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San Antonio, Texas.  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith memorandum of Special Agent T. H. Sisk dictated over the telephone to me from Houston, Texas, this morning.

This information is furnished in memorandum form at this time in order to expedite same.

It is requested that you obtain as much information as possible concerning the identity and background of Informant Lester Miller.

This matter is being closely covered at Houston, Texas, by Special Agents T. H. Sisk and H. R. Morley, assisted by Detectives Eubanks and Martindale who are both very astute and close-mouthed officers of the Houston Police Department.

All Agents in the San Antonio District are available should any definite information be obtained as to the possible location of Karpis, should it be determined that he is actually in Houston, Texas.

It is requested that any information obtained concerning the Informant Lester Miller be furnished this office by teletype.

So far we have been unable to develop any information that Karpis is in Houston other than that furnished by this informant, whose veracity we are beginning to doubt.

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cc Chicago (E. J. Connelley)  
cc Cincinnati

Gus T. Jones

Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM TO SAC JONES

San Antonio, Texas,  
March 14, 1936.

RE: BREKID

Last evening Chief of Police B. W. Payne, Houston, Texas, communicated with Agent and advised that he had just received a telephone call from a Mr. Burge, an old friend, who operates a parking lot at the corner of San Jacinto and Prairie Streets at Houston. Mr. Burge advised Chief Payne that a friend of his named Lester Miller had seen Alvin Karpis leave the Rice Hotel about 4 P.M. the same date, March 13, 1936. Chief Payne stated he could vouch for Burge, but that he knew nothing about Miller, however, that Burge vouched for Miller.

Detectives A. C. Martindale and Tom Eubanks and Agent immediately interviewed Lester Miller at his residence 702 Crawford Street, telephone Fairfax 5640, where he resides with his wife. Miller is employed as a Chef, part time, at Harvey's Restaurant, Missouri Pacific Station, Houston, and stated he has followed this occupation all his life. He stated that he came to Houston in the latter part of 1935 from Chicago, Ill.

Relative to seeing Karpis, he stated he knew Karpis by sight from having seen him at various places in Chicago, where he, Miller, had worked as Chef in Night Clubs and Restaurants. He stated he was standing in front of the Rice Hotel a few minutes after 4 P.M. March 13, 1936, when he saw Karpis come out of the hotel in the company of another man and entered, what he believed, was a Ford Sedan, quite new looking, believed to be a 1935 model bearing California license, orange background with black numerals. Miller stated he was so astounded and surprised at seeing Karpis that he did not take the license number nor notice the man who was with him. That in fact after gazing at Karpis a moment or so he turned his head and remarked to himself that he had better not let Karpis observe that he was gazing at him.

Miller in describing the incident stated to Agent, "You know that fellow would cut you in two." He stated that the other man drove the car and Karpis got in alongside of him and they drove away at a moderate rate of speed, in the direction of Prairie Avenue. Miller stated he is absolutely positive of his identification, there being no question of doubt about it. He stated he had never seen Karpis' companion before. Likewise, he stated he did not observe any baggage in the automobile and the two men were not carrying anything such as grips or parcels. He is quite positive the car was a Ford, but is not certain of this. Likewise he is quite positive the car was a black car, but he states it possibly could have been some other dark color such as dark green or dark blue. He cannot state how many numerals were on the license plates or approximate the number, but is positive it was a California license. He did not notice any distinguishing features about the car such as spotlights or trunk on the rear or similar items.

A number of photographs were exhibited to Miller and from them he selected a picture of Karpis without any hesitation and stated this looks very much like Karpis except that the face is a little full. The picture he selected was from the Pocket Identification Orders. He gave the following descriptions of Karpis and the man who accompanied him:

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Age, about 26 or 27 years  
Height, 5 feet 10 inches  
Weight, 135 or 140 pounds  
Build, very slender  
Smooth shaven  
No glasses

Hair, dark brown  
Eyes, dark brown

Complexion, fair, "Face like a woman's."

Dress: Light gray hat with wide black band; hat turned down in front. Light brown polo or trench coat with a wide belt. (This morning Miller changed the color of the coat to a deep dark brown with black squares.) Color of suit not noticed.

Other man with Karpis:

Age, 30 to 35 years  
Height, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches  
Weight, 155 pounds  
Hair, dark  
Complexion, dark

Well dressed but did not notice clothes. Cannot state color of same and whether wore overcoat or not.

With respect to the above description of Karpis, Miller very definitely stated when first interviewed that Karpis was wearing a light brown polo coat, however, later on in the evening he changed this to a dark brown overcoat.

When questioned as to how he happened to know Karpis on sight, Miller stated he worked around Chicago for years in Night Clubs and restaurants and that Karpis was pointed out to him by someone several years ago, but he cannot state who pointed him out, where, and when it was, or other circumstances. He stated he last saw Karpis standing on the street at the corner of Wilson and Broadway in Chicago about the first of July, 1935. This was his statement this morning. Last night, however, he told Agent and officers that he last saw Karpis during the same month, three, four, or five times at Stoner's Restaurant, 1118 Wilson Avenue, Chicago, where he, Miller, was employed as Chef or Cook. He stated Karpis came into this restaurant several times to eat; that he did not come in at any certain hour, but usually during the late hours of the night or early morning. He cannot recall exactly whether Karpis was with anyone on these occasions, but has a recollection that a woman might have accompanied him once or twice. He stated Stoner's Restaurant on Wilson Avenue was now closed up but that Stoner has another place now open at 2724 N. Clark, Chicago. Miller further stated that about two years ago he saw Karpis a number of times hanging around the Leland Hotel, Chicago, which he characterized as a hangout for numerous underworld characters. He claims that he saw Karpis both in the lobby of this hotel and out on the street in front of it, but cannot state whether Karpis was registered at the hotel.

Miller stated that he also saw Karpis frequently at the Ellis Inn, where he, Miller, was employed about two years ago which Inn is located in Homewood, a suburb of Chicago. The Ellis Inn is operated by Oliver Ellis and Miller states it was during the Racing Meet that he saw Karpis at the Inn, advising that the Inn is situated right near the Race Track and right across from the Sheridan Golf Course. He claims to have seen Karpis "fairly often" during the race meets but can not remember in whose company he saw him or any of the details. He stated Karpis does not drink very much but was unable to state how he knew this. He also stated that Karpis frequents gambling joints and sporting events, such as races, but was unable to explain how he knew this. He has denied reading about Karpis in any detective story magazines or other magazines.

Agent showed Miller a number of pictures including Harry Campbell but he was unable to identify any of them as being familiar faces to him.

The only discrepancies we have found in Miller's story up to the present are with respect to the color of the polo coat and secondly he stated to us last night very definitely that he saw Karpis several times in July, 1935, at Stoner's Restaurant on Wilson Avenue. This morning he says he did not see Karpis at this restaurant in 1935. Also he denies that he saw him several times in 1935 and he now claims he saw Karpis only once in the first part of July, 1935, standing alone at the corner of Wilson and Broadway near Stoner's Restaurant, as I have previously stated.

We inquired of Miller if he knew that Karpis was wanted last year and why he did not report him to the authorities when he saw him in Chicago. His explanation is based solely on fear. He stated that he did not want to run the risk of being killed; that is all he had to say in this connection.

With respect to seeing Karpis yesterday it is pointed out Miller did not report the matter to the Police. He claims that immediately after seeing Karpis he went to the Parking Lot and talked to Burge and made the following remarks, "If you had been with me a few minutes ago and we had a shotgun or rifle we could have collected a nice reward." Miller states that Burge asked him for an explanation of his remarks and he explained to him that he had just seen Karpis leaving the Rice Hotel. Without any more conversation Burke picked up the telephone in his presence and called Chief of Police Payne and explained to him what Miller said and Miller stated that he, too, talked to Payne over the telephone. When asked if it had been his intention to report the matter to the Police, Miller stated he did not know any of the Police Officers and he let Burge do the calling.

We took Miller all around the town last night in the vicinity of gambling places and restaurants and during the major portion of the night had him in the lobby of the Rice Hotel for the purpose of attempting to identify Karpis if he came in. I want to point out that Miller did not seem to be the least bit nervous or excited. It would appear that the average person should be somewhat "keyed



up" over such a situation. The officers and Agent also noticed that Miller did not seem to be scrutinizing the people who came into the lobby very closely and frequently we had to call his attention to people who came in. In other words, he did not seem to be very intent on identifying Karpis. We, of course, checked the Rice Hotel Garage and talked to employees, clerks, etc., without developing anything. No alarm has been broadcast in Houston.

T. H. Sisk,  
Special Agent.

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
March 12, 1936

SAC E. J. Connelley  
Chicago, Illinois

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Dolores Delaney this day advised Special Agent W. B. Matney of this office that she is expecting a visit from her mother in the near future. Miss Delaney told Agent Matney her information was that her mother intended to visit her some time during March or April of 1936.

Appropriate arrangements have been made with Mr. John J. Ryan, Superintendent of the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, to notify this office if and when Mrs. Delaney appears in Milan, Michigan, so that the visit may be covered.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Reinecke  
Special Agent in Charge

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1300 Liberty Trust Building  
Philadelphia Pennsylvania

March 16, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Trenton, N. J.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

The investigation is predicated on information obtained from Albert Winterstein, of the Cascade Laundry, Morris and Logan Streets, Woodbury, N. J., who informed that his driver, George Holden, 400 Summit Avenue, Westville, N. J., had made several calls at a certain house on First Avenue in Haddon Heights, N. J.; and due to a trailer and a Pierce-Arrow car being seen in the driveway of this house at all times, he was of the opinion that it might be Alvin Karpis.

Upon my prior authority, Special Agents J. L. Fallon and R. Tonis proceeded to Haddon Heights, N. J., and surveyed the premises 429 First Avenue. The residence is owned by Iliston Hopkins, who is an engineer and who was recently employed in Ohio. At about March 9, 1936, he returned to the vicinity of Haddon Heights with the trailer bearing 1936 Ohio license plates T2029, which trailer was drawn by Mr. Hopkins' own personal car, a Pierce-Arrow bearing Camden County (New Jersey) license plates 32060. Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins are well-known in Haddon Heights, according to Patrolman Paul Destand, Destand having made an investigation at the Hopkins' home under date of March 9, 1936, with reference to licensing one of Mr. Hopkins' dogs, and he saw the trailer being brought into the yard. Patrolman Destand was shown the pictures in connection with the above entitled file, and stated positively that the only party at the house at the present time is a young minister, name unknown to Destand, who is keeping company with Mr. Hopkins' daughter, Mabel.

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Inquiry at the Post Office revealed that the Hopkins have been living at the above address for the past two years. They have received no mail which would tend to indicate anything suspicious.

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The house in question is in a thickly populated section of Haddon Heights directly across from the high school. It is very accessible and can be viewed from any angle; and, in Agents' opinion, would not make a good hide-out for anyone.

In an interview with Albert Winterstein, he informed that his driver did not see any of the occupants of the house, and could not identify any pictures with reference to the Karpis case.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Chicago

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago, Illinois

March 18, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID.

In compliance with the request contained in the letter addressed to your office by the Detroit Office, dated March 2, 1936, there are transmitted herewith copies of the following serials for the purpose of completion of the file in the Cleveland Office:

Letter to the Director from the St. Paul Office, dated March 26, 1935;

Letter addressed to Mr. E. J. Connelley by Special Agent in Charge William Larson, Detroit, Michigan, dated January 3, 1935;

Letter addressed to Mr. E. J. Connelley by William Larson, Special Agent in Charge, Detroit, Michigan, dated December 19, 1934;

Letter addressed to E. P. Cowley, Inspector, by William Larson, Special Agent in Charge, Detroit, Michigan, dated October 11, 1934;

Letter addressed to Mr. E. J. Connelley by William Larson, Special Agent in Charge, Detroit, Michigan, dated January 7, 1935;

Photostatic copy of a letter addressed to Special Agent in Charge, Chicago, Illinois, by William Larson, Special Agent in Charge, Detroit, Michigan, dated January 15, 1935;

Photostatic copy of letter addressed to Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, by William Larson, Special Agent in Charge, Detroit, Michigan, dated December 22, 1934;

Photostatic copy of letter addressed to the Director by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, dated April 15, 1935.

A review of the Chicago Office files in this case fails to reveal a report submitted by Special Agent in Charge William Larson, Detroit, Michigan, dated December 19, 1934, and it is requested that the Detroit Office prepare the appropriate number of copies and furnish the same to the Cleveland and Chicago Offices.

Very truly yours,

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D. W. LADD, Special Agent in Charge.	
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*Edward J. Bremer*

P. O. Drawer 567  
San Francisco, California

March 11, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in the letter dated March 5, 1936, of the Detroit Office to your office, there are transmitted herewith for the completion of your files one copy of the letter of Special Agent in Charge William Larson dated February 26, 1935, Detroit, Michigan, and one copy of a letter of Special Agent in Charge L. J. Connelley dated at Chicago, Illinois, February 6, 1935, which were addressed to the San Francisco Office.

Very truly yours,

W. L. LISTERMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

March 12, 1936.

Time - 3:00 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Baughman	✓
Chief Clerk	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Edwards	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Fox	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Mr. Connelley telephoned me from Jacksonville, Florida, with reference to the investigation of the above matter down there and the Agents are preparing to leave. Agent Barber will leave Miami tonight at 10:00 P.M., for Milwaukee. Special Agents Birch and Hurt will leave Miami tonight at 10:00 P.M., arriving in Jacksonville tomorrow morning. They will get out of Jacksonville on the first possible train tomorrow for their respective headquarters - Birch to Philadelphia and Hurt to Dallas. Special Agents Dowd and Peterson left Tampa at 1:30 P.M., for Jacksonville, arriving at six o'clock. These two Agents will leave for their respective headquarters tonight, if possible - Peterson to Nashville and Dowd to Cleveland. Agent Wynn is still at Havana, Cuba on the lead in the Weyerhaeuser Case, but he is returning this Friday, after which he will return as soon as possible for his headquarters - Cleveland.

Mr. Connelley will leave Jacksonville tonight at 11:55, arriving in Cincinnati at 10:45 tomorrow night (Friday). Mr. Connelley stated that after he gets straightened out in his personal affairs at Cincinnati, he is proceeding to Chicago; that after reviewing the new developments in the files there, he plans to return to Cleveland to work on the Heiberbrand angle of this matter. After looking the situation over at Cleveland and Toledo, Mr. Connelley stated that he plans to go to Oklahoma City for a few days.

From the information which has been developed during this investigation Mr. Connelley has come to the conclusion that the subjects of this case are not in that vicinity and have not been down there for a long period of time.

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Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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316 Security Building  
Phoenix, Arizona

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Special Agent in Charge  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In the evening of March 10, 1936, William Brandenburg, of 251 Donaghey Building, Little Rock, Arkansas, telephoned me and stated that he was in communication with an individual who could furnish the whereabouts of William Elmer Mead to the Bureau. He further stated that this individual could likewise "put the finger on" Alvin Karpis, who, he believes, is in contact with, if not with Mead. Brandenburg appeared to be somewhat under the influence of liquor at the time of his call. When asked what remuneration he or his associate wanted for information leading to the apprehension of the two fugitives mentioned above, he advised that it was not a matter of monetary consideration. He then went on to say that he had recently come to the realization that Richard Galatas, who is under sentence of two years in connection with the Kansas City massacre, is not a bad fellow and, in his opinion, merely a victim of circumstances.

