach Police Department, concerning Mead and other confidence men, and he stated that the confidence men did not operate in Palm Beach proper, but confined their activities to West Palm Beach. Detective Large stated that he would be on the lockout for Mead, and for other confidence men, and in event he obtained any information of value he would immediately communicate with the local Resident Agent at Miami, or the Jacksonville Office.

Prior to the submission of this report, and due to other existing emergencies at Miami and vicinity, it was impossible to cover the suggested leads with reference to the possible location and activities of Lead, and other confidence men, at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. However, appropriate inquiries in that connection will be made within the immediate future.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The NEW YORK CITY OFFICE, at New York City, is requested to discreetly ascertain the identity of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus J. Mead, 270 West 70th Street, and in event there is any indication that they may be identical with William E. Mead and his wife, appropriate action should, of course, be taken.

The LOS ANGELES OFFICE, at Pasadena, California, is requested to ascertain the identity and location of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Mead. In event it appears that they may be identical with William E. and his wife, appropriate action should be taken.

The JACKSONVILLE OFFICE, at Ft. Lauderdale and Hollywood, Florida, will make appropriate inquiries concerning the location and activities of confidence men, particularly in an effort to establish the possible location of Mead at those places.

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February 27, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge, Kansas City, Missouria

Dear Sir:

RE: BREZIO

In connection with the present investigation being conducted to excertain the wherembouts of Milton Lett, Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, by long distance telephone advised the Cleveland office on February 27, 1936, that Milton Lett was in Oswego, Kansas on February 21, 1936, at which time he was driving a comparatively new gray Ford coupe bearing Louisiana license plates, mumbers unknown.

The report of Special Agent E. J. Eynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated January 20, 1936, page 14, reflects that Milton Lett, at the time he was in Cleveland, Chio, employed at the Harvard Club, and Separally known as illic from New Orleans."

The report of Special Agent Faul Hanson, Unlahom City, Oklahoma, dated Rovember 25, 1975, reflects that Milton Lett, in Hovember, 1935, was driving a 1935 model Ford V8, couch or sedan, 1935 Kansas plates No. 511020. It is suggested that there is a possibility that Lett has disposed of the Ford V8 couch or sedan, and in the deal obtained the gray Ford coupe, which he was driving on February 21, 1936 at Oswego, Kansas, and with this in mind it is suggested that you, at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Jefferson City, Missouri, obtain the motor number of the 1935 Ford V8, coach or sedan, which car bears Kansas plates number 511020, and if it is ascertained that this car in fact belonged to Lett, that you circularize the respective offices of the Bureau requesting that search be made through state motor vehicle bureaus for the purpose of locating this car for 1936 registration, as it may lead to an identification of the Ford coupe which Lett is presently driving.

Yery truly yours,

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BREKID THOMAS CLARENCE RILLY IS RESIDENT OF STPAUL AS CLAIMED NOT WANTED

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JBL:13 7-36 P. C. Box 1276 Oklehoma City, Okla. February 26, 1936

Fr. E. J. Connelley.
Federal Bureau of Investigation.
United States Department of Justice.
1900 Benkers' Building.
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Sirs

RE: BREEID

Referring to my letter dated February 18, 1936 concerning a tolephone tap placed on telephone # 4-6848 at Tules, Oklahoma listed in the name of Fra. F. Charmen, 2142 East 13th, Tules, the alleged paramour of George E. ("Burrheed")

Live became goes by the name of "Johnnie" and frequently called .4-7407 and talked to Lola", with whom Johnnie appears to be on intimate confidential terms. This number is listed in the name of krs. L. E. Chandeler, 516 heat 17th, apt. 6. On February 19, 1936 hrs. Shermen requested that her telephone (f. 1-628) be disconnected for the reason that she was leaving the city and requested that her bill be wailed to her in care of General Deliver. Tulsh. This was believed to be "getting hot", necessitating the move. It may be noted here that to open inquiries were conducted by any agents of the Oklahome Dit effice, and that the move on the part of hrs. Shermen was occasioned by police activities in the naigh-

borhood. The tep on \$ 4-6348 was temporarily switched to \$ 4-7463, Johnnie's girl friend lole, through which it was escertained that are. Therman moved to 25 lest 12th street where she had telephone \$ 4-2762 installed in the same of Ben Trent. The telephone tap has been continued on the latter.

