

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
AND  
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG  
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Post Office Box #812

Chicago, Illinois

May 19th, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Re: BREXID

It is respectfully requested that there be furnished to this Office copies of the latest photographs of Harry Campbell and Harry Sawyer, which photographs presumably were taken at your Office subsequent to the recent arrests of these two individuals.

Very truly yours,

DML:LJM  
cc - Bureau  
Cincinnati  
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D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>ATLANTA</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>5/20/36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>5/8,9,11/36</b>  | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>P. M. BREED</b>   |
| TITLE<br><b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218;<br/>DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases-FUGITIVE,<br/>I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases-FUGITIVE,<br/>I.O. 1236, et al.<br/>Edward George Bremer - Victim</b>   |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF<br/>FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;<br/>NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b> |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:<br>Investigation at Atlanta fails to disclose individual who drove Duke Randall from Atlanta, Georgia to Etowah, Tennessee in December, 1934.<br><div style="text-align: center;">P</div>  |                                  |  |  |
| REFERENCE:<br>Bureau letter dated 4/18/36; reports of Special Agents Louis DeNette, Nashville, 4/4/35; H. F. Small, Nashville, 4/30/35.   |                                  |  |  |
| DETAILS:<br>Agent made inquiries of the following U-Drive-It automobile rental agencies which are all the rental agencies now operating in Atlanta, Georgia:<br><br>Belle Isle You-Drive-System, 20 Houston St., N.E.<br>Dixie-Drive-It-Yourself System, 14 Houston St., N.E.<br>Hertz-Drive-Ur-Self Service, 40 Auburn Avenue, N.E.<br><br>At none of the above mentioned places did they have any recollection of any trip being taken to Etowah, Tennessee or any other place in that vicinity in December, 1934 or the early part of 1935.<br><br>Agent made inquiries of the following taxicab companies which are all the taxicab companies now operating in the City of Atlanta:<br><br>Atlanta Baggage & Cab Company, Terminal Station<br>Black & White Cab Company, 20 Houston Street<br>Yellow Cab Company, 20 Houston Street |                                  |  |  |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br><i>E.E. Conway</i>   |                                  | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  |  |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT<br>3 - Bureau<br>2 - Cincinnati<br>2 - Chicago<br>1 - Kansas City - encl.<br>1 - Jacksonville (Inf.)  |                                  | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES<br><div style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">7 1576-11172</div> <div style="text-align: right;">MAY 22 1936</div> <div style="text-align: center;">MAY 23 1936</div> |  |

Buckhead Taxi Company, 3105 Peachtree Road, N.E.  
 Gate City Taxi Company, 52 Bell Street, N.E.  
 T. G. Hardeman, 3099 Peachtree Road, N.E.

At none of the above concerns did they have any information concerning any trip being made to Tennessee in the latter part of 1934 or the early part of 1935.

Inquiry was not made of the City Cab Company, 20 Houston Street, N.E., or the Southside Taxi Company, 539 Fraser Street, S.E., for the reason that they only cater to colored patronage.

At the Dixie Drive-It-Yourself System, Agent was advised that in 1934 the U-Drive-It Company, no longer in existence in Atlanta, operated a station at 230 Peachtree Street. They discontinued this station sometime in 1935 and no longer operate in this vicinity. Mr. Charles Saunders was the manager of this station.

Agent ascertained at the Post Office at Atlanta that they had no forwarding address for mail addressed to the U-Drive-It Company. They did have a forwarding address for Charles W. Saunders, who was stated in the City Directory to reside at 757 Greenwood Avenue, Atlanta, and to be secretary of the U-Drive-It Company. His wife's name was listed as Margaret. This forwarding address as of December 10, 1935 was 3744 College Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

For the information of the Kansas City Office, which has not received reference letter or reports in this case, there is enclosed a copy of the reference letter. In the first reference report the following information is set forth: Harry Cook, operator of the Etowah Service Station, Etowah, Tennessee, was interviewed by Special Agent H. F. Small on April 1, 1935, at Etowah and Cook stated that sometime during December, 1934 one Joe Adams came to his station and asked if he would get him some Tennessee license plates for a Buick car for a certain party whose name Cook did not recall. This man was stated by Adams to be a bootlegger. Cook had a man by the name of Frank Jennings get the plates for him at Athens, Tennessee and the plates were subsequently mailed to Joe Adams at some hotel address. In this statement Cook further stated that sometime after Christmas, 1934 while he was attending a motion picture in Etowah he received a telephone call from his filling station. He went to the station where he met two men, one a thin-faced man to whom he did the talking, paying no attention to the other. All he could remember about the thin-faced man as far as description is concerned, is that he had a sharp nose. The man driving the car wore glasses.

Cook continued by stating the thin-faced man said to him, "Do you know Joe Adams?" and he replied, "Yes." He then said "Joe Adams is a good friend of mine" and Cook said, "Adams is a good friend of mine and when he comes to town buys gas from me and I think he is a fine fellow". The thin-faced man, not the one wearing glasses, asked Cook, "Didn't you buy some plates for Adams?" Cook told him he had. Cook noticed the car they were driving was a 1934 Ford V-8 sedan with black body. He did not recall whether the car was a coach or sedan, definitely, but he did notice it had a Georgia license. Cook said to the thin-faced man, "You fellows came over some muddy roads" and the man replied, "Yes, we came from Atlanta".

After the thin-faced man got into the car he handed Cook some paper money and Cook told him, "You don't owe me anything". They had not bought anything at the station. Cook attempted to give the money back to him but the thin-faced man said, "I can make more money than that in five minutes". Cook did not look to see how much money they had given him as he was surprised and did not know what it was all about. They left the station in a great hurry and Cook states it was the only time he had ever seen the two men. He kept the money and later deposited it at a bank in Etowah.

