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REPORT MADE AT: NEW YORK, N. Y.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/25/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/6 & 7 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 17/36	REPORT MADE BY: J. H. 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:  Telephone numbers in New York City to which long distance telephone calls were made from Cleveland, Ohio, were checked, and no information was received to connect parties to whom the calls were made with the subjects in this case.			
REFERENCE:  Report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 2/13/36; report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson, New York City, dated 3/16/36.			
DETAILS:  The report of reference dated 2/13/36 requested the New York Office to make appropriate investigation as to the long distance calls listed in that report which were made from Cleveland to the New York Office territory. Through the New York Telephone Company, the listings of the numbers, for the dates called, as stated in the report of reference dated 2/13/36, were obtained. All of these telephones are still operating under the same listings, at the present time.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  R. W. Kelly SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 27 1936 CHECKED OFF: MAR 31 1936 JACKETED: ROUTED TO: FILE	
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As a result of the requested investigation, as set forth in the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, the information, as set forth in this report, was obtained.

It was ascertained that telephone number Columbus 5-2762 is listed in the name of ROBERT T. DEXTER. This 'phone was listed in the name of this person on the day of the call in question, from the Harvard Club, Cleveland, Ohio.

Agent, after questioning Mr. MITCHELL, mail carrier #3353, Station G, 322 West 57th Street, New York City, ascertained that he thought the manager of the apartment house at 162 West 56th Street, would be willing to furnish information to this agent.

Agent called at 162 West 56th Street, at which address is located the apartment house known as the Carnegie Plaza, and in which house, according to the telephone directory, ROBERT T. DEXTER lives. Mr. AL TAUSMO, manager of the apartment house at 162 West 56th Street, New York City, advised that he has only been manager of that apartment house since the latter part of October 1935. He further advised that the Carnegie Plaza has 95 apts., and that all of the apartments, with the exception of four or five, are rented unfurnished, and that a year's lease is required; that Mrs. DEXTER and her son, ROBERT, have occupied an apartment at that address since he (TAUSMO) has been manager; that they have a year's lease for an unfurnished apartment; that Mrs. DEXTER works for some fur company in New York City. He was unable to furnish the name of the company. He was also unable to state the nature of the work of Mrs. DEXTER's son; that the DEXTERS were very good tenants, and never caused him any trouble; that they paid their rent promptly and were always quiet and well mannered. Mr. TAUSMO stated that about two years ago he was working for the Mayflower Hotel, located at Central Park West, and 61st Street, New York City; that Mrs. DEXTER and her son were living at that address at that time. He stated further that Mrs. DEXTER and her son moved from the Mayflower Hotel to their present home.

Pictures of KARPIS and CAMPBELL on which their names did not appear were exhibited to Mr. TAUSMO and he advised

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that he did not recall having seen any persons around the Carnegie Plaza who appeared to be identical with the parties appearing on the photographs exhibited to him. Mr. TAUSMO furnished agent with descriptions of Mrs. DEXTER and her son, ROBERT, which are as follows:

Name:	ROBERT T. DEXTER
Age:	23
Height:	5 Ft. 11 In.
Weight:	185 - 190 Lbs.
Complexion:	Light
Nationality:	American.

Name:	Mrs. BETTY DEXTER
Age:	About 45 (appears to be about 30)
Height:	5 Ft. 5 In.
Weight:	130 Lbs.
Complexion:	Light
	Very neat looking

Mr. TAUSMO advised that he did not have the DEXTER lease, as the same is in the possession of George Backer, Inc., 17th floor, 295 Fifth Avenue, New York City; that George Backer, Inc. has charge of the Carnegie Plaza Apartments.

At George Backer, Inc., agent interviewed Mr. GLASSBERG, who, after looking over the records in that office, advised that Mrs. BETTY DEXTER moved into an unfurnished apartment at 162 West 56th Street in October 1935; and that her lease runs from November 1, 1935 to November 1, 1936. Mr. GLASSBERG called in an agent of George Backer, Inc., and this agent advised that he has known Mrs. BETTY DEXTER and her son for several years; that they formerly lived at the Mayflower Hotel, for several years, before moving into the Carnegie Plaza; that Mrs. DEXTER is a fur designer, and is employed by a small fur company in New York City, the name of which he was unable to recall; that ROBERT DEXTER is a student in some school in New York City; that he had never heard of Mrs. DEXTER's being in any trouble, and feels sure that she does not associate with the criminal element.

Further investigation of the DEXTERS did not seem necessary.



It was ascertained that telephone number Pennsylvania 6-0558 was in the name of Mr. JOSEPH KAHN, 515 Seventh Avenue, New York City, on the date of the call in question from the Cleveland telephone number Michigan 8250, which is listed to the Harvard Club, 3113 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. This telephone is still in the name of Mr. KAHN.

Mr. HOLLANDER, mail carrier, #2962, Times Square Post-Office, advised that he delivers mail to 515 Seventh Avenue. He stated that he has known JOSEPH KAHN for four years; that KAHN was formerly employed as a salesman for the National Ladies Garment Co., located at 470 Seventh Avenue; that Mr. KAHN is presently with the company known as Kahn & Rose, Inc., which company handles ladies' dresses and coats; that the company has been in operation for over one year, and is located on the second floor of 515 Seventh Avenue. Mr. HOLLANDER advised that he considers Mr. KAHN a respectable law abiding citizen, and does not feel that KAHN associates with criminals; that he has never heard of KAHN's being engaged in any criminal activities.

Mr. HOLLANDER gave the following description of Mr. KAHN:

Age:	35
Height:	5 Ft. 11 In.
Weight:	185 lbs.
Hair:	Sandy
Complexion:	Light
	Clean shaven
	Jewish

Agent called [REDACTED] b7d

Trafalgar 7-9400 is the telephone number of the Stratford Arms Hotel, 115 West 70th Street, New York City. This number was in operation at the Stratford Arms Hotel on the dates of the calls in question, which calls were made from unlisted 'phones



at the Harvard Club, Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. HARRY N. MOORE, manager of this hotel, was interviewed, and he advised that the hotel has 400 rooms, and that since his hotel is not one of the larger hotels, he caters mostly to permanent guests, and that he tries to be rather careful and not let any hoodlums in his hotel. Mr. MOORE advised that he is more than willing to cooperate with the Department of Justice, and would be willing to furnish any information which he has, which might be of benefit to the Department; that in the past he has always tried to cooperate with government agents.

Pictures of KARPIS and CAMPBELL on which their names were not revealed were exhibited to Mr. MOORE, and he advised that he does not recall having had any guests at his hotel identical with the pictures of these subjects.

Mr. MOORE then called in his assistant manager, and the pictures were exhibited to him. The assistant manager at once recognized the picture of KARPIS, as the one he had seen in the newspapers, and also as being the same which appeared on the identification order which had been furnished to that hotel by the Bureau about a year ago.

Mr. MOORE was questioned as to whether or not any record was made by his hotel as to an incoming long distance call, and he advised that unless the call was collect, that his hotel would not have a record of the same.

Mr. MOORE stated that he would have his assistant manager watch and if he saw a person resembling KARPIS stopping at the hotel, that he would be glad to notify the New York Bureau Office.

Mr. MOORE advised agent that he would keep confidential the fact that agent had called at his hotel in connection with this case.

Telephone number Audubon 3-9892 has been listed in the name of the Woodside Hotel, 2424 Seventh Avenue, New York City

for sometime. The Woodside Hotel is located in the section of New York known as Harlem.

Agent interviewed Mr. DAN WOODS, manager, and Miss ALTHEA CARTER, Assistant manager, (both colored) of the Woodside Hotel. They both stated that they would be willing to cooperate with the Bureau and would furnish any information they might possess which would aid the Bureau. The Woodside Hotel has about 130 rooms, and according to WOODS is patronized by both white and colored guests.

Agent checked the register of the hotel for the last two weeks in September 1935. It was noted that the call to this hotel was made from an unlisted telephone of the Harvard Club on September 24, 1935; that the call from Cleveland was made by Mr. RALPH NOEL. The hotel register revealed that Mr. and Mrs. RALPH KNOWLES and HOWARD and DAVE BUYOUN, all of Cleveland, Ohio, registered at the Woodside Hotel on 9/21/35, and checked out of the hotel on 9/24/35. These people appeared to be the only ones who registered from Cleveland about this period. Agent was unable to ascertain who received the call in question from Cleveland. However, it might have been one of the parties listed above.

Records of long distance calls made from the hotel in September 1935 were checked and agent was unable to identify any of them as having any connection with this case.

Agent was advised by Manager WOODS that many of his guests are actors and actresses; that from time to time he has various athletic teams stay at the hotel.

Pictures of KARPIS and CAMPBELL were exhibited to Manager WOODS and Assistant Manager CARTER, and they advised that they do not recall having seen any parties who resemble the photographs stop at the hotel. They stated that they felt sure that if these parties had stayed at the hotel for any length of time, they would have remembered them.

Telephone number Intervale 9-7147 has been in operation in the name of the Radium Cafeteria, 1295 Boston Road, Bronx, N. Y., for sometime. According to the reference report of

Agent Wynn, the long distance call was made to this number on September 24, 1935 from an unlisted telephone of the Harvard Club, Cleveland, Ohio. RALPH NOEL, the same person who called Audubon 3-9892, which is listed for the Woodside Hotel, made the call to Intervale 9-7147. It is also noted that the calls to both Audubon 3-9892 and Intervale 9-7147 were made on the same day.

Through Mr. FRANCIS J. MOXLY, superintendent of Post-Office Station H, located at 507 East 165th Street, agent met Mr. TUTTLEMAN and Mr. OSTROW, mail carriers, who deliver mail at the Radium Cafeteria. Both of these men have delivered mail at this address for the past three years. They advised that the Radium Cafeteria is located in a Jewish center and is frequented by theatrical people, who appear on the stage at the McKinley Square Theatre; that Mr. BALSAM is manager of the cafeteria. Neither Mr. TUTTLEMAN nor Mr. OSTROW knew Mr. BALSAM very well, as when they deliver mail to the cafeteria they usually leave it with the cashier. However, they felt that the Radium Cafeteria is a respectable business place, and that the manager would be willing to cooperate with the Bureau.

Agent interviewed Mr. BALSAM and he advised that he would be glad to furnish such information as he possessed which agent might desire. Pictures of KARPIS and CAMPBELL on which their names did not appear were exhibited to Mr. BALSAM, and after making a careful study of the pictures, he advised that he didn't recall having seen either of these men. However, he stated that it was possible they might have visited his cafeteria on occasions without his seeing them.

As stated before, RALPH NOEL called from an unlisted 'phone in the Harvard Club, Cleveland, Ohio to both the Woodside Hotel and the Radium Cafeteria on September 24, 1935. Agent is of the opinion that NOEL might have been attempting to get in touch with some theatrical friend of his, as it is noted from the information set forth in this report that actors and actresses frequent the Radium Cafeteria, and also stop at the Woodside Hotel.

While at the Radium Cafeteria, agent noticed that the telephone there is a coin box telephone, and Mr. BALSAM



advised that he did not keep records of any incoming long distance calls, unless the same were collect.

From the telephone directory, agent ascertained that telephone number Riverside 9-9412 is listed in the name of Mr. SAM CHESSIN, 316 West 93rd Street, New York City. Through the New York Telephone Company, it was ascertained that this telephone was in operation under the same listing on the dates of the calls in question, as set forth in the report of Special Agent Wynn, which calls were made from Rooms 904 and 404 of the Lake Shore Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio.

It was further noted in the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn that the calls to New York from the Lake Shore Hotel for telephone number Riverside 9-9412 were to a Mrs. MORRISON, Miss MOORE and a Miss MORRIS; that a collect call was made from Miss MORRIS at Riverside 9-9412 to either Room 904 or 404, Lake Shore Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio. The calls to Mrs. MORRISON from Cleveland were made on May 29 and June 1, 1935. The call to Miss MORRIS was made on July 23, and the call to Miss MOORE was made on July 1st, and a call from Miss MORRIS to Cleveland, Ohio (collect) was made on June 21, 1935. Calls were also made from the parties at Cleveland, Ohio to Riverside 9-9412 on July 31, 1935 and on August 12, 1935.

Agent interviewed Mr. CAHILL, mail carrier, #2245, Station H, 178 West 102nd Street, New York City. He states that he carries mail to 316 West 93rd Street, at which address is located a rooming house known as the Riverside; that Mr. SAM CHESSIN is superintendent of the rooming house located at that address; that he has known Mr. CHESSIN for three or four years, during which time Mr. CHESSIN has been in charge of the Riverside; that he considers CHESSIN as very reliable and trustworthy, and feels sure that he would be glad to cooperate with the Bureau. Mr. CAHILL advised that he does not recall having ever heard of a Mrs. MORRISON, Miss MORRIS or Miss MOORE at 316 West 93rd Street, New York City. However, this is a rather large rooming house, and that he never comes in contact with any of the roomers, and it is possible for them to live there and for him not to be aware of such fact.

Agent called upon Mr. CHESSIN on the morning of March 10, 1936, at which time Mr. CHESSIN advised that he would be willing to cooperate with the Bureau; however that he was in a hurry

and had to go to court. He was questioned as to whether or not he had any person rooming in his house by the names of MORRIS, MORRISON or MOORE. He advised that he has been manager of the building at 316 West 93rd Street for over three years, and that during that time he does not recall having any person living in his house by the name of MORRISON. However, that he had several persons by the name of MORRIS living there, and that he recalled at one time having a person by the name of MOORE. However, that if agent would call the next day, he would check over his books and furnish such information as was possible, relative to these parties.

The next morning agent called, and Mr. and Mrs. SAM CHESSIN were interviewed. They exhibited to agent the register book of the house. This register book sets forth the information shown below:

Miss BERTHA D. MORRIS

Moved in on November 12, 1933, and is still living at this address.

Miss PEARL MORRIS

Lived here from November 2, 1934 to May 20, 1935, and from June 6, 1935 to October 11, 1935.

Mr. and Mrs. MEYER MORRIS

Lived here from June 1934 to September 1935; that MORRIS's wife's name is DOROTHY, and they have a five and one-half year old daughter, named BETTY.

Mr. and Mrs. CHESSIN advised that Mr. and Mrs. MORRIS seemed to be very respectable people; that Mr. MORRIS is a working man; however, they were unable to advise in detail the nature of his business; that MORRIS and his wife lived at 316 West 93rd Street until September 1935, (occupying an apartment on the first floor), when they gave up their rooms, at which time Mrs. MORRIS and her daughter took a trip to California to visit Mrs. MORRIS's relatives; that upon Mrs. MORRIS's return, she and her husband took an apartment across the street at 307 West 93rd Street, where they are residing at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. CHESSIN gave the following description of MEYER MORRIS:

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Age: 30  
Height: 5 Ft. 7 In.  
Weight: 135 lbs.  
Jewish

Mr. and Mrs. CHESSIN stated that BERTHA D. MORRIS had been living here since 1933, and that she is a saleslady for a large department store on Fifth Avenue; that her home is in Rochester, N. Y.; that she has a brother who is practicing medicine in the Bronx, N. Y.; that Miss MORRIS appears to be a high type and respectable girl; that Miss MORRIS is very friendly with some of their relatives. They gave the following description of Miss MORRIS:

Age: 35  
Height: 5 Ft. 7 In.  
Hair: Brown  
Complexion: Light  
Jewish

Agent was advised by Mr. and Mrs. CHESSIN that PEARL MORRIS occupied Room #4, apartment #12, which is located on the first floor at 316 West 93rd Street, during the time she lived there as listed above in this report; that when PEARL MORRIS first came to live at this address, she gave the name of KING. Mrs. CHESSIN stated she understood PEARL MORRIS was separated from her husband whose name was KING; that she knew that PEARL MORRIS used to get a certain amount of money each month from her husband which money was for PEARL MORRIS's support; that PEARL MORRIS is supposed to be from Canada, and that she worked part time as a hat check girl at the Free Sons Building, 257 West 93rd Street; that the Free Sons Building has a banquet hall and ballroom which is rented out several nights a week, and that Miss MORRIS has charge of checking hats and coats on such occasions.

Mrs. CHESSIN advised that a woman and a child used to visit Miss MORRIS quite often, and she understood this woman to be Miss MORRIS's sister; that when Miss MORRIS moved out in October 1935, she stated that she was going to live with her sister, as she was unable to pay \$4.50 per week for her room.

Mr. CHESSIN advised that on the afternoon of March 10th, the day before this interview PEARL MORRIS called upon him



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to see about getting a room again at 316 West 93rd Street, and that she is supposed to call again in a few days to make final arrangements about securing the room; that Miss MORRIS did not have any male visitors, as far as they knew, while she was living at 316 West 93rd Street, and that she appeared to be a poor working girl. They gave her description as follows:

Age:	30
Height:	5 Ft. 5 In.
Weight:	120 Lbs.
	Has almond shaped eyes.
Nationality:	Probably Canadian

Mr. CHESSIN advised that Mr. and Mrs. WALTER MOORE occupied a room on the sixth floor for two weeks starting 9/3/35; that a Mr. L. MOORE and BOB MORSE lived at 316 West 93rd Street from 5/26/35 to 6/21/35; that they first occupied a room together on the seventh floor, and later moved to the third floor; that at the time they moved into this apartment they gave 1928 Broadway as their former address.

In the report of reference dated 2/13/36, it is noted that the long distance call from the Lake Shore Hotel, Cleveland, was made to a Miss MOORE, New York City, telephone number Riverside 9-9412, on July 1, 1935. According to Mr. CHESSIN's records there was no person by the name of MOORE living at 316 West 93rd Street at the time of the call in question.

Mr. CHESSIN advised that his house has 20 apartments which have been cut up into 118 separate rooms; that PEARL MORRIS while living here occupied a kitchen of one of these apartments, on the first floor, which had been made over into a living room; that MEYER MORRIS and his wife and daughter had occupied a couple of rooms on the first floor front; that BERTHA MORRIS has occupied a room above the first floor.

It was ascertained that on each floor of 316 West 93rd Street there is a coin box telephone; that there are six coin box telephones located at this address; that Riverside 9-9412 is a coin box telephone located on the first

floor. Since the telephone number called was Riverside 9-9412, it would appear that the calls listed in the reference report of E. J. Wynn were made either to PEARL MORRIS or to Mrs. MEYER MORRIS, as they were living on the first floor.

Pictures of KARPIS and CAMPBELL on which their names did not appear were exhibited to Mr. and Mrs. CHESSIN, and they advised that they do not recall ever having seen any men at their house who resembled the photographs of the two subjects.

Agent was unable to obtain further information as to who received the calls which were made from Cleveland to telephone number Riverside 9-9412 in May, June, July and August, 1935, and it does not appear to be advisable to interview PEARL MORRIS or Mrs. MEYER MORRIS, as from information received, it does not appear that they have any connection with this case.

Telephone number Murray Hill 2-9800 is a public telephone located in the Grand Central Terminal, New York City. As set forth in the report of reference dated 2/13/36, a collect call was made by Mrs. JAMES FALTON to telephone number Clearwater 4777, Cleveland, Ohio, on July 25, 1935. Since this number is a public telephone, located in the Grand Central Terminal, no investigation was made with regard thereto.

Telephone number Medallion 3-1000 is the telephone number of the New Yorker Hotel, and since about 2500 guests stop at this hotel each day, most of whom are transients, it does not appear that any benefit could be derived from making investigation at the hotel, as it is understood that no record is made of incoming long distance telephone calls, unless the same are collect.

#### 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, and Captain KENNY of the Second Detective Division, 118 Clinton Street, New York City, for such information as they might be able to furnish

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with reference to the activities and movements of LOUIS BUCHALTER and CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO which would be of value in this case.

These leads were previously listed in the report of this agent dated 3/16/36.

Will make investigation at health resorts, commonly known as mineral wells, sulphur springs, etc., located in the New York Office territory. A thorough canvass should be made at each health resort, wherever practical and possible, and in any event, each bath house should be provided with an identification order on CAMPBELL for identification purposes, in the event he appears for treatment at one of these resorts. Such places at which investigation is conducted should be requested to notify the New York Bureau Office in the event CAMPBELL should appear.

This lead was requested in a letter from the Chicago Office to the Bureau (copy of which was received by the New York Office) dated March 10, 1936.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



P. O. Box #2344  
Boston, Mass.

March 26, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Butte, Montana.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

This will confirm my teletypic message to you of March 23rd in response to your telegram of March 21, 1936 in which it was stated that subject Garpie in this case was believed to have been seen driving a 1936 Buick Coupe bearing Massachusetts license number 250212.

Information obtained at the Registry of Motor Vehicles at Boston indicates these plates were issued to J. J. Moreno, YMCA, North Adams, Massachusetts, for a 1930 Plymouth Coupe, Motor Number U-250815, Serial Number 1246225. There was no record on file of these plates having been stolen.

I have been advised by Michael W. Coslan, Chief of Police of North Adams, Massachusetts, that Moreno has resided in that city for many years and until last week was employed by the Venetian Ice Cream Company. He resigned a week ago by reason of a kidney trouble. The Chief further advises me that he has interviewed Moreno and that the latter is still in town and states that he has never left New England.

The Chief further stated that the plates in question are still on Moreno's car.

It would appear, therefore, that the person who observed the license number in your territory apparently was in error.

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Very truly yours,

c. c. Chicago  
c. c. St. Paul  
c. c. Cincinnati  
c. c. Bureau

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C. D. McKee  
Special Agent in Charge.

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NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE
NIGHT LETTER	LETTER
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Patrons should check class of service desired, otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication

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All America  
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which are hereby agreed to

BUTTE MONTANA MARCH 21, 1936.  
4:02 PM

DECODED MESSAGE

C D MCKEAN  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
BOSTON MASSACHUSETTS

RE BREKID SUBJECT KARPIS BELIEVED SEEN DRIVING NINETEEN THIRTY SIX PUICK COUPE  
NINETEEN THIRTY SIX MASSACHUSETTS LICENSE TWO FIVE NAUGHT TWO ONE TWO THIS  
DISTRICT CHECK REGISTRATION AND ADVISE

DICKASON CCG

Official-Govt Rate-No Tax  
Chg: Federal Bureau of Investigation  
302 Federal Bldg.,  
Butte, Montana.

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cc Bureau  
Cincinnati  
Chicago (Mr. E. J. Connelley)

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
March 25, 1936

Mr. Joe Riddle  
Postmaster  
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office at the present time, it is desired that a cover be placed on all first class mail, including special deliveries, for a period of thirty days, to the following addresses in Wichita, Kansas:

1455 Fanny Street  
1451 Fanny Street  
150 Lulu Street  
147 North Mead Street  
510 1/2 East Douglas Street  
427 South Washington Street  
2320 Park Place

It will be greatly appreciated if in forwarding tracings to this office you will refer to our file number 7-37.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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WEH:B

cc - Bureau

RE: BREKID MAR 31 1936  
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Edw. J. R.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/24/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/20/36 to 3/16/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. C. SURAN</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>RCS/ehc</b></span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1238; 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:**

By surveillance of John Karpavicz and family, conversations overheard concerning Alvin Karpis, said conversations indicating that Mrs. Karpavicz expects Subject Karpis to visit her and she keeps watching for him. No definite information obtained that Karpavicz family know present whereabouts of Karpis. Telephone calls made from Harvard Club and Lake Shore Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, to Chicago, Illinois, do not appear to have been made to fugitives in this case or to their contacts. Gust Solner's roadhouse closed on or about February 15, 1936; expected to reopen soon. Gust Solner again expresses his willingness to cooperate in connection with this case.

**[REDACTED]** Frank Vaughn has not to date expressed his willingness to proceed to Joplin, Missouri, and vicinity for the purpose of securing information concerning fugitives. Information obtained Karpis was expected to appear Parody Club, Chicago, Illinois, night March 6, 1936, but failed to do so.

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**REFERENCE:**

Reports of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 26, 1936, February 28, 1936, and February 29, 1936;  
Report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated February 13, 1936.

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**DETAILS:**

The surveillance of John Karpavicz and family has been continued by means of the arrangements previously reported. The telephone tap has been continued, and the conversations between members of the Karpavicz family have been overheard by means of the microphone. Special Agent V. E. Criss has continued to live in the apartment above the Karpavicz family at 2842 North Francisco Street, Chicago, Illinois, with his wife; and Anthony Viatkus has continued to reside in this apartment for twenty-four hours a day for the purpose of translating all Lithuanian conversations overheard both on the telephone tap and over the microphone. A complete log has been maintained by Agent Criss and Informant Viatkus, but only the material portions are being reported herein. This report of the surveillance covers the period from February 20, 1936, to March 16, 1936.