Sherman it was apparent that she was endeavoring to hide out and was apparently afreid of meeting krs. Easty on the street or in a public place. This is merely presumption as no definite statements to this affect word made in the conversations. On February 20, 1936 Johnie called the Lincoln Rotal and eskel for kr. Brock. It has been determined that this is John Brock alies J. D. Adars. Tales Police Department # 7839, and that he was sentenced to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary from Croak County, October 18, 1931 for assent with intent to kill. This is kelleder and instructed him to memorize it and not to write it down envalues, indicating that it was listed under the name of Trent. Johnie saked Brock if he had "heard from the bid man" to which he replied in the negative, and she talvised that this individual did not know that she had moved. Apparently they were spack-

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ing of Eurrhead Keedy. From the conversation apparently Mrs. Keady had been in touch with Brock sceking Keady's location. Johnnie stated to Brock that Eady was "only up to Joplin drunk". Brock was apparently broke, evaiting Keady's return to Tulsa. Brock stated that the last time he saw Keady, Keady asked about train connections from St. Louis to Chicago, and Johnnie offered the information that Keady probably wanted the information for "Jam" (apparently Saw Coher). Johnnie asked "What about that other bunch?" to which Brock replied "They're up in lowe now". They talked at length concerning the peculiar manner in which Keedy has been acting recently, believing that something must be wrong with him. They spoke of Keady having been sent for in order to settle some trouble, but no names or places were mentioned. Johnnie asked Brock if he had seen in the papers about "Back and all them" being arrested. This refers to Buck ward, "hed" Harry Sherrill, and L. A. Cantrell.

On February 21, 1936 Johnnie called # 2-6934 and talked to wilma, furnishing her her new telephone number. Johnnie steted that "some people got hold of my telephone number that I didn't care about". From this conversation it appears possible that Johnnie Shemmen may have moved in order to avoid contact with the rife or another girl friend of Keedy. On the same date Lola called Johnnie and stated that "Jack" had been picked up on a hot check charge and wested to get in touch with Keedy because Keedy would know what to do for Jack. From this conversation it was noted that Keely had been gone for a week.

Johnnie celled # 5-2711 and furnished her new address and tolephone number to a men she called "-ilbur". The listings on the last two telephone numbers will be obtained and the identity of the subscribers discreetly determined.

On February 52, 1936 Brook called Joinnie late at night and eaked hor if she knew that Kendy was "in the con". Brock stated that Earl (Lieutenant Earl Gardner) came after him that afternoon, Erock stating that he didn't know what Mandy was picked up for and did not say anything for fear they might have taken him too, end he didn't want the police to know that he and Keedy were in-together; that Earl came back after Keady's ovorcout which he believed to be a message of some sort that he could not make out. The following eftermoon Brock called again at 1:25 P.F. and stated that he had just received a message from Ready to the effect that "they took him away that morning but he couldn't tell where. I talked to him but he said that 'they're taking me away but I don't know where and I couldn't tell you if I did's. Johnnie became very excited and asked Brock what he supposed it was all about. Brock stated that he thought he knew and that he could talk (apparently over the telephone) but didn't like to. Johnnio asked Brock to come out and cautioned him about letting envone see him enter the house, suggesting that he get off at 11th and Main and walk over to the sportment. At 2:10 the same afternoon Brock called from Johnnie's telephone and talked with one Bill Buling at the Actohum Hotel, Euling sovising that he had been unable to-find. out what had happened to Keedy.

On the night of February 27, 1936 Johnnie celled Brock at the Lincoln Hotel with reference to obtaining further information concerning Kerdy. Johnnie

suggested that "brs." should call "George" (George Fereford) and cak him to call "Losa" to see if he could find out something. brock had apperently been in touch with brs. Early. Brock stated that he knew "Young" and would go down and talk to him the following day and see what he could find out. Johnnie again mentioned the fact that Keedy had been seting querry. It was indicated that "George" could be received at hural 133 in getting in touch with Koss.