Agent made inquiries at the Atlanta Airport to determine if anyone there had any recollection of making a trip to Etowah, Tennessee at the time described. Agent was able to find no one who had any record of such a trip. The Eastern Airlines Company stated they had no record of anybody having applied for a car, through their office, to make any trip at that time.

For the further information of the Kansas City Office, Roy Arp, Etowah, employed by Harry Cook at the Etowah Service Station, gave a signed statement on April 1, 1936, describing the unknown parties' actions at the service station. In this statement he said the conversation previously described by Cook took place at about 8:30 P.M.; that he believed it was sometime before the first of January, 1935, probably the last part of December, 1934. He said two men drove into the station and the car they were driving appeared to be a U-Drive-It car. He said it was a 1934 V-8 model, DeLuxe Tudor sedan, black body and yellow wheels with a narrow yellow stripe around the body. The shorter of the two men asked for Harry Cook. Arp advised him Cook was at the moving picture show. At the stranger's request Arp called Cook at the show by telephone. Cook came over immediately. The shorter of the two men said, referring to the car, "This thing runs too slow. I wish I had the governor off of it". The taller of the two, who was wearing glasses, and driving the car, said "No, we can't do that, I have to take this car back and they would get after me; they would not bother you but they would me". The smaller man then said he had come from Miami to see Harry

Cook and had come to Atlanta from Miami in an aeroplane and that he hoped to "make Atlanta and get a plane back to Miami". To this remark the taller of the two men, who was driving, said, "We will be too late to get a plane but we can a midnight show in Atlanta". Arp could not describe the conversation which took place between Cook and the strangers as he was busy attending to the car. He said both of the men stayed only a few minutes and drove away in great haste. He described them as follows:

|             |                          |       |
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| #1          |                          | m #2  |
| Age:        | 35                       | 33    |
| Height:     | 5' 11                    | 5' 9" |
| Weight:     | 156                      | 145   |
| Dress:      | Wearing blue serge suit, | ----  |
| Hair:       | Black                    | ----  |
| Complexion: | Dark                     | Sandy |
| Eyeglasses: | Wore glasses             | ----  |

Neither Cook nor Arp believed that either of the two men resembled any of the principal subjects in this case. Cook, however, stated in a later signed statement that the man who had given him the money resembled a photograph of Duke Randall. He also said he was positive that this party did not make the statement "Forget about Adams and the license plates" or even infer as much.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS: KANSAS CITY OFFICE

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, will interview Mr. Charles W. Saunders, 3744 College Street, who was formerly manager of the U-Drive-It Company at Atlanta, Georgia. Ascertain from Mr. Saunders whether he or any person employed by him at Atlanta drove an unknown party, who is believed to be Duke Randall, to Etowah, Tennessee at the time mentioned in the foregoing and if so, get full details as requested in Bureau letter.

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HOTEL



CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND OHIO

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRES & GEN MGR

May 15, 1936

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Baughman ✓  
Mr. Vieggs ✓  
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 ✓  
*H. W. Agan*

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thanks very much for your very gracious  
letter of May 12th.

We were very happy indeed to have the  
privilege of having you and your party  
with us, and trust that whenever  
occasion brings you into Cleveland, you  
will think of Hotel Cleveland as your  
headquarters.

Be assured that we are here standing  
ready to be of any assistance possible  
to you.

Very cordially yours,

LEP:B

*L. E. Pierce*  
Manager  
HOTEL CLEVELAND

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May 16, 1936

Time: 1:20 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

RE: Request for list of  
Ransom Recoveries.

Mr. Suydam telephoned and stated that Mr. Friedheim of International News Service had requested a list of the recoveries which had been made of ransom money in the kidnaping cases. I stated that we have received several requests for such statistics but that they have not been compiled. I stated, however, that even if such figures were available I would not have them prepared for Mr. Friedheim because of his flagrant breach of confidence in connection with the press conference I gave following the Campbell apprehension.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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H. C. STREICH, Superintendent

CITY OF SAINT PAUL  
Capital of Minnesota  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES  
216 Court House  
HERMAN C. WENZEL, Commissioner  
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Holman Municipal Airport  
FRANCIS J. GENG, Airport Master  
Bureau of Public Markets  
LEO J. O'REGAN, Market Master  
Bureau of Investigation  
EDWIN F. JONES, Utilities Engineer

May 20, 1936.

Mr. Newell ✓  
Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Baughman ✓  
Chief Clerk ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Coffey ✓  
Mr. Edwards ✓  
Mr. Egan ✓  
Mr. Foxworth ✓  
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Mr. Tracy ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your letter of May 14th received,  
and in reply please be advised that this Bureau  
shall be only too glad to cooperate with your De-  
partment at all times.

Very truly yours,

*F. J. Geng*  
AIRPORT DIRECTOR

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PORT OF SAINT PAUL

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

May 9, 1936

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| Mr. Nathan   | ✓ |
| Mr. Tolson   |   |
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| Mr. Lester   |   |
| Mr. Quinn    |   |
| Mr. Schilder | ✓ |
| Mr. Tamm     |   |
| Mr. Tracy    |   |
| Miss Gandy   |   |

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

United States Attorney Emerich B. Freed has indicated to me that he desires to personally interview Fred Hunter, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell for the purpose of determining from them whether they are responsible for the perpetration of the Warren mail robbery.

It was indicated by Mr. Freed that he had taken up the matter with the Department and that in order to protect himself, in view of the fact that he may have two innocent men in jail convicted of the Warren mail job, he is making this request for authority to interview the above-named subjects through me so as to have a request going through all channels possible looking toward the accomplishment of that objective by him.