On February 23, 1936, at 3:15 P.M., the following incoming telephone call was overheard by Anthony Viatkus, on the telephone having number Belmont 7899:

Clara (Venute) called

[REDACTED]

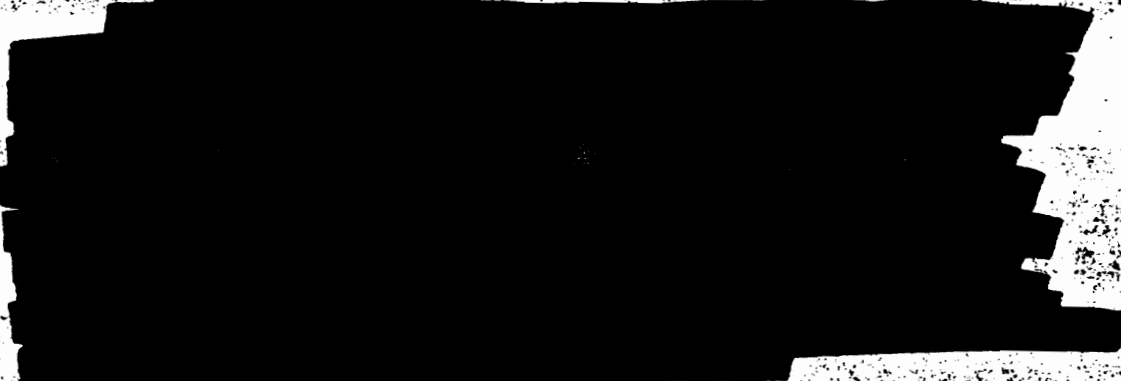
On February 25, 1936, at 9:30 P.M., over the microphone, Anthony Viatkus heard a commotion in the Karpavicz apartment, and it appeared as though someone was rushing to the door, and Mr. Karpavicz was heard to say, "No, no, it's not Albin."

At 10:30 P.M. on this date, after putting the baby to sleep, Mrs. Karpavicz came into the kitchen and apparently sat by the window. Mr. Karpavicz at this time was talking a little angrily, saying "Tell

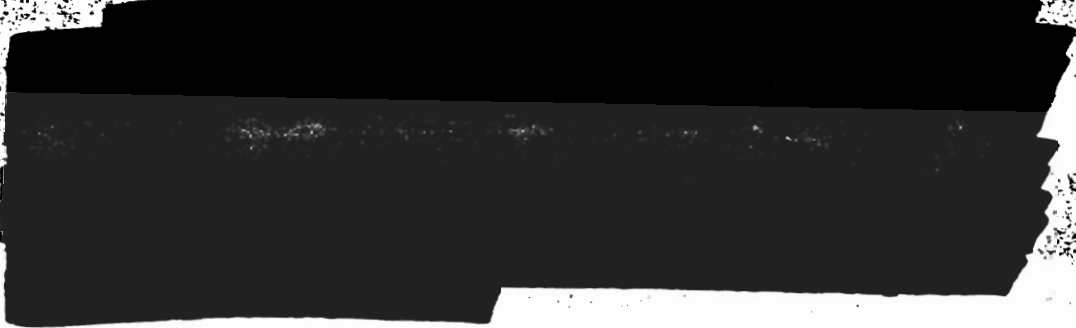
me when were they in Chicago? How long did they stay? Don't be so foolish. I stopped worrying about them things long, long ago." Nothing else was said, and Mrs. Karpavicz was heard going into another room. Apparently this conversation concerned Alvin, and Mrs. Karpavicz indicated that she saw someone in an automobile that night who she thought might be her son. Mr. Karpavicz told her she was all "wet."

On February 29, 1936, at 7:10 P.M., Informant Viatkus overheard the following conversation after Special Agent Criss had paid the rent to Mr. Karpavicz: Mrs. Karpavicz talked about the receipt, and told Mr. Karpavicz she thought he (Criss) had a business of some kind. Mr. Karpavicz came into Criss's apartment about 6:40 P.M. on this date and handed Mr. Criss the receipt. He seemed to have no suspicion whatever.

On March 1, 1936, at 9:15 A.M. an incoming telephone call was received from Clara Venute on telephone Belmont 7899; b7c



On March 1, 1936, at 12:45 P.M., Anthony Viatkus overheard the following conversation on the microphone:





On March 5, 1936, at 7:45 P.M. Anthony Viatkus overheard the following conversation on the microphone:

Emily told Mr. and Mrs. Karpavicz [REDACTED]

(An article appeared in the Chicago Tribune on March 5, 1936, to the effect that the police department had received information that Alvin Karpis was located at 4018 North Keystone Avenue and had been identified at that place by an individual, at which time Karpis was supposed to have come to the door with a machine gun in his hands. Upon this information being reported to Captain Gilbert of the State's Attorney's Office, it is reported that 25 detectives headed by Lieutenants Thomas Kelly and William Drury, wearing bullet proof vests, raided the apartment at 4018 North Keystone Avenue and there found one Lester Jorgenson, a gunsmith. Mr. Jorgenson stated that he had opened the door for the individual who reported the matter to the police, at which time he had a rifle in his hands which he was repairing.)

On March 5, 1936, at 8:15 P.M. Emily left the Karpavicz apartment and Mr. Karpavicz asked her to bring the paper she saw the article in. Emily said she would do so. Emily returned to the apartment with the paper in about five minutes and left again. Before Emily left she stated to Mr. Karpavicz that they (the officers) were waiting there all night disguised as workers.

On March 5, 1936, at 9:30 P.M., Anthony Viatkus overheard the following conversation on the microphone:

Mr. Karpavicz told Mrs. Karpavicz [REDACTED]

On March 8, 1936, at 5:25 P.M., the following incoming telephone call was made to Belmont 7899:

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On March 10, 1936, at 8:50 P.M., the following incoming call was made to Belmont 7899:

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On March 11, 1936, at 9:10 P.M., the following conversation was overheard on the microphone:

And I came

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On March 14, 1936, at 10:00 A.M., the following conversation was overheard on the microphone:

Emily visited the Karpavicz apartment and played with the baby and talked quietly with Mrs. Karpavicz. Anthony Viatkus could not obtain the complete conversation but heard enough to understand that Emily and Mrs. Karpavicz were talking about Alvin.

[REDACTED]

On March 14, 1936, at 4:50 P.M., the following telephone call was made to Belmont 7899:

[REDACTED]

On March 15, 1936, at 11:20 A.M., the following conversation was overheard by Anthony Viatkus on the microphone:

Mr. Karpavicz said [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On March 15, 1936, at 12:30 P.M., the following conversation was overheard on the microphone:

Mrs. Karpavicz was telling Clara and Emily [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]





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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(The conversation about the money is concerning the \$1,000.00 which was left with Joe Adams at Miami, Florida, by Alvin Karpis, which \$1,000.00 bill was subsequently introduced into evidence at St. Paul, Minnesota, during the course of the trial of Cassius McDonald; et al. Mr. Karpavicz called at the Chicago Bureau Office on March 14, 1936, and was interviewed by Special Agent R. C. Suran. Mr. Karpavicz inquired as to what procedure he should take in order to secure possession of the \$1,000.00 bill and whether the money could be turned over to him by this Bureau. Agent Suran advised Mr. Karpavicz that the Bureau had no jurisdiction over the matter; that the money had been introduced into evidence and whether it would be desired in future trials which might be had in this case was unknown at the present time, and that he should, or have Dolores De Laney do so, get in touch with Mr. George Sullivan, the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, to learn of the status of the money.)

The conversation overheard by Anthony Viatkus continued after Mr. Karpavicz again left the apartment:

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[REDACTED]

(The purport of this conversation is not clear but it is believed that it possibly refers to some visit had by the Karpavicz family in New York several years ago when perhaps Alvin Karpis was young.)

[REDACTED]



Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated February 13, 1936, setting forth a list of telephone calls emanating from the Harvard Club, Cleveland, Ohio. Among the list of calls set forth is a call made from telephone No. Michigan 8250, which telephone is listed to the Harvard Club, 3113 Harvard Avenue, to Chicago, Illinois, Saginaw 0698.

Special Agent R. C. Suran determined through Mr. Swanson of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Claim Department, that this telephone is listed to Margaret Meehan, 2341 East 73rd Street, Chicago, Illinois. The call to this telephone number was made on December 23, 1935.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Keane, 2341 East 73rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that they are the individuals who have the management of the apartment building located at the above address. Mr. and Mrs. Keane advised that about two years ago William J. Meehan moved into an apartment at 2341 East 73rd Street, having previously lived in an apartment building located at the corner of 72nd and Yates Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. These people informed that William J. Meehan had, just prior to moving to 2341 East 73rd Street, lost his wife by death, and that he moved into the above address with his daughter, who is known to Mr. and Mrs. Keane only as Miss Meehan. They advised that William J. Meehan died in December, 1935, and while the daughter is maintaining the apartment which had previously been occupied by herself and her father, she has not spent much time in it since her father's death but is believed to be residing somewhere on Yates Avenue with her brother. Mr. and Mrs. Keane were unable to state the first name of Miss Meehan, but advised that she was employed by a firm of attorneys in Chicago, Illinois; that Mr. Meehan, before his death, was employed by Swift and Company at the Stock Yards in Chicago, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Keane described Miss Meehan as being about fifty years of age, and stated that so far as was known to them, Miss Meehan was a law-abiding citizen. Mr. Keane described William J. Meehan as having been a "fine old gentleman."

Mr. D. Knight, of Baird & Warner, real estate firm, 1540 East 53rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that Margaret Meehan resided at the address of 2403 East 72nd Street with her father and mother prior to the time that Baird & Warner took over the management of the building located at that address. Mr. Knight was unable to state how long the Meehan family had resided at 2403 East 72nd Street. He stated, however, that the records of Baird & Warner disclosed that since this firm took over the management of the building,

Margaret Meehan had signed a lease for an apartment at 2403 East 72nd Street from May 1, 1933, to April 30, 1934. Mr. Knight stated that the Meehans were not personally known to him, and referred Agent to Mrs. Lillie Gairns, who is manager of the building at 2403 East 72nd Street and is located on the premises at that place.

Mrs. Gairns stated that she did not take over the management of the building until the same came under the control of Baird & Warner about two years ago, and that Mr. Meehan, with his wife and daughter Margaret and son William, Jr., was residing in the building at that time. She stated that the Meehans, so far as she had been able to ascertain, were highly respected people, Mr. Meehan being employed by Swift and Company at the Stock Yards in Chicago, Illinois; that William Meehan, Jr. was employed as an electrician by the city of Chicago. Mrs. Gairns stated that after the death of Mrs. Meehan, Mr. Meehan and his daughter moved out, as likewise did the son.

The photographs of the various subjects in this case were displayed to Mrs. Gairns, and she was unable to identify any of them as being the likenesses of individuals she had observed at the apartment house located at 2403 East 72nd Street, and likewise stated that she had never observed any individuals whose photographs were shown to her in company with the Meehan family.

Adolph Helsland and his son, Marshall, were interviewed by Special Agent Suran. Adolph Helsland is the janitor of the apartment house located at 2403 East 72nd Street, and resides at 7217 Yates Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Helsland stated that he had been the janitor at this building for a number of years and was well acquainted with the Meehan family. He stated that William Meehan and his wife, with his daughter, Margaret, and William, Jr., his son, resided at 2403 East 72nd Street for approximately eleven years, moving out of the building in April of 1934 after the death of Mrs. Meehan. Mr. Helsland stated that William Meehan, Jr. now resides at 7145 Yates Avenue and is an electrician employed by the city of Chicago. Mr. Helsland stated that so far as he knew the Meehans were law-abiding people.

Marshall Helsland furnished the information that William Meehan, Jr. has a son who is now about 19 years of age and is presently a student at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana; that Margaret Meehan is employed by either a firm of brokers or a firm of attorneys in Chicago, Illinois; that Margaret Meehan is approximately 50 years of age and a spinster.

The photographs of the various subjects of this case were displayed to Adolph and Marshall Helsland, and they were unable to identify any of them as being the likenesses of individuals observed in company with the Meehan family, and were unable to identify any of the subjects in this case as having ever visited the apartment building at 2403 East 72nd Street.

The list of telephone calls set forth in reference report of Agent Wynn further discloses that on October 6, 1935, a telephone call was made to Lakeview 7010, Chicago, Illinois, from the telephone number Michigan 4022, listed to the Harvard Club, Cleveland, Ohio. It was determined that the telephone number Lakeview 7010 is listed to the Diversey Arms Hotel, 644 Diversey Parkway.

Special Agent R. C. Suran interviewed the manager at that place, who is Bessie Craigmile. Miss Craigmile advised that no record of long distance telephone calls is maintained at the hotel unless the same were calls collect into the hotel. Miss Craigmile was shown the photographs of all the subjects in this case, and she was unable to identify any of them as being persons known to her. Miss Craigmile permitted Agent Suran to examine all of her registration cards for the years 1935 and 1936, which failed to reveal anything which could be identified by Agent Suran as being connected with the present investigation, attention at this time being given to all known aliases of the various subjects in this case, as well as the handwriting appearing upon the various registration cards.

Also on October 6, 1935, from the telephone number Michigan 4022, Cleveland, Ohio, two telephone calls were made to Chicago, Illinois, Buckingham 10194. This telephone number is listed to the White Horse Tavern, 2720 North Clark Street. Further information concerning this tavern will be set forth subsequently.

On December 12, 1935, a telephone call was made from Michigan 4022, Cleveland, Ohio, to Chicago, Illinois, Diversey 9805 (fisher called Ben Brown at the Commonwealth Hotel.) This number is listed to the Commonwealth Hotel, 2757 Pine Grove, Chicago, Illinois.

At the Commonwealth Hotel, 2757 Pine Grove Avenue, Special Agent R. C. Suran interviewed Mr. R. B. Lorenz, manager of the hotel, and also interviewed Miss Rose Fancher, telephone operator at that place. From these persons information was obtained that on July 9, 1935, Mr. and Mrs. B. Brown registered in Room No. 434 at the Commonwealth Hotel. This information is reflected upon Registration Card



No. 4397. The registration card did not disclose that the Browns registered from any city, as the space provided for that purpose was not filled, and Mr. Lorenz and Miss Fancher were unable to state from what place Mr. and Mrs. Brown originally came. Mr. Lorenz and Miss Fancher advised that both were personally acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Brown; that Brown is described as being about 35 to 38 years of age, height 5'10", build medium, nationality Jewish-looking, a very neat dresser, and a gambler by occupation.

Miss Fancher advised that the records of the Commonwealth Hotel disclosed that Mr. and Mrs. Brown resided at that place from July 8, 1935, until January 6, 1936. Miss Fancher stated that she recalled that Mr. Brown advised her at the time he left the hotel that he intended to go to Florida, exact place not known. Miss Fancher stated that Brown was connected with a Mr. Rose, who operated the White Horse Tavern, located at 2720 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, and that Brown and Rose were engaged in operating the gambling joint which was located above the White Horse Tavern.

The photographs of the various subjects of this case were displayed to Mr. Lorenz and Miss Fancher, and they were unable to identify any of the photographs with the exception of Russell Gibson, whom they had seen in company with John Borcia during the latter part of 1934 at the Commonwealth Hotel, which information has previously been recorded in this file.

It is noted in the reference report of Special Agent Wynn that numerous telephone calls were made from the Harvard Club to the telephone number at Chicago, Illinois, L.D. 92. Mr. Swanson of the Claims Division, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Chicago, Illinois, stated that the number L. D. 92 indicated a telephone installed at 666 Lake Shore Drive, Room 2550, Chicago, Illinois, which telephone was used exclusively for long distance calls. Mr. Swanson advised that this telephone number is listed to the Horton News Service at the above stated address. Mr. Swanson stated that the Horton News Service is an organization dispensing horse race information, and that they have quite an elaborate "lay-out" at 666 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois. The nature of the business of the Horton News Service would readily indicate the reason for the numerous telephone calls from the Harvard Club.

The report of Special Agent Wynn further sets forth a list of long distance telephone calls made by occupants of Rooms 904 and 404 at the Lake Shore Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, which rooms were maintained

by Art Hebebrand. This list of toll calls indicates that on October 24, 1955, a telephone call was made to Chicago, Illinois, to J---- 0654, the complete name of the telephone exchange not being listed. Mr. Swanson of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company advised Special Agent R. C. Suran that the only telephone exchange in Chicago beginning with the letter "J" was the exchange Juniper. Mr. Swanson advised that telephone number Juniper 0654 was listed to Louis Sallay, 5558 North Sawyer, Avenue, First Floor, Chicago, Illinois.

Special Agent Suran interviewed John Nordeen, who operates a meat market at 3235 Bryn Mawr Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and who is the owner of the apartment building located at 5558 North Sawyer Avenue. Mr. Nordeen stated that Louis Sallay is a Hungarian, who has been employed as a janitor at the apartment building for the past three years. Mr. Nordeen stated that Louis Sallay resides in the building with his wife and seventeen-year old son, Louis. Mr. Nordeen stated that Sallay, to his knowledge, has never been in any kind of difficulty with the law and has always been dependable so far as his services as a janitor have been concerned.

It appearing that there might be some error in the telephone number as listed by the Lake Shore Hotel, it was believed advisable to conduct an interview with Louis Sallay. Louis Sallay stated that he has been employed as a janitor in the various apartment buildings located in the vicinity of 5558 North Sawyer Avenue for the past eleven years, and that he has been at his present place of employment for three years. Sallay stated that he has a telephone in his apartment and the telephone number is Juniper 0654, and that to his knowledge no tenants in the building have ever used this telephone. Sallay was questioned as to whether he had any relatives or friends in Cleveland, Ohio, and he stated that he did not have and further denied that he had ever received a long distance call from that place.

It was noted that toll calls were made from the Lake Shore Hotel to Chicago, Illinois, but the word "Report" appears on the list with no number given. Mr. Swanson of the telephone company stated that this indicated that the call was not completed and only a report charge was made, and that the telephone company at Chicago, Illinois, would not have a record of the number called. These numbers would have to be secured at the office where the call originated.

Gust Solner, 5800 West 111th Street, Chicago, Illinois, was reinterviewed by Special Agent R. C. Suran on March 7, 1936. It will be recalled that Gust Solner identified a photograph of Harry Campbell as frequenting the roadhouse located at this address during March, 1935. Gust Solner resides in the upstairs portion of the house located at this address, and there is a cafe and tavern located on the first floor, which until recently was operated by a Mr. Halton, and it was in this portion of the house that Solner states he observed Harry Campbell.

When last interviewed Gust Solner advised that Halton had "skipped out" owing him several months' rent for the use of the cafe portion of the building, and that therefore the place had been closed since February 15, 1936, and because of this fact there had been no visitors to the house. Solner states that he expects to reopen the tavern and cafe in the near future and operate the same himself if he is unable to rent it to others, and that he would continue to observe all visitors at the place and would immediately notify the Chicago Bureau Office in the event Harry Campbell reappears. Gust Solner is interested in the collection of any reward which might be paid for the apprehension of Harry Campbell.

Contact was also had with [REDACTED] by Special Agent Suran on February 28, 1936, at which time [REDACTED] advised that he was contemplating making a trip to Cleveland, Ohio, the following Sunday, March 1, 1936, and inquired if it was the desire of the Bureau that he communicate with Edith Barry at Toledo, Ohio, from Cleveland, Ohio, and possibly visit Edith at Toledo. b7c b7d

This matter was discussed with Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, and Mr. Connelley stated that it would be desirable for [REDACTED] to again contact Edith Barry in an effort to obtain further information concerning the whereabouts of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. This information was given to [REDACTED] and he stated that he planned first to go to Washington, D. C. and Baltimore, Maryland, and then return in about ten days to Cleveland, Ohio, where he would communicate with Edith Barry at Toledo and possibly, if agreeable to Edith Barry, he would visit her at Toledo, Ohio. [REDACTED] stated that he would correspond intermittently with Edith Barry during his trip through the East in order to avert suspicion that he was proceeding to Cleveland and Toledo specifically for the purpose of visiting Edith Barry.



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Subsequently, on March 6, 1936, [redacted] advised Special Agent Suran telephonically that [redacted] left Chicago, Illinois, on March 4, 1936, and that immediately upon his arrival in Cleveland, Ohio, [redacted] would communicate with [redacted] and furnish her his address at Cleveland, after which this address would be furnished to the Chicago Bureau Office in order that [redacted] could be contacted if necessary at Cleveland, Ohio.

On March 16, 1936, [redacted] advised Special Agent Suran that she had heard from [redacted] and that it was not expected that he would be in Cleveland, Ohio, for several days, but that the Chicago Office would be immediately advised upon [redacted] arrival at that place.

Frank Vaughn, 1836 Grant Street, Evanston, Illinois, was again contacted by Special Agent R. C. Suran for the purpose of ascertaining whether he had communicated with Tom Hill and Herbert Farmer, Frank Vaughn having previously stated that he was going to write to these individuals advising them that he intended visiting Joplin, Missouri, and Coffeyville, Kansas, in the near future, this for the purpose of rather paving his way in order that he might proceed to these points and make the proper inquiries without his various friends suspecting that he was endeavoring to obtain information for the Government.

At the time Frank Vaughn was last interviewed he stated he had written letters to both Herbert Farmer and Tom Hill but had to date not received a reply from either of these individuals. He stated that he did not deem it advisable to proceed to Missouri and Kansas unless he did receive replies to his communications; that if he did not receive these replies at an early date he might possibly write to other individuals whom he knew in the vicinity of Joplin, Missouri, and Coffeyville, Kansas.

From the attitude of Vaughn it was apparent that he is reluctant to assist in this matter, but it is possible that he might do so at a later date. Vaughn will again be interviewed in the near future for the purpose of endeavoring to get him to furnish all the information in his possession or such information as he is able to obtain concerning the activities and present whereabouts of fugitive subjects in this case.

On the morning of March 5, 1936, Mr. Charles Gilbride, of Des Moines, Iowa, communicated telephonically with Mrs. Genevieve Hollis, an employee of the Chicago Bureau Office, and advised her of certain

information which he thought might be of interest to this Bureau. Mrs. Hollis advised that Charles Gilbride is a friend of hers and a former friend of Special Agent H. E. Hollis. Gilbride was passing through Chicago on the night of March 4, 1936, and visited various night clubs in Chicago, Illinois, one of these clubs being the Parody Club, 606 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois. Gilbride related to Mrs. Hollis that at the time he was visiting the Parody Club he overheard a conversation in the men's room at that place concerning Alvin Karpis. He stated that one of the men talking was known as Freddy and was the drummer at the Parody Club. The other man's identity was not known. He stated that the unknown individual inquired of Freddy whether Alvin would be there that night, and the other one asked "Alvin who?", the unknown individual replying "Alvin Karpis." Freddy then remarked that Alvin was supposed to meet Scotty at the Parody Club on the night of March 6, 1936. Scotty might possibly be an employee of the Parody Club and was described by Gilbride as having a "mouth full of gold teeth."

Special Agents R. C. Suran and D. P. Sullivan visited the Parody Club on the night of March 6, 1936, but no one answering the description of Alvin Karpis appeared and no one was noticed at the club answering the description of Scotty as given by Mr. Gilbride.

On January 29, 1936, Chief Prendergast of the Uniformed Police, Chicago, Illinois, advised Special Agent A. D. Mehegan that he had an informant who claimed that Karpis came in and out of Chicago and that he might make a contact at the address 6225 South Komensky Avenue, telephone number Hemlock 8295, which telephone number is listed to Walter Lasko at the Komensky Avenue address. At the request of Chief Prendergast Special Agent Mehegan furnished him with a photograph of Alvin Karpis. Chief Prendergast specifically requested that no investigation be conducted by this Bureau, and promised that he would advise the Chicago Bureau Office before any action was taken when and if necessary.

On March 13, 1936, Special Agent Mehegan again contacted Chief Prendergast and on this date Chief Prendergast advised that the address which he had previously given to Special Agent Mehegan was erroneous and the correct address was 6207 South Komensky Avenue, telephone number Hemlock 8115, which telephone number is issued to George Krapec. Chief Prendergast advised that his men covered the telephone at this address from January 28 to February 16, 1936; that a telephone tap was installed and a log maintained of all conversations overheard,

Chief Frendergast furnished Agent Mehegan with the telephone log prepared by the Chicago Police during their observation of the telephone Hemlock 2115. A perusal of the same failed to reveal anything of importance to the present investigation. A copy of this telephone log has been made and is retained in the Chicago Bureau Office file for possible future reference.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the latent finger-  
print examinations which are being conducted in  
connection with the cases designated as BRAXID  
and H-MAP.

You are advised that the unidentified  
latent fingerprints remaining in these two cases  
have been compared with the fingerprints of the  
following individuals but no identification has  
been effected:

Harry Charles Bartholmey, Civil Service  
Fingerprint Card.

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John Pfeiffer, #031442, Police Department,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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John Pfeiffer, FBI-67579.

Edward Bartholmey, #156, Police Department,  
Highland Park, Michigan.

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Very truly yours, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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cc-Mr. A. J. Connelley, Chicago

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Saint Paul, Minnesota  
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Special Agent in Charge  
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Sir:

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A tracing of a letter addressed to Jack Davenport, 301 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, has been received, showing the letter to have been mailed at Miami, Florida, March 20, 1936, bearing return address "E. J. 432 - 12th Ave. N.E."

From the telephone tap on Davenport's telephone March 21, 1936 it was ascertained that one Eddie is residing at 432 Northwest 12th Avenue, Miami, and that he intends to stay there for about two weeks longer; that Jack wired him \$25.00. Eddie wired Jack on March 20th for some money. On March 22nd Eddie wired Jack via Western Union, "Thanks for money worked in several spots but they got knocked off as soon as I got started Best regards".