The following morning shortly before moon Brock celled and stated that he had just found out something and surgested that Johnnie meet him somewhere. She invited him out for breakfast without disclosing any information over the telephone.

During the course of this telephone tap on the morning of February 22, 1035 et 2:00 A.M. Agent Kingman while in Tulse, was edvised by the girl maintaining the tap, that a conversation had passed between Brock and Johnnie Sherman to the effect that Burrhead Keady had been picked up by Barl Cardner at the Lincoln Hotel at Tulsa. Agent Kingman discreetly talked with Lieutenent Earl Gurdner who advised that he did pick up Burrhead Keady but did not book him, did not take him to the station but "kicked him out at 3d and Boulder" which is the location of the Tulsa Post Office. Gardner indicated that Sam Coker had not been excepted but was believed to be in Florida.

Further observation on the telephone tap may disclose where Burrheed Kendy is being taken. It is quite apparent that Johnnie is talking to only two people- her girl friend, Lole, and John Brock.

thile attending the trial of Tom bill at Independence recently, full length photographs were taken of both Burrheld Keady and John Brock. It is nossible that Furrhead Keady may have been implicated in the vill robbers at largest ville. Ohio and for this reason has been taken there by rost Office Inspectors for identification purposes. It is quite possible that the Post Office Inspectors may have some leverage on Keady in this respect and that he is taking them to where he thinks Karpis and Campbell are presently located.

The foregoing information has been forwarded to Kr. Connelley by long distance telephone at Scattle on February 23, 1936. Er. Connelley instructed that the Cleveland office be notified to make discreet contact with Post Office Inspector National Inspector National Concerning Kendy's use by Fost Office Inspectors. Fr. Term of the Eureau and the Cleveland office were notified telephonically on the same date.

Inquiry at Tulam has reflected that Johnnie Sherman is the ex-wife of Harry Sherrill mentioned above and Tulam underworld character; that John Brock has been out of the Cklahoma State Penitentiary at acklester for the past two years and is employed as a handy man and bartender by Burrhead Keady in connection with a gambling game Kendy is operating in the basement of the

Lincoln Hotel at S South Kain Street, Tulsa, Kla

The telephone tep on the telephone of Johnnie Sherman is being continued and the results thereof will be given close attention.

Yours very truly,

Duight BRANTL W. Special Agent in Charge.

St. Paul Cincinnati Cleveland St. Louis Kensas City

(.) Federal Bureau of Inbestigation

H. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building Cleveland, Ohio

February 27, 1936.

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Enclosed herewith is a newspaper clipping from the Cleveland, Ohio Plain Dealer of February 27, 1936, dealing with the arrest of BURRHEAD KEADY by the post office inspectors in connection with the Gerrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery on November 7, 1935.

You will note that the article mentions that Alvin Karpis has been unauthoratatively mentioned as one of the participants in this robbery.

Inasmuch as Keady is in custody, having been held to the Federal Grand Jury under \$50,000 bond by the United States Commissioner at Cleveland, no effort will be made to interview him in view of Bureau instructions contained in the telegrem from the Bureau to the Cleveland office dated February 27, 1936.

Very truly yours,

P. MacFARLAND Special Agent in Charge

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. CLEVELAND, OHIO PLAIN DEALER

February 27, 1936

Karpis Reported_ Sought for Ohio

Five men were being sought by government postal inspectors last night as the remainder of a gang that staged the spectacular \$46,500mail robbery of an Eric Railroad train at Garrettsville, O., Nov. 7,

train at Garrettsville, O., Nov. 7, after Grover Keady, 45, of Tulsa, Okla., was charged yesterday with being one of the six participants.

Alvin Karpis, the nation's No. 1 desperado, was mentioned unauthoritatively as one of the five sought, although postal inspectors here declined to reveal their identity.

Keady, described by United States marshals as "one tough hombre," pleaded not guilty to the robbery charge before United States Commissioner B. D. Nicola and was taken to County Jail in leg irons and handcuffs after being bound over to the federal grand jury under \$50,000 bond.

