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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG
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Post Office Box 4947,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID

In compliance with the letter from the Detroit
Office to the Cleveland Office, dated March 3, 1936, I am
forwarding herewith one copy of the report of Special Agent
E. F. Fitzsimons, Jacksonville, dated April 11, 1935.

Very truly yours,

R. E. KATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 4537
Jacksonville, Florida

March 9, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

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Dear Sir:-

RE: PRATID

In compliance with Bureau letter dated March 5,
1936, I am forwarding herewith Certificate of Title to Ford
Sedan, Motor No. 18-1190702, which has been executed by me.
It is requested that this be forwarded by your Office to Mr.
George C. Campbell, 618 South Rockford Avenue, Tulsa, Okla.

Very truly yours,

R. B. KATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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PHONE. BREKID. LEAVING CINCINNATI 3-30PM AMERICAN AIRLINES TO LOUISVILLE,
EASTERN AIRLINES TO JACKSONVILLE, ARRIVING 9-30 PM THEREAFTER WILL PROCEED
12-15 AM MARCH 6 ARRIVING MIAMI FLORIDA 8-30 AM.

IN DISCUSSION WITH AGENT MACFARLAND TAP ON ART HEREBRAND DISCONTINUED BY
REASON OF FACT APPARENTLY TELEPHONE COMPANY LOCATED ONE OF THE CONNECTIONS
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Los Angeles, California
March 6th, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

There are transmitted herewith two copies of the log covering the surveillance of O. J. FITZGERALD from the Benjamin Franklin Apartments, Los Angeles, covering dates from February 22nd to March 2nd, 1936.

Three copies of this log are being attached to the Bureau's copy of this letter and one each to the copies of this letter going to the Cincinnati, Cleveland and St. Paul offices.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge.

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2-22-36 Agent Leckie on duty.

10:50 Called SAC Hanson

Called Greystone (phone)

11:30 Desk rings that F just left B. F.

11:51 Called Greystone

12:30 PM F returns to his apt.

12:55 Called Greystone

1:03 Called Greystone.

1:04 Desk called to say that he (F) just went out.

1:05 Called Greystone.

3:45 Checked with desk - F still out.

8:30 F returns to his apt.

8:35 F leaves apartment

11:45 Agent Merritt called.

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12:20 AM Agent McKee called.

5:00 Bugas called to say that J and F were at Miceys, apparently going to bed there.

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9:29 AM Called desk - so far as they know, F has not returned, will notify as soon as he comes in.

9:30 Agent Hynes on duty.

9:35 Agent Leckie left.

1:30 PM Morning paper still outside of F's door.

6:30 Called desk, F not returned yet. Telephoned office. Advice received that F not returned yet.

8:00 Agent McKee telephoned.

9:45 Leckie in and on duty.

10:00 Hynes out.

10:35 Desk informed me that F just returned to his apartment.

10:36 Called Bugas at Graystone.

2-24-36 Leckie on duty.

10:00 AM F up and around his kitchen.

10:22 Called Graystone.

10:38 Wright in to assist in operating vac.

10:40 Jean in to F apartment.

11:15 Wright back to Graystone - J and F still in his apartment.

2-24-36 Leckie on duty.

11:38 AM J leaves F. apartment alone.

2-24-36 Lackie on duty.

11:38 AM J leaves F apartment alone.

1:05 PM Desk calls that F. just left B. F.

1:06 Called Graystone.

2:30 Called desk - F. still out.

4:10 Called McKee at Graystone - F and J in her apartment in Victoria.

7:00 Called desk - F still out.

10:20 SAC Hanson called.

11:10 Desk called that F just returned to his apt.

11:11 Called Graystone.

2-25-36 Lackie on duty.

9:00 AM F up and around his kitchen.

9:10 Called SAC Hanson

9:15 Called Graystone (Bugas).

12:20 Incoming call for F - other party hung before F answered.

12:23 Called Graystone (McKee).

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12:35 PM F leaves for Victoria.

12:58 Called Graystone (McKee).

4:18 McKee called to say that F and J were at her apt.

7:00 Called desk - F not in as yet.

10:30 Called desk - F not in as yet.

2-26-36 Leckie on duty.

12:00 M Wright called to say that F was still at J's.

12:20 PM Desk called that F returned to Benj. Franklin.

12:31 Called Graystone.

9:35 AM F up and around his apartment.

9:45 Called desk to ask about above package - was informed that it was a hat box.

10:15 Called Graystone.

10:20 Called F. B. I. office.

11:26 Called Graystone (McKee).

12:30 PM F leaves his apartment - notified by desk.

12:52 Called Graystone.

5:10 Unknown man called for F - desk rang his phone several times - no answer in F apartment. The unknown man said that he would call again and did not leave a message.

5:00 Called Graystone - McKee informed me that F and J in Glendale, to attend a party at Mickey's tonight.

9:15 Desk advised that F would be late, asked that they notify me when he returns.

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(Benjamin Franklin Apts)

2-27-36 Leckie on duty.

12:10 AM Called desk - F still out.

2:03 Desk called that F just returned to his apartment. Jean came in with him and remained until 4:15 AM, when she went to her own apartment in Victoria.

2:06 Called Graystone (wright)

[REDACTED]
11:07 Called Graystone Apts.

[REDACTED]
11:36 Called Graystone Apts.

11:46 Bugas in.

11:55 Bugas out.

11:56 F left B. F. to meet J at Victoria.

5:50 PM Called Graystone, McLee stated that F was at J's apartment and that J had gone to get her hair fixed.

8:00 Foster's paper still outside of his door.

8:45 Called Graystone - advised that Foster and Jean still at Victoria.

10:15 Desk advises that Foster just returned to his apartment.

10:18 Called Graystone.

2-28-36 Leckie on duty.

10:00 AM Foster up and around his apartment.
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

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Called Graystone.

12:10 PM McKee called - gave him the above information.

12:20 Foster leaves his apartment - tried to call Graystone, no answer. Apparently the phone was out of order for a few minutes as McKee called this number about the same time I tried to get the Graystone. A test was made - the phone is O. K. now.

1:10 Called SAC Hanson.

5:55 SAC Hanson called.

6:00 Called desk - was advised that Foster still out.

8:05 Called desk - was advised that Foster not in as yet.

9:40 Foster returns to his apartment.

9:41 Called Graystone Apts.

10:30 Foster's lights out - apparently gone to bed.

2-29-36 Leckie on duty.

10:30 AM Foster up and around his apartment.

1:20 Foster still in his apartment. Talked to desk - no mail or messages so far today.

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3:30 Foster has radio on and occasionally visits his kitchen.
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

4:45 Called Graystone Apts.

5:15 Whitson on duty.

2-29-36 (continued)
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6:20 Foster leaves his room. (Phoned to McKee. No ring from desk.)

9:22 Foster in his apartment. (no ring from desk)

9:23 Bugas verifies Foster in Benjamin Franklin.

9:24 Agent checks with desk clerk, who promises to ring in event Foster appears in lobby. This clerk is relief man.

9:39 Foster mixing drink in kitchen.

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8:30 AM Lockie on duty.
[REDACTED]

1:22 Desk advises that Foster just left.

1:24 Called Bugas and McKee who stated that Foster entered the Victoria.

2:40 Wright called that Foster left Victoria and entered Benjamin Franklin.

2:45 Desk called to say that Foster just sent a telegram to Jean. All said "Hope she was enjoying the trip, good night" signed Pop and Mom. Desk also stated that Foster went on out after he left the telegram.

(Benjamin Franklin Apts.)

2:43 PM Called Graystone and advised McKee of the above.
3:10 Called Graystone - Agents apparently out on tail, no answer.
5:00 Called desk - was advised that Foster still out.
7:15 Lockie off duty - Whitson on duty.
9:16 Desk rings Foster in. (Phoned to Wright)
9:18 Foster enters #603.

[REDACTED]
10:22 Hattie's girl enters #603.
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (Phoned this to McKee.)

11:13 Hattie's girl leaves #603. (Phoned to Wright.)

11:25 Lights out in Foster's apartment.

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7:00 AM Lockie on duty.

7:01 Whitson out.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

March 4, 1936.

Time -

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Special Agent E. J. Wynn telephoned me from Miami, Florida and said that the Alcazar Hotel is full, and they were unable to register in there; that they have registered at the Ritz Hotel, telephone 2-3191. Mr. Dowd is also at the Ritz Hotel registered under the name of E. Dunn. Special Agent C. O. Hurt of the Dallas Office is in Miami registered at the Cortez Hotel under the name of C. C. Hunt.

The remainder of the Agents are expected there in the morning.

Respectfully,

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

St. Louis FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT St. Louis, Missouri	DATE WHEN MADE 3/9/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/24, 27 & 3/3/36	REPORT MADE BY J. S. BUSH JSB:C
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER--VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Photographs of Mead furnished to Police Depts. at St. Louis, Mo., E. St. Louis, Ill., Springfield, Ill. and Peoria, Ill., with request that investigation be made through hotels, race tracks and other places in an effort to locate Mead. Records at Statler Hotel, St. Louis, reflect that Martin Wunderlich stopped at that hotel during the night of 3/24/33, at which time he occupied a suite with one or more additional persons, however, no information procured with reference to identity of the other occupants of that suite.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter, dated January 27, 1936;
Report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, dated January 20, 1936 at Kansas City, Missouri.

DETAILS:

In accordance with instructions contained in the letter of reference, photographs of William Elmer Mead were delivered to the St. Louis Police Department by the reporting agent, at which time the confidence and bunco officers were requested to conduct investigations at hotels, gambling establishments, race tracks and other places in an effort to locate Mead. It was ascertained at the St. Louis Police Department that Mead had never been arrested in St. Louis, however, wanted notices had been filed with that Police Department by the Denver Police Department on December 12, 1931 and by the Post Office Inspector at Jacksonville, Florida on July 2, 1934.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED *J. C. Thompson* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Photographs of Mead were likewise delivered to the E. St. Louis, Illinois Police Department, the Peoria, Illinois Police Department and the Springfield, Illinois Police Department by Special Agents B. W. Maher, D. S. Hostetter and V. J. Wolfe respectively, at which time similar requests were made of those Police Departments.

It is observed in the report of reference that Martin Wunderlich arrived in St. Louis, Missouri on approximately March 24, 1933, where he met one Charles Layton. It is further noted that Mr. Wunderlich stated Charles Layton was registered under that name at the Hotel Statler. In this connection, agent exhibited the photograph of Mead to house officer A. M. Burke of the Statler Hotel and to Detective Sergeants Albert Bean and Marty Cliffe, who frequent the hotels in downtown St. Louis, however, they stated that they did not remember ever having seen anyone resembling Mead. With the assistance of Mr. D. W. Downs, Auditor at the Statler Hotel, agent examined the registrations for the month of March 1933 and ascertained that Martin Wunderlich arrived at the Statler Hotel at 4:00 P. M. on March 24, 1933, at which time he occupied a suite, consisting of Rooms 1434 and 1436, and departed from that hotel at 8:56 A. M. on March 25, 1933. Mr. Downs stated that the manner in which the records are kept indicates that one or more additional individuals occupied this suite with Mr. Wunderlich, however, these individuals were not registered, nor had anyone registered at the Statler Hotel under the name of Charles Layton.

On March 3, 1936, Mr. Fred Hoercher, a constable residing at Mascoutah, Illinois, called at the St. Louis Office of the Bureau and stated that an individual named H. P. Murmann, who has been residing approximately ten miles east of Mascoutah, Illinois for a year or more, bore a strong resemblance to William Elmer Mead. Mr. Hoercher further stated that although this individual had purchased a farm in that vicinity some time ago, he did not appear to be a farmer in view of the fact that he did very little work on the farm and usually slept until 11:00 A. M.; further, that he had always appeared to be well supplied with money.

Special Agents J. T. Hartin, V. J. Wolfe, H. A. Thompson, H. G. Wiltse, V. D. Carvey and reporting agent immediately proceeded to Mascoutah, Illinois, accompanied by Mr. Hoercher, at which time he stated that he would precede agents in his automobile to a point near the farm owned by Murmann and which was formerly known as the "Old Sites Farm" and point out the house to agents. Mr. Hoercher stated that he did not care to accompany agents to the farm for the reason that Murmann had visited him on two or three occasions and in the event Murmann was not identical with Mead, he did not want Murmann to know that he had reported the matter to this office.

Agents arrived at the Murmann farm at approximately 8:00 P. M., at which time the house was surrounded and upon entering the house, it was ascertained that Murmann was in bed afflicted with influenza and that his wife was the only other person in the house. Although Murmann, who is 61 years of age, bore a slight resemblance to Mead, it was observed that he had considerably more hair than Mead and was apparently heavier than Mead. Upon examining his fingerprints it was obvious that he was not identical with Mead. It was ascertained that Murmann was formerly in the grocery business in St. Louis, Mo. for approximately seventeen years and that five years ago, he retired and purchased the eighty acre tract of land near Mascoutah, Illinois, since which time he has resided in that neighborhood with his wife.

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 SAC CLEVELAND -

PHONE BREKID. FROM INFORMATION OBTAINED THROUGH TELEPHONE

TAP, TULSA, IT APPEARS THAT WIFE OF GEORGE BURRHEAD KEADY LEFT

TULSA 11:40 LAST NIGHT FOR CLEVELAND TO VISIT HER HUSBAND

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.
March 9, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

BREKID

On March 9, 1936, a hearing on removal of MYRTLE EATON was had before Judge M. M. Joyce at Minneapolis, resulting in the signing of the order on both the conspiracy indictment and the indictment charging the substantive offense of harboring. Bail was fixed at \$10,000 on each indictment, or \$20,000 on both, and a stay of three days was granted in order to give her attorney opportunity to prepare for the filing of a writ of habeas corpus, should he desire to do so.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Stein
C. W. STEIN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Los Angeles, California.
March 6th, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. E. Borton, Kansas City, Missouri, dated February 4, 1936, wherein a lead is set out for this office at Lindsay, California, to interview Mr. C. D. Woodward regarding 1935 California license 2-T-6747, which was noted on an automobile at the home of H. F. Thornton, Nevada, Missouri, Thornton being a possible contact of the Subjects of this case.

In this connection it will be recalled that a letter was addressed to your office under date of January 25, 1936, advising that this license plate was issued to C. D. Woodward, Lindsay, California, and that Lindsay, California, was near Forterville, California, from which place it had been ascertained that Mr. and Mrs. George Larimer had left to visit in Missouri. At the time the check was made with the Division of Motor Vehicles at Los Angeles, California, no record was available regarding 1936 California license 2-T-6747, and in view of the above facts it was assumed that the license number referred to was the license number issued to C. D. Woodward. However, inquiry has again been made of the Division of Motor Vehicles and it has been ascertained that 1936 license 2-T-6747 was issued to George Larimer, Route 1, Box 66, Forterville, California, for a 1935 Ford Tudor Sedan.

Special Agent James O. Findlay interviewed Mr. C. B. Woodward (not C. D. Woodward) who advised that he owned a 1927 Chrysler Touring automobile and that 1935 California license 2-T-67 47 had been issued for the same; that this car was presently in his possession and had not been out of the State of California since he had purchased it.

In view of the fact that it has been ascertained that the license plates in question were undoubtedly on an automobile owned by George Larimer who is evidently a relative of H. F. Thornton and who is on a legitimate visit to Missouri, no further investigation will be conducted regarding this matter by this office.

Very truly yours,

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J. H. HANSON

Special Agent in Charge.

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PHONE BREKID. DALLAS HAS BEEN UNABLE TO IDENTIFY EITHER OF THE TWO
WARSAWS IN TEXAS AS PLACE DESCRIBED BY CLAYTON HALL. HALL SAYS HE IS
RATHER CERTAIN THE PLACE WAS WARSAW AND HE CANNOT FURNISH ANY OTHER
NAME. FURTHER CONTINUED CHECK AND SURVEILLANCE TOLEDO, YOUNGSTOWN, CLEVELAND
HAS PRODUCED NO ADDITIONAL LEADS. HAVE REQUESTED LITTLE ROCK, DALLAS,
SAN ANTONIO AND OKLAHOMA CITY TO MAKE DETERMINED EFFORT IDENTIFY RELATIVES
GRACE GOLDSTEIN CONTACT HOT SPRINGS AND TO LOCATE CONNIE MORRIS, PARAMOUR
FRED HUNTER.

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POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

March 9, 1936.

(fictitious name used by SAC Connelley)

Mr. E. J. Conrad,
care of Mr. E. J. Wynn,
Ritz Hotel,
Miami, Florida.

SPECIAL DELIVERY - AIR MAIL

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

I have received information today from the Post Office at Burnham, Illinois that a letter was picked up for mailing by the mail carrier, at the home of Otto Heigl, who resides next door to John Patton at Burnham, Illinois.

This letter was addressed to Mrs. J. Patton at the Dallas Park, Miami, Florida. It is probable that John Patten and his wife are living at the above address in Miami.

With further reference to a description of John Patton, he is said to be wearing horn rimmed spectacles.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,

Special Agent in Charge.

DPS:JMS

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT Nashville, Tenn.	DATE WHEN MADE 3/9/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/29/36; 3/3/36.	REPORT MADE BY C. H. CARSON
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1235; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: George F. Caldwell, connected with operation and management of Club Nightengale, Knoxville, Tenn., until same recently closed, and reported reliable, states subjects this case never visited this club to his knowledge. Harry Beardon now at Sewanee Hotel, St. Petersburg, Fla.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge T. N. Stapleton, Nashville, Tenn., dated 1/27/36.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: <u>AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE:</u></p> <p>Information was received from law enforcement officials and others at Knoxville, including successful and reliable business men and bankers that George F. "Ike" Caldwell is a thoroughly reliable and "honest" professional gambler, and that the latter has always been regarded as an upright and responsible citizen, being wholly in sympathy with law enforcement and cooperating fully with law enforcement officials except as regards Caldwell's gambling activities, which are reported to be "straight" as gambling games go.</p> <p>Caldwell was interviewed by agent and he advised that he became associated with Charles Rice, Doc Ogle, and Charlie Kirby in the operation of the Club Nightengale at Knoxville, Tenn., in May, 1935; that this club was operated by above named parties as a night club and gambling establishment from May, 1935, to February, 1936, at which time it was closed upon the advice of law enforcement officials who advised the proprietors that due to political pressure being brought to bear the officers would be forced to raid the place unless it was closed voluntarily. He stated that he operated the gambling games at this club together with Charlie Kirby, and that Rice and Ogle</p>			
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conducted the night club, entertainment, and refreshments, etc., part of the establishment. Caldwell advised that Rice and Ogle are both dishonest; that both are known by him to be contacts for, and harborers of, thieves and fugitives, and fences for stolen property; that Caldwell was secretly pleased at the opportunity to sever his connections with the last named two at the time of the closing of the Club Nightengale. He stated that former friends and associates of Rice from Illinois and Indiana were wont to visit the latter frequently at the Club Nightengale; that all of such visitors were obviously thieves and ordinary thugs, and that such visitors at the club caused Caldwell considerable concern due to the fact that the latter's gambling establishment was being patronized by some of the best people in Knoxville, and he was anxious lest such visitors might cause some trouble and disturbance and bring the gambling activities at the club into disrepute. Caldwell was shown a number of photographs of persons wanted by the Bureau, including photographs of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Edward Bentz, Dr. Moran, W. E. Mead, and others, and he advised that none of such has ever visited the club Nightengale at any time to his knowledge, and that he has never seen any of such parties at any time or place. Caldwell recognized the photograph of Karpis and remarked that he has viewed this photo a number of times in the past; that such has been shown to him a number of times by law enforcement officials. He stated that he would gladly furnish any information which might come into his possession at any time concerning Karpis or any other fugitive wanted by the Bureau agents of this Bureau; that in case he obtains information he will make an appointment with some agent through the office of the U. S. Attorney at Knoxville or through the Nashville Bureau office and will then relate such information personally.

With regard to Rice and Ogle, Caldwell advised that these two individuals are hanging out at the Union Athletic Club in Knoxville at present, last being a crooked gambling joint and favorite meeting place for thieves and fugitives local in character; that Ogle has some financial connection with the Union Athletic Club, but that Rice has no such connection according to the best information of Caldwell. He stated that he has information that Rice and Ogle are negotiating for a road house on the highway between Kingsport, Tenn., and Johnson City, Tenn., the exact location of which is unknown to him. He stated that both of the last named two persons were formerly and probably still are connected with a camp located near Gatlinburg, Tenn., which according to information obtained by Caldwell from his association with Rice and Ogle, is nothing more nor less than a convenient meeting place for thieves and fugitives and a place where such individuals can hide for short periods while avoiding arrest. He stated that he does not know the name or exact location of the camp near Gatlinburg, but that the last will be known to the local law enforcement officials.

With regard to information contained in report of reference that one Harry Beardon, whose father, John Beardon, is house detective at the Park Hotel, Knoxville, told Deputy Sheriff J. C. Chumlea, Knoxville, Tenn., that he saw and recognized Karpis at the last named hotel in the fall of 1935; further information being that a man by name of Coppage is managing this hotel at present, the latter having been formerly connected with the El Commodore Hotel at Miami, Fla., agent ascertained by inquiry of John Beardon, Park Hotel,

Knoxville, that Harry Beardon is presently located at the Sewanee Hotel, St. Petersburg, Fla.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The JACKSONVILLE OFFICE, at St. Petersburg, Fla., is requested to interview Harry Beardon at the Sewanee Hotel relative to statements made by Beardon to Deputy Sheriff Chumlea at Knoxville that Karpis was visiting at the Park Hotel in Knoxville during the fall of 1935.

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Miami Beach, Fla.,
March 9, 1936.

Memorandum for the Director:

In Re: Brekid.

There has been no developments to indicate either Harpis or Campbell has been in here or in this vicinity. We have continued to contact the various places here and have learned nothing. Various sources of information in a confidential undercover manner have been contacted and no informants have any information or knowledge of these subjects being here or that they have been in here during the present season.

As stated in memorandum of yesterday, Agents Dowd and Peterson are checking on Joe Roscoe at St. Petersburg, Fla. and should have something as to what he is doing tomorrow.

We will check on Palm Beach and West Palm Beach tomorrow as to whether Joe Roscoe has a place there. We have checked through various sources and by daily contact with gambling places, "hot" spots, etc. at Ft. Lauderdale, Hollywood, Hallandale, Miami Beach and Miami and various places in between with the same result as above noted.

Agent E. J. Wynn will proceed 7:00 P. M. tonight by boat for Havana, Cuba to contact this party John C. Parry, Trocadero #15 Havana, Cuba to see what information he may have and if it is of no value he will return here by night boat, Tuesday 7:00 P. M. arriving Miami the following morning.

Tomorrow night in the absence of any definite developments Agent McIntire can leave for return to his headquarters. Agents DiLillo and Thompson will leave tomorrow as previously instructed for special work to which assigned.

If nothing worthwhile develops here, I will, depending on developments at St. Petersburg, be able probably to go into Jacksonville about Wednesday night and line up the necessary work in the district to be followed up and immediately thereafter arrange to proceed north where we have some possibilities working. As to the balance of the Agents unless there is something to be accomplished at St. Petersburg we should be able to get all of them back to their respective places of duty about Friday, March 13, 1936.

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Respectfully,

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/s/

E. J. Connelley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ID

I am enclosing copies of log maintained
on the J. R. DAVENPORT tap for March 4, 5, 6, and 7,
1936.

Very truly yours,

G. W. STEIN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Miami Beach, Florida
March 8, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

RE: BREKID

Nothing has been learned to indicate that either Karpis or Campbell has been in Miami Beach or vicinity this season.

The gambling places including Carter's, at Miami Beach on order of the Police, two city officers calling on each place, Friday March 6, 1936 closed operations this date, and indications are they will be closed for the balance of the season. We had this information from an informant earlier Friday that the word had gone out that every one would be closed up this date.

In checking Hollywood and Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where gambling still continues, we get the information through informants that there has been no rumor or indication that either Karpis or Campbell has been in this vicinity, which is of course at variance with the news items which appeared, and as given by informant to you. Without knowing who such latter informant may be, I would be doubtful of his ability to know of them being in here, particularly as to the idea it was generally known to the underworld in the past; the underworld generally has not known of their location.

Joe Adams as per an informant is satisfied he will be convicted of harboring, and Adams indicates that if Karpis is apprehended it will make things much better for him. By reason of Adams' connection with the Biscayne Kennel Club it is doubtful that Karpis would go anywhere near this place. The Biscayne track is closed at present.

We have been unable to find anything as to any place being "shaken down" here or in the near vicinity, and informants generally say there has been none other than the regular "pay off". We have a report, which we are trying to verify and identify individuals concerned, of a small semi private place at Hallandale Beach Road which was "taken" for \$2000 about a week ago.

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Some mob from Chicago or New York tried to "muscle in" here in the early spring on a "racket" of forming a union of employees of night clubs and gambling places, without success, for reason particularly that the local permission to operate would cause an outside crew

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to be pushed around immediately, if they were to try this, which was the case, and they did not go far with the idea.

Agent D. DiLillo is here waiting for a reservation Tuesday on the Clipper ship and in the meantime he is checking various places the same as the other Agents.

We have checked various gambling houses, night clubs, dog tracks and race tracks (Hialeah closes Monday with a charity race), etc., without learning anything. Various informants have been seen without definite leads being shown.

Agents Dowd and Peterson are proceeding to St. Petersburg, Fla. and will locate Joe Roscoe of Toledo, and his place, and later two other Agents will go there in order to place him under discreet surveillance for a time. This party is, when in the north, a real contact of Karpis and Campbell. (See letter Cleveland office March 2, 1936 as to which on March 3, 1936 I wired Jacksonville to take no action until advised further by me).

I will try to get a short memo on the afternoon air mail each day as to progress being made.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. Connelley
E. J. CONNELLEY, *EC*

Special Agent in Charge.

P. O. Box 5709
Portland, Oregon
March 24, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Butte, Montana.

re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to teletype of this date from Special Agent
in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, there is enclosed herewith
by air mail copy of report of Special Agent W. C. Ryan dated
at Portland, Oregon, March 18, 1936, for your assistance in
conducting the investigation referred to in said teletype.

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPEARS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau
cc Mr. Connelley-Chicago
cc Cincinnati

VIA AIR MAIL

P.S. Your attention is particularly invited to the information
contained in Agent Ryan's report that the mother of the
woman at Olympia with Clell Campbell, ostensibly his wife,
is Mrs. Mable Williams of Boise, Idaho.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio.