It is requested that the identity of Eddie be established that it may be determined if he is a contact for the fugitives in this case.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STAIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-33-**

REPORT MADE AT <b>DALLAS, TEXAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/25/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/21/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>C. O. HURT</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1218; 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: **Ft. Worth Police have no record of B. J. McCafferty.**

REFERENCE: **Report of Special Agent L. G. Healey, Denver, Colo., dated 3-18-36**

**DETAILS:**

**V. A. Leonard, Superintendent of the Identification Bureau, FORT WORTH, TEXAS Police Department, was interviewed and a search of his files failed to reveal the name of B. J. McCafferty. Mr. Leonard exhibited a record on Buddy J. McCarty, Ft. Worth Police # Ex-9144, arrested 3-4-33 by officers W. Dews and Harmon, charged with investigation and released the same day. No description was available, fingerprint classification being: 17 I 14**

**Mr. Leonard also exhibited a record on one Buddy McCarty, Ft. Worth Police # Ex-19689, arrested 11-1-35 by Officers Lockard and Bigby, charged with investigation and released 11-23-35. This record reflects the following description: Age, 26 years; height 5' 8"; weight, 138 lbs.; hair, dark; eyes, grey; F. P. C. 1 R OII 12 . 1 A II 12**

**Mr. Leonard stated that the records of Buddy J. McCarty and Buddy McCarty comprise the only information in his files and records which even resemble the name B. J. McCafferty.**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>OMAHA, NEBRASKA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/23/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/5, 10, 11, 16, 18/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. B. CULBERTSON</b> <span style="float: right;">TMH</span>
TITLE <b>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</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING: HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE: NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Dessie Rose Johnson, 1312 E. Walnut St., Des Moines, Iowa, unemployed but apparently well provided for, identified as wife of Dale Harold Johnson, now serving life sentence for murder in Iowa State Penitentiary. Dessie admits acquaintance with certain Des Moines underworld characters; information concerning identity, reputation and criminal connection of Dessie Johnson and her husband obtained. Charles Carroll, Iowa State Penitentiary inmate, acquainted with KARPIS at Kansas State Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, also, knew JESS DOYLE at Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas; denies knowing HARRY CAMPBELL; disclaims knowledge concerning his criminal record stating only saw copy of same once in Sheriff's Office, Mankato, Minn.; states has not been in Ohio for many years. Glenn C. Hayes, Warden, Iowa State Penitentiary, on 8/13/35, sent a Western Union telegram to C. C. Peters, Fort Worth, Texas, advising Mrs. C. R. Williams was not in custody there but C. R. Williams was inmate; Haynes does not personally know Peters. Long-distance telephone call to Des Moines, 9/12/35 from phone listed to Margaret Campbell, Peoria, Ill., at whose home G. A. "Red" Mallon lives, was to Viaduct Cigar Store, operated by "Go About" Riley and Mose Cohen; calls to and from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, August 2nd, October 5, 7, and 8, over telephone listed to Mrs. Carrie Lockwood, proprietress of rooming house, who is said to be reputable.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent D. S. Hostetter, St. Louis,  
2/19/36: Letter from Cleveland Office to Omaha,  
2/22/36: report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter,  
Dallas, 2/29/36: Letter Chicago Office to St. Louis  
Office, 3/13/36, with copies to Omaha and other offices.

DETAILS:

At Des Moines, Iowa

Examination of 1936 Des Moines City Directory showed George W. Mattern listed as the occupant of premises at 1716 East Logan Street. Agent proceeded to this neighborhood and observed it to be a respectable community located near the State Capitol.

Mrs. George W. Mattern, 1716 East Logan Street, advised she had not lived at this address for long, having moved in about two years ago, when she married Mr. Mattern, the son of Mrs. George W. Mattern, Sr., who had lived in that community for many years. She stated that while she knew "Dessie Rose Johnson" (not Bessie) when she saw her, she was not very well acquainted with her and knew very little authentic information concerning her. What she knew, Mrs. Mattern explained, was what she had picked up from her mother-in-law, and other neighbors, who, themselves, were not fully informed on this subject as Dessie and her husband, Dale Johnson, had lived there only a few months in 1934, during which time they made little effort to become acquainted with their neighbors. She stated that while the Johnsons lived there, frequently out-of-state cars, carrying strange men and women, would stop in front of the Johnson home, their visits arousing suspicions in the minds of other residents that something out of the ordinary was taking place; therefore, she stated, no one was surprised when in June of 1934, Dale Johnson was arrested at Burlington, Iowa, charged with killing a policeman there, was tried and sentenced to life imprisonment at the State Penitentiary, Fort Madison, Iowa. Shortly thereafter, Dessie sold her newly-acquired home to Guy M. Bryant, 1714 East Logan Street and moved down town where she took an apartment.

Questioned as to Dessie's true identity, Mrs. Mattern stated she believed her maiden name was "Dessie Rose" and that her father was a caretaker of some small Iowa town cemetery. She also believed Dessie had a sister, first name unknown, who had been married to one Houck, a Des Moines man, who had been killed while he and other members of a band were robbing the Queal Lumber Company of this city and afterwards, this sister is said to have married a Mr. Anderson, custodian of the City Hall at Des Moines. She did not know what sort of work Dessie did but understood before her marriage she had been a stenographer for some Des Moines Insurance Company. Concerning Dale Johnson's family, Mrs. Mattern could furnish only the information that Johnson's father was "Two Ace" Johnson, an east side Des Moines gambler and beer saloon operator.



Mrs. Mattern had no idea where Dessie Johnson might be located but stated she had seen Dessie on the streets of Des Moines about two weeks ago. Agent conducted a neighborhood investigation, not revealing his identity, and finally succeeded in learning Dessie could probably be found at 1312 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Agent proceeded to 1312 East Walnut Street, where he found Dessie Rose Johnson living alone in Apartment No. 2. The apartment, while located in a poor section of the city, was nicely furnished and gave the appearance of being used by a prostitute. Dessie stated she lived alone, was unemployed but looking for work and that her money, derived from the sale of her home at 1716 East Logan Street, was running low. She stated she married Dale Harold Johnson on December 6, 1932, at Rock Island, Iowa, having obtained her marriage license at the same place and that on May 30, 1934, her husband was arrested for killing William Sauer, a Burlington, Iowa, policeman, and upon being tried for this crime, was sentenced on December 10, 1934, to serve a life term in the Iowa State Penitentiary at Fort Madison, Iowa. She claimed that at the time of her marriage to Johnson, she knew nothing of his having a past criminal record and that she did not know whether any of her husband's relatives had ever been arrested or involved in any crimes. As for her own family, she stated she alone was the only member to have ever been arrested and that but once, on July 11, 1934, at Burlington, Iowa, when she was arrested and held for investigation when she went there to visit her husband while he was being held prisoner there. She stated she was released without sentence but was photographed and fingerprinted at that time. She stated her only sister, Nellie, had been married to Frank Houck, of Des Moines, but on April 10, 1933, Houck was killed while engaged with a gang of robbers in robbing a Des Moines Lumber Company and soon thereafter, Nellie was married to a Mr. Anderson, custodian of the City Hall at Des Moines. Dessie stated she had worked as a stenographer in 1930 and 1931 for the Interstate Insurance Company of Des Moines but could furnish no other work record.

Dessie Johnson stated that while she and Dale Johnson were living at 1716 East Logan Street, they had many visitors but that she could not recall anything about them, though she did recall that one of Dale's aunts, his father's sister, a Mrs. Hazel Pastorett, of Superior, Wisconsin, visited them at times, at which times she drove a car bearing Wisconsin tags. She further stated that since her husband had been in prison, none of his old friends visited her and she had no idea where they might be or what they might be doing. She was asked if she would furnish information about her husband's old friends, if she had any such information, and she stated she would not do that even if paid for doing so. She was questioned closely for information concerning her acquaintance with the numerous names listed in the reference report of Special Agent D. S. Hostetter, but emphatically denied having known any of them, except "Go About" Riley, Roy Freeman and Jack Summers, of Des Moines, Iowa, whom she stated she did know and that all of these men had visited at her home before her husband was sentenced; however, they had not been to visit her since.

Agent obtained the following information from Dessie Johnson, concerning her family:

Father: James F. Rose (cemetery caretaker)  
Prairie City, Iowa  
Mother: Fannie Rose, Prairie City, Iowa  
Brothers: Donald Rose, Onawa, Iowa  
William Rose, Prairie City, Iowa  
Clyde Rose, Prairie City, Iowa  
Howard Rose, 1723 E. Walnut St.,  
Des Moines, Iowa.  
Sisters: Mrs. Nellie Anderson,  
816 East 16th Street,  
Des Moines, Iowa (formerly Mrs.  
Frank Houck)

The following information concerning herself, Mrs. Dessie Johnson, based upon records examined in the files of the Iowa Bureau of Investigation, Des Moines, Iowa, and upon Agent's personal observation and remarks made by Mrs. Johnson, was obtained:

Name: Dessie Rose Johnson  
Address: 1312 E. Walnut Street, Apt. #2,  
Des Moines, Iowa  
Age: 50 years, born 7/11/06  
Height: 5 feet 2 inches  
Weight: 128 pounds  
Build: Medium, tending to stout  
Complexion: Fair  
Hair: Red  
Teeth: Good  
Scars: None visible  
Eyes: Brown  
Marital Status: Married  
Photograph: May be obtained through Iowa  
Bureau of Investigation,  
file C-3189; Burlington  
80 #350.

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The following information concerning Dale Harold Johnson's family was furnished by Dessie Johnson:-

Father: John E. (Two Ace) Johnson,  
somewhere on East 16th St.,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

Mother: Mrs. Mary Vance (divorced from Johnson)  
Residing somewhere on Maple St.,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

Sister: Mrs. W. R. Wilson,  
Norwalk, Iowa.

Brothers: William Johnson,  
Norwalk, Iowa.

Harold Johnson, lives with mother,  
Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Dell Johnson, lives with mother.

Aunt: Mrs. Hazel Pastorett,  
Superior, Wisconsin.

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J. J. DeRood, clerk, Iowa Bureau of Investigation, State Capitol Building, caused a search to be made of his records, with the following results:

"Dessie Rose Johnson, Burlington, Iowa SO #350, arrested on 7-11-34, charged with investigation, later released but date not indicated. There is a photograph of this party attached to her fingerprint card, Iowa Bureau of Investigation C-3189, copy of which may be obtained upon request, but not secured at this time as there was only one copy in their files. Description of Dessie Johnson was also included in this file."

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Examination of fingerprint records, in an effort to determine the criminal histories of the Johnson family, with the exception of Dale Harold Johnson, proved of little value, because of the duplication of names, both given as well as surnames, there being many instances of arrests being recorded for individuals with same name but with different fingerprint classifications.

The following information on Dale Harold Johnson, was secured from the files of the Iowa Bureau of Investigation:

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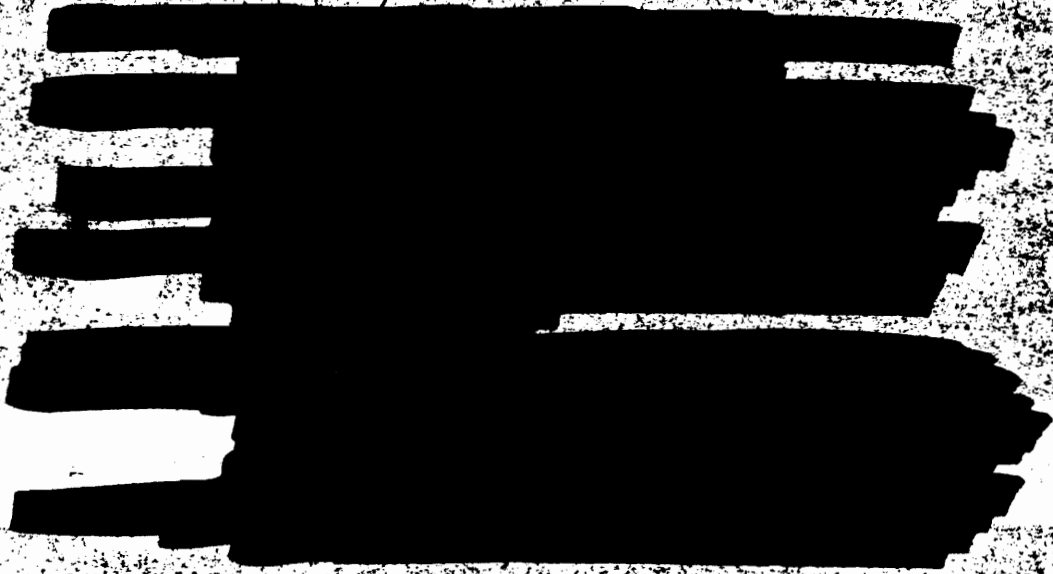
The following records, as obtained from the Iowa Bureau of Identification, are of the three individuals whom Dessie Rose Johnson admitted to Agent as acquaintances of her's and whom she claims have not contacted her since her husband's sentence to prison.



JOHN SUMMERS, aliases, Jack Summers, John Simmons,  
Gerald Brown;

Fingerprint Classification: 1 0 25 6 1 22  
17 U 10 22

Residence: - Peoria, Illinois on January 29, 1935.



(Description)

Age: 30 years (1929)  
Height: 5 feet 10 1/2 inches  
Weight: 193 pounds  
Hair: Dark chocolate  
Eyes: Blue Green  
Occupation: Liquor runner  
Photographs: None in file.

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JOHN WATERS, aliases, John Watters, J. S. Waters, "GoAbout"  
Riley;

Fingerprint Classification: 1 1 1 1 1 1  
1 1 1 1 1 1

(Description)

Age: 40 years (1932)  
Height: 5 feet 10 1/2 inches  
Hair: Brown  
Eyes: Grey  
Weight: 225 pounds (1935)  
Photograph: Available in files of Iowa  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

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(John Waters - Criminal Record - per Iowa Bureau of Investigation files.)

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ROY C. FREEMAN, aliases, Ray ~~Freeman~~, Arthur F. ~~Shores~~,  
A. F. ~~Shores~~, George F. ~~Freeman~~.  
Fingerprint Classification: O 13 R 00 12 Ref R 000  
18 R 10 18 T 01

"Admits 1918 Kansas City, Mo. for intoxication - fined."

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Age: 46 years (1934)  
Height: 5 feet 9 1/2 inches  
Weight: 166 pounds  
Hair: Grey and brown  
Eyes: Blue  
Photograph: , In files of Iowa Bureau Investigation

JOHN SUMMERS, with aliases and JOHN WATERS, with aliases, are suspected of being involved in several hi-jacking cases in which the St. Louis, Missouri, Office and the Omaha Office, are offices of origin.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent G. H. Wilson:

At Fort Madison, Iowa

At the Iowa State Penitentiary, Agent examined the file as to CHARLES CARROLL, No. 16749, which reflected that at no time since he became incarcerated in this institution, March 14, 1935, has he had correspondence by mail. He was received from Dubuque, Iowa, on a five-year larceny conviction, after a plea of guilty before the State District Court, Judge P. J. Nelson, March 14, 1935. It further appears that during March 1935, he stole two suitcases from a truck at the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, and Pacific Railroad Station, in Dubuque, Iowa, of the approximate value of \$75.00, and that he sold one suitcase for the sum of \$1.00 to a Mrs. Anna Mae Collins, 460 1/2 Central Avenue, Dubuque, Iowa.

Carroll is described as follows:-

Age:	30 years
Born:	May 21, 1904 at New Albany, Ind.
Height:	5 feet 6 3/8 inches
Weight:	146 pounds
Hair:	Dark chestnut
Eyes:	Medium chestnut
Status:	Single
Brothers:	Fred and William Carroll, address unknown
Parents:	Deceased.

CHARLES CARROLL, #16749, Iowa State Penitentiary, stated he had been expecting an interview with a Department of Justice Agent, for the past two years, due to the fact that in the past he had known ALVIN KARPIS, at the Kansas State Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, and had escaped with him from that institution. At the outset of this interview, Carroll stated he knew why he was to be interviewed and concerning whom. Agent made no reference to KARPIS but asked Carroll if he had known "Corky" (nickname used by Jess Doyle previously in referring to KARPIS). To this, Carroll stated he had been acquainted with ALVIN KARPIS at this reformatory but stated he did not know anything concerning him now and added, if he did, he "wouldn't tell



any of you fellows, since he was a right guy as my kind go." Carroll stated he was a thief and always expected to be one and "didn't propose to yap on another in my class." Carroll stated that only once had he dropped his right name, as G. E. WINTERHALTER, at McAlester, Oklahoma.

Carroll stated he had never known HARRY CAMPBELL, but did become acquainted with JESS DOYLE in the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas. He refused to talk further about this acquaintance. He did state he had been in Ohio many times but not for years past, adding he had not been there "since he was a kid"; that he had never known the Sheriff at Chardon, Ohio and had not been in Cleveland, Ohio for years. He stated he knew of no reason why ALVIN KARPIS would desire to get in touch with him or use him in any way. He could not and would not offer any explanation as to why KARPIS would want a copy of his criminal record. The only time, according to Carroll, that he ever saw a copy of his criminal record was on the occasion when he had been arrested at Mankato, Minnesota and was in the Sheriff's office there; that his fingerprints were taken then by a Minnesota State Agent and he was questioned there. It appears from the known criminal record that this was about April 13, 1933. Carroll repeatedly stated he could not understand why the Government would wait so long to seek him out for questioning, especially since it was known that he had served time with KARPIS and several times since, he, Carroll, had been in custody.

Carroll maintained a sullen attitude, attempting several times to terminate the interview, stating he had talked more now than he ought to, or had expected, in this matter. Little credence could be placed in his statements and he is noted on the prison records "to be regarded with suspicion." He stated he intended to play "a lone wolf hand in this joint" as he had always done.

A photograph of Carroll was secured and is being retained in the Omaha Office file, for possible future reference.

At the State Penitentiary, Fort Madison, Iowa, Agent G. H. Wilson also conducted the following investigation:-

Colonel Glenn C. Haynes, Warden and formerly U. S. Post Office Inspector, advised Agent that he does not personally know "G. C. PETERS", of Fort Worth, Texas, and does not recall ever having any dealing with him; however, on reference to the files in his office, with particular reference to outgoing telegrams, it was determined that on August 13, 1935, a telegram was received from G. C. Peters, Fort Worth, Texas, reading as follows: •



"WARDEN HAYNES IS MRS C R WILLIAMS STILL IN YOUR  
CUSTODY OR IF RELEASED WHEN ANSWER COLLECT BY  
WESTERN UNION"

On the same date, a telegram, over the signature of the Warden, was  
sent to C. C. Peters, reading as follows:-

"MRS C R WILLIAMS NEVER IN MY CUSTODY C R WILLIAMS  
INMATE HERE NOW"

The above reply bears the initials "EAW: 8-20: Collect"

By further reference to the prison file of C. R. WILLIAMS, the follow-  
ing information as to him was secured:-

No. 16699 - received 2/20/35 on 3 year term for Conspiracy  
from Clinton County, Iowa.

Age:	42 years, born June 11, 1893, Shenandoah, Iowa.
Height:	5 feet 7 inches
Weight:	171 pounds
Eyes:	Light chestnut
Hair:	Medium chestnut
Build:	Stout
Relatives:	Brother, Tom Williams, Fort Collins, Colorado. Brother, O. W. Williams, Great Falls, Montana; Brother, Byron Williams, R.F.D., Oregon, Missouri Brother, Harvey Williams, Tarkio, Missouri Sister, Ethel Williams, Tarkio, Missouri
Wife:	Mabel Caroline Williams (Committed to Women's Prison, Rockwell City, Iowa for 6 mos., sentence suspended 6/7/35).
Daughter:	Lucille Williams, residing with grandparents at 1426 24th St., Des Moines, Iowa.
Criminal Record:	FBI #296663 -
Known aliases:	C. Roy Williams, John Payne, Frank R. Moore.

Hold order was filed March 2, 1936, by District Attorney Roy B. Priest, of Rankin, Texas, who advised that WILLIAMS was under conviction for forgery at Alpine, Brewster, Texas, where he received a two-years sentence, but skipped out on his appeal bond. There have been numerous inquiries concerning WILLIAMS from police at Wichita, Texas; the Sheriff at Boulder, Colorado; the Police at El Centro, Texas, as well as by W. H. Tolbert, Attorney, Fort Worth, Texas, who represents the bond sureties; James P. Cogdell, Attorney, 301 Calhoun Street, Fort Worth, Texas; and David G. Pugh, Attorney, Fort Worth, Texas; and by the American Railway Express. Williams was represented in Iowa by Attorney Guy A. Miller, 406 Youngerman Building, Des Moines, Iowa.

A photograph of C. R. WILLIAMS was secured and is being forwarded to the Dallas Office for possible reference in this matter.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. E. Bundy:-

At Des Moines, Iowa

Reference letter of the Chicago Office to the St. Louis Office, mentions the report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Chicago, February 23, 1936, copy of which was not received by the Omaha Bureau Office, but which sets forth results of an investigation concerning one C. A. "RED" MALLON, 516 1/2 Adams Street, Peoria, Illinois, said to have been associated with ALVIN KARPIS and certain others, in a plan to rob the Peoria Power & Light Company at Peoria, Illinois, on February 24, 1936. This reference letter was accompanied by a list of long-distance calls made from the telephone number "Peoria 6913", which is the telephone number listed to "Margaret Campbell, 516 1/2 North Adams Street, Peoria, Illinois", which is also the address of C. A. "RED" MALLON. Inasmuch as it was thought that MALLON may have some connection with ALVIN KARPIS, reference letter requested it be ascertained to whom the telephone numbers noted in the above-mentioned list are listed.

H. I. Dodson, Assistant Vice President, Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, at the Des Moines Office of the company, advised in confidence that telephone number 3-4877, Des Moines, which was called on September 12, 1935 from Peoria 6913, is listed to the Viaduct Cigar Store, 206 7th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Chief of Detectives A. H. Pederson stated that it is his understanding that the Viaduct Cigar Store is operated by John Waters, alias "Go About" Riley and Mose Cohen. It may be noted that these two men are

well known bootleggers; that confidential information secured by the Iowa Liquor Commission investigators indicates both were implicated in hi-jacking of liquor trucks in Iowa during the past year; that Riley, a "pay-off man" in the kidnaping of Jimmy Sheridan at Des Moines, a few years ago, was also seen, under suspicious circumstances, on the night of the liquor hi-jacking near Varna, Illinois, September 26, 1935 (see report of Special Agent D. S. Hostetter, St. Louis, 12/23/35, pages 40 and 41, in case entitled "Unknown Subjects; hi-jacking of truck driven by George I. Staley, Kimbal Truck Lines; hi-jacking of truck driven by Charles Darrow, Shepherd Trucking Company"). According to Mr. Pederson, these men have extensive underworld acquaintances and they would shield any fugitive.

At Cedar Rapids, Iowa

On August 2, 1935, a call was made to number 2-8161, from Peoria 6913. On October 5, 7 and 8, this number at Cedar Rapids, called the Peoria number. On October 5 and 7, the calls were from May Chamberlain and on October 8, from Mrs. Condon.

Cecil C. Bolsinger, Assistant Manager of the telephone company, advised confidentially that number 2-8161 was listed to Mrs. Carrie Lockwood. In the April 1935 telephone directory, Mrs. Lockwood is listed with this telephone and the address, 607 First Avenue S.E. In the next directory, issued January, 1936, she is listed with the same number at 420 A Avenue, N.E. At the City Water Department, it was ascertained that on October 5, 1935, she became a customer of the Department at 420 A Avenue, N. E., having moved from 607 First Avenue S.E.

The Cedar Rapids City Directory for 1935 lists May Chamberlain, no occupation given, at 316 Seventh Street, S.E. There are several Condons listed, most of whom are connected with a family, with members on the Police Department and in the Sheriff's office, but no Condon lives near either of the addresses given above for Mrs. Lockwood.

At the Cedar Rapids Police Department, Chief of Detectives Earl Stanley advised he has never heard of May Chamberlain and knows of no Mrs. Condon, who has ever been of questionable character. He advised that Thomas J. Condon, a member of his detective force, is entirely reliable. Thomas J. Condon stated he could not suggest what Mrs. Condon is a friend or associate of Mrs. Carrie Lockwood and that he knows of no Mrs. Condon, whose reputation is not good, although there are Condons not related to him, whom he does not know.

Mr. Stanley further advised that in his opinion Mrs. Carrie Lockwood is of good character and reliable; that on one occasion when he went to



her he secured complete and accurate information about the matter investigated by him.

Mr. Stanley and the writer called at 420 A Avenue, N. E., where the occupant of the house advised that Mrs. Carrie Lockwood moved, about six weeks earlier, to the home of her sister, Mrs. Frank Hyde, 516 10th Street, South, Cedar Rapids; that Mrs. Lockwood kept roomers when at 420 A Avenue, N. E.; that none of her roomers remained when Mrs. Lockwood moved and they were all unknown to this occupant.

At 428 Avenue A, N.E., the address of Mrs. Minnie Bowman, who is well known to Mr. Stanley and known by him to be respectable, inquiry was made concerning Mrs. Lockwood. Mrs. Bowman, however, stated she never associated with Mrs. Lockwood, did not know what kind of roomers she had and in fact took no note of any roomers at her house.

Mrs. Frank Hyde, 516 10th Street South, advised that her sister, Mrs. Carrie Lockwood, has moved to Omaha, Nebraska, where she is living with another sister, at 1923 Emmett Street.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OMAHA OFFICE: At Omaha, Nebraska, will discreetly interview Mrs. Carrie Lockwood at 1923 Emmett Street, in the very near future, concerning May Chamberlain and Mrs. Condon.

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607 United States Court House,  
Foley Square,  
New York, New York.

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March 27, 1936. M.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

RE: WILLIAM KIMER HEAD with aliases,  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER NUMBER 1354,  
ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. F. Fitzsimons, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, March 19, 1936, in which is set out information concerning two parties, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Kaufman, 1724 Johnson Street, Hollywood, Florida.