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Mr. Freed assured the writer that he was desirous of cooperating with the Bureau in all matters, and he wanted to assure the writer that he had given no publicity whatever in regard to occurrences in this district in connection with the apprehension of the Brekid subjects. Mr. Freed expressed himself as being considerably worried by reason of the fact of having two men in jail who may be innocent of the Warren mail truck robbery. He desires specific advice as to whether he may interview Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Fred Hunter.

It might be desirable for the Bureau to authorize this office to indicate to Mr. Freed that he may interview the said subjects in connection with the Warren mail truck job. Your early advice in the premises is earnestly solicited.

Very truly yours,

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

JPM:h

*Oct 14 1936*

*Handwritten note: On and through Bureau interview of subject to be made*

*Unit 1*

*7-576-11705*

*May 28 1936*

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May 19, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of May 9, 1936, pertaining to the desire of United States Attorney E. B. Freed of Cleveland to personally interview Fred Hunter, Alvin Karpis, and Harry Campbell, I do not believe that this is a matter upon which the Bureau should take any action, feeling that this is a situation between the United States Attorney and the Department. The Bureau will, of course, take no action to encourage or prevent Mr. Freed from interviewing these prisoners.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Baughman \_\_\_\_\_  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

May 13, 1936

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The memorandum relative to lack of cooperation on the part of Post Office Inspectors in connection with the Bremer case submitted under date of May 11 differs from the 2 memoranda prepared for the Attorney General in the same matter under date of May 9, in that primarily any and all references to Post Office Inspectors by name who gave information to the Bureau confidentially have been eliminated so far as the names of these Inspectors are concerned, and the incidents have been referred to solely as involving information coming from confidential informants in the Post Office Inspection service, and in the latter part of the memorandum, instead of giving the individual instances in which Post Office people refused to place mail covers, I stated there were a large number of such instances.

The only difference in the manner of preparation is that it was shortened wherever possible as to wording. There was also eliminated from the original memorandum, on Page 5, the following paragraph which appeared to be vague and to have no particular value:

"Post Office Inspectors Haynes and Hill also told the informant that it was their understanding that Bureau Agents believed that the informant was contacting Karpis for his wife, Dorothy Karpis, who is residing at Tulsa, and that whenever the informant is in that part of the country the informant is watched like a hawk. The informant did not know whether this remark was calculated to bring forth information to the effect that the informant was friendly to this Bureau or might have been used by this Bureau."

The only other changes were in the manner of preparation, headings being set up, and in each instance at the end of the description, references to the basic facts or logical inferences were set forth and underlined. The wording of any comment is amplified in the subsequent memorandum and emphasized by underlining some additional comments being contained in the subsequent memorandum that do not appear in the first.

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Respectfully,

Clyde Tolson.

JUN 5 1936

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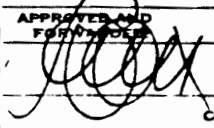
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| TITLE<br><b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1236; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Investigation at First National Bank, North Platte, Nebraska disclosed that James Strong opened commercial checking account in March, 1936 and closed this account April 20, 1936. Various employees of said bank stated that neither James Strong nor Wilber Swick bore any resemblance to Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. Investigation made through C. C. Kronquest, Auto Registration Clerk, Auto License Department, County Clerk's Office, North Platte, Nebraska disclosed that James Strong on April 1, 1936 registered new Chevrolet 1 1/2-ton truck, 1935 model, license number 15-C241. Mr. Kronquest was unable to identify photographs of Campbell and Karpis as being identical with James Strong and Wilber Swick. Records in this office further disclosed that James Strong obtained a North Platte, Nebraska driver's license, #12531, dated March 21, 1936. Mrs. E. J. Swick, mother of Wilber Swick, located North Platte, Nebraska working for W P A, who stated that she could not identify the photographs of Karpis and Campbell as being identical with that of her son or James Strong.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent J. S. Bush, St. Louis, 4/28/36.

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DETAILS:

At North Platte, Nebraska

Agent in company with Special Agent (A) J. N. Franz contacted W. H. Munger, Cashier of the First National Bank, North Platte, who advised that records of the bank show that James Strong, 423 East 8th Street, North Platte opened a commercial checking account with this bank on March 23, 1936 with an initial deposit [REDACTED] Examination of this commercial account disclosed that there were [REDACTED] b7c

J. B. Palmer, Teller of said bank advised Agent that he waited on Strong from time to time and that he accepted the initial deposit mentioned above and that it all consisted of cash. Palmer stated that every time Strong came to the bank to make a deposit or cash a check that he was always in company with a man who from the investigation appears to have been Wilber Swick. Palmer stated, after looking at the Identification Orders on Campbell and Karpis that neither one of these men bore any resemblance to said subjects. He stated that Strong was about 26 years old, about 5 feet 3 or 5 inches tall, slender build, light complexion, had light hair and that he had a very peculiar twitch to the corner of his mouth. He stated that he did not pay any particular attention to the man who was with him, but he was under the impression that this man was around 6 feet in height, medium weight, light complexion and light hair.

L. B. Langdon, Teller, stated that he did not recall Strong and Swick very much, but that he did specifically recall that he [REDACTED] from Strong on April 6, 1936. He stated that he recalled this particularly due to the fact that Strong brought to the bank in this deposit quite a few Canadian dollars (bills) and after much discussion with Strong he advised Strong that the bank would have to discount said bills. After looking at the Identification Orders on Karpis and Campbell, he stated that neither one of these subjects bore any resemblance to the above described individuals. His description of Strong and apparently Swick seemed to be the same as given by teller J. B. Palmer. He confirmed the description of Palmer in that he was quite positive that Strong had a very peculiar twitching in the corner of his mouth. The Identification Orders of Karpis and Campbell were exhibited to Cashier W. H. Munger, and he was unable to make any identification of same as resembling the above mentioned men.