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REPORT MADE AT Indianapolis, Indiana	DATE WHEN MADE 3-7-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-7, 13 to 17, 20, 21, 25-36	REPORT MADE BY J. E. Jones
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Inquiry at Lafayette, Ind., discloses that a Mary Forth resides at 322 S. 6th St., is age 55 and of respectable family, with little possibility of her being connected with Subject Campbell. At Gary, Ind., determined that George Schultz, 909 Adams St., is unreliable informant and cannot be contacted confidentially; that George Morris was formerly connected with Peoples Tavern but now resides probably at 752 Van Buren St. Occupants of Peoples Tavern indicate Morris has no connection at that place at present. Inquiry failed to develop detailed information relative to Tabou Brothers at Rainbow Inn, and no confidential informant secured to frequent place, it being thought advisable not to interfere at present with efforts of Informant [redacted] Gary, Ind., Police not informed of instant inquiries, but it is thought that informants might be developed by this means if thought permissible. Further inquiry to be made. William E. Mead known to Gary, Ind., Police, having escaped apprehension there on Nov. 1, 1932 while at Roosevelt Hotel in company with three men, all of whom were frequent visitors at this hotel. Inquiry there reveals that hotel housekeeper recalls Mead and formerly notified police of his presence; will cooperate with Bureau and thinks Mead was at that place during week of Jan. 26, 1936, but this information not confirmed. At E. Chicago, Ind., ascertained that Mr. and Mrs. William A. Perry of excellent reputation and not the type to harbor fugitive; that during last few weeks parents of Mrs. Perry have resided at that place. Information regarding Ruth Potts, sister of William A. Perry secured and set out herein.

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At Michigan City, Ind., inquiry at all clinics fails to confirm report that Alvin Karpis has been at those places. Police departments of appropriate cities contacted and furnished with photograph and other data on William E. Mead.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, 12-27-35;
Letter Chicago Office to Cincinnati Office, 1-27-36;
Letter Chicago Office to Indianapolis Office, 1-9-36;
Report of Special Agent R. L. Murphy, Indianapolis, Ind., 1-4-36.

Details: AT LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

R. M. Isherwood, Postmaster, upon contact by the writer, advised that he has never heard of any Mary Forth. On inquiry of the General Delivery clerk, the Postmaster ascertained that the only Forth known at that place is Mrs. Milbourne Forth, Box 322, who is employed in the "Re-Settlement Bureau" located on the second floor of the Postoffice Building, who possesses a good reputation. Mr. Isherwood examined his Postal Directory for Lafayette and stated that 518 North Fifth Street is shown to have been last occupied by one Floyd Fry, who moved at an unknown date and left no forwarding address. Agent was further informed that Carrier Ernest Sites covers Route #7, which includes the above address. Mr. Sites was off duty at that time, but arrangements were made to interview him on the following day.

At the Horner Motor Company, 620 Columbia Street, Agent contacted Mr. Tex Rausch, manager of the used car department, inasmuch as that company is reported to have sold a 1932 Chevrolet Coach to one Mrs. Mary Forth, 518 North Fifth Street, Lafayette, Indiana, during about May 1935. Mr. Rausch advised that he did not know Mrs. Mary Forth, but that he was well acquainted with Orbie Branham, listed as the first purchaser of instant car, who has been a mail carrier in Lafayette for many years. Mr. Rausch suggested that Agent contact a Mr. Black of that company who sold instant car to Mrs. Forth, and Mrs. Ruth Weindorf of that company to whom payments on said car were made.

Mrs. Ruth Weindorf, upon interview, stated that she remembers the above transaction and has known Mrs. Mary Forth for four or five years; that Mrs. Forth is about fifty-five years of age and very feeble; that Mrs. Forth is unable to drive a car but gets someone else to do so for her; that she is a landlady at the above-mentioned

address and, though living in a poor neighborhood, is thought to be respectable and of good reputation; furthermore, that she is not the type of woman who would be associated with the criminal element. Mrs. Weindorf could furnish no additional information relative to this matter.

On the following day Agent contacted Mail Carrier Ernest Sites, who advised that Fred Forth and Mary Forth, probably husband and wife, moved from 518 North Fifth Street about three years ago to 322 South Sixth Street; that he knows nothing of Mrs. Mary Forth but is personally acquainted with Fred Forth, who is about sixty years of age and has been connected with Purdue University in Lafayette for several years; that the Forth family, though of moderate means, bears a good reputation.

At the Horner Motor Company, Mr. R. E. Black, salesman, stated that he sold instant Chevrolet to Mrs. Mary Forth and that he has known Mr. and Mrs. Forth for about four years; that they are poor but respectable people, having been in no trouble at any time, in Mr. Black's opinion.

A description of Mrs. Mary Forth as secured by inquiry is as follows:

Name:	Mrs. Mary Forth
Age:	About 55
Height:	5' 2" or 3"
Weight:	150
Build:	Heavy
Hair:	Dark, graying
Eyes:	Dark
Peculiarities:	Blind in one eye, talkative, aging.
Reputation:	Good
Present address:	511 New York St., Lafayette, Ind.

Because of the information received regarding Mrs. Mary Forth, as set out above, this matter was not checked into further, as it is considered unlikely that she would have any connection with Subject Campbell.

AT GARY, INDIANA

Captain William A. Forbis, Detective Bureau, Gary Police Department, advised upon contact that he was not aware that any well known confidence men had been in that vicinity; that the only confidence games operated in Gary, Indiana, for many years were operated by a gang of Servians, and that these particular Servians had operated the "Priest" racket.

Captain Forbis was questioned relative to the reputation of George Schultz, as reference report of Special Agent Suran suggests Schultz be contacted with a view to developing him as an informant. Captain Forbis stated that he knew Schultz, who is on the city tavern committee and who is a sort of city organizer of taverns; that Schultz was formerly the secretary of the Moose Lodge and presently resides at 909 Adams Street, which address is that of the Market Tavern Inn. Agent was advised against contacting Schultz because of his doubtful reputation and his associates; that if such a contact is made, it should be through a confidential informant. It might also be mentioned at this point that Bill Reichardt, Superintendent of the Identification Bureau of the Gary Police Department, later advised that he is personally acquainted with Schultz and knows him to be an ex-prize fighter and a former hi-jacker. Mr. Reichardt stated that Schultz has a very bad group of associates and also advised against any direct contact regarding any confidential matter of consequence. Captain Forbis also advised that the County Tavern Organizer is one Neil Nordstrand, but that neither could this individual be contacted confidentially, inasmuch as he is known to be a former box-car thief and to be a man who cannot be trusted with information. Because of the above advice, these men were not contacted by Agent at this time, it being considered advisable to learn more of their connections before such contact is made.

Captain Forbis further stated that he does not know Chris Tahou, Rainbow Inn, 1400 Adams Street, but that his records show that this place is operated by the Tahou brothers, and that the place is frequented by Mexicans. It is noted that Chicago Bureau Office informant, has spent considerable time in this place and is apparently familiar with some of the people who frequent the same. As to the Rahutis Gardens located east of Gary, Indiana, at the junction of Highways #12 and #20, Captain Forbis advised that this is a respectable place and is frequented by a good class of people, but that the same was operated by a Mr. Rahutis, a Greek, and that he, Captain Forbis, did not know of any individual there who could be contacted confidentially. Captain Forbis did not know of a George Morris who, according to reference report of Special Agent Suran, operates the People's Tavern at 1432 Jefferson Street. However, it was determined that this tavern is now called the People's Inn Restaurant, and that a George Morris is listed in the city directory as residing at 752 Van Buren Street. It might be stated that the writer personally knows that the above-mentioned taverns, with the exception of the Rahutis Gardens, are located in a very low class section of Gary, frequented chiefly by foreigners. Efforts to learn of an informant to frequent these places were without result at this time. Captain Forbis was not informed that instant inquiries were related to an attempt to ultimately locate Alvin Karpis, or that that individual has been reported as having

been in Gary, Indiana. However, the captain informed that, should information on a particular individual be sought and that if the name, photograph and description of such an individual could be furnished him, he would gladly assign Detective Herbert McConnash and Detective George Harnes to the matter, inasmuch as he felt positive that they had informants who could frequent the places mentioned herein and secure the desired information. Agent is personally acquainted with these detectives and knows them to be highly reliable, but at this time the facts as to Subject Karpis were not disclosed, it being thought best to first determine whether or not such disclosures were advisable.

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It is noted that reference report of Special Agent Suran, on pages four and five, states that Informant [redacted] advised that one Art Muchner had seen Subject Karpis in company with Jimmie Miller at the Rahutis Gardens outside of Gary, Indiana, on about December 3, 1935, and that this Jimmie Miller is now going under the name of George Morris, above-mentioned. Undoubtedly this information predicated the telephonic advice given by the Chicago Bureau Office to the Indianapolis Bureau Office on December 3, 1935 that Karpis was seen at a roadhouse with a name similar to "Co-Hut" located on Highway #12 between Gary, and Michigan City, Indiana, in company with a procurer named Miller, thought to be of Gary, Indiana, and resulting in the report of Special Agent H. W. Costello, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated December 11, 1935 to the effect that this information could not be confirmed. However, inasmuch as the George Morris mentioned herein is the person alleged to have been seen with Karpis at the Rahutis Gardens, and inasmuch as Morris is known to [redacted] in the past when the latter was being sought, no attempt is being made presently to contact Morris indirectly at the People's Inn Restaurant, 1432 Jefferson Street, Gary, Indiana, which place is alleged to be owned by Morris, for fear of interfering with Informant [redacted] efforts in that regard. It might also be stated here that Agent later ascertained from a mail carrier that Morris is not connected with that restaurant at present and that his address is unknown at that place; that a registered letter addressed to him there was returned to the Post Office for non-delivery about one and one-half months ago.

Mr. J. T. Huff, Foreman, Post Office, advised that H. H. Hargrove, colored mail carrier, covers the route on which 1432 Jefferson and 1400 Adams Streets are located and that Hargrove, who works out of the 17th Avenue Station, resides at 2648 Adams Street. Mr. W. H. Henrich, Superintendent of the Post Office, stated that he did not know of George Morris or of the Taho brothers.

At 2648 Adams Street Agent contacted H. H. Hargrove, who stated that he has handled mail on the above-mentioned route for the past two years. As regards the People's Inn Restaurant, Hargrove said he did not think a George Morris has operated that place

for two years because when he has had letters addressed to Morris at that place he has always been advised that Morris is not connected there any more but that mail left there will be given to him. Hargrove stated that he does not know Morris personally; that about one and one-half months ago a registered letter (place of mailing unknown) was addressed to Morris there and could not be delivered on two separate attempts, the apparent proprietor, name unknown, stating that he did not know where Morris was located at that time; that a notice of this letter was left at that place but also had to be returned to the Post Office. Hargrove also stated that his deliveries there are during the early morning when very few people are around, and that consequently he could not state what type of people visit that place.

As to the Rainbow Inn, 1400 Adams Street, Hargrove stated that his deliveries there are also during the early morning and that the place is always locked at that time; that he drops the mail through a chute in the door; that therefore he could offer no information as to the occupants of that place or as to the visitors at that place. He also stated that the second floor of that building consists of rooms for rent but that the mail to the occupants thereof is delivered at the Inn downstairs. When shown a photograph of Alvin Karpis, Hargrove advised that he has never seen that individual. Effort was made to secure more specific information from Hargrove, but he advised that he was not in possession of the same.

At the Post Office Agent again contacted W. H. Henrich relative to the above-mentioned registered letter. Mr. Henrich said that the same could not be checked at that place without the number. However, it was ascertained from the 17th Avenue Branch Post Office that two registered letters postmarked Chicago, Illinois, dated January 17 and January 22, 1936, and bearing the return address of "Executive Offices, 110 S. Dearborn Street, Suite 1418-1423, Chicago, Illinois" addressed to George Tessen, 1432 Jefferson St., were returned undelivered. It is possible that Morris is using an alias of George Tessen on occasions.

Agent again contacted Captain Forbis of the Gary Police Department for the purpose of enlisting his co-operation in an effort to locate William E. Mead, as requested in letter of the Chicago Bureau Office to the Cincinnati Bureau Office dated January 27, 1936, copies of which were forwarded to the Indianapolis Bureau Office. Captain Forbis advised that he would be glad to give this matter immediate attention and was furnished with two photographs of Mead, together with his aliases and description. Neither the captain nor other parties listed below were advised of the connection of Mead with instant case.

Mr. Bill Reichardt, Superintendent, Bureau of Identification, Gary Police Department, upon being furnished with a photograph of Mead for the purpose of making additional copies for the use of Agent, immediately mentioned Mead as being a confidence man, and upon being asked the reason for his remark, Mr. Reichardt related the following: That in 1932 William E. Mead was known to have been in Gary, Indiana, and that he, Mr. Reichardt, had occasion to investigate the case as Mead was wanted at that time. At this point Mr. Reichardt exhibited to Agent his file on Mead, which was somewhat meager but reflected that during the above period it was ascertained that Mead, in company with Charles Long, George Sterns, and John Patterson, was frequenting northern Indiana and occasionally would stay at the Olympic Hotel in Gary, now the Roosevelt Hotel, for very short periods ranging from one hour to one day. Mr. Reichardt stated he learned of this fact because the desk clerk at the Olympic Hotel became suspicious of these men and notified the police department, after which she identified the photograph of Mead as one of the visitors. Mr. Reichardt advised that he has forgotten the name of this desk clerk, a woman, and does not know where she is located at present; that the above-mentioned men were last known to have been at the Olympic Hotel on November 1, 1932, when the police department was again notified but missed them by only a few minutes; that after they had checked out on this last occasion, he examined a room occupied by them and recovered several torn bits of paper from the toilet bowl, on which paper was addition of figures running into several hundred thousands of dollars. Mr. Reichardt also stated that on the same date he checked the hotel registration sheet and found that one G. O. Stoner, alias George Sterns, and John Patterson had registered, taking two rooms for the four men making up their party, the other two individuals being Charles Long and William E. Mead. Mr. Reichardt furnished Agent with two photographs of that portion of the registration sheet containing the signatures of G. O. Stoner and John Patterson, one of which is being retained in the Indianapolis Bureau Office file and one is being forwarded to the office of origin for whatever value it may have.

At the Roosevelt Hotel Agent contacted Mrs. Anna Rayburn, hotel housekeeper, who advised that she is the party above referred to as formerly having been a desk clerk at the Olympic Hotel. Mrs. Rayburn advised that in 1932 William E. Mead was a guest at that hotel on several occasions over a period of about six months; that his visits would average about two weeks apart; that he would invariably come there in company with three or four other men and would rent a room or two for a period of from one half hour to one night, but seldom over two hours; that while there these men would hold conferences and do a lot of figuring; that she formerly managed to secure some of the figures, running into hundreds of thousands of dollars, and turned these records over to the police department.

Mrs. Rayburn stated that at the time of their last visit she notified the police department, but that due to the latter's slowness in arriving, these men checked out and disappeared. Agent exhibited a photograph of Mead to Mrs. Rayburn, and she readily identified it as being a likeness of one of these visitors.

At this point Mrs. Rayburn stated that she has a faculty for remembering faces and feels reasonably certain that about two weeks ago (which would be during the week of January 26 to February 1, 1936) she passed this man, William E. Mead, in the hallway of that hotel on the third floor; that this man was tall and had his hat pulled well down over his head, and that she, Mrs. Rayburn, at that time thought his features looked familiar but that she paid little attention to him. Mrs. Rayburn described this individual seen in the hallway as being tall, having a twisted mouth, clean shaven, no glasses, and wearing a brown suit, brown felt hat and no overcoat. She was unable to give a more detailed description.

Agent furnished Mrs. Rayburn with a photograph of Mead and with the address and telephone number of the Indianapolis Bureau Office and requested that if she at any time sees this individual again or a person closely resembling him, to immediately communicate with the Indianapolis Bureau Office, which she advised she would do.

After securing the above information, the writer checked the Roosevelt Hotel registration cards dating from January 24 to February 15, 1936 for all known aliases of William E. Mead, as appearing in the Personal and Confidential letter of the Bureau dated December 19, 1935, but found none of these aliases listed, or any similar name except that of Robert R. Reid, address given as New York City, who checked into Room 411 on February 8, 1936, securing a rate of \$35 per month as a resident. Other parties of somewhat similar names could be eliminated because they resided indefinitely at that place. The photograph of Mead was also exhibited to the hotel manager and the present desk clerk, but both were unable to recognize it as that of a guest, and stated that they felt sure that they would remember such an individual if they were to see him once.

Mr. W. H. Henrich, Superintendent of Mails, Post Office, advised that 752 Van Buren Street, listed in the city directory as being the address of a George Morris, was covered by Mail Carrier C. W. Hesford, who resides at 621 Adams Street.

C. W. Hesford, upon contact, stated that he has been carrying the route covering 752 Van Buren Street for about one year; that he recalls that in 1918 he, Mr. Hesford, resided at that address, which is a one and one-half story frame building containing two apartments, both of which are occupied. Mr. Hesford stated that this particular neighborhood is in a very good section of Gary. He also informed that ever since he has been carrying that route he has occasionally noted mail addressed to George Morris there (the second apartment in that building having a different street number) though he has never seen any man at that place; that the only person he has ever seen at that place is an old woman about sixty-five years of age and very feeble, whose name he did not know. Mr. Hesford was unable to give any information concerning this woman but stated that on the following day he would determine her name and ascertain whether or not George Morris is definitely staying at that place. Mr. Hesford advised that he has never heard the name, George Tessen, to whom it is recalled, two registered letters were addressed at the People's Inn Restaurant, 1432 Jefferson Street, Gary, Indiana, during January 1936.

On the following day Carrier Hesford advised that from neighborhood inquiry he had ascertained that 752 Van Buren Street is occupied by George Morris and wife and their fourteen year old son and the wife's mother, Elmira Rawling; that Morris was supposed to have been a bartender at 1432 Jefferson Street during the summer of 1935. Carrier Hesford could offer no additional information relative to this matter.

AT EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA

Otto H. Stumpf, Chief of Police, East Chicago Police Department, was contacted by Agent and furnished with the photograph, aliases, and description of William E. Mead. He advised that he would have copies of this photograph made and give them to the appropriate officers of that department for their aid in local inquiry, especially at the hotels of that city.

At the East Chicago Post Office, Agent contacted Mr. L. H. Cook, Assistant Postmaster, who has heretofore proved to be very cooperative and reliable. Mr. Cook stated that he does not know of Mrs. and Mrs. William A. Perry, alleged to be residing at 3515 Grand Avenue, but that Carrier William Cornwell is very observant and might know something of these people; also Miss Bessie McAnley, who is employed at the Postal Savings window of that Post Office, and accordingly Miss McAnley was called into the office of Mr. Cook for interview relative to her knowledge of the William A. Perrys.

Miss Bessie McAnley, upon interview, stated that she has lived about one block from the Perry home on Grand Street for approximately twenty years and is very well acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. William A. Perry. Miss McAnley stated that Mr. and Mrs. Perry are of a very good reputation and are responsible citizens, Mr. Perry being employed as Assistant Superintendent of the Electrical Department of the Inland Steel Company; that, though the Perrys have friends in the neighborhood who visit them occasionally, yet they live alone with no children and do not have visitors at that place who remain for any length of time. It was the opinion of Miss McAnley that the Perrys would not associate with anyone of a doubtful reputation.

Agent was also informed that Ruth Perry Potts, about forty years of age and a sister of Mr. Perry, married one Alvin Potts about twenty years ago; that Alvin Potts has another brother, name and address unknown; that Alvin Potts' father is dead and that his mother, Mrs. O. P. Potts, was last in East Chicago, Indiana, during the summer of 1935, her present address being unknown. Miss McAnley further stated that Ruth Potts is a somewhat doubtful character and not at all of the type her brother is; that she immediately took to the Potts family and associated with the friends of the Potts family, all of whom were of doubtful character. The mother, Mrs. O. P. Potts, formerly owned race horses and gambled on the same, and Alvin Potts operated some sort of gambling concession in Chicago, Illinois, several years ago. Ruth Potts is said to have taken to these activities and participated therein. Miss McAnley informed that up until about two years ago Ruth Potts worked for Dr. Millstone in Chicago, Illinois, but could add no further information regarding that matter, not knowing where Ruth Potts is at present. It is noted that the Chicago Bureau Office is conducting appropriate investigation with regard to contacting Dr. Millstone in Chicago.

Assistant Postmaster Cook informed Agent that for a number of years Ruth Potts has been a very good friend of Maude Sheets, former wife of "Sonny" Sheets, who operated a gambling establishment in Indiana Harbor, Indiana, and who is presently supposed to be connected with a gambling house in Indiana Harbor known as "Johnson and Johnson"; that "Sonny" Sheets also formerly operated a gambling establishment at the Mohawk Hotel in East Chicago, Indiana (on the Indiana Harbor side); that Al Capone, John Dillinger, and others of like caliber were known to have frequented the places with which "Sonny" Sheets was connected, Sheets having more or less occupied the position of "fixer" though he never got into any serious trouble himself. Mr. Cook could not state the connection of Ruth Potts with these places and individuals, other than that she was a close friend of Mrs. Sheets, who has been divorced from her husband for about two years and whose present address is unknown although at the time of her divorce she was supposed to have gone to Chicago, Illinois.

William Cornwell, mail carrier, who operates on the route covering the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Perry, advised that these people reside at 3519 Grand Avenue and that he has carried that route for about one year. Mr. Cornwell states that the Perrys have an excellent reputation in that community and that he has never noticed anything at the Perry home to arouse his suspicion; that until very recently only Mr. and Mrs. Perry resided at their home, but that within the past month or six weeks he, Mr. Cornwell, has observed mail going to the Perry residence addressed to a Mr. and Mrs. Ireland and to a Mrs. Ireland; that it is his opinion that the Irelands' are the parents of Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Ireland being about sixty years of age. Mr. Cornwell could not remember from what parts of the country mail for these individuals had been sent, though he is of the opinion that mail has been sent to that address from Sarasota, Florida, though he could not state who might have sent the same. Mr. Cornwell stated that he could not recall the name of Ruth Potts. Agent was further informed by Mr. Cornwell that during the summer of 1935 Mrs. Perry asked him to take care of her mail, as she and her husband were going to take a two weeks' vacation in Florida. Mr. Cornwell is of the opinion that Mrs. Perry said that she and her husband would visit a sister of Mr. Perry's in Florida. Agent was informed that the Perrys stayed away on their vacation for approximately two weeks and then returned alone. Mr. Cornwell also stated that he has never observed that any woman about forty years of age was a visitor at the Perry home; that he cannot recall having delivered any registered letters or other mail of apparent importance to that address; that he feels positive that the Perrys are people of good quality and would not be mixed up in anything bordering on unlawful activities.

AT HAMMOND, INDIANA

T. J. Martinson, Chief of Police, Hammond Police Department, was contacted by Agent and furnished with a photograph, aliases, and the description of William Elmer Mead. The Chief stated that he would have his men frequent the hotels of that vicinity and constantly be on the alert for any information regarding this individual. Chief Martinson further stated that two or three years ago Captain Sam Singer of that department secured considerable information on a gang of confidence men who worked in various parts of the country and especially in San Antonio, Texas, and that it was possible that Captain Singer could furnish some information on Mead. However, Agent later contacted Captain Singer, who advised that, though he had worked on many confidence cases, yet he did not recognize the photograph of Mead and does not recall having previously heard that name. However, Captain Singer also stated that he would contact various hotels and attempt to gain information on Mead.

AT MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA

Inasmuch as reference letter of the Chicago Bureau Office dated January 9, 1936 states that a conversation of two people had been overheard and that during this conversation one of those individuals mentioned that Alvin Karpis at that time was in a clinic in Michigan City or South Bend, Indiana, the following investigation was conducted at Michigan City; that at South Bend will be completed in the near future.

By local inquiry and by examination of the Michigan City telephone and city directories, it was determined that only three clinics exist at that place, namely: the Clinic, Incorporated, located at Fifth Avenue and Pine Street; the Kerrigan Clinic, located at 916 Washington Street; and the Warren Clinic, located in the Warren Building. At the first of the above-mentioned clinics, Agent contacted Dr. H. L. Brooks, in charge of the same, who advised that he sees practically every patient treated there and that that clinic is the only one in Michigan City possessing hospital facilities. However, upon viewing the photograph of Alvin Karpis, Dr. Brooks was unable to recognize the same. The doctor also had his office clerk view this photograph, but she likewise did not recognize the same as that of any patient. Similar inquiry was made at the two other clinics in Michigan City mentioned above, but only negative information was secured.

AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

On February 21, 1936 Special Agent S. B. Landrum of the Indianapolis Bureau Office contacted Captain Fletcher of the Indianapolis Police Department and furnished him with a large photograph of William Elmer Mead. Captain Fletcher stated that Mead was not known to that department, but that he, Captain Fletcher, would place this photograph in the hands of his Pickpocket Squad for appropriate attention, and that if any information of value was secured by that department the Indianapolis Bureau Office would be immediately notified.

Special Agent Landrum also contacted the following-named attendants at the leading hotels in Indianapolis in an effort to learn if Mead was known at any of these places: William Hudson of the Hotel Lockerbie; R. L. Kemper of the Hotel Lincoln; C. B. Easton of the Claypool Hotel; M. L. Myers of the Hotel Washington; W. J. Brozman of the Spink Arms Hotel; and C. C. Franz of the Antlers Hotel. No information of value was secured from these individuals, but each promised to place an Identification Order on Mead in a place where it could be examined by each clerk at the desk, and that in the event Mead registered, the local police or Indianapolis Bureau Office would be notified.

- UNDEVELOPED LEADS -

THE INDIANAPOLIS BUREAU OFFICE:

At Michigan City, Indiana: At the Indiana State Prison, will conduct that investigation requested in report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated February 13, 1936.

At South Bend, Indiana: As requested in the Chicago Bureau Office letter to the Cincinnati Bureau Office dated January 27, 1936, will contact the confidence and bunco squad of the police department and enlist the aid of that squad and police department in locating William Elmer Mead.

Will determine if Karpis was in a clinic at that place during about January 1936.

At Knox, Indiana: Will conduct that investigation requested in report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated December 27, 1935.