He stated that if the Government would guarantee that the sentence of two years which Galatas now faces would be removed, he could, through his associate, bring about the apprehension of Mead and in all probability the apprehension of Karpis. Brandenburg was informed that I had no authority to make any promise. He was further informed, however, that his information would be communicated to the Bureau on March 11, 1936, and that with the permission of the Bureau he would be advised of what action could be taken in the event Mead and Karpis were located through his cooperation.

In view of the fact that Brandenburg appeared somewhat under the influence of liquor, I telephoned him at Little Rock, Arkansas, the morning of March 11 and requested him to repeat the information furnished the night before. He reiterated his statements of March 10 and during the conversation I learned that the associate mentioned was none other than Richard Galatas.

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A telephone call was then placed to Mr. Tamm of the Bureau in Washington, and the foregoing information was briefly outlined to him. He advised that the Bureau would absolutely make no promises to Galatas or Brandenburg, except that if Galatas cooperated with the Bureau in securing the apprehension of the two fugitives heretofore named, the Bureau would advise the Bureau of Prisons and the Department to that effect. Mr. Tamm instructed that you be furnished with the preceding information by telephone and that you personally establish contact with Brandenburg with regard to this matter. At the time of this telephone conversation Mr. Tamm authorized me to telephone Brandenburg at Little Rock, advising him of the attitude of the Bureau.

Therefore, I communicated by telephone with Brandenburg in Little Rock and explained the policy of the Bureau with respect to the treatment of Galatas, should he furnish information of value in this case. At that time he asked me if I would talk to Galatas if Galatas called. He was advised that a telephonic interview was perfectly agreeable.

A short time later Brandenburg called from Little Rock and after connection was made, I conversed with Dick Galatas. Galatas stated that he was in a position to "finger" Mead, and that he thought Mead and Karpis were either together or in contact with each other. He was clearly advised that the Bureau could take no action to lift the sentence which he is now under but that the Department and the Bureau of Prisons would be advised of any cooperative action offered the Bureau. I suggested that contact be made with you at Little Rock, should he be interested in aiding the Government, either personally or through Brandenburg. He was advised that you would be requested to communicate with Brandenburg some time today.

A resume of the information set forth above was furnished you by telephone on this date, and this letter is in confirmation thereof. As I informed you, Brandenburg is a rather slippery customer, who has many contacts with the underworld, particularly the con men and, therefore, it is thought that you should exercise caution and care in dealing with him.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Bureau ✓  
Cincinnati  
Chicago

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 16, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: William J. Harrison.

MESSRS. C. P. BECKENRIDGE AND JOHN Q. PILCHFORD of the Claims Division, Pacific Mutual Life Insurance, respectively associated with the Richmond and Atlanta Offices of this company were referred to me by your office.

They stated that the legal department of their company had received a statement which was prepared by this Bureau concerning the identification of William J. Harrison and that certain questions arose in their minds which they would like to have cleared up. In substance, the information concerns probabilities rather than the interpretation of the facts contained in the letter transmitted to the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company. For instance, the question is raised concerning the probability on the part of the kidnapers of having planted the wrist watch on Harrison in the house immediately following the fire. Another question concerns the probability of having planted the eyeglasses in the house on the evening following the fire. This question was raised because the glasses found were in good condition and it is alleged that the wrist watch which was later identified as having been the property of Harrison was in good condition. They inquired as to whether the watch and the glasses could have withstood the tremendous heat caused by the fire. I informed them that this Bureau conducted extensive investigation to identify this body, as a result of which it has now been positively established that the body recovered was in fact that of William J. Harrison. I referred to Bureau letter which contained information appearing in the I.C. which had been prepared in the Bureau on the identification of the body of Harrison, and I particularly called to their attention the last paragraph thereof which states that "during the last days of August, 1935, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ascertained definitely that Harrison had been murdered by certain of his companions, and that his body had been burned in an old barn to prevent identification". I also pointed out to them the statement concerning the identification of the Elgin watch which was identified as having been the personal property of Harrison.

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They said they, of course, were not the ones who raised the questions in connection with this identification, and that they were interested in knowing whether we had any additional facts which would clarify the situation. I told them to prepare a list of questions which they desired answered, and that appropriate consideration would be given to these questions. However, in dis-

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cussing the statements contained in Bureau letter to the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company and in re-reading the statements contained therein, I satisfied them that the Bureau was correct as to the identification of the body found in the barn. They apparently were satisfied and left without making any request for additional information. They said they had never closely read the statements and upon going over the facts concerning the identification of the body, they have clarified the situation in their minds.

They thanked me for the attention given them. No further action is being taken in this matter.

Respectfully,



ALEX ROSEN.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
March 12th, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

On the afternoon of March 11th, 1936, Special Agent in Charge H. E. Andersen called me by telephone from Phoenix, Arizona, advising that he had just been contacted by Bill Brandenburg of Little Rock and Richard Tallman Galatas of Hot Springs, Arkansas and that a request had been made by Brandenburg that Andersen contact both him and Galatas in Little Rock, as Galatas desired to make a trade with the Government - Galatas furnishing information relative to the present whereabouts of William Elmer Mead in return for consideration on the part of the Government in seeing that he was not required to serve the sentence which had been imposed upon him.

Mr. Andersen further informed me that he had been in contact with the Bureau (Mr. Tamm) on March 11th, 1936 and had informed the Bureau (Mr. Tamm) relative to the proposition made by Galatas and Brandenburg and that instructions had been issued to the effect that I, personally, contact both of these gentlemen and secure, if possible, information pertaining to the whereabouts of Mead and also Alvin Karpis, if possible, it having also been indicated that there

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was a possibility that Karpis was at the present time traveling with Lead. Mr. Andersen also advised that I should offer no inducement to Galatas, other than to advise him that the Director of this Bureau would be fully informed of all information furnished by him and all assistance rendered this Bureau and that in turn Mr. Hoover would inform the Attorney General and the Director of the Bureau of Prisons, the extent to which Galatas had been of service to this Bureau, but that no further inducement should be offered Galatas.

I immediately contacted Mr. Brandenburg the afternoon of March 11th, 1936, at which time he explained to me the proposition above outlined and was informed by me that I would be ready at any time an appointment could be made to contact Galatas and it was arranged that Mr. Brandenburg should reach him by telephone and inform me in order that the three of us could meet at Brandenburg's office in Little Rock, this being considered preferable to making the trip to Hot Springs for the purpose of contacting Galatas.

Mr. Brandenburg, at some length, explained to me that he had no connection with Galatas and no interest in Galatas other than a desire to protect the interests of the citizens of Hot Springs, stating that he felt to remove Galatas from Hot Springs would only open the door to all crooks and criminals, which Galatas had successfully kept out of Hot Springs. He informed me Galatas was well connected with law enforcement agencies in Hot Springs and that Galatas only had to let it be known that the criminal element should keep out of Hot Springs and his wishes were immediately complied

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with. He indicated that Galatas had no connection with crooks or criminals, his entire endeavors being confined to the confidence game and that, of course, these individuals were not interfered with by Galatas, nor were they interfered with by the local law enforcement officers. Mr. Brandenburg explained to me that the first time he had seen Galatas in many months was recently when Galatas came to his office and informed him of a transaction in Hot Springs in which a considerable sum of money was left by a demented old man to a Dr. Wright and one Harmon S. Daniel and that this money was secured upon the probate of the Will of the old man whose name was given as W. S. Hickman, then residing at 405 Spring Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, but formerly a resident of Sherman, Texas, where the funds which amounted to more than sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) in cash, were located. Brandenburg did not go into this in great detail, other than to say that he was personally interested in locating Daniel, one of the beneficiaries under this Will and requested that the writer assist him in the location of Daniel. I did not question Mr. Brandenburg in connection with this matter, in view of the fact that I already had been supplied with information regarding the same, which information has been transmitted to the Bureau, in the form of a memorandum prepared by Special Agent B. L. Damron of this office, under date of March 11th, 1936.

On the morning of March 12th, 1936, I was informed by Mr. Brandenburg that Mr. Galatas would be at his office and in view of this arrangement at 10:30 A. M., on this date, I conferred with Mr. Brandenburg and Mr. Galatas at the office of the former in Little Rock and the proposition was made in return for information furnished by Galatas as to

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the present whereabouts of William Elmer Mead, that this Bureau should make the necessary arrangements to keep Galatas from serving the sentence which has been imposed upon him in the KATMO case. I informed both of these gentlemen that such an arrangement in my opinion would be impossible, however, if they requested me to do so I would advise the Director of their wishes in the matter, but that I felt certain he would not take favorable action on the request. I did inform them that if any information of value should be furnished by Galatas that I would give the Director the full details of this information and that these details, with the results obtained from the information furnished by Galatas, would be transmitted by the Director to the Attorney General and also to the Director of the Bureau of Prisons for such action as those gentlemen considered appropriate.

After some further conversation, the suggestion was made by Galatas that he had a matter of business which required his personal attention and that this matter could not be disposed of until April or May of this year and he wanted some assurance on the part of the Director of this Bureau that in the event he should furnish information leading to the apprehension of Mead, that he would not be required to report to the United States Marshal at Kansas City, Missouri on March 27th, 1936, the date which has been set, but instead could report during June or preferable July 1st. I informed Mr. Galatas that I did not believe that such an arrangement could be effected, however, that I would advise the Director of his request and inform him as to the decision rendered by the Director. I suggested to Mr. Galatas that this was a matter over which this Bureau had no jurisdiction and that no action would be taken. In this connection, Mr. Galatas informed me

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that at the present time he was making an effort through Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas and other influential persons to contact the Attorney General and, if necessary, the President of the United States, in an effort to prevent his going to the penitentiary and that he hoped to secure favorable action from this source.

In addition to all of the above, Galatas informed me that any arrangement that should be made in connection with his cooperating with this Bureau, should be done only with the knowledge of Ira Ross, the Post Office Inspector at Little Rock, Arkansas, as he did not desire to incur the enmity of Mr. Ross, although he stated Mr. Ross had nothing on him.

In connection with the request made by Galatas to bring Ross into this transaction, it is stated that on January 25th, 1936, a letter was received at this office from Mr. Ross requesting a photograph of Galatas, in which letter Mr. Ross advised that the photograph was desired by the Inspection Service of his Department at New York City, where Galatas was now under investigation in a confidence case at Reno, Nevada, involving one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00).

In view of the fact that further conversation could not be had without the presence of Ira Ross the Post Office Inspector, the discussions were ended at this point and an effort is now being made by Mr. Brandenburg to locate Ross and place the proposition before him that - in return for information furnished this Bureau which would effect the apprehension of Mead, Ross should then use his influence in preventing Galatas from going



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to the penitentiary.

At this point the above information was furnished the Bureau (Mr. Tamm) by telephone on March 12th, 1936 and instructions were received from the Bureau (Mr. Tamm) to the effect that the Director would not entertain any interference on the part of this Bureau or its representatives in connection with the sentence imposed on Galatas in the KAMMO case, nor would the Director in any way suggest or approve any stay of the execution of this sentence, and that the only proposition that could be made to Galatas was that the Attorney General and the Director of the Bureau of Prisons would be informed in the event Galatas materially assisted this Bureau in the apprehension of William Elmer Mead.

In connection with the statement made by Mr. Brandenburg in his telephone conversation with Mr. Andersen relative to Galatas furnishing information regarding the present whereabouts of Alvin Karpis, you are advised that Mr. Galatas informed me that he did not personally know Karpis and had no direct information indicating that Karpis was at this time or any other time with Mead, but that he merely suspected that he might be.

In the event there are further developments in this matter the Bureau will be immediately informed, but as the matter now stands I do not feel that anything can be expected from Galatas.

Very truly yours,

  
CHAPMAN FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

March 12, 1936.

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Mr. Keith  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Schilder  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

Time - 3:35 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

SAC Fletcher telephoned me from the Little Rock Office concerning the William E. Meade angle of the above matter. You will recall that SAC Andersen telephoned me the other night advising that he had received a telephone call from William Brandenburg of Little Rock advising that Richard Tallman Galatas was ready to do some dealing for leniency of some kind in return for his furnishing us information concerning the present location of William E. Meade. At that time, I told Mr. Andersen to get in touch with Mr. Fletcher at Little Rock and have him interview Galatas.

Mr. Fletcher said that he talked with Galatas today about this matter and what Galatas wants is a stay of his sentence. He is supposed to report to the penitentiary on March 27, 1936, and doesn't want to report until the first of June or July. He wants to furnish information to us resulting in the location of Meade if we will make arrangements to have the execution of his sentence stayed until June or July. Mr. Fletcher said that he has some information which may throw some light on why Galatas doesn't want to go to the penitentiary until the first of June or July. There is some sort of a blackmail scheme on foot in Little Rock involving a will, under the terms of which two persons in Hot Springs are to receive large sums of money. The nephew of William Brandenburg is one of the attesting witnesses to the will, and he is supposed to testify that the will was obtained at a time when the man who made it was in a coma. Both Galatas and Brandenburg have approached the parties receiving the money under this will, and have told them that for a sum of money, they would see that nothing was done about contesting the will; otherwise, that a suit was being filed in Little Rock by the State of Arkansas to have the money escheat to the state, in view of the fact that there were no heirs, lineal or collateral. Galatas, while not definitely stating so, intimated that he wanted to stay out of jail until June or July so that he could clear up a matter which he alone could handle, thus indicating the matter above explained by Mr. Fletcher.

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I told Mr. Fletcher that we will not bargain with Galatas at all; that he is entitled to absolutely no consideration whatsoever, and we will offer no inducement to him at all; that so far as we are concerned, he is going to the penitentiary on the 27th of the month. I told Mr. Fletcher that Galatas could give us the information about Meade with no strings, or he could take the only remaining obvious course in the matter.

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Mr. Fletcher said that Galatas wouldn't talk with him today before he, Galatas, talked with Mr. ~~Is~~ Ross, the Post Office Inspector in Little Rock. In this connection, Mr. Fletcher said he was recently informed by Mr. Ross that the Post Office Department has a case against Galatas involving a \$150,000 swindle perpetrated on a Nevada man Hot Springs, Arkansas. It would appear that what Galatas wants to do is to get Ross in on this thing, too.

I pointed out to Mr. Fletcher that our only proposition has been made to Galatas, and it now remains for him to come to us if he wants to accept. I told Mr. Fletcher not to contact Galatas any more about the matter; that the Bureau absolutely and certainly will not stand between Galatas and the prison; that he has been dancing for a long time, and now he has to pay the penalty.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. DRAWER "V",  
Plaza Station,  
St. Louis, Mo.

