

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
AND  
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG  
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

**FILE NUMBER: 7-576**

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio.

FILE NO. 7-3

REPORT MADE AT <b>Louisville, Ky.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/8/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/25/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>F. W. NICOL</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, w. a. - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w. a. - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, w. a. - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1236; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><i>J. W. Toombs, Manager, Landsdown Bath House, Dawson Springs, Ky., furnished copies of Identification Orders #1218 and #1236. His cooperation was enlisted in the event Sub- jects should appear at this place. Identifi- cation Orders also left at hotels in this town.</i></p> <p>- P -</p> </div>			
REFERENCE: Letter from Chicago Office to the Director, with copy to Louisville Office, dated March 10, 1936.			
DETAILS: <u>AT LOUISVILLE, KY.</u>  <p>The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Richard E. Smith:</p> <p>Through inquiry at the State Board of Health, it was ascertained that there are only two such resorts in the State, one being located</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><i>O. C. Dewey</i></p> <p>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> </div>		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>7 1 576 + 10478</b></p> <p><b>APR 11 1936</b></p> <p><b>APR 10 P.M.</b></p> <p><b>APR 14</b></p> </div>	
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at Graham Springs, Mercer County, and the other at Dawson Springs, Hopkins County.

It was ascertained that the resort at Graham Springs is a new project, and is not fully developed at this time, but perhaps mineral baths may be obtained there at this time; also, that the resort at Dawson Springs has run down a great deal, and presently is not attracting a very large clientele.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent F. W. Nicol:

AT DAWSON SPRINGS, KY.

Agent interviewed Mr. J. W. Toombs, Manager, Landsdown Bath House, who advised that the Landsdown Bath House is the only resort open at Dawson Springs at this time, which gives mineral baths. Photographs of Subject Alvin Karpis and Subject Harry Campbell were exhibited, and he stated that he was certain that these persons had not been at the Landsdown Bath House during recent years. Identification Orders #1218, and #1236, were left with Mr. Toombs, and he was requested to immediately contact the Louisville Bureau Office by long distance telephone collect, in the event that he should see anyone resembling the photographs of Subjects appearing thereon, at his resort. He stated that he would gladly cooperate with the Bureau in this matter, and would notify the Louisville Office if he received any information.

Mr. T. J. Vincent, the lessee of the New Central Hotel, which is operated in conjunction with the Landsdown Bath House, was also contacted. He stated that he would take this matter up with all of his employees, and instruct them to be on the lookout for Subjects Karpis and Campbell. He advised after contacting several of his employees that he was certain Subjects had not been to the New Central Hotel. Copies of Identification Orders #1218, and #1236, were left with Mr. Vincent. His cooperation was enlisted, and he promised to notify the Louisville Bureau Office immediately if any persons answering the descriptions of Subjects Karpis and Campbell appeared at the New Central Hotel.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

LOUISVILLE OFFICE:

AT GRAHAM SPRINGS, KY.

Will exhibit photographs of Subjects Karpis and Campbell to the Manager of the mineral bath springs resort located at this place, and ascertain if the above mentioned Subjects have been seen at this place; also, will leave Identification Orders #1218 and #1256 at this place with the request that the Louisville Office be notified if these Subjects appear at this place.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 7-43

REPORT MADE AT <b>CINCINNATI, OHIO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4-2-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4-2, 3, 4-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>H. D. HARRIS MCR</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 FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NAT'L. FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Service Station operator, New Concord, Ohio, advised man resembling Karpis, driving Auburn Sedan with 1936 Virginia license 336441 passed through New Concord on April 2. His description of this man, however, does not fit Karpis and others who saw this man indicate identification doubtful. Trains arriving Cincinnati from Fayetteville, Arkansas, April 3 and 4 checked in effort to locate Art Hulbrook without result. List of Mineral Springs in Cincinnati territory secured.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Teletype to Bureau and Washington F.O. from Cincinnati 4-2-36; teletype from Oklahoma City 4-3-36; letter from Chicago office 3-10-36.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT CINCINNATI, OHIO</u></p> <p>At 5:00 P.M., on April 2, 1936, Town Marshal, Fred Cox, New Concord, Ohio, telephonically advised the Cincinnati Office that early on the morning of April 2, 1936, a filling station operator at New Concord, named Sam Miller, together with his brother, Tom Miller, saw a man, who, in their opinion, resembled Subject Karpis. He advised that this man was accompanied by a woman and was driving an Auburn Sedan with 1936 Virginia license #336,441. The Washington Field Office was requested by teletype to check this license plate.</p>			
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The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent J. E. Thornton:

Agent contacted Town Marshal, Fred Cox, New Concord, Ohio, who advised that Tom and Sam Miller are two brothers operating a filling station in New Concord and that Tom Miller had reported to him that a man driving an Auburn Sedan (year not known), with 1936 Virginia license #336,441, had purchased some gasoline at his station and that he had appeared to be in a very great hurry and had acted very suspiciously. Further, he advised that Tom Miller had advised after looking at some photos of men that the driver of the car resembled Alvin Karpis, very much. Marshal Cox advised that Tom Miller is on his toes and has been responsible for the recovery of three cars this winter, as upon becoming suspicious of persons buying gas he writes down the license number and immediately calls Cox.

Tom Miller was contacted at his station and advised that on 4-2-36 about 1:25 P.M., a well dressed man driving an Auburn, 4 door convertible sedan, with a kind of khaki top, drove into his station and gave evidence of being in a great hurry and purchased some gasoline paying for same by giving \$2.01. This man was accompanied by a woman, who did not get out of the car and who made no comments whatsoever. The man inquired as to where the rest room was located and gave the keys of the car to the woman while he retired to the rest room. The rest room is in the rear of the house and when the man came out of the rest room he actually ran through the other rooms and got into the car as if he were afraid of someone coming to the car.

Tom Miller described this man, as follows:  
Age, about 30, height 5'6", weight 140#, complexion fair, dress, well, dark suit and overcoat.

Miller was unable to give any description of the woman at all. At the time the car left the filling station it was going West. Miller believes that he saw the car go back through town headed East on 4-3-36 about 10:50 A.M., but is not sure as the car was travelling at a great rate of speed. Miller also advised that he believes that this same man stopped at his filling station sometime in January of 1936, and at that time he was accompanied by another man, who got out of the car and attended to the gas and water, etc. This second man is described, as follows: Age 30-35, height, 5'10-11", wore light overcoat.

Agent inquired of Miller if he had seen any pictures of Karpis or Campbell and he advised that he had, on many occasions, and for this reason was struck by the resemblance of this man to Karpis.

Agent allowed Tom Miller to look at the photos in the Pocket I.O. Booklet and he immediately picked the photo of Karpis as the first man described. He also stated that the man who had been with him in January greatly resembled Harry Campbell.

Sam Miller, the brother, was located and contacted in this regard and he advised that he was not present on 4-2-36 when this couple came into the station but that he was present last January when he waited on the two men who were driving a similar car and that he thought that the man who remained in the car was very similar in appearance to Alvin Karpis, although he could not give a description of him as he remained in the car. Sam Miller was allowed to examine the photos in the I.O.'s and he picked out the photo of Karpis but did not pick out Harry Campbell as the second man. Sam Miller also advised that he has seen photos of Karpis and Campbell previously.

Agent learned that two other men had been in the station at the time that the man and the woman stopped for gas and these two were Leon Waddell and John Cloud.

Both of these two men are well up in years and apparently just loaf around this filling station most of the time. They were allowed to examine the Pocket I.O.'s and after slowly going through the booklet stated that they were unable to pick out anyone who resembled the man who had purchased gas. After they had failed to select any one, Sam Miller asked John Cloud if the photo of Karpis did not resemble the man who purchased the gas and after again looking at it he stated that Karpis resembled the man. Leon Waddell after having his attention called to Karpis' photo still failed to identify him.

Marshal Cox later advised that if the Millers were incorrect that he knew that they were both very sincere and zealous in their desire to help and that both of them were interested in the activities of law enforcement agencies and were on the alert at all times and paid particular attention to the activities of persons coming to the station for gas.

It is noted from the letter of the Washington Field Office dated April 4, 1936, that the Virginia license plates above mentioned were checked and it was found that they had not been out of the State of Virginia, hence the information reported by the Miller brothers is apparently erroneous in this respect, also.

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

At 5:35 P.M., on April 3, 1936, a telephone call was received from Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley at Oklahoma City, advising that he had just received a telephone call from Major Wint Smith, Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol, calling from Lyons, Kansas, at which time Smith had stated that he has recently had two men watching an alleged hideout of some of the associates of subjects of this case, and that one Art Hulbrook, an ex-convict, had bragged several times about being with Karpis on some jobs.

According to Smith, Hulbrook is supposed to have left Fayetteville, Arkansas at 9:00 P.M., on April 2, 1936, by train for Cincinnati, Ohio, which train would go through St. Louis. Smith described Hulbrook as follows: Age, not given, height 5'10-11", build slender; wearing dark suit; light hat; brown hair, brown eyes; diamond pin in tie.

Smith advised that he was furnishing this information inasmuch as he did not have facilities to cover the matter. The above information was later confirmed by conference teletype to the Bureau and the Cleveland, Ohio and Cincinnati, Ohio offices.

It was ascertained at the Union Station, Cincinnati, Ohio, that the only train which could be taken from Fayetteville, Ark. on the evening of April 2, 1936, was at 8:34 P.M., and that it would have been possible to make connections in St. Louis, so as to arrive on either of two trains at Cincinnati, Ohio, on the afternoon of April 3, 1936, prior to the time this information was received at Cincinnati.

Special Agents G. F. Bickley, R. H. Klett and H. D. Harris covered all trains arriving at Cincinnati, Ohio, on the evening of April 3, 1936, which could have brought a passenger from Fayetteville, Arkansas, and this check was continued on the morning of April 4, 1936. These Agents also covered all out-going connecting trains, as well as all trains leaving for the northern part of the State of Ohio, in an effort to locate Hulbrook, in the event he was proceeding to one of the points where subjects of this case have had hideouts. This check not only included an observation of the passengers, but additional check was made of Pullman reservations, in the hope that Hulbrook might have had a reservation under his name, and a check was also made of Pullman porters, for a passenger answering this description. All of the above efforts were fruitless, and by a conference teletype on April 4, 1936, the Bureau and the Cleveland and Oklahoma City offices were accordingly notified.



Special Agent R. H. Klett ascertained that the Mineral Springs located in the territory of the Cincinnati Office, as listed in the "Mineral Waters of the U. S. and American Spas" are, as follows:

Fountain Park Magnetic Springs, Champaign County, Ohio.  
Magnetic Springs, Magnetic Springs, Union County, Ohio.  
Norfolk Mineral Springs, Mineral Springs, Ohio, Adams County.  
Spring Valley Springs, Spring Valley, Greene County, Ohio.  
Yellow Springs, Yellow Springs, Greene County, Ohio.

Inquiry is being made at the present time to ascertain if subject Campbell has frequented any of these Springs and arrangements will be made to have the Cincinnati office notified if he should appear at any of the above.

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WRG:EM

April 8, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. H. J. McCLURE,  
GENERAL AGENT.

There is transmitted herewith a voucher in favor of the Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation, in the amount of \$804.00, which represents charges for chartering a tri-motor Ford plane for a flight from Cleveland, Ohio, to Little Rock, Arkansas.

You are advised that information was received by this Bureau to the effect that fugitives wanted in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping case were in hiding at a point near Little Rock. Due to exigencies of the situation, it was imperative that a squad of heavily armed Special Agents of the Bureau proceed to that city with all possible speed in order that the apprehension of these fugitives might be effected. This was the only means of transportation available which would have served the purposes of the Bureau and instructions were issued by the Bureau for the chartering of this plane as a result of the extreme emergency of the case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Encl. #825938.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

April 9, 1936

ATTENTION: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

There is being submitted herewith, under cellophane cover, a pasteboard box bearing the label, "Goodman Bros. Pharmacy, Youngstown, Ohio", the label indicating that the box originally contained potassium permanganate.

This box was found in the house of prostitution of EDITH BARRY at Toledo, Ohio, and some significance is attached to it inasmuch as it appears to have originated at Youngstown, Ohio.

It is respectfully requested that this box be processed for latent fingerprints, and in the event same are developed they are to be checked against the fingerprints of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Fred Hunter, (referred to in letter from the Cleveland office to the Bureau on March 26, 1936, transmitting certain bottles and boxes which bore labels of Youngstown, Ohio, pharmacies).

In the event latent fingerprints are developed which cannot be identified as identical with the fingerprints of the above-named persons, it is requested that the Single Fingerprint File of the Bureau be checked.

Very truly yours,

*J. P. MacFarland*  
J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

EJW:h  
enc.  
cc: St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Chicago  
EJ Connelley

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7-576-10481

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 9, 1936 transmitting a small pasteboard box bearing the label "Goodman Brothers Pharmacy, Youngstown, Ohio", in connection with the above-entitled case.

You are advised that the pasteboard box has been examined and only one latent print, which is too fragmentary to be of any value for identification purposes, has been developed.

The original specimen will be returned to your office after the necessary photographs have been made for the completion of the Bureau's files.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Chicago

Mr. E. J. Connelley - Chicago

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Edgar

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
April 8, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge  
Buffalo, New York.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK  
DUNKIRK, NEW YORK  
Bank Robbery; National Motor  
Vehicle Theft Act; National  
Stolen Property Act; Unlawful  
Fleeing to Avoid Prosecution.

Dear Sir:

A copy of the attached letter is  
being forwarded to you for inclusion in your  
file 91-13 of the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Reinecke  
Special Agent in Charge.

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91-294-76

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
April 8, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

On April 1, 1936, Special Agent in Charge J.P. MacFarland of the Cleveland Office advised the Detroit Bureau Office by telephone that Fred Hunter, present associate of Alvin Karpis, might seek employment in Detroit, Michigan, as a stick man from either "Lefty" Clark or Fitzpatrick.

Inspector Snell, Vice Squad, Detroit Police Department, contacted a confidential informant of his office and this party advised that "Lefty" Clark, who usually goes under the name of Harry Bishoff, is presently operating a gambling establishment in Cincinnati, Ohio.

It is requested that appropriate investigation be conducted to ascertain if "Lefty" Clark alias Harry Bishoff is engaged in gambling activities in Cincinnati, as Fred Hunter may seek employment as a stick man in the dice game from "Lefty" Clark.

Very truly yours,

H.H. Reinecke  
Special Agent in Charge

WBR:R&S

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

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April 9, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In connection with whatever search is made of the effects and home of Frank Frost, who was arrested at Reno, Nevada, on April 8, 1936, at the request of the New York City Police on the suspicion of having participated in the Radio City jewelry robbery in this city, it is suggested that the agents making this search look carefully for one small Western Electric Carbon Microphone, in an aluminum-colored metal case. This microphone is the property of this Bureau and was being used in the apartment then occupied by Frost on West 86th Street, when it was discovered by either Mrs. Frost or another woman who shared the apartment with the Frosts, and had to be abandoned by the agents.

The microphone has a value to us of \$15.00 and, of course, aside from that, we would like to recover it or definitely ascertain what disposition was made of the microphone after it was discovered by Frost's women companions.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Chicago (Mr. E. J. Connelley).  
cc: Cincinnati  
cc: St. Paul

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R. MITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge. 936

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DECODED MESSAGE SENT DIRECTOR, ST. LOUIS, AND CLEVELAND.

BREKID RE TODAYS TELETYPE TOURIST CAMP ATTENDANT ADVISES AUTO WAS BLUE BUICK INSTEAD OF MAROON WITH ARKANSAS PLATES FIRST THREE NUMERALS BEING ONE FIVE ONE CONTAINED SIX MEN NO GUNS SEEN PICKED PICTURE OF KARPIS AS RESEMBLING ONE OF MEN.

SMITH

WAS/ew  
cc-Bureau ✓

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JEH:RLM

April 6, 1936.