THE CHICAGO BUREAU OFFICE:

At Chicago, Illinois: Will determine what business or organization occupies Suite 1418-1423, 110 South Dearborn Street, and if possible determine the identity of George Tessen, inasmuch as two registered letters with that return address were addressed to George Tessen at 1432 Jefferson Street, Gary, Indiana, on January 17 and 22, 1936. It will be noted that there is a possibility that these letters were intended for George Morris and were undelivered. Inasmuch as it was alleged that Morris was seen with Subject Karpis in December 1935 at the Rahutis Gardens, Gary, Indiana, all information possible concerning these letters should be secured.

Will also advise the Indianapolis Bureau Office of that information secured by Confidential Informant [redacted] relative to the alleged activities of Subject Karpis in and around Gary, Indiana, and any other information secured regarding the Rainbow Inn, the People's Inn Restaurant (People's Tavern), or George Morris, all located in Gary, Indiana.

It will be noted that the Indianapolis Bureau Office has not made known to the Gary, Indiana, police officials the possibility that Karpis might have been in that vicinity in the past or had connections there, and that consequently some difficulty was had in securing informants to check this matter. However, if such procedure is permissible, it is thought as indicated herein, that the above-mentioned allegations might be more thoroughly checked into.

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Miami Beach, Fla.,
March 8, 1936.

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In checking Hollywood and Fort Lauderdale, Fla. where gambling still continues we get the information through informants that there has been no rumors or indications that either Karpis or Campbell has been in this vicinity which is of course at variance with the news items that appeared and as given by informant to you. Without knowing who such latter informant may be I would be doubtful of his ability to know of them being in here particularly as to the idea it was generally known to the underworld. In the past the underworld generally has not known of their location.

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Special Agent in Charge

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March 9, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al;
Edward George Bremer, Victim;
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the St. Paul Office to Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 29, 1936, a copy of which was indicated for the Bureau, which pertains to the tap maintained on the telephone of John E. Davenport, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for February 25, and 26, 1936. The Bureau copy of this communication contained obscene statements which were not properly transmitted to the Bureau in accordance with existent rules and regulations.

I, therefore, desire to call this matter to your attention in order to prevent a further occurrence of same.

Very truly yours,

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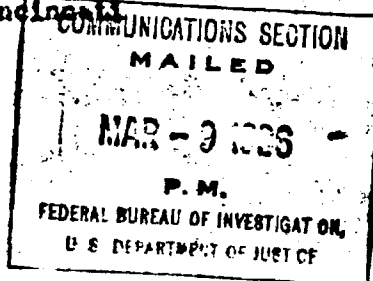
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Tom Philbin

During the recent trial of Harry Sawyer, William Weaver and Cassius McDonald at St. Paul, Minnesota in connection with the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, it would appear that Harry Sawyer in testifying endeavored to explain why, if he were not guilty of an offense, he proceeded to run away from April 1934 to May 1935 and in his examination it was brought out by his attorney that the reason he did not surrender was because of the alleged treatment certain individuals were supposed to have received at the hands of Government Agents handling the investigation of the Bremer kidnaping case at St. Paul. This statement was amplified to the effect that he, Sawyer, understood Tom Philbin had been held a considerable period of time in this case and questioned in the Federal Building in St. Paul and, in fact, had been required to stand in a corner after having been stripped of his clothing. This alleged situation was dwelt upon by Sawyer's counsel in his argument to the jury.

Resultant to this alleged incident, letters were directed to Mr. Werner Hanni; Mr. W. A. Rorer, under date of February 10, 1936, requesting that they advise the Bureau as to their recollection of any and all matters relative to the questioning of Tom Philbin in St. Paul during the early part of the investigation into this case.

It should further be noted that in a personal and confidential letter addressed to the Director under date of January 27, 1936 by Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, this information concerning Tom Philbin was brought to the attention of the Bureau. For the purpose of completing the record and to further incorporate in one memorandum all information pertaining to the incident hereinbefore referred to as it concerns Tom Philbin and alleged actions on the part of Special Agents of this Bureau, this summarization is being submitted.

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In compliance with Bureau instructions, Mr. Rorer, in his letter of February 15, 1936 dated at Salt Lake City, Utah, submitted his recollection of his contact with Tom Philbin, who was apprehended at his place of business at St. Paul, Minnesota on March 31, 1934 by Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni, former Agent O. G. Hall and Mr. Rorer.

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According to Mr. Rorer's recollection, the apprehension of Philbin was in connection with the escape of John Dillinger and did not concern the Bremer kidnaping case. The investigation at that time showed that Philbin was instrumental in securing Hudson and Terraplane automobiles for the Dillinger associates. Mr. Rorer states that Philbin "was brought to the office of Mr. Hanni and I questioned him for several hours. He was kept at the St. Paul Office, I believe, for exactly one week, having been apprehended on a Saturday and released the following Saturday. At no time were any third degree methods used; he was never struck nor was he verbally abused, according to my knowledge, and I am quite sure that if he were abused, even verbally, I would have known of it. He appeared extremely friendly at all times and indicated he was perfectly satisfied to remain in the custody of the Bureau. He was never required to stand or sit in any one position for any length of time and upon his release he appeared to be very friendly to the Bureau and appreciated the kind attention which he received. I am confident that the only persons who questioned Philbin were Agents Hanni, Hall and myself."

Relative to the Bureau's request and in compliance therewith, Mr. Hanni, in a letter dated at Aberdeen, South Dakota, February 17, 1936, submitted his recollection of this incident. The following excerpts from this letter are incorporated herein as follows: "please be advised that I recall very distinctly the detention of Tom Philbin at the St. Paul Bureau Office. During this detention, at no time was Tom Philbin mistreated, nor did any of the Agents or myself ever lay hands on him, nor was he at any time required to take off his clothing while being held for questioning at the St. Paul Office. None of the Agents at the St. Paul Office at that time ever would have had an opportunity to do so, as I happened to be around the office practically at all hours of the day and night during the period that he was held therein. Philbin, after the second day of being held there, expressed to the Agents a distinct dislike for the writer, due to the fact that he was not afforded the comforts of home, but as the days went on, he changed his attitude and when I finally released him I had a hard time to get rid of him. He wanted to stay". Mr. Hanni further states that there is no foundation to the alleged statements of Sawyer and that it is his opinion Philbin, if he were interviewed, would be unable to make any assertions of mistreatment or "roughing" by any of the personnel of the St. Paul Office or any of the persons who came in contact with him.

Under date of February 7, 1936 Mr. H. H. Clegg submitted a memorandum with reference to this incident and it is his recollection that upon his arrival at St. Paul on the night of April 3, 1934, three or four hours after Eddie Green had been shot in self-defense by Special Agents, Mr. Clegg proceeded to the Federal Building and was there informed that Tom Philbin was in the custody of Bureau Agents, inasmuch as it was ascertained that

Philbin had sold the cars that had been used by Dillinger, Van Meter and Eddie Green. According to Mr. Clegg he inquired of Tom Philbin "as to whether he would prefer charges to be brought against him or whether he would prefer to remain at the office for questioning until it could be determined if charges were to be filed or whether the facts did not support such charges". It is Mr. Clegg's recollection that Philbin requested he be permitted to stay at the office in preference to being detained at the County Jail. It was further recalled that Philbin denied the allegation made about conspiring with the Dillinger gang to furnish them automobiles.

Mr. Tom McMeekin, a criminal lawyer at St. Paul, subsequently contacted Mr. Clegg and informed him that he represented friends of Philbin, as well as Philbin himself and he desired to know at what time Philbin could be released. According to Mr. Clegg "Mr. McMeekin's attitude was a very friendly one and he endeavored to convey the impression that he wanted to cooperate with the Bureau, which was very surprising in view of what I had previously heard about Mr. McMeekin. I explained to Mr. McMeekin that if he preferred, formal charges could be filed against Philbin or Philbin might be permitted to remain in the office until our investigation had been completed within a reasonable time so that it could be determined if it would be necessary to file charges. Mr. McMeekin stated that some pressure was being brought to bear upon him by friends of Philbin in order to procure his release but he wanted to be reasonable and he agreed to wait until Saturday morning before petitioning the Court for a writ of habeas corpus asking for the release of Philbin. Mr. McMeekin confidentially informed me at the same time that this would permit Philbin to remain available for questioning until Monday as it would be impossible for the Judge to set the hearing on the petition before Monday. He stated that, of course, he did not want this information to become known.

Mr. McMeekin subsequently returned on Friday and stated he would not be able to wait until Saturday as friends of Philbin were bringing tremendous pressure on him as they didn't know what he might have said and they wanted him released and that, therefore, he would be forced to act but as a matter of courtesy he wanted to acquaint me with this situation before taking further action. He stated he would not file his writ until Friday afternoon.

Strictly confidentially - as I agreed with Judge Joyce that this would not be disclosed - I conferred briefly with U. S. District Judge Joyce, explaining to him that it would be very convenient for the Bureau Agents to continue questioning Philbin over the week end and as a result of our conversations Judge Joyce made arrangements so that he would not be in the Federal Building when the petition for the writ was filed with the clerk and, therefore, the petition was not formally acted upon by Judge Joyce until Saturday and the hearing was set for Monday.

On Sunday night, shortly after midnight, Tom Philbin was informed that he was free to leave as the U. S. Attorney did not desire to file charges against him at that time but that he should be available in the event he was wanted for further questioning. It was with considerable difficulty that we were able to persuade Philbin to leave the building as he stated he felt safer there than he did outside; that some of his enemies might be 'laying for him' and that he felt the protection of the Bureau Agents was very helpful to him. He sat around for at least two more hours before he could be persuaded to go his way. During this time he chatted in a most friendly manner with the Agents who had been talking to him from time to time and the reluctance of Philbin to leave the Bureau office Sunday night when he was informed he might go was a source of considerable amusement to those Agents who were present, because he more or less insisted upon remaining in the office. We were anxious for him to be absent, however, in view of the scheduled action on the petition for writ of habeas corpus which was set for the following day. The reply to the petition, which was to be prepared, was that Philbin was not in the custody of Bureau representatives.

At no time during the time Philbin was held was he abused or maltreated; at no time were any of his clothes taken away from him; at no time was he forced to stand in a corner either with or without clothes and he remained in one of the offices used by the Bureau in the Federal Building in St. Paul and was shown every reasonable consideration. His meals were served to him in his room and upon his departure he seemed to have a friendly feeling toward the Bureau representatives and, as stated, preferred their company to that of the outside world.

With reference to my private conversation with Judge Joyce, this is a matter which, of course, the Judge asked be treated in strictest confidence."

Respectfully,

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DIRECTOR

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March 9, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

With reference to Mr. McMahon's memorandum of March 3, 1936, and the memorandum of General Agent McClure addressed to Mr. Fisher of the Criminal Division under date of February 26, 1936, concerning expenses incurred in connection with obtaining the attendance of the necessary Cuban witnesses at St. Paul at the trial of Cassius McDonald, et al, there is incorporated herein the information contained in our files relative thereto.

It appears from a review of Mr. McClure's memorandum to Mr. Fisher that the only question arising in the Department's mind concerns the expenditures made by the Jacksonville Office of this Bureau relative to the Miami witnesses for whom certain clothing concerns in Miami, Florida extended credit in the amount of \$426.24, covering purchases made by these witnesses.

In this connection reference is made to the letter from the Jacksonville, Florida Office to the Director under date of January 8, 1936, copies of which were forwarded to St. Paul, to the effect that arrangements instituted in compliance with the request of the United States Attorney at St. Paul resulted in a total expenditure of \$426.24. The Jacksonville Office advised that the clothing was actually furnished to the witnesses who attended the trial at St. Paul. It is also noted that the Jacksonville Office suggested in this letter that arrangements might be made through the Department for payment of the creditors through the United States Marshal at Miami, Florida.

Upon receipt of this communication a memorandum was addressed to the then Assistant Attorney General, Joseph B. Keenan, for the attention of Mr. Fisher under date of January 23, 1936, who was informed of the total expenditure of \$426.24 which was incurred, and the amounts payable were itemized in this memorandum. Mr. Fisher was also advised that an itemized statement for all these expenditures is in possession of the Jacksonville, Florida Office of this Bureau; further, that inasmuch as the above arrangements

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were in compliance with the request of the United States Attorney at St. Paul from Departmental instructions, it was assumed that the Division of Accounts of the Department will require an itemized statement of the expenditures which were incurred. Resultant to this statement, a letter under date of January 30, 1936, was addressed to the Jacksonville Office informing it that the Bureau is of the opinion that the expense for the purchase of this clothing should not be borne by the Bureau, but should be borne by the Department, and that, therefore, appropriate arrangements will be made for the payment of these bills through the United States Attorney or United States Marshal at Miami.

Inasmuch as Mr. McMahon's memorandum of March 3, 1936, with enclosure, raises the question as to the payment of the creditors in Miami, a review of the file was made to find a letter of request or authorization from the United States Attorney at St. Paul for the aforementioned expenditures. The only reference in the file pertaining to this matter is incorporated in a copy of a teletype from Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt to the St. Paul Office, which refers to a teletype from the St. Paul Office to the Jacksonville Office of the same date to the effect that

"Notwithstanding, reference letters mentioned therein appear to refer only to Cuban witnesses; Resident Agent B. F. Fitzsimmons, Miami, Florida, has been instructed and is making arrangements suitable clothing for all Miami witnesses who are demanding same."

In view of this situation, I am directing a letter to the St. Paul Office under today's date requesting that the Bureau be furnished with all information relative to this matter to the end that if this account is properly chargeable to the Department and can be substantiated by some written authority, a memorandum can, therefore, be directed to Mr. McMahon in explanation of his memorandum of March 3, 1936.

Respectfully,

A. Rosen

A. Rosen.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

March 10, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

In reviewing the file in instant case it was noted that Harry Campbell is afflicted with gonorrheal rheumatism, and it has been reported that on occasions he suffers attacks of this ailment which almost cripple him. In the past he has frequented mineral wells and health resorts in an effort to obtain relief.

Previous reports indicate that Campbell has visited the baths at Hot Springs, Arkansas and Mineral Wells, Texas, and has been identified as visiting the latter health resort at Mineral Wells in the early part of 1935.

In view of the above it is suggested that efforts be made to properly cover such health resorts in order that the Bureau may be advised in case Campbell appears for treatment. For this purpose each field office should conduct appropriate investigation at health resorts commonly known as mineral wells, sulphur springs, etc., located in its respective field office district. A thorough canvass should be made at such health resorts in every instance where practicable and possible. In any event each bath house should be provided with an identification order on Campbell for identification purposes in case he appears for treatment.

A copy of this letter is being furnished to each field office.

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Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd
D. M. LADD, *copy*

Special Agent in Charge

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.

March 10, 1936.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1218, et al; EDWARD GEORGE
BREMER - Victim; Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter 7-576 dated March 7, 1936, instructing me concerning the surveillance of Clarence G. (Jack) Campbell at Midland, Texas, and in which you state that it is your desire that I immediately comply with the suggestions in Agent Connelley's letter of February 10, 1936, inasmuch as I now have Agent Falkner available.

I would like to point out to the Bureau that Agent Falkner is the only Agent I have in this district who is now working. Agent Street is on sick leave for an indefinite period. I would further point out to the Bureau that we have something like one hundred pending cases scattered over a territory of approximately 180,000 square miles; and that if I assign the only Agent I have to do the work outlined by SAC Connelley on the Bremer case, I will leave me without any Agent at all to perform the regular work of this office.

I would like to be advised whether the Bureau desires me to drop all current work, other than that which I can do myself here in El Paso, for the purpose indicated in Mr. Connelley's letter. Perhaps the Bureau does not realize the time which will be required to cover the Jack Campbell matter at Midland effectively.

I am ready and willing to obey any instructions the Bureau gives me, but I want the Bureau to realize that if I assign the only Agent I have to that particular job all New Mexico work will have to be suspended until I am furnished additional Agents. It seems to me that the matter of covering the activities, contacts, and movements of Jack Campbell would warrant the special assignment to that job alone of one Agent for a month or so.

I will admit that the investigation of that matter conducted by this office has been, of necessity, of a routine nature. It was my judgment that the Bureau would not want all other work in this district dropped to cover the lead in that one case.

I do not know the condition of the work or personnel in other Bureau of-

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fices, but it seems to me that there must be an office somewhere which could spare at least one man for a month or two for this special assignment. The territory covered by this office, as stated, comprises approximately 180,000 square miles, with a total population of about 600,000. The territory covered by the Phoenix, Ariz., office comprises 113,000 square miles, with a total population of 435,573. The El Paso Office at present has the Agent in Charge and one Agent; whereas the Phoenix Office, I am informed, has seven Agents. I judge, from past experience in both this and the Arizona district, that their work cannot be three or four times as heavy as it is in this district as indicated by the personnel assigned.

I do not want to appear to be contentious, but I think the Bureau should take the facts into consideration when directing me to handle the Midland matter as has been done.

Very truly yours,



R.H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

RHC; jn

POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

March 10, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

In view of recent reports indicating that Milton Lett and possibly Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell have been frequenting Akron and Youngstown, Ohio, your attention is directed to the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan dated April 9, 1935, which indicates that Karpis and Campbell had previously been reported to have frequented the Blackhawk Roadhouse and the West Moore County Club, gambling houses operated by James Sindetti and Lou King at Canton, Ohio.

In conducting further investigation in the vicinity of Canton, Ohio it would be well to keep the above places in mind, as it is noted that Mr. Ira Mandelbaugh, Chief of Police at Canton, has previously aided in the investigation in this case conducted at Canton, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

D. K. LADE,

Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

March 3, 1936

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

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

With reference to my telephone conversation with you today as to certain inquiry to be made at Miami Beach, Florida and vicinity as to the possibility that Alvin Karpis may now be located there, in conformity with your request Special Agent E. J. Wynn and Special Agent E. J. Dowd will report from Cleveland to Chicago tonight, in order to confer with me as to necessary instructions in carrying out the work at Miami Beach.

They will thereafter immediately proceed by the earliest possible means of transportation to Miami Beach, where they will be located at the Alcazar Hotel, Miami, Florida.

The other Agents who will report to Miami, Florida for the work at Miami Beach and vicinity will contact Agent E. J. Wynn by telephone, and he will thereafter arrange to meet them on the outside somewhere, in order to give them the advantage of the necessary instructions and the plan of operation to be carried out there in connection with this inquiry. These Agents have all been instructed to avoid recognition of any other Agents whom they may see working in that vicinity, in order that they may carry on their particular inquiry in as careful an undercover manner as can be accomplished.

I communicated with S.A.C. Vetterli at Philadelphia and advised him to have Agent Birch of that office proceed to Miami, Florida for undercover confidential investigation without reporting to the district there, and to contact Special Agent E. J. Wynn at the Alcazar Hotel, Miami, Fla. on Thursday morning March 5, 1936; that he was to call Agent Wynn by telephone and arrange to meet him somewhere on the outside of the hotel, in order that he might be instructed as

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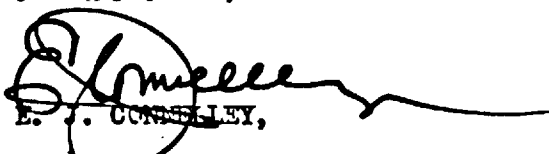
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to the nature of the investigation, and the manner in which it is to be carried out; that he was not to recognize any other Agents he might see in that vicinity unless he was instructed to do so.

S.A.C. Stapleton, Nashville, Tennessee was given the same instructions as to Special Agent R. E. Peterson reporting at Miami on Thursday morning March 5, 1936. S.A.C. Peterson at Milwaukee, Wisconsin was given the same instructions as to Special Agent A. P. Barber reporting at Miami Thursday morning March 5th, and S.A.C. Blake at Dallas, Texas was given identical instructions as to having Special Agent C. O. Hurt report at Miami on the morning of March 5, 1936.

Very truly yours,


E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

St. Louis

FILE NO. 7-43

REPORT MADE AT St. Louis, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE 3-10-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-6-36	REPORT MADE BY J. S. BUSH JSB:F
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O.#1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases I.O.#1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O.#1236; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUG- ITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Telephone number Grand 7600 listed in name of St. Louis University, School of Medicine, St. Louis, Mo. and telephone number Prospect 8818 listed in name of Phi Rho Sigma Fraternity 3305 Russell Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. Special Agent Southwestern Bell Telephone Company states calls made to these numbers were probably person to person calls and that names of persons called as well as the person placing the calls may be procured through the telephone company at Cleveland, Ohio. Tracing on letter addressed to Mrs. Ada Mallon 210 Hamilton St., Peoria, Ill. forwarded to office of origin.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio dated 2-13-36; Report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Chicago, Ill. dated 2-25-36.</p> <p>DETAILS: Special Agent H. O. Nouse, of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, St. Louis, Missouri was interviewed and it was ascertained that telephone number Grand 7600, St. Louis, Missouri is listed in the name of St. Louis University, School of Medicine. It is observed in the first report of reference that a telephone call was made to this number on September 26, 1935 from Michigan 6735 which is the telephone number of the Harvard Club, 3113 Harvard Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">It was also ascertained from Mr. Nouse that telephone number</p>			
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Prospect 8818 is listed in the name of the Phi Rho Sigma Fraternity 3305 Russell Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri. It is also observed in the first report of reference that several telephone calls were made to this number in St. Louis from the aforementioned number in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Nouse advised agent that in view of the character of the places to which the aforementioned St. Louis telephone numbers are assigned, the telephone calls made from Cleveland, Ohio were, in all probability, person to person calls in which event the name of the person placing the call and the name of the person called could, in all probability, be procured from the telephone company at Cleveland, Ohio. In this connection, he stated that with reference to long distance, person to person telephone calls, the telephone office where the call originated, is the only office which has a record of the person placing the call or the person called.

It is observed in the second report of reference that a mail cover was placed on all first class mail delivered to Mallon's residence 516 1/2 North Adams St., Peoria, Illinois, at the saloon located at 210 North Hamilton St., Peoria, Illinois. In this connection, a mail tracing on the letter addressed to Mrs. Ada Mallon, 210 Hamilton St., Peoria, Illinois, which was postmarked Cedar Rapids, Iowa but bore no return address, is being transmitted with copies of the instant report to the office of origin.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio.

FILE NO. 7-45 /aat

REPORT MADE AT Philadelphia, Pa.	DATE WHEN MADE 3/11/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/29 & 3/2/36	REPORT MADE BY R. H. Hicks
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="text-align: center;">George R. Benton, 4615 Griscom Street, Frankford, Philadelphia; Harry Campbell, 2839 Pratt Street, Frankford; and Harry Campbell, 139 North Keswick Avenue, Glenside, Pa., not identical with Subject Campbell. No record at Philadelphia Police Department of robbery of bank messenger, as described by Bruno Austin (report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Chicago, February 25, 1936).</div>			
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REFERENCE:		Report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Chicago, Ill., dated February 25, 1936; report of Special Agent J. W. Ransom, Philadelphia, Pa., dated February 26, 1936.	
DETAILS:		<u>AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.</u> An examination of the Philadelphia City Directory reflected that George R. Benton, 4615 Griscom Street, Frankford, is employed by Brandes Brothers, 12th and Wood Streets, Philadelphia.	
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Benton was interviewed at Brandes Brothers, and stated that he has been employed by that concern, which is an upholstery manufacturing company, for three years, and has lived at 4615 Grisoom Street, Frankford, for 22 years; that he has three sons -- George E. Benton, age 30, married, employed as a loom fixer by the Verum Textile Company, Torresdale Avenue, Philadelphia, and who lives on Mulberry Street below Harrison in Frankford; another son, William E. Benton, age 28, married, is employed by same concern as his brother, and lives at 5860 Penn Street; a third son, Charles R., who is a twin brother of William E., and lives in Long Island City, N. Y., and has charge of an upholstery plant in that city. George R. Benton is a man over sixty years of age and is employed by Brandes Brothers as a loom fixer in their plant.

Harry Lippincott, of the Bridesburg Post Office, who delivers mail to Harry Campbell, 2839 Pratt Street, stated that Campbell has lived at that address for over five years, during which time Lippincott has delivered mail at that address. A neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of 2839 Pratt Street revealed that Harry Campbell is 57 years old, is employed by the U. G. I. (Gas Works), at 9th Street and Montgomery Avenue, Philadelphia, and has two sons, Donald and Louis.

Edward E. Fricker, Postmaster, Glenside, Pa., informed that Harry Campbell, residing at 139 North Keswick Avenue, Glenside, is a man about 48 years of age, a highly respected citizen of Glenside, and a former Naval Officer, having been commander of a destroyer in the U. S. Navy during the World War.

At the Philadelphia Police Department, the writer was allowed to personally inspect the record of all hold-ups occurring during the months October, September, November, and December, 1934, and it was found that no hold-up occurred during that period which conformed to the hold-up described by Bruno Austin in the reference report of Agent Sullivan.

The following are the only hold-ups which might possibly have been done by the Subjects in this case:

On September 7, 1934, at 10:20 A. M., at 151 South Front Street, Philadelphia, \$4500 were taken from three employees of the S. C. Sullivan Company, who were bringing the pay-roll from the First Camden National Bank to the office of the company at 151 South Front Street. These employees were Benjamin Ostroff, 437 West School Lane, Philadelphia; Harry Wenig, 1112 Kings Highway, Haddon Heights, N. J.; Thornton DeHooper, Overbrook, Philadelphia, Pa. As Ostroff got out of the car with the money, three armed white men in a Ford Sedan, bearing Pennsylvania license plates 20355 or 20335, pointed the gun at him, secured the bag of money, and removed the ignition key from the auto in which the employees were riding. They then jumped into the Ford Sedan and drove away. The auto license was checked by the police department and found to be O. K. During the hold-up one Colt Automatic Pistol, blue steel, Serial #474372, was stolen from Harry Wenig. The men participating in this hold-up were described as follows:

#1 Man -- 25 to 30 years of age; 5' 6"; weight 150; wore tan colored suit; white shirt; tortoise-shell glasses with thick lenses.

#2 Man -- 25 to 30; height 5' 6"; weight 150; wore blue shirt; no hat; light complexion; green sunglasses.

#3 Man -- No description given.

Frank Larro was arrested on September 11, 1934, charged with suspicion of having participated in this hold-up; however, he was discharged on September 18, 1934, by Magistrate Schokar.