March 14, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

The following is submitted for your information:

On the morning of March 13, 1936, Mr. Harry W. Flannery, news commentator for the American Packing Company, St. Louis, Missouri, devoted practically an entire broadcast of fifteen minutes from Radio Station K M O X in St. Louis, Missouri, to an outline of the careers of Kate Barker and her sons. He stated that the whole story would appear shortly in the Red Book magazine and added his own comments as follows:

"America's Public Enemy Number 1 was a woman and not a man. We have as authority for this statement no less than J. Edgar Hoover, America's Number 1 'G'-MAN who, if anybody, should know."

Mr. Harry W. Flannery broadcasts his comments each morning from Radio Station K M O X, St. Louis, Missouri, at eight o'clock A. M., and is considered one of the best commentators in this section of the country.

Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman

Jay C. Newman,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
March 14, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

On March 13, 1936 Special Agent John E. Brennan of this office had occasion to interview Assistant Inspector of Detectives Charles Tierney, of the St. Paul Police Department, in connection with two persons involved in an investigation being conducted by this office. When the desired information had been procured Agent Brennan, who had not seen Tierney for about six months theretofore, stated to him that some time ago he had been informed that a record had been made of a telephone conversation between Tierney and some person unknown wherein Tierney had told this person not to tell Brennan anything, leaving the conclusion that Brennan had approached some person for information who had called Tierney, who in turn had told him not to give the information.

Tierney vehemently denied any such conversation and insisted that he accompany Brennan to the office of Howard Kahn and demand that the record be played or the statement be retracted. Brennan informed him that this would not be necessary, that he just wanted to know if there was anything to the statement. Tierney stated that as a result of the investigation of the Police Department he had been called upon to explain various telephone calls attributed to him, at which time he had ascertained that the inferences that had been drawn in certain instances were not borne out by the records, and that apparently an effort had been made to distort his conversations in such a way as to attempt to convince the grand jury that investigated the Police Department that he was in league with criminals; failing in this they set about to endeavor to convince officers with whom he had cooperated that he was not to be trusted by just such statements as had been attributed to him as referred to above.

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Tierney stated that he had indicated to the Chief that such men as Tom Brown and James Crumley were not fit to occupy the positions to which they were appointed, but gathered that the appointments were made by Commissioner Warren, and when it was proven that Crumley and others were connected with vice and gambling and were removed, the excuse for the appointments was given that they had been appointed to key positions "so they could get something on them".

Tierney further stated that it was quite noticeable that Brown's name was never mentioned in the police investigation; that the reason for this was that Brown was in on it. He stated that Detective Paddy Lannon, who had been assigned with some of Brown's men, had informed him that he, Lannon, had been accused by Brown's men of being a G-man, which is the lowest form of animal life in the opinion of Brown, this because Lannon was well known and respected by Agents of this office with whom he had cooperated. Tierney stated that Brown has no use for Agents of the Bureau and will give them no information whatsoever; that on the day Bremer was kidnaped Brown wanted to withhold notice of the kidnaping from the Bureau and have the Police Department handle it independently. Tierney's comment was that he can see now that if this came about the kidnapers could be kept advised of what the police were doing, which they could not do if the Bureau entered the investigation.

Tierney concluded by stating that so long as he is a member of the St. Paul Police Department he will cooperate wholeheartedly with the Bureau in spite of Brown or any other person.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STRAIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 1469,  
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March 15th, 1936.

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

Re: Proposition of Richard Tallman  
Galatas to furnish information  
leading to apprehension of  
William Almer, cad.

Dear Sir:

With reference to my letter of  
March 12th, 1936, regarding the above entitled  
matter, you are advised that on the afternoon of  
March 12th, 1936, Mr. Bill Brandenburg came to the  
Bureau Office in Little Rock and brought with him  
Mr. Ira Ross, Post Office Inspector of this District,  
after which Mr. Brandenburg telephoned Richard  
Tallman Galatas, who was then waiting at his office  
and had Galatas also come to this office.

Upon the arrival of Galatas the  
proposition was then made to Mr. Ross, in my  
presence, that Ross communicate with his superior  
officer in Washington and have him intercede for  
Galatas in an effort to prevent Galatas from  
serving the sentence imposed upon him in the KANAW  
case. Mr. Ross informed Galatas and Brandenburg  
that the only action he could possibly take in this  
matter would be to write his superior officer and  
give him any information pertaining to the actions

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Make certain we do nothing  
in this. Looks like P.O. is again  
interfering. Send memo to A.G.  
into Re: Galatas & the he be compelled  
to serve his sentence as soon as  
possible. JEM.

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of Galatas in assisting this Bureau. Very little was said by Mr. Ross relative to William Elmer Mead being wanted by his Bureau, he indicating that he had no information as to whether Mead was actually wanted or not and nothing further was said by the writer.

The above conference was concluded and it is still my opinion that nothing can be expected from Galatas, although Mr. Brandenburg informed me later in the afternoon that he was most anxious to have Galatas furnish this Bureau with information as to the whereabouts of Mead and that he proposed to again contact Galatas on March 13th, 1936, after which he would communicate further with the writer.

The Bureau will, of course, be informed of any developments of importance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMAN FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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I have been advised by the Special Agent in Charge of the Little Rock, Arkansas Bureau Office that efforts will be made by various parties to prevent Richard T. Galatas from serving the sentence imposed upon him at Kansas City, Missouri, because of his participation in the Kansas City Massacre, in which a Special Agent of this Bureau and several local law enforcement officers were killed. You will recall that Richard Galatas was sentenced at Kansas City, Missouri on January 5, 1935 to serve a term of two years upon conviction of conspiracy, in connection with this case. I am advised that Ira Ross, Post Office Inspector, Little Rock, Arkansas, recently appeared at the Bureau's Little Rock Office, accompanied by Richard Tallman Galatas and One William Brandenburg, and indicated that Post Office Inspector Ross would communicate with his superior officer in Washington, D.C., for the purpose of having him intercede in behalf of Galatas to prevent Galatas from serving the sentence imposed upon him. I am informed that Post Office Inspector Ross intends to point out to his superiors the assistance which Galatas has rendered to Special Agents of this Bureau.

The Bureau is strongly opposed to any consideration of clemency being shown to Galatas in any form. Galatas was the "finger man" in the Kansas City Massacre, and I feel that the sentence imposed upon him, although the maximum possible under the statute under which he was convicted, is a woefully inadequate punishment. I hope the Department will not take any action to afford any consideration or mitigation of sentence to Galatas.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

RE: DONALD FOOTE, with aliases:  
FRANCIS RENWICKI, with aliases:  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act,  
National Firearms Act.

I want to call to your attention a most interesting and unusual firearms identification made in the Laboratory by Mr. D. J. Parsons yesterday afternoon. This is the first identification of an unidentified evidence bullet specimen with a recovered weapon belonging to subjects in custody.

On March 7, 1936, there was received from Birmingham a number of test bullets fired from guns recovered from the above subjects and forwarded to the Laboratory for check. Mr. Parsons, in handling this examination, checked through the file of unidentified evidence specimens in unsolved cases and identified four bullets which were received on December 11, 1935, from the Cleveland Office in connection with the Bremer Case. These four bullets were removed from the car of a deputy sheriff who was fired on by a machine gun near Bowling Green, Ohio, from a car which evaded a highway barricade and fled. The bullets removed from the deputy's car have been identified as having been fired from a Thompson Sub-machine gun recovered from the above named subjects in Birmingham, Alabama, by the Birmingham Police and Agents from the Birmingham Bureau Office.

Telegrams have been forwarded to the Birmingham, Cleveland, St. Paul and Pittsburgh Bureau Offices and to Mr. Connelley at the Chicago Office notifying them of this identification.

The Pittsburgh Office had an interest in this in that they submitted test bullets from a gun suspected of being involved in the Ohio shooting for comparison with the four evidence bullets but no identification was made.

It will be recalled that four previous identifications have been made from the file of unidentified evidence specimens. A Thompson Sub-machine gun recovered from a Chicago lagoon was identified as having fired shell specimens recovered at the scene of the Lazia Murder. Some Ammunition specimens recovered from the scene of the Barrington, Illinois, gun battle in which agents Cowley and Hollis were killed, were identified as being from guns used at the robbery of the South Bend, Indiana, National Bank. Test shells from one of several guns recovered from the New York Police Department were found identical with an evidence shell contained in the Laboratory's file recovered from the scene of the North Bergen, New Jersey Bank Robbery. The last identification from this file until yesterday, was that involving a fatal bullet submitted by the District Attorney at Youngstown, Ohio, which

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was found identical with a bullet removed from the arm of a woman believed shot from an airplane in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

As mentioned above, this is the first identification in which definite action could be taken in view of the fact that the subjects from whom the machine gun was recovered are now in custody. The last four of these identifications of previously unidentified evidence specimens have all been made by Mr. Parsons.

Respectfully,

/s/ E. P. COFFEY

Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.  
March 16, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

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Referring to my telephone conversation with Mr. Tamm of the Bureau today with regard to a cablegram received by the Bureau from Special Agent S. K. McKee, wherein it is stated that WILLIAM HAMM, JR., who was interviewed had stated that he, accompanied by Charles Tierney and Tom Brown of the St. Paul Police Department, had interviewed Bryan Bolton and procured certain information regarding the kidnapers of HAMM. The following information is set forth in confirmation of the conversation had with Mr. Tamm:

When WILLIAM HAMM, JR., was kidnaped in St. Paul, June 15, 1933, Mr. Thomas Dahill was Chief of Police at St. Paul, Minnesota, and Charles Tierney was Inspector of Detectives. Several months after the kidnaping Tom Brown was placed in charge of a special squad detailed to investigate kidnapings. This appointment was made by the Commissioner and the Chief of Police had nothing to do with it.

During the course of the investigation of the HAMM, and later the BREMER case, it was rumored that Tom Brown had some connection with the kidnapers and it was stated by Dahill that he believed Brown was responsible for information reaching the kidnapers and their being warned of attempts that were made to cause their arrest. Dahill became so convinced of this that he has on numerous occasions made direct inquiry as to whether any information had been developed during the course of investigation conducted by the Bureau, which would confirm his belief.

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During the first trial in the BREMER case in May, 1935, Dahill, whose term as Chief of Police at that time had expired, and who was then Assistant Inspector of Detectives,

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accompanied by Assistant Inspector Charles Tierney, attended the trial in an endeavor to secure any information that might develop indicating that Tom Brown had been involved in the kidnaping, and in this regard they were particularly interested in being in attendance during the testimony of BRYAN BOLTON.

As no information was brought out through the testimony of BOLTON concerning the alleged connection of Brown, Mr. Dahill who is well known to United States Attorney George Sullivan, and has his confidence, requested permission to interview Bolton to determine definitely whether or not Bolton would be able to supply any evidence tending to show that Brown had tipped off the kidnapers, or was in any way connected with them.

Permission for this interview was granted by United States Attorney George Sullivan, whereupon Bolton was interviewed at the Ramsey County Jail by Dahill and Tierney. During this interview Bolton informed them that he had been told by GEORGE ZEIGLER that there was a police officer in St. Paul named Brown that he knew, but that Bolton did not know Brown and could not furnish any information about him.

When asked by Tierney if the same persons who were involved in the BREMER case were responsible for the kidnaping of HAMM, Bolton stated that Zeigler had told him that Zeigler was in the Hamm case and that certain of the actual kidnapers of BREMER were also the kidnapers of HAMM.

Shortly prior to this time a Narcotic Agent referred this office to a report received from a Narcotic Agent in the Iowa District relating to a conversation overheard by an informant to the effect that HAMM was again to be kidnaped. Upon instructions from the Bureau, Mr. Hamm was notified about this, and according to Tierney, consulted with Tierney as to the possibility of his kidnapers returning and taking him again. Tierney, in an attempt to reassure him, informed him that according to his information Hamm's kidnapers were either in custody or were so badly wanted that they would hardly be expected to return to St. Paul.

Mr. Hamm called at the Bureau Office and requested an expression from the Bureau as to the identity of his kidnapers, which request was referred to the Bureau by letter under date of May 17, 1935, and a reply was received from the Bureau under date of May 24, 1935, suggesting that Mr. Hamm be informed that no information could be given out on a case that was under investigation.

Mr. Hamm then expressed a desire to have an interview with Bolton and secured permission from United States Attorney George Sullivan for such interview. Prior to the interview Bolton was informed by Special Agent John E. Brennan of this office of Hamm's request, and stated that he would not object to being interviewed by Hamm but could not furnish him with any information, and when Hamm did interview Bolton, he, according to Bolton, was particularly concerned about the identity of the "finger man" as he seemed to be under the impression that the finger man might possibly be some relative or close friend of his.

Bolton told him that he did not know who the person was but was reasonably sure that it was no friend or relative of Hamm's. The details of the kidnaping which Bolton had previously informed Tierney and Dahill he had obtained from George Zeigler, were not discussed with Hamm and it would appear that such information as Hamm might have concerning the identity of his kidnapers, must necessarily have been obtained from Tierney, and is by no means complete, as Bolton did not mention the connection of Jack Peifer, Jack Davenport, or any other persons than some of those who were actually the kidnapers.

For the information of the Bureau, Tom Dahill and Tom Brown are and have been for the past two years at least, bitter enemies, and as Tierney is a close friend of Dahill, his sympathy would be with Dahill. Tom Brown has never talked to Bolton nor has he been present at the Ramsey County Jail or at any other place when anyone else has talked to Bolton. Sheriff Tom Gibbons was not present during the interviews referred to above other than to escort the persons who had written permission from the United States Attorney to interview

Bolton, to Bolton's cell.

The interviews referred to above were had during the first trial of the BREMER case during May, 1935. BOLTON has not been interviewed by Dahill, Tierney, or Hamm since that time.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT: NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/16/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2/8, 25, 26/36 3/5/36	REPORT MADE BY: J. B. DICKERSON
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:  A. Fontana, Brooklyn, N.Y., who corresponded with Hapeman, has no apparent connection with this case. Movements and activities of Luciano and Buchalter will be covered through aid of New York Police Department. Andrew Gurante supposed to be receiving mail c/o General Delivery, Miami, Fla. Frankie Foster presently in Reno, Nevada.			
REFERENCE:  Report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson, New York City, dated January 29, 1936. Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Chicago, Ill., dated February 8, 1936.			
DETAILS:  To ascertain the identity of A. FONTANA, 116 Tilden Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., the writer interviewed Mr. POWELL, mail carrier #304, Rugby Post Office Station, 4806 24th Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. POWELL advised that FONTANA has occupied the one-family flat located over the store at 3317 Tilden Avenue for three or four			
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years; that the store at this address is occupied by Mr. CASTLE, who is in the construction business. Mr. POWELL stated that FONTANA is employed by Mr. CASTLE at various times as a laborer; that he does not recall FONTANA having worked for any other person than Mr. CASTLE; that FONTANA very seldom gets any mail; that he is married and has two boys, about ten and thirteen years of age; that he, POWELL, had never heard of FONTANA'S being in any kind of trouble. He furnished the following description of FONTANA:

Age	45 yrs.
Height	5' 10"
Weight	165 lbs.
Nationality	Italian

FONTANA was being investigated as a result of a mail tracing received from a mail cover placed on the mail of HARRY LEE HAFEMAN, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. It does not appear that FONTANA has any connection with this case and further investigation with reference to FONTANA is not thought to be necessary.