The postal inspectors said Keady

federal grand jury under \$50,000 bond.

The postal inspectors said Keady had already been identified by witnesses to the Garrettsville robbery. Keady was spirited from Tulsa by Postal Inspectors Ernest Glaggett of Akron and Jesse Cordray of Lima and formally arrested here.

In the only conviction shown on his record, Keady served six months in a Tulsa jail for receiving stolen property in 1933, Associated Press dispatches said. He had been employed by a bookmaker there, the dispatches said. He has also been investigated frequently, it was added.

The postal inspectors, besides Glaggett and Cordray, who trailed Keady, were S. E. Hettrick of Cleveland, Harry Tavener or roungstown, and F. R. Casey of Toledo.

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Post Office Box 515 Saint Paul, Kinnesota

February 27, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge, Chicago, Illinois.

BREWILD

Dear Sir:

In connection with a cover being maintained on the mail of John B. Davenport, Minneapolis, Minnesota, a letter was received addressed to J. B. Davenport, 301 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, bearing the return address of Scott Hull, Dixon, Illinois.

Kindly conduct investigation at Dixon, Illinois, as to the identity of Scott Rull and his possible connection with any subjects in this case.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STAIN, Special agent in Charge.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

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L. C. Falkier

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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, Wa - FUGITIVE, I.O.# 1218;

DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, Wa - FUGITIVE, I.O.# 1232;

HARRY CALPBELL, Wa - FUGITIVE, I.O.# 1236; et al

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim

FIREARE'S ACT.

SYNOPSISOFFACTS: Additional information relative to activities of family of Clarence G. (Jack) Campbell at Midland, Texas, obtained.

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REFERENCE:

Report M. C. Falkner, El Paso, Texas, January 6, 1936.

DETAILS:

- At Midland, Texas -

Agent interviewed Sheriff A. C. Francis who stated that he had been on the lookout since Agent's previous visit and request for cooperation in connection with this case, but had been unable to obtain any information of value; that so far as he has ascertained no strange cars have been seen in the vicinity of the Campbell home, and that the strange man known to have been there at the time of Agent's previous wisit (referred to specifically in the reference report) is believed to be no longer in Midland; that he has not been able to obtain any information concerning this individual.

Agent checked records in Sheriff Francis' office and ascertained that Clarence G. Campbell has access to two known automobiles as follows: 1935 Chevrolet master sport sedan, blue in color, motor 5,143,483, listed in the name of C. G. Campbell and bearing 1935 Texas license A75-069; 1935 model Chevrolet master coach, parameter motor No. 5,147,458, listed in the name of the Texas and Pacific Oil and Gas Company, bearing 1935 Texas license A74-990, tan in color.

Sheriff Francis stated that he has seen both of these cars being used by Clarence G. Campbell and that the tan colored Chevrolet is used only by Campbell whereas the blue Chevrolet is used by Campbell as well as members of his family, which indicates that the blue Chevrolet belongs to Clarence G. Campbell as shown in the registration, whereas the tan Chevrolet is the property of the Texas and Pacific Cil and Gas Company and is used by Campbell in connection with his business for this

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Investigation further discloses that Clarence G. Campbell's family consists of the following - wife and four children:

Joe Campbell, now attending Texas A. & M. College, College
Station, Texas.

Calvin Gail Campbell, attending grammer school in Midland,
Texas.

Conie Cornelia (Chick) Campbell, attending high school in
Midland, Texas.

Jacquin Jean Campbell, residing also in Midland, Texas.

Agent interviewed C. M. Goldsmith (rather than L. E. as set out in reference report) who stated that since igent's previous visit both he and his wife have made it a point to notice activities about the Campbell home; that they have seen numerous cars driving to and from this house at all hours of the day and night; that they have seen a number of strange men conversing with Campbell in the front of his home; and have noticed one car with a foreign license plate, that they were unable to escertain the state from which this license came, but were positive that it was not a Texas license; that Campbell has very little to do with his neighbors or even with his business associates, remaining to himself all of the time, notwithstanding which he has an excellent position with the Texas and Pacific Oil and Gas Company and is highly regarded by his employers; that they have further noticed that there are always lights burning in the Campbell home at any hour of the night.