Time-12:45 P.M.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: John Zetser

Colonel Gates telephoned and stated that he had just received a call from a representative of the Toledo Blade who advised that a man named Zetser of Port Clinton, Ohio returned home Saturday after being absent for a week; that Zetser had been held by the Federal Government, presumably the FBI in Cleveland. Colonel Gates stated that this newspaper man inquired as to why Zetser was held and I stated that there was no comment to be made.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

*Edw J. Barker*

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4/9/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/28/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>G. H. OLSON</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O. #1218; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE-ARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>John Zetzer, Port Clinton, Ohio, registered at Y.M.C.A., 10100 Harper Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, the night of November 5, 1935.</p>			
DETAILS: <p>The following investigation was conducted as a result of telephonic information received by Special Agent in Charge H. H. Reinecke of the Detroit Bureau Office from Special Agent E. J. Wynn of the Cleveland Bureau Office on the night of March 28, 1936, at which time Mr. Wynn requested that it be determined if John Zetzer had registered at the Y.M.C.A. located on Harper and Gratiot Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, on the night of November 6, 1935.</p> <p>It was determined that there is a Y.M.C.A. located on Harper Avenue, near Gratiot, the address of the Y.M.C.A. being 10100 Harper Avenue, Detroit.</p> <p>Agent contacted L. A. Dehnke, afternoon clerk at the Y.M.C.A., and was allowed to examine the guest register which showed that John Zetzer had registered there on the night of November 6, 1935, occupying room 508. Mr. Dehnke stated that from the initials appearing opposite the registration, Zetzer was registered in by the night clerk. This night clerk comes on duty after ten o'clock and therefore John Zetzer must have registered after that time.</p> <p>Mr. Dehnke made a check of the current index files of guests at the Y.M.C.A. but was unable to locate a card under the name of John Zetzer. Mr. Dehnke stated that the absence of a card indicated that</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. H. Reinecke</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		RECORDED AND INDEXED <b>7-576-10485</b> <b>APR 11 1936</b>	
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Zetzer was a transient guest and had not registered at the hotel on a previous occasion or since November 6, 1935. Mr. Dehnke ascertained from the register that Zetzer had only remained the one night.

A tracing of the handwriting of John Zetzer as it appeared on the register of the Y.M.C.A. was made and is being forwarded to the Cleveland Office with copies of this report. The register showed the following registration, "John Zetzer, Port Clinton, Ohio."

The above information was telephonically furnished Special Agent Wynn of the Cleveland Office on the night of March 28, 1936.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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APRIL 10, 1936.

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SAC CLEVELAND

Transmit the following message to:

BREKID. AUTHORITY GRANTED EXPEND ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR  
TRANSPORTATION AND MAINTENANCE INFORMANT CLAYTON HALL.

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is requested to supply the Indianapolis Bureau Office with two hundred copies of Identification Order No. 1218 relative to Alvin Karpis, with aliases, and with two hundred copies of Identification Order No. 1236 relative to Harry Campbell, with aliases.

Very truly yours,

*John A. Dowd*

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*out 4-13-36 g.m.*

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

April 9, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

Reference is made to Bureau letter of April 8, 1936, (7-576), furnishing the criminal record of Fred Hunter, with aliases, FBI #34440, said record reflecting that this individual, as #51873, was received at the Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio, on April 17, 1933, on a charge of larceny and possession of dynamite.

It is requested that your office immediately conduct appropriate investigation at the state penitentiary for the purpose of determining the identities of any other persons who convicted with Fred Hunter, and who served time with him in the penitentiary. Along this line, if possible, it is suggested that investigation be extended for the purpose of securing his correspondence list and also to determine the identities of any criminals, who were serving time in the penitentiary at the time he was incarcerated there, and with whom he was particularly friendly, and any other information which may be helpful in locating his present whereabouts.

It is further requested that the most recent photograph of Fred Hunter on file at the penitentiary be secured and that a copy of this photograph be furnished to this office and also offices receiving copy of this letter, and addition the Oklahoma City, Kansas City, and Little Rock offices.

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April 9, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a photographic copy of an anonymous communication recently received in the Bureau indicating that Frank Slater of the 1100 block South First Street, Terre Haute, Indiana, is in possession of information concerning the location of Alvin Karpis.

It is desired that this matter be given immediate investigative attention and the Bureau promptly advised as to any information obtained.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Mr. Tolson	.....
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Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Carson	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Gurnea	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Joseph	.....
Mr. Keith	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
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HOBART De WOLF  
Under Sheriff

SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
Fremont County, Wyoming

J. J. ANSELL, Sheriff  
LANDER, WYOMING

BEN F. HEUETT  
Deputy Sheriff  
W. E. YOUNG  
Deputy and Jailer

March 16th, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

Identification order NO. 1354 of William Elmer Mead received and I am writing to say that this man was known around here about a year ago following the gambling game. And was in Casper Wyo in partners with a man by the name of Roy Williams in the gambling game early this last winter. I think this Williams is still in Casper but do not know about Mead.

Hope this will give some lead on this case.

I am yours very truly

H. W. DeWolf, Under Sheriff

P.S. Will you kindly send to our office some finger print cards and envelopes. Thank you.

Law  
4/3/36

Supplies  
sent  
4/8/36  
J. J. Ansell

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Order 4/3/36  
cc Lander  
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April 3, 1936

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Mr. J. J. Ansell,  
Sheriff of Fremont County,  
Lander, Wyoming.

Attention: Mr. H. W. DeWolf,  
Under Sheriff.

My dear Sheriff:

I have the letter of March 16, 1936 from Mr. H. W. DeWolf, of your office, wherein he has furnished me with information concerning William Elmer Head, the subject of Identification Order No. 1354, which was prepared by this Bureau.

Please be advised that I have instructed Mr. R. D. Brown, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 722 Midland Savings Building, Denver, Colorado to have an Agent call upon you with reference to this matter.

In compliance with your request concerning an additional supply of fingerprint cards and envelopes, please be advised that these are being forwarded to you under separate cover.

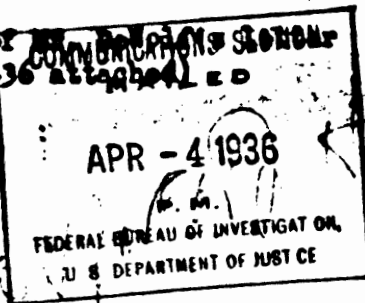
Assuring you of my desire to cooperate with you in all matters of mutual interest, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Denver

(copies of this letter  
of 3-16-36 attached) ED



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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

April 9, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Confirming long distance telephone conversation of this date between Special Agent W. J. Ryan of this office and Special Agent Cunningham of your office, please be advised that recent information indicates the possibility that subject Harry Campbell is presently married and the investigation being presently conducted along this line tends to indicate that his wife is one Marie Taylor, the daughter of John I. Taylor, a former sheriff of Lucas County, Ohio.

Marie Taylor was formerly married to Adolph Stormans, but was divorced from him in April, 1935, and presumably after the date of the divorce she met Harry Campbell.

The address of a Marie Taylor, 460 Prentice Street, Apartment 2, telephone Temple 17159, Detroit, Michigan, was located in the call house of prostitution of Edith Barry at Toledo, and it is very possible that this Marie Taylor is in fact the Marie Taylor, who is thought to be associated, or married to Harry Campbell at this time.

As requested in the telephone conversation above referred to, it is desired that a very careful, complete, and discreet investigation be conducted at Detroit with reference to Marie Taylor, 460 Prentice Street, Apartment 2, in an effort to ascertain whether she is presently residing there and if so, her background, associates, and present activities, and in the event she is not presently residing at that address, that her present whereabouts be ascertained, and appropriate action be taken to determine whether or not there is any foundation for the belief that she is married to or associating with Harry Campbell.

Marie Taylor, who is thought to be married to Harry Campbell is described as follows:

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Age	-	25 years
Height	-	5'4"
Weight	-	120 pounds
Hair	-	light brown
Eyes	-	Blue
Relatives	-	Father - John T. Taylor
		Brother - Jack Taylor, (a high school student)

This letter will also confirm the request that you verify the identity of the person to whom 1936 Michigan license plates L 848 were issued, this license having been observed on a black Buick sedan near Joe Roscoe's 42nd Street Cafe at Toledo, Ohio.

In addition you may consider this letter a confirmation of the telephone request that you immediately mail, via special delivery, the large pair of binoculars in your office to Special Agent E. M. Hirsh, Room 316 Millcrest Hotel, Toledo, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

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 - St. Paul

J. P. MacFARLAND  
 Special Agent in Charge

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J. P. MacFarland  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

Detroit, Michigan  
April 9, 1936

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*APB*  
Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

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Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

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*Edward J. Brennan*  
*b7c*  
*b7d*  
In reference to your telephone call to the Detroit Office on April 9, 1936, relative to Marie Taylor, please be advised that the following investigation was conducted as suggested by you:

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At the Social Hygiene Branch, Detroit Board of Health, it was ascer-  
tained by Agent Davis that there were several Marie Taylors who had  
been given physical examinations or treated for various ailments, but

None of the Marie Taylors gave the address of 400 Prentiss Street, Detroit. It was explained to Agent Davis that the only girls of whom the Board of Health has records are the ones arrested by the Police Department as being prostitutes or those who come in voluntarily for examination or treatment.

Mr. Jaycocks of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, Detroit, advised Special Agent W. B. Matney that the following telephone calls were listed to Temple 1-7189, which telephone is in the name of Marie Taylor, 400 Prentiss Street, Apartment 2, Detroit, Michigan:

January 2, 1936 - telephone call to Ballaire, Ohio, 888-M.

January 3, 1936 - telephone call to Windsor, Ontario 243M1.

January 10, 1936 - telephone call to Toronto, Canada, Kingsville 8M16.

January 10, 1936 - telephone call from Miss Gomez, Toronto, Canada, Kingsville 8M16, to Jimmy Hughes at Temple 1-7189.

January 23, 1936 - telephone call to Cleveland, Ohio, Michigan 2371.

January 24, 1936 - telegram from Temple 1-7189 to Miami, Florida.

February 2, 1936 - collect telegram from Miami, Florida, to Catherine M. Walla.

February 8, 1936 - telephone call to Cleveland, Ohio - Michigan 2371.

February 22, 1936 - telegram to Miami, Florida, from Miss Taylor.

March 3, 1936 - telephone call to Wheeling, West Virginia 2082.

Mr. V. W. Seaggs, Assistant Superintendent, Western Union, Detroit, Michigan, examined the records in his possession and advised that the following telegrams are the only ones which his records reflect as having been forwarded to or received by telephone number Temple 1-7189:

February 8, 1936 - to Marie Taylor, Flagler Hotel, Miami, Florida,

"Everything is fine. Business is good. Out and Flash is okay. Things going fine. Don't worry. Have a good time.

/s/ Catherine and Ella "

December 8, 1935 - to Mrs. Drue Smith, 1432 N.W. First Avenue, Miami,

"Greetings to all and lots of love.

/s/ Ella "

The records of the Postal Telegraph Company will be checked to ascertain additional information which might be of value in this case.

An examination of the records at the Identification Bureau of the Detroit Police Department revealed approximately one hundred Marie Taylors who have police records in Detroit. A thorough search was made but none of the Marie Taylors listed in the Detroit Police Department files was recorded as living at 480 Prentiss Street, Detroit.

Special Agents W. H. Davis and W. E. Hunsley viewed the premises located at 480 Prentiss Street, Detroit. It is worthwhile to note that this address is a large, old fashioned building, which has apparently been transformed into an apartment building. The location in which this building is situated is an undesirable one due to the class of people that reside in the general locality and therefore an open surveillance of this location would be difficult.

In view of the fact that the Detroit Office was advised that the above mentioned information is to be kept in strictest confidence, the Detroit Office is awaiting instructions from the Cleveland Office before conducting additional investigation at 480 Prentiss Street.

In confirmation of my wire on this date, please be advised that 1936 Michigan license #L-948 is issued to Ernest O. Church, 811 East Pottawatonia, Tecumseh, Michigan, for a 1936 Buick sedan, motor number 43000296. This information was obtained from the local office of the Michigan Secretary of State.

The binoculars which you mentioned in your conversation today have been mailed by Parcel Post to Special Agent E. M. Hirsch, 816 Millcrest Hotel, Toledo, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Reinecke  
Special Agent in Charge

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Cincinnati  
Chicago  
St. Paul

Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
April 9, 1936

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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Bureau letter dated February 29, 1936 in the above case reveals that on July 6, 1933, in connection with the Kanno case, letter forwarded from the Bureau to the St. Paul Office advised that all of the latent prints secured at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, were identified as those of Frank Nash; also that on March 27, 1934, in connection with the Brekid case, three photographs of latent prints developed on articles at 204 Vernon Avenue which had not previously been turned over to the St. Paul Office, were received at the Bureau, and on April 5, 1934 Bureau's communication to Mr. W. A. Rorer at St. Paul revealed that one of these latent prints was identified as that of Paula Harmon.

It is requested that the name of the proper person or persons to be subpoenaed from the Bureau be supplied the St. Paul Office in connection with, (1) the identification of Frank Nash's fingerprints at 204 Vernon Avenue, as set out in letter to the St. Paul Office dated July 6, 1933 in the Kanno case, and (2) the identification of the fingerprints of Paula Harmon at 204 Vernon Avenue, as set out in letter dated April 5, 1934 to Mr. W. A. Rorer at St. Paul, Minnesota, in the Brekid case.

Very truly yours,

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G. W. STEIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, Ohio.**

FILE NO. **7-35**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Dallas, Texas.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4-7-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/20-25/36 4/2-4/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. C. Coulter.</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; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="text-align: right; padding-right: 50px;"> <p>C. C. Peters, Fort Worth, Texas, claims acquaint- ance with Karpis, but denies knowing whereabouts. Promises cooperation. Jack Fortune not located at Dallas, Texas, and whereabouts unknown, A. C. Powers killed in auto accident at Naples, Texas, not identical with subjects of this case. P.</p> </div>			
REFERENCE:  <div style="text-align: right; padding-right: 50px;"> <p>Report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, Kansas City, Missouri, dated March 2, 1936; report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, Dallas, Texas, dated February 29, 1936, and letter from Special Agent in Charge R. H. Colvin, El Paso, Texas, to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 5, 1936.</p> </div>			
DETAILS:  <div style="text-align: right; padding-right: 50px;"> <p>Mr. H. O. Anderson, Ass't. Secretary and Treasurer, Texas &amp; Pacific Coal &amp; Oil Co., Fort Worth National Bank Building, Fort Worth, Texas on inter- view on March 20, 1936, stated C. G. (Jack) Campbell presently resides at Midland, Texas, and is employed by the company as Driller &amp; Production Super- intendent, and in that capacity is authorized to employ and discharge personnel as he sees fit. Mr. Anderson stated about every three months Campbell is called to Fort Worth to confer with officials of the company, however other than these trips has no occasion to come east of Midland, Texas; that the principal places of activity are west from Midland, Texas to Hobbs, New Mexico, and south from Midland to McCamey, Texas. Mr. Anderson further stated Campbell would</p> </div>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <b>F. J. Blaker</b>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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1 - <b>MAR 23 1936</b> 2 - St. Paul 2 - Cincinnati 2 - Chicago 1 - Kansas City 2 - Dallas <div style="text-align: right;">RCC:wwt</div>		<div style="text-align: center;"> <b>7 1576 +10496</b>  <b>APR 11 A.M.</b>  <b>APR 11 1936</b>  <b>APR 14 1936</b> </div>	

be in the vicinity of one of the above mentioned three places. Mr. Anderson promised to treat the inquiry in absolutely confidence and stated he would gladly assist representatives of the Bureau in any way he could be of service.

Since the submission of reference report of this agent, the residence of C. C. Peters, 1619 Pennsylvania Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas, has been observed at every available opportunity, which was almost daily, and on numerous days the premises were visited numerous times. At no time during the period were any strangers observed about the premises, neither was there any strange car observed in Peter's garage, which is visible from the streets. Owing to past contacts had with Peters, a decision was made to openly interview him. Accordingly contact was made with C. C. Peters near his farm, which is located about seven miles North of Fort Worth on the Grapevine Road, on the morning of March 23, 1936. Special Agent F. S. Dunn of the Dallas Bureau Office, who is well acquainted with Peters and apparently well liked by Peters, assisted Agent in the interview with Peters. In substance, Peters stated he has been a professional bondsman for more than thirty years at Fort Worth and has become acquainted with numerous underworld characters while working in that capacity. He stated he does not know Harry Campbell, however, he claimed to have met Karpis at Dallas, Texas, several years ago, the date being fixed by him at the time of or before the Lindbergh kidnaping. In this connection he was unable to supply any definite information as to Karpis' contacts, if any at Dallas, except one Al Mosich, who Peters stated is presently serving a ten year term in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, having been convicted at Fort Worth about four years ago on a charge of Forgery; that Mosich is originally from Chicago, but he believes this man will return to Fort Worth when he completes his sentence; that Mosich is very bitter on account of his conviction, and it would be useless to interview him for information; that on one occasion Mosich told him that he would get some money from Karpis if he could locate Karpis, however, this was while Mosich was in custody at Fort Worth and before his conviction.