Agent Fitzsimons secured from Mr. J. R. Barnes, Postmaster, Hollywood, Florida, a list of mail received at 1724 Johnson Street, Hollywood, Florida, since Kaufman and his wife have occupied the house at that address, which list is set out in Agent Fitzsimons' report above referred to with requests for the various offices of the Bureau to make appropriate investigation of the addresses in their territories, in order to determine whether or not such parties were acquainted with William Kimer Head, or had any information as to his possible location. This report further recorded that Mr. Barnes advised Agent Fitzsimons that Kaufman is a typical confidence man, uncommunicative and inclined to be surly.

The attention of the Jacksonville Office is invited to page eight of the report of Special Agent William J. McNulty, dated October 3, 1935, in the BREKID case, at New York City, in which Agent McNulty sets forth the results of an interview had with Post Office Inspector Herbert Graham, New York City, at the time Agent McNulty was endeavoring to locate Thomas J. O'Dell, as follows:

".....that O'Dell had issued to him a passport on July 19, 1935 and gave as reference Julian Kaufman, 25 E. 86th Street, Kaufman claiming to know O'Dell for twenty years; that Kaufman originally came from Chicago; that he is a gambler known as 'Potatoes', a former member of the Capone gang and is known to have been questioned in con-

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nection with the murder of Arthur Langdon; that Kaufman makes his headquarters at the Piccadilly Hotel, 227 W. 45th Street; that he is a member of the Maxie Greenberg crowd."

In the report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson of the New York Office, in the BREKID case, dated December 5, 1935, there are set forth the results of an interview had by that Agent with Mr. Julius (NOT Julian) Kaufman of 25 East Eighty-Sixth Street, New York City, at the New York Bureau Office on November 20, 1935, when Agent was interviewing Kaufman in an effort to locate Thomas J. O'Dell. During this interview, Kaufman denied knowing Mead or ever having heard O'Dell mention Mead by his correct name or his aliases. However, Kaufman, at that time, advised that he had known O'Dell for fifteen years; that he had not seen him for several years until he saw him at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in the winter season of 1934-35, and that upon returning to New York from Fort Lauderdale he and his wife were very friendly with Mr. and Mrs. O'Dell.

Kaufman advised Agent Dickerson at that time that he had formerly lived in Chicago, having come to New York City six years ago. Agent was unable to ascertain the nature of Kaufman's business.

This information is being furnished to your office so as to give you a background of Kaufman, and a carbon copy of this letter is being forwarded to each of the offices to which you set out leads with reference to the list secured of mail going to 1724 Johnson Street, Hollywood, Florida.

It is noted from the reference report of Agent Fitzsimons that the New York Office was requested to make investigation at 25 East Eighty-Sixth Street, as Kaufman and his wife had received several letters from that address. During the time that Agent Dickerson was seeking an interview with Mr. Kaufman, he ascertained that Kaufman lived at 25 East Eighty-Sixth Street with his wife and two children, and had been living there for some time. He also ascertained, during the interview with Kaufman, that he had two children, a boy who is attending Columbia University, and a girl who is attending another school in New York City.



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March 27, 1936.

Since it is possible that it is either the son or daughter in New York City who is writing to Mr. and Mrs. Kaufman at 1724 Johnson Street, Hollywood, Florida, the New York Office will not make any investigation at that address at this time. However, it will make investigation at the other addresses listed in Agent Fitzsimons' report dated March 19, 1936, to obtain any information with reference to the location of William Elmer Mead.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 26, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1214, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated February 1, 1936, in which you advised that Mr. Harry Stewart, a former Special Agent of the Bureau, recently obtained information to the effect that Mrs. Joseph M. Adams received a silver cocktail set and serving tray from Karpis during the Christmas of 1934. With respect to this matter, I am quoting herewith the pertinent portion of Mr. Stewart's letter:

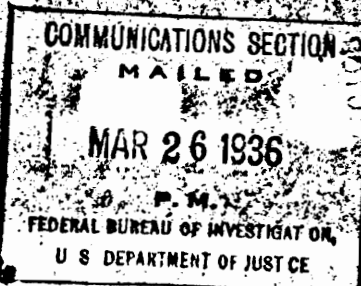
"While in Miami the other day I picked up a rumor to the effect that Mrs. Joe Adams, whose husband I understand is charged with harboring Alvin Karpis, received as a present for Christmas, 1934, a silver cocktail set and serving tray from Karpis. This tray and set is rumored to be sterling silver, and the tray supposedly bears the initials of Mrs. Adams."

It is desired that immediate inquiries be made of Harry Stewart of West Palm Beach, Florida, to determine the source of this rumor and to ascertain definitely whether such a silver cocktail set and serving tray were actually given as gifts to Mrs. Joseph M. Adams by Alvin Karpis. In the event this is true, it is desired that you immediately conduct a thorough investigation and submit the results of same to the Bureau, so Mr. Walter L. Barlow may be thoroughly apprised of the facts with regard to this matter, in order that he may arrange for their presentation in the coming trial of Joe Adams at Miami, Florida, during May, 1936.

Very truly yours,

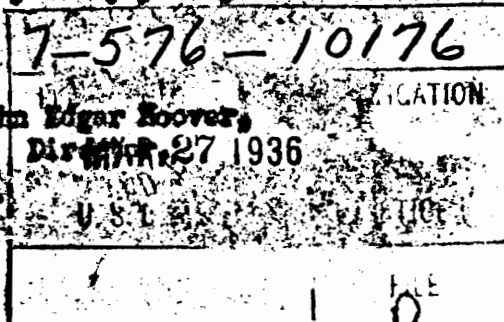
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cc - St. Paul,  
Cincinnati,  
Mr. Connelley,  
Chicago.



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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director, 27 1936



Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
March 26, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter of March 13, 1936, to the Cleveland office, an examination of the Detroit Bureau files reveals that the report of Special Agent in Charge William Larson, dated 12/19/34, Detroit, Serial 566, should have read letter of Special Agent in Charge William Larson, 12/19/34, Detroit, Michigan.

It is requested that a copy of the above mentioned letter addressed to E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, by Special Agent in Charge William Larson, Detroit, dated 12/19/34, be forwarded to the Cleveland office.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Reinecke  
Special Agent in Charge

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

March 27, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: MURKIN

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
B. P. Fitzsimons, Jacksonville, Fla., dated March 17, 1936. On  
page 11 of this report is set out a lead for the New York Office at  
Astoria, L.I., to re-interview Albert Guarante, 2608 25th Street,  
in an effort to obtain the address of Andrew Guarante, in the event  
that his location is still desired.

The New York and Jacksonville Offices have made  
investigation in an effort to locate Andrew Guarante, but have been  
unsuccessful to date.

The New York Office wishes to be advised as to the  
location of Andrew Guarante is still desired in connection with the  
case.

R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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**U. S. Department of Justice**

Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

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March 26, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:- RE: BREKID.

You are advised that on the night of March 22, 1936, Myrtle Eaton was brought to Jacksonville by the United States Marshal at St. Paul, and delivered to the United States Marshal at Jacksonville. She is presently incarcerated in the Duval County Jail at Jacksonville.

This defendant has indicated her intention to enter a plea of not guilty when arraigned on the indictments pending against her and to obtain the services of an attorney. The probable date of her trial is not known at this time.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

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SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter to the Jacksonville Office dated March 25, 1936, on the above named case, your file number 7-576, and particularly to the first paragraph on page number 2 thereof.

You are advised that Mr. N. W. Hendrix, Superintendent, Western Union Telegraph Company, Atlanta, Georgia, is the proper person to whom a subpoena should be directed, to testify to the destruction of the original telegram referred to. Mr. Norman, Chief Clerk, to the General Manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Atlanta, Ga., so advised when first interviewed by me. He confirmed this information today.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc: E. J. Connelley, Chicago  
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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
March 26, 1936

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to letter from the Bureau addressed to Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago (7-576), dated March 24, 1936, a copy of which was forwarded to this office.

Pursuant to the request contained in the last paragraph on page 4, I am forwarding herewith by registered mail the following registration cards of the El Comodoro Hotel:

No. 3533, date - 11/23, T. C. Blackburn & 1  
Mrs. Ryan.  
No. 3555, date - 11/25, G. Summers & Wife,  
and cards 3667 and 3826, being continu-  
uations of 3555.  
No. 4388, date - 12-28-34, J. B. Bolton.  
No. 4393, dated -12-28-34, J. Roberts.  
No. 3752, date - 12- 5-34, N. H. Heller.  
No. 2730, date - 10-19, H. C. Waggoner.  
No. 3403, date - 11-14-34, N. H. Heller.  
No. 3898, date - 12- 5-34, F. G. Erickson & Family,  
being a continuation of 3754.  
No. 2897,  
2881,  
2861,  
3972,  
3953, date - 9-30-34, Mrs. G. E. Ryan.  
No. 3954,  
2866,  
2884,  
3977,  
2901, date - 9-29-34, M. L. Blackburn.

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None of these cards were introduced in evidence.

In custody of the Clerk of the U. S. District Court for the District of Minnesota at St. Paul, are registration cards of W. J. Harrison, dated September 11, 1934; Mr. and Mrs. Summers, dated January 13, 1934; Mrs. G. E. Ryan, dated December 8, 1934; T. C. Blackburn, dated December 8, 1934; J. B. Bolton, dated December 4, 1934; E. N. Howe, dated December 4, 1934; Mrs. E. W. Wagner, dated November 14, 1934; G. L. Summers and T. C. Blackburn, dated September 28, 1934; Mrs. J. Wagner, dated September 20, 1934, and Mrs. G. E. Ryan, dated September 2, 1934. These ten cards were introduced in evidence.

Also in custody of the Clerk of Court are bills of the El Comodoro Hotel, as follows:

10-13-34, Mrs. Ryan, for	\$ 27.50
10- 6-34, Mrs. G. E. Ryan,	18.00
10-20-34, Mrs. G. E. Ryan,	26.50
10-27-34, Mrs. G. E. Ryan,	56.00
12- 1-34, G. Summers & wife,	44.25
10-27-34, Messrs. Summers and Blackburn,	159.93.

These six bills were introduced in evidence.

Assistant United States Attorney George Heisey advised that the arrival and departure book, and any other records of the El Comodoro Hotel which were produced by F. E. Coval of that hotel on subpoena duces tecum, were not used in the trial of the case in St. Paul and were returned to Mr. F. E. Coval, so that the items enclosed and listed above as being in custody of the Clerk pertaining to records of the El Comodoro Hotel should be available at that hotel.

With reference to the \$1,000.00 bill, Serial No. F00017095A, series of 1928-6-G, a subpoena duces tecum was issued on Palmer Roesmond, Chief Deputy Clerk of the U. S. District Court at Miami, Florida, who produced this bill, and by stipulation of counsel it was withdrawn from evidence and a memorandum substituted, and was thereupon returned to the custody of Roesmond, and the bill should be in the possession of the Clerk of the U. S. District Court for the

Southern District of Florida as it had theretofore been impounded by the court in that district.

Referring to the second paragraph on page 5 of reference letter, I am enclosing herewith the original letter commencing, "Dear Mr. Adams, I received your cablegram last night and was very glad to hear from you".

Referring to the last paragraph on page 5, the original telegram filed by Joe Adams at Miami, addressed to T. C. Blackburn, Oklawaha, Florida, containing the message, "Like to see you Sunday, CASH", was introduced in evidence at the trial of the Bremer case and is in custody of the Clerk of the District Court at St. Paul. The original of this telegram as delivered was also introduced in evidence and is also in custody of the Clerk of the U. S. District Court at St. Paul.

It is noted in a communication from the Jacksonville Office addressed to the Bureau, dated March 23, 1936, that efforts are being made to locate this telegram at Miami. In view of the fact that the telegram is in custody of the Clerk of the Court at St. Paul, further inquiry at Miami may be discontinued.

Assistant United States Attorney George Heisey stated that he will prepare a stipulation which he will endeavor to have signed by the attorneys for the appellants in the Bremer case providing for the withdrawal of the exhibits referred to herein, consisting of registration cards and bills of the El Comodoro Hotel and the original telegram, and upon receipt of the signed stipulations will procure an order for the substitution of photostats in lieu of the originals. When this is done the documents requested will be forwarded to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*C. W. Stein*

C. W. STEIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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REGISTERED MAIL

cc Chicago, Cincinnati, Jacksonville

**VIA AIR MAIL**



Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1300 Liberty Trust Building  
Philadelphia Pennsylvania

March 27, 1936.

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

As requested in Bureau letter dated March 26, 1935 (7-576), there are forwarded herewith Registration No. 870 of the Hotel Danmor, Atlantic City, N.J., dated January 18, 1935, in the names of R. S. Carson and G. C. Cameron, these being aliases used by Subjects Karpis and Campbell, respectively; also, Registration No. 868 at the same hotel, same date, in the name of Mrs. A. B. Graham and Sister, these being aliases used by Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette.

Very truly yours,

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

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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

March 28, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
W. B. Matney, dated March 24, 1936, at Detroit, it being  
noted that information is contained therein that one Charles  
Long can possibly be located at Saratoga, Florida.

You are advised that there is no town named Saratoga  
in the State of Florida. There is a town by the name of Sarasota,  
Florida, which is possibly the place referred to by the informant  
of the Detroit Office. However, before conducting inquiries in  
Sarasota, it is suggested that a further contact be had with the  
informant of your office to determine if he intended to refer to  
Sarasota, or if the City he has in mind is located in some other  
State.

Please advise the Jacksonville Office as soon as  
possible in the premises.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Bureau  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Cleveland  
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

REN:MFS

March 27, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID

Further reference is made to Bureau letter dated March 24, 1936, addressed to Mr. Connelley at Chicago, outlining additional inquiries desired in connection with the prosecution of Joseph H. Adams and Henry "Duke" Randall.

In compliance with this letter, I am forwarding herewith the following original statements previously turned over to the United States Attorney at Miami, Florida, and obtained from him:

James Grant dated April 11, 1935,  
Gladys Fahrion dated April 11, 1935,  
George A. Wilson dated April 12, 1935,  
L. E. Gray dated April 12, 1935.

Reference is now made to Bureau letter dated March 25, 1936, addressed to the Jacksonville Office. In connection with that portion of the letter which relates to a Western Union Telegram sent by Duke Randall to Joe Adams on January 1, 1935, you are advised, as stated in my letter of March 25, 1936, the Western Union Telegraph Company at Miami has a copy of the incoming message received from Atlanta. This copy is what is known by the telegraph company as a "water" copy and is on tissue paper, being made at the time of the receipt of an incoming message by taking an impression of the ink on the message to be delivered to the addressee. It is accordingly an actual record of the telegraph company and it is believed that it would be more desirable for use in evidence than a copy made by an Agent. In this connection it is suggested that if a subpoena is issued for this copy, the subpoena be directed to the company to produce the original telegram received from Atlanta or an exact copy thereof. This suggestion is made in order that no official of the Western Union Telegraph Company might be embarrassed by a more detailed description of the records in question, or by terming it a "water" copy.

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TO DIRECTOR:  
3-27-36

The Jacksonville files contain a typed copy made from the above described copy in the office of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Miami, by Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, which will be retained along with other copies of telegrams made by Agent Fitzsimons pending further instructions from the Bureau.

In further compliance with the Bureau's letter of March 25, 1936, there are being forwarded herewith the following additional items:

1. Receipt No. 7880 of the Ungar Buick Company, Miami, Florida, dated December 31, 1934, addressed to Mr. Morrison, Alcazar Hotel.
2. Inspection and repair order, No. 8893, of the Ungar Buick Company, Miami, Florida, dated December 31, 1934, the owner's name being shown as Mr. Leroy Morrison, Alcazar Hotel.
3. Original signed statement of Harry Heller, dated Miami, January 25, 1935.
4. Passenger's Coupon, No. 3021, issued by Eastern Air Lines, Inc., showing trip from Miami to Atlanta.

With reference to the letter addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn, Oklawaha, Florida, contained in a plain envelope postmarked Miami, Florida, November 24, 1934, and being a letter dated November 23, 1934, written by W. M. Johnson, you are advised that this item was taken to St. Paul by Special Agent R. B. Donaldson of this office, in response to a request from the St. Paul Office at the time of the trial of Cassius McDonald and others. It is noted that this letter was contained among items found by Special Agent in Charge R. D. Brown at Oklawaha, and it was turned over by Agent Donaldson to Mr. Brown at St. Paul. The St. Paul Office is being requested to immediately forward this item to the Bureau.

The additional inquiries desired by the Bureau are receiving attention and the Bureau will be promptly advised of the results thereof.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl.

cc - Cincinnati    Cleveland  
     St. Paul        Atlanta  
     Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago,

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY - REGISTERED.

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

March 26, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to long distance telephone conversation had by you with Special Agent E. J. Fynn of this office, with reference to teletype message received by your office from the Bureau concerning full details in regard to the identification of subject Karpis as the person who purchased a Ford V8, motor #18-1037480 from the George A. Falke Motor Company, Cleveland, Ohio.

As Special Agent E. J. Fynn advised you, a review of the Cleveland file reflects that information concerning this car is contained in the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, dated September 25, 1934, and report of former Special Agent in Charge William Larson, Detroit, Michigan, dated September 29, 1934. It will be noted on page twenty-four of the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, apparently the first information with reference to this car was obtained as a result of the finding of a receipt of the Vacuum Oil Company, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio, in the premises formerly occupied by Karpis at Cleveland, Ohio. This receipt indicated that a Ford V8 automobile, bearing Ohio license No. 711-696 was serviced by the Vacuum Oil Company, Inc. for a person by the name of Bronson. As set out in the report of former Special Agent in Charge William Larson, above referred to, subsequent investigation developed that the automobile bearing 1934 license No. 711-696, bore motor No. 18-1037480, and was purchased from the George A. Falke Motor Company, 17600 Detroit Avenue, on July 20, 1934, by a person giving the name of Charles Bronson, identified by Robert Donley, a salesman, and Miss Ruth Winterfield, bookkeeper of the George A. Falke Motor Company, as being identical with subject Karpis.

Special Agent E. J. Fynn by telephone talked with Miss Rosalie Livingston, chief bookkeeper of the George A. Falke Motor Company, and she advised that the motor company is an Ohio corporation and that Mr. George A. Falke is president and treasurer, and is the proper person to be served with a subpoena duces tecum for the production of the sales

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records reflecting the sale of this car. She advised that Miss Ruth Winterfield is still employed by the George A. Falks Motor Company, but that Mr. Robert Donley has not been with the company for about a year and that he is reported to be presently employed on some PTA project in Ashland, Ohio.

In the event you desire the witnesses reinterviewed with reference to the sale of the above described automobile to subject Karpis, it is suggested that you specifically request the Cleveland office to do so, inasmuch as this office does not at this time have at hand the reasons underlying the request for the information with reference to the sale of this particular automobile.

Very truly yours,

EJW/EJB

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

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge



Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

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March 27, 1936.

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter addressed to you from the Chicago Office, dated March 10, 1936, in which is set forth the fact that it is noted that Harry Campbell is afflicted with gonorrheal rheumatism and that Campbell has been reported as visiting the baths at Hot Springs, Arkansas and Mineral Wells, Texas, and has been identified as visiting the latter health resort at Mineral Wells in an effort to receive treatment for gonorrheal rheumatism. It was further set forth in this letter that each field office should conduct appropriate investigation at health resorts, commonly known as mineral wells, sulphur springs, etc. located in its respective district, and that each bath house should be provided with an identification order on Campbell for identification purposes, so that in the event Campbell should call at such bath house, the Bureau might be notified.

Special Agent J. B. Dickerson of this office interviewed Mr. W. P. Beazell, Managing Director, Saratoga Springs Authority, State of New York, fifth floor, State Office Building, 80 Centre Street, New York City. Mr. Beazell advised that there are only two health resorts in New York State that have springs which would be of benefit in treating gonorrheal rheumatism; that one of the springs is known as Sharon Springs, located at Sharon Springs, New York, and the other is known as Richfield Springs (sulphur water) located at Richfield Springs, New York; that Richfield Springs is not very active at the present time. Mr. Beazell further advised that the waters at Saratoga Springs, New York, are too cold to be used in the treatment of gonorrheal rheumatism. He said that there are no springs in the State of Connecticut used in the treatment of this ailment, and he added that he does not know of any springs throughout the New England States that would be of aid in the treatment of this ailment.

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Mr. Beazell stated that a few years ago he made a survey of mineral springs, sulphur springs and other such springs throughout the United States, and that if the Bureau desires to know the springs throughout the United States that are visited by patients suffering from gonorrheal rheumatism, he would be glad to furnish an agent of this Bureau, upon request, with such a list. He stated that there are only a few such springs located throughout the United States.

*Set the list*  
If the Bureau wishes this information to be secured from Mr. Beazell, it is requested that this office be notified, and an agent will call on Mr. Beazell and secure this information.

In view of the fact that information has been secured from Mr. Beazell that the only two springs located in New York State which could be used in the treatment of gonorrheal rheumatism are the Richfield Springs and the Sharon Springs, both of which are located in the Buffalo Office territory, the New York Office will not make further investigation in this matter, as suggested in the reference letter.

Very truly yours,

*R. Whitley*  
R. WHITLEY, *J. M. D.*  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Cincinnati  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 27, 1936,  
concerning the investigation being conducted in your territory,  
looking to the apprehension of Harry Campbell, who it is believed  
is afflicted with gonorrheal rheumatism.

It is noted that Mr. W. F. Bensell, Managing Director,  
Saratoga Springs Authority, State of New York, has made a survey  
of mineral springs, sulphur springs and other such springs through-  
out the United States, and has available a list of such institutions  
throughout the United States which are visited by patients suffering  
from gonorrheal rheumatism.

It is, therefore, desired that you obtain this list from  
Mr. Bensell, and furnish to the interested offices the location  
of such institutions which may treat persons for this ailment.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Cincinnati  
Chicago  
St. Paul



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

March 27, 1936

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

While Edward Wilhien Bentz was being held at the New York office, he was questioned regarding his knowledge of Charles Fitzgerald, alias Big Fitz, alias Old Charlie.

Bentz advised that Fitzgerald is the smartest criminal in the United States today. He described him as an old time yogger, who had graduated into and adapted himself to the modern time methods of robbing banks; that he was, without a doubt, stolen more money than any man in the United States, and that he had never been definitely identified with or successfully prosecuted for any of his activities. Bentz stated that Fitzgerald has retired; that he has saved approximately \$75,000.00 of the loot from his various robberies. When questioned specifically as to whether or not Fitzgerald would resist in the event it became necessary to arrest him, Bentz stated that Fitzgerald was always armed, with a revolver. He said that he does not believe that Fitzgerald owns a machine gun at this time but that if an attempt were made to arrest him, he would immediately start shooting. Bentz described Fitzgerald as a dangerous man.

Very truly yours,

R. PHILLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Bureau  
cc - Cincinnati  
cc - Los Angeles

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*Edward Wilhien Bentz*

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

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

March 27, 1936.

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of the Chicago Office dated  
March 10, 1936, relative to the above entitled case.

Doctor F. O. Reinhard, Director of the Bureau of Venereal Diseases,  
Municipal Building, Baltimore, Maryland, advised that there are no hot springs,  
mineral wells or sulphur springs located in the State of Maryland, and that  
there are no health resorts of that nature in the state. He further advised  
that venereal disease cases come to his attention through the police depart-  
ment, doctors and hospitals. He indicated that by statute all practicing  
physicians in the State of Maryland are required to submit a report of all  
communicable diseases, such as venereal diseases, to his office. This statute  
is not complied with in a complete manner but is only lived up to by the more  
reputable physicians and in cases where the identity of the patient is of  
little consequence. However, Doctor Reinhard indicated a willingness to  
cooperate with the Bureau in advising it of the presence of subject Harry  
Campbell in the event he applies at any of the venereal disease clinics located  
in Baltimore. He desired that all requests for information be made through  
his office, and suggested that identification orders be sent to him if such  
is deemed advisable, whereupon he will post them in a conspicuous place in  
his office. His principal reason for doing this is to notify the nurses  
employed by the Health Department of the identity of Campbell so that they  
might recognize him in case he does call there.

Clinics located in Baltimore are as follows:

Municipal Building &  
1104 Madison Avenue  
28 South Broadway  
Bond and Jefferson Streets  
Johns Hopkins University  
University of Maryland.

The clinic dealing principally with white people is located at  
28 South Broadway.

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*Edw. J. Bremer*

*Let to Reinhard  
(cc - Wash. Field)  
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It is suggested that an appropriate number of identification orders concerning Harry Campbell be submitted to Doctor Reinhard for display in his office so that the nurses attached to his staff may become familiar with the subject.

Very truly yours,

*J. M. Keith*  
J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Chicago  
St. Paul

CEW:BG  
7-576-10188

April 7, 1936.

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Dr. F. C. Reinhard,  
Director,  
Bureau of Venereal Diseases,  
Municipal Building,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Sir:

At the request of the Special Agent in Charge of the Washington Field Office of this Bureau, you are being furnished herewith six copies of Identification Order No. 1236, issued by this Bureau concerning Harry Campbell, with aliases, who is wanted for kidnaping.

It is understood you were contacted by a Special Agent of this Bureau and you suggested these identification orders be sent to you so they might be posted in a conspicuous place in your office as notice to nurses employed by the Health Department of the identity of Campbell, in the event he should call there. Your cooperative efforts in this matter are sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Enclosure 867592

cc-Washington Field Office

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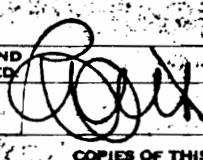
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Cincinnati, Ohio.