At Agent's request Mr. Goldsmith made discreet inquiry among his friends in the petroleum industry in Midland and reported that Clarence G. Campbell is Production Lanager for the above named company and his work causes him to be away from the city of Midland practically all of the time; that he covers the territory of West Texas, meaning from Fort Worth to the New Mexico line, Oklahoma, Eastern New Mexico, and sometimes goes as far as Montana.

Agent again interviewed Postmaster Howe who stated that he is making it a point to personally check all mail received by Clarence G. Campbell, that he will continue to take and forward tracings to the El Paso covering all mail bearing a return address. Mr. Howe stated he has particularly noticed that Campbell frequently receives mail in envelopes bearing the title of the Texas and Pacific Oil and Gas Company and bearing postmarks of various towns in Texas; that many of these envelopes do not bear any return address, and that he has especially noticed that a number of them bearing the post mark of the Ranger, Texas, postoffice are addressed by a typewriter which appears to be old and badly out of line; that it has occurred to him that these letters are certainly not prepared on a company typewriter since no first class concern, such as the company, would tolerate a machine which types so poorly.

Mr. Howe stated that his daughter, Johnnie Fay Howe, is not as intimate with Chick Campbell as she has been in days past; that he can not account for this unless it is because Chick Campbell is rather fast and spends considerable time running around with local young men, which is not altogether to Johnnie Fay's liking.

Interview was had with Johnnie Fay Howe who stated that she has stopped going with Chick as much as she did on former occasions; that however, she still frequently sees Chick on the street or at school and talks with her on frequent occasions; that she has visited at Chick's home a few times since Agent's last visit; that she has seen a number of strange men at the Campbell home but they were never introduced to her; that on one occasion she saw three men talking to Lr. Campbell on the front porch of his home; that this occurred about three weeks ago and she particularly noticed that one of these men was rather small and appeared to limp when he walked; that she can give no further description of this man as she was unable to observe him closely; that none of the Campbell family have ever mentioned Harry Campbell in her presence.

As a matter of information to Mr. Connelley, it is suggested that in the event an Agent, or Agents are sent to lidland to remain for an indefinite period in an effort to obtain additional information relative to any contact with Charence G. Campbell might have with subject Campbell or Alvin Karpis, contact be maintained by the agents in Lidland with Postmaster Howe, who is thoroughly reliable and can be absolutely depended upon. It is the writer's opinion that no great amount of assistance can be reasonably expected from Sheriff Francis, who is more interested in his ranch than in attending to his duties as Sheriff; however, in this connection it will be stated that Sheriff Francis is agreeable and has exhibited willingness to take any steps suggested by Agent in connection with this investigation.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The SAN ANTONIO OFFICE at College Station, Texas, will place cover upon the mail of Joe Campbell in an effort to determine if he is communicating with Harry Campbell or is the means by which Harry Campbell communicates with his brother Clarence G. (Jack) Campbell at Midland, Texas. Will forward all mail tracings received directly to the office covering the territory wherein investigation is to be made.

The EL PASO OFFICE at Midland, Texas, will keep in touch with Sheriff Francis, Mr. C. M. Goldsmith and Postmaster Howe, and his daughter, Johnnie Fay Howe, for any information of value they might receive in connection with this matter.

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Special Agent in Charge, El Paso, Texas,

> RES ALVIN KARPIS with aliance - POSITIVE, I. O. \$1218, et al; EDEAED GENERE BEYER - Victics Kidnesins

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent N. C. Falkner, dated at MI Faso, Texas February 25, 1936, containing information concerning the activities of the family of Clarence G. (Jack) Campball at Midland, Texas.

In this connection I desire to call to your ettention the letter of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, dated at Cleveland, Onio February 10, 1936, which refers to your letter of February 5, 1936 relative to the mecassary investigation to be conducted at Michael, Texas in an effort to logste Embject Herry Campbell. It was suggested in this case that you assign at least one Agent at ence, incomuch as this matter is probably the most important one which you have in your office requiring investigative attention.

The report of reference indicates that your investigation in this case has been conducted in a routine fashion.