It was requested in the reference report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated February 8, 1936, at Chicago, Ill., that FRANKIE FOSTER is reputed to be a contact for ALVIN KARPIS and that arrangements should be made to keep advised of his movements and activities. In this reference report, FRANKIE FOSTER was mentioned as living at apartment 13D, Hotel Maurice, 145 West 58th Street, New York City.

Prior to the receipt of the report of Special Agent McKee, the New York Office was in receipt of a copy of a letter dated February 7, 1936, addressed to Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Ill., from the Salt Lake City Office. In this letter, the Salt Lake City Office requested certain information relative to parties living at 220 Cheney Street, Reno, Nevada, under the names of Mr. and Mrs. F. FROST. Upon receipt of the copy of the above mentioned letter, the New York Office by letter of February 11, 1936, forwarded to the Salt Lake City Office pictures and descriptions of one FRANKIE FOSTER alias FRANK FROST alias FRANK FROEMAN, and his wife, DOROTHY FOSTER alias DOROTHY FROST. It was noted that the F. FROST at Reno, Nevada, was probably identical with FRANKIE FOSTER, whom the New York Office had kept under surveillance in this case in the spring of 1935.

After the receipt of the report of Special Agent McKee, the New York Office, by letter dated February 21, 1936, addressed to the Salt Lake City Office, requested that in the event the F. FROST who was residing at 220 Cheney Street, Reno, Nevada, was identical with the FRANKIE FOSTER whom the New York Office kept under surveillance in the spring of 1935 in connection with the lead in the BREKID case, the Salt Lake City Office should make appropriate arrangements to cover the movements and activities of that person, as suggested in the reference report of Special Agent McKee.

The New York Office is in receipt of the report of Special Agent J.T. McLaughlin, dated February 18, 1936 at Salt Lake City, Utah, in which is set forth the information that F. FROST, residing at 220 Cheney Street, Reno, Nevada, is identical with FRANKIE FOSTER, and he is alleged to be a close contact of ALVIN KARPIS. Since the New York Office requested the Salt Lake City Office by letter to make appropriate investigation of FRANKIE FOSTER, who is now residing at 220 Cheney Street, Reno, Nevada, under the name of F. FROST, no lead is being set out in this report for the Salt Lake City Office in this connection, and the New York Office will not make investigation pertinent to FRANKIE FOSTER until information is received of his return to New York City.

On page 17 of the reference report of Special Agent McKee, it is set forth that LOUIS BUCHALTER, also known as BUCKHOUSE, SAFFER and LEPKE, is a contact in New York City for the Barker-Karpis gang. It was requested that information as to the whereabouts of BUCHALTER should be obtained by the New York Office and arrangements should be made to keep advised of his activities.

On page 38 of the reference report of Special Agent McKee, it is stated that CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO, New York City, is associated with LOUIS BUCHALTER and could undoubtedly furnish valuable information, and that data as to his contacts and activities would prove to be of unlimited value in connection with getting the information relative to BUCHALTER. The writer interviewed Inspector MICHAEL McDERMOTT of the New York Police Department, located at the Police Station on 68th Street West of Broadway. Inspector McDERMOTT advised that he has two detectives assigned to watch the movements and activities of BUCHALTER when BUCHALTER is in New York City. He advised that at the present

time BUCHALTER is not in New York City, and that he understands that he is in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The matter was discussed with Inspector McDERMOTT as to BUCHALTER'S being a possible contact of KARPIS and also CAMPBELL, and he stated that he would keep the New York Office advised of such information as he received from his men as to the movements of BUCHALTER that would be of value in this case. Inspector McDERMOTT further advised that his men would cover the movements and activities of BUCHALTER as soon as BUCHALTER returned to New York City. He told agent that two other detectives were assigned to watch the movements and activities of CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO. Agent was referred by Inspector McDERMOTT to Captain KENNY, in charge of the 2nd Detective District, 118 Clinton Street, New York City.

Captain KENNY advised that he had two men assigned to watch the movements and activities of LUCIANO when LUCIANO was in New York City. He advised that he understands that LUCIANO is presently in Hollywood, Fla., where he owns an interest in the Ha-Ha Club, located in that town; that he understands that LUCIANO frequents the horseraces at Hialeah Racetrack, which is located about fifteen or twenty miles from Hollywood, Fla. The matter was discussed with Captain KENNY as to LUCIANO'S being a possible contact for KARPIS or CAMPBELL in New York City, and he advised that he would be willing to cooperate with the New York Office in furnishing any information that would be received from the investigation by his department which would be of value in locating KARPIS and CAMPBELL. Captain KENNY advised that upon the return of LUCIANO to New York City, his men would do their best to cover his activities and movements.

In the opinion of the New York Office, this is the best way to cover the movements and activities of LUCIANO and BUCHALTER, as it is understood that both of them are very active in various rackets in and around New York City.

On page 39 of the reference report of Special Agent McKee, it is mentioned that IKE McANALLY, a reporter for the New York Post, had approached the Special Agent in Charge, New York City, on several occasions with respect to knowing persons who could put the Bureau in contact with ALVIN KARPIS. It does not appear at the present time to be advisable to contact IKE McANALLY in this case.

With reference to the lead set out in the reference report of Special Agent Dickerson to ascertain the address of ANDREW GURANTE, Special Agent W. J. McNulty on January 30, 1936, interviewed ALBERT GURANTE, brother of ANDREW,

at 2808 35th Street, Astoria, L.I., N.Y., and ascertained from ALBERT GURANTE, without disclosing his identity, that ANDREW GURANTE is at the present time in Miami, Fla., and receives his mail through General Delivery, Miami, Fla. He did not know ANDREW GURANTE'S street address. By letter dated February 5, 1936, this information was forwarded to the Jacksonville Office.

No lead is being set out for the Jacksonville Office to locate LUCIANO at Hollywood, Fla., or for the Little Rock Office to locate BUCHALTER at Hot Springs, Arkansas, as this is being left to the discretion of the office of origin. It is thought that both of these men will probably return to New York City in the near future, and their activities can be covered through the arrangements mentioned above.

The description of LOUIS BUCHALTER, also known as BUCKHOUSE, SAFFER and LEPKE, as obtained from the personal description file of the New York Bureau Office is as follows:

Age	38 yrs.
Height	5'6" to 5'10"
Weight	150-179
Build	Medium
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Nationality	American
N.Y.P.D.#	B46043

The description of CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO as obtained from Captain KENNY of the New York Police Department is as follows:

Age	38 yrs.
Height	5'9"
Weight	152 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
	Squint in right eye

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

NEW YORK OFFICE, at New York City, will keep in touch with Inspector McDERMOTT of the New York Police Department, located at the Police Station on 68th Street west of Broadway,

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and Captain KENNY of the 2nd Detective Division, 118 Clinton Street, New York City, for such information as they may be able to furnish with reference to the activities and movements of LOUIS BUCHALTER and CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO that would be of value in this case.

Will make appropriate investigation of the telephone numbers listed in the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated February 13, 1936 at Cleveland, Ohio, pertinent to the New York Office territory.

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Time - 1:25 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

SAC Andersen telephoned me from the Phoenix Office and advised that he received a telephone call last night from William Brandenburg of Little Rock, Arkansas, about the William E. Meade angle of this case. Brandenburg operates some kind of a detective publication in the Donaghey Building in Little Rock, and advised that he has been talking with Richard Tallman Galatas. Galatas, according to Brandenburg, is about ready to do some dickering to get his prison sentence reduced, or something like that, in exchange for turning Meade in to us. Mr. Andersen said that he told Brandenburg he could not personally do anything for Galatas in this regard, and could make no promises that his sentence would be reduced, etc.; that, however, he could state that anything Galatas does for us in this regard will be brought to the attention of the Department.

*due to Mr. Andersen*

I told Mr. Andersen that he did right in this situation; that he should immediately get in touch with the Special Agent in Charge of the Little Rock Office, advise him that the facts of this matter have been discussed with me, furnish him with this information, and ask that he personally interview Galatas direct about this situation, Brandenburg having indicated that Galatas is today in Little Rock. I told Mr. Andersen to make it clear to the SAC of the Little Rock Office that we can make no promises of any kind to Galatas concerning his furnishing the information relative to Meade to us; that, however, if he furnishes us with information which results in the apprehension by us of Meade, we will see that this is brought to the attention of the Department and of the Bureau of Prisons.

At the suggestion of Mr. Andersen, I told him that he might get in touch with Brandenburg and advise him that Galatas will be interviewed by an Agent of the Little Rock Office.

Respectfully,

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E. A. TAMM.

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

March 4, 1936.

Time - 3:35 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Connelley telephoned me from Toledo, Ohio, and advised that they picked BERT ANGUS up and questioned him at some length. Bert Angus identifies all of the subjects as being in there just after the Atlantic City affair, but, in order to get away from an admission of guilty knowledge, says that he did not know they were the Bremer subjects until after they had left and gone to Cleveland, when he read in the paper that they were in fact the Bremer subjects. Further questioning of Bert made him admit that on the day after the subjects left Atlantic City, Harry Campbell did come to his place in Toledo driving his automobile, and came to the door. Angus, however, says that he would not allow Campbell to come in, just motioning him away and locking the door.

Mr. Connelley said that while Angus claims that he does not know where the subjects are at this time, he has agreed that he will do everything physically possible to locate the subjects and furnish the information to us. Mr. Connelley said that Angus was fully aware of the fact that if he does not give us the information resulting in the apprehension of the subjects, he will have to go to jail.

With reference to Bert Angus, therefore, the only thing remaining is for us to more or less mark time and see if he delivers.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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PHONE. BREKID LOCAL NEWSPAPERS ADVISE PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT KARPIS  
 IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF TWO BANDITS WHO HELD UP JEWELRY STORE  
 GREENVILLE OHIO MARCH FOURTH SECURING JEWELRY VALUED AT  
 APPROXIMATELY SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS. INVESTIGATION BEING MADE  
 THIS ALLEGED IDENTIFICATION

CONNELLEY, HDH

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DIRECTOR

SACS CHICAGO AND CLEVELAND.

PHONE. BREKID. REFER MY LETTERS FEBRUARY TWENTYONE LAST CONCERNING EILENE  
BALDWIN AND MARCH THIRD LAST RELATIVE TELEPHONE TAP TULSA. FROM TELEPHONE  
COMMUNICATION TULSA C. E. DUTCH MONTEITH APPARENTLY LEFT TULSA TODAY FOR  
CLEVELAND OHIO VIA BUS FOR PURPOSE CONTACTING GEORGE H. BURRHEAD READY.  
INDICATED HE MAY CONTACT "THE BOY" WHICH MAY REFER BREKID FUGITIVE. MONTEITH  
MAY BE WORKING FOR JOE ANDERSON OF THE KANSAS STATE POLICE. DESCRIPTION OF  
MONTEITH AGE 37, FIVE FEET TEN, WEIGHT 170, GRAY HAIR. KANSAS CITY REQUESTED  
TELEPHONICALLY OBTAIN MOST RECENT PHOTOGRAPH MONTEITH KANSAS PENITENTIARY  
AND FORWARD COPIES CHICAGO AND CLEVELAND.

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JCH:ELM

March 3, 1936.

Time-2:55 P.M.

**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM**

**RE: Alvin Karpis.**

Mr. Connelley telephoned from Chicago and stated that he had selected Agents Wynn and Dowd who are familiar with the McGinty crowd at Cleveland; that Wynn and Dowd are arriving in Chicago by plane around 5 o'clock; that he will go over with Wynn and Dowd the details of what should be done in Miami; that they will immediately leave Chicago arriving in Miami at 8:30 A.M. Thursday. Mr. Connelley stated that he has also selected Agent Birch of Philadelphia, Agent R. E. Peterson at Nashville, Agent A. P. Barber at Milwaukee, and G. O. Hurt at Dallas. Mr. Connelley stated that he would contact these Agents and have them report to Agent Wynn by telephone at the Alcazar Hotel at Miami; that Wynn will go outside to meet them and make the necessary arrangements. I told Mr. Connelley that I was going to send one or two men from Washington who will also check in down there.

I advised Mr. Connelley that I had just received further word that there are nine members in this mob that Karpis has been there for several weeks and was joined last Saturday by eight others; that they propose some kind of shake down on this Saturday night which will net them about twenty thousand dollars at one of the gambling places. I advised Mr. Connelley of the flash which had been received from Tampa, Florida to the effect that a bank had been robbed there by a group of men.

Mr. Connelley stated that he was going to try to find out from a man in Toledo as to just where this mob is; that he would arrive in Toledo tomorrow morning and leave there tomorrow evening for Miami.

I told Mr. Connelley that I would advise him of the names of the Agents who will be sent down from Washington.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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FBI OKLAHOMA CITY 3-12-36. 11-50 am VC  
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SACs CHICAGO, CLEVELAND.

PHONE. BREKID. REFER MY TWX OF YESTERDAY INDICATING SAM COKER  
APPREHENDED. THIS WAS ERRONEOUS. PERSON APPREHENDED IS JOHN BROCK,  
TULSA, FRIEND OF GEORGE BURRHEAD READY. INFORMATION HE ALLEGED TO BE  
CONNECTED GARRETSVILLE MAIL ROBBERY AND SUPPOSED HAVE BEEN TAKEN  
YESTERDAY TO CLEVELAND.

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F B I PORTLAND 3-12-36, 11-27 AM PST BR  
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SACs CHICAGO, CINCINNATI, DALLAS, OKLAHOMA CITY,  
PHONE. BREKID. C. C. CAMPBELL UNDOUBTEDLY SAME AS CLELL CAMPBELL LIVED  
AT TACOMA HOTEL, OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON OCTOBER 1st, 1935 TO MARCH 2nd, WITH  
WOMAN SUPPOSED TO BE WIFE. WOMAN'S NAME MABELLE, WHOSE MOTHER'S NAME  
REPORTED TO BE MRS. MABEL WILLIAMS, WEISER, IDAHO. CAMPBELL CLAIMED MARRIED  
WOMAN IN CALIFORNIA AND WAS DRAWING COMPENSATION FOR INJURED FOOT. PLACE OR  
DATE OF INJURY UNKNOWN. WHEN LEFT TACOMA HOTEL TOLD PROPRIETOR GOING TO  
WEISER, IDAHO BUT LEFT FORWARDING ORDERS AT POSTOFFICE TO 818 SOUTH  
ROCKFORD STREET, TULSA, OKLAHOMA. C. C. CAMPBELL DESCRIBED AS 45 YEARS,  
ABOUT 6 FEET, 200 POUNDS, HEAVY BUILD, BIG NECK, DARK COMPLEXION, LIMP IN  
RIGHT LEG. CAMPBELL NOT EMPLOYED WHILE AT OLYMPIA AND HAD ONLY APPARENT  
CONTACT THERE WHO IS WELL KNOWN AND COULD NOT HAVE BEEN SUBJECT CAMPBELL.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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Washington, D. C.  
March 15, 1936

EAT:GLS

Time: 4:47 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREKID - EDWARD BENTZ

Mr. Whitley of the New York Office called me at this time and stated that; Bentz swears that he saw Karpis in Chicago October 25th; that he located Karpis through Joe Bergel (phonetic spelling) who had touch with Karpis within an hour after Bentz contacted him; that he, Bentz, then met Karpis on a road outside of Chicago close to a house, which he knows and has known for a long time is hot and a perfect spot for a hideout; that he did not actually see Karpis in or at this house but he assumes from the place that he met Karpis that he was hiding in this house. Mr. Whitley further stated that Bentz claims he rode around with Karpis for about two hours; that he tried to get Karpis to help him on a bank robbery in Maine, which he had cased; but that Karpis told him he had a pretty set up there and did not want to take any chance on leaving it as he still had a little money left. Mr. Whitley stated that Bentz has promised to give them more along that line later; that he is very very cagy and extremely reluctant.