Upon request, Cashier Munger located the signature card of Strong and there was nothing on this card which was of any help to Agent except the street address of 423 East 8th Street. He further advised, after consulting the records of the bank and Strong's checking account [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This money was transferred to Strong by the bank through the medium of the Western Union located at the North Platte railroad depot, and the bank has a receipt in their files to this effect.

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Examination of the cancelled checks as found in the files of the bank disclosed that Strong had issued a check to the General Motors Acceptance Corporation of Omaha, Nebraska on March 25, 1936 which appears to be the initial payment on the truck registered with the Automobile Registration Clerk in the County Court House on April 1, 1936. Examination of the check showed that it bore a number - 23049 - evidently placed there by the G. M. A. Co. and which seems to be the contract number of this purchase. Said check further disclosed the address of 523 W. 6th Street which seemed to be another address of Strong other than the one given on his signature card at the bank.

Agents proceeded to the Automobile Registration Department located in the County Court House, North Platte, and contacted Mr. C. E. Kronquest, Automobile Registration Clerk, and from his records he advised James Strong obtained a drivers license for Lincoln County, Nebraska at North Platte, #12531 on March 21, 1936, giving as his address - 423 E. 8th Street which appears to be the same address as given by Strong on the back of his signature card at the bank. Information contained on this drivers license permit showed that Strong was 21 years of age, white race, medium complexion. Upon further inquiry by Agents as to whether or not the records disclosed that Strong had registered an automobile at this department, it was ascertained that on April 23, 1936, Strong registered a new 1935 Chevrolet 1 1/2-ton truck and obtained thereon a 4-ton commercial license No. 15-C241, for which he paid a \$45.00 fee, same being for three-quarters of a year. The records of this office further disclosed that this truck, motor #T-5009263 with steel wheels, red body and six cylinders was the property of James Strong. Further inquiry was made from Mr. Kronquest as to whether - W. WICH - name given in the reference report, had obtained a drivers license or had any make of an automobile or truck registered under his name. Mr. Kronquest, after making a thorough search of his records advised in the negative.

Agents proceeded to 523 W. 6th Street and talked to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steel who operate a residential rooming house at this address. Mrs. Steel stated that Strong came there on March 24, 1936 with a man known by the name of Wilber Swick, and that they roomed together in the same room for a period of three weeks, at which time they left and she did not know their present whereabouts at this time. She was unable to identify the Identification Orders of Karpis and Campbell as bearing any resemblance whatever to Strong and Swick. She stated that both of these men were around six feet tall, of fairly good-sized build, light complexion and light hair, and that Strong had a peculiar twitch to his mouth. Agents questioned Mrs. Steel regarding the address - 423 E. 8th Street - as given to the bank on Strong's signature card, and she advised that it was the residence address of Wilber Swick's mother, and that she was under the impression that Strong and Swick were both living there prior to the time they came to her house for a room.

Agents proceeded to the address 423 E. 8th Street, North Platte, and it was found that this address was a very small one and was locked with a padlock on the outside of the door. By discreet inquiry next door it was ascertained that the person living there was the owner of these premises and previously thereto the place had been occupied by a Mrs. Swick. The party questioned at the house next door stated that Mrs. Swick was now living about four or five doors down the street in the trailer automobile. Upon making inquiry from the people in the neighborhood of this trailer automobile it was ascertained that Mrs. Swick was working for the W.P.A. in North Platte doing sewing and was on relief. After much difficulty in locating the office of the W.P.A., a Mrs. Swick was contacted as she was going home in the evening from work. She stated that she did not know where her son and James Strong were at the present time. She stated that Wilber's father died when Wilber was about four years of age, and that he (Wilber) had been more or less working around the country on his own resources, and that she had very little contact with her son for the past six years; further, that on March 1st, her son returned to North Platte with Strong, although she was unable to state where her son met Strong. She stated that they both decided to buy a truck and go into the trucking business, but that work became very hard, and that they later sold the truck and left for parts unknown about four weeks prior to this investigation. She stated that Strong appeared to be somewhat of a gambler, and that she felt positive that any money coming to these two boys was furnished by Strong. After obtaining the above information from Mrs. Swick the Identification Orders of Campbell and Karpis were exhibited to her, and she was unable to identify either one as that of her son and was quite positive that neither one of the Identification Orders bore any resemblance to Strong. She further stated that at the present time she was unable to state the whereabouts of these two boys.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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May 15, 1936.

## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Please be advised that we have in the Supply Room at the present time ransom lists on the principal kidnapping cases. There are at present the following number of lists set opposite each particular case:

|                  |   |              |
|------------------|---|--------------|
| Stoll Case       | - | 28,000 lists |
| Weyerhauser Case | - | 24,000 "     |
| Bremer Case      | - | 5,000 "      |
| Urschel Case     | - | 25 "         |

These lists are printed on both sides of the paper and cannot be utilized by the Bureau for any purpose whatever. It is suggested that authority be granted for all except approximately one hundred lists of each type be destroyed.

If you approve this suggestion, arrangements will be made to have them burned immediately.

Respectfully,

H. D. Douglas

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This is being done - HCD 5/19/36.

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

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May 20, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID

I am transmitting herewith clipping from the Miami, Florida, Herald of May 17, 1936, which indicated that investigation is now being made at Miami, in connection with the possible harboring in that city of Alvin Karpis during February, 1936.