Fith reference to your teletype message of February 12, 19% the situation in regard to the surveillence of Fitzgerald has now been elleviated as it concerns the il Paso office. In view of the feet that you now have the services of Agent Falkner, it is desired that you comply with the suggestions indicated in Er. Connelley's letter of February 10, 19%.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover, Directors

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT | Cincinnati, Ohio DATE WHEN MADE: PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2/25/36 2/19 & 20/36 C. G. Campbell mmeaLVIN KARIIS, with alieses - FUCITIVE, I.O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH PULCAN, with aliases - Kidnaping; Harboring and FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; HARHY CALPBELL, with aliases Costruction of Justice; FUGITIVE, I.O. #1236; ET AL. National Firearms Act. I.O. 1218; DR. JUSEPH PUMORAN, with aliases - $\mathcal{C} = \{ \mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{C} \mid \mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{x}_i} \}$ SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Liontana, furnishes additional information regarding William Elmer Llead and his possible contacts. Report of Special Left E. H. O'Donnell, Reference: Butte, Lontana, 2-18-36. Details: On February 19, 1936, the Butte office received the following letter from Montana, which is being quoted in part herein for the information which it contains: "Liy Dear Mr. Dickesont "I just got hold of a yarn today that sounds 'fishy' to me but I "Several years ago there used to be a Mr. Lichutt of Helena who used to RECORDED AND INDEXED: APPROVED AND FORWARDED: COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: Eureau - 3 Denver - 2 Butte - 4 Portland - 1 St. Paul - 2 COPIES DESTROYED Chicago - 2 20 5 MAR 30 1965

come up on the Ladison fishing and he always camped near my place. He had a wife who had been married before and she had a son, a Dick Woodard or Woodward. I am not quite sure how it was spelled. This Woodward was a great friend of 'Red' Lester who ran the Halford Camp, near my place, and who was there for several years when Mead used to come there. They had not been up on the Madison for several years, but were back last year(1934). This Woodard studied law and he is now practicing in Eldorado, Kansas, and I understand getting along pretty well.

"This man lichutt travels for the U. S. Rubber Co. out of Denver. He lives in Denver now, and he was in to see me today. He asked me about the 'gangster' who was a friend of mine. In the course of our conversation he told me that when Dick was out here a year ago this last summer, that Red Lester made a proposition to him (Dick) to take \$20,000 in hot Gov. bonds and dispose of them, and gave him the impression the bonds come from Mead. Dick came to McMutt, (his step father) and asked him 'what about it'. McMutt told me he told Dick to just keep as far from it as he could and not get tangled up in it at all. McMutt has always seemed like a very decent fellow to me, but the boy Dick was a wild cuss, at least as a young chap, and I would not have trusted him very far, although he may be a very square shooter now.

"The thing sounds a little fishy to me. If one didn't know Red Lester quite well, they wouldn't trust the bonds to him. That is, I mean they wouldn't pass them to a 'stranger', and if one did know him wall, they wouldn't be likely to pass the bonds to him for I think he is crooked as the devil. Another thing, it don't sound plausible that bonds would be sent to some one in an out of the way place like that where there would be, it would seem to me, no chance to get rid of them. On the other hand, I hardly think McLutt would tell me the story unless it actually happened to Dick. Lester was 'broke' when he left the place last year and I understand owed the state some money he failed to turn in for fishing licenses he sold at camp. I understood last summer when I was up there, that the state was going to bring him back from Oregon if he did not come across.

"I doubt in my own mind if Head would have trusted Red for he knew he was crooked, for Head and I talked several times about things that happened at the camp when Red was running it. However there might be 'honor amound thieves' and he might have hooked up with Red.

"As I say, the story did not sound just right to me, but I am passing it along to you anyway. It might fit in some where with some information you have and be of more value than it would seem to me to have."

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Upon receipt of this letter the writer contacted Special Agent E. W. O'Donnell by long distance telephone and requested him to interview regarding his letter, obtaining all additional information possible and particularly to ascertain the present whereabouts of Red Lester, if possible.

continued that he was of the opinion that head would not have anything to do with Lester inasmuch as Lester was known to be a crook and a liar and that no one who knew him in the vicinity of minis, Hontana, or West Yellowstone, would have anything to do with him.