During the course of the interview Peters mentioned that Slivers McBride, who resides in the vicinity of Kansas City, Missouri, telephone: Westport 3821, was a good contact in Kansas City, and that McBride had called him by telephone on November 20, 1935, for the purpose of securing bail bond for a woman held by the Fort Worth Police Department under the name of Dorthey Davis on a charge of shop lifting. That Tom Carney, St. Louis, Missouri, since deceased, also called him regarding the woman. He stated a Jewish man going under the name of Henry Orenstein, who claimed to be the husband of the Davis woman was in Fort Worth at the same time and was stopping at the Metropolitan Hotel.

A subsequent check at the Fort Worth Police Department verified the fact that Dorthey Davis, Fort Worth Police Department No. 7866 and F.B.I. File No. 203662, was arrested at Fort Worth on November 16, 1936, on a charge of theft over \$50, and was subsequently released. Discreet inquiry of employees in the identification bureau of the department reflected this woman had been released without trial. She was arrested with Henry Orenstein, who was immediately released, after his fingerprints were taken. His number was #Ex19926, and his classification was 1/1 R/R a/a 9/13. His photograph was not taken and he did not have a previous criminal record according to a report from the Bureau. Orenstein had in his possession a 1934 or 1935 black Buick Sedan, Motor No. 2972177, bearing 1935 Minnesota license No. 53-840. The

records indicated Dorthey Davis is a professional shoplifter, with numerous arrests for that offense in various sections of the United States.

Continuing, Peters stated if Karpis is frequenting Kansas City he probably has the assistance of Elivers McBride or McBride probably has knowledge of Karpis' presence when he is in Kansas City. He stated that he would be willing to assist the Bureau in any way he possibly can and that he would within the next month or two, if possible, induce McBride to visit with him at Fort Worth and would secure any information McBride may have as to the whereabouts of Campbell and Karpis or any other badly wanted fugitives in which the Bureau is interested.

As a point of information Peters suggested Karpis may be known to Lee Colburn, a local man of Fort Worth, who can be located generally in the place operated by "Boot" Simpson on 3rd Street in Fort Worth, which is the headquarters for a policy racket. Peters' name should be treated in confidence.

Efforts to locate Jack Fortune, 1822 Cadiz Street, Dallas, Texas, reflects he is unknown at that address, which is a cheap rooming house, and that his name does not appear in any of the Dallas directories for the past five years. Inquiry in the vicinity of the above mentioned address also failed to reflect that Fortune was known. He is unknown to the officials of the Dallas Police Department and has no criminal record at Dallas under the above mentioned name. There is no record of a forwarding address for Fortune from 1822 Cadiz Street on file with the Post Office at Dallas.

The racing season at Arlington Downs, located between Dallas and Fort Worth Texas, is open from March 27, 1936 to April 25, 1936. Identification orders relating to Karpis and Campbell were distributed to the members of the race track police, and their cooperation was promised in the event any individuals appeared there who appeared to be identical with either of these subjects.

On March 29, 1936, press reports reflected A. O. Powers, reported to be a big Hot Springs, Arkansas, gambler was killed near Naples, Texas, in an automobile accident. As to what actually happened or details to the identity of the man, the reports were conflicting. Inasmuch as it appeared the man had been in Hot Springs and there was considerable confusion as to the facts surrounding him, it was decided to make a check for the purpose of determining whether he was a subject of this case or an associate of any of the Subjects.

On April 2, 1936, Mr. J. B. Floyd, Undertaker, Naples, Texas, was contacted and he stated he handled the body of Powers after his death which occurred about three and a half miles east of Naples on March 28, 1936. He stated he learned from a woman who represented to be the wife of Powers, that Powers had been living in Dallas, Texas, for the past two or three months, and that he had appeared in Texarkana, Texas, or Arkansas, at the home of his wife, reported to be located at 810 East 8th Street or West 8th Street on March 27, 1936, and that she departed with him on the 28th of March; that Powers was reported to have been extremely drunk and driving at a high rate of speed when he wrecked his automobile and he was instantly killed. He stated Powers was about 47 years old; about six feet tall; weight about 185; blue eyes; dark hair and olive complexioned. Through Mrs. Powers he learned Powers had deserted his first wife and that his sister-in-law a [redacted] resided

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at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and had custody of Powers' two children; that he communicated with Paul Heady, undertaker, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and found that [redacted] would not accept Powers body, and that Powers had been a resident of Hot Springs for a number of years, but apparently had no living relatives. He stated on instructions from Mrs. Powers he buried the body of Powers at Naples on the morning of March 28, 1936. Mr. Floyd further advised that there was no calls other than the one from Heady giving instructions as to the disposition of the body. He stated press reports to the effect that he had received telephonic instructions to bury the body as quickly as possible were without foundation, and started by representatives of the Texarkana papers. Mr. Floyd further stated that Mrs. Powers had attempted to keep her marriage to Powers from becoming public and asked their cooperation in not mentioning her name; that she had been living in [redacted] under the name of [redacted] and that they did assist her in keeping her identity from the newspapers, which caused the papers to become quite inquisitive, and to state the couple were accompanied by another individual. Mr. Floyd further advised that Powers appeared to be a cheap gambler, as he had about a half dozen decks of crooked cards and about a dozen pairs of crooked dice in his effects, which were taken by Mrs. Powers and returned to Texarkana, and that Mrs. Powers returned to Texarkana on March 28, 1936.

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An examination of the Plymouth Coach used by Powers was made at the Chevrolet Garage in Naples, where it was taken after the accident. This car was a battleship grey 1935, model, bearing Motor No. P2\*95369\* and Serial No. 9027228, and 1936 Arkansas License No. 3-195. Mr. Floyd stated it was his understanding that the car belonged to Mrs. Powers, who had purchased it under the name of [redacted]. This automobile was completely demolished and an examination of same for fingerprints was without results.

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Dr. William Smith, Naples, Texas, stated he went to the scene of the accident on March 28, 1936, at or about 2:45 p.m., and observed that there apparently were only two persons in the car at the time of the accident, they being Powers and his wife; that Powers was dead when he arrived and Mrs. Powers' collar bone was broken. He stated, had other persons been in the automobile they would in all probability been seriously injured or killed, and that he received no information to the effect that the Powers were in company with other persons. He stated Mrs. Powers stated she resided with a family by the name of [redacted] at an address as he remembered being [redacted]. He stated the [redacted] family was contacted by him via telephone and came immediately to Naples; that Mrs. Powers, who apparently was using her previous married name, [redacted] remained in his office from the time she was brought to Naples on the 27th of March until the following day, but did not receive any telephone calls and no one attempted to communicate with her at Naples. Dr. Smith stated he had City Marshal John Tigert, who was absent from Naples on the date agent called, to communicate with the city marshal at Hot Springs, Arkansas, who apparently knew Powers, and who advised Powers' father, now deceased, was formerly a farmer in the vicinity of Hot Springs. Dr. Smith stated the call was made from his office and that he heard the conversation.

Dr. Smith further advised that Powers was not fingerprinted as his identity was definitely established to their satisfaction, however the matter of his identification was gone into carefully both by Mr. Floyd and himself as press reports intimated he was a gangster. He too advised that the press was a little over energetic

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in this case as the representatives felt they were withholding information regarding Powers, however, he stated they had only attempted to assist Mrs. Powers from undue publicity, as she had requested their help and appeared to be a rather refined woman. He stated that Mrs. Powers exhibited her marriage license to him, which disclosed she had married Power [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He stated Mrs. Powers had between \$100 and \$200, and that she paid Powers' burial expenses.

Mrs. Powers was described as being about thirty-nine years old; five feet four to five inches tall; weighing one hundred twenty pounds; medium build and brown hair. [REDACTED] This description was provided by Mr. Floyd.

Inasmuch as the activities of Slivers McBride is known to the Kansas City Office, and his actions periodically checked, no lead is being directed to that office.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:**

The Dallas Bureau Office: At Fort Worth, Texas, will keep in contact with C. C. Peters for the purpose of determining whether he is successful in securing any information from McBride, and conduct such other investigation as the facts and circumstances warrant.

**PENDING.**

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

April 9, 1936.

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

Re: W. J. McNULTY - Special Agent

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that the above-named Special Agent returned to Cleveland, Ohio on April 8, 1936 at 8:30 p.m. for special assignment in connection with the Brekid case.

Very truly yours,

*J. P. MacFarland*

J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Kansas City

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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>4-9-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4/1-7/36</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 OF FUGITIVES - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Identity of the Alvin referred to in communication addressed to Rose Zask established to be that of the ten year old son of her sister, Geraldine Nelson.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[REDACTED]</p> <p>Court order obtained for withdrawal of certain exhibits for use in trial of JOE ADAMS; ET AL. No record registration 1936 Buick Sedan, Engine No. 63052198 in Minnesota for 1935 or 1936.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent John E. Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota, 4-1-36.			
DETAILS: <p>In further reference to teletype message from the Oklahoma City Office dated March 22, 1936, referring to a letter mailed by Bill Stokes for one "Red", addressed to Rose Zask, 3441 Park Avenue South, Minneapolis, inquiry was made of Mrs. Carl F. Upstill, who resides on the first floor at this address, which developed that Rose Zask and her sister Geraldine Nelson, both of whom are employed at the Kiekarnick Company, Minneapolis, room on the second floor of 3441 Park Avenue with Mrs. George Dickman; that Geraldine is a widow and has a son Alvin, ten years of age, who lives with her. From the contents of the letter referred to it is apparent that the Alvin mentioned in this letter is the son of Geraldine Nelson rather than ALVIN KARPIS.</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>C. W. Altman</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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[REDACTED]

A stipulation signed by the attorneys for the appellants in the Bremer case was obtained and filed in the District Court at St. Paul, on which an order was issued for the withdrawal of certain exhibits and the substitution of photostat copies thereof. These exhibits are necessary in the trial of JOE ABERS, ET AL, in Florida, and were withdrawn and forwarded to the Chicago Office for photostating, with the request that the originals be sent to the Bureau and the photostat copies be returned to the St. Paul Office to be filed with the Clerk of the District Court. An exemplified copy of the indictment returned in St. Paul on May 4, 1936 against ALVIN KARPIS, ET AL, and an exemplified copy of the bench warrant issued on this indictment for KARPIS on the same date, were obtained and forwarded to the Bureau.

In response to an inquiry made of Mike Holm, Secretary of State of Minnesota, he advised that he has no record in the 1935 or 1936 motor file of registrations of 1936 Buick Sedan, Motor No. 63052198, Serial No. 2685972, in the State of Minnesota. A "Stop" card has been placed in the motor vehicle files on this car and the St. Paul Office will be notified in the event it is registered in 1936. This is the car KARPIS is alleged to be driving at this time.

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON

March 21, 1936

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

IN REPLY REFER TO: FCAD

Department of Justice,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

~~X~~HARRISON, William James, Jr.  
XC-442,321

Gentlemen:

A claim for payment of the adjusted service certificate of the above named veteran has been filed in this office on account of his continued and unexplained absence. There is attached a photostat copy of this veteran's application for adjusted compensation which contains his finger prints.

It is desired that you furnish this office a complete report of any record on file in your office indicating the death of this veteran.

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Respectfully,

*H. L. McCoy*

H. L. MCCOY,  
Director of Insurance.

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*Letter to H.C. McCoy  
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Item 10 will not be filled out in case of dependent making application

Application  
number

19. In accordance with the statements made by me in this application, I hereby apply for the benefits to which I may be entitled under the provisions of the World War Adjusted Compensation Act, and designate the following-named person as my beneficiary under the provisions of said act:

Name Mrs. May Harrison  
(Mr., Mrs., or Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)

Mother  
(Relationship of beneficiary)

Address of beneficiary 4539 Gibson Ave., St. Louis, Mo  
(House No.) (City) (County) (State)

Signature of veteran William James Harrison Jr.  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

11.

12. (See instructions for this item.)

(a) Harrison William James  
(Name of veteran—Last) (First) (Middle)

(b) None given 171-27-28  
(Serial number of veteran)

(c) 4539 Gibson Ave.,  
(Address of veteran)  
St. Louis, Mo

(d) Sept 27, 1899  
(Date of birth of veteran)  
St. Louis, Mo  
(Place of birth of veteran)

(e) Sea. 20. U.S.S. Dakotian  
(Rank and organization at date of discharge)

FINGERPRINT OF RIGHT HAND OF VETERAN  
(Plain imprint of four fingers taken at the same time)

(Extract from Title VII, World War Adjusted  
Compensation Act)

**PENALTY FOR MAKING FALSE OR FRAUDULENT  
STATEMENT IN APPLICATION**

Sec. 702. Whoever knowingly makes any false or fraudulent statement of a material fact in any application, certificate, or document under the provisions of Titles III, IV, V, or VI, or of any regulation made under any such title, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$1,000, or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both.

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Dependents must be submitted with their application the affidavits shown in the instructions which are required by law and regulations.

The following items will be completed only when dependent makes application for compensation.

21. At the time of his (her) death the veteran named in this application had the following-named dependent relatives now living:

1. Widow or widower \_\_\_\_\_  
(First name) (Middle) (Last)

2. Child \_\_\_\_\_  
(First name) (Middle) (Last)

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Child \_\_\_\_\_  
(First name) (Middle) (Last)

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

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(First name) (Middle) (Last)

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

3. Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
(First name) (Middle) (Last)

4. Father \_\_\_\_\_  
(First name) (Middle) (Last)

22. I am \_\_\_\_\_ of the veteran named in this application; I was a  
(Relationship of dependent)  
dependent of him (her) at the time of his (her) death, at which time I was \_\_\_\_\_ years  
old, and in accordance with the statement made by me in this application I hereby  
apply for the benefits to which I may be entitled under the provisions of the World War  
Adjusted Compensation Act.

23. My address is \_\_\_\_\_  
(House number) (Street) (City) (County) (State)

24. Signature of dependent \_\_\_\_\_  
(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)

25.

26. Item 26 for dependent only.

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me at

\_\_\_\_\_ this

day of \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of individual administering oath)

(Title)

[SEAL]

FINGERPRINT OF RIGHT HAND OF DEPENDENT  
(Plain imprint of four fingers taken at the same time)

XC-442-32



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

I. C. #7-576 - 9438

October 30, 1935.

Identification of the Body of  
William J. Harrison

William J. Harrison was born in St. Louis, Missouri, September 27, 1900. He spent the major portion of his adolescent years in St. Louis. In about 1926 he went to Calumet City, Illinois, where he operated numerous "Speak-easies" and dispensed alcoholic beverages during the prohibition era. He became associated with the Capone syndicate of Chicago and fraternized with persons of such notoriety as Gus Winkler, Big Homer Wilson and "Killer" Burke. Fred Goetz, alias George Zeigler was one of the leading Capone henchmen, and spent much of his leisure in pleasant golf games with Harrison who was a golf professional.

Harrison became acquainted with members of the Barker-Karpis gang through Fred Goetz. Harrison had become a man of wide experience in his travels, and, as a result of his underworld activities was able to furnish to members of the Barker-Karpis group, some of their most valued contacts, and without whom many of their sinister designs would not have been consummated.

When plans were being formulated in Chicago and St. Paul, for the abduction of Mr. Edward George Bremer, arrangements had to be made for the removal of the women members of the gang from St. Paul, and finding them apartments which would serve as a safe rendezvous for their gangster companions. This task fell to Harrison, who lodged the women in pleasant apartments on Chicago's South Side, which were operated by a "tight guy". During Mr. Bremer's twenty-two days of confinement in the Bensenville, Illinois, hideout, Harrison served as an outside "contact man" for the gang, thus insuring its continued safety during the abduction period. Harrison, despite his precarious undertakings, was a man of wit and humor, and served as the "court jester" or "court fool" to the amusement of his gangster affiliates.

Temporarily, after the release of Mr. Bremer, the gang quit Chicago, Harrison providing safe refuge, entertainment and invaluable contacts elsewhere. When it appeared to the gang, however, that the "heat was off", certain members returned to Chicago, using Harrison to rent apartments, thus allaying suspicions which might have arisen had the more notorious members of the gang secured the apartments themselves.



Harrison was trusted, and even his garrulous nature had not, up to this time, given rise to doubt on the part of his companions. Unwittingly, however, he communicated to other associates of the gang who were not in the "inner circle", certain information which, it was felt, should not have been divulged.

Using a ruse, Harrison, on the night of January 5, 1935, was lured by his companions to an abandoned barn in the vicinity of Ontarioville, Illinois. When he entered the barn in the hope of effecting his mission he was shot to death by several of his erstwhile associates. His body was then soaked in gasoline, placed in an appropriate position and the barn was set on fire. The structure was completely demolished. On the following day, January 6, 1935, the charred outline of an apparently unidentifiable body of a human being was observed, lying in the smoldering embers. Only a torso remained.