I have no information as to where the newspaper in question obtained the information or conjecture upon which this story is based.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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## KARPIS HARBORING INDICTMENTS MAY BE ASKED IN MIAMI

G-Men Investigating Stay  
of Bandit Here Last  
February

Indictments in connection with the harboring in Miami and Miami Beach last February of Alvin Karpis may be sought before the federal grand jury which meets here tomorrow.

It was learned that G-men now are investigating Karpis' stay here which was ended abruptly when he saw a picture which appeared in The Herald of J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, with a mullet which he had caught during a Gulf Stream fishing trip.

Hoover, in a Universal News Service interview following Karpis' capture in New Orleans, said Karpis had told him that the published picture caused him to flee to New Orleans.

Hoover at that time was in Miami Beach apparently on a pleasure trip. However, it was learned yesterday that not fishing but the appearance of some of the ransom money paid for Edward G. Bremer's release in St. Paul, brought the federal chief here.

It also was learned the money, amounting to several thousands of dollars, was circulated in a large Miami Beach gambling establishment. During his visit here Karpis stayed both in Miami and Miami Beach, and is said to have frequented gambling places.

Meanwhile, formal order continuing the trials of Joseph H. Adams and Henry Stern, also known as Hendry "Duke" Randall, to the October term of court will be submitted to Judge Alexander Akerman in United States District court tomorrow. Bart A. Riley, defense counsel, said yesterday.

Adams, manager of El Comodoro hotel, and Randall, former Biscayne

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## G-MEN INVESTIGATING STAY OF KARPIS HERE

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greyhound track employe, are under indictment charging that they harbored and assisted in the concealment of Alvin Karpis, kidnap gang leader, in Miami during December, 1934, and January, 1935.

The trials had been scheduled for May 25, but John Holland, United States district attorney, and Walter Barlow, special assistant to the attorney general assigned to the case, entered into an agreement with the defense to postpone to an indefinite date next fall. Riley is seeking to nullify as evidence statements which he contends were forced from the defendants by federal agents.

Government witnesses previously subpoenaed to appear for the trial have been notified through the district attorney's office here not to appear until further notice. One of these witnesses is Nathan Heller, who had been indicted with Adams and Randall. The charge against Heller later was cancelled.

Delores Delaney and Wynona Burdette, girl companions of Karpis and his aid, Harry Campbell, in Miami, were to have been brought to Miami as witnesses for the government. They are serving terms in the prison farm at Milan, Mich., where they were sentenced after pleading guilty to charges of assisting in the concealment of Karpis and Campbell.

7-576-11708

Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
May 19, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 13, 1936, to  
the Cincinnati office, a copy of which was forwarded to all  
field offices.

A review of all sections of the Brekid file at the  
Little Rock office discloses "stops" as to the following des-  
cribed automobiles have been placed with the State of Arkansas  
and have not been withdrawn:

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| 1935 Pontiac Sedan (or Coach) | Motor #935155             |
| Packard Club Sedan            | Motor #189533             |
| Plymouth Sedan                | Motor #PJ-322772          |
| Buick Sedan                   | true Motor #2271639       |
|                               | fictitious Motor #2177639 |
| Buick Sedan                   | Motor #2797868            |
| Buick Sedan                   | Motor #2858090            |
| Cadillac Sedan                | Motor #1001172            |
| Ford V-8 Sedan                | Motor #18-493680          |
| Ford V-8 Coupe                | Motor #18-304724          |
| Ford Tudor Sedan              | Motor #3809716            |
| Graham Paige Sedan            | Motor #1024021            |

Very truly yours,

CHAPMAN FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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| No. 1<br>CASE ORIGINATED AT  |                | CINCINNATI, OHIO |                               | CHICAGO  |   | FILE NO. | 7-82 |
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| CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  | May 19, 1936   |                  | 4/20 to 30/36<br>5/5 to 15/36 |  | V. E. CRISS      VEC:JMS  |          |      |
| ALVIN KARPIS with aliases;<br>DOCTOR JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232<br>et al - Edward George Bremer, Victim   |                |                  |                               |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF<br>FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF<br>JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT |          |      |
| <p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Mrs. William Elmer Mead still absent from her home at Chicago. Barney Bertsche cashed \$530 check for Mrs. Mead. McKenzie and Evans, accountants acting for Mrs. Mead in income tax case. Charles O. Long apprehended Chicago 5/5/36, questioned, and turned over to States Attorney's office Chicago 5/8/36. Case against Long in State court nolle prossed 5/11/36. Long admitted working for Mead in Wunderlich swindle in 1933, and receiving \$120,000 as his share. Wunderlich undecided as to whether to prosecute Long in State court. Mead accompanied by wife and Leon Felix visited Long and wife in West Palm Beach, Florida latter part of January 1936. Mead driving dark 1934 Ford or Chevrolet sedan. Mead talked about going to Louisiana and Texas. Information from Long indicates Sammie Gates "fixed" Police of San Antonio and operated fictitious race track office there. Gates said to be friend of Mead. William Skidmore and Barney Bertsche contacts of Mead in Chicago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent V. E. Criss, Chicago, Illinois April 14, 1936; report of Special Agent C. B. Winstead, Jacksonville, Florida April 25, 1936; letter of the Jacksonville office dated April 28, 1936.</p> |                |                  |                               |  |   |          |      |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>   |                |                  |                               | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  |   |          |      |
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DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

Mr. George Meyers, business manager, Glaziers Union, 100 North LaSalle Street was reinterviewed and advised that Barney Bertsche, 5908 Magnolia Avenue had come to him with the check for \$530.00 made out to Marie DeTemple, and obtained his (Meyers') endorsement thereon; that Bertsche stated he had known Mead for twenty-five or thirty years; that Bertsche is a man about seventy years old and was a former saloon owner in Chicago and presently has no known source of income.