Is convinced that head knew all about Lester's characteristics.

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stated that all he knew was that he was somewhere in Oregon but he did not know the name of the town. He did state that Lester had become involved with the Montana Game authorities, inasmuch as he had stolen some fees which he had collected for fishing licenses, but that he had been given a certain amount of time with which to make restitution or he would be presecuted.

stated that the Postmaster at Ennis, Montana, would be the one who would be most likely to know where Lester is at the present time, inasmuch as Lester has spent nearly all of his life in the vicinity of Ennis, Montana. He also stated that Mr. Alex Stuart who operates the Stuart Garage at West Yellowstone, Montana, would be likely to know where Lester is, inasmuch as he employed Lester at one time and had loaned him some money on one occasion in order that Lester could operate a summer camp on the Madison river.

stated that Im. Richard Woodward is now living at Eldorado,
Hansas, and that he is an attorney. He stated that McDutt intimated to him that Woodward
was more or less interested in the proposition made by Lester early last summer when
he offered Moodward an opportunity to buy the Government Bonds.

also stated
that he did not think that Moodward would know anything about Lester's whereabouts
at the present time. He also advised against contacting Mr. McMutt, and stated that
he is employed by the United States Rubber Company and works out of the Denver
Office. He stated that he regarded McMutt was honest, but that he would not care to
have I chutt know that he furnished the information to the Butte office.

World War Veteran

The following description of Red Lester was obtained from

Red Lester Hame 39-42 yrs. Age: 150 lbs. Weight 5º 9n Height Hair Dark red. Eyes ? Complexion Ruddy Cook, gambler. Occupation Residence Ennis, Montana

concluded his remarks by saying that in the event he received any additional information in regard to the whereabouts of lead or lester he would insediately notify the Butte office.

The writer would hike to suggest that in the event that the Postmaster at Ennis, Lontana, is unable to furnish information in regard to the whereabouts of Lester that Ir. Frank Eagle who operates the curio store at West Yellowstone, Lontana, be contacted for the purpose of locating Lester. It is to be noted here that Ir. Eagle has lived in the vicinity of West Yellowstone, Hontana, for many years and that he has a wide acquaintance among people who work at the summer camps in that vicinity. It is also suggested that Mr. Curtis Skinner, a ranger employed in Yellowstone National Park, be interviewed for the purpose of locating Lester should the aforementioned persons hot know. Mr. Skinner was stationed at West Yellowstone, Montana, for some time during the past four or five years and was well acquainted with persons living on the Eadison river. Mr. Skinner's exact address in Yellowstone Park can be obtained from the Park Superintendent at Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone Park, Tyoning.

In following out the leads set out in this report, every effort should be made to secure the services of McNutt and Woodward as confidential informants in this case.

UNDEVELOPED LUNDS:

The BUTTE OFFICE at Helena, Montana, will contact the Montana Fish and Game Commission relative to the information that Red Lester is wanted by them for absconding with State funds, obtaining Lester's correct full name and his present whereabouts, if possible. It is to be noted that believes Lester to be located somewhere in the State of Oregon.

Description of the same of the

lontana, will maintain contact with for the purpose of obtaining any further information he may have upon completion of the lead set out in reference report to ascertain the whereabouts of Morris Staggers.

The DENVER OFFICE at Denver, Colorado, will interview Tr. McNutt, first, name or initials unknown, salesman for the U.S. Tire and Rubber Company, obtaining all information possible relative to the bond transaction mentioned herein, bearing in mind that should not be exposed as the informant in this matter. Mr. McLutt should also be questioned as to any other friends of Mead known to him.

The KAISAS CITY OFFICE at Eldorado, Kansas, will follow out the lead set out above for the Denver office in interviewing Richard Woodward, Attorney.

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P. O. Box f64 Buffelo, M.Y.

with aliases.