On October 8, 1934, at 4:55 P. M., five unknown white men drove up to the office of Schmidt's Brewery, 127 Edward Street, Philadelphia, in a Plymouth Sedan, dark color, with license (Pennsylvania) plates 7KB40. Four of these men entered the office and two of them leaped over a half-door leading to an inside office, pointed guns at the employees, and while #3 and #4 men stayed at the office door covering these employees

#1 and #2 men went through the cash drawers and removed the money. After removing this money they returned to the car in which #5 man was sitting and made their escape. These men are described in the files of the Philadelphia Police Department as follows:

#1 Man --- age 25; 5' 8"; 138-140; wore light blue suit; dark gray felt hat; wore white handkerchief for mask; carried nickel-plated revolver.

#2 Man --- age 28-30; 5' 6"; 155; dark complexion; wore dark brown suit; brown or black felt hat; dark glasses; wore handkerchief over face.

#3 Man --- age 33-35; 5' 6"; 155; dark complexion; dark clothes; soft brown hat; white handkerchief over face; carried blue steel revolver.

#4 Man --- No Description.

#5 Man --- (Driver of car, who remained at the wheel); age 32-35; 5' 6"; 200 pounds; dark complexion; wore light cap; dark short coat; carried automatic pistol.

The amount of money stolen in this hold-up was approximately \$1300.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE

At Philadelphia, Pa., will complete the leads set out in the reference report of Agent Ransom, dated February 26, 1936, at Philadelphia.

Will develop the leads set forth in the report of Special Agent J. L. Fallon, Philadelphia, dated February 10, 1936.

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607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York, N. Y.

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March 9, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE,

Re: BREKID

Inspector McDermott of the New York City Police Department telephonically communicated with me and stated that he had previously been furnished with a photograph of FRANK FROST alias FRANKIE FOSTER which had been taken several years ago, and he desired to obtain, if possible, a more recent photograph for the reason that the photograph had been partially identified by certain jewelers on Fifth Avenue as the individual who was implicated in jewelry thefts on Fifth Avenue a little over a year ago. Inspector McDermott stated that if he had a better photograph, he believed positive identification could be made, as investigation conducted thus far indicates beyond doubt that FOSTER is implicated in certain jewel thefts occurring on Fifth Avenue some time ago.

Inspector McDermott also requested this office to place a wanted notice in the files of the Identification Unit of the Bureau at Washington, D. C., with the request that the New York Police be notified in the event any information is received by the Bureau of FRANKIE FOSTER's arrest so that the necessary arrangements can be made to have witnesses proceed to the place where the arrest was made to make positive identification possible, and for the further reason that the New York Police Department wished to question FOSTER in connection with these jewelry thefts.

It might be considered advisable to have appropriate investigation conducted at Reno, Nevada, for the purpose of ascertaining whether FOSTER maintains a safe deposit box at that place and consider the advisability of picking him up for questioning as it may be possible to make a case on him under the National Stolen Property Act. I did not furnish Inspector McDermott any information as to the whereabouts of FOSTER at this time.

F. M. HICKEY
Special Agent

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March 10, 1936.

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith, for the Bureau's information, copies of memorandum dated March 9, 1936, prepared by Special Agent F. M. Hickey with reference to information received from Inspector Michael McDermott of the New York City Police.

It will be noted, according to information furnished by the Inspector, that Frank Frost, alias Frankie Foster, has been partially identified as having been involved in certain jewel robberies in New York City approximately a year ago, and that the New York Police Department are anxious to locate Foster for questioning concerning these robberies. I do not know whether the New York Police have sufficient identifications to enable them to cause the arrest and extradition of Foster to New York for prosecution.

It will be noted that the Inspector has not been given any information with reference to the possible present whereabouts of Foster, and the Bureau is requested to advise whether he should be so informed.

Copies of the above mentioned memorandum are also being attached to copies of this letter designated for other offices.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY

Special Agent in Charge

cc: Salt Lake City (with enc.)
cc: St. Paul (with enc.)
cc: Chicago (with enc.)
cc: Cincinnati (with enc.)

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MR:ENG

March 13, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,
New York, New York.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1218, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -
Victim; KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 10, 1936, enclosing copies of a memorandum dated March 9, 1936, prepared by Special Agent F. M. Hickey, pertaining to the information submitted by Inspector Michael McDermott of the New York City Police Department, relative to Frank Foster, with aliases. It is noted that Inspector McDermott has requested that a wanted notice be placed in the files of the Identification Division of the Bureau, with a notation that the New York City Police Department be notified in the event he is arrested, inasmuch as his apprehension is desired in connection with jewelry thefts in New York City.

The request of Inspector McDermott has been complied with, and you should advise him that a wanted notice has been placed in the Bureau's files relative to Frank Foster.

For the information of the Salt Lake City Office, it appears that Foster as alleged by Inspector McDermott is involved in a number of jewel robberies, and therefore it is suggested that appropriate investigation be conducted at Reno, Nevada, to determine whether he maintains a safety deposit box in that vicinity. Evidence might be obtained from your investigation at Reno which would contain sufficient facts to establish a violation of the National Stolen Property Act on his part. However, the results of your investigation should be transmitted to Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago, Illinois, for his attention, prior to taking any action on the evidence developed should there be a violation of this act.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
MAILED

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Salt Lake City
St. Paul
Chicago
Cincinnati

E. J. Connelley

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-45

REPORT MADE AT CINCINNATI, OHIO	DATE WHEN MADE 3-11-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/4 & 19/36 3/11/36	REPORT MADE BY H. D. HARRIS SLB
MELVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. #1236, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING: HARBORING OF FUGITIVES: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE: NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Police Departments at Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, Hamilton and Springfield, Ohio, furnished with photographs of William Elmer Mead, in addition to Identification Orders.

P.

REFERENCE:-

Letter from Chicago Office, 1-27-36.

DETAILS:-

Chief of Detectives Emmett Kirgan, of the Cincinnati Police Department, Assistant Chief of Detectives James Creedon, Columbus, Ohio, Inspector of Detectives Si Yendes, Dayton, Ohio Police Department, Captain Ferguson, Hamilton, Ohio Police Department and Lieutenant Walter Sweet of the Springfield Police Department, have all been personally contacted and furnished with photographs of William Elmer Mead, and in addition, have been furnished extra copies of the Identification Orders issued on Mead.

None of those contacted had any information or knowledge of Mead, but the individuals contacted in the various Police Departments are the ones most likely to secure information concerning confidence men, and will cooperate with the Bureau, if information concerning Mead comes to their attention.

Contact at Cincinnati was made by Special Agent H. D. Harris, at Columbus, Ohio by Special Agent J. E. Thornton, and at Dayton, Hamilton and Springfield, Ohio by Special Agent R. H. Klett. These are the only cities in excess of 50,000 population located in the territory of the Cincinnati Office.

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610 Monzo Ward Hotel Building
Aberdeen, South Dakota

March 10, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
Kidnaping.
Aberdeen File #7-8

Special Agent R. E. Voshell, of the Aberdeen Office,
submits the following memorandum from Sioux Falls, S. Dak.:

"P. B. Smith of Wilmont, Minnesota, and his
nephew, Clarence Smith, who works for him, offered Agent
the following information concerning a man whom they suspect
of being concerned in the Bremer kidnaping case. P. B. Smith
operates a farm $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of Wilmont, Minnesota. He
said that a man who called himself Joe Moran worked for him
from October 1934 until June 1935. This man, Moran, kept
close company with Smith's daughter, Cecil, and was to have
married her. However, just prior to the intended marriage
Moran was arrested with one Bill Jensen and a man called Si
in connection with a still which they were operating on
Smith's farm. Smith said that they were arrested by Federal
officers and that Jensen was now in the penitentiary, he did
not know where. Si is supposed to be working in the vicinity
of Carroll, Iowa, and Moran is on bond. Smith said that it
was his opinion that the man Si was also known as the Kansas
City Kid.

"Moran's true name is Joseph Moore. Smith did not
know his father's first name but said that he lived at Glidden,
Iowa, and said that Moran was married and that his wife and
several children lived near his father in Iowa and were
supported by his father. Moran still corresponds with Smith's
daughter and his daughter will give Smith no information con-
cerning him. Smith said however that his daughter had passed
remarks on several occasions which led him to believe that

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Moran was concerned in the Bremer kidnaping and also said that about six weeks ago that he had heard a radio broadcast naming persons still sought in that case and that one of the names mentioned was Joseph Moran. He was asked whether this name could have been Doctor Moran and insisted, supported by Clarence Smith, that the name was Joseph Moran. Smith said that from letters recently received by his daughter that he had learned, through a younger daughter, that Moran was presently at Clay Center, Kansas, and that he believed that he was running liquor between Clay Center, Nebraska and Clay Center, Kansas.

"Smith said that his reason for coming forward with this information was that Moran believed that he, Smith, had "tipped off" his still and that Moran had made threats on his life. Moran was detained for a time at the county jail at Worthington, Minn. While he was so detained Smith went to the sheriff, a Mr. Rowa, and attempted to get a pistol permit because of Moran's threats. Smith said that the sheriff immediately told Moran that he had been there and applied for the permit. He said that he did not trust the sheriff and believed that the sheriff was afraid of Moran and the gang he claimed to be a member of. Smith also said that the sheriff at Carroll, Iowa, was a cousin of Moran.

"Smith said that Moran had made many boasts concerning his past crimes and had said that "Wherever Karpis was he was". He said that Moran claimed to have killed two Federal officers a few years ago and claimed to have killed a Deputy Sheriff at Belle Fourche, S. Dak., in 1934. Smith said that Moran was a great braggart and that he did not suppose there was any truth in most of the things he said but said that he did know that Moran was armed a great deal of the time and that he believed enough of what he said to be afraid of him. Among Moran's other boasts he claimed to be a member of the criminal ring which extended from Red Lake, Minnesota, to Kansas City, and also spoke considerably of the number 700, apparently meaning 700 persons in the gang; however, Smith was not entirely clear on this point.

"Smith furnished the following description of Moran and has a photograph of him which he exhibited to Agent. This

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picture is still in Smith's possession; it is a snapshot that he said he stole from his daughter and is not very clear.

Age	28 (looks older)
Height	5' 8"
Weight	160
Build	Medium
Hair	Light
Complexion	Medium

"Because of the fact that Smith's daughter, Leoil, age 21, intimated that Moran was concerned in the Bremer case and apparently is much closer to Moran than is Smith himself, it is suggested that the St. Paul Office obtain Moran's criminal record at Worthington, Minnesota, and make whatever further investigation that record would indicate desirable. Smith requested that his name be kept out of any investigation which may be made and particularly requested that the sheriff at Worthington be not informed of his connection. Smith said that he would render every assistance to any Agent of this Bureau who might call on him."

It might be well for the St. Paul Office to make the proposed inquiry at Worthington, Minn., relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI
Special Agent in Charge

WH:B
cc: Bureau
St. Paul (2)
Omaha
Kansas City

March 10, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MECHANICAL SECTION

Re: William Elmer Lead, with aliases -
I. O. #1334; wanted for questioning.

Supplementing memorandum dated January 14,
1936, the following additional data are furnished for
use in preparing the pocket Identification Order:

The F.P.C. is: M 32 W 122
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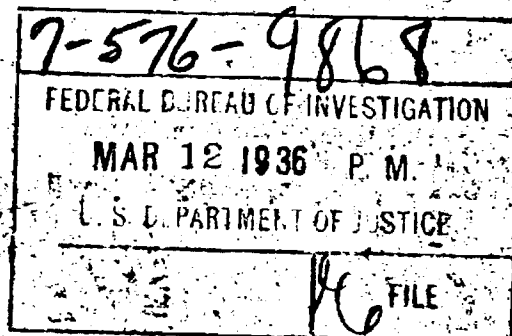
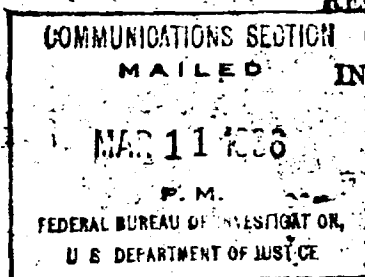
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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Mr. Tamm
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Miss Gandy



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 12, 1936

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In a telephonic conversation several days ago with Mr. Tamm of the Bureau, he instructed that I notify him about a week prior to the expiration of the time for which we have the house rented at 820 South Rockford Avenue in Tulsa, where a surveillance is being maintained by Bureau Agents on the home of Campbell's parents. The month for which this house is rented will expire on March 18, 1936. I have, however, instructed the Agents not to give up the house, but to retain it.

It is requested that I be advised the Bureau's wishes with respect to this matter prior to the 18th of March, 1936.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O.#1218, et al;
Edward George Bremer, Victim -
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the letter from the Oklahoma City
Office dated March 12, 1936 concerning the surveillance be-
ing maintained by Bureau Agents on the home of the parents
of Harry Campbell and the rental of the house located at
810 South Rockford Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, which is used
in this connection, I desire that you instruct the Oklahoma
City Office with reference to the continuance of this
surveillance, inasmuch as the monthly rental of this house
will expire on March 15, 1936.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
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Mr. Coffey
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Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
MAR 18 1936 A.M.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

MAR 17 1936

Reference is made to my previous letters relative to the telephone tap being maintained on the telephone of Mrs. Johnnie Sherman, 25 West 12th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, [REDACTED]

There were some conversations on March 1st between John Brock and Johnnie to the effect that it appeared that the wife of George "Burrhead" Keady, within the next few days, would probably make a trip to Cleveland, Ohio, to see her husband.

A review of the log of conversations over the telephone of Johnnie Sherman on March 1st and 2nd, failed to reveal anything pertinent to this case.

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Information developed from this telephone tap disclosed that

[REDACTED] and a tap is being maintained on this telephone.

A review of the log of telephone conversations over 2-6933
at Tulsa for March 4th, reveal

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[REDACTED]

A review of the log of telephone conversations over phone 2-6933, for March 5th, 1936, reveals no conversations pertinent to this case or to the subjects involved herein.

A review of the log of conversations over phone 2-6933 for March 6th, 1936, reveals

[REDACTED]

A review of the log maintained on the tap of telephone 2-6933 for March 7th, failed to reveal any information pertinent to this case.

Conversations were held on March 8th between [REDACTED] but nothing pertinent to this case or the subjects was observed.

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Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Connelley, Chicago
St. Paul
Cincinnati
Cleveland
St. Louis
Kansas City

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York, N. Y.

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62-5690

March 12, 1936.

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

Re: WILLIAM ELMER MEAD with aliases, I.O.1354.
Endeavor to Locate. (Formerly part of
BREKID file, N.Y. file 7-120).

Dear Sir:

It was requested by letter dated January 27, 1936, from Mr. E. J. Connelley, Special Agent in Charge, Chicago, Ill., to the Special Agent in Charge, Cincinnati, Ohio, that all offices contact the confidence and bunco squads of the police departments in all cities in their respective territories of 50,000 or more residents, furnishing photographs of Mead to these departments and requesting that investigation be made by these departments leading to the possible apprehension of Mead.

At the time that the pictures were delivered to the New York City Police Department, the attention of that department was called to the fact that Mead had mutilated the prints on all fingers of his hands. The New York Police Department requested to be furnished with a copy of Mead's fingerprints taken after they had been changed. Upon this request, the New York Office furnished the New York Police Department with a photographic copy of the fingerprints of Mead taken at Northampton, Mass., in July, 1935, which prints were taken subsequent to the mutilation of Mead's fingerprints. These prints bear F.B.I. #271926.

After the New York Police Department had been furnished with the photographic copy of Mead's prints, F.B.I. #271926, they advised the New York Office that they had prints of Mead under their #E7789, listed under the name of John Henry Foster, alias W. Elmer Mead and Christ Kid. These are the same prints that were forwarded to the Bureau about April 12, 1930 by the New York Police Department. The Identification Bureau of the New York Police Department advised that they had been unable to make an identification of the prints bearing F.B.I. #271926 with the prints of the New York Police Department #E7789, and asked to be advised as to how the Bureau made the identification of Mead's

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former fingerprints with those of Mead after they had been mutilated.

The New York Office requests to be advised as to what fingerprint characteristics were used in making the above identification, so that it may advise the New York Police Department in this matter. There is being forwarded herewith a photographic copy of Mead's original fingerprints as contained in the files of the Identification Bureau of the New York Police Department.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley
R. WHITLEY, *Jm H.*
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cincinnati

John Henry Foster

Alias W. ELMER MEAD and CHRIST KID

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Mr. Rhea Whitley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
607 U. S. Court House, Foley Square,
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the letter emanating from your office under date of March 12, 1936, evidently signed by Mr. Hickey in your absence, pertaining to the mutilated fingerprints of William Elmer Mead, in which the Bureau is informed of a request of the New York Police Department for a photographic copy of the mutilated prints of Mead. It is noted that the request of the New York City Police Department Identification Bureau is prompted by their inability to make an identification of Mead's mutilated prints with the unutilated prints theretofore in the New York City Police Department files, and further that the New York City Police Department has requested to be informed as to how the Bureau made the identification of Mead's prints with the mutilated prints. It is desired that you explain to the proper officer of the Identification Bureau of the New York Police Department and that the Bureau maintains what is known as a "mutilated fingerprint file" in which are filed unutilated prints of all persons concerning whom the Bureau has information indicating that they have made an attempt to alter their fingerprints. Such information had theretofore been received upon William Elmer Mead, and consequently, when the mutilated prints were received in the Bureau, they were searched against the mutilated file and the identification effected.

In your discussion of this situation with a proper officer of the New York Police Department, you should point out to him the undesirability of any publicity appearing which might indicate that the mutilation of Mead's fingerprints was successful in preventing identification, since such publicity would undoubtedly result in the self-destruction of fingertips by a large number of criminals.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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

March 11, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of the Cleveland Office dated March 5, 1936 reflecting an interview with one Roy Arnold wherein information is furnished to the effect that Karpis may now be located in Baltimore, Maryland and has contacts at Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania.

In view of the fact that the information with regard to the exact address where Karpis maybe staying in Baltimore, Maryland is most indefinite, it is respectfully suggested that before the Washington Field Office conducts any investigation at Baltimore, Maryland, the proper investigation go forward at Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania. It maybe possible that more definite information as to Karpis' exact location in Baltimore can be learned through investigation at Belle Vernon. In view of the above, the investigation at Baltimore will be held in abeyance until the investigation at Belle Vernon has been completed.

Very truly yours,

J. M. KEITH,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cincinnati, Cleveland

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

March 11, 1936.

Mr. Walter Johnson,
U. S. Post Office Inspector in Charge,
Room 642, New Post Office Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

It is requested that tracings be made
of all first class mail addressed to 3750 West Cermak
Road, Chicago, Illinois, upper flat, and that the
tracings be forwarded to this office for use in an
official investigation.

Your cooperation in this matter will be
greatly appreciated.

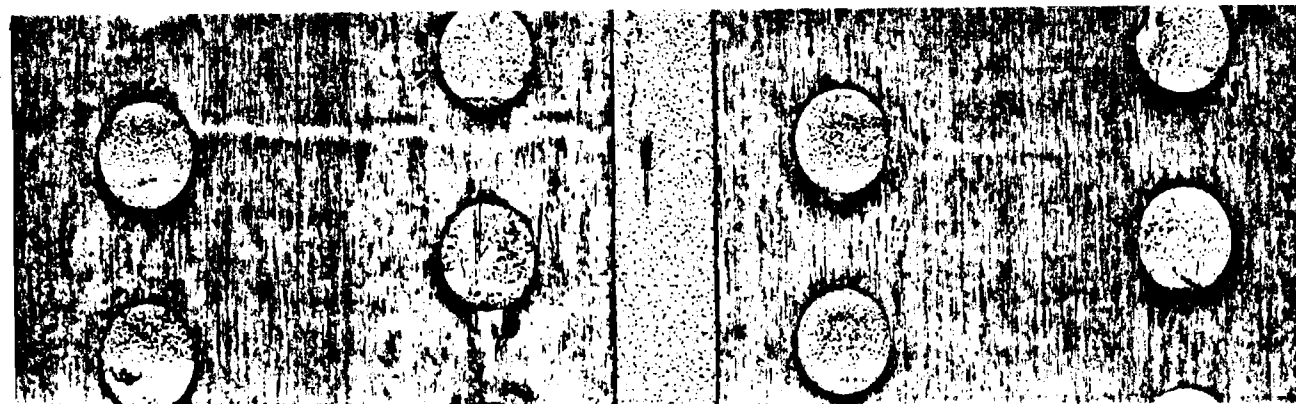
Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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BREMER KIDNAPING ASCERTAIN QUIK NAME OWNER NINETEEN THIRTY TWO CHEVROLET COUPE
WASHINGTON LICENSE J SIXTEEN NAUGHT TWO DRIVEN BY NAM AGE FORTY HEIGHT FIVE ELEVEN
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P. O. Box #64
Buffalo, N.Y.

March 11, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

With reference to the above entitled matter, please find attached hereto tracing of a letter received from the Postmaster of Falconer, New York, as a result of the cover placed on all persons' mail residing at 121 Elmwood Avenue, Falconer, N.Y. Said tracing disclosed that this letter was directed to Mrs. A. L. Callahan of 121 Elmwood Avenue, Falconer, N.Y. and was mailed in Grove City, Pa. March 4, 1936, and bears the return address of 611 Superior Street, Grove City, Pa.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

March 11th, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

Re: BREXID

Five copies have been prepared of the picture of
Harry Campbell which was enclosed with your
letter of March 5th, 1936, and both the original
photograph and the copies are attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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March 11, 1936.

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. E. J. Wynn,
Ritz Hotel,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Sir:

For your possible assistance in the investigation at Miami, Florida, there is quoted herewith a copy of a letter received by this office addressed to the Jacksonville, Florida, Office, requesting investigation at Miami, Florida;

"Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, St. Paul, Minnesota, March 5, 1936, reflects that an air mail letter addressed to JACK PEIFER with a return address of "Roy Giard, 1121 N.E. 3rd St., Miami, Florida" postmarked Miami, February 25, 1936, was recently observed by Special Agent McKee in possession of a delivery mail carrier.

It is believed that the identity of Giard should be promptly ascertained, inasmuch as Peifer has been a contact for KARPIS and the BARKER boys and their associates in St. Paul in the past."

The telephone log in connection with John Davenport reveals conversations concerning one Eddie Curan, 432 N.W. 12th Street, Miami, Florida. This address also might be of assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT KANSAS CITY.	DATE WHEN MADE 3-11-1936	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-27; 3-2-9-1936	REPORT MADE BY W. E. HOPTON
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1235; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:			
<p>Confidence squads of the police departments of Kansas City and St. Joseph, Missouri, and Kansas City and Wichita, Kansas, contacted relative to William Elmer Mead. P.</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>Letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley to each Field Office dated at Chicago 1-27-36.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>Records of the Identification Bureau, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department reflect that they have a Wanted Notice in their files for William E. Mead on a charge of "Mail Fraud" at Jacksonville, Florida. The writer met Detective William Van Cleave and Detective Jerry Carter, who are detailed as the "Confidence Team" of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department; and furnished them with a photograph and descriptive data of Mead. They stated they have worked on confidence investigations for a number of years and feel that in the event Mead would at any time put in his appearance in the vicinity of Kansas City they would be so informed. They advised also that they may possibly get a line on him through their informants, in which event they will immediately notify the Kansas City Office.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>W. A. Smith</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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Special Agent R. J. Brandt interviewed Officer B. T. Andrews, who is in charge of the Identification Bureau of the St. Joseph, Missouri, Police Department; Mr. Andrews advising that the Identification Order for William Elmer Mead had been received by his department, and that same has been posted on the Police Bulletin Board, where it will be brought to the attention of all police officers in that city.

The St. Joseph Police Department has no detail specifically assigned to the investigation of confidence games and swindles, but the matter was brought to the attention of Captain of Detectives Duncan, and he stated that all men in his department had been advised that this Subject is wanted by the Bureau; and that his department will be on the alert and will endeavor to apprehend him if he should appear in St. Joseph.

The records of the St. Joseph, Missouri, Police Department do not disclose any arrests on Mead, and he is unknown to the police officials of that city.

The records of the Identification Bureau, Wichita, Kansas, Police Department reflect that a Wanted Notice on William E. Mead under the name of John Henry Foster, alias "The Christ Child," has been received by that police department; the wanted notice being for bond forfeiture in Jacksonville, Florida.

The Wichita, Kansas, Police Department has no record of Mead ever having operated in the vicinity of Wichita. Mr. Neal Anderson in charge of the Confidence Detail, Wichita, Kansas, Police Department, advised that in the event he should receive any information concerning Mead, he would immediately communicate same to the Kansas City Office.

The Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department has been contacted in the past relative to William Elmer Mead, as reflected in report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, Kansas City, dated February 4, 1936.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Springfield, Missouri, and Topeka, Kansas, will contact the Confidence Details of each of those police departments relative to William Elmer Mead.

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Edward G. Brennan

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DIRECTOR AND SAC CONNELLEY AT CHICAGO

PHONE BREKID. RE SURVEILLANCE HERE. ^{ch} FITZGERALD STILL IN HOSPITAL

HERE HAS PAID CHARGES FOR WEEK'S STAY AND HAS INDICATED TO NURSES

THAT HE PLANS TO STAY THERE THAT LENGTH OF TIME. NO OTHER

DEVELOPMENTS HERE. HANSON.