Barney Bertsche was interviewed and advised that he formerly operated a saloon near the city hall in Chicago; that he thus met Mead about twenty or thirty years ago; that Mead is a known thief; that some time in 1935 Mrs. Mead came to him (Bertsche) to cash the above check in question as she had no bank account; that as he had no bank account he went to Meyers for his endorsement, and thus cashed the check for Mrs. Mead; that he knows Mead is wanted by the Federal Government but has not seen him for about 2 years and does not know where he is, though he feels certain Mrs. Mead is with him; that he (Bertsche) referred Mrs. Mead to McKenzie and Evans, accountants 228 North LaSalle Street to straighten out her income tax trouble, and he feels certain that if she is corresponding with anybody it will be with this firm. Bertsche volunteered to phone Agent at the Chicago office immediately if he hears from or about the present whereabouts of Mead. It is questionable however, if he will do so, and if so, if it will be in time to apprehend Mead. A 30 day cover has been placed on Barney Bertsche's mail.

Mr. Alex J. Resa, attorney, 111 West Washington Street advised upon interview that he had a client named Charles O. Long. While Agent was in Resa's office Long telephoned and made an appointment for 3 P.M. that day (May 5, 1936). Agent that day took Long into custody after he had left his attorney's office and was walking west on Washington Street near LaSalle Street as his criminal record set out in the reference report of Special Agent C. B. Winstead revealed he was wanted by the States Attorney's office, Criminal Bureau of Identification, Sacramento, California and the Police Department at Peoria, Illinois.

Upon being interviewed by this Agent and Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Long admitted acquaintance with William Elmer Mead and stated that Mead accompanied by his wife Kate, and Jew Felix had visited him (Long) and his wife one night at the George Washington Hotel, West Palm Beach, Fla. some time in the latter part of January, 1936; that Mead was driving a 1934 dark colored Ford or Chevrolet sedan, kind of license plates not remembered or observed; that Mead said he had a couple of "prospects" and wanted Long to assist him, which he refused to do; that Mead was smooth shaven and wearing horn rimmed glasses. Long claimed that Mead has a permanent three inch

scar along the side of his face adjacent to the jaw bone on the left side; that this scar is the result of knife wound received by Mead in Denver, Colorado about twenty or thirty years ago in a fight over a card game; that Mead subsequently shot and killed the man, whose name was Layton, and was tried for murder in Denver for this killing. This cut on Mead's face severed the nerves of the left side of his face and thus paralyzed it and his mouth is drawn upward on the left side, and when he laughs only the right side of his face moves. Long further stated that Mead said he was then leaving for Jacksonville, and mentioned Louisiana as a good territory to work in on account of the road work which is being done in that state. Long also stated that there had been a store (fictitious bookie) operating in Hollywood, Florida during the season of 1935 and 1936. He admitted that he had on several occasions worked with Mead "buncoing" people, one of these being W. T. Hamilton, Lima, Ohio who was buncoed out of \$30,000 in 1929 through the sale of worthless stock. The men involved in the scheme were William Elmer Mead, William Dorey, Harry Morris, and himself. Another "bunco" took place when Charles H. Overstolz and wife from Santa Anna, California were induced to come to Kansas City, Missouri in 1931 where they were swindled out of about \$40,000 by fake horse race betting. Another victim or "egg" was Martin Wunderlich, who was "buncoed" out of \$200,000.00 in St. Louis, Mo. during the latter part of 1933 on fake horse racing bets. The men involved in this latter scheme were William Elmer Mead, George Childs, Sam Harris and himself. Long stated that he was the "steerer" of Wunderlich, and as a result received \$120,000 as his share, out of which he spent \$40,000 for "fixing" and other expenses. Long further advised that just before he left Florida about February 1, 1936 he met Jew Goldie, true name not known in Miami, Florida, who advised him that Sammie Gates from Minneapolis, Minn. had a "fix" with the city and county police at San Antonio, Texas and was operating a fictitious bookie or "store" in the vicinity of the St. Anthony Hotel and that the "bunco" men, including Elmer (Mead) were going there; that about February 7, 1936 he (Long) while in Chicago received a telegram from Mead, using the name of Hall, from San Antonio, requesting him to come to San Antonio. Long stated that if he wanted to get in touch with Mead he would either go to San Antonio and go to the lobby of the Anthony Hotel and wait for some of the boys ("bunco men"), or inquire for Sammie Gates; that Mead undoubtedly had his wife in an apartment in San Antonio and was working out of that city. He also stated that Mrs. Mead is corresponding with Barney Bertsche referred to above, and Mead keeps in touch with William Skidmore, notorious gambler, politician and "fixer" in Chicago; that if he (Long) could not get in touch with Mead in San Antonio he would contact Bertsche or Skidmore in Chicago, tell them that he was here, and request them to notify Mead when they next heard from him. The San Antonio office

was advised of this information by teletype and referred to letter from the Little Rock office to the San Antonio office dated March 19, 1936, setting out similar information. The Bureau by teletype directed that Martin Wunderlich be contacted as to whether he would testify against Long in State Court, and if so the facts should be turned over to the proper State officials for prosecution.