FILE NO.

62-1070

REPORT MADE AT Omaha, Nebraska.	DATE WHEN MADE 3/25/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/24/36	REPORT MADE BY R. A. ALT - RMW
TITLE WILLIAM ELMER MEAD, with aliases; I. O. 1354			CHARACTER OF CASE ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  B. J. McCafferty does not reside in O'Neill, Nebraska, and is not at that point presently; however, he was there a few days ago. He resides in Casper, Wyoming, exact address unknown, but can be reached in care of Grand Central Bar.  -P-			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent L. G. Healey, Denver, 3-18-36, in case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1218, et al; Edward George Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, Harboring of Fugitives, Obstruction of Justice, National Firearms Act.			
DETAILS:  In reply to a communication from the Omaha Office, by letter dated March the 23rd, 1936, the Postmaster at O'Neill, Nebraska, advised that B. J. McCafferty does not reside in O'Neill and is not in that town at the present time; however, he visited there several days ago. The Postmaster advises that McCafferty lives in Casper, Wyoming, but his exact street address is unknown. The Postmaster's records show that mail addressed to him in care of the Grand Central Bar, Casper, Wyoming, would reach him.			
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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The DENVER OFFICE is requested to locate and interview B. J. McCaffery as set out in the lead for the Omaha Office in report of reference.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-12

REPORT MADE AT <b>Butte, Montana</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/23/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/17-23/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. M. O'Donnell</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>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Investigation being conducted to locate Subject Karpis, vicinity of southern Idaho. 1936 Buick Coupe, Massachusetts license #250212, possibly Subject's car, reported seen at Boise, Idaho, and proceeding toward Portland on evening of 3/20/36, Portland Office immediately notified. License plates on Plymouth car located with owner at North Adams, Massachusetts. Owner, apparently has no connection with case.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p><b>Reference:</b> Teletypewriter message from Salt Lake City Office, March 17, 1936; letter from Special Agent in Charge E. Connelley, Chicago, Ill., March 19, 1936; report of Special Agent Val C. Zimmer, Salt Lake City, Utah, March 18, 1936.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p><b>At Butte, Montana.</b></p> <p>On March 17, 1936, this Office received a teletypewriter message from the Salt Lake City Office, in which that Office advised that one Louis Royal, Salt Lake City, positively identified a photograph of Alvin Karpis as an individual he talked to last Friday, date of which would be March 13, 1936. Royal further stated that Karpis was driving a green roadster, possibly a Plymouth, with Oklahoma license, and that he was alone and had a machine gun with a drum across his lap and inquired the way to Pocatello, Idaho, and appeared to drive off in that direction. This information was immediately transmitted by long distance telephone to Special Agent Russell Bryon, Boise, Idaho, with the request that the Idaho State Highway Patrol and all peace officers in southern Idaho be contacted for the purpose of ascertaining if</p>			
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such a car had been seen in that vicinity. The same information was transmitted to Special Agent R. C. Connell at Burley, Idaho, by letter with the request that he contact the Idaho State Highway Patrol and officers in that vicinity, as well as at Pocatello, Idaho, immediately.

On March 21, 1936, a telegram was received from Special Agent R. C. Connell at Boise, Idaho, in which he advised that a 1936 green Buick Coupe, bearing Massachusetts license No. 250212, was reported traveling West, toward Portland, in the late evening of March 20, 1936. This Office immediately notified the Portland Office of this information. At the same time, a telegram was directed to the Boston Office, for the purpose of checking said license plates.

On March 23, 1936, this Office received a teletype message from the Boston Office, advising that the Massachusetts license No. 250212 had been issued to James Moreno, Y. M. C. A., North Adams, Massachusetts for a 1930 Plymouth Coupe. It was also advised that the North Adams Police Department stated Moreno had been employed in that city for the past four years and is still living there. It was also stated that Moreno still has his Plymouth Coupe and said license plates. The teletypewriter message further advised that Moreno enjoys an excellent reputation in that community and has never been out of New England.

It appears from this information that Moreno and the car wanted and owned by him, with the aforementioned license plates have no connection with this case.

Inasmuch as investigation looking to the apprehension of Subject Karpis is still being conducted in southern Idaho, no leads are being set out at this time, and such information as is received from this investigation will be reported upon receipt of same.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-30**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Paul, Minnesota</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3-26-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3-25-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>JOHN E. BRENNAN</b>
TITLE: <b>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.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Data concerning family, social, and other connections, business experience, and war record of <b>WILLIAM BRYAN BOLTON</b> set forth for information of the United States Attorney at St. Paul.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Letter from St. Paul Office to Bureau, 3-5-36, and Bureau letter of 3-12-36.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: United States Attorney George F. Sullivan, St. Paul, Minnesota, addressed a communication to the St. Paul Office requesting that a report be prepared to include the history of <b>BOLTON</b>, family, social, and other connections, business experience, war record, and convictions for crime, if any, so as to aid and guide the Judge who may impose sentence on <b>BOLTON</b>. Mr. Sullivan suggested in this letter that the report from June 1933 to date should be very concise; that is, the details may be omitted since the court and his office are fully informed as to <b>BOLTON</b>'S activities from that date to the present time. The following information was obtained through interviews with <b>BOLTON</b> and through examination of the file in this office.</p> <p><b>WILLIAM BRYAN BOLTON</b> was born at Franklin, Illinois, on March 3, 1893. His father, William L. Bolton, was a carpenter. He died in 1935 while <b>BOLTON</b> was being held in St. Paul pending trial in the Bremer case. His mother, Ella Bolton, nee Kane, who is a paralytic, resides with her son George, a carpenter and cabinet maker at Virden, Illinois, and another son Henry, who is a farmer. <b>BOLTON</b> has a sister, Mrs. Mae McKinney, wife of a coal miner, living</p>			
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at Virden, and an uncle, Marion Kane, who was Chief of Police at Virden, Illinois, for twenty-five years, and who lives with his son Wilbur, who is employed in a drug store at Virden.

BOLTON attended grade school at Virden, Illinois, and upon graduation, pursuant to the wishes of his father, became an apprentice carpenter. He worked at this until May 11, 1917, when he enlisted in the U. S. Navy at Springfield, Illinois. He served in the Great Lakes Naval Training Station; on the U.S.S. Recruit; the U.S.S. Bridgeport, an ammunition ship, and the Santa Olivia, a transport. He was honorably discharged from the Navy on August 12, 1919, and six days later married Veva Freeman of Thayer, Illinois, at Virden, Illinois. He has two children, a son, Bryan, Jr., who was born on July 25, 1920 at Virden, and a daughter, Arlene Lavon, who was born at Virden in 1922. After his marriage he engaged in the restaurant business for six or eight months at Virden, Illinois, but closed the restaurant when the coal mines shut down, and at which time his health failed by reason of tuberculosis contracted while in the Navy.

He obtained employment with a cement concern for about a month, but as, due to the condition of his health, he was unable to engage in any occupation requiring physical exertion, he obtained employment in a gambling house in Springfield, Illinois, where he remained for about one year. His health failed completely and he went to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he entered the Veterans Administration Sanitarium in August of 1924, where he remained for six or seven months. While there he made application for compensation by reason of service connected disability, which was allowed.

When his health improved sufficiently he returned to Virden, Illinois, but engaged in no occupation whatsoever but lived on his total disability compensation, until 1925, when he went into the automobile rental business in partnership with one Frank Diaz at 416 South Fourth Street until 1928, when the business failed and he sold out.

During the time he was engaged in the automobile business in Springfield he met and became acquainted with a person known to him as George Zeigler. Zeigler stored his car in the garage operated by BOLTON and was known to him as a bootlegger. About six months after selling out his automobile business in Springfield, George Zeigler

obtained a position for him with the Van Clark Motor Company at 5028 West 22nd Street, Chicago, as a floor salesman. He was paid \$25.00 a week, and moved his family to the home of Zeigler in Chicago. He held this position until the company went out of business in January 1929. At this time Zeigler was interested in a lodge near Couderay, Wisconsin, and sent BOLTON to this lodge to do carpenter repair work, where he was so occupied for two months, and upon returning to Chicago was informed of the holdup of the American Railway Express Company messenger at Toledo, Ohio, in which Zeigler, Fred Burke, and others were involved, and in which holdup a policeman was killed. Zeigler was wanted for this crime, and fearing that BOLTON might be picked up and questioned by the police, through whom they might learn of the location of Zeigler, he, Zeigler, would not allow BOLTON to return to Zeigler's place, and in accordance with Zeigler's suggestion he changed his name to MONTY CARTER and became more or less of a fugitive.

At this time he contracted double-pneumonia and his lungs were bad so that he went to Trinidad, Colorado, in the latter part of 1930 for his health. He lost his Government compensation as he failed to appear for physical examination, but was paid from \$150.00 to \$200.00 per month in lieu thereof by Zeigler. He stayed at Trinidad, Colorado, and later at El Paso, Texas, for about three years, and engaged in no occupation whatsoever due to the condition of his health.

In 1932 Zeigler sent for him, and upon meeting Zeigler in Chicago he was requested by Zeigler to proceed to Zeigler's lodge at Couderay, Wisconsin, to meet such prospective purchasers of Zeigler's lodge as might be sent there, and he remained at this lodge until September 1932, at which time the lodge was sold to Edward O'Hara.

He then moved his family to Elmhurst, Illinois, where he stayed until May of 1933, at which time his allowance from Zeigler was discontinued. His health had by this time improved so far that he could give golf instructions, and he obtained sufficient funds with which to maintain himself and family by playing golf and giving golf instructions.

At the time of his arrest in January 1935 in connection with the Bremer kidnaping, he furnished information as to the location of



the house in Bensenville, Illinois, where Bremer was held, by reason of which the Government's jurisdiction was definitely established; identified the participants in the kidnaping; furnished information as to their connections in Detroit, Miami, and San Francisco; furnished information as to the location of KARPIS, FRED and MA BARKER, and HARRY CAMPBELL, and testified against the participants in the kidnaping and those concerned with the changing of ransom money before the Grand Jury at St. Paul and in the two trials which ensued. During the time he was incarcerated in the Ramsey County Jail he furnished information to the Sheriff which frustrated a jail break. During the period of his incarceration he has furnished the Government with information and evidence of other crimes perpetrated by Zeigler and his associates and the KARPIS-BARKER gang.

He was examined by a physician of the U. S. Veterans Administration Facility at St. Paul in April of 1935, who found him to be suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis, by reason of which he was classified as permanently and totally disabled. He was again examined at the Veterans Administration Facility at Minneapolis on March 17, 1936. The result of this examination is set forth hereinbelow:

Veterans Administration Facility  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

March 17, 1936

Dr. J. BOLTON, BRYAN  
No. 1 254 454  
Ramsey County Jail  
St. Paul, Minn.

"This man, a Federal prisoner incarcerated in the Ramsey County Jail, reported to the Veterans Administration Facility, Minneapolis, Minn., March 17, 1936, for physical and X-ray examination of the chest. He was accompanied by Officers Brennan and Morrison. These officers were present during the examination.



"Mr. Bolton appeared to be pale and somewhat haggard. His physical appearance is distinctly worse at this examination than it was at the time that the undersigned chest examiner examined him in the Ramsey County Jail about a year ago. He coughed more than he did at that time.

"Examination of the chest revealed limitation of motion, especially over the left upper lobe. The skin of the chest is loose and dry. Musculature is flabby. Resonance is impaired above 3rd rib and 4th thoracic spine on the right side, and there is moderate to marked dullness above 4th interspace and 5th thoracic spine on the left side. The breath sounds are bronchovesicular in character over the upper lobe of right lung, and there are medium and sibilant rales in 1st and 2nd interspaces. Above 4th rib and 4th thoracic spine on the left side and breath sounds are markedly bronchovesicular, and there are scattered fine and medium rales front and back. In the base of the left lung there are a few sibilant rales.

"DIAGNOSIS: Tuberculosis, pulmonary, chronic, moderately advanced, active.

"Remarks: This man appears to be ill, partly as a result of tuberculosis and partly because of prolonged incarceration and worry incident to events of the past many months. The general and local physical findings indicate that this man is in worse physical condition than he was a year ago when the undersigned chest examiner examined him and reported on his condition.

"It is recommended that treatment for tuberculosis be carried out in an institution which is equipped for the care of tuberculous patients, the type and location of the institution to be determined after all factors are considered.

/s/ ALEXANDER JOSEWICH, MD.,  
Tuberculosis Specialist.

"Clinical Record

March 17, 1936.

"X-ray and fluoroscopic findings: The chest is well developed. The cardiac shadow is within the limits of normal. The trachea is in normal position.

"RIGHT LUNG: The hilum is small and contains calcific deposits. The linear markings are accentuated. Calcific nodules varying in size from 2.0 mm. to 6.0 mm. are scattered in the second and fifth interspaces inclusive. The lung parenchyma is fairly clear. Tenting involves the dome of the diaphragm in its inner third.

"LEFT LUNG: The hilum is broad and dense. The linear markings are accentuated. Moderately soft parenchymal infiltrative lesions are noted in the first and third interspaces inclusive, ranging in size from 4.0 mm. to 11.0 mm. The remainder of the lung field is clear. The dome of the diaphragm is regular.

"CONCLUSIONS: Tuberculosis both upper.  
Pleurodiaphragmatic adhesions, right.

/s/ L. GRANT GLICKMAN, MD.,  
Roentgenologist.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515

Saint Paul, Minnesota

March 26, 1936

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

BREKID

I am attaching herewith report of  
Special Agent John E. Brennan of this office  
dated March 26, 1936, which has been prepared in  
accordance with the request contained in a letter  
from the United States Attorney, which is set  
forth in my letter to the Bureau under date of  
March 5, 1936.

In accordance with instructions con-  
tained in Bureau letter dated March 12, 1936,  
copies of this report are not being furnished  
the offices indicated or the United States  
Attorney pending approval of this report by the  
Bureau.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Stein

C. W. STEIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.O. #1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;  
Kidnaping.

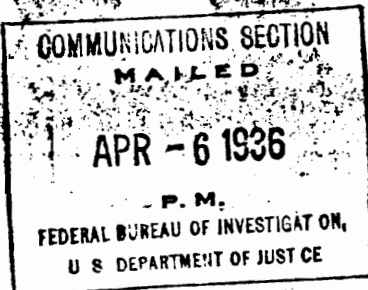
Dear Sirs

Replying to your letter of March 26, 1936 transmitting the report of Special Agent J. E. Brennan of your office dated March 26, 1936, which report was prepared in accordance with the request contained in the letter from the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, I wish to advise that same has been approved by the Bureau. Copies of this report should therefore be forwarded to the persons indicated thereon.

Very truly yours,

**John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.**

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Mr. Tolson .....  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

**Cleveland** FILE NO. **7-1**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Cleveland, Ohio</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/24/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/13 to 3/23/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. J. WYNN EJB/EJB</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 OF FUGITIVE OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Art Hebebrand and James "Shimmy" Patton, through Morris Haas, and Samuel Haas, an attorney, who is close to William F. Ferguson, after putting "fix" on mayor and marshal, Newburg Heights, O., resumed gambling operations at new location on 2/14/36, but remain in background pending efforts to "fix" county warrants. Long distance calls Silver Grill, apparently owned by "Shimmy" Patton, rendezvous for gambling fraternity, secured, and reflect calls to Edith Barry's call house, Toledo, O., presumably from "Tip" O'Neill who is thought to be an old time friend. Expect tap on telephone of Silver Grill to be perfected about 4/1/36. Imogene Robertson arrived at Cleveland on 3/2/36 and was taken by Murray Cook to Ashtabula. Joe Rich, Canton, O. presently in county jail at Cleveland, O. on narcotic charge; is incommunicative. Joe Roscoe reported interested in country club at Petoskey, Michigan, and thought to be presently in Palm Beach, Florida. Tap effected on telephone of Edith Barry, 3/5/36, unproductive to date. Burrhead Keady held to Federal Grand Jury, Cleveland, O., \$50,000 bond in connection with Garrettsville mail train robbery. "Lu" Poole indicates possibility Agents' rooms at Commodore Perry Hotel, Toledo, O., frisked in 1935. Edith Marks, paramour of Captain George Timiney, Toledo Police Department, has returned to Toledo. W. G. Harper, U. S. Secret Service, of opinion Frank J. Noonan, Cleveland, O., in position to secure information.

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## DETAILS:

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

As previously reported, a telephone tap was maintained on the telephone of Arthur Hebebrand, 3909 West 158th Street, Cleveland, Ohio., telephone CLearwater 0171, from February 6, 1936 to March 5, 1936, inclusive. A detailed log has previously been furnished to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Chicago, and a copy is being furnished to the Bureau with copies of this report. The telephone tap resulted in the information that Arthur Hebebrand, since the closing of the Harvard Club in January, 1936, by the county officials, has been actively engaged in making preparations to open a new joint; that his partner in the gambling business is James "Shimmy" Patton, Cleveland, Ohio; that due to the county warrants which are presently outstanding against Hebebrand and Patton, they have been keeping more or less close to home. However, they frequently meet at the Silver Grill, a cheap saloon at 28th Street and Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, with members of the gambling fraternity, and they also frequently meet at the old Harvard Club for conferences; that finally Hebebrand and Patton decided to open a gambling joint at 42nd Street and Harvard Avenue, Newburg Heights, which location is situated approximately four blocks from the old Harvard Club; that this new location was opened approximately February 14, 1936, Hebebrand and Patton, however, remaining in the background; that the premises were leased from Alex Lewandowski, a Greek, and a young fellow by the name of Bill Eden was used as the front in securing this lease; that the unlisted telephone installed there is Michigan 7333, the records of the Ohio Bell Telephone Company reflecting that this telephone is listed in the name of L. C. Morgan, 4111 Harvard Avenue.

Preliminary to opening the new location, the telephone conversations indicated definitely the fact that certain officials were being "fixed", namely, the mayor of Newburg Heights, Jerry Sticha, and the village marshal, Frank Ptak. The latter, in a conversation with Art Hebebrand, threatened to forestall the opening of the club unless his demands were met. However, several meetings were arranged between Art Hebebrand, Shimmy Patton, the mayor and the marshal and things were worked out satisfactorily.

The conversations reflect that apparently Samuel L. Haas, attorney, 735 Leader Building, residence 19800 Shaker Boulevard, telephone Longacre 8460, is a power in the underworld, inasmuch as numerous conferences were had with him by Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton, the indications being that Haas dictated to Hebebrand and Patton the type of gambling that could be conducted at the new place. The conversations also reflect that one Morris C. Haas, 3314 E. Overlook Avenue, telephone Yellowstone 8533, is closely allied with Nate Weisenberg, 4601 Harvard Avenue, and that Morris C. Haas was frequently called by Hebebrand with reference to gambling activities, and as a matter of fact on one occasion Art Hebebrand called Morris C. Haas at the request of Patton, and requested Haas to put a certain gambler out of business. Morris C. Haas was called at Michigan 3085. Inquiry at the Ohio Bell Telephone Company developed that Michigan 3085-6-7 are listed to Nate Weisenberg, 4601 Harvard Avenue. Nate Weisenberg is one of the big-shots in the gambling underworld of Cleveland and controls all slot machine activities in the vicinity of Cleveland.

The new club apparently had difficulty in attracting customers at the time it was opened. However, as time went on its business materially increased and conversations on the telephone indicated that at times they had as much as \$7,000 on the dice tables. Art Hebebrand, as stated hereinbefore, does not make a practice of visiting the new gambling joint, but spends most of his time at his home, the Silver Grill, and the old Harvard Club. The telephone conversations indicate that one Shorty Conway, James "Tip" O'Neill, and Tony Amersbach, are actively in charge of the new club and during the time the tap was maintained they frequently called Hebebrand, or he would call them, with reference to the condition of the business.

It is to be recalled that Hebebrand was questioned on February 7, 1936 by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley. He talked with various people over the telephone with reference to having been picked up, but was very incommunicative and left the impression with the people with whom he had talked that he had been interrogated in regard to an income tax matter.



There was frequent reference by Art Hebebrand and others with whom he talked, to the "Little Guy" and the "Big Fellow." As best as could be determined from the tap, the name "Little Guy" is applied to either Samuel or Morris Haas, and undoubtedly when referring to the "Big Fellow" they referred to Nate Weisenberg.

In conversations between Shimmy Patton and Art Hebebrand it was definitely indicated that the reason they did not frequent the new gambling joint was due to the fact that county warrants are still outstanding against them and they were afraid that some newspaper reporter would spot them at the new place and blast the information in the newspaper. These two individuals definitely indicated in their conversations that the "fix" was on to have the warrants taken care of. Along this line it is well to note that at the time the Harvard Club closed in January, 1936, the County Prosecutor was quoted in the newspapers as saying that he was very desirous of securing the apprehension of Patton and Hebebrand, and that he also requested the aid of the Cleveland Police Department for this purpose; and the papers quoted Safety Director Eliot Ness as giving orders to the police department to pick up Hebebrand and Patton on sight and to continue to pick them up. However, apparently neither the Prosecutor's office, nor the city police has made any serious effort to cause such apprehension, inasmuch as they are not endeavoring to evade arrest, and generally speaking can be found either at their homes, the old Harvard Club, or the Silver Grill.

As previously reported in this investigation, a telephone tap was maintained on the telephone of William F. Fergus, 10117 Clifton Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio, from January 4, 1936, to January 20, 1936. A log reflecting the telephone conversations has been previously furnished Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, and a copy is being furnished herewith to the Bureau. Generally speaking, the tap on the telephone of William F. Fergus was not productive of any pertinent information. However, it did indicate that Fergus was apparently very close to Samuel Haas, who, as reflected above, was mentioned in the Hebebrand log. Haas was described in the Fergus log as "Hauss."

As was established by the tap on the telephone of Hebebrand, apparently Samuel Haas on one or two occasions, through Fergus, issued instructions that the new gambling joint was to take off the crap games, it appearing that Fergus relayed this information to Patton and Hebebrand.

The person in the Fergus tap referred to as "Needle" Mitchell, is in fact Neil Mitchell, who is connected with the Hebebrand Realty Corporation, and who is now serving six months in Milan Prison Farm at Milan, Michigan in connection with frauds perpetrated in getting H.O.L. C. loans.



Freddie, referred to in the Fergus tap is Freddie Meyers, the owner of Freddie's Cafe, Cleveland, Ohio.

The other persons mentioned in the Fergus tap are covered in the report of Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney, Cleveland, Ohio, dated March 10, 1936.

A tap was maintained on the telephone of James "Tip" O'Neill, 11835 Lake Avenue, Apartment 19, Lakewood, Ohio, telephone number Lakewood 6554M, from February 4, 1936 to March 2, 1936. The log covering telephone conversations on this telephone has been previously furnished to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley and a copy of this log is being furnished to the Bureau with this report. Generally speaking, the tap was not productive of any pertinent information indicating the present whereabouts of subjects in this case, but it did reflect that O'Neill is well known in Toledo and receives mail from that place; that at the time the new gambling joint of Patton and Hebebrand was opened at 42nd Street and Harvard Avenue, Newburg Heights, on February 14, 1936, he was employed there, apparently in more or less of a supervisory capacity.

As previously reported in report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated February 13, 1936, page 14, Post Office Inspectors at Cleveland, Ohio, advised that the married sister of "Tip" O'Neill harbored Karpis at such times as he visited Cleveland. The telephone tap on the telephone of "Tip" O'Neill reflected that his married sister is Mrs. Austin 1493 West 116th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. Further investigation will be conducted with reference to this individual.

With reference to O'Neill's contact in Toledo, as set out hereinbefore in this report, a check of the telephone calls of the Silver Grill reflect that there are two telephone calls in the month of February from the telephone of the Silver Grill to Edith Barry at Toledo, Ohio, and as previously reported during this investigation, during December there were telephone calls from the Harvard Club to Edith Barry at Toledo. It is thought, in view of the information set out below, that these calls were possibly made by "Tip" O'Neill.

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

Lu Poole advised that a man known only to her as "Ben" and described as fifty-five years of age, 5'6" in height, 145 pounds, wrinkly skin on face, wearing large box-toed shoes, released about one and one-half years ago from some Federal prison, was apparently very close to Edith Barry, and also apparently very close to Joe Roscoe, as he could usually be found in the 42nd Street Cafe. Lu advised that it was her impression that this man was also friendly with an old sweetheart of Edith's, who Joe Thompson finally cut in on.

Continuing, Lu stated that Margaret, the maid at Edith's house, had told her the old sweetheart had met Edith years ago in Indiana, and usually called Edith long distance from Cleveland, Ohio, when he was drunk, also he had been released about a year ago April from prison for a mail robbery. Lu has seen this sweetheart once or twice and recalled that some one remarked that he should leave Government "wagons" alone. Lu also stated that Edith had met the sweetheart on one occasion that she knew of at Ardell Quinn's place in Cleveland. Lu said that the sweetheart's name was Jimmy and when he was drunk he made Margaret, the maid, play "Wabash Blues" and would then cry on her shoulder. In view of the fact that O'Neill's name is James, and that he went up for mail robbery, and as he is from Cleveland, Agent showed Lu Poole, "Tip's" photograph and she immediately stated that the front view greatly resembled Jimmy. In this connection you will recall that "Tip" used the expression, "It's a dark and stormy night on the Wabash," when talking to Marie Flynn. It is suggested that a check be made of O'Neill's past to ascertain if he ever was in Indiana and also it is suggested that a check of the long distance calls from the Silver Grill be made as far back as October 1, 1935, as Lu stated that Jimmy called from a pay station around that time and was so drunk that he talked to Edith for about an hour. Lu fixed the period of the call as shortly after her operation, which was around October 9th or 11th, 1935.