The Sheriff's Office at Wheaton, Illinois, was notified immediately, and the body was removed by the Du Page County coroner to an undertaking parlor at Roselle, Illinois. An x-ray examination of the body disclosed it to be that of a male individual. The x-ray also disclosed the location of a bullet which was found embedded in the lower part of the right shoulder of the corpse. A ballistics examination of this bullet reflected that it had been fired from a .32 calibre automatic pistol.

A search for identifying items left at the scene of the crime disclosed an Elgin wrist watch and gold link wrist bracelet lying beside the body. There was also found what remained of a pair of octagon shaped eye glasses. In addition thereto there was found an empty five gallon gasoline can and a crank for a Model A Ford automobile.

Investigation by the Wheaton, Illinois, Sheriff's Office at the Elgin Watch Company, Elgin, Illinois, reflected that the watch had been assembled in 1928 and had been sold on February 15, 1929. There were no records, however, disclosing the identity of the firm to which the watch had been sold. The watch was described as grade 428, model 6-0, movement 32,166,666, chrome nickel plated case #0,211,813. All jobbers handling Elgin watches were circularized by the Wheaton, Illinois, Sheriff's Office in an effort to trace the watch, but without results. The Sheriff's Office also caused this watch to be submitted to scientific analysis. The examination disclosed a jeweler's repair number C-633 which had been scratched on the inside of the case. Pertinent information concerning the watch and the repair numbers were published by the Sheriff's Office, during the month of June 1935 in a magazine issued by the Jewelers' Association, in an effort to effect an identification, but without results.

Meanwhile the investigation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation had been progressing in an effort to locate and apprehend the remaining fugitives who were responsible for Mr. Bremer's abduction, including William J. Harrison. Information was uncovered from time to time to the effect that Harrison had been murdered by members of his own gang. These whisperings of the underworld became quite current. Investigation loaned credence to the report. Special Agents learned from sources intimately associated with Harrison that he had worn, prior to his death, a wrist watch which had been fastened to his wrist by a gold link bracelet. This bracelet was found beside the corpse. It had also been definitely determined that Harrison, immediately prior to his death, was wearing rim glasses of an octagon shape. Remnants of such glasses were found beside his body. It was ascertained that Harrison was last seen by certain members of the gang on the morning of January 5, 1935. It was also learned that Harrison had an appointment to meet a certain woman companion of the gang on the night of January 5, 1935. This appointment was not kept, and Harrison was never seen thereafter.

During the last days of August, 1935, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ascertained definitely that Harrison had been murdered by certain of his companions, and that his body had been burned in an old barn to prevent identification. Immediately thereafter the location of this barn was learned, and certain material facts were disclosed which clarified the circumstances surrounding the murder of the unidentified man. Exhaustive inquiry covering a period of more than one and one-half years had disclosed the habits, the contacts and the places where William J. Harrison had lived and operated. Agents secured from the Sheriff's Office at Wheaton, Illinois, pertinent data concerning the wrist watch which had been found near the corpse. Systematic inquiry in the vicinity of Hammond, Indiana, and Calumet City, Illinois, where Harrison had "held forth" during his more favored years of hoodlumism, disclosed that on August 21, 1933, Harrison had had a wrist watch repaired by a jeweler friend in Hammond, Indiana. The jeweler had scratched his repair number C-633 on the inside of the case, and on his charge slip had referred familiarly to his friend and patron as Billie Harrison. The watch repaired was an Elgin wrist watch, which according to the jeweler's records bore movement number 32,166,666, nickel case #0,211,813. It had needed a new mainspring. That was the watch found beside the murdered and burned body of Harrison.

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April 8, 1936

Mr. M. L. McCoy,  
Director of Insurance,  
Veterans Administration,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated March 21, 1936, your reference FCAD, Harrison, William James, Jr., IO-442,242, stating that you have received a claim for payment of Harrison's adjusted service certificate on account of his continued and unexplained absence, and transmitting a photostatic copy of an application for adjusted compensation bearing the prints of four of his fingers.

From these fingerprints, Harrison has been found to be identical with the William J. Harrison, with aliases, who was the subject of Identification Order #1239 of this Bureau, dated February 12, 1935. A copy of the Identification Order in question is being transmitted herewith for your information.

This Identification Order was cancelled on October 28, 1935, after an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation which indicated that Harrison had been killed, possibly by members of his own gang of criminals.

For your information, on January 5, 1935, an abandoned barn in the vicinity of Ontarioville, Illinois, was burned and completely demolished. On the following day, January 6, 1935, the charred outline of an apparently unidentifiable body of a human being was observed, lying in the smoldering ruins. It had been soaked in gasoline, placed in a small building, and the barn then set on fire. Only the torso of the human body remained.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Inclosure #370412

# 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>4/7/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/12-4/1/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>G. G. Campbell</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.#1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.#1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O.#1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>Kidnaping; Harboring and Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Hot springs baths in Montana and Idaho furnished with Identification Orders on Campbell. Investigation in southern Idaho re identification of Karpis at Salt Lake City unproductive; peace officers that district co-operating. Possibility that Karpis driving Buick Coupe, Massachusetts license #25-212, erroneously reported as #250-212 eliminated. Investigation at Weiser, Idaho, reveals that Mabel Williams, mother of Mrs. Maybelle Campbell, wife of Clarence Campbell, brother of Subject Harry Campbell, is presently residing at the Palace rooming house with husband, J. W. (Scarface) Williams, ex-boot-legger. Mrs. Maybelle Campbell also presently residing at same address and working at Mabel's Cafe. Investigation indicates no strangers at that address for some time past. Postal authorities, Weiser, Idaho, believe Mrs. Maybelle Campbell wrote air mail letter received by Clarence Campbell at Midland, Texas. Mail covers placed on the above-named persons.</p>			
Reference: <p>Letter from Chicago Office to Bureau, March 10, 1936; Conference teletypewriter message from Salt Lake City Office, March 17, 1936; letter of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Ill., March 19, 1936; Report of Special Agent Val C. Rimmer, Salt Lake City, Utah, March 18, 1936; telegram from El Paso Office, March 23, 1936; report of Special Agent in Charge</p>			
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**Reference: (Continued)**

E. H. Colvin, El Paso, Texas, March 27, 1936; letters from Portland Office, March 18 and 24, 1936; report of Special Agent W. C. Ryan, Portland, Ore., March 18, 1936; teletypewriter message from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Ill., to Butte and Portland Offices, March 24, 1936.

**DETAILS:**

This is a joint report of investigations conducted by Special Agents R. C. Connell, Russell Bryon, G. A. Callahan, and the writer.

**At Butte, Montana.**

Reference is had to Chicago Office letter to the Bureau, dated March 10, 1936, relative to contacting health resorts and furnishing them with a copy of the Identification Order No. 1236, issued on Subject Harry Campbell. In this connection, Special Agent Russell Bryon interviewed Mr. George Elrod, Manager, Lava Hot Springs, Idaho, which is the only health resort in Idaho where baths and treatments are given, and effected the necessary arrangements whereby this Office will be notified in the event Campbell appears at that place. A copy of Identification Order No. 1236 was left with Mr. Elrod for his use in this respect.

Similar arrangements were also effected and interviews had with Mr. J. A. Farley, Manager, Boulder Hot Springs, Boulder, Montana, and Mr. M. J. Sullivan, Manager, Alhambra Hot Springs, Alhambra, Montana, by Special Agent G. A. Callahan, on March 16, 1936.

Due to the impassability of the roads to Camas Hot Springs, Montana, which is an inland town, the manager there was contacted by mail and furnished with a copy of Identification Order No. 1236.

Upon receipt of conference teletypewriter message from the Salt Lake City Office on March 17, 1936, regarding the identification of an individual as Subject Karpis by one Louis Royal at Salt Lake City, Utah, Special Agent Russell Bryon was furnished this information by long distance telephone at Boise, Idaho, and Special Agent R. C. Connell, who was at Twin Falls, Idaho, was also advised. Both were instructed to contact peace officers in southern Idaho, particularly those at Pocatello, and on the highway from Salt Lake City, Utah to Pocatello, Idaho and West, in an effort to obtain information relative to the individual and automobile described by Louis Royal. In this connection, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. C. Connell:

At Boise, Idaho.

In accordance with the instruction contained in the letter of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, March 19, 1936, and previous instructions received from the Butte Office, Agent contacted Chief of Police Jack Balderson, Pocatello, Idaho, via long distance telephone and furnished him with the information regarding the reported appearance of Karpis in Salt Lake City, Utah, at which time he inquired as to the route to Pocatello, Idaho, particularly with the description of the car in which he was riding and the machine gun which he is reported to have had across his lap. Chief Balderson assured the writer that he would have his men make a thorough city-wide check for this car and its driver, and would transmit the information to the Sheriff's office and the Portneuf Checking Station of the State Department of Law Enforcement through which Karpis would have had to pass, as it is situated on the highway between Salt Lake City and Pocatello, and would immediately advise the Butte Office of any results of value obtained.

Agent personally contacted Commissioner Emmett Pfost, of the Idaho State Department of Law Enforcement at the Capitol, Boise, Idaho, and furnished him with the above information, with the request that he transmit the same to his men. Mr. Pfost advised that he would issue a confidential bulletin to all members of the State Highway Patrol, advising them of this information, and instructing them to maintain a close check for a car answering this description.

With regard to the Buick Coupe, bearing Massachusetts license No. 250-212, mentioned in the report of Special Agent E. M. O'Donnell, Butte, Montana, March 23, 1936, a further investigation was made by Special Agent Connell at Boise, Idaho, where it was ascertained that an error had been made in reporting this tag number to the Butte Office; that the correct tag number was Massachusetts 25-212, and not 250-212. Special Agent Connell orally advised the writer that the results of further investigation concerning this car revealed that instant car had been purchased in Boise, Idaho, by a well-known businessman there and had no connection with instant case. Consequently, no further investigation is being conducted in this matter.

Upon receipt of reference telegram from the El Paso Office, dated March 23, 1936, advising that Clarence G. Campbell, Midland, Texas, brother of Subject Harry Campbell, had received an airmail letter, postmarked Weiser, Idaho, and bearing no return address, and that the handwriting thereon was very similar to that of Subject Campbell on Identification Order No. 1236, this information was immediately telephoned to Special Agent Russell Bryon at Boise, Idaho, who was instructed to proceed to Weiser, Idaho, where he conducted the following investigation:

Upon receipt of reference report of Special Agent E. G. Ryan, Portland, Oregon, March 18, 1936, which was the report referred to in teletypewriter message to the Tulsa and Portland Offices from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, dated March 14, 1936, which contained information regarding W. A. Rabe, Williams, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. G. Connelley, at that time in Tulsa, Oklahoma:

At the Washington County Court House, Agent interviewed Mr. George B. Gilroy, County Treasurer, one of the oldest residents of the city, and who bears a very high class reputation. Mr. Gilroy advised

that Mrs. J. W. Williams was Mabel Williams, and that she had been raised in that country and had lived there all her life. Her maiden name was Belle Brooks, and she had also gone by the name of Mabel Dodds, a name by a former marriage, and her reputation in the community was very shady. Mr. Gilroy further advised that she has a daughter who had married a fellow by the name of Campbell a few years back and had then moved out of the country, but that she had returned to Weiser recently and was now living there. A sister of Mabel Williams, Mrs. Mary Owens, a widow, operates the Palace rooming house in the city, at which place Mabel Williams, her husband, and her daughter were presently living there. Mabel Williams has one brother, Arthur Brooks, Weiser, Idaho, reputation good, and a half-brother, William Westervelt, 5523 Fleming Avenue, Oakland, California, reputation unknown. Another sister, Mrs. Sophie Oldfield, also resides in the vicinity of Weiser. Mr. Gilroy also advised that the husband of Mabel Williams, usually works as a sheep shearer, but is at present employed on the W. P. A. project at Weiser.

Agent returned to the Post Office and succeeded in locating Burt Kimball, the Assistant Postmaster. Mr. Kimball advised that subsequent to the visit of Special Agent Russell Bryon, he had made a check in order to ascertain the identity of the person who had mailed the airmail letter received by Clarence Campbell at Midland, Texas, recently, and that he believed this letter was posted by Mrs. Maybelle Campbell. Regarding this woman, Kimball stated that he has known her for several years, during which time she had lived in Weiser. She had married a man named Campbell a few years back and had left the country with him, and was away until a few weeks ago when she had returned alone. She is presently living at the Palace rooming house, and is working at Hulse's Cafe, Weiser. As the Palace rooming house is directly across the street from the Post Office, Mr. Kimball was asked if he had noticed any strangers going or coming from the place or any unusual activity, but replied that although he was in a position to observe the place from his office window, he had not noticed anything of this nature, but promised to watch more carefully for any signs of activity at that place. A mail cover was requested from Mr. R. J. Wood, the Postmaster, on all mail addressed to the Palace Rooming house, and particularly on that addressed to Mrs. Mabel Williams, Mrs. Maybelle Campbell, Mrs. Mary Owens, and J. W. Williams. Mr. Wood also advised that he would have a watch placed on all mail sent by any of these people.

Agent contacted Deputy Sheriff Frank Kennedy, Weiser, Idaho, to ascertain if he had learned of any unusual activity at the Palace rooming house, or if he had seen any strangers there during the past few weeks. Mr. Kennedy advised that due to the fact that this place bears a very poor reputation, he had made a practice of discreetly keeping a watch on it by means of some informants of his, but that he had not received any information regarding any strangers having been at the place recently. Regarding

J. W. Williams, Kennedy advised that he is an ex-bootlegger and is an all around "rat", who is capable of anything crooked, and would undoubtedly hide out any criminal, if paid for the job. Kennedy stated that he had been trying to get something on Williams, who is known as "Scarface", for a long time but had not succeeded. He was requested not to press him too strongly because of the instant setup, but, however, not to fail to stick him if he should be able to make a case against him, regardless of this condition. Sheriff Kennedy advised that he would continue his surveillance of the Palace rooming house, and would also cover Mrs. Maybelle Campbell as closely as possible, without having her become aware of the fact.

At Butte, Montana.

As a result of the mail cover placed on the mail of the above named parties, a communication was received from Mr. R. J. Wood, Acting Postmaster, Weiser, Idaho, on April, 1, 1936, advising that an airmail letter, postmarked Jal, New Mexico, March 27, 1936, had been received by Mrs. Maybelle Campbell, Weiser, Idaho, bearing the return, C. Campbell. This letter is apparently from Clarence Campbell, her husband.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

The BUTTE OFFICE, at Weiser, Idaho, will again contact Deputy Sheriff Kennedy, when next an Agent is in that vicinity and ascertain if his investigation has produced any results or information regarding persons named in the body of this report, who are located at Weiser, Idaho.

Will also procure any information of value obtained as a result of mail covers placed on Mrs. Mabel Williams, Mrs. Maybelle Campbell, Mrs. Mary Owens and J. W. Williams, all of Weiser, Idaho, and distant relatives of Subject Harry Campbell, reporting same and taking appropriate action.

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Post Office Box 215  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
April 9, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 215  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

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I am enclosing herewith copies of log maintained on the telephone of J. H. Davenport, Minneapolis, for April 1 to April 8, 1935, inclusive.

Enquiry of the landlady at 1221 - 2nd Avenue South, Minneapolis, an apartment building in which telephone Atlantic 6884 is listed in the name of R. Mann, developed that apartment 212 is occupied by Ray Watson, a middle aged widow with whom Davenport had been living. This is the only reference in the telephone conversation.

Latent 1000 is listed in the 1934-1935 edition of the directory, 2127 Oakland, Minneapolis. This number was located two months ago in the directory. It was located on April 1st, is probably the latest recording of Watson's name as the latter number has been called on numerous occasions. Watson is listed in the 1934-1935 edition of the directory, 2127 Oakland, St. Paul, a few blocks from the apartment building.

The number referred to on April 1st is 1221 - 2nd Avenue South, Minneapolis. This is the address of the apartment building in which Watson is living.

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Very truly yours,

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E. J. STINE  
Special Agent in Charge

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Jacksonville

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice

1331 First National Bank Building  
El Paso, Texas  
April 8, 1936

TO ALL PEACE OFFICERS:

CANCELLATION  
Re: CHARLES J. FITZGERALD, with aliases  
of CHARLES MORGAN, W. M. PUNK,  
CHARLES E. LOWE, J. C. HAYMOND,  
FRANK WEST, J. C. ADAMS, F. FITZ-  
GERALD, W. B. FITZGERALD, CHARLES  
JORDAN, DANIEL MATHIAS LOGAN, CHUCK  
FITZGERALD, "BIG FITZ," "CHIC SLIM,"  
"BIG CHARLEY," "LONG CHARLEY,"  
"SLIM WILLIAMS. FPC - 22 1 III 13  
1 000 14  
Buick Sedan Motor #2,875,177

Please CANCEL my circular letter of March 30, 1935, regarding  
the above-named person and automobile.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin

R. H. COLVIN  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Bureau  
El Paso 7-6

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

TDQ:RLM

April 10, 1936.