Mr. Whitley further stated that he was inclined to believe that Bentz does know something about Karpis, since he has run with that crowd before, but that he, Mr. Whitley, does not know enough about the situation in Chicago to know whether the information Bentz is giving them is good or whether it is a fabrication. He suggested that we might want to have Mr. Connelley go in there and question Bentz along that line. I told Mr. Whitley that I agreed with him and instructed him to call Mr. Connelley and go over it with him.

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Mr. Whitley stated that they had four witnesses from the Milford bank there today, the cashier, teller, and two of the women bookkeepers; that they arranged a nice line up with about nine men in a pretty tough looking; that they were taken in one at a time; and that all of them identified Bentz unquestionably and without hesitation and said they couldn't be wrong; that Bentz now admits that he was in on the Milford job and says that he will tell who his accomplices were. Mr. Whitley further stated that this was one of the jobs that Bentz swore he knew nothing about; that this gave them a good position because Bentz has been telling them a lot of things which could not be proved one way or the other and now they can use the fact that he lied about this case to pin him down; that they are still working on him and that this has put him on the defensive. Mr. Whitley stated that Bentz denied knowing anything about the Moorsville case, but that he, Mr. Whitley, told him he might as well go ahead and spill it because the witnesses on that case and on the Aiken South Carolina, job and on the Florida job would all be brought up, and that they would do the same thing as the other witnesses had done, and that if he wanted us to give him any consideration at all he had better save us all that trouble.

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Memo for the Director

March 15, 1936.

Time: 8:45 P.M.

I called Mr. Whitley at this time to see what Mr. Connelley had thought of the possibilities of Bentz having any information of value. Mr. Whitley informed me that Mr. Connelley had thought it would be well for him to go in and talk to Bentz. I told Mr. Whitley that we had ordered Mr. McIntire to go to New York City also since he knows quite a bit of the background of this case.

*Richard* I further informed Mr. Whitley that, in regards to the Bruce Belasky matter, the Bureau wishes to stay out of the thing entirely and does not want to get back into it under any circumstances. I also told him to watch this man Bannerman quite closely.

Respectfully,

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E. A. Tamm



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BREKID ~~FITZGERALD~~ YESTERDAY PAID RENT FOR HIS APARTMENT FOR  
ANOTHER MONTH NO OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

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FBI LOS ANGELES 3-8-36 1-30 PM FT

DIRECTOR

SAC CONNELLEY

PHONE BREKID. RE SURVEILLANCE HERE ABOUT FIVE THIRTY AM TODAY FITZGERALD  
PHONED MRS ROBERTSON, MOTHER OF JEAN, TELLING HER THAT HE COULD NOT STAY  
HERE, MEANING BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, ANY LONGER, THAT HE WANTED TO GO TO  
GLENDALE. HE KEPT REPEATING "I CAN'T STAY HERE ANY LONGER" HE WAS SLIGHTLY  
INTOXICATED BUT APPARENTLY NOT SUFFERING FROM DT,S. HE WANTED MRS ROBERTSON  
TO DRIVE HIS CAR BUT SHE REFUSED TO DO SO TELLING HIM TO GET A CAB INSTEAD.  
ABOUT SIX THIRTY HE CALLED FOR A CAB AND IT WAS TRAILED TO GLENDALE SANITARIUM  
LOCATED IN GLENDALE A SUBURB OF LOS ANGELES HE ENTERED THIS INSTITUTION AND  
ACCORDING TO THE TAXICAB DRIVER WHO TOOK HIM FITZGERALD INDICATED HE EXPECTED  
TO BE THERE THREE OR FOUR DAYS. THE INSTITUTION IS APPARENTLY REPUTABLE  
BUT SO FAR HAVE NOT SECURED APPROPRIATE CONTACT THERE BUT AM STILL WORKING  
ON THIS. FITZGERALD JUST PHONED MRS ROBERTSON SAYING HE WOULD STAY AT  
INSTITUTION FIVE DAYS UNTIL GOT LIQUOR OUT OF SYSTEM.

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PHONE BREKID. RE TELETYPE EARLIER TODAY CONCERNING SURVEILLANCE HERE HAVE  
MADE CONTACT IN HOSPITAL GLENDALE AND HAVE STATIONED AGENT THERE TO COVER  
BEST OF ABILITY. EXACT TIME OF FITZGERALD STAY THERE UNCERTAIN. BEING  
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*Chas. J. to Mr. Tamm*

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FBI LOS ANGELES 3-5-36 1-25- PM AM

DIRECTOR AND SAC CONNELLEY AT CHICAGO

PHONE BREKID. ONLY DEVELOPMENTS ON SURVEILLANCE HERE ARE THAT IMOGENE

ROBERTSON TALKED TO HER MOTHER AND FITZGERALD ON THE TELEPHONE FROM

ASHTABULA OHIO. SHE MENTIONED THAT SHE WAS WORKING AS A HAT CHECK GIRL

IN THE SWALLOW CAFE. ALSO ASKED HER MOTHER TO HAVE FITZGERALD SEND HER

SOME MONEY. SHE DID NOT MENTION IT TO HIM HOWEVER WHEN SHE TALKED TO HIM.

FITZGERALD APPEARS TO BE AVOIDING IMOGENE ROBERTSON'S FRIENDS HERE AND ONLY

PERSONS HE VISITS WITH ARE IMOGENE'S MOTHER AND FATHER. HER FATHER, MR. SHAFER,

IS APPARENTLY TRYING TO INTEREST FITZGERALD IN A DEAL, POSSIBLY A MINING

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FBI LOS ANGELES MARCH 11 - 1936 4-15 PM RS

DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID. RE SURVEILLANCE HERE. *Chas J.* FITZGERALD TODAY LEFT THE HOSPITAL AND RETURNED TO HIS APARTMENT. HE APPEARS TO BE IN LOW SPIRITS DUE NO DOUBT TO THE ABSENCE OF IMOGENE ROBERTSON FROM THE CITY. HE HAS ALSO INTIMATED THAT HE IS DISSATISFIED WITH CONDITIONS HERE

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FBI LOS ANGELES 3-7-36 3-00 PM AB  
DIRECTOR AND SAC CONNELLEY AT CHICAGO  
PHONE. BREKID. ONLY DEVELOPMENTS SURVEILLANCE HERE ARE THAT FITZGERALD  
RECEIVED LETTER YESTERDAY POSTMARKED MINNEAPOLIS MARCH THIRD APPARENTLY  
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March 17, 1936

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SAC Connelley, Chicago

Transmit the following message to:

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 16, 1936.

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Time - 12:00 noon

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: JOE ADAMS.

Walter Barlow of the Department telephoned me with reference to the matter of the above named person, and stated that he is in receipt of a letter from United States Attorney Holland in Florida stating that the trial as to Joe Adams has been set for May 25, 26 and 27, 1936. With reference to a judge to hear the cases on the docket of the Southern District of Florida, over which Judge Ritter formerly presided, the United States Attorney advises that each of the three judges of the Northern District have agreed to give ten days of their time to the hearing of the cases now on the docket. It is not known at this time which of the judges will hear the instant case.

Mr. Barlow mentioned that sometime before May 25th, he would like to talk with someone in the Bureau about the entire matter. In this connection, I told Mr. Barlow that the Bureau has arranged for Mr. McIntire, who is thoroughly familiar with this case, and who is available here in Washington, to confer with him relative to the case at any time he desires. I told Mr. Barlow that while Mr. McIntire is out of the city at this time, I would have him get in touch with Mr. Barlow by Wednesday of this week.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box #64  
Buffalo, N.Y.

March 17, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

Upon returning to Buffalo on the evening of March 11, 1936, I learned that the Buffalo Times had carried a story in one of its editions on that date, reporting that Alvin Karpis may be hiding out in Buffalo and was reported to have been treated by a local doctor for a stomach ailment. The article also reflected that Karpis was recently arrested and fined on a traffic violation in Erie, Pa., escaping before agents of the Bureau knew of the episode.

I learned that the Times had not contacted our office any time during that day, and I immediately communicated with appropriate officials of the Times to secure the source of their information. I, of course, ascertained that the story was entirely unfounded and teletyped you to that effect during the evening of March 11, 1936.

The officials of the Times advised me of the origin of the story and a check by agents of this office disclosed the fact that a man by the name of Corbett was sitting in a restaurant some few days ago and heard two men talking about someone who he believed they called Karpis, being in town and being treated for stomach trouble. Mr. Corbett has a brother named James Corbett, a radio announcer, and he told the story to James Corbett, who in turn related it to a reporter on the Times. This reporter called up some detective at police headquarters, whose name could not be determined, which detective advised the reporter that the information might be true inasmuch as Karpis was recently arrested and fined on a traffic violation at Erie, Pa.

I could not learn the name of the detective who is alleged to have made the statement, and by checking with the Chief of Detectives and others, I learned that no such rumor or information was in possession of the local police department.

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The management of the Buffalo Times apologized for permitting such a story to appear in the press based upon such unfounded statements, and promised me that in the future every effort would be made to prevent a recurrence of such matter. Agents of this office contacted the person who started this rumor, Corbett, and he had absolutely no information of any value that could be checked.

For your information I am attaching hereto the clipping from the Buffalo Times, March 11, 1936 issue, with respect to this matter.

Very truly yours,



B. E. SACKETT  
Special Agent in Charge

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BUFFALO TIMES  
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Buffalo Times 3-11-36  
**KARPIS REPORTED  
HIDING IN BUFFALO**

**Police Hear G-Men Trailed  
Killer to City**

Police today heard reports that Alvin Karpis, killer, kidnaper, and current U. S. Public Enemy No. 1, may be hiding out in Buffalo.

Trailed by a squad of G-men assigned especially to arrest him, Karpis is reported to have come to town and to have been treated by a local doctor for a stomach ailment. Buffalo police were not officially notified, it being a frequent practice of the G-men to conduct their pursuit without the aid of local officials.

One Buffalo detective was inclined to give credence to the story because of reports that Karpis was recently arrested and fined on a traffic violation in Erie, escaping before the Federal men knew of the episode. Karpis might also have been encouraged to choose Buffalo as a hide-out because the late Pretty Boy Floyd was able to conceal himself here last winter.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>San Antonio, Tex.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>March 16 '36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/4, 15/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>De R. Morley</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, w.a. FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.a. - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, w.a. - FUGITIVE I.O. 1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Arrangements made with the Commandant, Texas A & M College whereby the San Antonio office will be furnished tracings of all mail received through the Student Exchange by Joe Campbell, nephew of subject Harry Campbell.

Reference: Letter from El Paso office to San Antonio office, dated February 25, 1936, and report of Special Agent M. C. Falkner, El Paso, Texas, dated February 26, 1936.

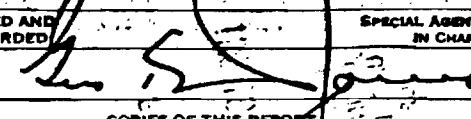
**DETAILS:**

Anna V. Smith, Postmistress, Bryan, Texas, advised that Box #833, College Station, Texas, is in the Student Exchange, a private Post Office operated by the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College. Information was obtained that the box is rented in the names of Harry E. Brown and C. B. Mueller.

Colonel Frank G. Anderson, Commandant, Texas A & M College, advised that he would be glad to aid any inquiry and would treat any information as confidential. Colonel Anderson was apprised of the necessity for obtaining mail tracings on the mail of Joe Campbell, the system of obtaining tracings being explained in detail. The Colonel stated that a trusted employee of the College is in charge of the Post Office and that he would issue instructions to have him personally obtain tracings in such manner that student employees would not be advised of the situation. All incoming mail and, where possible, outgoing mail of Joe Campbell will be checked. These tracings will be forwarded promptly to the San Antonio Bureau office.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS**

San Antonio Office: Will report results obtained from tracings on mail of Joe Campbell.  
Pending.

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1300 Liberty Trust Building  
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March 17, 1936.

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith, in quadruplicate,  
memorandum prepared by Special Agent T. M. Birch, cov-  
ering investigation made by Special Agents A. P. Barber  
and Birch at Miami, Florida, and vicinity, on special  
assignment in the above entitled matter.

It is assumed that you will forward the infor-  
mation contained in the memorandum to the Bureau in re-  
port form.

Very truly yours,

R. E. YETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

"BREKID".

Dear Sir:

At Toledo, Ohio, March 4, 1936, in the presence of Special Agent B. M. Hirsh and Special Agent C. E. Smith, Bert Angus of the Angus brothers, Toledo, Ohio, was interviewed in detail as to his past knowledge and association with the members of the gang involved in this particular violation. This individual was brought from his home to the Hillcrest Hotel for this interview, and at the outset it was apparent that he was very much frightened as to what might occur to him, and he is apparently satisfied that he will be prosecuted for harboring these subjects.

Bert Angus advises that about 1929 he was visiting in Chicago, Illinois, and at that time met through friends there, Willie Harrison, and thereafter he and Harrison were in the saloon business together at State and Wentworth Streets, Calumet City, Illinois; that they opened this place in the Fall of that year and continued in business until the following March or April, when he, Angus, returned to Toledo, Ohio; that Willie Harrison at this time was a more or less inoffensive individual; that Willie was then working for Tom McGinty, now located in Gary, Indiana, which Tom McGinty is not the same as Tom McGinty of Cleveland, Ohio, presently associated with Carter's gambling house, Miami Beach, Florida. They opened a place a short distance from the place operated by McGinty, and in fact rented the quarters from McGinty. Angus advises that Willie Harrison was a "good fellow" and that whenever he got as much as \$100.00, he would generally go out cabaretting until he had spent it.