The Silver Grill is a very cheap dive operated under the guise of a saloon at 28th Street and Detroit Avenue. It is reflected hereinbefore that the telephone taps which were maintained on the telephones of Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton, and also James O'Neill reflect that Hebebrand, Patton and O'Neill, and various other gamblers frequent this place in the wee hours of the morning. This place is undoubtedly the place described by Dolores Delaney as the joint frequented by Karpis and her on several occasions during the summer and fall of 1934, at the time Karpis and Dolores were residing in Cleveland.

At the request of Special Agent Smith, agents of the Internal Revenue Bureau, Cleveland, Ohio, conducted investigation at this place under the pretext of determining the nature of the liquor license held by that place, and the names of the owners. The information secured reflected that the place has a license to sell only three percent beer,

said license being in the name of Ed Gallagher, 1466 West 29th Street, upstairs. There were no licenses to sell any other liquor at the place, but at the time the Internal Revenue agents made their investigation, they questioned a fellow who came in with a bottle of liquor, and it developed that liquor is bought by the bottle from state liquor stores and apparently furnished to those who frequent the place. Ed Gallagher was called to the Internal Revenue office and he advised that he presently resides at 2464 West 28th Street; that he was unable to keep up the Silver Grill and that in January, 1935, he turned the business over to Peter J. Kilbane, 107th and Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio. It is believed that the Silver Grill is in fact owned by James "Shimmy" Patton, this being more or less confirmed by telephone conversation on February 26, 1936 between Hebebrand and Patton, in which conversation Patton indicated that "Paddy was not paying his rent." The circumstances of the conversation indicated that he was referring to Peter J. Kilbane and the Silver Grill. The Internal Revenue agents, during their check of the Silver Grill, ascertained that there is a Clarence O'Neill employed as a bartender, and that a drunken sailor named John Bay sleeps at the place on a table in the rear room. In the cash register of the Silver Grill, Internal Revenue agents found the following names and telephone numbers: Big Joe, Michigan 4742; Pat Lynch, 1824 E. 97th Street, No. 17., Garfield 1691. The telephone at the Silver Grill is a pay telephone and is Prospect 9433. This telephone was contracted for by Ed Gallagher, 1466 West 29th Street, as reflected by the records of the Ohio Bell Telephone Company.

The following is a list of the long distance telephone calls made from the Silver Grill from October, 1935 to February 15, 1936:

DATE	CITY	NUMBER
10/9/35	Detroit, Michigan	Cadillac 5974
9/16/35	Westlake, Ohio	313-J
1/30/36	Toledo, Ohio	Main 1892
1/6/36	Lorain, Ohio	3241 (Lake Carriers Ass'n)
1/12/36	Detroit, Michigan	Temple 27000 (Hill)
1/15/36	" "	Vinewood 9190
2/3/36	Lorain, Ohio	3261 (Lake Carriers Ass'n)
2/3/36	Detroit, Michigan	Atlantic 1526 * Edw. Way
2/8/36	Toledo, Ohio	Adams 4612
2/16/36	" "	" "
2/15/36	Detroit, Michigan	Cherry 7022



Efforts have been made by this office to place a tap on the telephone of the Silver Grill. For this purpose, Bureau authority has been granted. However, as set out in letter from the Cleveland office to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, dated March 11, 1936, it has been impossible to secure suitable premises into which to run the tap. The Silver Grill is located in a rather disreputable neighborhood and the cable runs through a more or less bawdy house district, and the only apparent feasible place to plant is an apartment building. However, present information indicates that there will be no apartments vacant until April 1, 1936. It appears that there are vacant furnished rooms in the neighborhood, but due to the character of these places it has not been deemed advisable to secure them for the purpose of being used for a tap, inasmuch as the telephone at the Silver Grill is a dial telephone, and to place a dial recording machine in any of the furnished rooms would undoubtedly create suspicion.

Imogene Robertson arrived in Cleveland on March 2, 1936 from Chicago, Illinois. She was met at the railroad terminal by Murray Cook, who first drove her to the Mayfair Casino, where they apparently indulged in a few cocktails, thence to a restaurant where they ate, and thence to Ashtabula, Ohio, Murray Cook driving to his home. The last reports indicate that Imogene Robertson is in Ashtabula frequenting The Swallows with Murray Cook. It has not been deemed advisable by the Cleveland office to maintain any close surveillance on Imogene in Ashtabula for fear of arousing her suspicions which might be communicated to Fitzgerald, and for this reason a mail cover has not been placed on her mail. Before leaving the railroad terminal after her arrival in Cleveland on March 2, 1936, Imogene sent a Western Union telegram to her mother, Mrs. Alta Robertson, Los Angeles, California, advising her that she arrives safely and had a nice trip. This telegram was signed, "Gene." The contents of the telegram were secured from the Western Union by Special Agent L. H. Richmond of this office.

Bureau letter of reference dated March 12, 1936, advised that the Sheriff of Trumbull County, Warren, Ohio, by letter dated March 6, 1936, requested that the Bureau furnish him with complete information concerning the criminal record of William E. Hunter, who is also known as Fred Hunter, of Leavittsburg, Ohio, and the letter requested that appropriate investigation be conducted for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not this request indicated any recent developments concerning the present whereabouts of Fred Hunter.



It is well to note here that William E. Hunter and Fred Hunter are two distinct individuals and that they are brothers.

Agent interviewed Deputy Sheriff J. A. Weaver at Warren, Ohio, and he advised that it was his understanding that William E. Hunter, in December, 1934, was sentenced to the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, and that Fred Hunter, in 1923, was sentenced to the Ohio State Penitentiary. He stated that he was motivated to request the Bureau for the most recent criminal history of these two individuals, inasmuch as the state highway police had recently been making inquiry with reference to them, it appearing that the state highway police are working with the post office inspectors for the purpose of apprehending these men as suspects in the Garrettsville mail train robbery. He stated that Fred Hunter, so far as the Sheriff's office is concerned, has not been known to have been in the vicinity of Warren, Ohio for some time and apparently he makes a practice to avoid coming to that community inasmuch as he is well known in that vicinity, as he has in the past made a name for himself as a local hoodlum, and anytime a job was pulled in that community he was immediately suspected.

A lead is being set out for the Atlanta office to check the criminal history of William E. Hunter at the Atlanta penitentiary for the purpose of securing recent photographs and correspondence list, inasmuch as this may prove of some value in locating Fred Hunter, it being recalled that Fred Hunter has, in the past, been closely associated with Milton Lett of Wann, Oklahoma. Lett is being sought at this time by the post office inspectors and the Bureau for questioning, indications being that he has, in the past, associated with Harry Campbell at Oklahoma, and possibly in Ohio.

Joe Rich of Canton, Ohio, has recently been arrested by agents of the Narcotic Bureau on a narcotic violation, and is presently confined in the county jail at Cleveland, Ohio, under \$10,000 bond. Report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated February 17, 1936, reflects that Archie Negleman gave quite a fanciful story with regard to Joe Rich's connections with Karpis and Campbell. Rich was questioned at the county jail at Cleveland rather generally, it not being deemed advisable to reveal to him too much information. He was very incommunicative and advised that he is a dop addict; that his principal income is derived from houses of prostitution which he operates at Canton, in conjunction with Edna Haney; that it is his impression that Eddie Brennan of Canton, Ohio and Akron, Ohio, is responsible for his present predicament, inasmuch as Brennan, according to Rich, wrote several anonymous letters to the Narcotic Bureau advising that organization that Rich was engaged in selling narcotics. Joe Rich advised that

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he is a native of McAlester, Oklahoma; that he is presently 33 years of age; that he left McAlester when he was 15 years of age; that he is Italian-American.

As set out in the letter of reference from Cleveland to Jacksonville, dated March 2, 1936, Joe Roscoe, alias Roscolli, who operates the 42nd Street Cafe, Toledo, Ohio, is a known contact for Karpis and Campbell, recent information being, as obtained from "Lu" Poole, former prostitute at Edith Barry's call house, that Roscoe, at such times as Karpis and Campbell have appeared in Toledo, has made arrangements for them to stay at the house of Edith Barry. Detectives Manson and Baumgartner of the Prosecutor's office, Lucas County, Toledo, Ohio, have been conducting investigation and they have, through reliable informants, obtained information that Joe Roscoe is financially interested in an exclusive country club in Petoskey, Michigan, said country club consisting of a hotel, a golf links, a night club and a gambling joint. It appears that this place was formerly owned by Jimmy Hayes of Toledo, a well known Toledo gambler, who was killed recently in Detroit, Michigan.

Joe Roscoe is described as follows:

Age	-	45 to 47 years
Height	-	5'8"
Weight	-	180 to 190 pounds
Complexion	-	Dark and sallow
Hair	-	Black and wavy
Eyes	-	Dark, squinted and beady

Usually wears dark conservative clothing; soft hat, brim flapped down over eyes; chews constantly on a half smoked cigar; heavy dropped shoulders; stands very erect, which gives him a prominent stomach; has habit of standing in doorways with hands behind back; usually very silent.

Roscoe has been absent from Toledo recently and recent information obtained by Detective Manson indicates that he is at Palm Beach, Florida, where he is frequenting a bath house located near the city limits of that town, it appearing that he is suffering with some infection caused from a chafing received from his underwear.

The Jacksonville office has been requested by separate letter dated March 23, 1936, to conduct appropriate investigation at Palm Beach for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not Roscoe is frequenting that town and if so whether Karpis and Campbell are in contact with him.

Effective March 5, 1936, prior authority having been secured, a telephone tap was placed on the telephone of Edith Barry, 524 Southard Street, Toledo, Ohio, telephone Adams 4612. This telephone tap is being maintained at the present by Special Agents C. E. Smith and H. B. Dill, and the customary log of conversations is being maintained. To date conversations over the telephone reflect nothing of importance, so far as the whereabouts of fugitives of this investigation is concerned. This tap, however, has furnished an insight into the underworld situation at Toledo, Ohio, it appearing that the new city manager in Toledo, Ohio, is completely rejuvenating the police department and that as a result there is a concentrated drive on by the police department to close up all joints and as a matter of fact detectives have visited the house of Edith Barry and searched it completely. They advised her that the town henceforth is to be a closed town. In conversations over the telephone she has indicated her alarm at the present situation, expressing the opinion that it is unsafe for her at the present time to have any men customers come to the place, inasmuch as the police threaten to search her place at any time without notice.

In connection with previous telephone taps maintained on the telephone of Edith Barry, the following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent C. E. Smith:

During a conversation had by this Agent with Detective Frank Baumgartner he inquired if the Bureau had taps on telephones in January, 1935, and when Agent inquired as to the reason for this question, he stated that at that time he was working in the vicinity of the telephone company and noticed men going in and out during the night. Becoming suspicious he asked the janitor, who the men were and was told that they were Federal men on the wires on the fourth floor. Of course, as will be recalled, Agents of the Bureau were there at that time. Detective Baumgartner stated that he didn't know whether any other police officers had obtained the same information. It appears that a "leak" at that time was highly probable.

The following is set forth for future reference in the event it becomes necessary to raid Edith's house. Lu stated that in the coal bin in the basement is an opening to a large cistern, remarking that she had "nose trouble" about that spot. Agent asked her if "Doc" Moran was in there, but she said she did not have any idea.

The following investigation was also conducted by Special Agent C. E. Smith at Toledo, Ohio:

Lu Poole, now Mrs. Charles O'Marea, former inmate of Edith Barry's call house, was again interrogated by Agent, and she advised that as nearly as she can recall during the period around January, 1935, she overheard a discussion between Edith and a young man from Cleveland (who is a more or less frequent visitor at Edith's) and some other individuals relative to the possibility of securing some statements that were in possession of some Federal men who were staying at the Commodore Perry Hotel. Lu stated that she was in her room at the time and could not overhear all of the conversation, but gathered that the young man from Cleveland had a contact at the Commodore Perry that would enable him to "snitch" the papers, but they would have to be returned the following morning and everyone touching them would have to wear gloves to guard against fingerprints. According to Lu, the papers contained statements made by someone but she could not recall who the individual was. In this connection it will be recalled that during January and February, 1935, there were eight to ten Agents at the Commodore Perry Hotel and at that time Monroe, Belpash, and Becker were questioned. Lu was unable to state who the contact in the Commodore Perry was and could not recall the name of the young man. She partially identified him as follows:

Name	-	Not known, but very Irish one
Age	-	28 years
Height	-	5'7"
Weight	-	145 pounds
Peculiarities	-	Talked with a very distinct and pronounced Irish brogue.
Drove a new Graham Paige, four-door sedan, greenish color. (Lu states she parked this car in front of the Jarvis Apartments for him at Edith's direction.)		
Clothes	-	Wears light gray soft felt hat and tweed suits.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. J. Dowd:

As requested in letter from the Chicago Bureau office dated February 6, 1936, and report of Special Agent H. P. Burruss, Washington, D. C., dated December 12, 1934, Special Agent E. J. Dowd interviewed W. G. Harper, Operative in Charge, United States Secret Service, Treasury Department, Cleveland, Ohio, on February 24, 1936.



Mr. Harper advised that he has known William F. Fergus of Cleveland, Ohio, for more than ten years; that he recalls during the spring or summer of 1934, Fergus came to him with an application for a passport and stated that Fergus presented the application to the Deputy Clerk of the Court in the Federal Building, who declined to accept the same for the reason that the application lacked the necessary identifying witnesses, the clerk suggesting that inasmuch as Fergus knew Harper to go to his office and have Harper affix his signature as one of the identifying witnesses. Mr. Harper stated that he knew Fergus well for a period of over ten years, and as Fergus, whom he learned was in the bootlegging business, cooperated with Mr. Harper's office in turning up counterfeit bills, he, Harper, did not hesitate to sign the application as an identifying witness of William F. Fergus. Continuing, Mr. Harper stated that Fergus is now supposed to be engaged in the slot machine racket at Cleveland, Ohio, and his trip to Europe was for the purpose of interesting foreign clients in handling these machines abroad. According to Mr. Harper, Billy Fergus is considered close to the underworld at Cleveland, Ohio, and because of the large gambling interests of Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton at Cleveland, Ohio, Fergus is known to frequently contact them. In this connection, Mr. Harper advised that in the suppression of counterfeiting at Cleveland and vicinity, Art Hebebrand, Shimmy Patton, and Billy Fergus always cooperated with his office, and he doubts very much if any of them would knowingly harbor or attempt to harbor Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, or any other criminal wanted by the Government.

Mr. Harper further advised that Art Hebebrand, Shimmy Patton, and James "Tip" O'Neill are known to him as gamblers, and he has had occasion to contact them in his business of suppressing counterfeit money. Mr. Harper stated that Hebebrand is said to be a "gentleman" gambler, who has never been known to have welched on a gambling debt; that James "Shimmy" Patton is an entirely different type, being hard boiled, and not considered afraid of anyone; that when the Harvard Club was closed by the local authorities, his information is that the raid was so planned so as to give Eliot Ness, recently appointed Safety Director of Cleveland, a political build-up.

With regard to James "Tip" O'Neill, Harper advised that he knew "Tip" O'Neill when he operated a place at Cleveland, Ohio, known as the "Barn"; that he was surprised to learn when "Tip" was arrested a number of years ago in connection with a post office robbery in the east, for which "Tip" was convicted and sent to the Atlanta Penitentiary for five years. Harper stated that "Tip" has cooperated with him in suppressing counterfeiting, and believes, if "Tip", who is now exclusively engaged in gambling, was properly approached, he might be able to furnish information concerning Karpis and Campbell, who are both considered "too hot" for anyone to harbor at Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Harper advised that during the course of investigations by himself and operatives of his office, he has yet, with the exception of one occasion, received any information to the effect that Karpis had been seen or had operated in the Cleveland district. In this connection Mr. Harper stated he received information from one Archie Negleman, former prohibition agent, in jail at Canton, Ohio, that Clayton Hall of Youngstown, Ohio, was handling counterfeit money and harboring Alvin Karpis; that he went to Youngstown, Ohio for the purpose of conducting an investigation, but refrained from doing so after he learned that Clayton Hall's place was being kept under surveillance by the post office inspectors, who are attempting to apprehend Karpis, the latter being wanted by them for participation in the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery on November 7, 1935. It will be noted in the report of Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney, Cleveland, Ohio, dated March 10, 1936, that investigation in regard to Karpis or Campbell visiting Clayton Hall at Youngstown, has been covered by the Cleveland Bureau office.

Continuing, Mr. Harper stated that he is at all times ready and willing to cooperate with this Bureau, or any other Governmental agency in attempting to locate criminals wanted by the Government; that in the past former Special Agent Peters called on him in connection with investigations conducted in the Cleveland district; that on one occasion, he believes that Special Agent Peters betrayed his, Harper's confidence, which caused Frank J. Noonan, private detective at Cleveland, Ohio, to have an ill feeling against him, Harper. In this connection, Mr. Harper stated that Special Agent Peters came to him, and without mentioning the name of Karpis or Campbell, in fact without making known what investigation he was working on, asked him, Harper, in confidence, for the name of a person who was very close to the underworld, and could possibly assist in locating one or more potential criminals. Harper stated that he talked the matter over with Peters, and told him not to mention his name, but the man closest to anyone in the underworld was Frank J. Noonan, private detective, who had helped Harper solve a number of counterfeiting cases, on one occasion Noonan bringing an underworld informant from Chicago, one Harry Golding, which resulted in locating the plant and causing the apprehension of the counterfeiters. A short time after giving Noonan's name to Special Agent Peters, Mr. Harper stated that Noonan encountered him in a restaurant and accused him, Harper, of informing on him for Bureau agents, stating that Agent Peters interviewed him, Noonan, and accused him of harboring Karpis and Campbell in connection with some pay envelopes of Noonan's agency found in the apartment of Karpis, when it was raided at Cleveland, Ohio; that finally when no information of value could be obtained from Noonan, the latter stated

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that Special Agent Peters said he had previously interviewed Mr. Harper and learned Noonan's reputation, which was "not any too hot." Harper stated that since that time Noonan has not acted in a friendly manner toward him; that recently when he again encountered Noonan, who appeared worried, he told Harper that a man named Connelley from the Federal Bureau of Investigation interrogated him and accused him, Noonan, of harboring Karpis, which Noonan denies. Mr. Harper advised that in his dealings with Noonan the latter always played fair; that if there is any person in the underworld at Cleveland, Ohio, in a position to locate Karpis and Campbell it is Noonan, by reason of his past and present connections with race tracks and gambling establishments and underworld characters, whom he, Noonan, generally contacts at the Hollenden and Carter Hotels, and other places in Cleveland.

Mr. Harper advised that in the event he received through his investigations, or otherwise, any information which might be of value in locating Karpis and Campbell, he will immediately notify the Cleveland Bureau office.

Since the telephone tap on Art Hebebrand has been discontinued, Agent, from time to time, observed the activities of the new gambling joint operated by Patton and Hebebrand at 42nd Street and Harvard Avenue, Newburg Heights, and apparently each day finds an increase in business, inasmuch as it has been recently necessary to utilize the parking space at the old Harvard Club in parking cars of customers at the new place. People have been observed to park their cars in the parking lot at the old club and walk down to the new club. There appears to be a great deal of activity at the latter place, men going in and out of the place, and congregating in groups on the sidewalk outside.

Grover Keady, also known as "Burrhead" Keady, as reflected by records in the office of the United States Marshal, Cleveland, Ohio, was arraigned before United States Commissioner on February 26, 1936 at Cleveland, Ohio, charged with participation in the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery on November 7, 1935, at which time he waived hearing and was held to the Grand Jury under \$50,000 bond, in default of which he was confined in the county jail at Cleveland. Recent interview with Post Office Inspector Hettrick at Cleveland resulted in information that he, Hettrick, had issued orders that Keady was to be held in jail incommunicado and to date, according to Inspector Hettrick, he has not even permitted Keady's attorney to talk with him.

There is no record in the Marshal's office indicating that John Brock is in custody, and recent conversation with Inspector Hettrick, indicates that Keady is the only person from Oklahoma whom he had in custody.



Special Agent C. E. Smith at Toledo, Ohio, ascertained that the woman with whom Captain George Timiney of the Toledo Police Department, is living is the widow of Chester Marks, former Toledo hoodlum who was killed allegedly by members of the Licavoli gang. It appears that her true name is Edith Marks and that she resides at 2650 Broadway, telephone Walbridge 2549, which is also the telephone number of Captain Timiney. She has recently been absent from Toledo and it was thought that she was somewhere in Florida. However, she has recently reappeared there, but it is not definitely known just where she was during her absence. Her photograph appears in either the February or March issue of the True Detective magazine, in an article on the Licavoli mob cleanup by Prosecutor Reams of Toledo, Ohio.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The ATLANTA OFFICE at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, will obtain the complete criminal record of William E. Hunter, who, it is understood, was sentenced to that institution in September, 1934 for violation of the Internal Revenue Laws. His correspondence record should be secured as this may aid in ascertaining the present whereabouts of his brother, Fred Hunter. Will also secure at least six photographs of William Hunter and forward to the Cleveland office.

The DETROIT OFFICE at Detroit, Michigan will refer to the long distance telephone calls from the Silver Grill, telephone Prospect 9433, Cleveland, Ohio, as set out in the body of this report, and conduct appropriate investigation with reference to the Detroit telephone numbers appearing in the list, for the purpose of determining whether or not Karpis and Campbell may be frequenting places in which these telephones are installed.

At Petoskey, Michigan, will endeavor to locate the country club allegedly an interest of Joe Roscoe, described in the body of this report, and if this place is located appropriate investigation should be conducted for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not Joe Roscoe is located there, and also appropriate investigation should be conducted to ascertain whether Karpis and Campbell have, or may frequent this place.

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Westlake, Toledo, and Lorain, Ohio, will conduct appropriate investigation with reference to long distance telephone calls made to these places from the telephone of the Silver Grill, as set out in the body of this report.

At Cleveland, Ohio, will conduct appropriate investigation with reference to Mrs. Austin, married sister of James "Tip" O'Neill, 1493 West 116th Street, it being recalled with reference to this person that Post Office Inspector Hettrick, as set out in report of Special



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Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated February 13, 1936, advised that there was a possibility that she was harboring Karpis at such times as he was present in Cleveland in the past.

Will conduct appropriate investigation with reference to the Wooden Shoe, a beer parlor located on West 117th Street, and in this connection will secure a check of the license records of the place through Agents of the Internal Revenue Bureau, thus ascertaining the identity of the present owners.

Will also conduct investigation with reference to the names, identity and reputations of the persons who reside above the Wooden Shoe. In connection with this lead it should be noted that the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated February 13, 1936, reflects information furnished by Post Office Inspector Hettrick indicating possibility of Karpis visiting this place.

Will continue efforts to establish telephone tap on Silver Grill.

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TELEPHONE LOG

WILLIAM F. FERGUS

The following is a log of telephone calls made from the telephone of William F. Fergus, Cleveland, Ohio, from January 4, 1936 to January 13, 1936:

January 4, 1936

6:35 PM Man called. Girl who said her name was Margaret answered. Man calling asked for Adie.

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January 5, 1936

11:18 AM Woman called out from Fergus' house.

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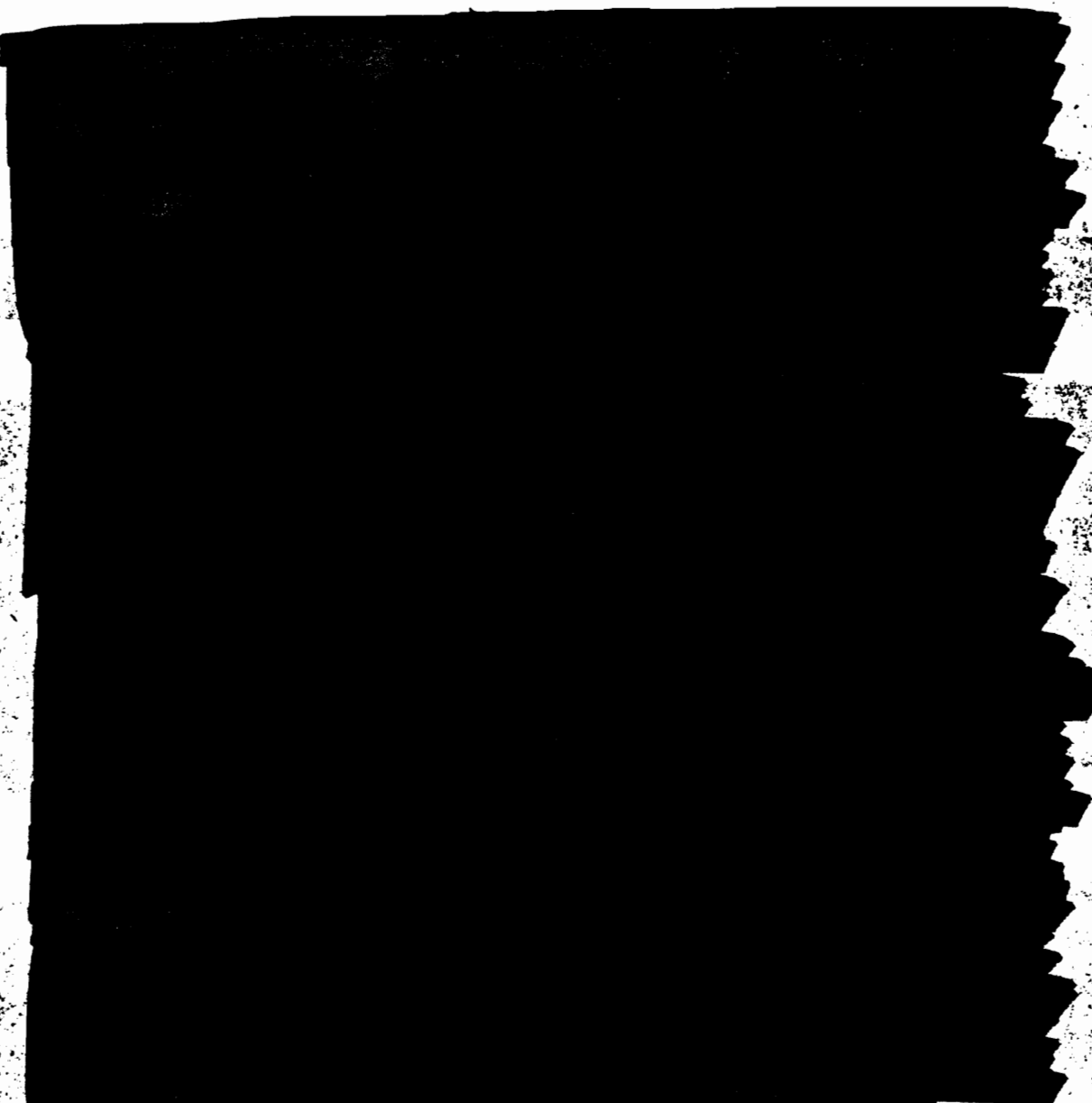
11:30 AM Man called Fergus house

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2:15 PM Woman called from Fergus house (Dial recorder still out of order.)