The Kansas City Bureau office was therefore requested to contact Wunderlich who was finally traced by that office to Denver, Colorado, but from telegraphic advice from the Denver office it appeared that Wunderlich hesitates to prosecute, for fear of publicity. Wunderlich talked over the telephone from Salina, Kansas on May 12, 1936 to Agent, and stated he would arrive in Chicago, Illinois on the morning of May 14, 1936 to see Long and endeavor to recover some of his money; that he was hesitant about causing Long's prosecution. It is noted that a copy of a teletype from the Kansas City office to the St. Paul office dated May 6, 1936 advises that Leon Felix, under the name of L. F. Davis with associates was then stopping at the Dyckman Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Long upon further interview advised that a Jew by the name of Soloway, known as Hamburger Sol, who hangs out in front of Lindys, or in a pool hall downstairs, at 42nd and Broadway, New York City, acts as a kind of information bureau for confidence men and their whereabouts. Hamburger Sol is described as being about 45 years of age, fat, full face, some times smooth shaven, some times wearing a mustache, about 5 feet 7 inches, weight about 180 pounds; talks constantly. *Continue*

Jew Oscar, who hangs out at Oden's, or the Carl Inn on 72nd Street near Broadway, New York City is another source of information for confidence men. Jew Oscar is described as about 50 years old, slender, about 5 feet 3 inches tall, about 120 pounds, reddish hair, ruddy complexion. Long also advised that a hotel located on the south-west corner of 72nd and Broadway is a hangout for confidence men. Long always refers to Mead as Elmer. *Continue*

Accompanied by E. W. McGibbon, manager, Berkshire Hotel, 18 East Ohio Street, Agent searched through Long's effects in room 514, and the following data was obtained:

An air mail letter addressed to Charles O. Long, St. Ann's Hospital, 4900 West Thomas Street, Chicago, Illinois, return address A. F. Stoll, Box 47, Niles, Michigan. This letter was postmarked April 20, 1936 and written on stationery of the Twin Cities Chevrolet Company, Inc. Benton Harbor, Michigan, which Long formerly was part owner of.

Letter from Mrs. Long, Sarasota, Florida addressed to C.O. Long, 190 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois care of C. H. Hoffman, room 1038.

Receipted bills made out to Charles Layton and Charles Long, from the Parkway Hotel, 2100 Lincoln Parkway, Chicago.

Calling card with the name Chicago Merchandise and Equipment Company, 328 Exchange Avenue, Union Stock Yards, Chicago.

A note bearing the telephone number Dorchester 4300. This was checked and found to be listed to the Plaisance Hotel Corporation, 1545 East 60th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Premium due notice from the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, head office Montreal, Policy number 13-1389760.

Prescription from Harry J. Dooley, M.D., Medical Arts Building 715 Lake Street, Oak Park, Illinois dated September 3, 1935.

Calling card bearing the information "The Boulevard Cocktail Lounge, 1021 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois."

Calling card bearing the information "Roy I. Levinson, 1455 Insurance Exchange, 175 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois".

Two boxes of matches with the names of the Breakers, Palm Beach, Florida, and the Patio, Palm Beach, Florida.

Loan notice from the Investors Syndicate, 100 North 7th St. Minneapolis, Minnesota, certificate number 607471.

In Long's room was also found a .22 caliber Remington automatic rifle, model number 24, gun number 52555, and one box of .22 caliber hollow point cartridges.

The Berkshire Hotel records reflected that Long had telephoned to Blue Island 2121, listed in the name of John H. Trundle, 2200 West 121st Street, Blue Island, Illinois;

Blue Island 84, listed to Cliff Vandenburg, 2653 West Vermont St. Blue Island, Illinois;

Dearborn 9421, listed to Hoffman Martin and Company, 190 North State Street, room 1038, Chicago, Illinois;

Hyde Park 6514, Winifred Gallagher, 6434 South Kimbark Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois;

Juniper 5491, listed to Roy I. Levinson, 4823 North Lawndale  
Avenue, apartment 2, Chicago, Illinois.

Keystone 5827, listed to Benjamin Levinson, 3309 West Cullom  
Avenue, apartment 1, Chicago, Illinois.

Central 4455 listed to Ayers Rosa and Long, 111 West Washing-  
ton Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. McGibbon further stated that Long claimed to be a paint  
salesman. No one resembling Mead had been seen at the hotel.

Mr. Lee Perry, manager, Parkway Hotel, advised from the re-  
cords that Charles O. Long used the name of Charles Layton, and claiming  
to be the brother of a professional billiard player by the name of Layton,  
checked into the hotel on February 3, 1936 and checked out April 27, 1936;  
that during a telephone call made by Long he (Perry) learned that it was  
Long who was using the name of Layton, and changed his bill accordingly.  
There were two letters for Long being held by the hotel as he had left no  
forwarding address. One of these letters written by himself (Long), to a  
Fred Perry, General Delivery, Jacksonville, Florida had been returned on May  
8, 1936. The other was a letter addressed to Long with the return address  
of Higgins and Frank, designers and importers, 304 South Michigan Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

The following long distance telephone calls were made:

Sarasota 24847, Sarasota, Florida, called 3/1-19/36; also  
4/8/36.

Berwyn 4226, Chicago, Illinois, called April 8, 1936.

Village 4800, Oak Park, Illinois called March 6, 1936,  
listed to Doctor Henry John Stewart, 7151 Lake St.

Blue Island, 84, called March 17, 1936, mentioned above.

Blue Island 2121, called March 21, 1936, mentioned above.

Miles, Michigan 825-W called March 19, 1936.

Berwyn 4226, an unlisted number, called April 8, 1936.

The following names and addresses were found on papers in Long's pocketbook:

2742 Reaver, Lakeview 5172, listed to Alex J. Resa.

Hayes - Wabash 4932, listed to Max Brodie, 542 South Dearborn St. Room 1011.

M. Leonard, Whitehall 4450, listed to that name at 211 East Delaware.

Tom, 7854 Ellis.

Will, Kenwood 2670, -Hamburger Biatton Hut, 5650 South Vincennes Avenue, first floor.

Sunny, Normal 5213, listed to Kenneth Court Apartments, 5654 South Park Avenue.

Pensacola 2734, listed to John J. Hartigan, 4128 North Tripp, Apartment 2.