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DISCONNECT

Mr. Nathan	✓
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO. **7-2-27**

REPORT MADE AT Nashville, Tennessee.	DATE WHEN MADE 3-11-36.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-7, 9-36.	REPORT MADE BY TRUETT E. ROWE
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, was., FUGITIVE; I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, was., FUGITIVE; I. O. #1235, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING and OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>No information relative to subject Karpis and Jack Wilhoit and two unknown women having occupied rooms at John Sevier Hotel, Johnson City, Tennessee, during July, 1935.</p> <p>P.</p> </div>			
REFERENCE: <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Report of Special Agent W. A. Collier, Jr., dated at Charlotte, North Carolina, February 25, 1936.</p> </div>			
DETAILS: <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><u>AT JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE:</u></p> <p>Agent assisted Mr. K. D. Hurley, Assistant Manager, John Sevier Hotel, in checking the records of the hotel with a view of ascertaining if subject Karpis, Jack Wilhoit and two unknown women, registered at the hotel during July, 1935. A check was made of the records of this hotel against all known aliases used by Karpis, a check was made to determine if any person registered under the name Wilhoit and a check was made to determine if any woman registered under the name of "Billie". This search of the records was unproductive of any results. Agent then exhibited the following</p> </div>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>W. Stapleton</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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photographs to Mr. Hurley, who advised after close scrutiny, that he could not recall having seen either persons:

Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I. O. #1218
Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, I. O. #1232
Harry Campbell, with aliases, I. O. #1236
Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., with aliases, I. O. #1233
Edward Wilhelm Bentz, with aliases, I. O. #1242
William Mahan, with aliases, I. O. #1252 and #1252-A
Edgar Aldridge, with alias, I. O. #1325
Reese Bailey, with aliases, I. O. #1328
Neil McConlogue, Re: Bureau Bulletin #176

The above photographs were then exhibited to the following named employees of the John Sevier Hotel, with negative results:

C. J. Broyles, Day Clerk
George Rouse, Day Clerk
Hugh Millard, Night Clerk
Miss Eleanor Jones, Telephone Operator
Preston Smith, Porter and Bellboy
Robert Murphy, Porter and Bellboy
Joe Connelly, " " "
George Nichols, " " "

All employees of the John Sevier Hotel who were interviewed were unable to furnish any information relative to Karpis and a friend by the name of Jack Wilhoyt, and two women, one described as a large blonde, having occupied adjoining rooms on the fifth floor of the hotel.

It was noted on Page 2, paragraph 3, of reference report that R. L. Nichols stated that he saw Karpis, Jack Wilhoyt, and two women, one of whom was Jack Wilhoyt's woman "Billie" come out of a cafe across the street from the John Sevier Hotel at Johnson City, Tennessee. The owner of this cafe which is located at 140 East Market Street, Johnson City, is J. E. Rumbley. Rumbley was contacted and the photographs hereinbefore mentioned were exhibited to him and the alleged facts that Karpis, Jack Wilhoyt

and two unknown women, one described as a large blonde, were seen coming out of his cafe during the last week of July, 1935, were explained. Rumbley scrutinized the photographs closely but was unable to furnish any information or make any identification and stated that he could not recall any such persons having been in his cafe.

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

March 12, 1936.

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

RE: BREXID.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a memorandum prepared by
Special Agent K. R. McIntire concerning the investigations con-
ducted by him and Special Agent E. K. Thompson at Miami Beach,
Florida during the period of March 4, 1936 through March 9, 1936.

Very truly yours,

J. M. KEITH,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM

RE: BREXID

Information having been obtained by the Bureau to the effect that Alvin Karpis could possibly be located in the vicinity of Miami Beach, Florida, Special Agents K. R. McIntire and E. K. Thompson were authorized to proceed to Miami Beach and to make proper investigations at the race tracks, the various gambling resorts and other places of entertainment in an effort to locate and apprehend Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell if the latter should be with Karpis.

Special Agents McIntire and Thompson arrived at Miami Beach on Wednesday morning, March 4, 1936. Agent Thompson took lodging at the Roney Plaza Hotel while Agent McIntire took lodging at the Wofford, both Hotels being located on the Beach.

Agent Thompson on Wednesday March 4, 1936 conducted an investigation at all the bars and taverns located at Miami Beach while Agent McIntire proceeded to the Hialeah Race Track. After it had been ascertained that there is practically no activity in Miami Beach during the daylight hours and that all activities are centered at the above mentioned Track, where several thousand persons were present, Agent McIntire stationed himself at the various betting and paying windows of the pari-mutual machines. He also conducted proper surveillance at the gates at the time when the largest number of persons were entering and leaving said Track. Agent McIntire also circulated through the crowds located in the grandstands at the Track but the above mentioned investigation failed to disclose the presence of Karpis or Campbell.

Agents Thompson and McIntire ascertained that the leading gambling resort at Miami Beach is known as CARTERS which has a highly patronized dining room in addition to the gambling casino. Agents Thompson and McIntire covered the gambling activities at this place and also covered the dining room on Wednesday night, March 4, 1936; however, there was nothing to indicate that Karpis or Campbell were present.

On March 5, 1936 Agent McIntire was joined by Agent Thompson and the said two Agents covered the Hialeah Race Track once again and that evening conducted proper surveillance at the Carters casino. Investigations were made at the Miami Beach Dog Tracks and Billy Minsky's Burlesque.

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On Friday morning, March 6, 1936, Mr. E.J. Connelley arrived at Miami Beach, Florida and was accompanied by Agents Barber, Hurt, Wynn, Eubank, Peterson, E.J. Dowd and Birch. After Mr. Connelley's arrival, a conference was held at the William Penn Hotel where Mr. Connelley was staying and it was decided that Agents McIntire and Thompson should continue covering the places of amusements, gambling resorts and the Hialeah Race Track in an effort to locate Karpis and Campbell. After the conference, in view of the lateness of the hour, it was impossible to proceed to the above Race Track but the said Agents conducted further investigation at the Carters gambling casino. Investigation at that point disclosed it was undoubtedly the principal place of amusement at Miami Beach. This place was patronized by very large crowds of persons which would make it more possible for Karpis and Campbell to circulate in such crowds than at other points at Miami Beach. In consequence of this fact, considerable amount of Agents' time was spent at Carters but there was nothing to indicate that Karpis or Campbell were there during Agents' visits.

On Friday night at about 6:00 P.M., (March 6, 1936) all gambling in Miami and Miami Beach, Florida was closed down by order of the Police Departments in said cities; thereafter there was no more gambling at the Carters gambling casino and the only attraction at that point was the food that was served in their dining room. Their dining room has the reputation of being one of the best eating places in Miami Beach. Investigation disclosed that it is patronized by crowds of persons.

Agents therefore continued their investigations at this dining room in view of the fact that it is patronized by numerous individuals, who are undoubtedly gangsters from New York and other places in the East; however, no information was obtained with regard to the location of Karpis and Campbell.

On Saturday, March 7, 1936 Special Agent D. DiLillo arrived at Miami Beach enroute to San Juan, P.R. In view of the fact that he was unable to immediately embark on a plane, he accompanied Agents to the Hialeah Race Track on said date which was the occasion for the Florida Derby, the largest racing event during the entire year at this Track. On the occasion of the Florida Derby all of the Agents mentioned in this memorandum were present at the said Track conducting surveillances at various likely points in an effort to locate Karpis and Campbell.

There were approximately 25,000 persons present during this Derby but the surveillances failed to disclose the presence of Karpis or Campbell.

On Saturday evening, March 7, 1936, Agents McIntire and Thompson visited the Villa Venice. This is a fashionable night club in Miami Beach and from all appearances is undoubtedly frequented by numerous members of the hoodlum element of the East. The visit, however, failed to disclose the presence of Karpis or Campbell.

On Sunday, March 8, 1936, Agents Thompson and McIntire conducted a surveillance along the Beach and also made discreet surveillances at the various bars and at the Carters dining room, without obtaining any information with regard to the location of Karpis or Campbell.

On Monday, March 9, 1936, another large event took place at the Hialeah Race Track, known as Charity Day. These races, like those of the Florida Derby were considered somewhat of an event at said Race Track in consequence of which every effort was made by Agents McIntire and Thompson to conduct proper surveillance of all points of interest at the Track where the two fugitives might be located. Agents also stationed themselves at the incoming and outgoing gates so as to observe all persons entering and leaving but no one was observed fitting the descriptions of either Karpis or Campbell.

K.R.MCINTIRE,
Special Agent.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
March 12, 1936

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

BREKID

Reference is made to your letter of March 9, 1936, Bureau file 7-576, wherein you request this office to furnish the Bureau with evidence of authorization from United States Attorney George F. Sullivan for the purchase of clothing for the witnesses from Miami.

Reference is made to the teletype from this office on January 4, 1936 to the Jacksonville Office which quotes a telegram from one L. K. Thomson of the McAlister Hotel, Miami, wherein he stated to United States Attorney George Sullivan that "According to your letter of December 17th you stated that arrangements were being made to take care of heavy clothing for witnesses. Office here doesn't know anything about this and they only allow fare and expenses to St. Paul. Please advise at once via Western Union as witnesses are leaving Monday".

Mr. Sullivan stated that as a result of the above wire he requested either Special Agent K. R. McIntire or myself to request the Jacksonville Office to provide suitable clothing for the witnesses from Miami. Inasmuch as I feel certain that Mr. Sullivan did not discuss that aspect with me, it must have been with Special Agent McIntire, who prepared the above mentioned teletype to the Jacksonville Office. Enclosed, herewith, is an original letter written by United States Attorney George F. Sullivan on March 12, 1936 to me regarding this matter and which is quoted as follows:

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"Referring to a wire received by this office on January 4, 1936, from a witness L. K. Thompson, McAlister Hotel, Miami, Florida, wherein inquiry is made with reference

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to heavy clothing for the witnesses subpoenaed from the State and District of Florida, I beg to advise you that in conference with yourself or with Mr. Kenneth McIntyre, Special Agent, Department of Justice, such Agent was instructed by this office that proper arrangements be made for the securing of proper and suitable clothing for all Florida witnesses subpoenaed for the trial of the above-entitled case in St. Paul set down for trial on January 6, 1936, having in mind that these witnesses from Florida were accustomed to warm weather and that the weather in St. Paul during the month of January each year is particularly severe and cold; and I assume that the Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, observed and carried out such direction from this office."

It is believed that this letter will be sufficient authorization to cover the expenditures incurred.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Stein

C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

ST. PAUL, March 12, 1936.

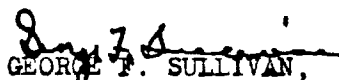
Mr. Clinton W. Stein,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Stein:

Re: United States v. Sawyer, et al.
Bremer Kidnaping Case.

Referring to a wire received by this office on January 4, 1936, from a witness L. K. Thompson, McAllister Hotel, Miami, Florida, wherein inquiry is made with reference to heavy clothing for the witnesses subpoenaed from the State and District of Florida, I beg to advise you that in conference with yourself or with Mr. Kenneth McIntyre, Special Agent, Department of Justice, such Agent was instructed by this office that proper arrangements be made for the securing of proper and suitable clothing for all Florida witnesses subpoenaed for the trial of the above-entitled case in St. Paul set down for trial on January 6, 1936, having in mind that these witnesses from Florida were accustomed to warm weather and that the weather in St. Paul during the month of January each year is particularly severe and cold; and I assume that the Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, observed and carried out such direction from this office.

Yours very truly,


GEORGE F. SULLIVAN,
United States Attorney.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL McMAHON.

Reference is made to your memorandum of March 3, 1936, and to the memorandum of General Agent McClure addressed to Mr. Fisher of the Criminal Division under date of February 26, 1936, attached thereto, which concerns the expenses incurred in connection with obtaining the attendance of the necessary witnesses at St. Paul, Minnesota, at the trial of Cassius McDonald, et al.

Relative to the expenditures which were incurred by the Jacksonville office of this Bureau pertaining to the Miami witnesses for whom certain clothing establishments in Miami, Florida, extended credit in the amount of \$426.24, covering purchases made by these witnesses, your attention is directed to a copy of a communication received by Mr. Clinton W. Stein, Special Agent in Charge of the St. Paul, Minnesota, office of this Bureau, under date of March 12, 1936, from United States Attorney George F. Sullivan, which is attached hereto.

Inasmuch as an Agent of the St. Paul office of this Bureau was instructed by Mr. Sullivan "that proper arrangements be made for the securing of proper and suitable clothing for all Florida witnesses subpoenaed for the trial of the above-entitled case in St. Paul", and as, in accordance with these instructions, the Jacksonville office was requested to comply therewith, it would appear that this account is properly chargeable to the Department and that appropriate arrangements should be made for the immediate payment of the establishments which extended credit for the purchase of the necessary clothing for the Miami witnesses.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #1091162

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DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 10, 1936.

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Time - 1:45 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Connelley telephoned Mr. Foxworth with reference to the investigation in this matter being conducted in Florida and said that at 4:30 this morning, the Hollywood Country Club at Hollywood, Florida was held up by armed and masked bandits and \$18,000.00 taken. There is nothing at all to indicate who these bandits were, but there were five bandits participating in the robbery. There is nothing to indicate that these robbers are subjects in whom the Bureau is interested.

Mr. Connelley said that he forwarded an air mail memorandum to the Bureau last evening indicating that if things don't develop today, they will be about ready to get out of there tomorrow.

With reference to the investigation at St. Petersburg to find "Roscoe", Mr. Connelley said that most of the gambling places up there have closed up, and that investigation is about "washed up".

Another air mail memorandum of developments during the day will be forwarded tonight, and the Bureau will, of course, be contacted before Mr. Connelley and the other Agents abandon this investigation in Florida.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm
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1443 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

March 11, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

At the time Special Agent J. K. Jones was in Cleveland, Ohio, on March 2, 1936, preliminary survey was made of the telephone cables serving the Silver Grill, which is located on the southwest corner of 28th Street and Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. At this time Agent Jones suggested that the tap on the Silver Grill be placed in the Beckwith Apartments, 1588 West 28th Street, and also at that time it appeared that an apartment in the above named building would be vacant on March 7, 1936. Upon contacting Mr. A. Simon, superintendent of the Beckwith Apartments on March 7, 1936, it was learned that the family occupying the apartment to have been vacated on March 7, 1936, was remaining until possibly March 15, 1936. A subsequent contact with Mr. Simon indicates now that the family will remain in the apartment until April 1, 1936.

In view of the above situation a further survey was made of the telephone cables in the vicinity of the Silver Grill, with the view of locating another apartment or residence suitable for a tap. A search made by Special Agents Lee F. Malone and T. B. O'Mahoney indicates that the telephone cable serving the Silver Grill is underground cable No. 5 and comes up out of the ground on 28th Street at the rear of the Silver Grill. The terminal box at the telephone pole where the cable leaves the ground contains pairs 859 to 903 and the pairs used by the Silver Grill are 859 and 860. An aerial cable runs in a southerly direction from this telephone pole to a point at the rear of the Beckwith Apartments. The distance from the Silver Grill to the Beckwith Apartments is approximately three blocks. The survey further indicates that there are several terminal boxes within a radius of four or five blocks of the Silver Grill and that three of these terminal boxes were found to connect with underground cable No. 5. However, none of these terminal boxes contain identical pairs with those located in the box at the rear of the Silver Grill, which contains pairs 859 and 860.

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Further efforts are being made to locate terminal boxes connected with underground cable No. 5, which contain pairs identical with those contained in terminal box at the rear of the Silver Grill.

Very truly yours,

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- Cincinnati
- Chicago
- St. Paul

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
March 5, 1936

Mr. John J. Farrell
United States Marshal
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

BREKID

This office will bear the expense
incurred in connection with the repair of
bridgework for Bryan Bolton.

Very truly yours,

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C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U S Department of Justice
610 Alonzo Ward Hotel
ABERDEEN South Dakota

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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PHONE. BREKID. NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE SOUTH DAKOTA LICENSE FOUR ONE

DASH FIVE FIVE SIX FOUR ISSUED TO PETER MC DONALD, DEADWOOD

SOUTH DAKOTA FOR BUICK SEDAN MOTOR NUMBER FOUR TWO NINE NINE

EIGHT TWO NINE FIVE PURCHASED NEW FROM BAGLEY MOTOR COMPANY

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TO FORTY YEARS OF AGE, HEAVY BUILD, ABOUT SIX FEET TALL AND HAD A

WOMAN AND ABOUT FIVE YEAR OLD CHILD WITH HIM. BAGLEY MOTOR COMPANY

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Special Agent in Charge

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*Colon Karpis
Edna d. Karpis
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612 Marine Trust Bldg.
Buffalo, N. Y.

March 8, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Washington, D. C.

Re: STOLLNAP

Dear Sir:

This office recently determined thru the Commercial Credit Corporation's office in this district that the organization has 167 offices located throughout the entire United States, Canada and Mexico, and employs, of course, a number of trained investigators, working out of each office. It also appears that a bulletin is sent to all of these offices from time to time, and the main office of the Commercial Credit Corporation is located in the First National Bank Building, Baltimore, Maryland.

It is, therefore, suggested that appropriate contact be made with the Commercial Credit Corporation in Baltimore for the purpose of causing the photograph and description of subject Robinson to be inserted in the bulletin sent to all of the branch offices. In the event this is possible, it is suggested that consideration be given to having the photographs and descriptions of other badly wanted fugitives, like Karpis, Dainard, etc. also inserted in said bulletin.

It is respectfully requested that this office be advised of the results of this contact.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

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REPORT MADE AT Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 3/10/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/30, 2/10, 12, 27 to 3/3/36	REPORT MADE BY W. B. O'MAHONEY WBO/EJB
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

M. A. Beegle now resides RFD #3, Akron, O.; employed by Klages Coal Co., 1621 E. Market St. No official records of Mary Forth residing with Beegle near Mantua, O. Information based on memory of rural mail carrier. Carrier R. C. Marsh claims Beegle investigated by Department of Justice three years ago with reference to Mary Forth. Investigation of Beegle by Klages Coal Co. revealed that he paid his bills promptly and was well thought of by his neighbors. His superintendent considers him trustworthy, hard-working, and honest. Investigation conducted regarding identity of party named Hauss, who contacted William Fergus by telephone, indicates that Samuel Hauss is referred to by operators of the Harvard Club as "The Little Fellow." "Lu" Poole, formerly inmate of Edith Barry's house, Toledo, O. again interviewed, furnishes additional information regarding activities at Edith Barry's house with particular reference to visits of Karpis and Campbell to that place in January, 1935. Furnishes information that "Doc" Moran introduced to Edith Barry by Ted Angus. Also furnishes information regarding presence of Charles J. Fitzgerald and William J. Harrison at Edith Barry's house at Toledo, O. Investigation at Canton fails to produce any information to substantiate the rumor that Karpis is supposed to have visited and was harbored by Joe Rich during month of January, 1936. Thomas E. Lennon, formerly confidential investigator for former mayor of Canton, may possibly be able to secure information regarding presence of Karpis in vicinity of Canton through an informant. Investigation

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at Youngstown, Ohio, indicates that Clayton Hall known to have associated with Milton Lett and reputed harboring Karpis, presently in Youngstown. No information indicating Lett or Karpis now at residence of Clayton Hall. Check made of all Hudson automobiles bearing 1935 Ohio registration beginning and ending with "H". One registration found to be obtained under suspicious circumstances. Further check requested. Witnesses to Garrettsville mail train robbery, 11/7/35, interviewed. Photograph of Karpis identified as being ring leader of robbers. Telephone tap on telephone of James "Tip" O'Neill discontinued 3/3/36. Telephone tap on telephone of Arthur Hebebrand discontinued 3/5/36. Wanted notice secured from Canton Police Department regarding Edward Siemund and Jake Gilmore, copy of which is forwarded herewith to Bureau.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 1/20/36; report of Special Agent J. E. Thornton, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 2/7/36; letter from Cincinnati office dated 2/11/36; letter from Chicago office dated 2/12/36; report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 2/13/36; report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 2/17/36.

DETAILS:

Lillian C. Goodell, Postmaster, Mantua, Ohio, advised by letter that R. C. Marsh, carrier #2, remembered that about three years ago one Mary Forth received mail in care of M. A. Beegle. When Beegle moved away he left the following address: M. A. Beegle, 1699 Fay Road, Ellet, Ohio.

RECEIVED
AT MANTUA, OHIO

Mr. R. C. Marsh advised that M. A. Beegle operated a gas station on Route #422 near Auburn Corners. At the time he operated the station, some three years ago, there was a gang of construction men working on the road nearby. Beegle did not

have a very good reputation and did some bootlegging from his gas station. There were also a few girls staying at the Beegle address and they changed quite often. Marsh recalled Mary Forth, who lived with the Beegles for a week or ten days. He examined his route book, but was unable to find one Mary Forth listed in care of the Beegles. He, however, found that the following were listed in care of Beegle: Ed S. Webster; Lester Elkins, 592 Hudson Avenue, Newark, Ohio; L. E. Graham, 397 Fountain Street, Akron, Ohio; Harold Hoise; Elsie Cundiff, East Akron, Ohio; Elsie Weitz. Carrier Marsh described Mary Forth as follows:

Age	-	25 years
Height	-	5'5"
Weight	-	150 pounds
Build	-	Heavy
Hair	-	Brown
Features	-	Round face
Nationality	-	American

Carrier Marsh gave as his reason for remembering this particular girl the fact that three years ago a Department of Justice Agent, who, he thinks, was from Detroit, Michigan, had talked to him shortly after Mary Forth came to the Beegles, with reference to her. Marsh thought that it had something to do with white slavery. Mary Forth left no forwarding address.

AT ELLET, OHIO

Mrs. C. Dodd, Assistant Postmaster, advised that Merton A. Beegle formerly resided at 1699 Fay Road, but they had moved away and left the forwarding address of 160 E. Malacca Road, Akron, Ohio.

Inquiry at Fay Road developed that there was no such number as 1699, but that there was a 1697 Fay Road. It was ascertained that Stephen Barna lived at 1697 Fay Road and owned the property. Inquiry was made of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Barna as to Merton A. Beegle and they recalled that that was the family who lived at 1697 Fay Road just prior to their purchasing the property from the Akron Savings and Loan, 156 South Main Street. At the time the Akron Savings and Loan moved the Beegles to another property belonging to the Akron Savings and Loan in Goodyear Heights. (Malacca Road is in Goodyear Heights.)

AT AKRON, OHIO

Clarence E. Kauffman of the Real Estate Department of the Akron Savings and Loan, 156 South Main Street, advised that the Beegles formerly rented from them and that the last place they had any record of them was at 1212 Seventh Avenue, which address is listed in the Akron City Directory.

His files indicated that the Beegles still owe the Akron Savings and Loan some rent and that the matter had been placed in the hands of the Akron Credit Bureau for collection.

b7D [REDACTED] it was ascertained that Beegle was at present working for the Klages Coal Company, 551 South High Street, under the supervision of Mr. W. V. Blessman.

W. V. Blessman advised that Beegle was employed as a truck driver and though he did not know him personally he was certain that N. H. Studer, superintendent of the 1621 E. Market Street plant and coal yard, knew Beegle as Beegle works out of that yard. Beegle's file reflected that he had given as references George Mitchel, City Farm Boss; Jim Murray, grocer; and L. R. Ridge, grocer, all of Mantua, Ohio, at the time he entered the employment of the Klages Coal Company. Inquiry by this firm among these men developed that Beegle's reputation was good and that he always paid his bills. Mitchell advised that Beegle had been his neighbor on a farm and that he always considered him a good neighbor and an honest man.

N. H. Studer, superintendent of the Klages Coal and Ice Company, 1621 E. Market Street, advised that Beegle has been working for the company for over a year and that he has always found him to be reliable and an individual he could trust. Any collections that Beegle made were always correct and any damage occurring as a result of the work, or accidents with the trucks he always immediately came and reported. If he unloaded a load of coal in the wrong cellar this was always immediately admitted and if he was wrong he never hesitated to pay for his damage or losses he had caused. Beegle had advised Studer that he formerly operated a road stand near Mantua, Ohio, and that he was now trying to purchase a place in the country out of East Akron on RFD #3, Box 373. Beegle is an elderly man, married and has children who are grown. Studer did not know how many children, what their names are, or whether or not they are at home.

Captain E. J. Hefferman, in charge of the vice squad of the Akron Police Department, searched his files as to prostitutes in Akron, but was unable to locate a Mary Forth, or a similar name. He did not have any record of an Elsie Cundiff or Elsie Weitz.

The foregoing investigation was conducted by Special Agent Lee F. Malone.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent
H. B. Dill:

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New House

[REDACTED]

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Records of these calls will be noted on page three of the Fergus log, on January 6, 1936, at 11:45 A. M., and again on page eight, January 8, 1936, at 3:28 P. M. Several other calls were made by [REDACTED] but are not being mentioned here in view of the fact that there is no necessity of mentioning same.

It was ascertained at the Ohio Bell Telephone Company that Cherry 6043 is listed in the name of the Bulkley Building Garage, and is located in the Bulkley Building.

[REDACTED]

It was ascertained from the Ohio Bell Telephone Company that Cherry 6603 is listed in the name of McConnell, Black and Corry, attorneys, 1208 Terminal Tower Building.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. E. Smith at Toledo, Ohio, on February 12, 1936:

Lillian "Lu" Marea, formerly Lu Poole, an inmate of Edith Barry's cell house was invited by the writer to his hotel room, at which time she was interrogated in the presence of her husband and Special Agent B. M. Hirsh.

Lu was questioned relative to Edith Barry's contacts and she advised that Edith was very close to Joe Broadway, who operated the 42nd Street Cafe. She explained that she knew Joe as "Broadway" for the reason that he had married one of the Broadway daughters, however, Joe's real name is Joe Roscoe. Continuing, Lu stated that since she had been questioned by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley (Mr. Conrad to her) she had spent considerable time thinking of Edith's contacts and now recalls that when Joe would call at Edith's there was a good deal of "pussy footing" going on and it is her recollection that Joe generally appeared at Edith's house immediately prior to any visit of Karpis or Campbell to the house. Lu also stated that on one occasion a police officer had entered Edith's place looking for a man, and Edith and the policeman had a very wordy battle in which the police officer told Edith he was "all cop" and didn't give a hang if she was "King", or words to that effect, over Mayor Klotz. Edith took the police officer's number and called Captain Fruchi of the Police Department, and that was the last time she was bothered. Lu was unable to recall the police officer's name but said he was Polish, rather large, and really was "all policeman."

With reference to visits paid by Karpis and Campbell to Edith Barry's house, Lu was prompted by her husband relative to the period in January, 1935, and she advised that about one month after Christmas, 1934, Karpis and Campbell were at Edith's house for a period of about three or four days and she recalled parking a Ford V8 coupe which belonged to them in front of the Jarvis Apartments. Lu was unable to describe the color or model of the coupe, but thought that it was a late 1934 model, and bore an Ohio license number beginning with the letter "H". When questioned why she parked the Ford at the Jarvis Apartments, Lu explained that Edith always had her park the cars on 12th Street, or some other street adjacent to Southard Street, in order to get the cars away from the house. Lu also advised that she sometimes parked the cars in the Ace Garage.

With reference to the information supplied this Agent by [redacted] that Karpis and Campbell had left Edith's house by plane in January, Lu stated that some man from the American Airlines was also at the house about that time and it was her recollection that he was the one who took the plane. Lu could not recall his name, but said it sounded like Brauch, or Brocks, or something similar to that.