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Bert Angus then identified a picture of Joseph P. Moran as being a party known to him. He also identified a picture of Harry Campbell, claiming he knew him as Winfield. He identified a picture of Russell Gibson. He also identified a picture of Paul Harmon as the wife of Braddie Barker. He identified a picture of Myrtle Eaton as the wife of a party he knew as Bill, and whom he identified from a picture of William Weaver. He advised that Weaver only came in occasionally and took only a few drinks at a time. He identified a picture of Volney Davis as a party known to him as "Cotton" or "Whitey" or "Whitey Davis". He identified a picture of Fred Barker as a party he knew as "Fred". He identified a picture of Charles Joseph Fitzgerald as a party known to him as "Chuck." He advised that "Chuck" had been around Toledo, Ohio, for the past ten years, long before any of these other subjects appeared; that he understood he had previously been engaged in smuggling liquor into Ohio from Canada, by boat, which boat he understood was later destroyed by fire; that he knew him as "Chuck" Murphy; that he also knew his woman, who is known as "Belle", having seen her with Fitzgerald in Calumet City, Ill., when he was in business there, when "Chuck" and "Belle" would come to his place, particularly on Fridays for fish. He does not recall seeing "Belle" in Toledo, Ohio, although she might have been there at the time Fitzgerald was there with the other members of this gang. He identified a picture of Arthur R. Barker, as the party known to him as "Doc" and the brother of Freddie, previously above referred to. He could not identify pictures of Jess Doyle and Harry Sawyer. He identified a picture of Edna Murray as the woman of the party previously above identified as "Cotton", and in connection with the strip pictures he readily identified pictures of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker, Harry Campbell, Joseph P. Moran and Russell Gibson. He could not identify the picture of Kate Barker. As to the appearance of Alvin Karpis, he indicated he had a scar of some nature on the side of his face, but he was unable at this time to place where this scar appeared.

Angus advised that Willie Harrison first appeared at his place in the Spring of 1934, Willie having made frequent trips previous to that time to Toledo, Ohio, and associated with him from time to time. At this time, as he recalls, Fred Barker and Harry Campbell were with Willie Harrison when they came to his place, the "Little Casino Club" near Point Place, and would come in from time to time and have drinks and then would be gone for a week or more and would return again. From time to time additional of the above subjects identified would appear and during the Spring and early Summer of 1934 all of these subjects in different groups frequented his place; that he believes part of them were living at 14th and Jackson in the Jarvis Apartments.



He identified a picture of Jimmie Wilson as a party who first appeared at Toledo when Dr. Joseph P. Moran appeared there; that Wilson frequented his place practically every day during the time he was there; that he recalled Winona Burdette particularly, whose picture he identified, for reason of the fact that she was their entertainer; that she would sing and play the ukulele for them. He identified the picture of Dolores Delaney as the supposed wife of Karpis, whom he also referred to as "Slim". He advised that they saw very little of Karpis and Dolores at the Casino Club, although they came in from time to time; that Karpis, as a rule, did not have much to drink and would occasionally come in to eat. He referred to the fact that Edna Murray was supposed to be suffering from cancer. He was unable to identify the picture of Mrs. Russell Gibson, nor could he identify the picture of Bruno Austin. He could not identify the picture of Gladys Sawyer. He could not identify the picture of Milton Lett. He identified a picture of Ollie Berg, as a person known to him as "Ollie"; that Ollie and Russell Gibson and Doc Barker were considering buying the power or motor boat of Ted Angus; that they were out to look at this boat; that Ted took them on a trip to Middle Island on the boat but the sale was not completed. He advised he was unable to identify the pictures of Syracuse, Mirabella and LaSelle, members of the Picavoli mob; that however, this so-called "dago" gang had tried to muscle in on them, without success. He first identified a picture of James "Tip" O'Neill as being "Shimmy" Patton, but said he was "Tip" O'Neill, associated with Patton.

Practically all of the persons above referred to and identified were at Toledo until sometime in the summer of 1934 when they said they were going to Akron, Ohio; that he next heard of them when the three women were arrested in Cleveland, Ohio, in September, 1934. He recalled that Fred Barker and Paula Harmon were together, "Doc" and "Slim" Gray usually together, Winona Burdette and "Buff" or Winfield were together, Karpis and Dolores were together; that Ollie Berg, Willie Harrison, Jimmy Wilson, Doc Moran were there from time to time in association with various of the others; that Edna Murray and Volney Davis were together; that Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton were together; that Myrtle Eaton at that time weighed about 180# and drank considerable liquor; that Charles J. Fitzgerald was around with different members of the gang from time to time and usually walked with a cane. He recalled Winona Burdette and Harry Campbell had a place towards Point Place, close to the Little Casino Club; that Fred and Paula also had a house in this same vicinity; that after the members of the gang left Toledo, Ohio, some of them would call back from time to time, particularly Willie Harrison, Doc Barker and Slim Gray; that they would stop and have drinks, when passing through the City.

Angus advised that with respect to the indictment of "Doc" Barker, Alvin Karpis and others in May, 1934, he recalled seeing the pictures in a detective magazine of either two or four subjects in this case, that is, Fred Barker, Doc Barker, Alvin Karpis and possibly one other; that this was in May, 1934; that he recalls the story in the magazine, he having seen two different magazines, referred to Karpis particularly as being one of the kidnapers in the Bremer Kidnaping case; that he recalls definitely that all of this was carried in newspapers at the time of the arrest of the three women in September, 1934, at Cleveland, Ohio, and that he saw these articles in the paper. During the time these parties were frequenting the Little Casino in Toledo, Ohio, there was employed at the Club, himself and his brother, Ted Angus, "Coolie" Monroe, bartender, Charles Becker, bartender, and Mary Dorley, Cook, who later married Tommy Cathwright, the latter having recently been sent to the Penitentiary again; that Annie Smith, who was the check room girl, was a girl friend of Greenwald, the taxi driver. Angus was unable to designate the particular magazine or newspaper in which he had seen reference to Alvin Karpis and "Doc" Barker.

With reference to the wife of Bert Angus, who was previously Madeline Holst, he advised that she has two other sisters, Thelma Holst and Rene Holst, the latter at present living with them at his home, however, he declined to furnish the present definite address of Thelma Holst. He advises that these three girls have a brother, Spencer Holst, who is employed by the Detroit Free Press newspaper, Detroit, Michigan; that the mother, who has re-married, is May Hohl; that Thelma Holst or Wilson, who has been living with Charles Haymaker, now running the "Little Club", formerly the "Little Casino" operated by Bert and Ted Angus, he advises is a local prostitute, and is not one and the same as Thelma Holst, the sister of his wife; that he believes she has recently been living with Whitie Emerson and this Thelma Holst alias Wilson is now staying at the Navarre Hotel, Toledo.

With reference to the operation of Middle Island in Lake Erie, he advises that he had this place for operation for a period of two years on a 25% profit basis; that a party by the name of Tibbels, Stacey and Lambers owned this island and later sold a one-third interest to Larry Taylor and a one-third interest to Joe Roscoe; that later Joe Roscoe bought out the interests of Taylor; that he was operating this island about 1929 or 1930 after he returned from Chicago, Ill., where he had been in business with Willie Harrison at Calumet City; that he recalls "Doc" Barker, Russell Gibson and Ollie Berg were apparently considering buying the motor boat of Ted Angus and

and that he knows on one occasion Ted took these parties to Middle Island; that, however, at this time, he had nothing to do with the operation of the Island, namely the Spring of 1934. He denies that he has any knowledge of the relationship existing between subjects and Joe Roscoe.

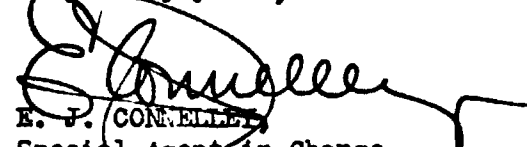
As to Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Angus advises that on the night "Doc" Moran apparently disappeared he recalls that he believes he, Angus, went out to his cottage on Lake Erie; that when he left the "Little Casino" club "Doc" Moran was pretty drunk and there was some discussion among the parties present, namely "Doc" Parker, "Slim" Gray and "Doc" Moran; that this is the last time he ever saw "Doc" Moran; that it was difficult for him to figure out what had happened to "Doc" Moran, as he would be gone for periods of from three days to three weeks and then return but after the occasion above referred to, which was the early summer of 1934, he never saw "Doc" Moran again. He advises he does not believe Captain Timoney of the Toledo Police Department has a motor boat; that during the time he, Bert Angus, operated Middle Island, Captain Timoney was over there once or twice, coming by boat, however he does not believe Timoney used the motor boat of Ted Angus. He denies that he ever sent anyone from this gang to a house of prostitution in Toledo.

Bert Angus was asked to advise the details of what happened on the morning that Campbell and Karpis appeared at the "Little Casino" Club in Toledo about January 21, after they had escaped from the shooting at Atlantic City and had kidnaped the Doctor in Pennsylvania, stealing his car and Angus advised that this party, Campbell, came to the place; that a car drove up in front of the Club and that Campbell apparently got out of this car and came to the door; that he immediately saw who this was and said to Campbell "Get out of here"; that Ted Angus was not there; that he believed Ted was sick; that at this time they had the door locked, that is the outside door, and the storm door; that immediately he recognized Campbell, who indicated that he wanted to come in, he advised him "No". He states that he believes Campbell was wearing an overcoat and a soft hat; that this must have been sometime after midnight on the day in question; that there were twenty-five or thirty people in the place; that they kept the door locked and had a buzzer on the outside for persons to signal in order that they could keep the drunks out of the place in the early morning hours. Bert Angus insists that this is the last time he saw Harry Campbell; that he did not know of either Harry Campbell or Alvin Karpis being in Toledo in August, 1935. He insists that on the morning this occurred he never left the place thereafter until after daylight.

At this time Bert Angus was not pressed for any more intimate details of his transactions and he was impressed with the fact that we believed we had a very definite case against him of Harboring, as well as against his brother, his wife and her sisters and that he should realize the reason he had not been picked up previously was for the reason that we expected to apprehend Karpis and Campbell and did not want to disturb the places where they might come. He advised that he realized this was the reason he had not been picked up; that he believed he would undoubtedly be prosecuted for Harboring. He was then propositioned to the effect that if and when he definitely advised us where Karpis and Campbell were located in order that the Bureau might cause their apprehension, we would bargain with him to trade Karpis for himself; that undoubtedly if he were responsible for the apprehension of these two individuals this would reflect to his credit even if prosecution were considered of him for Harboring these individuals.

Bert Angus advised that he would do everything he possibly could to obtain information as to the location of these two parties and furnish same to us through Special Agent B. M. Hirsh, who is located at Toledo, Ohio, in order that the information might be expedited; that he did not know where they were at the present time but that he expected he might possibly be able to pick up something. It is believed that by reason of the fact that this party expects definitely to be prosecuted he will make every possible effort to get information as to the location of Karpis and Campbell and he, of course, will be followed up closely in order to hold him to his agreement.

Very truly yours,

  
E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Chicago  
Cleveland

TO

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
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**U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
**506 FLETCHER TRUST BUILDING**  
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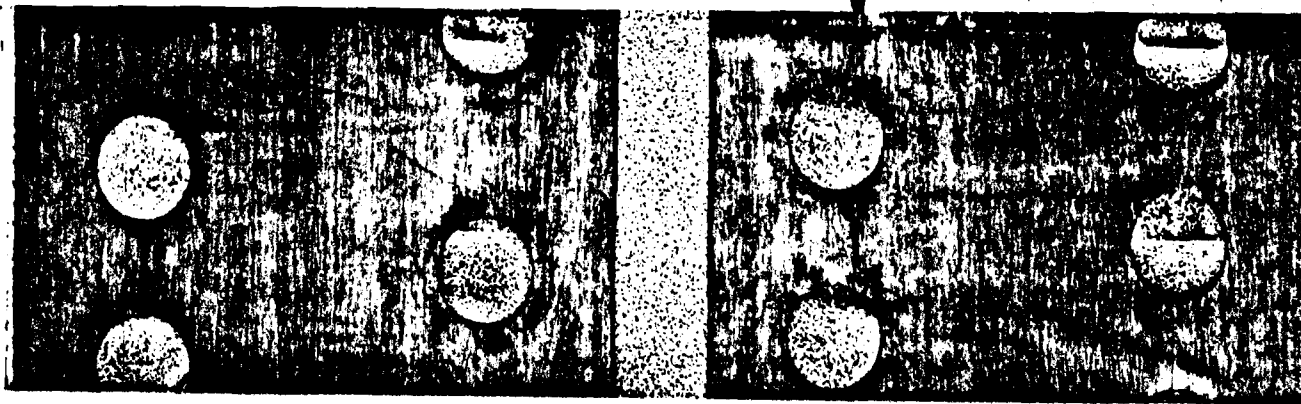
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**7-576 - 9967**  
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

501 Healey Building  
Atlanta, Georgia

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March 17, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID  
HANAP  
STOLNAP  
WEYNAP

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of Bureau letter dated March 13, 1936, which advised the Bureau has recently noticed the practice of assigning undeveloped leads in the above cases to Agents who have recently entered the service.

Please be advised this practice has never been in vogue at Atlanta. Special Agent P. M. Breed, an experienced Agent of several years service, has assigned to him the above cases. He has personally conducted all leads of any significance in the investigation of these cases. I also have personally followed these cases in detail.

Very truly yours,

*E. E. Conroy*  
E. E. CONROY  
Special Agent in Charge

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

Post Office Box 2118

Detroit, Michigan

March 18, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Detroit office be furnished with two hundred additional Identification Orders on Alvin Karpis, wa., Fugitive, I.O. 1218 and two hundred additional Identification Orders on Harry Campbell, wa., Fugitive, I.O. 1236.

Very truly yours,

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

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CONNELLY

*copy to Mr. Lamm*

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Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

*Edw. H. Bremer*  
*Confidential Informant*

*Accompany copy in above*

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice  
506 Fletcher Trust Building  
Indianapolis, Indiana

JAD:VLD  
7-9

March 19, 1936

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Special Agent D. D. Brindle of this office has recently made an investigation at Evansville, Indiana, upon the supposition that one FER I. AHMAN, supposedly a representative of the Crowell Publishing Company, Springfield, Ohio, is William Elmer Mead, wanted by the Bureau for questioning in this case. Ahman has been identified by a number of persons at Evansville as Mead.

Ahman checked out of the New Acme Hotel, Evansville, Indiana, on the night of March 12, 1936. Subsequent to his departure, Agent Brindle examined the room occupied by Ahman and found a piece of stationery of the Acme Hotel upon which appears certain scribbling in pencil and a few crude drawings, which are believed to have been made by Ahman. The name "Carl L. Thornhill" and the words "there was a little Thornhill" appear on the paper.

This paper is being forwarded to the Bureau for submission to the Technical Laboratory for the purpose of determining if the handwriting is comparable to that of Mead if any of the latter's specimens are in the possession of the Bureau and in order that the paper may be processed for fingerprints to determine if Mead's fingerprints may be found thereon.

Very truly yours,

*John A. Dowd*

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Technical Laboratory

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 8670

Laboratory Report

Case: Re: BREKID

Number: 7-576-9970

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7-576-9970 A. One piece of stationery of the Acme Hotel, Evansville, Indiana, upon which appear scribbles made apparently by Fer I. Ahman.

To be compared with the handwriting of William Elmer Head.....also for fingerprints.

\*Examination requested by: Indianapolis

Date received: 3-20-36 jwp 11:30 AM

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of examination:

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white letterhead of Acme Hotel, Evansville, Ind., unruled.