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5:25 PM	Call to Fergus home.	No answer.	HBD
7:19 PM	Call to Fergus home.	No answer.	HBD
7:57 PM	Call to Fergus home.	No answer.	HBD
9:03 PM	Call to Fergus home.	No answer.	HBD
9:26 PM	Call to Fergus home.	No answer.	HBD
10:00 PM	Call to Fergus home.	No answer.	HBD



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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

March 26, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of the 13th instant enclosing a tracing of a letter addressed to J. C. Foster, postmarked at Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 3, 1936.

The handwriting indicated by the tracing is obviously identical with the handwriting indicated by tracing of a letter received by J. C. Foster, postmarked Minneapolis, February 17, 1936.

As in the first instance, as set forth in my letter of March 6, 1936, the handwriting is consistent with that of John B. Davenport, but this is not conclusive.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STAIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1443 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

March 26, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

Reference is made to your letter dated March 23, 1936, addressed to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Chicago, containing the request that the Cleveland office furnish interested offices with photographs of Fred Hunter and his associates.

I am enclosing herewith for your office and for each office receiving a copy of this letter, photograph of Fred Hunter, and a photograph of his brother, William Hunter, as well as one of Milton Lett. Although the photograph of Fred Hunter is some fifteen years old, it is reported to be a good likeness of Fred. The photograph of William Hunter is also an old photograph and is reported to be a very poor likeness of William Hunter. However, it has recently come to the attention of the Cleveland office that William Hunter, about December, 1934, was sentenced to the Atlanta Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, and a bond is outstanding for that office to obtain recent photographs of William Hunter, and also to ascertain whether or not he is still confined in that institution.

The Cleveland office is not advised of any other close associates of Fred Hunter at this time, whose photographs are available.

In connection with your request that the Cleveland office ascertain all pertinent facts with reference to 1935 license plates H 88 K, please be advised that investigation conducted at Scienceville, Ohio, has established that those license plates were properly issued to John Alexander, 2419 Frost Avenue, Scienceville, Ohio, for a light roadster, but have been subsequently transferred to a 1936 Chevrolet sport coupe. The license plates in question were observed by Agent making the investigation on the Chevrolet sport coupe.

With reference to 1935 Ohio license plates E 372 M, please refer to report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated January 20, 1936, page eight. The investigation set out there with reference

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to 1935 Hudson coupe, motor No. 60348, deals with the car which was issued 1935 plates H 372 Y.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge



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REPORT MADE AT Butte, Montana	DATE WHEN MADE 3/21/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/9-12-13/36 3/16/36	REPORT MADE BY G. A. Callahan FS
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O.#1218, et al, Edward George Bremer - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitive; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act,
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Oliver B. Lester paid balance due Montana Fish and Game Department on 8-31-35, with check of C-D Ranch, drawn on First National Bank of Dillon. He was seen in Butte just before Christmas, 1935, and is a World War Veteran, having received the disability compensation until 7-1-33. Physical description of Lester, names of associates, and personal history secured. Dr. Frank J. Bell, Billings, Mont., advises he has not been to his cabin at Cliff Lake, Mont. Also advises he has no additional information concerning Morris Staggers or William Elmer Mead.			
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Reference: Report of Special Agent C. G. Campbell, Butte, Mont., February 25, 1936.			
DETAILS:			
At Helena, Montana,			
On March 7, 1936, Mr. W. H. Voorhies, Cashier of the Montana Fish and Game Department, advised that the records in his custody indicated that one O. B. (Red) Lester resided at Cliff Lake, and then at Grayling, Montana. He owed the Department some money which he had collected for fish and game licenses, but paid that amount on August 31, 1935, with a check of the C-D Ranch. This check was drawn on bank No. 9385. Mr. Voorhies suggested that Mr. H. B. Ives, Deputy Game Warden, who resides at 516 1/2 South Wyoming Street, Butte, Montana be contacted. He was of			
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the opinion that Mr. Ives would be in a position to render some assistance in locating Lester, as he spent considerable time trying to contact the latter last summer.

At Butte, Montana.

On March 9, 1936, Mr. J. G. Degnan, Assistant Cashier of the First National Bank at Butte, advised that Bank No. 9385 is the First National Bank of Dillon. On March 13, 1936, Mr. Ives was contacted and advised that one Walter (Sticks) Thomas, a local gambler, who lives in a shack in the rear of 461 East Mercury Street, and who is presently working for the P. W. A. in this city, is an intimate friend of Lester's, receiving his mail there, and holding the same for him. Mr. Ives advised that Thomas has a picture of Lester and his wife, and also, he went on to say, that he believes Lester owes Thomas some money. Several unsuccessful attempts were made to contact Thomas at his home, as well as at Walkers and the Board of Trade, two local saloons and gambling houses. Mr. Ives advised that he knows Thomas fairly well and sees him in town a great deal. He promised to contact Thomas casually, attempt to ascertain Lester's present address, and advise the Butte Office as soon as he does so. He describes Thomas as a short, middle-aged man, heavy set, who walks with a limp, as he has a wooden leg.

Mr. Ives also explained that during his investigation last summer, he contacted a Mrs. Elizabeth Trotter, 904 1/2 Delaware Avenue, Butte. She knew Lester as a neighbor when he and his wife resided at 902 South Delaware Avenue. Mr. Ives stated that she did not have any information of value in locating Lester at the time of his (Ives) inquiry last summer. An attempt was made, however, to interview her, but a neighbor advised that she was out of town at the time and was not expected to return for several days. No further attempt will be made to contact her for the present.

On the same day, Miss Louise Maier, Case Work Supervisor for the Silver Bow County Emergency Relief Fund, was interviewed and advised that her records reflected the following information regarding Lester and his wife:

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver B. (Red) Lester came to Butte from Gallatin County, presumably Bozeman, Montana. While in Butte, they resided at the following addresses: 903 South Delaware Avenue and 34 East Woolman Street,

Mr. Ives, at this point, stated that he had conducted investigation at the latter address last summer. He explained that it is a rooming house and added that he received no information of value whatever at that place.

The records on file with the relief agency further showed that Lester possessed a 1934 Ford truck, bearing 1935 Montana license plates No. 6 T 390. Miss Maier explained that Lester and his wife were advised to return to Bozeman, but they explained they had intended to go to California, however, and open a restaurant there. On May 15, 1935, however, Lester expressed his willingness to return to Bozeman and that is the last record of Lester on file with the relief authorities. Miss Maier explained that she was not certain that Lester had actually returned to Bozeman, but believed that he had.

It is also to be noted that Lester's wife worked as a cook for a Mrs. Carrie Spaulding at Ennis, Montana.

Lester is a World War Veteran and was a patient at Fort Harrison, Montana, for some time, suffering with arthritis and sinus trouble. He is obliged to consult doctors frequently as a result of those maladies. Lester received disability compensation at the rate of \$18 per month until July 1, 1933, when it was discontinued as not being service connected. He is a member of the American Legion and the Methodist Church. From January 28, 1935, to March 30, 1935, he was employed by the Inspiration Mining Company at Twin Bridges, Montana.

The following is a physical description of Lester as contained in the files of the relief agency:

Name	OLIVER B. (RED) LESTER
Age	36 (born, 2-25-1900, Jessieville, Michigan.)
Height	5'-10"
Build	Slender
Complexion	Fair
Disposition	Retiring
Hair	Red
Marital Status	Married Doris Opal Lester 6-29-27, Olympia, Wash.
Relatives	None living (wife has none living also)
Children	None
Associates	Mrs. Alex Stewart, West Yellowstone, Mont.; C. L. Patterson, Bozeman, Mont. (5 years); Morris Staggers, Grayling, Mont.

Miss Maier contacted the other relief agencies in town and ascertained that none of them had any record of Lester or his wife.

On the same day, Mrs. Lucille Meinecke was contacted at 911 South Utah Avenue. She advised that she had sold Lester a shipment of flies to be used for fishing bait, on consignment. As a result of that transaction, he now owes her \$37.50. Lester left two fishing rods with Mrs. Meinecke as security for the debt. He gave her permission to sell one of the rods which she has since done. Mrs. Meinecke is now desirous of selling the second rod and is attempting to contact Lester for the necessary authorization. She explained her intention of securing Lester's address through Thomas and promised to furnish the Butte Office with Lester's present address if she succeeds in obtaining the same from Thomas. Mrs. Meinecke also advised that her son, Arthur, saw and talked with Lester a few days before Christmas, 1935, but did not receive any information whatever as to where Lester was living at the time.

On the same day, inquiry at the United States Post Office, Butte, disclosed that Lester changed his address, 34 East Woolman Street, to 461 East Mercury Street, on June 2, 1935. That was the only record the Post Office had of him. A letter was directed to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles at Deer Lodge, Montana, in an effort to locate Lester through the 1936 license of his Ford truck.

If Lester is not located through one or more of the leads set out herein, appropriate additional leads will be set out to contact Morris Stagers, Grayling, Montana, and Mrs. Alex Stewart, West Yellowstone, Montana.

It is to be noted that Mrs. Meinecke had several specimens of Lester's handwriting. Tracings were made of them and they are being retained in the Butte File for possible future reference.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. M. O'Donnell, Butte, Montana:

At Billings, Montana.

Agent contacted Dr. Frank J. Bell at his office located at 412 Electric Building, Billings, Montana and he advised that due to the very deep snow he has not as yet made a trip to his cabin at Cliff Lake, Montana. Dr. Bell stated that as soon as possible, he intends to go to his cabin, and at that time he will attempt to ascertain where Morris Stagers can be located, as well as the whereabouts of Oliver B. (Red) Lester. Dr. Bell also stated that since Agent had contacted him last, he recalled that Lester was a former World War Veteran, and that up until two or three years ago he had suffered from arthritis. He also stated that he knew that at one time, Lester was carried on the rolls of the Veterans' Bureau as totally and permanently disabled and received compensation for such disability.



Dr. Bell stated he was more than anxious to co-operate with the Butte Office, and that he could be contacted in the future, and that any information he had, he would most certainly furnish the Butte Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The BUTTE OFFICE, at Fort Harrison, Montana, will secure from the Veterans' Administration, the last known address of Oliver B. (Red) Lester. If he has not already filed his claim for the bonus, the authorities at Fort Harrison, Montana, will be requested to furnish the Butte Office with his address, submitted in connection with that application.

At Butte, Montana, will keep in contact with Deputy Game Warden, H. B. Ives, for whatever information he is able to secure regarding Lester's present whereabouts through Walter Thomas.

At Dillon, Montana, will secure the address of the C-D Rahch through the First National Bank and conduct whatever additional investigation is considered appropriate to locate Lester.

At Bozeman, Montana, will contact C. L. Patterson, who has known Lester and his wife for approximately five years, regarding the present whereabouts of Lester.

When Lester is located, it should first be ascertained whether there is presently any association existing between him and Mead. If there is some reason for believing that no such relationship exists, Lester should then be interviewed thoroughly regarding his offer to sell Government bonds to one Richard Woodward while he (Lester) was working as a cook at the Halford Camp. It is believed Lester may have secured these bonds from or through Mead. It should also be borne in mind that any information which would tend to expose Dr. Bell as the informant in this matter should be carefully withheld from Lester.

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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

March 26, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In connection with the cover being maintained on the mail of John B. Davenport, 301 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, a tracing has been received of a letter addressed to Mr. J. Toolson, 301 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, postmarked Leavenworth, Kansas, March 20, 6 P.M., bearing return address of P. O. Box 7, Leavenworth, Kansas.

It is requested that it be ascertained from the records of the penitentiary who is corresponding with J. Toolson at the above address.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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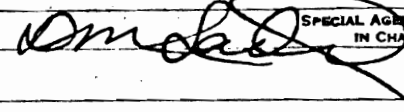
REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>March 26, 1936</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/3 to 13/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. J. CONNELLEY</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>EJC:JMS</b></span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236 et al Edward George Bremer, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE ARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Based upon information from confidential informant to the Bureau that Karpis was supposedly in Miami or Miami Beach, Florida, a number of Agents and reporting Agent visited Miami, Miami Beach, Hollywood, Fort Lauderdale and other places in that vicinity in Florida; attended various race tracks; dog tracks; night clubs; bars and gambling places, with the idea of possibly observing Karpis or others, without learning anything. Undercover inquiry was also made at various places and through informants, without learning anything to indicate that Karpis had been there or is there at the present. Activities of Police toward gambling, and robbery of one exclusive gambling house, has made conditions such that it is doubtful whether Karpis would continue in that vicinity if he had been there.

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**DETAILS:** Reference is made to telephone conversations of March 3, 1936 with the Director, and Mr. Tamm of the Bureau, as to certain information furnished by a confidential informant to the effect that Alvin Karpis was supposedly located at Miami Beach or Miami, Florida, and that certain other possibly wanted fugitives had been seen in Miami Beach, with no particular definite designation being made of these individuals; also that recently some place, possibly in the nature of Carter's gambling house, had been shaken down for \$20,000, and that it was expected that another place would be shaken down on March 7th, for a similar amount; further that this supposed mob with which Karpis was probably associating was located between

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Hollywood and Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Acting upon such information the following investigation was conducted by this Agent, and Agents E. J. Wynn; E. J. Dowd; A. P. Barber; T. M. Birch, C. O. Hurt, R. E. Peterson, K. R. McIntire and E. K. Thompson:

Upon arrival at Miami Beach on March 6, 1936, conference was had with the various Agents assigned, and a general plan of operation was outlined consistent with the inquiry already instituted by the Agents who had arrived there on March 4 and 5, 1936. The inquiry as covered hereinafter was conducted during the period of March 4 to 13, 1936, at various places indicated in the body of this report.

During the period March 6 to 9 inclusive, this Agent, together with Agent Wynn, covered various places in Miami, Miami Beach and vicinity, and during the period March 8 to 11, this Agent together with Agent C. O. Hurt covered various places in Miami Beach, Hollywood and Fort Lauderdale, the inquiry being as to the possibility of Karpis being in that vicinity, or as to any rumors or indications that he might have been there in the past, or that he was located in any of these points at the present time. During the period indicated various public gathering places were visited, such as the Paddock Bar, Carters', Mother Kelly's, Torch Club, and other places of less prominence, without learning anything indicating that Karpis had been seen or reported in that vicinity during the present season.

The Hialeah race track was contacted on March 7, 1936, the closing day of the regular season. Persons going and coming were observed, as well as people at the track. Various other Agents covered this same place on the day indicated. The dog track at Miami was covered by this Agent and Agent Wynn and other Agents, some Agents also covering the dog track at Flagler and Hollywood. Nothing was observed or learned to indicate the presence of Karpis. On March 11, 1936 together with Agents Hurt, Barber and Birch, the reporting agent attended Tropical Park race track without result.

In confidential code wire of March 6, and telephone conversation of March 8th with Mr. Tamm, and March 10th and 11th with Mr. Foxworth, as well as conversation with Mr. Tamm on March 11th, the Bureau was advised of the negative results insofar as obtaining any information as to Karpis was concerned, as to our activities at Miami and Miami Beach and vicinity.



March 6, 1936 the police at Miami Beach closed all gambling places by calling at these places and telling them they were to cease operations. The same situation existed at Miami, where however, two places continued to run, and on March 9th the Miami Police arrested the operators and 76 patrons of the gambling place at 239 North East First Street, and on the following day these patrons were fined and ordered to pay costs, the operators being fined \$100.00 and sentenced to ten days in jail. Certain minor other raids were made at both Miami and Miami Beach.

On the morning of March 10th at about 3.30 A.M. five armed masked bandits robbed the gambling place at Hollywood, Florida known as the Hollywood Country Club, obtaining what was reported to be \$18,000.00 in cash. There is some rumor and opinion that this might have been an inside job as the result of an unprofitable season. By reason of the above indicated activities of the Police, and the robbery indicated, together with the possibility of a drive by the police to locate the robbers thereof, it is believed highly improbable that Karpis or Campbell, if in that vicinity, would continue to remain there. It is also very doubtful whether they would visit places of this character, with the possibility of raids impending at the time.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. P. Barber and T. M. Birch at Miami, Florida and vicinity from March 5 to 12, 1936, inclusive, and predicated upon information received by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley to the effect that Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, were frequenting gambling houses, night clubs, bars and athletic events in the vicinity of Miami, Miami Beach, Hollywood and Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

During the period of investigation, the places covered by these two Agents were:

Miami Beach Kennel Club, Miami Beach, Florida  
Hialeah Park Race Track, Hialeah Park, Florida  
Tropical Park Race Track, Coral Gables, Florida  
West Flaegler Kennel Club, Miami, Florida  
Club Boheme, Hallandale Beach, Florida  
Maxie's Gambling establishment, on the Fort  
Lauderdale Road at the junction of the Hallan-  
dale Beach Road.  
The Plantation gambling house, Hallandale Beach Rd.  
Mother Kelly's bar-room, Miami Beach, Florida  
Five O'Clock Bar, a gambling house, located at  
239 First Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida  
Million Dollar Pier Dance Pavilion, Miami Beach.  
Town Casino Club, Miami Beach, Florida  
New Frolic Club, Miami Beach, Florida  
Tom Collins Bar, Miami Beach, Florida.

During all of the investigation at the above mentioned places, Agents did not disclose their identity at any time.

A summarization of the investigation did not disclose any information to the effect that either of the aforementioned subjects in this matter had at any recent time been frequenting any of the places mentioned.

With reference to S.A.C. Connelley's specific instructions to this Agent to ascertain if there had been a "shake down" of \$20,000.00 at any of the aforementioned places, as reported to Mr. Connelley, Gertrude Bond, a hostess at the Million Dollar Pier Dance pavilion, upon being questioned by the writer as to a likely place to gamble, advised that one Jesse Armstrong operated the Club Boheme on the Hallandale Beach Road, and that it was a very exclusive place. In conversation this woman further advised that on the night of March 2, 1936 Armstrong had been forced to pay the sum of \$2000 to a gang of racketeers who were attempting to "muscle" into his business. The writer and Agent Barber subsequently visited this place, and in discreet conversation with several of the employees therein no information was received which would indicate that this was true.

Agent Barber subsequently conversed with one Bill Schayne, who advised that he was the proprietor and licensee for all of the slot machines operating in the territory from Hollywood, Florida to Coral Gables; that this territory takes in Miami, Miami Beach, and other towns in that vicinity. Schayne advised that, besides the license fee paid the town, county, and state, he was forced to contribute for operating machines for the season the sum of \$15,000.00. He was likewise forced to donate to a politician, whom he did not name, the sum of \$2000 weekly. Schayne advised that it was his opinion that this money eventually found its way to the hands of the various police officers charged with enforcing the gambling laws. Agent Barber, in securing the above mentioned information, received the same through the medium of conversation and showed no special interest in it; however, Schayne did not seem to be reluctant to talk about his matter. Schayne did not have any information relative to any "shake down" other than this.

The writer subsequently learned from a woman informant in Miami that four members of the Miami Beach and Miami, Florida Police departments received a gratuity said to be in the amount of \$500 monthly for allowing slot machines to operate in violation of the law. It is possible that this is the information the informant referred to by Mr. Connelley had reference to regarding a \$15,000 "shake down".

At the Tom Collins Bar, which is located at the Dade County Causeway and Biscayne Boulevard, one Bruno Bring was employed as a bartender. Through contacting Bring several times, it was learned that he, during the winter season, worked at Miami, Florida and during the summer season was employed in a barroom at 183 Ocean Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey. Bring seemed conversant with the names and identities of many hoodlums in the vicinity of Miami. Discreet questioning failed to indicate that subjects Karpis and Campbell were known to him, or that he had any information relative to their having been in the locality of Miami, Florida.

Agent Birch was advised by Gertrude Bond, the informant heretofore mentioned, to the effect that one "Maxie" operated a gambling house on the Hollywood-Fort Lauderdale Road at the intersection of the Hallandale Beach Road on the left hand side just about at Goode's gasoline station. This place was observed by Agents and found to be a small, square frame shack laid out as a gambling house. Miss Bond further advised that "Maxie" was an ex-convict, having served time in the Florida State Penitentiary (crime not known). "Maxie's" place was visited by Agent Birch and Agent Barber on several occasions, at one time remaining there until daylight. At no time was there any indication that Karpis or Campbell were there.

The Plantation, a gambling house on the Hallandale Road was visited at one time by Agent Barber and Agent Birch. This place was found to be a rambling, rough frame structure located about 100 yards off the Hallandale Beach Road, surrounded by a high board fence with a large double gate. At this gate two armed guards are stationed at all times, and all persons entering are questioned as to their identity. Agents Birch and Barber upon going into the place, had an opportunity to observe all people therein and to observe all automobiles. At this place there was likewise no indication that Karpis or Campbell had been there.

Mother Kelly's Bar, at Miami Beach, Florida, and the Five O'Clock Bar at Miami Beach, were also visited by Agents Barber and Birch on various occasions, and throughout the investigation nothing was seen to indicate that either subject Karpis or subject Campbell were there.

At the Million Dollar Dance pavilion, Agent Birch was subsequently advised by Gertrude Bond that this place was operated by one George Burns. Miss Bond informed that Burns was not this individual's correct name and that she did not know his correct name. Burns was observed at the place as was Abe Attel, a former light weight pugilist, and the man who is reputed as having "framed" the 1919 World Series between the Chicago White Sox and the Cincinnati Reds. Attel seems to be employed in the capacity of a "bouncer". Agents Barber and Birch subsequently engaged George Burns in a

conversation at a time when Burns was slightly under the influence of liquor. Burns was in a very talkative frame of mind, but disclosed no information of value in this matter.

At the Hialeah Park Race Track, on March 6th, Agent Birch observed a woman whom he at that time thought to have been a girl friend of the late "Blackie" Thompson, Oklahoma bank robber who was slain in the vicinity of San Antonio, Texas, some months ago. This woman was subsequently observed by Agent Hurt who advised that although there was a marked resemblance he was positive that this woman was not the ex-girl friend of "Blackie" Thompson. This was done because of the fact that "Blackie" Thompson was probably well known to subject Harry Campbell, and the likelihood of a connection between a girl friend of "Blackie" Thompson and Harry Campbell seemed very probable. Several men seen with this woman were likewise observed by Special Agent in Charge Connelley and Agent Hurt, and it was not noted that there was any connection between these men and this matter.

Other clubs not mentioned in the forepart of this memorandum which were likewise visited were:

Club Ha-Ha, Hollywood, Florida  
Isle Casino, Hallandale Beach, Florida  
Royal Palm Club, Miami, Florida.

In accordance with instructions of Special Agent in Charge Connelley, Special Agent A. P. Barber and Special Agent T. M. Birch covered the following places for the purpose of ascertaining if anyone answering the description of Alvin Karpis or Harry Campbell was frequenting these places:

Hialeah Park Race Track (daily from  
March 5 to 9, 1936)

Tropical Park Race Track, Coral Gables,  
Fla. (daily from March 10 to 14)

Miami Beach Kennel Club (evenings)

West Flagler Kennel Club (evenings)

Hollywood Kennel Club (evenings)

The following gambling places were also covered:



The Plantation, gambling place at 239 First Street, Hollywood, Florida.

The Club Boheme, Hollywood, Florida

Agent Barber also frequented the following night clubs:

The French Casino, Miami, Florida

New Frolics Club, " "

Royal Palm Club, " "

Town Casino, " "

Club Bagdad " "

New Frolics Club, 13th Street at New Causeway.

Various taverns including Mother Kelly's at Miami Beach and Miami, Florida were also frequented. No individuals were noted who answered the description of either Alvin Karpis or Harry Campbell.