Time-11:40 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: Conversation with John Carlisle  
of the Detroit News.

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

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*arm Karpis*

Mr. John Carlisle of the Detroit News telephoned from Detroit and in your absence requested to talk to me. Mr. Carlisle stated that he has received information from their correspondents that Connelley is in Toledo; that he has received a number of fancy stories and that he would like to know what it is all about; that they have come to the conclusion that Connelley is looking for Karpis in the Toledo area. Mr. Carlisle inquired if what Mr. Connelley was doing was still in the investigative stage and I told Mr. Carlisle that it absolutely was and that anything printed now would render useless about seven or eight months work for the Bureau. I told Mr. Carlisle that we were following out leads on many cases and I requested that he not print anything; that I knew you would make the same request of him that nothing be printed. Mr. Carlisle inquired of me if Connelley was in that vicinity and I stated that I did not know. Mr. Carlisle stated that they would like to get in touch with Connelley and I stated that we would rather have Mr. Connelley call him instead. Mr. Carlisle stated that he may be able to help Mr. Connelley with some of his connections there.

Mr. Carlisle stated that he would like to know of anything that may be given out and I stated that I know you would not forget him.

Respectfully,

*T. D. Quinn.*  
T. D. Quinn.

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*J. E. H.*

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

April 10, 1936.

Time - 4:10 P.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

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

Mr. Connelley telephoned me and said that he believes we are going to have a little trouble with the Kansas State Police in connection with the investigation in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He said that Joe Anderson, the Kansas State Policeman, was told to keep his hands off Grace Goldstein in Hot Springs, and also to keep his hands off Clayton Hall. Joe Anderson said he thought the Bureau was giving him the "run-around" in this matter; that he thought he ought to be permitted to talk with Hall before Hall makes his contacts. Mr. Connelley said he told SAC Fletcher that none of those persons down there were going to touch Hall until he makes his contacts, and further, they are not going to touch him after that. Of course, we won't tell them the latter. After Joe Anderson was told this, he immediately called up Wint Smith, the head of the Kansas State Police, who, with one Captain Edwards, who apparently has been in Little Rock all of this time, is coming down there, and the three of them are going to have a conference, ostensibly for the purpose of seeing how they can "trim" us on the setup in Hot Springs. Mr. Connelley said he has asked SAC Fletcher to diplomatically keep these men out of the picture until we can let Hall make a contact, and if he gets a direct answer from the woman, we will then just pick her up and take her away somewhere until the affair is over.

In this connection, Mr. Connelley said he had in mind suggesting that SAC Brantley of the Oklahoma City Office be instructed to go over to Hot Springs, so that someone with some real backbone will be on the grounds in the event those fellows try to put something over on us. I believe this to be a good suggestion, and told Mr. Connelley to get in touch with Mr. Brantley and have him go over there. In all probability, after the Kansas State men get through conferring, they will get in touch with SAC Fletcher and make their demands as to consideration, etc., but Mr. Fletcher will be instructed by Mr. Connelley to keep his counsel and make no commitments. Tomorrow morning, then, Brantley and a couple of good men will be in Hot Springs to see that they don't interfere.

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I asked Mr. Connelley what those Kansas State men are doing over in Arkansas in any event, and he said that they do not have any authority to be over there; that just as soon as this situation clears up, he believes it will be to "clamp those fellows down" and let them know where they stand, etc.

Mr. Connelley said the informant arrives in Little Rock tonight at 10:45 on a train, after which he will be hid out for the night. Tomorrow

See that those K. S. Police mind their own business & keep out of this. Tell Connelley & Brantley to handle them vigorously. *CDW*

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morning, he will be taken in an automobile from Little Rock to Hot Springs. He has an arrangement whereby he can get in touch with this woman by telephone and have her meet him in a vegetable market in Hot Springs. They will have no conversation at this time except to ask her to come to his hotel room. They will have an arrangement in a local hotel with two rooms, and a dictophone in one of the rooms so that he cannot cross us up. In other words, if she gives an affirmative answer, we will get it at once and he cannot thereafter try to hold out on us.

I told Mr. Connelley to get in touch with Mr. Brantley and have him go over to Hot Springs this afternoon and take someone with him. I asked Mr. Connelley to tell Mr. Brantley to call me before he leaves Oklahoma City for Hot Springs.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM.



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Apr. 10, 1936

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir &  
About a week ago  
we were visiting my husband's  
Uncle. We went to town that  
night and while my husband  
went to talk to a man on  
business I stayed in the  
car. I was tired and lay down  
in the seat and was almost  
asleep when two men  
came to get into the car  
about nine. One of them

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said - "If Bill Flippen doesn't quit  
letting Karpis hang around he's going  
to get into trouble with the federal."  
I didn't know the man but when  
we went to the place we were visiting  
I asked about Bill Flippen.

He is the county bad man. Owns  
a ranch near Verdugo and is a  
bootlegger, and killer. There have  
been six or eight unsolved murders.



in the neighbor hood and he has  
been tried and acquitted of one  
murder. His brother was an officer  
and was killed in a raid in the  
Cooksau Hills and the officers at  
Tulsa and Claremore would not  
Bill of any trouble they saw coming  
his way. The people are afraid of  
him and so he does as he pleases.  
The more I think about what

I have found out the  
more plausible it sounds  
that the man knew what  
he was talking about.  
If this helps you I will  
be glad but either way  
please keep my name  
out of it.

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April 17, 1936

Dear Madam:

I wish to thank you for your letter of April 10, 1936, in which you furnish information to the effect that there is a strong possibility that Alvin Karpis may be located through one Bill Flippen.

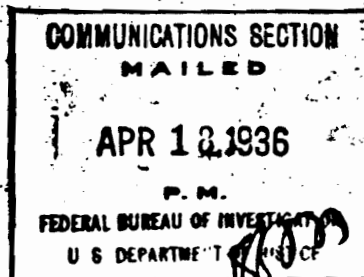
Please be advised that this matter has been brought to the attention of Mr. D. Brantley, Special Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City Office of this Bureau, located at 224 Federal Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and it is anticipated that he will arrange to have an Agent interview you within the very near future.

I wish to assure you that your name will be considered in strict confidence in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc Oklahoma City



KRM:MC

April 17, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

Dear Sir:

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This will confirm the telephonic conversation between  
Mr. McIntire of the Bureau and Special Agent J. B. Little of  
the Oklahoma City Office on April 14, 1936. During that con-  
versation, Mr. McIntire informed Mr. Little that the Bureau is  
in receipt of a letter from [redacted]

[redacted] dated April 10, 1936, which informs with regard to the  
possible location of Alvin Karpis through one Bill Flippen.

Copies of the letter from [redacted] are enclosed  
herewith, and it is desired that Mr. [redacted] be interviewed  
without delay. Investigation should go forward immediately to  
ascertain whether there is any possibility that Bill Flippen may  
be harboring Alvin Karpis.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #1124390

cc St. Paul

Cleveland

Cincinnati

Mr. Connelley, Chicago

(Enc copies of incoming letter to  
offices and Mr. Connelley receiving  
copies this letter)

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

April 10, 1936.

Time - 7 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

At my request through Mr. Connelley, SAC Brantley at the Oklahoma City Office telephoned me before departing for Arkansas in connection with the anticipated difficulties with the Kansas State Police in connection with the above entitled matter. I told Mr. Brantley about the meeting which the three Kansas State officers are going to have in Little Rock tonight ostensibly for the purpose of determining what demands they are going to make on the Bureau concerning the informant in this case. I pointed out to Mr. Brantley that if and when he is contacted by these men, he should try to reason with them along the logical lines of this matter; that is, that the Post Office Inspectors have turned this informant over to us, the informant has to make certain contacts and does not desire to be interfered with during his work; that the informant does not desire to deal with every police or investigative agency in the United States on this matter; that we are not going to try to scoop them or anything like that, but we want to protect our rights and our informant in connection with this very important case. I further pointed out to Mr. Brantley that if they will not listen to reason, and start to making demands on what they want and what they are going to do, we will just have to lay down the law to them, and ask them what they are doing over in Arkansas trying to function in the first place.

Mr. Brantley and I discussed this situation at some length, and I believe Mr. Brantley understands our position in this matter, and will act along the lines as outlined to him. He said that he would seek the counsel of the Bureau in any controversy which arises, and would keep the Bureau advised of any developments in any of the angles down there.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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

April 10, 1936.

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

Re: B R E K I D.

Dear Sir:

This office is in need of an additional supply  
of fifty (50) I. O. 's on Harry Campbell, with aliases,  
I. O. # 1236.

It is requested that the above mentioned I. O.'s  
be forwarded to the Saint Louis Office.

Very truly yours,

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Jay C. Newman  
JAY C. NEWMAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
April 11, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In reference to your telegram of April 11, 1936, the following information is set out in confirmation of telegram forwarded to your office by the Detroit Bureau Office this date.

Mr. Peter Wiggle, Assistant Postmaster, Detroit, Michigan, examined the records in his possession and advised that Post Office Savings Account #139098 is listed in the name of Irene Wells, 480 Prentiss Street, Detroit. This account was opened on June 4, 1935, and during July, 1935, deposits were made which brought the total deposit up to \$2500, which Mr. Wiggle explains, is the maximum amount that can be carried in a Post Office Savings Account. This account has been dormant since July, 1935 -- no withdrawals having been made.

The information obtained from the Post Office records revealed that Irene Wells formerly lived at 5764 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, and at the time the account was opened gave her occupation as unemployed. According to the Post Office records, Irene Wells was born at Louisa, Kentucky, December 25, 1906 and gave her parents names as Henderson Wells and Laura Wells.

The above is all of the information which the Post Office authorities have with regard to Irene Wells.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Reincke  
Special Agent in Charge

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TELEGRAM	FULL RATE CABLE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
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SHIP RADIOGRAM	RADIOGRAM

Patrons should check class of service desired, otherwise message will be transmitted in a full-rate communication

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof,

which are hereby agreed to

April 11, 1936

Mr. J. P. MacFarland  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

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BREKID RETEL POSTAL ACCOUNT IN NAME IRENE WELLS FOUR SIX NAUGHT PRENTISS

DETROIT STOP BORN CHRISTMAS NINETEEN FIVE LOUISA KENTUCKY PARENTS

HENDERSON AND LAURA WELLS

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907 FEDERAL BUILDING  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

REKID. YOUR LETTER APRIL NINTH CHECK POST OFFICE SAVINGS  
ACCOUNT MARY TAYLOR FOR PERSONAL HISTORY ON APPLICATION

Mr. FARLAND

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CC - Bureau ✓  
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- Chicago  
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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

April 10th, 1936

E. J. Connelley  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Confirming my telegram of April 10th, 1936, I desire to advise that at 11:15 A. M., April 10th, 1936, Mr. John Carlisle of the Detroit News telephoned this Office and requested that you be contacted and requested to communicate by telephone with him at once. He stated he had some urgent information to furnish you.

Very truly yours,

DAE:LJM

cc - Bureau

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-55

REPORT MADE AT <b>DALLAS, TEXAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/10/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/5,6/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. C. COULTER</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</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATL. FIREARMS ACT</b>

**EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.**

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Discreet investigation at Warsaw, San Augustine County, Texas, and vicinity fails to reveal any information regarding Karpis.

**REFERENCE:**

Teletype message from Cleveland Office 3-7-36.

**DETAILS:**

This is a joint report made by Special Agents R. C. Coulter and F. S. Dunn of the Dallas Bureau Office.

Chief of Police Tom Drewry, NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS, was contacted during the morning of April 6, 1936, and stated that he knew there was a community called Warsaw located in San Augustine County, but that he was not as familiar with that location as Deputy Sheriff Jim Greer of San Augustine, Texas. He stated that Mr. Greer was formerly in his employ as a police officer, and that he could recommend him as being absolutely reliable.

Immediately thereafter Deputy Sheriff Jim Greer was contacted on the main highway about half way between Nacogdoches and San Augustine, Texas, at which time Agents were accompanied by Chief of Police Drewry. Chief Drewry accompanied Agents on this investigation inasmuch as he was familiar with the general conditions in that vicinity and by having him present the necessity for inquiries regarding directions and locations was obviated.

Deputy Sheriff Jim Greer, when contacted, stated that there were no houses, no gas stations, no store, no saloon, nor anything else in the community called Warsaw located in the southern end of San Augustine County, Texas. He stated that at one time there was a saw mill located in that

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vicinity and there are yet a few farm houses near that place; however, the nearest town or trading center is Broadus, Texas, which he believed to be four or five miles north of Warsaw. Mr. Greer stated that he believed he would have been notified had any strange cars come into the vicinity of Warsaw or Broadus. He further stated that he was down in that vicinity the past week and that he often fishes in the vicinity of Warsaw, but that he had never seen any person fitting the description of Subject Karpis, and that he had never seen any dogs fitting the description of the dog allegedly belonging to Karpis and Fred Hunter. He stated that Warsaw is only a cross road located about 2½ miles west from a point running off State Highway # 147, about four miles south of Broadus, Texas. He further stated that the cross roads in question were wagon trails and were impassable during bad weather.

Mrs. Thomas T. Brantley, Assistant Postmaster of BROADDUS, TEXAS, was contacted on the morning of April 6, 1936, and inquiry regarding the Subjects in this case was made of her under pretext. She stated that persons answering the description of Karpis and others had not been observed by her, and she did not believe any such persons had been in the vicinity of Broadus; and in this connection, she further advised that no strangers had come to that vicinity any time recently. Mrs. Brantley stated further that the community known as Warsaw was served from that post office, and that Roman D. Griffin, Jr. is the rural carrier, and that she considered him thoroughly reliable.

Roman D. Griffin, Jr., Broadus, Texas, was immediately contacted, and he stated that he is the rural mail carrier serving the community known as Warsaw, as well as other points between that place and Broadus. He stated that the route is very light, and that he makes only three trips a week; that there are only three families living in the immediate vicinity of Warsaw, being Jones Stanley, a Mr. Bales, and a Mr. Womack. He stated that Mr. Stanley and Mr. Womack have long been residents of that community, and that Mr. Bales recently came to the community for the purpose of operating a saw mill. He is a very large man and formerly resided at Beaumont, Texas. He further stated that there were few other people residing south of Broadus, one family being Leon Stanley; that the bottoms in the vicinity of Warsaw flood and the water rises from four to five feet during heavy rains, and that there are no houses or cabins located along the Attoyac and Angelina Rivers in that vicinity.

Mr. Griffin stated that in his opinion no one fitting the description of the Subjects in this case, or automobiles or dogs mentioned in this report, could have possibly come into the Warsaw community without his having knowledge of it, as he is quite familiar with the persons he serves. He stated that he did not believe it would be possible for any person to come into that community and live without his receiving some information regarding that fact. Mr. Griffin stated that he would keep the matter in mind, and in the event he received any informa-

which he thought might be beneficial to this office he would immediately communicate with the Dallas Office by telephone.

A physical inspection was made of the community in the vicinity of WARSAW, TEXAS, and it was found that the roads are very bad and almost impassable for automobile traffic. It was evident that the water rises as indicated by Mr. Greer, this being evidenced by water marks on the trees.

In the community known as Broadbush there was observed one cheaply built house, which apparently has been abandoned for several years; the windows and doors are missing, and the place is generally in a run down condition.

All persons interviewed were carefully selected before before being contacted, and they were requested and agreed to keep the inquiry in absolute confidence.

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A report covering additional investigation conducted in connection with reference message will be submitted within the near future by Special Agent in Charge F. J. Blake, who is ill at the present time;

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Los Angeles, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4-6-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/12, 31 &amp; 4-1-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>T. E. Billings</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:**

Party who communicated with Belle Born, showing return address of 158 East 87th St., Los Angeles, California, is Mrs. George McKenzie who it has previously been ascertained is a friend of Belle Born. Subject Karpis and Dolores Delaney registered on Nov. 22, 1935, at Rosalyn Hotel, Los Angeles, as W. Lohman and wife of Carson City, Nevada. They checked out on November 24, 1935. Investigation concerning Gordon B. Woods, an inmate of the National Soldiers Home, Sawtelle, Calif., who claims to know Karpis, disclosed that he is suffering from psychoneurosis.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Chicago, Ill., dated February 6, 1936; and letter from the St. Paul office dated March 6, 1936.