Starling Beer <sup>add</sup> on reverse side.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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Chicago  
E. J. Connelley, Chicago

*Carl L. Shankill*

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Shankill.*

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*F.P. Card 20476*

*W. E. Carter C. E. Mead*  
*J. H. Foster M. L. L. L.*

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Mr. J. A. Dowd,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
506 Fletcher Trust Building,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 19, 1936 transmitting a piece of stationery of the Acme Hotel, Evansville, Indiana, upon which appear scribbled notations which are believed to have been made by one Per I. Akran, suspected of being William Elmer Head, fugitive in the case designated as BUREID.

You are advised that the original piece of stationery has been examined and a total of sixteen latent fingerprints has been developed. These latent impressions were compared with the fingerprints of William Elmer Head, #FBI-271928, but in no instance were they found to be identical. Seven of the latent prints present sufficient characteristic detail to permit classification and search through the single fingerprint file, but these searches are being held in abeyance pending receipt of fingerprints for elimination purposes or further advice from your office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Mr. Gandy .....

cc-St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
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Mr. E. J. Connelley - Chicago  
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI**

Atlanta FILE NO. **743-18**

REPORT MADE AT <b>ATLANTA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/18/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/20 &amp; 25; 3/2/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>PHILIP M. BREED</b>
TITLE <b>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</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No further information obtained relative to letter received by Harry W. Tinley, Atlanta, Ga., and no further indication that it had anything to do with instant case.

REFERENCE: Letter from the Atlanta office to the Bureau dated 1/23/36; Bureau letters dated 2/3 and 4/36; report of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Jacksonville, Fla., 2/10/36.

DETAILS: Agent interviewed Mr. Harry W. Tinley, who stated he had nothing further to report relative to the threatening letter described in the first reference letter. He said the way the mail is delivered at his apartment anyone could come into the entrance hall where the mail boxes are located and help themselves to any mail which might have been deposited therein, as same are never locked and are always visibly open. Tinley was advised that the original letter had been processed for fingerprints but that no identification had been established. He appeared to believe it was the work of some boy and not an occasion for any alarm.

Agent interviewed the carrier who delivers mail at 1294 Piedmont Avenue but he had no recollection of delivering instant letter.

Agent ascertained at 1294 Piedmont Avenue, by personal inspection of the premises, that the mail boxes there, about sixteen in number, although equipped with combination locks, are always kept open and anyone

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could go in and help themselves to any mail contained in any one of the boxes.

No further investigation will be made as to this matter.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

**Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.**

REN:MFS

March 18, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated February 1st, 1936, (7-576) concerning information furnished to the Bureau by Harry W. Stewart, Jr., formerly a Special Agent of the Bureau, now residing at West Palm Beach, Florida, to the effect that Mrs. Joe Adams received a silver cocktail set and serving tray from Karpis during the Christmas of 1934.

In compliance with the suggestion of the Bureau, this matter was discussed with Assistant United States Attorney W. Sanders Gramling, Miami, Florida, who in turn referred the matter to United States Attorney John W. Holland. It was the opinion of Mr. Holland that inasmuch as this matter has been assigned to Mr. Walter L. Barlow, Assistant Attorney General as Special Prosecutor, that the information concerning the silver cocktail set and serving tray be included in the summary report of evidence contemplated to be used during the trial of Joe Adams and others at Miami, Florida, and that in the event investigation may subsequently be desired concerning the cocktail set, same will be accordingly requested.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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769 STATES BLDG., LOUISVILLE, KY.

MAR 17, 1936.

J. A. DOND,  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
508 FLETCHER TRUST BLDG.,  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

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~~Division of Investigation~~

U. S. Department of Justice

DB:MMB  
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P. O. Box 1276  
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
 March 17, 1936

Personal and Confidential

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

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID.

With reference to my previous letters relative to the telephone tap being maintained on the telephone of Mrs. Johnnie Sherman of Tulsa, Oklahoma, paramour of George H. "Burrhead" Keady, it will be noted that this woman has moved to the home of Clarence Conover, 1914 West Archer Street, phone 2-6933, and that a tap is being maintained on this telephone. This tap was discontinued on March 17, 1936.

A review of the log of telephone conversations over 2-6933 for March 9th discloses a conversation between Johnnie Sherman and Lola Chandler relating to housekeeping apartments, but no information relating to this case was observed, and no mention was made of any of the subjects of this case or their associates.

On March 10th Lola called Johnnie and Lola suggested that both she and Johnnie get out of town and go to Dallas where things are "humming". Johnnie stated in this talk that she felt that "George" (meaning Keady) would never be able to help her any more as she didn't believe he had a chance of getting out of his present trouble.

Lola and Johnnie had some further conversations on March 11th, but nothing was mentioned concerning any of the subjects or their associates.

Nothing was observed on the 12th of March which relates to this case.

On March 13th Lola had a conversation with Johnnie in which she asked Johnnie if she had heard anything from John (meaning Brock), and Johnnie replied that she had not, and Lola said she was getting anxious for Mrs. Keady to come home because she had been gone long enough.

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There was a conversation on March 14, 1936 between Lola and Johnnie in which Johnnie stated she hadn't heard anything from John Brock, but that if she didn't by Monday, she was going to town to see what she could find out.

There were further conversations between Lola and Johnnie on the 15th, during which it was noted that Johnnie mentioned John Brock and stated that she wondered whether Mrs. Keady had sent for Brock to go to Cleveland, but that she couldn't imagine Brock leaving town without his calling her. She made the statement that perhaps "the law" has him. In this conversation Johnnie Sherman expressed some anxiety about where John Brock may be and that she was going to make every effort to ascertain where he is.

There was nothing observed in conversations over this telephone on the 16th which is relevant to the case or to any of the subjects or their associates.

Very truly yours,

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

cc - Mr. Connelley (Chicago)  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland  
St. Louis  
Kansas City

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

FILE NO. 7-45 AM

REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-18-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2-18-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>G. C. CALLAN</b>																														
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. #1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING and OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT,</b>																														
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Correspondence record Wm. R. Day, #3328, while at U. S. Northeastern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa., secured. No indication any correspondence with Wm. Elmer Meade.  P.																																	
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Philip M. Breed, Atlanta, Georgia, 2-11-36.																																	
DETAILS: <u>At LEWISBURG, PA.</u> A recheck of the records at the U. S. Northeastern Penitentiary indicated that while all other records of William R. Day, #3328, had been transferred to the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, when he was transferred there December 21, 1935, his correspondence record was retained at Lewisburg.  This record was located by Assistant Record Clerk Hendricks and reveals the following communications:-																																	
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Ray Croft	.	519 Boundry, Portsmouth, O.	12-14-35
Stanley Rose	Friend	6661 1/2 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, Calif.	12-2-35.
Mrs. Emma Croft	Mother-in-law	519 Boundry, Portsmouth, Ohio.	10-18-35.
Ben Karus	Friend	The Belvedere, 48th St., West of Broadway, New York City.	11-29-35.
John S. McGovern	Lawyer	706 Walden Ave., Buffalo, N.Y.	11-19-35.
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Leland S. Day	Brother	204 Francis St., Houston, Tex.	9-4-5-7-35; 10-2-8-12-17-21-28-35; 11-1-8-15-21-28-35; 12-9-14-35.
Walter Bootay	Brother-in-law	2227 Loth St., Cincinnati, O.	9-5-35.
Ray Croft	Brother-in-law	B.D. #7, Huntington, Ind.	10-26; 11-22; 12-14-35.
S. W. Day	Father	510 Powers Bldg., Rochester, N.Y.	9-6; 11-18; 12-21-35.
Wm. L. Clay	Attorney	1906 Liberty Bank Bldg., Buffalo, N.Y.	9-13-35.
Mr. Edward Kaye	Attorney	1906 Liberty Bank Bldg., Buffalo, N.Y.	10-25-35.
Mrs. Emma Croft	Mother-in-law	519 Boundry, Portsmouth, Ohio.	9-17-35.

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Ben Karno	Friend	Belvedere, 48th St., west of Broadway, New York City.	11-25-35.

Note: Karno and Karus are undoubtedly the same person.

John McGovern	Lawyer	706 Walden Ave., Buffalo, N.Y.	-----
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Leads based on the above record are being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin.

- P E N D I N G -



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to: INDIANAPOLIS AND NASHVILLE OFFICES

FBI LOUISVILLE 3/17/36 4:00 P. M. CLE

SACS INDIANAPOLIS AND NASHVILLE

PHONE BREKID REFERENCE TELETYPE FROM INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE THAT PHOTOGRAPH WILLIAM ELMER MEADE IDENTIFIED BY VARIOUS PERSONS ACME AND MCCURDY HOTELS VINCENNES AND EVANSVILLE, INDIANA, AS REPRESENTATIVE CROWELL PUBLISHING COMPANY AND P F COLLIER AND SON PUBLISHING COMPANY, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO.

INQUIRIES CROWELL COMPANY LOUISVILLE REVEALS EVANSVILLE INDIANA COVERED BY CROWELL PUBLISHING COMPANY OFFICE AT NASHVILLE A J HUNT MANAGER 510 COTTON STATE BUILDING. CROWELL COMPANY ADVISES ONE MAN WOULD NOT BE EMPLOYED BY BOTH CONCERNS. J NIMBLACK, FER I AHMAN OR CHARLES LEVI NOT EMPLOYED BY EITHER PUBLISHING COMPANY, SO FAR AS KNOWN HERE. PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT MEADE NOT IDENTIFIED AS EMPLOYEE. REPRESENTATIVE OF COLLIER PUBLISHING COMPANY AT EVANSVILLE INDIANA IS L B EMRICK, 311 HERNDON DRIVE. SUGGEST HE BE INTERVIEWED FOR INFORMATION. NASHVILLE OFFICE REQUESTED CONTACT MR HUNT NASHVILLE ASCERTAIN IF HE HAS REPRESENTATIVE TRAVELLING INDIANA BY NAME J NIMBLACK, FER I AHMAN, CHARLES LEVI AND WHETHER IDENTICAL WITH MEADE.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
508 Medical Arts Building,  
Nashville, Tennessee,  
March 18, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

It is requested that the Nashville Office be furnished with seventy-five copies each of Identification Orders number 1236, entitled, Harry Campbell, with aliases; Kidnaping and number 1218, entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases; Kidnaping.

Very truly yours,

*T. N. Stapleton*

T. N. STAPLETON  
Special Agent in Charge

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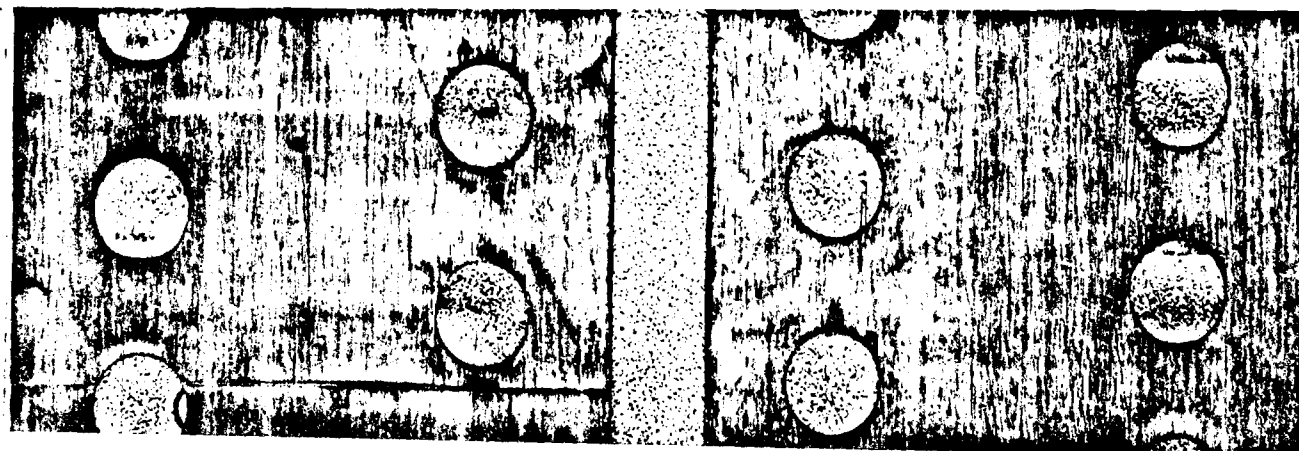
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C. FLETCHER,  
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
 500 RECTOR BUILDING,  
 LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS.

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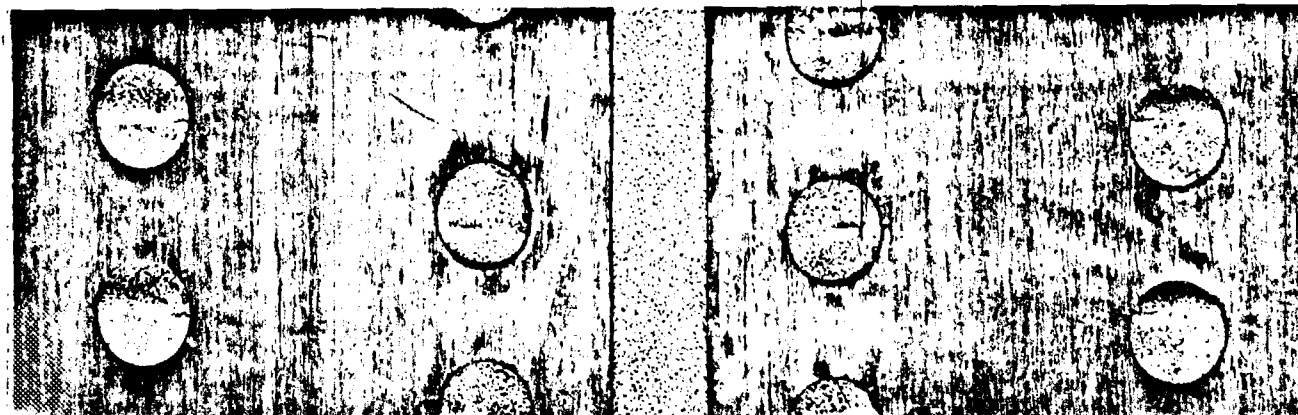
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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

March 19, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Butte, Montana.

SPECIAL DELIVERY - AIR MAIL

Dear Sir:

RE: BUNKIE

Reference is made to teletype message of the Salt Lake City office dated March 17, 1936, indicating that Louis Royal, Salt Lake City, had positively identified a photograph of Alvin Karpis as an individual he talked to in a green roadster, possibly a Plymouth, with Oklahoma license plates, last Friday, the location of the interview however, not being indicated, and further stating that Karpis had a machine gun across his lap.

It is noted he indicated he headed, as per his inquiry for information, toward Pocatello, Idaho, and it is presumed that the Salt Lake City office has submitted a detailed report to you in order that you may make such investigation as possible in the vicinity of Pocatello looking to the possible location of Karpis, particularly if he is going about the country in the open conspicuous manner reflected in the above referred to teletype.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC'S ST. PAUL, CINCINNATI, CLEVELAND  
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March 19, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

RE: REXID

Reference is made to your letter of March 17, 1936  
as to the possibility of interviewing Helen L. Becker, Pittsburgh,  
Pennsylvania, and soliciting her cooperation as an informant in  
obtaining information through Edith Barry at Toledo, Ohio. b7c  
b7d

It is not believed advisable to approach Helen L. Becker  
for this purpose at this time, as [redacted] and another in-  
formant at Toledo are now trying to work out some manner of obtain-  
ing information, and if too much effort is made, particularly as  
toward Edith Barry, it is believed it might alarm her sufficiently  
to warn these individuals to stay away from her.