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A short time ago Epecial Agent H. M. Stites of this Dear Siri office called on you in connection with the above mentioned individual. and requested that your organization be posted on him and notify this Burecu in the event he was located by you. Arrangements were also made to forward photographs and fingerprints of Mead to your department. However, incomuch as regular Identification Order forms have been issued on Mend, eight copies of the being forwarded heresith is place of the separate photographs and prints previously mentioned.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated Both by the Bureau end the writer.

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Special Agent in Charge

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ec: Bureau I. J. Connelley Oincinnati St. Paul

Re: Brekid

This letter and L.O. were forwarded to the following

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P. 0. Box #64 Buffalo, H.Y.

Feb. 29, 1936

with aliases.

Dear Sir:

A short time ago Special Agent R. N. Etites of this office called on you in connection with the above mentioned individual, and requested that your organization be posted on him and notify this Buraru in the event he was located by you. Arrengements were also made to forward photographs and fingerprints of Kead to your department. However, inesmuch as regular Identification Order forms have been 📑 issued on Kead, two copies of some are being forwarded herewith in ... place of the separate photographs and prints previously mentioned,

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated both by the Bureau and the writer.

Special Agent in Charge

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E. J. Connelley Cincinnati

St. Paul

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1300 Liberty Trust Suilding. Hiladelphia, Femagivenia.

February 28, 1936.

Er, James F. Helone, Department of Police, Philadelphia Folice Department, City Mall. Philadelphia, Pa.

Re: BREKID

Attached hereto are three photographic copies of the fingerprints of dilliam Electricade, with aliases, which were requested by Er. Harry Bodkin, Chief of the Identification

william Clear Feade is wanted by this Europu.

cry truly yours,

R. E. VHTTERLI. Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago St. Faul Cincinnati Bureau/

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Post Office Box 4907. Jecksonville, Florida.

February 29, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge, New Orleans, La.

Further reference is made to my letter of February 17, 1936, relative to individuals named Daso, registered owners of a Plymouth Sedan, concerning which you made inquiry.

A communication has been received today from the Euperintendent of Mails at Daytona Beach, Florida, advising that he has observed the mail received by these persons and that on February 28th, 1936, a letter was received which apperently contained several other letters being forwarded, this communiention bearing the return address "goodruff" 17 E. 42 St., New York City.

It will be appreciated if you will advise this office whether the inquiries which you have made have indicated that there is any possibility that the is identical with Kead. It is also requested that you sovise whether further inquiries in connection with Daso are desired.

R. B. HATHAM, Special Agent in Charge.

Mr. Connelley, Chicago, Cincinnati St. Paul

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Jax # 7-24- MAR - 3 1936

P. O. Box 536

Los Angeles, California

Pebruary 26, 1936

Tr. Henry B. R. Briggs. requesting a mail sover on all mail for 6661 requesting a mail gover on all mail for goods mall los Angeles, California, and receipt is acknowled.

letters dated February 18 and 19, 1936, transmitting on mail received at the above address. please be advised that this mail cover has served
its purpose, and it is not desired that the same be continued
for a longer period.

Kindly accept my thanks for your fine cooperation
to this and other matters of interest to this office. in this and other matters of interest to this office. Special Agent in Charge.

Post Office Box 1276 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma February 27, 1926

DB: VC

Special Agent in Charge, Kensse City, Missouri.

RE: BREXID

Dear Sire

Reference is made to a letter from the Chicago Office dated February 25, 1926 in this case, in which it is requested that the Oklahoma City Office determine the address of in order that the Kansas City Office can conduct appropriate investigation concerning and, if advisable, interview him for possible information concerning the fugitives in this case.

Please be advised that from information in possession of this office at this time, it appears that residing in and that

It is, therefore, requested that the Lensas City Office conduct appropriate inquiries with the view to locatin

For the information of the Kenses City Office, it appears from the investigation which hitherto has been conducted by the Oklahoma City Office that a unreliable, although in the past he was associated with this mob, and was their fixer in this State. I em also informed that in the past, has made promises to various law enforcement agencies that he would assist them in obtaining information as to the whereabouts of members of this mob, and that it is generally known in the underworld that he is smitching.

It is my opinion that it would not be prejudicial to the interests of the investigation in this matter to openly contact and interview

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