Lu was questioned closely relative to any conversation that she ever had with Karpis or Campbell, and she advised that they both remarked when paying Edith 50¢ for a cocoa cola and 50¢ for a bottle of beer that it was cheaper to live in Cuba, and also they mentioned something about a plane in this connection. Lu also stated that the photograph of Karpis with the number 8008 on it was a good likeness of him, except his cheeks are more sunken in.

Agent also questioned Lu about a kit of doctor's instruments supposedly left by Karpis and Campbell at Edith's after their escape from Atlantic City, and she stated that she recalled seeing a black patent leather bag, but identified the photograph of "Doc" Moran as the individual to whom it belonged. In this connection Lu stated that "Doc", as she knew him, first came to Edith's during the early summer of 1934, upon the recommendation of Ted Angus. Lu stated that "Doc" was accompanied by a young man whom she knew as "Jimmy", who was supposed to be a nephew of "Doc." She stated that "Jimmy" spent most of his time at the Casino Club and was considered the "shiek" of the club and a good dancer.

Continuing, Lu stated that Edith, Doc, and she attended a turkey dinner at the Casino Club during the summer of 1934, and while there Lu got into a fight with Charles "Pretty Charlie" Haymaker, who was working at the club, and she knocked him out, so Edith sent her home and Edith stayed with "Doc." According to Lu, "Doc" would, when he became slightly intoxicated, obtain about \$20.00 in nickels and play the mechanical song box at the Casino Club. The only song he ever played was the "Last Roundup." Lu further stated that "Doc" owed her \$20.00 and owed Edith \$90.00 and Edith would continually call Ted Angus and raise hell with him because he had O. K.'d "Doc" to her, until Ted finally intimated to Edith that she was out her \$90.00 as "Doc" was on his last roundup. Lu stated from then on when the "Last Roundup" was played she was always kidded about her \$20 "Last Roundup."

Lu further stated that during the summer of 1934 an old white-haired man with a white mustache, who was known only to her as "Dad" and accompanied by a young reddish-haired man known as "Will" started to call at Edith's house, and take the girls on parties at the Casino Club, where both appeared to be rather well known. Lu further stated that the old man was pretty wild when he became intoxicated and would take his cane and knock everybody's drinks off the tables and the young man would generally end up with nothing but his trousers left on. Lu partially identified Charles Fitzgerald as "Dad" and William Harrison as "Will."

According to Lu, "Dad" had a leather support on his leg, the support running from his knee to his hip, and the girls were frequently called upon to relace the support when "Dad" would get drunk and raise

a lot of racket. Lu further advised that on one occasion when "Dad" became intoxicated and had stayed with one of the girls overnight, he accused her of stealing \$20.00 and Edith searched "Dad" and found money pinned in his sleeves and lining of his suit. "Will" then told them that "Dad" had the habit of hiding things in his leg support, in flower pots, under rugs and in curtains and then forgetting where he had hidden them and would accuse someone of stealing them. According to Lu, a girl by the name of Kay and she were keeping a date with "Dad" and "Will" at the Casino Club and when they were returning in "Dad's" car, Kay and "Dad" got into a fight and Kay was hitting "Dad" with her slipper and "Dad" was hitting Kay with his cane, and when they arrived at Edith's, "Dad" was so angry he broke the headlights of his car with his cane.

With reference to who changed money for Edith, Lu stated that she could recall only one occasion and then Frank "Greenie" Greenwald, the cab man, changed a bill for Edith at some gambling house.

With reference to the girls who worked at Edith's, Lu advised that there was a girl by the name of Kay, who was there in 1934, when "Dad" and "Will" were there, but all she could recall about her was that she wired someone in Detroit, Michigan, about September, 1934, for money to return home. Lu also advised that one Maxine, alias Lois, last name not known, was at Edith's when Karpis visited there and was presently in the same locality as is "Peaches."

With reference to "Peaches", Lu advised that her correct name is Helen Butler and she is now around some resort near the lake in Wisconsin, probably near Milwaukee. Lu stated that both "Peaches" and Maxine have two rich Jewish men who are keeping them. According to Lu, mail is addressed by some route number and the district where the resort is, is supposed to be exclusive.

During the interview, Lu became very nervous when questioned about "Doc" Moran and it was evident she did not care to talk about it. In view of the fact that Lu is still sick, Agent did not question her as closely as will be done when she is in better physical condition.

During the questioning, Lu stated that Edith had received mail from Canada, but could not recall the town or district, other than it was a brown paper envelope.

With reference to Joe Roscoe, Lu stated that he had some trouble with one of his legs, stating she did not know whether he was shot or only had boils on it. Lu also stated that Joe owned a large cruiser and remarked once that he would take Edith and her to an island some time.

Agent interviewed Frank Baumgartner who formerly was beat man in the vicinity of the 42nd Street Cafe, owned by Joe Roscoe, and presently confidential investigator for Frazier Reams, Prosecutor, Lucas County, and he stated that Roscoe had blood poison in one of his legs and had been to Canada and was now somewhere in Florida. Baumgartner will endeavor to secure Roscoe's exact location in Florida and will advise this Agent when he does.

The following investigation was conducted by this Agent at Canton, Ohio:

During the interview between Special Agent E. J. Wynn and Archie Negleman, as set out in report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated February 17, 1936, Negleman made reference to one Edward Siemund, alias Eddie Seamon, whom he claimed was wanted by the police, and who, according to information was associated with Joe Rich, Eddie Brennan and Edna Haney of Canton, Ohio, all of whom have been connected by rumor with subject Karpis.

Inquiry was made at the Bureau of Identification, Canton Police Department, where Sergeant Elmer Clark was interviewed. Upon being questioned regarding Edward Siemund, Officer Clark stated that Siemund is wanted by the Canton Police Department in connection with a hi-jacking of a shipment of state liquor, which took place on October 4, 1935. Associated with Siemund at the time of the hi-jacking was one Jake Gilmore, and one Carl Studer. It appears from records that Carl Studer was arrested on a charge of grand larceny in connection with this hi-jacking, was tried and subsequently acquitted. Reference is made to this particular instance in report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated January 20, 1936, on page six, where it is stated that Eddie Brennan, took over the management of the beer parlor belonging to Carl Studer during the time the latter was incarcerated on a charge of hi-jacking. Sergeant Clark stated that there are warrants outstanding charging both Siemund and Gilmore with grand larceny, and at this time he furnished Agent with copies of a wanted notice, upon which appears the pictures of both Siemund and Gilmore, together with their descriptions. A copy of this wanted notice is being forwarded to the Bureau with copies of this report.

Edward Siemund is described as follows:

Name	-	Edward Siemund, aliases: Edward Seimund, Eddie Seamon
Age	-	45 years
Height	-	5'9 1/2"
Weight	-	210 pounds

Build	-	Stout
Hair	-	Light chestnut
Eyes	-	Blue
		Neat dresser.
FPC	-	13 R 00 9
		18 R 10
Last known residence	-	202 Arlington Ave., SW., Canton, O.

Criminal Record:

As Edward Seimund 5/21/21 Canton, O. Nat'l Prohibition Act
Disposition - \$1,000 fine and costs on 10/28/22.

As Edward Siemund 1/3/23 Larceny and safe break-
ing.
Plea of guilty on 1/23/23. Sentenced to 7-15 years Ohio
State Penitentiary.

As Edward Siemund 10/4/35 Warrant issued, Mun. Ct.
Canton, O., charging
grand larceny for hi-
jacking load of liquor.
Accomplices: Jake Gilmore
and Carl Studer.

Jake Gilmore is described as follows:

Age	-	43 years
Height	-	5'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	-	225 pounds
Build	-	Stout
Hair	-	Dark chestnut (curly)
Eyes	-	Blue
Teeth	-	Bad
Dress	-	Slovenly
FPC	-	1 U 10 11
		17 U 00 18
Reference		17 M 11
		17 U 00 8

During the course of the above interview with Sergeant Clark, he stated that they had received information from Archie Negleman that Joe Rich, who lives at the northeast corner of Fourth and Walnut Streets, Canton, Ohio, had recently been in contact with Alvin Karpis, and that Karpis had given Rich \$200.00 to hold for him until such time as he should return. According to Sergeant Clerk, Karpis, upon leaving Canton, Ohio, went to Tia Juana, Mexico. The time of his departure from Canton was approximately January, 1936, and he was supposed to return to Canton between February 20th and 25th. Sergeant Clark also informed Agent that at the time they had Archie Negleman in custody at Canton, he had informed against one Clayton Hall of Youngstown, Ohio, and stated that Hall was also associated with Karpis; that at the time he and the Chief of Police of Canton, together with operatives of the Secret Service had made a trip to Youngstown, Ohio, for the purpose of making arrests in connection with passing of counterfeit money, they had been advised by post office inspectors at Youngstown that Hall's house was under observation, and consequently they took no action at Youngstown.

During the course of this conversation with Sergeant Clark, Agent inquired concerning Eddie Brennan. Sergeant Clark stated that Brennan is also known by the name of Eddie Bren, and that Brennan is now out on bond and is to appear in Canton, Ohio, on March 6, 1936 to answer to a suspicious person charge. Eddie Brennan, according to Sergeant Clark, is believed to stay at the residence of Minn Staley, 410 Fourth Street, S. E., Canton, Ohio. He further advised that Minn Staley runs a house of prostitution at this address, and that she also operates a house of like nature at Alliance, Ohio, the exact address being unknown to Sergeant Clark. He further stated that Brennan might be located at Lucky's Place, Akron, Ohio. Sergeant Clerk was unable to furnish Agent with the address of Lucky's Place.

The fact that Agent was working on the Brekid case was not disclosed to Sergeant Clark, in view of the fact that a further interview was to be had with Chief of Police Ira Manderbaugh.

Investigation was also conducted with regard to a possible record of William E. Mead. A search of the index under known aliases of Mead, and a search of the fingerprint records on file was made by Sergeant Clerk. No additional information on Mead was discovered.

During the period that a telephone tap was maintained on the telephone of James "Tip" O'Neill, information was received that "Tip" was to make a trip on the morning of February 25, 1936 in an effort to contact some party. On the morning of February 25, 1936, therefore, Special Agent E. J. Wynn and this Agent conducted a surveillance of

"Tip" O'Neill and it was found that he left his residence with his wife, Mrs. James O'Neill, alias Marie Flynn, in a Buick coupe, Ohio 1935 license #FN 762, which car is registered in the name of Marie Flynn. After entering the car at their residence, 11835 Lake Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, Marie Flynn drove to a point on Highway #30, about three miles west of Wooster, Ohio, where she and "Tip" entered Crowley's Restaurant. At the time Agents waited where the restaurant could be kept under surveillance and after a wait of about thirty-five minutes, both "Tip" and Marie appeared and entered their car, and started their return trip to Cleveland. It would, therefore, appear that the person to be contacted by O'Neill was located at Crowley's Restaurant.

Subsequent inquiry was made and it was found that Crowley's Restaurant is owned and operated by one Ed Crowley, who lives on the premises with his wife. Ed Crowley is approximately sixty years of age and the only other person employed regularly at the restaurant is a young waitress, name unknown. Postmaster Julius Stark, Wooster, Ohio, was contacted and he stated that Crowley had come to Wooster about eight years ago and had opened Crowley's Restaurant on Highway #30; that during the time of prohibition the place was frequented by hoodlums and bootleggers. He stated that Ed Crowley, the proprietor, is a brother of Jimmy Crowley, now deceased, who was the underworld boss and political boss of Canton, Ohio.

It was also learned during a later interview with one Thomas E. Lennon, that "Tip" O'Neill is well acquainted in Canton, Ohio, and that it is Lennon's belief that "Tip" and Jimmy Crowley were close friends.

An attempt was made to interview F. J. Griffith at his residence 914 Brown Avenue, N. W., Canton, Ohio. F. J. Griffith is referred to in report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated January 20, 1936. The purpose of an interview with Mr. Griffith was to endeavor to establish a confidential informant at Canton through whom information regarding this case might be obtained. Mr. Griffith, who travels over the northeastern portion of Ohio making investigations in connection with parole and probation matters for the state of Ohio, was not at home, and was unable to be contacted. Mrs. Griffith, who was contacted, stated that she believed her husband was to make a trip to Cleveland in the near future. Agent, therefore, furnished Mrs. Griffith with the address of the Cleveland Bureau office and requested that Mr. Griffith call at the office in the event he came to Cleveland at an early date. Otherwise an attempt would be made to again interview him when an Agent was next in Canton, Ohio.

Reference is made to summary report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 17, 1936, and summary report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 8, 1936, in which reports various contacts and informants are set out. Mr. Thomas E. Lennon, who was mentioned in the report of Agent Sullivan, was contacted.

Thomas E. Lennon was formerly special investigator for Mayor Arthur R. Turnbull of Canton, Ohio. However, due to a recent change in administration, Mr. Lennon is no longer connected with the city administration, now operating under Mayor James Secumb. According to Mr. Lennon, who was interviewed at his home, 318 Harrison Avenue, N. W., Canton, Ohio, the present mayor is controlled by the underworld and he doubted very much whether the Bureau could depend upon any cooperation from that source. It will be recalled that the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, dated April 9, 1935, indicated the possibility of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell frequenting gambling houses located at Canton, Ohio, being operated by Jimmy Sincetti. These gambling houses were identified as the Blackhawk Roadhouse and the Westmore Country Club. An additional gambling house, known as the Hillside Club, North Canton, was also supposed to have been frequented by Karpis and Campbell. According to Mr. Lennon the Blackhawk Roadhouse and the Westmore Country Club are no longer in operation. He verified the fact, however, that James Sincetti was known as the proprietor of these clubs. Sincetti operated the clubs in partnership with one Phil Goldberg, and according to Lennon's latest information Sincetti and Goldberg are now quartered in the Northern Hotel at Canton, where they are operating a confidence racket. Regarding the Hillside Club, Lennon stated that Sincetti and Goldberg were never connected with its operation, but that it was operated by one George Sergeant, who was recently convicted in connection with the Warren, Ohio mail robbery; that George Sergeant was directly associated with the Licavoli gang of Toledo. In partnership with George Sergeant operating the Hillside Club was one Claude Schriver, and Lennon stated that Schriver, at the present time, is operating a saloon in Canton at the corner of Hazel and West Tuscarawas Streets. Mr. Lennon further stated that he was unable to secure any information indicating that Karpis and Campbell had definitely visited the aforementioned gambling places. He states that the only information or rumor that came to his attention that Karpis had been in Canton was some six months ago when Karpis is supposed to have been harbored at the Flory Hotel, which is located on the corner of Cleveland Avenue and West 5th Street, N. W. In explanation of this rumor, Mr. Lennon stated that one Stubby Naylor, about fifty-five years of age, stout, florid complexion, crippled in one leg to extent that he needs a cane to walk, was living at the Flory Hotel with his wife; that Naylor and his wife were supposed to have had a large quantity of Government bonds; that his wife wanted to use these bonds. In order, however, for the bonds to be negotiated, both the signatures of Naylor and his wife were necessary and it was because of the fact that Naylor refused to sign so that his wife might negotiate the bonds, that she informed the Canton Police Department that her husband was harboring Karpis at the Flory Hotel. Lennon stated that a raid was conducted by the Canton Police at this time, but before the raid was actually staged, information was passed on to the Flory Hotel so that by the time the police reached the place it was vacant.

Mr. Lennon advised that the Flory Hotel has been a spot for criminals in the past and that he thought it entirely possible that Karpis might have at some time frequented the hotel.

Further regarding Stubby Naylor, Lennon stated that he, Naylor, was always a puzzle to him; that he did not know where he got his influence but that apparently he was able to "fix" things for several criminals. He stated that this was especially so during the administration of Governor White of Ohio, and that he personally knows that Naylor was instrumental in securing the release of one Marino from the Ohio State Penitentiary, who had been incarcerated there for participation in the Lewisville, Ohio bank robbery about one and one-half years ago. It may be noted here that Mr. Lennon was unable to recall Marino's first name. He stated, however, that the Marino in question is a brother of A. Marino of the Manning-Marino Motor Company, Youngstown, Ohio. It may be significant to note here that the Manning-Marino Motor Company has been the subject of previous investigations in connection with the purchase of automobiles by persons who are believed to be closely associated with Karpis and Campbell. It is believed that Fred Hunter, who is being sought in connection with the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery purchased a Hudson coupe from the above company in 1935. This is treated in detail in the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated January 20, 1936.

Further in connection with Stubby Naylor, Thomas Lennon stated that he believes Naylor is "the big fix" and that Naylor originally came from Zanesville, Ohio, but that he may now be located in Toledo.

Reference is made at this point to the statement made by Archie Negleman as reported by Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated February 17, 1936, wherein Negleman states that he was introduced to Harry Campbell at the home of Ed Seaman (Siemund) previously mentioned in this report, and that Negleman further described an old man in Toledo, who walks with a cane, has gray hair, and who is a safe cracker there. There is a possibility that the old man described by Negleman may be identical with Stubby Naylor.

Mr. Lennon was questioned regarding possible hangouts of Karpis in the event he was frequenting Canton. Lennon stated that if Karpis came to Canton he would, in all probability, visit the cafe or night club run by Harry Ryan, who is a dope peddler, and Elmer Daly, a former detective. The cafe is known as the Spider Web and is located on Cleveland Avenue between 3rd and 4th Streets. He also mentioned the Elite Restaurant, which is located on Tuscarawas Street, just east of Cleveland Avenue, as a hangout for all the hoodlums in Canton.

Mr. Lennon was further questioned regarding the possibility of an informant, and who, in his estimation, might be contacted. He stated that one Billy Rose of Cleveland, Ohio, who is now the finger man and general "rat" for Sincetti, and other hoodlums in Canton, Ohio, would know if Karpis were in Canton, but that he could not be trusted. Lennon stated that Rose would even "double cross himself." Outside of Rose, Lennon stated that he has an individual in mind, one Mike, whose name he refused to divulge to Agent. He stated that he is in a position to secure information from Mike, but he is certain that if Mike were contacted by any officers, Federal or otherwise, no information could be obtained. Lennon stated that his associations with Mike came about due to the fact that he, Lennon, was a former fight promoter and manager, and that Mike, who is a young, Italian, had quite some ability as a fighter and Lennon had given him a hand on several occasions. He stated that Mike does not give him information as an informer, but merely discusses the current topics of the underworld with Lennon, knowing that they will be kept in confidence.

Mr. Lennon, who has ^{been} confined to his bed for a period of six weeks as a result of rheumatism, states that he has been out of touch recently with developments in Canton, but that he soon expects to get up on his feet and get around. He stated that he would have Mike come out to the house to see him just for a casual visit and that during the visit he would question Mike regarding activities in the underworld, and any information obtained from Mike would be furnished to an Agent of the Bureau, upon proper identification.

Agent also questioned Mr. Lennon regarding Joe Rich, and he stated that Joe Rich was not known to him, except for the fact that Rich is reported to be a "junker" and is now procurer for Edna Haney.

Lennon was questioned regarding the identity of Lew King, reputed to be a partner of Jimmie Sincetti. Mr. Lennon stated that Lew King is unknown to him, and reiterated the fact that the partner of Sincetti in operating gambling establishments is one Phil Goldberg, who is still associated with Sincetti. He stated that Lew King may be an alias used by Goldberg, but if such is the case he has never heard Goldberg referred to as Lew King.

Chief of Police Ira Manderbaugh, Canton, Ohio, was interviewed at his residence 808 Cleveland Avenue, S. W. Chief Manderbaugh stated that there are no gambling establishments operating at the present time in Canton, and further that he had been unable to secure any definite information through any of his informants indicating that Karpis or Campbell had frequented such gambling establishments as were

formerly operated by Sincetti, Goldberg, Sergeant, and Schriver. Chief Manderbaugh also advised Agent of information received from Archie Negleman, and he stated that he placed quite some credence in the story at the time. However, he stated that the information must have leaked out since after his return from Youngstown, which trip was made in company with Sergeant Clark and operatives of the Secret Service, he was greeted in a local restaurant by a citizen, whose name he did not recall, and the citizen asked him whether or not he had been successful in "catching that fellow in Youngstown." Chief Manderbaugh stated that he professed ignorance and asked the citizen what person he referred to, and the citizen said, "Oh, you know. Alvin Karpis." He stated, therefore, that it is his opinion that if the information obtained from Negleman was good that it is no longer good because of the fact that it has undoubtedly reached Joe Rich and Clayton Hall through some of their informants. Chief Manderbaugh also advised Agent that narcotic agents operating from Cleveland, Ohio, were attempting to make a buy from Joe Rich and that they intended, either on the night of February 28th or 29th to make the buy and take Joe Rich into custody. Chief Manderbaugh stated that he will do what he can to develop further information regarding the presence of Karpis and Campbell at Canton, Ohio, and that any information received will be transmitted to the Cleveland office.

AT YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Investigation was conducted at Youngstown, Ohio with the view of securing information regarding Clayton A. Hall, who is alleged to be harboring Alvin Karpis, and who is alleged to have also been associated with Milton Lett. It was found that Clayton A. Hall is presently residing at 134 Ridgewood Drive; that he is employed by the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, which is a subsidiary of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation. Hall is married and is supposed to live with his wife, Frieda L. Hall, at the above-mentioned address. The house occupied by Hall is a two-story dwelling, painted white and trimmed with green, and can be reached by proceeding south on Highway #7 on Youngstown to a point approximately two miles beyond the corporation limits. In the rear of the house is located a two-car garage. No telephone lines appear to enter the dwelling and a later check made at the Ohio Bell Telephone Company indicated that there is no telephone either listed or unlisted at this address. During the time Agent was in Youngstown, several observations were made of the premises, and on Sunday afternoon, March 1, 1936, a car was observed in the driveway adjoining the house. The car was in such a position that Agent was unable to determine the make. However, the license #E745S, 1935 Ohio, was secured and a later check at the Ohio Automobile Club, located in the Ohio Hotel Building, reflected that this registration was issued to Clayton Hall, 338 Indianola Street, Youngstown, Ohio, for a 1934

Reo sedan, motor #4S763. Agent again observed the premises at about 10:30 P. M., on March 1, 1936, and was able to observe a man in the living room of the house. It is not known, however, whether or not the person observed was Clayton Hall. No further information regarding the present activities of Hall could be obtained at this time.

Inquiry was made at the Manning-Marino Motor Company, Wick Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio, along the lines suggested in letter from the Chicago office dated February 12, 1936. Edward Dickson, salesman, was again interviewed regarding the sale of 1935 Hudson coupe, motor #60348. Mr. Dickson was shown several photographs including the photographs of Fred Hunter and Harry Campbell, and he indicated that the photograph of Hunter bore a distinct resemblance to the party to whom he had sold the car in question. Mr. Dickson was unable to furnish any further information, except for the fact that it was his belief that Hunter, or the person to whom he sold the Hudson coupe, had a sister, or sister-in-law, at Newcastle, Pennsylvania.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated February 13, 1936, which lists telephone numbers called from the telephone located at the Harvard Club. According to the records of the Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Girard 536, which number is obtained through the Youngstown exchange, was called from the Harvard Club on the dates, December 2nd, 4th, 6th, 13th, 15th, 1935. Investigation at the Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Youngstown, Ohio, indicates that 536 is the telephone number listed to James Ague, 402 Grant Street, McDonald, Ohio. Further investigation was conducted at McDonald, Ohio, which is a small village occupied almost entirely by employees of the Carnegie Steel plant located at McDonald, Ohio.

Dr. A. E. Ewing, company doctor for the Carnegie Steel Corporation, was questioned regarding the identity of James Ague, 402 Grant Street, and he stated that Ague is the mayor of McDonald and is a man seventy or seventy-two years of age. He stated that he has three sons, Harold, thirty years of age; Charles, forty-four years of age; and James, forty-eight years of age. Both Harold and Charles are married. Harold lives at McDonald and is employed as a roll turner at the Carnegie Steel Corporation, and Charles resides at Salem, Ohio. James is the oldest of the three boys, and is unmarried and is a rover. Dr. Ewing further stated that James Ague, Sr., the mayor of McDonald, Ohio, bears an excellent reputation.

AT SCIENCEVILLE, OHIO

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated October 17, 1935, and also to letter of Special Agent E. J. Connelley, dated October 19, 1935, and to report of Special Agent J. E. Thornton, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated February 7, 1936, all of which mentioned 1935 Ohio license H85M, which license was found to be issued to John Alexander, 2419 Frost Avenue, Scienceville, Ohio. Investigation was made at Scienceville, where it was found that the license plates in question are now being used on a 1928 Chevrolet sport coupe having been transferred to the Chevrolet from a Whippet roadster formerly owned by John Alexander. At the time of making inquiry, John Alexander was located at Sharon, Pennsylvania, and could not be interviewed. However, Agent personally inspected the Chevrolet coupe and found that the serial number is 12AB5546, and the motor number is 3939605, which corresponded with the information contained on bill of sale dated January 27, 1936 from Ira B. Easton to John Alexander for said car. Mrs. Alexander, who was the person interviewed, and who exhibited bill of sale for the 1928 Chevrolet to Agent, stated that the license plates H85M, which were also observed by Agent, had been constantly in use since the beginning of 1935.

Information was received from a Mr. Johnson, a private detective, no permanent address, that he had received information from an informant, whose identity he would not disclose, that Harry Campbell was alleged to be keeping company with one Margaret Turocy, who is employed at the confectionery counter at the bus terminal at Youngstown, Ohio, and who resides at 262 Robinson Road, Campbell, Ohio. Margaret Turocy was located and interviewed under pretext, and later openly. She advised Agent that she knew no person answering to the description of Harry Campbell, who frequented the bus terminal, or with whom she has had any appointments. After talking with Miss Turocy for some time, without disclosing Agent's identity, and being unable to secure the desired identification, Agent then exhibited several photographs to her, among which was the photograph of Harry Campbell. Margaret Turocy was unable to identify any of the photographs as persons known to her.

Reference is made to letter from the Cincinnati office dated February 11, 1936, listing all Hudson automobiles registered in Ohio for 1935 between license #H1H and H999H.

H57H was found to be issued to Youngstown Wholesale Grocery Company, 245 E. Front St., Youngstown, Ohio, as set out in letter of reference.