**DETAILS:**

Immediately upon the receipt of reference letter, Agent interviewed Mr. VAL TERREBONE, Carrier, Postoffice Substation at 7300 South Broadway, Los Angeles, who advised that about two months ago a young man and his wife, together with a middle-aged woman moved into the house located at 158 East 87th Street and that he had had very little mail for these parties. In connection with the mail received he could only recall the name of CHEYNE. He stated that he had seen the middle-aged woman upon one occasion and that she was about forty

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years of age and was of heavy build, but that he had not seen the other members of the household; that he had noticed at various times the sign on the door, "Day Sleeper". Mr. TERREBONE was questioned regarding previous occupants of the house and he advised that a Navy Captain by the name of F. A. RUTHERFORD previously resided there and left a forwarding address on January 15, 1936, for 1234 West 9th Street, San Pedro, California.

MRS. F. A. RUTHERFORD was interviewed at the above address and advised that she and her husband owned the house located at 153 East 87th Street, Los Angeles, and that on or about February 1, 1936, a young man giving his name as CHEYNE, accompanied by a woman who he stated was his mother called at her home in San Pedro, California, and completed arrangements for renting the house located in Los Angeles. Mrs. RUTHERFORD stated that the young man advised that he was employed by the Kraft Cheese Company in Los Angeles and that his wife was employed in an office in Los Angeles. Mrs. RUTHERFORD did not secure the full name of this young man, nor did she secure the name of his mother and could furnish no further information regarding them.

Inasmuch as G. J. FITZGERALD is under surveillance at the present time in Los Angeles, Mrs. RUTHERFORD was cautioned to keep Agent's inquiry confidential in order that the tenants might not learn of the same.

Through the Southern California Telephone Company it was ascertained that the telephone located at 153 East 87th Street, Thornwall 37 36, is listed to Mrs. ETHEL E. CHEYNE and that the same had been connected on May 27, 1935, for the same party at 907 East 81st Street. The application card indicated that the subscriber was employed by Standard Brands Company, 4771 South Main St., Los Angeles, and an official of the telephone company, whose name was not disclosed to Agent, was given as a reference.

In connection with the above, reference is made to the report of Special Agent S. D. White, Los Angeles, California, dated November 16, 1935, which refers to the report of Special Agent F. S. Tillman, St. Paul, Minn., dated August 14, 1935, and a letter from the Chicago office dated November 5, 1935, which pertained to a letter received by BELLE BORN, showing the return address of ETHEL E. CHEYNE, 907 East 81st Street, Los Angeles, California. On Page 5 of said report it is reported that Mrs. GEORGE MCKENZIE, mother of HARRY CHEYNE, was residing at 907 East 81st Street and that she was a good friend of BELLE BORN. This information had been received by Special Agent White from Mr. GEORGE MCKENZIE.

On Page 2 of reference report it is reported that BOLGERS BALANEY and Subject KARPIS during November, 1933, registered at the Rosslyn Hotel, Los Angeles, California. Mr. WILLIAM W. MCKIEGHAN, manager of the Rosslyn Hotel, checked the registration records and located a registration under date of November 22, 1933, of W. LOHMAN and wife of Carson City, Nevada. According to the registration these parties occupied Room 727 and checked out of the hotel on November 24, 1933, without leaving a forwarding address. Mr. MCKIEGHAN checked the hotel record card on this room for this particular period and ascertained that no telephone calls were made from the room during that time. Photographs of Subjects KARPIS and

CAMPBELL were exhibited to all the hotel clerks on duty at the time and none of them could recall having seen either of them. Identification Orders on both Subjects were left with Mr. McKINCHAY and he advised that he would require all employees to thoroughly familiarize themselves with the appearances and physical descriptions of KARPIS and CAMPBELL and this office would be immediately notified should either of them be recognized as patrons of the hotel.

A tracing of the registration of Subject KARPIS was made and is being transmitted with copies of this report to the Bureau.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. L. Merritt on March 31, 1936:

Special Agent in Charge J. H. HANSON on March 31, 1936, received a telephone call from GEORGE A. GROSMAN, a Veteran belonging to Company Four at the Veterans Hospital, National Soldiers Home, Sawtelle, California, who informed that a GORDON B. WOODS, who was in the same Company with GROSMAN, occupying Bed 101, had stated to him, GROSMAN, that he knew KARPIS and that KARPIS had had his face lifted, etc., and further that WOODS appeared to have plenty of money. He further advised that WOODS was obtaining a discharge from the Home on April 1st, 1936, and had stated that he was going to make plenty of money.

Sergeant EDWARD R. WHITE, Commander, Fourth Company, National Soldiers Home, was interviewed by Agent on March 31, 1936, who stated that WOODS had left the home on that day, having made application for a discharge, but that he had stated he was going to remain in Sawtelle and would call back for his discharge a few days later. Sergeant WHITE stated that WOODS had been an inmate for a considerable period of time and that he was considered "cracked" by other inmates of the Hospital. Sergeant WHITE produced the record cards of his office which showed GORDON B. WOODS, O-1, 575,248, to be drawing compensation of \$50.00 a month. It further showed that WOODS was suffering from psychoneurosis. Based on this information, no further investigation was conducted concerning WOODS. However, Sergeant WHITE stated that he would advise the Los Angeles office in the event that any information of value concerning WOODS was obtained by him.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent T. E. Billings, dated at Los Angeles, California, April 6, 1936, on page 3 of which it is noted Agent Billings obtained a tracing of the registration of subject Karpis at the Rosslyn Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

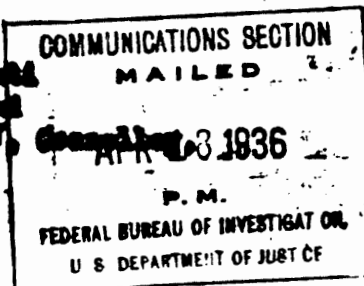
In view of the fact that the Bureau has very few handwriting specimens of Karpis, it is desired that a photographic copy of this handwriting be obtained. It is anticipated this may be obtained through the use of the latent fingerprint camera.

This matter should be handled expeditiously and photographs of the handwriting transmitted to the Bureau immediately.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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



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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

April 10, 1936

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

RE: BREKID  
(Bureau file No. 7-576)

Dear Sir:

With reference to the continued employment of confidential informant [redacted], it has been the custom of this Office to request authority every four or five weeks to pay this informant a sum of money not to exceed \$10.00 a week for his continued services in connection with the Bureau's efforts to locate Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell.

It is requested that authority be granted the Chicago Office to continue these payments to [redacted] for such a period of time as his services are considered to be of value to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge

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April 17, 1936.

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Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 612,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the Chicago  
Office dated April 10, 1936, with regard to the continued  
employment of the confidential informant [redacted]

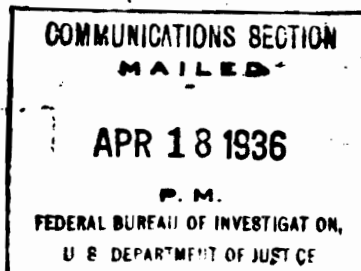
You are advised that you may continue the payment  
to [redacted] of a sum not to exceed \$10.00 per week for his  
services as an informant for such a period of time as his  
services are considered to be of value to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland

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Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
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Miss Gandy .....



Post Office Box 512

Chicago, Illinois

April 10th, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

I am transmitting herewith original photographs of Alvin Karpis, #1539, K. S. P and #8008 and of Fred Hunter, #156, together with five copies of each. This in accordance with your request of April 6th, 1936.

Very truly yours,

LHM  
enc.

D. M. LAMB  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
April 10, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith log maintained  
on telephone of J. E. Davenport, Minneapolis, for April  
6 to 8, 1936, inclusive.

Such telephone numbers as have not been  
recorded heretofore will be checked at the Northwestern  
Bell Telephone Company.

Very truly yours,

G. W. STEIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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1443 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

April 11, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

RE: BRKID

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. G. Melvin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, dated March 31, 1936, and to the undeveloped lead for the Cleveland office to furnish a photograph of Helen "Peaches" Butler.

Please be advised that a photograph of this individual is not available in the Cleveland office. It is not known where a photograph may be obtained, but it is felt that undoubtedly this individual is residing at 8733 Glenoe Circle, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, and in confirmation of this, please be advised that very recent investigation was conducted at the call house of prostitution of Edith Barry at Toledo, Ohio, and the following address was surreptitiously obtained: "Marie Butler, 8733 Glenoe Circle, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, Greenfield 1235." It is felt, at this time, that you should use some suitable pretext, arranging to observe the women residing at 8733 Glenoe Circle, for the purpose of determining whether either of the individuals residing there, answers the description of Helen "Peaches" Butler, rather than relying on the description furnished by an outside source.

As you have been advised before, it is not desirable at this time to interview her, but it is imperative that you secure her location as she may be an important witness if harboring charges are placed against Edith Barry, and therefore, you should exert every effort to determine whether or not she is in fact located at this address, and promptly notify this office.

RECORDED Very truly yours,

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J. P. MacFarland  
Special Agent in Charge

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ONE

Edward H. Brennan

1443 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

April 20, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Recent investigation in this case has established that subjects Karpis and Campbell participated in the holding of a mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio on November 7, 1933.

One Milton Lett, alias Thomas J. Shaw, alias Earl Baker, a native of Mann, Oklahoma, who previously has been known as an associate of Karpis and Campbell, was involved in the Garrettsville, Ohio job, inasmuch as it has been definitely established that he purchased the ill-built sedan automobile which was used in the perpetration of the same. Descriptive information concerning which automobile was furnished to your office by circular letter from the Cleveland office dated December 12, 1934.

One Joe Roscoe, alias Roscolli, a notorious underworld character at Toledo, Ohio, was apparently involved in the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery, in that he was reported to have furnished certain money and advice, which information coupled with previous investigation in this case indicating that he has in the past had definite contact with subjects Karpis and Campbell, leads to the belief that he may be contacted at any time by them.

A recent associate of Karpis and Campbell, one Fred Hunter, alias Fred King, alias Harold King, who, previous to his association with the subjects, was a chicken fighter and gambler, was also a participant in the mail train robbery, and since that time has apparently been in close contact with subject Karpis in the vicinity of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Sam Coker, a former convict was to have participated in the mail train robbery, but due to ill health was unable to take part.

Descriptions of the above named individuals are as follows:

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Name	-	Milton Lett, alias Carl Baker, alias Thomas J. Shew								
Age	-	21 years (1935)								
Height	-	5'7"								
Weight	-	145 pounds								
Hair	-	Dark brown								
Eyes	-	Blue								
Color	-	White								
Complexion	-	Medium								
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Name	-	Fred Hunter, alias Fred King, alias Harold King						
Age	-	35 years (1935)						
Height	-	5'8"						
Weight	-	135 pounds						
Build	-	Slender						
Hair	-	Brown						
Eyes	-	Gray						
Color	-	White						
Complexion	-	Fair						
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Name	-	Sam Coker						
Age	-	30 years (1924)						
Height	-	5'8"						
Weight	-	135 pounds						
Build	-	Slender						
Eyes	-	Blue						
Hair	-	Black						
Complexion	-	Fair						
Occupation	-	Cook						
Nativity	-	Oklahoma						
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The Chicago office is being requested to furnish a photograph of Sam Coker to the St. Louis office.

Name	-	Joe Roscoe, alias Roseolli
Age	-	45-47 years
Height	-	5'8"
Weight	-	180-190 pounds
Complexion	-	Sallow
Hair	-	Black
Eyes	-	Dark, squinted, heavy.
Remarks	-	Usually wears dark, conservative clothing; soft hat, brim flapped down over eyes. Chews constantly on half-smoked cigar. Heavily drooped shoulders. Stands very erect, which gives him prominent stomach. Has habit of standing in doorways with hands behind back. Usually very silent.

Photograph not available.

A teletype from the Oklahoma City office to the Cleveland office, dated April 8, 1936, which is quoted below, indicates the possibility of Coker and Milton Lett proceeding to St. Louis.

"Post Office Inspector George Hill, through informant, Claremore, Oklahoma, ascertained that last Saturday morning, April four, this year, Sam Coker came into Claremore by train not fully clothed was picked up by taxi driver of long acquaintance and taken to Hill Rogers hotel.

"Milton Lett later arrived by Frisco Lines train and was taken to Hill Rogers Hotel by same taxi driver. This taxi driver called to hotel by Coker who drove Coker and Lett to a house in the \_\_\_\_\_ (not decipherable) 13 miles from Claremore. They carried two bags and were in the house about half an hour taking car keys to prevent driver leaving. They came out with the bags talking as if nobody home and drove down the road a short way where they met a man driving a sedan, who was hailed by Coker. This man unknown to driver but may be man whose house was visited. They talked a few minutes and Coker and Lett gave this man some money. Still farther down the road they met a new Studebaker sedan which was hailed by Lett, the driver of which was unknown to the taxi driver. Neither Lett nor Coker discussed Karpis or Campbell and no red Buick sedan or other cars observed around vicinity similar to those used by gang. Taxi driver purchased a coat for one of the men at Penneys. Coker and Lett apparently checked out Hill Rogers Hotel on

departure and had supper at the taxi driver's home where they waited until train time. They would not permit the taxi driver out of their sight even to buy groceries having same delivered to house. They purchased two tickets to St. Louis with Pullman reservations and intended leaving on evening train but observed an officer at the station, who was unknown to them and had the taxi driver take them to Collinsville, Oklahoma where they purchased two tickets to an unknown destination. Paid taxi driver one hundred eighty dollars for the day, including the tickets to St. Louis. Had plenty of money and apparently intended to go to St. Louis. From Conversation Lett and Coker had not seen each other for some time. Lett asked for News but Coker did not talk loud enough to be heard. Agents Smith and Baumon with Joe Anderson returning Hot Springs, Arkansas, tomorrow morning. Agents this office continuing working with Post Office Inspectors vicinity Tulsa. SAC Brantley remaining Tulsa tonight."

As indicated above, Joe Roscoe is a known and trusted contact for Karpis and Campbell, and also undoubtedly for other individuals mentioned and described above.

Roscoe is presently in Toledo, however, there are certain indications that point to the fact that he contemplates proceeding to St. Louis, Missouri, or East St. Louis, Illinois, in the very near future for the purpose of opening a gambling house, and there is a strong possibility that one Joseph Morrissey, who is thought to be well known in St. Louis, Missouri, or East St. Louis, Illinois, will be interested with Roscoe in gambling operations, together with one Edward and the, alias shake, alias snake. The Cleveland office hopes to develop further information with reference to the last two named individuals in the near future.

Joe Roscoe drives a Buick coupe, 1935 Ohio license plates 57157. However, at the present writing the 1936 plate numbers have not been ascertained.

Photographs of Milton Lett and Fred Hunter are being furnished your office with this letter, and the Chicago office is being requested to furnish you with a photograph of Sam Coker.

This information is being furnished to your office at this time in order that you may have the information at hand in the event the facts developed in the future indicate the presence of Joe Roscoe



in St. Louis, Missouri, or East St. Louis, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

EJ/ELB

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- Chicago  
- E. J. Connelley  
- St. Paul

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APRIL 10, 1936

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E J CONNELLEY  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
STANDARD BUILDING  
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JOHN CARLISLE DETROIT NEWS TRYING TO REACH YOU REQUESTS  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
April 10, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Transmitted to the Bureau and to the offices listed below are copies of the following letters, the originals of which are being returned to Mr. John J. Ryan, Superintendent of the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, to be forwarded as addressed:

Letter to Dolores Delaney from her brother, Robert (Bud) Delaney, 6045 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, no date but postmarked Chicago, April 6, 1936.

Letter to Dolores Delaney from John Karpavicz, 2842 N. Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, dated April 1st, 1936.

Letter from Dolores Delaney to her brother, Robert Delaney, 6045 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, dated April 6, 1936.

Letter from Dolores Delaney to her mother, Mrs. Helen Delaney, 6045 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, dated April 7, 1936.

Letter from Dolores Delaney to her sister, Mrs. Helen Reilly, 6045 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, dated Sunday afternoon, April - - 1936.

Letter from Dolores Delaney to Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz, 2842 N. Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, dated April 3, 1936.

Letter to Wynona Burdette from her brother, Art Burdette, 217 Logan Street, Lewistown, Pennsylvania, dated April 1st, 1936.

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Letter from Wynona Burdette to her sister, Mrs. C. R.  
Jones, Box 111, Turley, Oklahoma, dated Sunday Eve.,  
(no date).

Very truly yours,

*H. H. Reinecke*

H. H. Reinecke  
Special Agent in Charge

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Return Address:  
J. Karpavicz  
2842 N. Francisco Ave.  
Chicago, Ill.

2842 N. Francisco Ave.  
Chicago, Ill.  
April 1, 1936

Dear Dolores:-

We received your letter the day after we mailed yours as usual. We are in a hurry with this one to get ahead of you. We haven't much to say now. We haven't done anything about that money yet and we don't believe that we can do anything. We will await hearing from you anyway.