However we will keep this situation in mind, as it is  
believed that possibly later Helen L. Becker will be of invaluable  
service to us along the lines indicated.

Very truly yours,

Z. J. CONNELLY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

March 19, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID

In compliance with Bureau teletype of March 19, 1936, there are being forwarded herewith note on stationery of the Tamiami Hotel, Miami, Florida, in the handwriting of Duke Randall referring Dolores Delaney to Mr. Young, Manager of the New Richmond Hotel, etc., referred to on Page 30 of the report of Special Agent J. R. Sharp, Philadelphia, dated February 5, 1935, and card in Randall's handwriting, found in Karpis' pocket, which is referred to on the same page of the same report.

The other inquiries directed in the Bureau teletype have been instituted and the Bureau will be advised of the results thereof as soon as they can be completed.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

March 19, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

SPECIAL DELIVERY - AIR MAIL

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, Kansas City, Missouri March 17, 1936, and particularly page 6 thereof, wherein reference is made to interview had with DOYLE HOLLINGWORTH, 427 South Washington, Wichita, Kansas as to Vivian Mantooth, who has been contacted by the Post Office Inspectors for the purpose of locating Milton Lett, and as to which she expects to obtain her information from Clifford Collins, 150 Lulu, Wichita, Kansas.

In this connection immediate efforts should be made to avail yourself of every possible opportunity to learn if and when this woman locates Lett. A very close and definite contact should be maintained with Hollingworth, in order that if possible we may locate Milton Lett and pick him up for necessary questioning as to the location of Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis, before any other outside agency has had opportunity to question him.

This warrants the closest possible attention and most diligent effort, as it is believed Milton Lett is in possession of information which would be invaluable to us in efforts to locate Karpis and Campbell.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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March 19, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

With reference to your telegram of this date, making inquiry as to whether or not a transcript of the testimony of JOE ADAMS is available, and instructing that if it was not available; the cost of making same be ascertained together with information as to the earliest possible moment it might be completed, this information is not available at Chicago.

However, as per teletype message of the Cleveland office to the St. Paul office of this date, they were requested to furnish the Bureau with advice as requested above.

Very truly yours,

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

Special Agent in Charge.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your teletype message of March 16, 1936, advising that Emily Newbold, sister of Karpis, 2840 Francisco Street, Chicago, has received a letter postmarked Tulsa, Oklahoma, March 11, 1936, with return address of the Adams Hotel, Cheyenne at 4th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and that the handwriting appearing thereon does not seem to be similar to that of Karpis.

I know that Carol Tankersley has been at Tulsa at the Adams Hotel recently, and it has occurred to me that perhaps this letter may have been written by her. A specimen of the handwriting of Carol Tankersley is attached hereto. Advise me if the tracing on the letter received by the Newbold woman bears any similitude to the handwriting sample attached, and in the event it does not, further investigation will be conducted at Tulsa.

Very truly yours,

DAUGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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OFFICE OF  
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY  
County of Lucas  
State of Ohio  
TOLEDO

March 17, 1936

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director, Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

On November 27, 1935, this office forwarded to the technical laboratory of your Bureau four 45 bullets which were taken from an automobile which had been fired upon on November 25, 1935, in Wood County near Toledo. In the car at the time it was fired upon was Deputy Sheriff Marsh of Wood County.

A report from your laboratory a short while thereafter showed that the bullets had been compared with specimens then on file and that there was no similarity. A report received yesterday shows that on March 13, 1936, the Birmingham, Alabama, office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested Donald Foote and Frank Czerewski with a Thompson sub-machine gun. Your Bureau reported that this machine gun was the gun that fired the shots at the officers of Wood County near Toledo on November 25th.

I recount these facts in order to express my appreciation for this very remarkable accomplishment of your laboratory. The problem of crime detection has been advanced tremendously by the facilities which your Bureau extends to local authorities.

We are quite proud of the fact that during the past three years Toledo has come from among the cities of highest crime rating in the group of cities to which we belong to the city with the lowest crime rate for cities of comparable size. I cheerfully admit that your Bureau has had a very large part in accomplishing this result and wish not only to extend credit for this to your men in the field and to your laboratory in Washington but to urge other local enforcement agencies over the country to make use of the facilities which you extend.

With sincere appreciation,

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Yours very truly,

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NEW ORLEANS,

March 17, 1936.

Transmit the following Teletype message to: FBI OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

FBI NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

3-17-1936.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: **NEW ORLEANS**

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**SAC NEW ORLEANS**

**PHONE. BREKID. ADVISE WHETHER WITH THE NAME OF AN INDIVIDUAL IT CAN BE  
DETERMINED FROM AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION RECORDS IN LOUISIANA THE MAKE  
OF CAR AND RELATED INFORMATION. I WILL HOLD THE LINE WHILE YOU ANSWER.**

**BRANTLEY**

**YES WE CAN**

**CHECK THE FOLLOWING NAMES - JIMMIE LETT, MILT LETT, MILTON LETT, JIMMIE  
WILSON, JIMMIE MARTIN, THOMAS J. SHAW, CARL BAKER, CHARLIE LETT, OR  
MAGGIE A. LETT.**

**BRANTLEY**

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: PHILADELPHIA March 19, 1936

BRKID REFER REPORT J. R. SHARP PHILADELPHIA FEBRUARY FIFTH NINETEEN  
THIRTY-FIVE PAGE TWENTY-FIVE AND FURNISH BUREAU IMMEDIATELY STATEMENTS  
OF OMER ROBERTS DANIEL YOUNG MRS. WILLIAM MORLEY SAMUEL MORLEY AND  
\* WILLIAM A. MORLEY FURNISH ALSO NOTE WRITTEN BY DUKE RANDALL REFERRING  
DOLORES DELANEY TO DANMORE HOTEL

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cc E. J. Connelley, Chicago  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
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(Name and address of Contributor)

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

4-15-36  
Date March 23, 1936.

Dear Sir:

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been mailed to the Division of Investigation:

Division File Number	Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
✓ P.D., Madison, Wisconsin. #900.		JOHN SAMPSON, alias Sam Johnson	1 to 3 years, 1 to 7 years, 1 to 15 years, concurrently.
P.D., Detroit, Michigan, #19487.		JOHN SAMPSON	Arrested 12/13/22, charge robbery armed; discharged.
"	"	"	Arrested 12/30/22, charge robbery armed; discharged.
"	"	"	Arrested 1/31/25, charge investigation; discharged.
"	"	"	Arrested 5/9/25, charge robbery armed; discharged.
"	"	"	Arrested 5/12/26, charge grand larceny; turned over to Port Huron, Mich. - discharged.

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Very truly yours,

Special Agent in Charge.  
(Official Title)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

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March 17, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Brekid

Mr. McIntire has conferred this afternoon with Special Assistant to the Attorney General Barlow concerning the forthcoming trial of Joe Adams and Duke Randall, which will be held in Miami, Florida on or about May 25, 26 or 27 and has gone over in detail the situation with Mr. Barlow. Mr. Barlow has requested detailed summaries of all evidence available against these two defendants, with particular reference to the material developed as a result of statements made by Delores Delaney and Wynona Burdette, after the recent conviction of Harry Sawyer, William Weaver, et al. Mr. McIntire is more qualified to prepare these summaries and line up the additional corroboration necessary to substantiate the statements of these two women, and accordingly I recommend that he be assigned immediately to prepare these summaries, which will require from a week to ten days of concentrated effort. It is not believed that it would be physically possible for Mr. McIntire to handle the Washington Field Office while doing this work and accordingly if you approve, he will undertake immediately the preparation of these summaries and the other work necessary, maintaining contact of course with Mr. Barlow.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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POST OFFICE BOX 812,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

March 18, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

Reference is made to page thirteen of the report of Special Agent E. E. O'Mahoney, which sets out the information that George Sergeant was recently convicted in connection with the Warren, Ohio, mail robbery.

You may recall that George Sergeant formerly was an intimate friend of Mildred Kuhlman before she became acquainted with Arthur R. (Doc) Barker. There is information in the file to the effect that Arthur R. (Doc) Barker alienated her affection and such to the displeasure of George Sergeant she left Toledo, Ohio, to live with Arthur R. (Doc) Barker at Chicago, Illinois. Thereafter, investigation at Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio, resulted in the information that George Sergeant intended to "get" Arthur R. (Doc) Barker and other members of the Karpis-Barker gang for the above reason. Subsequently it was reported that members of the Karpis-Barker gang found out that Sergeant was looking for them, whereupon they determined to kill him.

In view of the above, it is probable that little love is lost between George Sergeant and members of the Karpis-Barker gang, including Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, and inasmuch as it was reported that he has been convicted for mail robbery, it is suggested that he be interviewed for any information he may possess concerning the present whereabouts of Karpis and Campbell. It is suggested, however, that in any interview had with Sergeant care be taken not to disclose to him information in possession of the Bureau regarding the contacts of Karpis and Campbell in Ohio.

Very truly yours,

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E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

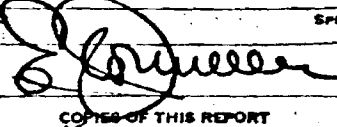
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/18/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/7-9-17/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>N. D. SULLIVAN</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>MG</b></span>
SUBJECTS, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; <b>MRS. JOSEPH P. MORAN</b> with aliases, I.O. 1232; <b>HARRY CAMPBELL</b> with aliases, I.O. 1236; et al <b>EDWARD GEORGE BREMER</b> , Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;          OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;          NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Photographs and available descriptions of Jack Guzik, John Patten, and Robert McCullough obtained for possible use in investigation at Miami, Florida. John Patten reported to be residing at The Dallas Park, Miami, Florida.			
DETAILS:  <p style="text-align: center;">In connection with information provided by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley to the writer to the effect that Alvin Karpis was reported to be in the vicinity of Miami Beach, Florida, and further information that a contact was a former mayor of Harmon, Illinois and that Karpis was associating with Jack Guzik, the following investigation was conducted.</p> <p>Special Agent Charles Jenkins at Harmon, Illinois, interviewed Postmaster H. W. Ostrander, the town of Harmon being of approximately 500 in population. Postmaster Ostrander stated that to his knowledge no person had left Harmon, Illinois, for Miami, Florida in the past four or five years except one individual by the name of George Roth, age 68 years. Roth is presently located at Old Ricky, Florida. This individual was never Mayor of Harmon, Illinois, inasmuch as that community does not have an office designated as "Mayor". Postmaster Ostrander advised Agent Jenkins that the village of Harmon has what is known as "President of the Board", who has not been to Florida in the past thirty years. The Postmaster suggested that the town in question might be Hermon, Illinois, located in Knox County. Hermon is likewise a small community which might possibly have a "Mayor".</p>			
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The above information was telephonically communicated to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Jacksonville, Florida, and it was suggested to him that perhaps the individual in question was one John Patton, Mayor of Burnham, Illinois. In this connection it may be noted that John Patton had been Mayor of Burnham, Illinois, for approximately 25 years and was originally termed the "Boy Mayor". Definite information indicates that Patton has for years been an influential member of the Capone Syndicate of Chicago and is reputed to be the wealthiest member of the syndicate. Prior investigation resulted in information that he is the owner or has an interest in the Miami Beach Kennel Club and the dog track at Tampa, Florida. For this reason it was considered advisable to make a further investigation to determine whether Patton is now at Miami, Florida.

The writer interviewed Paul Sequest, Nagawick Post Office Station, Nagawick, Illinois, which post office handles mail delivered to Burnham, Illinois. Sequest stated that he had seen John Patton on only a few occasions, but suggested that Agent interview carrier Janowski who delivers mail to the Patton home at Burnham, and in the presence of Mr. Sequest carrier Janowski was interviewed.

Janowski stated that he did not know the exact whereabouts of John Patton at the present time; that Patton was not in the habit of leaving forwarding addresses, but that he had heard that Patton had been in Miami, Florida with his wife for the past three months. The following description of Patton was obtained from Mr. Sequest:

Age	30 to 35 years
Height	5' 7"
Weight	About 155 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	Dark
Complexion	Medium dark
Peculiarities	Shortlegged
Eyeglasses	Reported to wear horn-rimmed spectacles.

In connection with Patton it might be stated that previous investigation at Hammond, Indiana and Calumet City, Illinois, concerning William J. Harrison resulted in information that Robert McCullough was frequently in the company of John Patton and was considered as one of his bodyguards.

Sequest stated that he would attempt to obtain more definite information concerning Patton's present whereabouts and there- after he telephonically communicated with Agent and advised that Patton and his wife were reported to be residing at either the Franklin or Frankfort Hotel at Miami, Florida. Thereafter Sequest again communicated with the writer and advised that he had obtained information from the carrier who picked up a letter for mailing at the home of Otto Heigl, who resides next door to the Patton residence at Burnham, Illinois; that this letter was addressed to Mrs. J. Patton, The Dallas Park, Miami, Florida.

Inquiry was made at the Chicago Police Department for available photographs of Jack Guzik, John Patton and Robert McCullough. A standup photograph of Jack Guzik was obtained. The only available description given for him is:

Age	44 (Sept. 4, 1930)
Height	5' 1"
Build	Stocky

A photograph of McCullough was likewise obtained. The following description of McCullough was obtained from the Chicago Police Department:

Age	35 (1926)
Height	5' 9 2/8"
Build	Medium
Hair	Dark, bald
Eyes	Hazel
Complexion	Fair

Although there was a newspaper clipping in the Chicago Police Department indicating that John Patton, Frank Nitti, Robert McCullough and several other members of the Capone Syndicate were arrested on April 7, 1925, no photograph of Patton could be found in the files of the Identification Bureau.

From the above newspaper clipping it was noted that a photograph of Patton appeared in the April 7, 1925 edition of the Chicago Tribune newspaper. Through Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, arrangements were made with the Chicago Tribune newspaper to obtain a copy of this photograph, without, of course, disclosing the purpose of this request.

Copies of the photographs of John Patton, Jack Guzik and Robert McCullough and the information as set out above were transmitted

to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Miami, Florida by air mail, special delivery letter dated March 7, 1936, and by letter dated March 9, 1936.

In connection with John Patton, Paul Sequest of the Hegewisch Post Office station telephonically communicated with Agent and advised that he had obtained additional information to the effect that John Patton had two grown sons attending St. Francis Xavier College at Cincinnati, Ohio. Sequest stated that one of the sons was named John Patton, Jr., and that he did not know the name of the other son. Sequest likewise stated that Patton has a daughter who is married to a man named Ainsworth who is reported as being employed by some department of the Federal Government as an attorney. Sequest stated that it was possible that Mrs. Ainsworth might be presently living with her father and mother Mr. and Mrs. John Patton at The Dallas Park, Miami, Florida.

PENDING