H70H issued to Ruth A. Carter, wife of Richard C. Carter, operator for the Strand Theatre. Ruth A. and Richard C. both reside at 132 W. Earl Street, Youngstown, Ohio.

H81H issued to Frank Cristo, was found to be issued to Frank Cristo, 216 Summit Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio. Frank Cristo is a son of Onofrio and Catherine Cristo.

H135H was found properly issued to the DeLuxe Zone Cab Company, 526 Mahoning Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio.

H147H issued to J. R. Lotze, who is present and general manager of the Safety Tire Company, 114 E. Front Street, Youngstown, Ohio. Lotze resides at 161 Wychwood Drive.

H173H issued to Walter Burko, RR #1, Niles, Ohio. It was found that these license plates were transferred from 1930 Hudson coupe to 1934 Plymouth coupe, and that the plates are now in use by Burko on the latter car.

H188H issued to Ernest F. McDonald, who resides at 63 N. Hazlewood Avenue, and who is employed in the Ohio Steel Works, a department of the Carnegie Steel Corporation.

H196H issued to Lyda Belle Tobbin. It was found that this name should probably be Lyda Belle Cobbin, who is the wife of John Cobbin, 1801 Josephine Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio.

H233H issued to Lee Strong, 950 Catherine Street, who is employed by the Truscon Steel Company.

H298H issued to Solomon Brooks, who resides with his wife at 1132 Brittain Street. Brooks is employed by the Republic Steel Corporation.

H318H issued to James Kennedy, who is married and lives with his wife at 1242 Rigby Street, and who is employed by the Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Youngstown, Ohio.

H366H issued to C. M. Lyons, 1818 Market Street, Youngstown, Ohio. No record could be found indicating that C. M. Lyons was known at 1818 Market Street. Details regarding this particular registration will be treated later.

H369H issued to James J. Burns, who resides with his wife at 279 Early Road. Burns is employed as a steamfitter.

H381H issued to Rose Marinelli, who resides at 331 Bradley-Lawn with her parents. Rose Marinelli is a teacher in the schools at Youngstown, Ohio.

H397H issued to James and Ethel Willmitch, who reside at 1598 Second Street. Willmitch is employed at the Ohio Steel Works, a department of the Carnegie Steel Corporation.

H441H issued to Anna Mae Stevenson, who resides with her husband, Gabriel Stevenson, 18 North Prospect Street, Youngstown, Ohio. Stevenson is employed by the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company.

H468H issued to Mrs. Mary Nohra, who lives at 24 North Land Avenue, with her two sons, Richard, who is employed by the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, and Simon, who is employed at the Truscon Steel Company.

H488H issued to Charles Harris, who resides with his wife at 332 Oak Street, Youngstown, Ohio.

H574H issued to Mrs. James Restivo, who resides with her husband at 1404 McGuffey Road, Youngstown, Ohio.

H538H issued to Mrs. Frank Kerr, who lives with her husband at 436 Catalina Avenue. Frank Kerr is employed as an electrician by the Carnegie Steel Corporation.

H738H issued to C. H. Yaeger, 330 W. Dewey Avenue. Yaeger is employed by the Erie Railroad as a trainman.

H707H issued to Harry L. Kaufmann, who resides with his wife at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Minnie Scheinberg, 417 W. Madison Street, Youngstown, Ohio. Kaufmann is employed by the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company.

H804H issued to John H. Patterson who resides at 731 Delaware Avenue, and who is employed by the Republic Steel Company.

H956H issued to Charles and Alice Shoof (properly spelled Shoaf) who reside at 328 W. Glenaven Road. Shoaf is a carpenter.

H996H issued to Fletcher Hunter, who resides at 434 Crescent Street, Youngstown, Ohio. Hunter is employed by the Carnegie Steel Corporation.

Further inquiry was made regarding registration H366H, issued to C. M. Lyons, 1818 Market Street. A check of the bill of sale on file in the office of the clerk of court, Mahoning County, reflected that C. M. Lyons, 1818 Market Street, Youngstown, Ohio, purchased Hudson coupe, motor #58242, manufacturer's #55955 from the Manning-Marino Company on April 6, 1935. The automobile purchased is further described as being a convertible coupe, model HU, DeLuxe.

Investigation was conducted at 1818 Market Street, which was found to be an Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company store. Paul G. Greggs, manager of the store, stated that he had been employed as manager at that store for a period of three years and no person by the name of C. M. Lyons had ever been employed there in any capacity whatever, and that he knew of no one in the immediate neighborhood by the name of C. M. Lyons. He stated that he was acquainted with all of the immediate neighbors in that they did all their trading in that store. He also stated that he made previous inquiry concerning C. M. Lyons due to the fact that certain pieces of mail had come addressed to C. M. Lyons, 1818 Market Street. These, however, had been returned to the south side post office, which is the one serving the address 1818 Market Street.

Further inquiry was made at the south side post office where Harry Bott, superintendent of mail was contacted. He stated that he recalls that mail was returned from the address 1818 Market Street, but that they had never had a removal notice of any person by that name from that address. Mr. Bott was requested to make a tracing of any future mail sent to C. M. Lyons, and that the tracings be furnished to the Cleveland Bureau office.

Inquiry was made at the Manning-Marino Motor Company where it was ascertained that Hudson convertible coupe, motor #58242 was purchased on April 9, 1935 by Carlotta M. Lyons. Mary A. Edwards, clerk at the said motor company, stated that their records show that this car was sold to Carlotta Lyons by Mr. Marino. She added that Mr. Marino is, at the present time, in Miami, Florida, but added that she recalled the transaction in that Carlotta M. Lyons had impressed her at the time she made the purchase, because of the fact that Miss Lyons was a very "flashy" dresser and that she had at one time had blonde hair which had been hennaed; that the salesman at the motor company had nicknamed her "The Woman With the Pink Hair." Miss Edwards further advised that their records indicated that the car was purchased on a deferred payment plan, but that the entire amount had been paid on September 6, 1935 by some finance company located in California. She advised that the last known address of Carlotta M. Lyons, as furnished by the finance company, was the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, Hollywood, California. At the time Carlotta M. Lyons purchased the automobile in question she was accompanied by John "Jit" Moran, who is reputed to be a gambler in Youngstown, Ohio, but who is presently located in Miami, Florida.

In view of the fact that circumstances surrounding the purchase of this automobile appear suspicious in that an improper address was given, a further check is being requested of the Los Angeles office to discreetly ascertain from Carlotta M. Lyons of the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel whether or not she is still in possession of the Hudson coupe mentioned and whether it still bears Ohio registration #H366H. In the event she no longer has the license plates in question in her possession efforts should be made to determine what became of them.

The attention of the Los Angeles office is directed to the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated February 13, 1936, where, on page 17, information is set out indicating that Alvin Karpis is driving a Hudson coupe license plates beginning with the letter "H" and ending with the letter "H".

Previous contacts with post office inspectors engaged in investigating the Garrettsville mail train robbery indicate that Karpis had been identified as one of the participants. In an effort, therefore, to ascertain how the identity of Karpis, and possibly Harry Campbell, was made, witnesses, the names of whom had been received from Post Office Inspector S. J. Hettrick, were interviewed.

Mrs. W. L. Scott, Garrettsville, Ohio, who is one of the principal witnesses, was interviewed. She stated that on the morning of the robbery she had finished a letter to her husband, who was on a hunting trip in Canada, and inasmuch as she lived near the station and the train was almost due she took the letter with the idea of mailing it on board the train. She arrived at the station a few minutes before the train arrived, but stated that she paid no particular attention to several persons in the vicinity of the station. However, after the train had pulled in and had come to a stop she was ordered by one man to line up on the platform at a point near the engine and the mail car. She states that there were several other persons also lined up at the same place, and that they were all held at bay by a man she describes as being 5'10" or 11", weighing about 135 or 140 pounds, of medium build. She stated that the robber who first ordered her and the rest of the witnesses to line up on the edge of the station platform appeared to be the one who was giving orders, and she stated that he did not remain in any one position during the entire period of the robbery, but moved about. She stated that she had a very good opportunity to observe the features of this man in that while he was standing facing her with a machine gun, the handkerchief tied over the lower portion of his face slid down under his chin. Mrs. Scott was shown several photographs, among which were photographs of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Fred Hunter, Milton Lett, and Sam Coker. She positively identified Alvin Karpis as being the individual who appeared to be in charge of the robbery, and the one who held her up at the point of a machine gun.

Earl N. Davis, Garrettsville, Ohio, was interviewed at his place of business, a dry cleaning establishment located in the rear of Wright's Barber Shop on the main street of Garrettsville. Davis stated that his reason for being at the station at the time of the arrival of the train was due to the fact that he makes this trip daily to pick up the Cleveland newspapers which arrive on the train. He stated that he was also ordered to line up on the edge of the station platform at the same point where Mrs. Scott was lined up, and that after the robbers had succeeded in securing the mail pouches he was directed by the leader of the gang to take the pouches and place them in the getaway car, a Plymouth sedan. He stated that he took the pouches over to the car and threw them in the rear; that while he was doing this the leader of the robbers came over to the car with the colored mail clerk. The leader of the robbers asked the mail clerk where the other pouch was and the mail clerk replied that that was all he knew about. Davis, at this time, was fearful that an argument was going to start and requested that the robber let him get out of the way, which the robber agreed to do. While at the car, Davis stated, he saw several automatic pistols and a machine gun. Davis was shown several photographs on several occasions by the post office inspectors making investigation in this case. Agent also exhibited photographs to him and he immediately identified the photograph of Alvin Karpis as the one he describes as being the leader of the mail robbers. He failed, however, to identify photographs of Sam Coker, Milton Lett, Fred Hunter and Harry Campbell, and stated that he had seen all the pictures exhibited to him by Agent, on previous occasions.

Harold Sheller, Garrettsville, Ohio, who on the particular day of the robbery was carrying the mail from the post office to the train was also interviewed. He stated that he was lined up on the platform with the rest of the witnesses. He was unable, however, to identify any of the photographs exhibited to him and stated that he had never made an identification from any photographs. Harold Sheller is now employed at the Polson Rubber Company, Garrettsville, Ohio.

W. B. Moses, station agent, Garrettsville, Ohio, upon being interviewed, stated that he was in the ticket office with Carl Clutter, a telephone lineman for the Erie Railroad. He stated that Clutter was fixing the telephone at the front of the office and saw the holdup in progress and told him, Moses, that the train was being robbed. Just at that moment one of the robbers appeared at the station window and ordered Moses and Clutter to come out on the platform. Moses stated that Clutter obeyed the command and went outside, but that he ran into a file room and locked himself in. He stated that he did not see any of the robbers and would be unable to identify any photographs or give any descriptions whatever.

Robert Brockett and Mrs. Robert Brockett, also witnesses, who were lined up on the station platform, were interviewed. Robert Brockett carries the mail from Hiram, Ohio to Garrettsville to meet the train. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brockett stated that prior to the time the train pulled into the station they were seated in their car and noticed a stranger, who had a white handkerchief tied around his throat. They both stated that their attention was directed to this person by reason of this fact and they discussed the fact that he would have the handkerchief tied around his throat, but they thought perhaps he was troubled with a sore throat. After the robbery started Robert Brockett stated that the person they had observed with the handkerchief around his throat, appeared to take command and he made an attempt to drive his car away from the station. However, the leader of the robbers came over to his car and ordered him to get out and line up on the platform. Mrs. Brockett, however, remained in the automobile. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brockett identified the photograph of Alvin Karpis as being the individual who ordered Robert Brockett out of his car. Mrs. Brockett stated that she also identified the photograph of Harry Campbell as being one of the participants, but that she was not positive of this identification.

Mr. T. J. Chuck, who is employed as a signal repair man on the Erie Railroad, was interviewed at his home, 414 Pennsylvania Avenue, Warren, Ohio. He stated that at the time the robbery took place he and J. D. Wolf were working on the tracks about one hundred yards east of the station, and that when they observed that a robbery was in progress they left the tracks and went up behind a neighboring house where they watched the entire procedure. He stated that they tried to telephone the authorities, or police, but were unable to find a telephone. He further stated that neither he nor Wolf was close enough to the actual robbery to identify the faces of any of the participants. During the course of the various interviews had, as set out above, it was learned that those witnesses upon whom the post office inspectors are relying for identification of any suspects are:

Mrs. W. L. Scott, Garrettsville, Ohio; Fred R. Bell, Erie Railroad clerk, now located at Sharon, Pennsylvania; Earl N. Davis, Garrettsville, Ohio; Robert Brockett, Hiram, Ohio; Frances Brockett, Hiram, Ohio; Harold Sheller, Garrettsville, Ohio; H. E. Miller, conductor, Erie Railroad; Charles Shull, engineer, Erie Railroad; P. O. Leuschner, fireman, Erie Railroad; C. W. Marshall, baggageman, Erie Railroad; J. W. Waddington, brakeman, Erie Railroad; Carl Clutter, and the railway mail clerks on duty on that particular train, namely, Paul E. Christy, Stephen Warren, and Orlin Workman.

An attempt was made to interview Carl Clutter at his home, 950 Front Street, Warren, Ohio, during the time Agent was in Warren, Ohio. However, Clutter was out on the Erie Railroad and was unavailable for interview.

Mrs. E. A. Meadows and Mrs. Thomas, both of Garrettsville, Ohio, were unavailable for interview during the time Agent was at Garrettsville. However, it is noted that neither Mrs. Meadows nor Mrs. Thomas has ever been used by the post office inspectors to identify any suspects, while those mentioned previously were present at Cleveland, Ohio, at the time Burrhead Keady was brought to Cleveland from Oklahoma by post office inspectors.

In the event it is desired to interview the members of the train crew, namely, Miller, Waddington, Schull, Marshall, and Leuschner, it is suggested that inquiry be made at the Erie Railroad station at Cleveland as to the exact time they arrive, it being understood that they have three or four hours to wait between their arrival and their departure.

The telephone tap which had been maintained on the telephone of James "Tip" O'Neill was discontinued on March 3, 1936.

On March 5, 1936 the tap on the telephone of Arthur Hebebrand was discontinued.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The LOS ANGELES OFFICE at Hollywood, California, is requested to conduct investigation as indicated in the body of this report, ascertaining full particulars concerning the Ohio registration of Hudson coupe believed to be now in the possession of Carlotta M. Lyons, Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel.

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Canton, Ohio, will again contact Mr. Thomas E. Lennon in the near future to determine whether or not he has been able to secure any information regarding subjects in this case, through his informant.

At Toledo, Ohio, will conduct investigation with regard to Stubby Naylor and Edward Siemund, regarding the possibility of establishing the whereabouts of a hideout for subjects in this case.

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WANTED - WILL EXTRADITE

Edward Siemund
alias Eddie Seamon



Photo date May 1921
Weight then 165 lbs.

Description

Age 45 - Height 5-9½
Weight 210 - Build - Stout
Hair - L. Chest., Eyes - Blue
Usually dresses neat
Fingerprint Classification
13 R 00 9
18 R 10

Jake Gilmore



Photo date Sept. 1935

Description

Age 43 - Height 5-7½
Weight 225 - Build - Stout
Hair - Dk. Chest. Curley Eyes - Blue
Teeth bad. Dresses slovenly
Fingerprint Classification
1 U 10 11
17 U 00 18

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17 U 00 8

Wanted for Grand Larceny and Concealing Stolen Property. If apprehended please
notify Police Department, Sheriff or Prosecuting Attorney, Canton, Ohio.

Mr. McMahon forwards memo from Mr. McClure in which he states he is still unable to understand the statement contained in Director's memorandum re expenses in connection with attendance of Cuban witnesses at trial of Cassius McDonald et al in St. Paul; that the Amer. Consul at Havana advanced Agent McKee \$1050 for outfits for the Cuban witnesses; Agent McKee refunded balance of \$2.40; that any other expenses were not authorized and he can see no reason why Dept. should be concerned with payments. Mr. McClure believes matt. should be referred by Bu to Agent McKee for report. In any event no payment can be made as the total allotment for entire fiscal year has been expended.

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
AND REFER TO
DETAILS A. P. NUMBER

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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March 3, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

Referring to your memorandum of February 6th concerning expenses incurred in connection with obtaining the attendance of the necessary Cuban witnesses at St. Paul at the trial of Cassius McDonald, et al., there is attached hereto a further memorandum from the General Agent as to these expenses for your information.

Respectfully,

Brian M. Mahon

BRIEN McMAHON,
Assistant Attorney General.

Enclosure #1043222.

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February 26, 1936

Memorandum for Mr. Fisher.
Criminal Division.

Reference is made to the attached memorandum from the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, dated February 6, 1936, regarding the expenses incurred in connection with obtaining the attendance of Cuban witnesses at the trial of the case of United States vs. Cassius McDonald, et al., at St. Paul, Minnesota.

I am still unable to understand the statement contained in the Director's original memorandum of January 23, 1936, that there are certain clothing concerns, etc., in Miami, Florida, with bills aggregating \$426.24, covering purchases presumed to have been made by these witnesses, or at their request, and for which the creditors desire an early payment. The records show that the American Consul at Havana advanced to Special Agent McKee the sum of \$1030, which was to be expended by him in securing outfits for the Cuban witnesses. The Department had specifically limited the amount to be allowed each witness for that purpose. The arrangement was that Special Agent McKee was to attend to the purchasing of the outfits, within the authorized limitation, and refund any balance. It appears that certain of the witnesses exceeded the authorized allowance (the difference, of course, being payable by them personally) and that Special Agent McKee refunded the sum of \$2.40 covering the balance of \$1030 advanced to him by the Consul General. If any other expenses were incurred, they were apparently not authorized and I see no reason why the Department should be concerned with the payments.

It seems to me that this matter should be referred, by the Bureau, to Special Agent McKee for a report. In any event, we cannot make any additional payments from the appropriation chargeable with the other expenses in this case for the reason that the total amount of the allotment, for the entire fiscal year, has been expended.

Respectfully,

(S) H. J. McClure
General Agent.

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March 9, 1936.

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
232 Uptown Station & Federal Courts Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

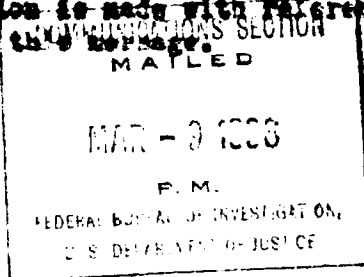
RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the Jacksonville Office under date of January 8, 1936, addressed to the Director, in the above entitled case, a copy of which was furnished your office, which refers to the expenditures incurred by the Jacksonville Office relative to the arrangements instituted by the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, resulting in the expenditure of \$426.24 for clothing furnished to the several witnesses subpoenaed in this case from Miami, Florida.

In this connection the teletype message from Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt, under date of January 4, 1936, to the St. Paul Office, which refers to your request for the completion of arrangements for heavy clothing for the Miami witnesses who attended the trial of Cassius McDonald, et al, at St. Paul, Minnesota, is called to your attention.

It is noted that the Jacksonville Office stated in substance that notwithstanding your previous request for the proper outfitting of the Cuban witnesses whose attendance is desired at St. Paul, Resident Agent B. J. Fitzsimmons at Miami, Florida has been instructed and is making arrangements for suitable clothing for all Miami witnesses who are demanding the same, notwithstanding the fact that no mention is made with reference to the appearance of Miami witnesses in the message.



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SAC, St. Paul

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March 9, 1936

Inasmuch as some difficulty has arisen as to the payment of the amount expended in Miami, Florida for clothing for the Miami witnesses, it is desired that you furnish the Bureau with evidence of authorization from United States Attorney Sullivan at St. Paul, Minnesota, who it is alleged requested the aforementioned expenditures.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Chicago
Cincinnati
Jacksonville

P. O. Box #766
Cincinnati, Ohio



March 12, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: "BREKID".

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent L. C. Taylor dated at Pittsburgh, 3-5-36, in this case, which contains a lead for the Cleveland office to determine the owner of 1935 Ohio license plates N 799 Y.

For your information these plates were issued to Mrs. Blanche Brenn, 731 North Howard Street, Akron, Ohio, for a Chrysler Sedan, Motor #1850, serial number 7010796.

It is noted from the report of Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney dated at Cleveland, 3-10-36, that Eddie Brennan referred to by Archie Megleman is also known by the name of Eddie Bren, and it is possible that the license plates in question may have been used by Eddie Brennan.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 3/11/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/15 to 3/4/36	REPORT MADE BY V. E. CRISS EHC
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Whereabouts of Mr. and Mrs. William Elmer Mead still unknown. Mrs. Mead has not cashed \$530. draft received as balance from sale of security put up for husband's bond. Telephone number Rockwell 0622 unlisted and in the name of Leonard Kozlowski, 3750 West Cermak Road, Chicago. Mail cover requested on Kozlowski's mail. Bert Scott claims not to know Mead. Information filed and bench warrant issued in Chicago, Illinois, for Mead March 31, 1934. Warrant marked non est return same day. Investigation at "606 Club", Chicago, Illinois, to date has failed to produce information concerning whereabouts of William Elmer Mead.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Albert Franz, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, dated January 23, 1936; Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated January 6, 1936; Letter from Los Angeles Bureau Office, dated February 11, 1936.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>At Chicago, Illinois.</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">A check of the Cook County, Illinois, records reflected that the property known as 1533 North Fargo Avenue, or Township 41 North, Range 14 E., Block 9, Lot 7, Birchwood Beach Tract, was sold to Marie Mead by Mrs. Mary A. McCarthy on December 28, 1927, and a warranty deed was recorded on the</p>			
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same day. On the same day a trust deed was issued by Marie Mead and William Elmer Mead, as grantors, to William S. Hefferan, as grantee, which was recorded the same day.

On March 5, 1928, the above trust deed was satisfied and notice of settlement recorded, thus leaving the property clear of all incumbrances.

On April 27, 1934, the Collector of U. S. Internal Revenue filed a tax lien against the said property for uncollected income taxes for the years 1921, 1926, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1932, and 1933, the total of the lien amounting to \$60,908.54.

The records of the Clerk for the United States District Court, Chicago, Illinois, show that on March 31, 1934, an information was filed by the United States Attorney, Docket #28029, charging William Elmer Mead, alias E. E. Laird, alias Clarke, alias "Christ Kid", alias J. W. Reed, alias J. W. Green, alias Samuels, with violation of Section 145 (a) of the Revenue Act of 1932, in that he willfully failed to make an income tax return for the calendar year 1932; that is, he failed to file his income tax return for the year 1932 on or before March 15, 1933, when his income amounted to \$59,501.00 or more.

A bench warrant was issued on the same day and the bond fixed at \$10,000.00. The bench warrant was marked non est return on the same day, or March 31, 1934, by the United States Marshal, Chicago, Illinois.

Special Agent W. A. Sommers, Intelligence Department, U. S. Internal Revenue, was interviewed and checked his file; and it was noted in addition to information set out in previous reports, that Walter W. Duft, Attorney, 228 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, had made inquiry about the lien filed on the property at 1533 North Fargo Avenue; that Mrs. Mead contended that she had purchased the said property with her own money, or \$140,000.00 which she, as Marie De Temple, had earned at Reno, Nevada, from 1901 to 1905, and 53 Washington Alley, San Francisco, California, from 1907 to 1910.

Walter W. Duft, Attorney, 228 North LaSalle Street, was interviewed and claimed that he does not know William Elmer Mead or his wife; that sometime in 1934 Louis Piquett, Attorney, who has since been convicted in the JODIL case, asked him if he wanted to handle a tax lien case involving the Meads; that he, Duft, merely went to the

Internal Revenue Department to check up to see if there was anything to it and refused to take the case, and thus he never saw either William Elmer Mead or Mrs. Mead.

Bert Scott, Optometrist, 746 West Fullerton Avenue, was interviewed, and claimed he did not know William Elmer Mead by name and could not identify him from his picture. Mr. Scott stated that he left La Crosse, Wisconsin, about twenty years ago and has not seen Fred Gondorf since then. It is noted that Fred Gondorf was interviewed by the Boston Office and also claimed not to know William Elmer Mead.

Louis Mack, Attorney, 205 West Wacker Drive, upon interview advised that Hubbard Mullins, known as "Hub", has not occupied space in his, Mack's, office in two years; that he does not have any idea as to where Mullins is or how he can be located. A check at the Chicago Bar Association, Illinois Bar Association, and American Bar Association, as well as the telephone and legal directories, developed no information as to his present whereabouts, though they reflected that he was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1921, and that his address in 1925 was Room 1723, 77 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. E. J. Moroney, U. S. Fidelity and Guaranty Company, 170 West Jackson Boulevard, who wrote Elmer Mead's bond of \$10,000.00 for his appearance in Jacksonville, Florida, in 1934, which was subsequently forfeited, advised that upon the sale of the Liberty Bonds put up as security to reimburse his company there was an excess of \$530.00 which was paid to Marie De Temple in the form of a draft, which has never been cashed as yet; that this draft, #55663, dated August 8, 1934, in favor of Marie De Temple, is drawn on the First National Bank of Baltimore, and that Mrs. Mead must be identified and the draft accepted before it can be cashed. Mrs. Mead endorsed the said draft and attempted to cash it at the time at the Chicago Office of the U. S. Fidelity and Guaranty Company, but they refused to cash it.

Mead, during 1923 to 1925, while in the Colorado State Penitentiary, wrote to his wife, Mrs. Kate Mead, in care of a Judge Berriman, Chicago. A Judge Berriman is unknown to the clerk's offices of the county and city courts. No record of a Judge Berriman could be found at the office of the Chicago Bar Association. Directories covering the Federal, State, County, City, Justice, and Magistrate Courts

were checked back to 1910 without result. Further effort will be made to identify the said Judge Herriman for the purpose of interviewing him.

With respect to Helen Kirsh it is thought advisable not to interview her as yet. Her sister's, Lou Kirsh's, telephone, Rockwell 0622, was found to be unlisted and in the name of Leonard Kozlowski, 3750 West Cermak Road, 2nd Floor. The building was observed to be a duplex. The front door, which permits entrance to a small lobby where the mail boxes are located, was locked. Mail Carrier Stanley Kazior, Hawthorne Substation, Chicago Post Office, advised that he does not remember any mail going to the said address except for Leonard Kozlowski; that the front door is always kept locked and he shoves the mail under the door. He had not paid any particular attention to the mail, but stated he would do so in the future.

A mail cover is to be requested for a thirty-day period on Kozlowski's mail.

From time to time observance is being kept of the saloon known as the Country Inn, 2134 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said to be owned by Lou Kirsh.