Well in regard to your jewelry, we didn't even think of selling it until you mentioned it while you were in St. Paul and even yet we don't intend to do it. Everything is as it was except the one large stone. I have had that reset into a heavier setting for Raymond. Until he is able to use it I will use it. I have had his initials engraved in it. R.A.K. The setting which the ring was in was only valued at \$1.47. The new setting cost \$37.08. It makes a beautiful ring in the new setting. Many other small things I have are to be Raymonds. We haven't any new pictures of him yet. If all the girls are crazy about him don't promise him to any of them. He has plenty of girls here.

Raymond has plenty of everything. He just got a toy puppy-dog. You ought to see those two play. They chase each other around and take each other's toys away. Soon as its warmer he is going to have a sand box and swimming pool. He walks around pretty well by himself now.

We haven't heard from any of your people at all.

We are enclosing \$5.00.

We almost have to take Raymond down side streets and alleys to avoid passing stores. He just hates to pass up a piece of candy or cake. I took him to a dept. store for shoes yesterday and he wanted the whole store. He weighs 28 lbs. barefooted. He "rassles" with the kids when we take him out.

Yours truly,

John Karpavicz

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Return Address:  
Robert Delaney  
6045 Kimbark Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Postmarked Chicago, April 6, 1936

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dolores:

Well snooky how are you by now fine I hope. Did you get a letter from mother yet she hasn't wrote to me for sometime.

I am going over to see little Ray tomorrow before I go to work. They sure are nice to me when I go over there, they always fix me something to eat and make me eat if I want to or not.

Babe and Mugs are fine and I told them both to write you. I sure hope it won't be long before you are able to come here.

I was over to Giffords house the other night. He's married now. They sure get along swell with each other. But I guess anybody could get along with Gifford. Sis is engaged to some Irish fellow here. They are expecting to get married pretty soon.

Well thats about all of the news from here that I can remember now. How is everything there and what are you doing now. Have you still got any snow there we have a little left.

Well Dolores I can't find anything more to write about this time. So I will close.

Your big brother,

Bud

Write soon

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Letter addressed to:  
Miss Dolores Delaney  
Milan, Michigan

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Addressed:

Mr. & Mrs. John Karpavicz  
2842 No. Francisco Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois

April 3-1936

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Karpis:

Just a line to let you know I wrote to Mr. Sullivan in St. Paul. I received his answer this morning and he says he has nothing to do with that money and that I should write to the United States attorney in Jacksonville Fla. I don't feel that it would do any good for me to write him from here so I thought I should let you know and you could write him. You could probably do much more than I could.

How is that boy of mine now? I'll bet he is a regular little monkey - I suppose he tries to get into everything. I would sure love to see him - Gosh, how I would like to get my arms around him - I would probably make him cry hugging him so hard.

I haven't heard from my mother yet although my sister, Babe, wrote and said she was okay. I can't understand why I don't hear from her. I am sure there is something wrong. I do wish I knew what it was.

I don't suppose we will ever get any good out of that car in Cuba and it is a dirty shame. I don't see why they wrote me the way they did if they didn't intend to do something about it. Well, it's all in a life time - I guess. If you think it would do any good you could write to them - it might help.

Well, I shall have to close now - I have washed and ironed all day and I am dead tired - Will write again next month.

Love

Bolores

P.S. Write soon

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These are for little Ray.

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Return address:  
217 Logan Street  
Lewiston, Penna.

Lewistown, Penna.  
April 1/36/

Dear Sis

Was just talking of you this a.m. at the breakfast table and here comes a letter - we was just wondering what had become of you - how long have you been back there?

Yes the flood hit here a plenty but Helen and me live in the high parts - I started painting today. I, or we, I should say have been cleaning up from the flood. I suppose the damage will hit around ten million in homes alone the Viscose alone lost about a million dollars - there was teams and wagons hogs houses people and all going down the old Juianita River you see it runs right through the center of Lewistown. I am fixing up a Piano that was covered with water. Oh yes you spoke of a guitar I haven't any but I will try and pick up one for you. I am not playing now they made the beer gardens close down through the floods but they are open now untill 11 p.m. Well Baby Sis Helen says she will write later so nitie night - write soon and often.

Your loving Bro & Sis

Art & Helen

217 Logan St.

Letter addressed to:

Miss Wynona Burdette  
P.O. Box 1000  
Milan, Mich.

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C Letter addressed:  
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P Mrs. C. R. Jones  
Y Turley, Oklahoma  
Box 111

Sunday Eve.  
Milan

Hello Sugar Pies:-

Well, how you be was you? I'm truly ashamed that I haven't written sooner but dear I just haven't been in the mood to do much of anything but set in a corner and play the banjo or just (think).

What are you doing now days and how are our babies? I hope they are all doing well in school, that was a darling picture of Cecil, "Tink" you sent me, he sure is a dandy boy. I would certainly love to hold him again, dad worn his wittle bones. You certainly have six good looking kiddies and no foolin. Who do they take after - the Burdette's or Jones. No doubt both, huh?

Have there been any floods down there? They sure have had plenty of em in Penn, Washington, Ohio. Well, I guess they've been just about every where and I heard about all those sand and dust storms down home and I'm telling you I have been worried sick about you kids. Sister, Dear, please if nothing else, just drop a line to let me know how you are all getting along. You have no idea how I would love to hear you are all well and happy.

I haven't heard from Art for 2 months. I dont know what could be eating him. It surprises me he used to never miss a month writing to me. I'm worried about him 'cause he is working out in those darned old boulders and logs. I can't see why he wants to give up his playing. Oh I suppose I get goofy ideas in my head, but really I believe I would go crazy if anything was to happen to him or any of you kids. Millie, I love all of you so much.

I'm still working on the sewing machine, boy, I'll be able to make you anything you want when I come home; house slippers, overalls, men's caps, nite gowns, pants - name it and I'll bet I can make'er, ha, ha, oh I'm really goin to town, and how!

Is Jimmie and Ellen still with you? If so, how are they? Where in the world is Ellen going to school? bless her heart, she's a sweet little dear, isn't she? Eunice says she is going to be a beautiful woman when she grows up. Well, honey, I'm getting mighty sleepy so will close for now and finish in the morn. Nite, Darlings.

Tuesday, April 6. Good Morning, Sweet things, oh baby am I sleepy or am I? I'll say I am. Got up with a side ache that just won't don't. Land sakes it certainly is crimp up here. I'm sitting here shaking until I can hardly write. How is the weather down there? Guess it's rather windy, isn't it?

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How are you kidlets feeling this morning? And Millie, dear,  
how is Dickies arm by now?

Tuesday Evening -

Well guess I'll try to finish your letter dear, you see I just  
write on the jump. I had to stop and help mend some things.

My, word, we really had a blizzard this afternoon it got so dark  
we couldn't see to work with-out the lights. I'll swear I never in all  
my days saw such changable weather. It snows one minute and the sun is  
shining the next -

How are all the people down in old Oklahoma? Giminy, gee, do  
I get lonesome to see that good old country. I did not believe people  
when they would tell me I left a good state, but boy, I've found out they  
weren't kidding.

Oh, Millie, I hear Bob Hopkins and Zeke Clemings over the radio,  
they are with different bands. Lord its good to hear someone you have  
known (good old cowboys) makes me want to be back on the road again - and  
I don't mean sir - it's a good life.

Darling I have got to sign off and drop a few lines to Eunice  
and Esther - So be good and be carefull - kiss the babies and have them  
kiss you for me.

This letter is leaving me fealing fit as a fiddle, and I hope  
it finds all of you the same. Loads and gobs of love.

From your own loving baby sis,

Nona B.

Answer soon.

P.S. Tell Eunice about Bob and Zeke. Will ye? Honey,

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PP.SS. Millie I had a year done on my time the 25th of this month, it doesn't  
seem so long does it? Love. Love. Love. to you and the babies.

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C     Addressed:  
O     Mr. Robert DeLaney  
P     6045 Kimbark Ave.  
Y     Chicago, Illinois

Monday Afternoon  
April 6, 1936

My darling brother:

I have a few minutes before I have to start work so I thought I would drop you a couple of lines to let you know I am still as spry as ever. How are you? I sure hope your thumb is okay now, is it? I know it must have pained you dreadfully. How are you getting along at work? I do wish you could find a better job. It's terrible for you to work such long hard hours for such small pay.

I wrote to Babe and Karpis' Sunday. I guess they have the letter by now. I told Babe that it would be nice if you could go to St. Paul and be with mother but I think it would be much better if she would live in Chicago. What do you think? I know I am too well known in St. Paul to ever think of living there again. I'm not going to try and run away from things when I get out but there is no sense of running into unpleasant things if they can be easily avoided and I am sure it would be very unpleasant for me there.

I am working on the ironing board now and having quite a time. I can iron a shirt like nobody's business now and when I started I didn't know the first thing about it. Live and learn - boy, that's the truth, isn't it?

I haven't heard a word from Dad - guess he just doesn't care to hear from me - I'd like to hear from him but I'm not going to beg him - I'll get along just the same.

Haven't heard from Mother since I returned from St. Paul. Wonder what's wrong - You don't reckon she was that disappointed when she saw me that she couldn't even write me. What a life - Lawdy!

Well, Bud, this is a pretty bum letter but just pay it no attention and remember that I think of you all the time and thank God for having such a sweet brother.

All my love

Your baby sis

Dolores

Write real soon and if you see that son of mine give him loads of hugs and kisses for me. X O X O X O X O

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Addressed:  
Mrs. Helen DeLaney  
6045 Kimbark Ave.  
Chicago, Ill.

April 7, 1936

Dearest Mother:

I am just going to write you a very few lines because I am not sure whether you will get this or not. Why haven't you written me? I have been very worried about you. You know you promised to write as soon as I left St. Paul and that is over two months now. Please let me know at once just what is wrong.

I don't know where you are living now so I will have to send this to Babe's and trust to luck that she will get it to you somehow. Send me some address where I can reach you as soon as you can.

I am working on the ironing board now and I am really getting good. We iron all of the guards shirts and the matrons clothes and there are plenty of them.

The church people were up today and just left a few moments ago. They come up almost every Tuesday now. A priest comes up about once every two or three months but since you told me how Father Dougherty acted why I don't even care about any of them.

How is every one in St. Paul? I don't really care - I'm just asking to be polite. There aren't over two or three people in the whole town that I give a hang about.

I've been getting along pretty good and my time goes by rather fast. I play cards quite a bit in fact almost every evening. I enjoy them and it's a good thing I do cause that is about all there is here for recreation. I read quite a good deal, too, but I guess you just about figured that. Remember what a hard time you used to have to get my nose out of a book.

Well, darling, excuse my writing. I am hurrying as fast as I can cause I'm about due to go to work. I shall have to say goodbye now and please write soon.

Loads and loads of love

Dolores

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C      Addressed:

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P      Mrs. Helen Reilly  
Y      6045 Kimbark Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois

Sunday Afternoon  
April - - 1936.

Dear Babe:

Gee, that last letter you wrote me was sure sweet - I never really realized what a grand family I had until I got in here - no one will ever be able to make me forget it any more - I'll swear to that.

Well, how have you been feeling? Fine and dandy I hope. How are Bud and Mugs - hope they are both okay. Have you heard from Mother lately? I just can't understand why she hasn't written me. She promised to write as soon as I left St. Paul but that's been over two months and I still haven't heard a word. Let me know what is wrong - I know she isn't just neglecting me - no, sir - not my Mother cause she is the sweetest human being on this earth.

Yes, I do think it would be nice if Bud could go to St. Paul to get work. But I believe it would be better if Mother would live in Chicago. She has had very little but trouble and heartache in St. Paul and I should think she would want to leave that place for good. I believe it would be better for her if she did. I know I don't care if I never see the town again except that I want to go there just once and ride round and round the capitol. That's one of my highest ambitions - Think I'll ever get it?

About Roy what's his name - if he looks like big Ray he can't be a half bad looking fellow. I think Ray is a very distinguished looking man - do you agree with me -

I'm sure sorry you and Curly Nickols couldn't get along 'cause I'll bet I would like that guy a lot and no fooling. Keep him someplace in the background till I get out and then introduce us. I'm waiting for that day and I don't care if he is as ugly as sin - I'll still like him. I feel it in my bones.

About those pictures --honey, make it a rush order, won't you. I am waiting as patiently as I can but oh, gosh, hurry it up, please?

I'll be tickled to death to get a letter from that sweet little nephew of mine. I think about that little old monkey so much. I guess I was around him so much it seems as if he's part mine. Do you remember the time Mugs and I had such bad headaches and he got the cold towels for our heads. I don't believe he was quite five years old then, was he? Lordy, we had a lot of fun about that time, didn't we?

I haven't heard from Mugs in ages and ages - Does she ever think of me? I wonder. It kind of hurts me but I guess I shouldn't kick as I didn't write her at all when she was in - tho' I did have a pretty good reason.

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Honey, sometimes those fortune tellers are pretty good. You know, I had these five years and a few other things told me about a year before I got arrested. All the things told me have come true and at the time I just laughed it off. Never again for yours truly. So, honey, to offset that stuff she told you - you ought to marry Roy four times. That ought to get it, hadn't it?

I feel pretty badly when I read about George Heider but he made me so mad that day of the fight when he just stood there and didn't do a thing.

Say "hello" to all the girls from McCormicks for me and any others you meet that I happen to know. I'll bet plenty of the people from St. Paul had me for a subject of conversation for days and days. Oh, well, pay it no mind. That's my motto from now on. Not bad, is it.

I heard the other day that the old Judge who sentenced me has denied all the charges that they have against him and he is to be tried Monday - that's tomorrow. I wish him luck, don't you? ha-ha.

Honey, I couldn't answer your letter any sooner because even tho' you can write me once a week I can still only write you once a month. Tough, isn't it? I would write every day if I could. Write me often darling 'cause I sure look forward to your letters.

I shall say goodbye now and write you again early next month.

All the love in the world

from your baby sis

Dolores

P.S. Try to get Mugs to drop a card or something and I'd love a picture of her, too.

S.O.S. If you can't afford it pay this no attention but if you can I would sure appreciate a dollar or so each month. I won't feel badly if I don't get it 'cause I'll know you just can't make it.

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
April 10, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Re: BREKID

Returned herewith are the following letters, the contents of which have been carefully noted by this office:

Letters written to Dolores Delaney, an inmate of your institution, by Robert Delaney and John Karpavicz, both of Chicago, Illinois.

Letters written by Dolores Delaney to Robert Delaney, Mrs. Helen Delaney, Mrs. Helen Willy and Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz, all of Chicago, Illinois.

Letter written to Wynona Burdette, also an inmate of your institution, by Art Burdette, Lewistown, Pennsylvania.

Letter written by Wynona Burdette to Mrs. C. R. Jones, Turley, Oklahoma.

I desire to extend to you my sincere thanks for your continued cooperation in this and other matters.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Reinecke  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio** FILE NO. **7-83**

REPORT MADE AT <b>San Francisco, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/7/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/1-30/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>P. C. DONWART</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; FUGITIVE I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. 1232; ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Investigation, San Francisco, reflects Frank Cochrane paid \$2,000.00 fine on 1/14/36, by certified check drawn on First and Virginia Street Branch, First National Bank of Nevada, Reno, Nevada. Mail cover placed on mail of John Moyles, Manager of Bank Buffet, San Francisco, Calif. who denies knowing members Barker-Karpis gang. California registrations of motor vehicles by parties with names of George Benton and Mary North checked, with negative results. Mineral springs in San Francisco District circularized with Identification Orders of subjects Karpis and Campbell. No credence placed in statement of Charles Cramer, psychopathic patient, concerning his knowledge of Karpis and other well known criminals.

**REFERENCE:**

Letter from the Cleveland Bureau Office, dated 12/16/35;  
Report of Special Agent John L. Madala, dated 2/6/36;  
Teletype from the Salt Lake City Bureau Office, dated 2/18/36;  
Letter from the Chicago Bureau Office dated 3/4/36;  
Teletype from the Aberdeen Bureau Office.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. L. Kistner</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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dated 3/9/36;  
Letter from the Chicago Bureau Office,  
dated 3/11/36.

DETAILS:

At San Francisco, California

Following receipt of reference teletype from the Salt Lake City Bureau Office, agent ascertained from the records of the Clerk of the United States District Court, San Francisco, California, that a letter had been received by that office from Attorney M. H. Atkinson, Reno, Nevada, dated January 13, 1936, which letter enclosed a certified check for \$2,000.00 in payment of the fine of Frank Cochrane.

Inquiry was made of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco by the Clerk's Office and it was ascertained that the above mentioned certified check was drawn on the First and Virginia Street Branch, First National Bank of Nevada, Reno, Nevada.