Information was developed through a girl Agents Barber and Birch met, known only as Jessie, that one William Schayne is the owner of all slot machines in operation in various taverns, night clubs, etc., at Miami Beach, Florida. It was further developed through this girl that Schayne paid the sum of \$15,000 for licenses for the operation of these machines in Miami Beach and that he also paid the sum of \$2,000 weekly to the Miami Police Department for protection purposes.

Agent later met this individual and from a personal observation of him came to the conclusion that in all probability he was nothing more than an agent of the true owner and operator of the slot machines. The following is a description of this individual from personal observation of Agent Barber:

Name:	William Schayne
Age:	35 to 37 years
Height:	5 ft. 7 in.
Weight:	145 pounds
Hair:	Dark brown
Appeared to be of Jewish extraction	

In view of the confidential nature of the investigation being conducted at Miami Beach, Florida, no open effort was made for the purpose of interviewing William Schayne with a view of developing further information from him concerning the operation of the slot machine racket and no information could be developed from him concerning the underworld activities at Miami, Florida other than what has been stated above.

On March 6, 1936 Special Agent C. O. Hurt was advised by Chester Timoney, former manager of the Biscayne dog track, that all gambling houses in Miami and Miami Beach would close on the night of March 6, 1936; that Joe Adams believed he could beat the harboring charges at the hotel, but did not believe he could beat renting the house for the Barkers; that Adams stated the sooner Karpis was caught the better it would be for him; that Mrs. Adams fell down a stairway about five weeks ago, and is now in the hospital in a serious condition. Mr. Timoney also stated that none of the gambling houses have paid any protection money except the usual pay off. b7d

[redacted] advised Agent Hurt that he does not believe any of the gambling establishments have been "shaken down" for anything except the regular pay-off; that in the early spring some hoodlums either from Chicago or New York City, attempted to force all night clubs and gambling houses to use organized labor, which would be furnished by unknown persons. [redacted] there was considerable discussion among night clubs and owners of gambling houses, who refused to employ the organized labor, and there was nothing more to it.

[redacted] advised Agent Hurt that he was informed by a certain woman that Volney Whitney and Fred Vickery are probably two of the bank robbers who robbed the Pampa bank March 3, 1936. [redacted] advised that Claude Littrell is the owner of the Plantation gambling house east of Hallandale; that when any of the boys are "too hot" to gamble in town, they frequent the Plantation; that Littrell is wealthy and is the "fixer" for places operating outside the city limits in Dade county. Agent Hurt is acquainted with one of the dealers in the Plantation, and this dealer has furnished Agent Hurt with information before.

On March 7, 1936 [redacted] at Fort Lauderdale was contacted by Agent Hurt and accompanied that agent to the races at Hialeah on the afternoon of that day. [redacted] he does not believe Karpis or Campbell have been in the vicinity of Miami in the last year; that they formerly lived at the Tamiami Hotel, before they were acquainted with Joe Adams, and later moved to the El Comodoro Hotel; that he does not know what names Karpis and Campbell used at the Tamiami Hotel.

On March 8, 1936 Robert Strange, dealer for the Plantation, a gambling house owned by Claude Littrell, located three quarters of a mile east of 101 Highway at the south edge of Hallandale, was interviewed by Special Agent C. O. Hurt, and stated that two Bureau Agents came to the Plantation while he was operating a roulette wheel about three or four days previously, and told him they wanted to talk to him in their car; that these men told him who they were, and he went with them to the car; that these men were armed, which caused considerable curiosity at the Plantation, as all the Plantation employees are well acquainted with all the local officers and did not understand what was wrong; that these men showed him photographs of Harry Campbell and other characters; that Littrell and the "bouncers" at the Plantation watched them very closely and Littrell got his rifle, and went to a secreted place, where he could stop these men if necessary.

Strange told Agent Hurt that he did not appreciate any officers coming to the Plantation to talk to him privately, as it might cost him his job, as well as get him in trouble with all the gamblers; that he has a family to support, and depends on his wages; that he did not tell these men anything, and told them that the Harry Campbell he knew was a different man from the one they were looking for.

Strange stated his boss (Littrell) did not feel kindly toward the Government as he was recently in trouble with the Government over income taxes, and for this reason he was afraid to tell Littrell, who these men were, which caused Littrell to be somewhat suspicious of him. Strange stated that he has not heard anything definitely as to the whereabouts of any of the Karpis gang since Agent Hurt first talked to him in the fall of 1934, except some underworld talk which was not definite. Strange stated that none of the gambling houses around Hollywood have been shaken down for any money at all, except the regular payoff; that an Italian or Jew, known as "Potatoes" appeared in the vicinity of Miami early this spring; that this fellow indicated he was going to enforce some kind of a pressure racket, but never did anything. Strange described "Potatoes" as age about 40 years, 5 feet 6 to 8 inches tall, weight about 160 to 170 pounds, and dark complexion, either from Chicago or New York.

Strange stated that the only two gambling houses of any size around Hollywood are the Plantation and the La Boheme Club, which is located on the water front, east of the Plantation. He stated that it is his opinion that anybody "very hot" would not frequent the larger gambling houses in Miami or Miami Beach; that most of the hoodlums from Chicago frequent Carters place at Miami Beach; that Carter sold all but ten percent of

his gambling house to Chicago men; that Carter himself is a native around Miami, and has the reputation among gamblers of being "square".

On March 9, 1936 Special Agent C. O. Hurt accompanied Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley to Hollywood, Florida where an interview was had with Robert Strange. Strange had no additional information but it is believed he will cooperate with the Bureau. b7d

Agent Hurt and Special Agent in Charge Connelley then proceeded to near [redacted] on account of the strangers in this informant's place he was not interviewed. Agent Hurt and the reporting Agent then proceeded to Fort Lauderdale for the purpose of contacting [redacted] but could not locate him.

On March 10, 1936 at 10 A.M. Special Agent C. O. Hurt proceeded [redacted] advised he had a good friend on the Palm Beach Police force by the name of Lew Connors; that he and Connors were formerly in business together, and Connors would know all the gamblers and gambling places in Palm Beach. Agent Hurt then proceeded to Palm Beach and in the absence of Miss Lola Miller, Postmistress, it was ascertained through a clerk at the General Delivery window that Joseph or Joe Roscoe was not receiving mail at this post office. An attempt was made at the City Hall to ascertain if Joe Roscoe was receiving water service, but this could not be obtained without knowing the street number.

Inasmuch as Palm Beach and West Palm Beach are so close together, the same inquiries were made at West Palm Beach, and in the absence of O. B. Carr, Postmaster, his secretary Earnest L. Abel was interviewed, and a search of the Post Office records failed to reveal the name of Joe Roscoe. Lew Connors was located at his home by Agent Hurt, his residence being at Ervine and Rosemary Streets, and advised [redacted] had requested him (Connors) to assist Agent Hurt in locating Joe Roscoe who is supposed to be operating a gambling game. Connors stated that he is sure there never has been anyone by the name of Roscoe connected with gambling in Palm Beach.

Mr. Connors located his son Herbert Connors, who has been running a gambling game for several years in West Palm Beach, and Herbert Connors stated that several games are running in West Palm Beach; that he is personally acquainted with everybody connected with gambling; that there is no one by the name of Roscoe connected with gambling in any way - either backing or operating; that about the first of December, 1935 some fellows



from up north, place unknown, rented a building on 1st Street and had it arranged for gambling, but were informed by the Police they could not operate a "bookie", and never opened for business; that these men left West Palm Beach and never returned; that the building on 1st Street was rented by a man named Sullivan, who is known to Police Detective Jack Thompson. Thompson was interviewed at the West Palm Beach Police Station by Agent Hurt and stated that Pete Sullivan, formerly connected with Carter's place at Miami Beach, is the same Sullivan who rented the building; that he supposed some of Carter's bunch were backing him; that Sullivan never got to open his game, and left town.

Thompson was asked by Agent Hurt regarding Joe Roscoe and stated that he is familiar with all the gambling games, but never heard of Roscoe; that he has an informant who can find out if Roscoe had been in West Palm Beach. Thompson called his informant and they were gone about an hour and returned and stated no one by the name of Roscoe has been connected with gambling in West Palm Beach.

Thompson stated that Roscoe could not be in the gambling racket in Palm Beach as there is only one game running in Palm Beach, and it is known as Bradley's place and is quite exclusive.

Agent Hurt then proceeded to Palm Beach where an interview was had with Eddie Long, Captain of Police, who advised that Bradley's Place is the only place in Palm Beach where there is any gambling; that he knows about; that Bradley's place is patronized by wealthy people and is some kind of a club or membership affair, and is not classed as a public place. It should be noted that Palm Beach and West Palm Beach would appear to be only one town, but are separate municipalities. Investigation at these two towns indicates that Joe Roscoe has not lived at either place.

In connection with certain investigation hereinafter indicated as covered by Special Agents Dowd and Peterson at St. Petersburg and Tampa, Florida, reference is made to letter of the Cleveland office to the Jacksonville office under date of March 2, 1936, as to the possibility of Joe Roscoe alias Roscalli, Toledo, Ohio being located in St. Petersburg, and this should be considered in connection with certain investigation as made by Special Agent C. O. Hurt at Palm Beach and West Palm Beach, Florida.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents E. J. Dowd and R. E. Peterson:

Agents E. J. Dowd and R. E. Peterson proceeded to Carter's Casino where part of the afternoon was spent in observing persons at the gaming tables and playing the races. There was a large crowd there, most of whom played the races. One "crap" table, four Roulette wheels and one Black Jack game were in operation. During the afternoon Agent Peterson also looked over a small gambling place around the corner from Carter's, called the Town Casino. About 4:30 P.M. Carter's place was advised that on account of the "heat", the place was to close that evening. Agent Dowd overheard one of the floor men ask the man making the request if it would be all right to wait until the races were over, and the man said "O.K.". "You will probably be able to open tomorrow afternoon in time for the races". At about 6:30 everyone was ordered from the place and the doors closed.

From Carter's place Agents Dowd and Peterson observed persons going into the French Casino, and from there these agents went to the West Flagler Dog track and stayed until the races were over, mixing with the crowd. From there Agents Dowd and Peterson went to a night club on the Million Dollar Pier at Miami Beach. Agents Birch and Barber were also there and during the evening Agents Birch and Peterson struck up an acquaintance with a couple of the hostesses. One of them volunteered information to Agent Birch that a gambling and night club near Hollywood had been shaken down for \$2000, and she and a friend agreed to accompany said Agents to the place the following evening. Agents Birch and Barber covered the place.

On Saturday, March 7th, Agents Dowd and Peterson attended the Horse races at Hialeah Park and in the evening the dog races at West Flagler. Said Agents circulated among the crowds at both places, but observed no members of the Karpis gang.

On Sunday, March 8th, Agents Dowd and Peterson had a conference with the reporting Agent, after which they were instructed to proceed to St. Petersburg, Florida for the purpose of locating Joe Roscoe, and to ascertain whether he was operating a gambling joint in that city.

Agents Dowd and Peterson departed from Miami at 9 P.M. March 8th, and arrived at St. Petersburg, Florida at 8:40 o'clock on March 9th. On March 9th and 10th these Agents made discreet inquiries and checked at the Power and Light Company, the Gas Company, City License Bureau, Tax Assessor's office, Chamber of Commerce, \_\_\_\_\_ County Auto Registration office, Post Office, but did not obtain any information that Joe Roscoe is known or is in St. Petersburg. b7d

Based on information that Roscoe had shipped a Buick coupe to St. Petersburg, Agents Dowd and Peterson made discreet inquiries and had the records checked at the office of the Atlantic Coast Line, and Seaboard Air Line, also at the Day and Night Garage, 321 3rd Avenue, and Doty's Garage, 743 2nd Avenue south, which garages handle cars shipped by rail into St. Petersburg, but there is no record indicating that the car had been shipped to St. Petersburg. The records of Buick Authorized Sales and Service, 4th St. and 15th Avenue, north, were also checked without results. The city traffic was also checked for this automobile, which from information furnished these Agents bears 1935 Ohio license 3713-F.

Agents Dowd and Peterson attended the dog races at the St. Petersburg Kennel Club, located about 8 miles north of St. Petersburg, at which place these Agents checked all cars parked at the track, but failed to find Roscoe's car.

Agent Dowd discreetly interviewed Jim Foley, secretary of the St. Petersburg Kennel Club, who advised that Joe Roscoe was not known to him; that with the exception of legalized gambling the dog races and slot machines, he had no knowledge of gambling places in the city or county. He stated that quite a number of people came to St. Petersburg and made inquiries regarding opening places, but with the church crowd in control in the city there is no chance for such places. Furthermore he states that there is about seventy-five percent of old people who visit at St. Petersburg, who are not interested in gambling; that recently the Club DeLores opened on the highway with a beer license, later selling whiskey, and did some gambling in craps, but was closed about a month ago. He stated that Tampa, twenty miles away, had quite a number of places, the largest one being the Lincoln Club, but recently the Lincoln Club was closed, and raids were conducted in the other places, although there are a number still quietly doing business.

From casual inquiries of taxi cab drivers, pool room operators, bell boys, hotel clerks, new stand operators, waitresses, "hangers on" at bars, it was ascertained that St. Petersburg is decidedly not an open and sporty city, although information was received that the Seminole Club, 601 Power and Light Building, and the Boca Ciega Social Club, 313 Magnolia Building, engage in private crap and poker games.

Tommy Ryan, city clerk, advised that the president of the Florida Power and Light Company is the president of the Seminole Club, which is an exclusive club for members only; that the Boca Ciega Social Club is also an exclusive club for members only, both clubs being considered high class.

It was noted that nearly all the visitors at St. Petersburg are elderly people and not of the sporting element; furthermore the bars (saloons) close at 10 P.M. and practically the whole city is closed between midnight and 1 A.M., and betting if any, is made over the telephone by one Oscar of Oscar's Pool Room, Central Avenue near 1st Street, through Tampa, Florida, where there are direct race wires.

The dog track is a small one, and it was noted that only about 200 persons were in attendance the day Agents Dowd and Peterson were at the track.

The following investigation was reported by Special Agent R.E. Peterson:

Agent Peterson arrived at Miami, Florida at 6.50 A.M. March 5, 1936, and got in touch with Special Agent E. J. Wynn in the early afternoon. During the evening and night Agent Peterson, accompanied by Agents Birch and Barber, visited a gambling place at 231 1st Street, N.E., the Miami Beach dog track, and Minsky's burlesque show on the Million Dollar Pier at Miami Beach, mingling in the crowds for the purpose of locating Karpis or other members of his gang, but Agent did not observe anyone who looked like any of the members of this gang.

The following investigation was reported by Special Agent E.J. Dowd:

During the afternoon of March 5th, Agent Dowd took in the Race track at Hialeah Park, observing persons purchasing and cashing tickets, principally at the \$5, \$10 and \$50 windows, downstairs, and on the mezzanine floor of the grand stand, with a view of locating Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell or Milton Lett, but without success.

On the evening of March 5th the writer (Agent Dowd) had dinner with Special Agents E. J. Wynn and C. O. Hurt at Carter's restaurant, Miami Beach, where agents kept the crowd under observation looking for Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis or Milton Lett. Later Agents went into Carter's Casino where a large crowd of persons was engaged in gambling. Agent Dowd observed four crap tables, nine roulette wheels and three large gambling wheels. In order to observe persons at the crap tables, Agent Dowd engaged in the dice games, going from one table to another, also looking over the crowd, at the other tables where persons were engaged in gambling on the roulette and other wheels. During the evening the dealer at one of the tables advised Agent Dowd that the place was financed by Tom McGinty of Cleveland, Ohio. Danny Callagher was not known to this dealer, and Agent Dowd did not see him there. Discreet inquiry was made of the dealer as to a recent shake down of \$20,000 at Carter's or other gambling places. The dealer laughed and said he never



heard of such a thing; that all places, particularly Carter's, were well protected. Agent Dowd remained at Carter's Casino until 3.30 A.M.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent K. R. McIntire, who was assisted by Special Agents E. K. Thompson and D. DiLillo:

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

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

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

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

On March 5, 1936 Agent McIntire was joined by Agent Thompson and the said two Agents covered the Hialeah Race Track once again and that evening conducted proper surveillance at Carter's Casino. Investigations were made at the Miami Beach dog tracks and Billy Minsky's burlesque.

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

On Friday night at about 6.00 P.M. (March 6, 1936), all gambling in Miami and Miami Beach, Florida was closed down by order of the Police Departments in said cities; thereafter there was no more gambling at Carter's gambling casino and the only attraction at that point was the food that was served in their dining room. Their dining room has the reputation of being one of the best eating places in Miami Beach. Investigation disclosed that it is patronized by crowds of persons.

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

On Saturday March 7, 1936 Special Agent D. DiLillo arrived at Miami Beach en route to San Juan, P.R. In view of the fact that he was unable to immediately embark on a plane, he accompanied the other Agents to the Hialeah race track on said date which was the occasion of the Florida Derby, the largest racing event during the entire year at this track. On the occasion of the Florida Derby all of the Agents mentioned above were present at the said track conducting surveillances at various likely points in an effort to locate Karpis and Campbell. There were approximately 25,000 persons present during this derby but the surveillance failed to disclose the presence of Karpis or Campbell.

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

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

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

The following inquiry was conducted by Special Agents E. J. Dowd and R. E. Peterson at Tampa, Florida:

Pursuant to instructions received from Special Agent in Charge Connellay by wire from Miami Beach, Florida, Agents Dowd and Peterson proceeded at 3 P.M. March 11th from St. Petersburg, Florida and arrived at Tampa, Florida at 3.45 P.M. after which until midnight of the same day, and the forenoon of March 12th, they were engaged in conducting investigation at Tampa and Ybor City, Florida, with a view of locating one Joe Roscoe of Toledo, Ohio.

In this connection Agents Dowd and Peterson discreetly interviewed bell boys and porters at hotels, taxi cab drivers, news stand dealers, dog track touts and players, checked police arrest records, city and county license bureaus, post office records, as well as records of Joe Johnson, authorized Buick dealer at Tampa, and freight stations of the Seaboard Air Line and Atlantic Coast Line for Roscoe's Buick coupe, said to bear 1935 Ohio license No. 3713-F, but there is apparently no indication that Joe Roscoe has been or is at Tampa, Florida.

From some of the persons interviewed it was ascertained that on the night of November 30th, 1935, one Joe Shoemaker, E. F. Rouenot, and Sam Rogers, were kidnaped and flogged; that one of the victims (Shoemaker) later died, and an immediate grand jury investigation was instituted

which resulted in the indictment of R. G. Tittsworth, former Chief of Police and nine other officers, as the persons being involved in the kidnaping and flogging of the three victims and subsequent death of Joe Shoemaker. The defendants are scheduled to go to trial on March 23, 1936. In the meantime another grand jury investigation is being made into alleged corruption in the city of Tampa, and county, and at the instigation of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and Churches, a special grand jury is investigating alleged widespread gambling activities in the county and city of Tampa. As a result of this investigation places where illegal gambling was found have been raided or closed, and it is said that over forty percent of persons engaged in such profession departed from Tampa for other places since about the first of the year, and at the present time only the slot machines and dog races, both legalized, are in operation, and "Boleta" a Cuban policy is being quietly sold to old customers by street solicitors.

Prior to "clamping the lid down" on illegal gambling, it appears, in addition to from 50 to 75 places which engaged in craps and poker games on a small scale, the three largest places were the Lincoln Club, operated by Eddie Birella, Tito, and Philip LaRusso; Moulin Rouge, operated by Henry Cohen, and the El Dorado. The Lincoln Club was the largest and rates second to Carter's of Miami Beach, Florida.

It appears that Cubans have been in control of gambling places although quite a number of Italians are also said to operate such places. However it does not appear from inquiries made that Joe Roscoe is known at Tampa, Florida.

On the evening of March 11th while Agents Dowd and Peterson were having dinner at the Las Novedades, Spanish restaurant, 1416 East Broadway, Ybor City, Florida, a place frequented by the sporting element, Agent Dowd made the acquaintance of one Manuel Birella, who states he was a guard and brother of Eddie Birella, one of the operators of the Lincoln Club. Taxi driver of Yellow cab No. 76 verified this and stated that Manuel Birella was the brother of Eddie, and a machine gunner who acted as one of the guards in a concealed coop above the entrance to the Lincoln Club. In a conversation with Manuel Birella he advised Agent Dowd that the Lincoln Club, second largest to Carter's, was forced to close over two months ago on account of grand jury investigations arising out of the flogging and death of one of the victims by Police officers; that this has made Tampa really "hot" as far as gambling is concerned. He stated that with the exception of a little "Boleta", all places are closed tight and former operators have been subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury; that he believes as soon as the present investigation is over, the Lincoln Club and better class places will be able to reopen. He stated that the Tampa dog track was erected and is being operated by outside capital and from time to time



gambling interests from the north and east have tried to "muscle in" at Tampa without much success; that he knows quite a number of places, but never heard of Joe Roscoe.

Agents Dowd and Peterson attended the night session of the dog races at Tampa on March 11th, and in addition to discreet inquiries made regarding Joe Roscoe, auto licenses on cars in the enclosure were checked for Joe Roscoe's car, without success.

At noon, March 12th, Agent Dowd telephoned to Special Agent in Charge Connelley at the Jacksonville Bureau office from Tampa, informing him that Joe Roscoe apparently was not at Tampa, Florida, whereupon Mr. Connelley instructed that Agent Peterson return to his headquarters at Nashville, Tennessee, and Agent Dowd proceed to Cleveland, Ohio.

P E N D I N G

Post Office Box 815,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.  
March 26, 1936.

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Hon. George F. Sullivan,  
United States Attorney,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Fugitive,  
I.O. 1218; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Pursuant to conversation had between  
Assistant United States Attorney George Heisey and Spe-  
cial Agent John E. Brennan, relative to removing certain  
exhibits from the Clerk's files for use in the trial of  
Joe Adams in the Southern District of Florida, the follow-  
ing exhibits are desired:

Exhibit #91, 92, 94d, 95, 96a, 96b, 96c, 97,  
97b, 98, 100, 102, and 102a, being registration cards of  
the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami;

Exhibit #103 being the telegram filed by  
Adams in behalf of McDonald;

Exhibit #116 being the telegram delivered to  
T. C. Blackburn, the filing copy of which is Exhibit #103;

Exhibit #109 being an envelope containing the  
business card of Joe Adams on which is written a note to  
Mrs. Ryan;

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Exhibit #110, 111, 112, 113, 114, and 115,  
being bills to Mrs. Ryan from the El Comodoro Hotel.

Mr. Heisey will prepare a stipulation provid-  
ing for the withdrawal of these exhibits and the substitution

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of photostatic copies in lieu thereof, and if this is agreeable to counsel for the appellants, an order to this effect, may be obtained.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Chicago  
Cincinnati  
Jacksonville

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1331 First National Bank Building,  
El Paso, Texas.

March 25, 1936.

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
IO 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with  
aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL,  
with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1236, et  
al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Please forward to this office one hundred additional copies of  
identification order #1236 on Harry Campbell, for distribution to bath  
houses at health resorts, as directed by the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*R.H. Colvin*

R.H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Bowling Green, Ky.  
Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Director of Louisville District,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Dept. of Justice  
769 Starks Bldg.  
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir:

In writing a speech for the Interstate  
Oratorical Contest, I desire some information  
concerning the early part of the crime career  
of Alvin Karpis.

It is my thought that Karpis's first  
crime was a relatively minor charge. What  
was that charge?

If you have a printed record of his career  
which you would be able to send to me, I  
would appreciate such a kindness on your  
part very much.

Thanking you for any information which  
you may supply me, I remain

Yours truly  
C. Harvey Gardiner

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U. S. Department of Justice  
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Louisville, Kentucky

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of the attached letter from Mr. C. Harvey Gardiner, 422 15th Street, Bowling Green, Kentucky, advising that he is writing a speech for the Interstate Oratorical Contest and desires information concerning the early part of the crime career of Alvin Karpis.

I have advised Mr. Gardiner that I do not have this information available, and that his letter is being forwarded to you for appropriate reply.

Very truly yours,

*O. C. Dewey*

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Special Agent in Charge.

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April 2, 1936.

Mr. C. Harvey Gardiner,  
422 15th Street,  
Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Dear Mr. Gardiner:

Your letter of March 13, 1936, addressed to  
Mr. C. C. Dewey, Special Agent in Charge of the Louisville  
Office of this Bureau, has been called to my attention.

In accordance with your request, I am pleased  
to enclose a copy of the Identification Order issued by  
this Bureau for the apprehension of Alvin Karpis, and hope  
that you may be able to obtain the necessary information  
from this order in preparation of your speech for the  
oratorical contest.

It has occurred to me that you might be interested  
in reading the following additional publications dealing  
with the activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

The Work and Functions of the Federal  
Bureau of Investigation  
Addresses delivered by the Director of  
the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
before the Sheriffs and Peace Officers  
Association of Oklahoma on January 13,  
1936 and before the Round Table Forum  
under the auspices of the New York Herald  
Tribune on March 11, 1936

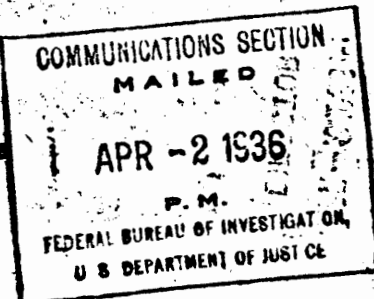
Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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