From a period beginning January 15, 1936, up to and including February 18, 1936, Special Agent Jerome Doyle has been discreetly watching the business activities of one Louis Nathan or Nathanson, a known contact of Subject Mead.

Nathan lives with his wife at the Hotel Harrison in Chicago's Loop. He is the owner of the "606 Club," which is situated at 606 South Wabash Avenue, directly across Wabash Avenue from the Hotel Harrison.

Agent Doyle, who likewise resides at the Hotel Harrison, has about three to four nights a week dropped into the "606 Club" as a casual customer. Nathan goes on duty at the Club about 8:30 P.M. each evening and tends bar until about 7:00 A.M. His wife assists him in these duties. Agent Doyle has attempted on each visit to the "606 Club" to engage Nathan in a casual conversation; but Nathan refuses to talk to the agent other than to answer direct questions. Agent has also met Nathan about eight or ten times, between the hours of 7:00 and 8:00 P.M., in the Hamilton Grill, where Nathan and his wife have

supper before going to work at the Club. Nathan has tipped his hat to the agent but has evidenced no further cordiality.

While both Nathan and the agent reside at the Hotel Harrison, Agent has not met either Nathan or his wife there; however, Nathan knows the agent lives there, having been told that by Agent on one occasion at the "606 Club." The manager of the Hotel Harrison has been instructed by Agent Doyle that if any inquiry is made relative to his business, the manager is to say that Agent is an attorney from New York City.

The "606 Club" is a fourth-rate night club which does a very poor business. It has a four-piece orchestra and a floor show - neither of which are attractive to better business. The Club is frequented by a low class of people, many of whom are Chicago "hoodlums." There are hostesses present whose one duty is to make the customers drink. Nathan is assisted in the management of the Club by an Italian known as "Tony," who is about 38 years old; 5'9" in height; weighs 200 pounds; dark-complexioned; dark brown eyes; sharp nose (not hooked); and jet black hair. "Tony" is active, and he and Nathan carry on heated conversations with each other on world problems - but do not talk with anyone else.

At no time has Agent Doyle observed anyone resembling Subject Mead in the "606 Club."

A hostess at the "606 Club", "Molly", told Agent Doyle on February 29, 1936, that up to a few months ago Nathan never worked behind a bar. Consequently, he is very touchy and keeps aloof, not believing in fraternizing with customers. He does not allow any of his employees to become friendly with the public, except the hostesses. "Molly" told Agent Doyle that Nathan was a very influential person politically in the ward; that during the day he carried on an extensive gambling business, having quite a few assistants working for him. (Some of these - 3 - were pointed out by "Molly" to Agent as they loitered about the "606 Club.")

"Molly" also stated she has heard through a customer that Nathan had a secret gambling place called "The Bamboo Room." This place was supposed to be in the cellar of the "606 Club." However, "Molly" had investigated the matter and satisfied herself that "The Room" was not in the cellar of 606. She said to Agent Doyle that if

there was such a room, it was probably in the cellar of some home on the west side of Wabash Avenue in the block where the "606 Club" was located.

"Molly" also informed Agent Doyle that at one time she was a hat-check girl in a Cicero night club which was run by the Capone mob. She said Nathan and his assistants were small-timers compared to the Capone outfit.

"Molly" still believes that Agent Doyle is a young New York City attorney temporarily working in Chicago.

The description of Louis Nathan, as obtained by personal observation of Agent Doyle, is as follows:

Name	LOUIS NATHAN; LOUIS NATHANSON
Age	45-50 years
Height	5'10"
Build	Little heavier than medium
Color of hair	Mainly gray with some black streaks; thin at forehead.
Color of eyes	Brown
Teeth	All present but in noticeably decayed condition.
Nose	Sharp, but not predominant.
Ears	Slightly protruding
Race	Jewish
Peculiarities	Squint to eyes; downward droop of lips; chews tobacco; very terse in his manner; dresses very nattily; sarcastic; has hoarse tone of voice; shoulders rounded and very slight hunch in back; complexion is pasty but clear.
Occupation	Bartender and night club proprietor.
Residence	Hotel Harrison, Chicago, Illinois.
Business Address	"606 Club", 606 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent G. V. Doherty, Buffalo, New York, dated February 6, 1936, in which the name of Ben Karug, Croyden Hotel, Rush and Ontario Streets, Chicago, Illinois, was listed as an acquaintance of two convicted confidence men, namely, Porter and Day of Buffalo, New York, and as a possible acquaintance of

William Elmer Mead. On February 13, 1936, Special Agent S. K. McKee interviewed W. G. Riddle, Manager, Hotel Croyden, and ascertained that Ben Karug is unknown to him. Inquiry of George Schwendeman, clerk at the hotel, resulted in learning that Karug is not registered at the present time and his name is not familiar. Schwendeman has been employed in his present capacity for four and one-half years. The photograph of William Elmer Mead was shown to both Riddle and Schwendeman, but neither of them recognized it as anyone with whom they had come in contact. As a matter of record, it should be stated that the Hotel Croyden bears a questionable reputation.

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THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE.

At San Francisco, [REDACTED]

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE.

At Baltimore, Maryland, [REDACTED]

It is thought that Mrs. Mead might be presently with Subject Mead as she has disappeared from Chicago.

THE CHICAGO OFFICE.

At Chicago, Illinois, will continue this investigation.

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Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
March 11, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

BREKID

I am enclosing a copy of the log maintained on
the telephone of J. B. Davenport, Minneapolis, for March 8,
1936.

[REDACTED] Both are about eight years
old. Mr. Cohen has been in the Veterans Hospital for the
past several months. Mrs. Cohen has been contacted from
time to time but has not observed any visitors at the
Davenports' who are not known to her as friends of long
standing.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STINE
Special Agent in Charge

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March 12, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1413; ET AL;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

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The Bureau is in receipt of a communication dated March 6, 1936, from the office of Ray S. Harrison, Sheriff, County of Trumbull, Warren, Ohio, requesting a complete criminal history of one William L. Hunter, who is also known as Fred Hunter, of Leavittsburg, Ohio. Copies of this communication are attached hereto for your information.

In this connection, I desire to call your attention to the report of Special Agent F. J. Ryan, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, January 20, 1936, and particularly to page ten of the aforementioned report, which states that during the interview with Postmaster Ray Phelps of Leavittsburg, Ohio, it was learned that Post Office Inspector R. W. Tavenor of Youngstown, Ohio, had been asking inquiries concerning Fred Hunter as being a possible suspect in the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery which occurred at this point on November 7, 1935.

It is requested that you discreetly ascertain the circumstances surrounding the request for the known fingerprint record of Fred Hunter and determine whether there are any new developments concerning this individual which may have caused the request for this criminal record.

Very truly yours,

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
MAILED

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Encl. #1124705

/cc: Saint Paul (Encl. copy of letter dated 3/6/36 from Sheriff's Office)
Chicago
Cincinnati

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Kansas City, Missouri,
March 10, 1936.

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

CONFIDENTIAL.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO 1218.
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO 1235.
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO 1232.
Edward George Bremer - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

With reference to the letter from the Chicago Office to the Oklahoma City Office dated February 25, 1936, and the letter from the Oklahoma City Office to the Kansas City Office dated February 27, 1936, relative to locating and interviewing Q. F. Mc Ghee, former attorney in Miami, Oklahoma, investigation at Kansas City, Missouri, reflects that Q. F. Mc Ghee is presently in the employ of the Warner Bros. Motion Picture concern, and that when he is in Kansas City, he resides at the Richland Hotel, 402½ East 15th Street.

On March 9, 1936, Mr. Mc Ghee was interviewed in his room at the Richland Hotel by Special Agent W. E. Hopton, of the Kansas City Office, at which time Mc Ghee related he was very well acquainted with members of the Karpis-Parker gang, including Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, having met them thru Fred and "Doc" Barker, whom he represented on several occasions in the past. Mr. Mc Ghee advised he has been in the employ of Warner Bros. for the past few months, traveling in Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri, his job being to check the collections at various Warner Bros. theaters in those States. He related that he would be willing to assist the Federal Bureau of Investigation in locating Karpis and Campbell; and, in this connection, stated that the outstanding contacts of the gang in this part of the country are Tom Hill, Coffeyville, Kansas, and a private detective located at Leavenworth, Kansas. He was unable to recall the name of this individual at Leavenworth, but apparently he is referring to Jack Glynn, whose name has been mentioned in connection with past investigations in this case.

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Mr. Mc Ghee related that he is very well acquainted with Tom Hill and mentioned that he had received word from his wife in Miami, Oklahoma, about a week ago to the effect that Tom Hill was anxious to see him. Mc Ghee was of the opinion that Hill probably wanted to get in touch with him for the purpose of lending assistance to Tom Hill in connection with a recent indictment returned against Hill in Oklahoma. It was his opinion that if he were to contact Tom Hill, he could in all probability get a good line on the location of Karpis and Campbell. He mentioned also that on February 17, 1936, his wife informed him that an individual several days prior thereto had called at her place in Miami, and that this individual was accompanied by a woman and was driving a large automobile bearing Indiana license plates. The individual gave his name as Wilson and stated that he would like to get in touch with Mc Ghee. From the description furnished to him by his wife, he, Mc Ghee, thought that it may probably have been Alvin Karpis.

Mc Ghee stated that if the Bureau would be willing to pay him \$25.00 to defray his expenses to Coffeyville, Kansas, he would proceed to that city and contact Tom Hill, and that he would be willing to keep in touch with an Agent in Coffeyville during his negotiations with Tom Hill, if such were desired.

Mc Ghee was told that he would be interviewed again in the near future, at which time he would be advised whether such a plan could be worked out.

It is desired that the Bureau advise whether such arrangements should be made with Mc Ghee, who stated that he will be in Kansas City until March 14, 1936, on which date he will leave for an extended road trip.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith
W. A. SMITH
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

KANSAS CITY

March 12, 1936

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BREKID REFERENCE YOUR LETTER TENTH INSTANT AUTHORITY GRANTED PAYMENT TWENTY-
FIVE DOLLARS TO C. P. McGHEE FOR TRAVEL TO COFFEYVILLE KANSAS FOR PURPOSE OF
CONTACTING TOM HILL

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Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

EJC:MFS

March 12, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to my conversation with Mr. Tamm of March 8, 1936, as to certain informants at Hollywood, Florida, advising that they had been contacted by Bureau Agents in such manner as to possibly cause them embarrassment, particular reference being made to Robert Strange living at Hollywood, Florida.

Robert Strange, who is a dealer at The Plantation, a gambling house owned by Claud Littrell, located three quarters of a mile East of 101 Highway, at the South edge of Hallendale, Florida, and who was previously interviewed in 1934 by Special Agent C. O. Hurt, when interviewed by Special Agent Hurt on March 8, 1936, advised that two Bureau Agents had called to see him within the last two days. Strange advised that these Agents called upon him at the Plantation gambling house where he was operating a roulette wheel; that they advised him that they wanted to talk to him in their car; that they told him who they were; that he went with them outside of the gambling house, and sat in their car in front of this place, in order to talk with them; that these men were armed and that this caused some comment by the other parties at the Plantation, particularly for the reason that the employees at this gambling house are acquainted with all local officers, and could not understand why these two strange men were contacting him. He advised that these men came to the place and made inquiry of another employee on one day when he, Strange, was not working; that they returned on the following day and again made inquiry through another employee, finally locating him and asking him as to his name, and inviting him outside to talk. He advised an Agent showed him pictures of Harry Campbell, as well as the pictures of other individuals, but that he furnished them no definite information.

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Strange advised that Littrell and the bouncers at the gambling place watched them very closely; that Littrell particularly got a rifle and went into a secret place where he could cover the Agents while they were talking to Strange, this being a room in the upper part of the house where they get with their guns in order to protect themselves from hi-jacking.

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Strange advised that he did not care to have any officers coming around the place where he was working, in this manner, as it would make it difficult for him to retain his job, and that it would also make the various employees suspicious of him, because employees of the place are more or less familiar with local officers who would come into this gambling house, and make them inquisitive when a stranger contacted an individual such as himself in the manner in which these two Agents approached him.

Strange advised that he told them the picture of Campbell was not a picture of the Campbell he knew, and that he gave them other misinformation, to the effect that Charles Johnson of Muskogee, Oklahoma, had a place which might be frequented by these individuals, although he well knew Charles Johnson has been in the Penitentiary for sometime. Littrell, the boss of the gambling house, does not feel particularly kindly toward the Government, as recently he is supposed to have made a compromise payment of \$14,000.00 for income tax evasion.

This individual was also interviewed by me in a suitable manner through his home at Hollywood, together with Special Agent C. O. Hurt, and he advised me in substance as above indicated.

Upon my arrival in Jacksonville today, I talked with Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, as to what had occurred in this connection, and he advised me that on Thursday, March 5, after he had made inquiry of Henry Townsend, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, as to where Robert Strange could be located, he had called at the Plantation gambling house, which is located in an isolated place, off the main highway, and learned that Strange was off duty, due to illness on this particular day. That on the following day he, together with Special Agent E. J. Gebben, that is on March 6, 1936, called at the Plantation gambling house and entered same. They made inquiries as to Robert Strange, and learned that he had not as yet arrived. Thereafter, after waiting for sometime, he, together with Special Agent Gebben, started to walk out of the place, and an individual, a one armed man, asked them who they were looking for, and they told him they were looking for Robert Strange, and that thereafter Strange appeared at the place and was pointed to them by this stranger, although they were able to identify him from the description previously furnished by Townsend. Fitzsimons advises that he identified himself by name only to Strange, and asked him to come outside; that they thereafter

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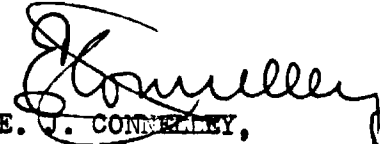
talked to him in their automobile in front of the Club, and that Strange gave them little information, verifying Strange's statements as to what was said at this time.

Fitzsimons advises that inasmuch as nothing had been said in the report that they were not to contact this man at the gambling house where he was working, they went ahead and contacted him in the manner in which they did, without any consideration of the possibility of making him unpopular with the other employees of the place.

Agent Fitzsimons was advised that notwithstanding any instructions which were or were not included in the file, ordinary intelligence should have dictated to him that he should not contact a man who was expected to cooperate and who was furnishing information, in the manner in which he did; that he should not have gone into a gambling house and approached Strange in such manner as would make other employees become suspicious of him and cause them to make inquiries; that undoubtedly this action, in addition to making Strange hostile to further cooperating, also went to the extent of eliminating the possibility of his usefulness, particularly if the other employees of the place were to become suspicious of his outside contacts.

In view of the situation which has arisen as to Bob Strange and Henry Townsend, who also apparently was not friendly to the contact made with him, these two individuals should not be approached further by the Jacksonville Office, unless specifically instructed to do so, nor should John J. Jefferies of Fort Lauderdale, be approached, unless request is made that they be specifically interviewed at some future date, as Agent C. O. Hurt has arranged to keep in contact with these individuals, in order to promote the possibility of them furnishing information should Harry Campbell, who is known to all three, appear in this vicinity.

Very truly yours,


E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT
cc - Cincinnati
Chicago

Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
March 12, 1936

Mr. John J. Ryan
Superintendent
United States Detention Farm
Milan, Michigan

Dear Mr. Ryan:

re: BREKID

Enclosed herewith are letters written by Dolores Delaney, an inmate of your institution, to Mr. and Mrs. John Karpevicz, 2942 N. Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois - to Dolores Delaney by her brother, Bud (Robert Delaney), 6045 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago - and by Wynona Burdette to her sister, Mrs. Eunice Hughes, 55 1/2 N. Yorktown, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The contents of these letters have been carefully noted and I desire to extend to you my sincere thanks for your continued cooperation in this and other matters.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Reinecke
Special Agent in Charge

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(COPY) Letter addressed: Mrs. Eunice Hughes
55¹/₂ N. Yorktown
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Milan, Mich.
Thursday Eve.
March 5.

Hello, Sis Darling:-

I guess you have began to think I am never going to answer your sweet letter but here I am - Now I'm going to ask you to forgive me, but Sis I never got your letter until the day before yesterday.

Honey, don't talk about me forgiving you cause you know you've done nothing for me to forgive - Don't you think I know you had some good reason for not answering my letter right away. And, Darling, as far as the money is concerned, why don't let it worry you. Ask Jack B. if he could spare it and if he can't why forget it. You go ahead and get that letter business and I'll pray that you will get along fine and I know you will - for it any one deserves a break you do. I wasn't surprised to hear Doc's and Willard's verdict, they're both so tight they squeeze a nickel until the buffalo on it cries for help.

Gee, Honey, I'm sure glad you didn't miss your beloved soup-hound with that third bowl - it would be a shame to break all three of them without results. I hope that knot on his head never goes away so he will always remember he can't fool with you and get away with it.

Honey I didn't mind your asking Hy for that - but he's another one of those old tight wads. I've found out what a lot of my so-called friends are really like - that's one good thing I've got out of this.

Darling please don't say anything to Esther or Gwen about wearing my jewelry. I am going to write Esther and ask about the things (without telling her that I know the things are being worn). I wouldn't hurt any of my people's feelings any more than I already have, for clothes, jewels, or anything. I would love to have them when I get out, not for the things themselves but for the Happy Memories that they hold for me. You know how it is don't you, sweetness?

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Eunice, [REDACTED] Gee, the poor kid - you talk about people getting tough breaks she's had a lot more than her share. Tell her-I will try to wait patiently for her letter but, oh, please tell her to hurry it up. I haven't had a letter from her since I was arrested and I've wanted one so bad. There is one good mark down in my books for Whinnery for being good to Ruthie when she was ill - I guess there is a little bit of good in everyone after all.

Yes, Honey, when Millie writes she always tells me about the kiddies but she is always so busy she doesn't have time to write of

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I got letters from Esther, Jim and the sweetest letter ever written from Ellen at the same time I got yours. Ellen printed her letter and by gosh it was a neater job than I could ever do. The letter I got from Jimmie was the first one I've had since the big blow off and was I ever thrilled - and - how! It had been such a long time that I was just about to give up hopes - when there it was.

I sure do know Ellen is going to be a beautiful young woman and she is also the sweetest thing that ever walked on this old earth of ours.

I agree with you, darling, we certainly don't want any scatter brained blonds in our family. That would be a real tragedy and no foolin'.

I have been back here in Milan since the first of February. Your letter was forwarded to me. It took them sometime I guess but the main thing is I've got it. I was there just exactly a month and it was quite a vacation. Well, Darling, I'll have a year done the 25th of this month and if it keeps going at the same speed I'll be home you before so very much longer.

Here's news that is news - the Judge that gave me this --- time was impeached a few days ago for accepting bribes, misbehavior, etc. and will be tried before so very long, I guess. It's sure tough isn't it - "oh, yeah?"

Well, dear, looks as if I had better stop writing as I've used all the paper I'm allowed and I could write 50 pages tonight - you know why? --- because I want to go home. I get lonesome and go in my cell and kiss my pictures then I feel better, see? And right now I could kiss all your heads off.

Eunice sweet, please get it out of your head that I could ever forget or hate you because I could never, never, never hate or forget you or any of my sweet sisters and brothers. I will prove it to you when I get out of here, dear.

I'm closing with oodles & oodles of love & luck.

Your Baby Sis, Nona B.

Answer soon.

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(COPY)

Return address: Robert Delaney
6045 Kimbark Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Chicago, Ill.
March 8, 1936

Dear Dolores:

I received your letter yesterday and was sure glad to hear from you.

I was over to see little Ray today. Boy he sure looks swell and is he getting heavy. Today was the first time he sat on my lap without crying. I guess he is getting to know me now. Mrs. Karpis had him out for a ride in the buggy when I got their.

I was going to write before but I cut the top of my thumb at work and I couldn't write with it. I was off work ten and one half days with and I still have to go to the doctor with it.

I suppose Mother wonders why I didn't write her too. I am writing her a letter as soon as I get through with yours.

The Ortlepps told me to say hello to you for them.

I was over to see Babe & Mugs and told them both to write you and I also wrote Dad to write you also. I sent him your address.

I guess maybe Mother will come back here to stay pretty soon. I sure wish she would.

Well I can't think of any much to say now only that little Ray sure is fine and that you should be a good little girl so that you will be with us soon. So hello to all your friends for me. Well I will close for this time.

Your big brother,

Bud

Write as soon as you can.

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(COPY) Letter addressed: Mr. & Mrs. John Karpavicz
2842 No. Francisco Ave.
Chicago, Illinois

Sunday morning,
March 8 - 1936.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Karpis:

Just got the pictures of little Ray and he sure does look sweet. Every one of the girls are just crazy about him.

I wrote you about a week ago but I guess you mailed your letter about the same I did mine. I told you all I know about the money and if we can possibly get the money I would like half of it to go to little Ray and I would like the other half for myself so that I would have something to get started on when I leave here. I'd hate to leave here without anything - and, oh yes, I wanted to ask you something - please don't sell my large solitaire or my diamond wrist watch or the tie pin unless absolutely necessary. You see that ring was the first thing Alvin ever gave me and the watch was the last. The tie pin I want little Ray to have when he grows up. I almost forgot the little blue stone isn't worth much but my mother gave it to me years ago and I would hate to part with it. You understand how I feel about those things, don't you. They mean so very much to me - I don't want to be selfish about them - but you know how much I care for the one who gave me the things.

I don't know what in the world is wrong with mother - I haven't heard from her since I got back from St. Paul and I just know she must be sick because she always writes every month. If you see any of my people ask about her and let me know, will you, please?

Well, I shall say goodbye. I'm short on paper. I'll be waiting patiently for the beginning of the spring edition of pictures. All my love to you, Emily and dozens of hugs and kisses to little Ray from

Dolores

P.S. Received the five dollars - it came in very handy and I sure appreciated it. Excuse the writing please. I am dreadfully nervous.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118

Detroit - Michigan

March 12, 1936

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Transmitted to the Bureau and to the offices listed below are copies of letter dated March 8, 1936, written by Dolores Delaney, an inmate of the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, to Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz, 2842 N. Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois - of letter dated March 8, 1936, written to Dolores Delaney by her brother, Bud (Robert Delaney), 6045 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago - and of letter dated March 5th written by Wynona Burdette, also an inmate of the Detention Farm, to her sister, Mrs. Eunice Hughes, 55 1/2 N. Yorktown, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The original letters are being returned to Mr. John J. Ryan, Superintendent of the Detention Farm, to be forwarded as addressed.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Reinecke
H. H. Reinecke
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

March 12, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

RE: ERENID

Reference is made to your letter of March 2, 1936, addressed to the Jacksonville Office as to Joe Roscoe, alias Roscolli, of Toledo, Ohio, and in this connection inquiry at Palm Beach, West Palm Beach and St. Petersburg, Florida, fails to indicate that Roscoe is operating a gambling house at any of the three places indicated at this time. It is possible that Roscoe is in Florida with his family, inasmuch as it is indicated he arranged to have his Buick Coupe shipped here or brought to Florida in some manner.

Immediate inquiry should be made at Toledo, Ohio, through check at the 42nd Street Cafe, or the home of Roscoe, in an effort to determine whether or not he is now in Toledo, Ohio, or whether he is located at some other point. Possibly a cover of the mail for a short time, at both of these places would furnish his address if he is located in Florida at this time.

When and if, his address is obtained, the Jacksonville Office will make further inquiry at this location to determine whether or not Roscoe is engaged in any gambling activities, and whether or not there is anything to indicate that Karpis and Campbell may be in contact with him at his location in Florida.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

RBN:MFS

March 13, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID

With reference to the indictment pending in the Southern District of Florida against MYRTLE EATON, you are advised that I have discussed this case with United States Attorney John W. Holland and Assistant United States Attorney William A. Paisley. I am informed that the attorney representing this woman has indicated that she might enter a plea of guilty to one of the substantive counts in the indictment provided the conspiracy count not be prosecuted. It is his contention that the conspiracy count is not good and that it would be thrown out if contested. My information is that this attorney has been advised that any negotiations in this connection will have to await the arrival of the defendant in the Southern District of Florida.

Mr. Paisley, who has been handling this case, informs me that he is inclined to agree that there is considerable doubt about the conspiracy count. It would be his idea to accept a plea of guilty on one of the substantive counts, but he advises that if such an offer is made the office of the United States Attorney will refer the matter to the Department for a decision before making any agreement.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan
R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Cincinnati
St. Paul
E. J. Connelley, Chicago.

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March 18, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al;
Edward George Bremer, Victim -
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 13, 1936, reflecting the results of your discussion with United States Attorney John W. Holland and Assistant United States Attorney William A. Paisley, concerning the indictment pending in the Southern District of Florida against Myrtle Eaton.

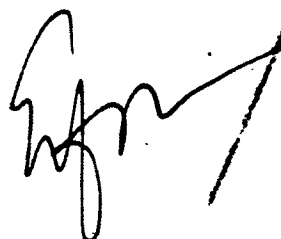
It is noted that Mr. Paisley is of the opinion that there is considerable doubt as to whether the conspiracy count in the indictment will stand and that if any overtures are made by the attorney representing Myrtle Eaton concerning this matter he will submit this to the Department for a decision.

I desire to call to your attention the fact that you should exercise every precaution concerning this matter if an opinion is requested of you concerning the acceptance of a plea of guilty on behalf of Myrtle Eaton and advise the United States Attorney that you are in accord with his decision to refer the matter to the Department for appropriate consideration.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Cincinnati
St. Paul
Chicago



1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

March 12, 1936.

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith log of telephone tap on telephone of James T. O'Neill, Cleveland, Ohio, beginning with a call at 9:40 P. M. on March 1, 1936, and ending with a call at 11:10 P. M. on March 2, 1936, which is the last call received before the tap was disconnected.

Also enclosed herewith is log of telephone tap on the telephone of Arthur Hebebrand, Cleveland, Ohio, beginning with a call at 3:10 P. M. on February 29, 1936, and ending with a call at 2:02 P. M. on March 3, 1936, which is the last call received before the tap was disconnected.

There is also enclosed herewith a log of the tap on the telephone of Edith Barry, Toledo, Ohio, beginning with a call at 4:00 P. M. on March 5, 1936, and ending with a call at 11:50 P. M. on March 9, 1936.

Very truly yours,

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J. P. MacFarland
Special Agent in Charge

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