The above information was obtained from Mr. George Murphy, Clerical Assistant, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, who stated that it was his recollection that the above check was drawn by the Air Service Garage, Reno, Nevada, the garage which was formerly owned and operated by Frank Cochrane.

The above information was furnished by conference teletype to the Director, the Chicago Bureau Office, the Salt Lake City Bureau Office, the Cincinnati Bureau Office and the St. Paul Bureau Office on February 18, 1936, with the request that the Salt Lake City Bureau Office verify the above information at Reno, Nevada.

Special Agent W. R. Ramsey and the writer interviewed John Moyles, who, it will be recalled, is the proprietor of the Bank Buffet, 3228 - 22nd Street in San Francisco, California, and who was formerly proprietor of the Theatrical Club, a speakeasy located at 34 Hyde Street, San Francisco, California. Moyles advised that since the recent conviction of Anthony "Soap" Moreno and Louis "Bones" Tambini in connection with smuggling charges, that he had employed Tony Moresco and Vincent Marcovich as bartenders at the Bank Buffet. He advised that Virginia Moreno, the wife of "Soap"

Moreno, was still residing at her apartment on 21st Street in San Francisco and that Katherine Parente, sister of Mrs. Moreno and wife of Joe Parente, who was also convicted with "Sonny" Moreno and Louis Tambini was residing with Virginia Moreno at her apartment. He advised that he (Moyles) was still residing with Gladys Butler at 1075 Valencia Street, Apartment 1.

Moyles was again closely questioned with reference to the members of the Barker-Karpis gang who might have come to the Theatrical Club formerly operated by him at 34 Hyde Street and which is undoubtedly the club referred to by Dolores Delaney in her statement set out in report of Special Agent Madala, inasmuch as this club is located within a block and a half of the William Taylor Hotel in San Francisco, California. He admitted that admission to this club was granted only to persons who were known and therefore that if persons entered it would be necessary that they be known either to the bartenders at the club or himself.

After studying photographs of all members of the Barker-Karpis group, including the girls, he denied that any of these persons had ever been in the Theatrical Club or the Bank Buffet and stated that no person could be produced in the Barker-Karpis group who could truthfully say that they knew him. He admitted that such persons might have been known to "Sonny" Moreno or "Bones" Tambini but positively stated that they had never made any remarks or statements to him, at any time, indicating such knowledge.

Moyles solemnly reiterated that he would do all in his power to cooperate with this Bureau and that if he received any information whatsoever regarding any members of this group, or a fugitive wanted by this Bureau, he would immediately communicate the same to this office.

In this connection it should be noted that Tony Moreasco and Vincent Marcovich were previously involved in an investigation in this district in the Jodil case and that both have long criminal records in San Francisco, California, Marcovich having been arrested many times in connection with vagrancy and

*\* Delaney*

violation of the Narcotic Law and Moresco having been arrested on several occasions, as a vagrant and also as a bank robbery suspect.

It was ascertained that Moresco resides at 260 Chenery Street, San Francisco, and was last arrested in San Francisco by the San Francisco Police under No. 33403 on a charge of vagrancy, from which he was bailed.

It was ascertained that Vincent Marcovich was last arrested by the San Francisco Police on November 9, 1935, in connection with a vagrancy charge as San Francisco Police No. 27945, which charge was dismissed.

Photographs of both Moresco and Marcovich were obtained from the San Francisco Police Department and are being placed in the San Francisco file of this matter for use in connection with future investigation in this district.

A mail cover has been placed upon all the mail of John Moyles at his residence, 1075 Valencia Street and on all the mail addressed to the Bank Buffet in San Francisco, California.

A disposition sheet is being submitted in connection with the above referred to arrests of Moresco and Marcovich.

In regard to reference letter from the Cleveland Bureau Office dated December 16, 1935, a request was directed to Miss Ruth Assalena, National Automobile Theft Bureau, located at the California Division of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, to furnish this office with a list of registrations of automobiles and operator's licenses of parties by the names of George Benton and Mary Forth. Such a list was furnished this office by Miss Assalena, at which time it was noted that none of the descriptions contained therein, fitted that of subject Harry Campbell and all were noted as having resided in California for some time.

In view of reference letter from the Chicago Bureau Office, dated March 4, 1936, no further investigation concerning the above registrations is being conducted by the San Francisco Bureau Office.

Following receipt of reference letter from the Chicago Bureau Office, dated March 10, 1936, a list of the mineral springs and similar health resorts located in the San Francisco Office District was compiled from the "Vacation Guide" of the Pack-Judah Travel Service Company, 672 Market Street, San Francisco, California. All of the mineral springs in this district were circularized by letter, advising them of the ailments of subjects Karpis and Campbell and enclosing an identification order of each of these subjects, with the request that the information furnished them be considered strictly confidential and that the San Francisco Bureau Office be immediately notified in the event either of these subjects attempted to receive treatment at their resort during the coming season.

Under date of January 30, 1936, a letter was received by the San Francisco Bureau Office from Dr. R. A. Cushman, M.D. Medical Superintendent, Mendocino State Hospital, Talmadge, California, which enclosed a letter from one Charles Cramer, a patient. Cramer's letter indicated that he had information which would lead to the apprehension of subjects Karpis, Campbell and Dr. Joseph Moran.

At Talmadge, California.

Special Agent L. E. Cook interviewed Charles Cramer, at which time he gave a story of having known and met John Dillinger, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Dr. Joseph Moran, "Baby Face" Nelson and William Dainard, alias William Mahan and various other criminals at different times and places in the past few years.

Dr. Cushman advised Special Agent Cook that although Cramer was not insane, he did have a psychopathic personality, together with a strong criminal personality and he was of the opinion that from past experiences resulting from similar tales told by Cramer that little credence was to be placed in any statements made by him.

It may also be stated that Cramer admitted having been interviewed by agents of the Los Angeles Bureau Office during the fall of 1935 in connection with a violation of the White Slave Traffic Act and it having been determined that a Federal detainer is presently



placed against Cramer for his return to Los Angeles on this charge, it is believed that Cramer's apparent cooperative disposition is an attempt on his part to curry favor of the Bureau with the thought that some might result beneficially to him in connection with the White Slave Traffic Act violation.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE SALT LAKE CITY BUREAU OFFICE AT RENO, NEVADA, will verify the information concerning the payment of a \$2,000.00 fine of Frank Cochrane by Attorney E. H. Atkinson.

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

April 10, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Louisville, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

RE: BARKID

Recent investigation in this case indicates that one FRANK HUNTER, alias Fred King, alias Harold King, who is described as follows:

Age	25 years (in 1935)
Height	5'8"
Weight	175 pounds
Build	Slender
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Gray
Complexion	Fair
Color	White
Occupation	Cumbler and chicken fighter
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is an associate of subjects Karpis and Campbell, and participated with them in the holding of a mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio on November 9, 1935, and further that within the past few weeks, Hunter was associated with Karpis in the vicinity of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

It is believed that in the late fall of 1935, Fred Hunter, with aliases, was driving a Ford coupe automobile, bearing Kentucky license plates, and it is felt that in the event you can ascertain the identity of this car, and the particular community in which the license plates were issued, that some lead may be developed concerning his present whereabouts. In this connection it is realized that in the state of Kentucky there is no central index on purchasers of automobile license plates, however, undoubtedly many of the county clerks maintain name index files, and it is, therefore, requested that you cause all of the county clerks, or automobile license bureaus in the state of Kentucky, to be circularized for the purpose of determining whether or not Fred Hunter, with aliases, was issued a Kentucky license for the year 1935.

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*Edward J. Bremer*

There is enclosed herewith a photograph of Fred Hunter, with aliases, and although this photograph is fifteen years old, it is reported to be a good likeness.

Very truly yours,

J. P. McFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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- Cincinnati  
- E. J. Connelley  
- St. Paul

Post Office Box 815  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
April 11, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

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I am enclosing log of telephone of J. E.  
Davenport, Minneapolis, for April 9, 1936.

Mrs. Olga Kendrick referred to therein is a  
registered nurse. The telephone Kenwood 1865 is  
listed to Vernon C. Rose, plumbing and heating, 2112  
Dupont Avenue South, Minneapolis. The telephone,  
Geneva 5361, is listed to the Swedish Hospital in  
Minneapolis, where Mrs. Kendrick is employed. She  
is staying temporarily at the Davenport home in  
Minneapolis.

Very truly yours,

C. E. STEIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1331 First National Bank Building

El Paso, Texas

April 9, 1936

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

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, w.a., FUGITIVE,  
I.O.#1218, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the instructions contained in your letter dated April 2, 1936, addressed to the St. Paul office, there is transmitted herewith in duplicate memorandum submitted by Special Agent M. C. Falkner concerning his activities in the instant case at Miami, Florida, November 16-18, 1934.

Very truly yours,

*R. H. Colvin*

R. H. COLVIN  
Special Agent in Charge.

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El Paso, Texas,  
April 8, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O.#1218; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
VICTIM;  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS  
ACT.  
El Paso File 7-6.

Reference is made to copy of Bureau letter dated April 2nd, 1936 which was forwarded to the El Paso Office requesting that Agent submit a complete and detailed memorandum concerning his activities in connection with the investigation of this case at Miami, Fla., in November, 1934.

On Bureau instructions Agent departed from Nashville, Tenn., in company with other Agents on November 16, 1934, arriving at Miami, Fla., at about 2:45 p.m. on November 17, 1934. Agent had been advised by Special Agent in Charge J.H.Hansen that the purpose of the trip of the Agents, including the writer, to Miami, Fla., was to investigate the possession in that City of 1934 model Ford Coupe, motor #18-1,037,480, which had been purchased in Cleveland, Ohio, by subject Karpis under the alias of Charles M.Bronson, and had been recently registered at Miami, Fla., by one Duke Randall, El Commodore Hotel, and was assigned Florida license #202-978.

Agent was further advised that upon arrival of the Agents in Miami, Fla., they would be met at the airport by the then resident Agent, Roger L.Main, from whom additional information would be forthcoming on arrival at Miami. Agents were met at the airport by former Agent Main, who advised that Agents were to take no steps in connection with this matter pending the arrival of former Inspector S.P.Cowley and Agents from the Chicago Office, who were due to arrive in Miami early the following morning.

On November 17, 1934, Agent received instructions from Special Agent in Charge Hansen to proceed to the Room of former Inspector S.P.Cowley and former Special Agent H.E.Hollis at a local hotel, the name of which Agent does not now recall, in company with other Agents on this detail. The writer proceeded to Inspector Cowley's room and was there instructed by Inspector Cowley to proceed with Agent H.C.Douglas to the El Commodore Hotel for the purpose of observing the premises with a view of seeing the above described car and obtaining any information available relative to the above mentioned Duke Randall, and anyone with whom he might be seen at this Hotel.

At about 9:00 a.m. on November 17, 1934, Agent proceeded to the El Commodore Hotel and registered as R.E.Redlands, which Agent believes, but is not positive,

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was the assumed name used by him on this occasion. Agent was assigned to Room 1001 or 1005 at the El Commodore Hotel. Arrangements had previously been made between Agent and Agent Douglas whereby the writer was to be on surveillance in the lobby of this Hotel and would be relieved there in several hours time by Agent Douglas, at which time the writer was to proceed to his room in order that the two Agents might not be in the lobby of this hotel on duty at the same time. At approximately 1:00 p.m. Agent Douglas entered the lobby of this Hotel, whereupon the writer proceeded to his room and remained there until about 6:00 p.m., at which time Agent returned to the lobby.

Upon arrival in the lobby Agent observed Agent Douglas just to the rear of the door leading from the Hotel to one of the two streets on which the Hotel was situated. Agent proceeded past Agent Douglas, without any sign of recognition of course, and upon arriving on the sidewalk in front of the hotel door observed the above described Ford Coupe standing at the curb. A short distance down the street, Agent observed Inspector Cowley and Agents Hollis, Hansen, Hurt and Campbell. Agent turned to the right upon leaving the Hotel door and received a nod from Inspector Cowley indicating that Agent was to follow Inspector Cowley down the street, which was done.

Inspector Cowley there informed Agent that the above described Ford Coupe had been observed by Agent Douglas, who had immediately called Inspector Cowley's room; that he, Inspector Cowley, had communicated this information to the other Agents, and all had proceeded to the vicinity of this Hotel. Inspector Cowley at this time instructed Agent to return to the immediate vicinity of this car, to purchase a newspaper, and to stand there, just back of the Hotel door, and to engage in reading this paper but to notice the car and the occupant at the same time. Inspector Cowley further stated that upon Agent's arrival at the door of this Hotel, Agent Douglas would return to a position further up the street; that if anyone was seen to enter this car and appear ready to drive away Agent was to give the signal by lifting his hand to the brim of his hat and holding it there for a few seconds. Agent did as instructed by Inspector Cowley, and in a few moments noticed two men, whom he later learned were Duke Randall and on Codomo, and a young woman who appeared to be about 22 or 23 years of age come through the lobby of the Hotel and proceed to the curb near this car. Randall and the woman entered the car and Codomo returned through the Hotel entrance. Randall then proceeded to back the car out to a position where he could pull away from the curb, whereupon Agent gave the prearranged signal, and as the above described Ford Coupe was being driven down the street, Agent observed Special Agent in Charge Hansen, Agent Douglas, and other Agents follow this machine in a car which had previously been stationed a short distance up the street.

While in this Hotel during the period above set out, Agent alternated with Agent Douglas in maintaining continual surveillance in the lobby of this Hotel. Agents were under strict instructions from former Inspector Cowley not to engage Randall, or any of his associates, in conversation, and Agents were further instructed that they should use every precaution to see that their presence and identity were not known by those under surveillance.

Agent remained in this Hotel until approximately 3:00 p.m. on November 18, 1934, at which time he received a telephone call from Inspector Cowley that Agent and Agent Douglas were to check out of this Hotel immediately and meet him at his room in another Hotel. Agent communicated this information to Agent Douglas, and the writer and Agent Douglas checked out of this Hotel and proceeded to Inspector Cowley's room as instructed.

Before leaving this Hotel, Agent had observed Duke Randall in the above described Ford Coupe on one other occasion, which was when Randall passed the main entrance of the Hotel at a slow rate of speed in this Ford Coupe at about 10:00 a.m. on November 18, 1934. To the best of Agent's recollection, Randall was being followed on this occasion by a car containing Special Agent in Charge Hansen and other Agents.

After checking out of the El Commodore Hotel, Agent was instructed by former Inspector Cowley to make a check of all automobile agencies in Miami to determine if anyone answering the descriptions of the subjects in this case had purchased automobiles at any of these agencies. Agent called on a number of automobile agencies in the City of Miami, where photographs of the fugitives in this case were exhibited, but Agent did not at any of these agencies find anyone who could identify the photographs as being those of anyone to whom automobiles had been sold. Agent remained in Miami for two or three days after checking out of the El Commodore Hotel and during this period, on instructions from former Inspector Cowley, Agent was engaged in checking dance halls, saloons, and gambling houses in an effort to obtain some trace of the fugitives in this case.

Agent did not at any time speak to any of those under surveillance in this case which includes Randall, Codomo, Joe Adams, and Robert Knight. All of these individuals were observed by Agent at one time or another during the time Agent was on duty as above set out in the El Commodore Hotel but, as stated, Agent did not at any time speak to any of these people or have anything whatsoever to do with any of them further than to keep them under surveillance as much as possible.

Very truly yours,

*M. C. Falkner*

M. C. Falkner,  
Special Agent.

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BOOTH INSURANCE CO.

Oklahoma City, Okla.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing you in regard to information that I have and will give that will enable the authorities to get some of the most wanted criminals by your department. John Langdon, Morris Demming, Blackie Doyle, Harry Campbell (Alvin Karpis) not sure but the above are his friends and I have heard he is with them at times.

I was arrested by the Missouri Highway Patrol carried to the Federal Bureau in Kansas City questioned by Mr. A.E. Farland and others so I promised to help him and was released also went with an agent to several places that night where information could be obtained being known as I am. We were seen and spoken to by two Kansas City Detectives not saying anything against them but I was surprised at seeing them and to know that they would know what I was doing, if it were to become known it would mean sure death for me if not be then some of their friends would do the job.

So I made up my mind I had rather be a liar to Mr. Farland than to get killed. After being arrested here and 40 days of thinking I made up my mind to get in touch with Mr. Farland to make him a proposition for a favor in return. A. Mr. Butterworth from Oklahoma City was here and talked to me but I don't think he believed in me but I positively can deliver the goods, so I am taking this way to tell you Mr. Hoover I would never make such statements if they were not true. If this meets with your approval please answer soon. Thanking you I am

Yours Truly

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Enid, Oklahoma

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