L. D. Bozman, 414 North Jefferson St.

Glenwood 2122, Harry Fisk, 268 South 1st Street.

Prescription written by George M. Elgin, 916 West 59th Street, Normal 1682.

Guest card from the Glen Eagles Country Club, 123rd St. and Archer Avenue, bearing notation "This entitles E. B. Garrison and party of four to inspect courses and pass all construction lines from 10/4/36 to 2/10/36.

Long likewise had in his possession a 90 day promissory note dated April 18, 1936, in the sum of \$3,000.00. Louise E. Long was given as the payee and John J. McMahon's signature appeared as the maker of this note; also a receipt dated April 11, 1933 signed by John J. McMahon acknowledging receipt of \$10,000 from Charles Long. The second receipt is dated

May 25, 1933 signed by McMahon, and showing receipt from Louise Long of \$2,000.00. Among these papers was also noted a notice of protest dated Chicago, Illinois June 22, 1933 regarding a \$3,000.00 check dated June 19, 1933 payable to the Banco di Napoli Trust Company of Chicago and signed by John J. McMahon and endorsed by Charles O. Long; Farmers and Merchants National Bank and Trust Company, Benton Harbor, Michigan; and Federal Reserve Bank, Chicago, Illinois. This notice of protest was sworn to before Vito LoSacco, notary public for Cook County. The original check mentioned above in the sum of \$3,000 dated June 19, 1933 drawn on the Banco di Napoli Trust Company to the order of Charles O. Long and signed John J. McMahon was also in Long's possession. This check is endorsed by Long and was subsequently endorsed by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, and the Farmers and Merchants Bank and Trust Company, Benton Harbor, Michigan on June 4, 1933, and is stamped showing the account of McMahon was closed. There was also a certificate of protest and notation of insufficient funds among the papers in Long's possession.

In this connection Long was interviewed by Special Agent D.P. Sullivan and the writer and stated that about 1933, being friendly with John J. McMahon a local attorney in Chicago, McMahon asked him for the loan of some money. Long thereupon loaned McMahon \$15,000. Subsequent thereto Long was unsuccessful in collecting this debt and learned that McMahon had previous to contracting this debt, embezzled some money belonging to a woman client in playing the stock market, and in order to cover his losses borrowed \$15,000 from Long, figuring he would recover the sum he had already lost, but he thereafter played the stock market with Long's money and also lost that amount. Long stated since 1933 he has collected approximately \$5,000.00 of the \$15,000 that McMahon owes him.

In connection with the above mentioned telephone numbers Long stated that Kenwood 2670 was the number that he called in contacting Wynn McCullough, a negro who operates a policy game. Long stated that this man had no connection with buncoing or confidence games. Long stated further that L. D. Bozman, 414 North Jefferson Street, Albany, Georgia is a chance acquaintance that he had met some two years ago and that he visited Bozman at Albany on one occasion and both went hunting in that vicinity. Long stated that this man has no connection with any criminals or confidence games. He stated he carried the name and address of Doctor George M. Elgin merely because someone had suggested to him that he was a capable oculist and Long intended going to him to have his eyes examined.

Long also had in his possession the name of James Buchanan. Upon interview he stated that Buchanan was a member of the firm of Buchanan and Coakley, Producing and Potential Oil Royalties, suite 640-642 Burdick Hotel, Kalamazoo, Michigan. Long stated that these men had no connection

with the confidence game business.

Concerning the other telephone numbers and addresses in Long's possession he was reluctant to discuss them and provided no information concerning these individuals, and became highly indignant when questioned concerning the identity of these persons. Long refused to give any information concerning his relatives other than giving the address of his present wife and father-in-law. He stated however during the course of the interviews that he had previously been married and had children by that marriage, but refused to give the name and address of his former wife, and children.

The name of Louis Nathan, 606 South Wabash Avenue was mentioned but Long stated that Mead would be unlikely to contact Nathan, inasmuch as Nathan bore the reputation of being a stool pigeon. Long stated further that Nathan had an individual named "Black Tony" working for him who was a general handy man. He stated that Nathan has in the past been considered a contact for confidence men arriving in Chicago but on various occasions confidence men when arrested in Chicago had passed the story through the "trade" that the only person whom they had contacted in Chicago was Nathan, the inference being that Nathan was the only one who could have turned them in to the Police. During the course of the interview Long refused to give details concerning his activities but stated that about six years ago he had made two "touches" with Mead in Pennsylvania, one at Allentown or Bethlehem, Pennsylvania with two other men. Long stated he could not recall the identity of the other two men who took part in this confidence game; that they obtained between \$20,000 and \$30,000 from some bootlegger whose name Long cannot now recall. Long stated that about the same time with Mead and Benny Harris, they obtained approximately \$30,000 from a bootlegger in Newark, New Jersey. Long stated that about six years ago confidence men had a "store" at Havana, Cuba; that Frank McSherry whom Long described as about 45 years old, height 5 feet 8 inches, weight 160 pounds, complexion dark, hair dark, was interested in this "store" with one "Cuban Frank"; that Frank is now dead; that confidence men at that time and probably at the present hung about Sloppy Joe's place and the Alcazar Hotel while in Havana. Long stated further that the two men who "fixed" the authorities at Havana and who were the present contacts for confidence men at that time were "Perry the Chink" and Juan Jimenez; that after the death of Cuban Frank friction developed between Perry and Juan and as a result confidence men had not been frequenting Havana for the past year or more.

Long stated that he was acquainted with "Cash" McDonald who recently was convicted and sentenced in this case in connection with the exchange of ransom money in Cuba. He stated that about 1924 McDonald

operated a "store" in Detroit, Michigan; that he (Long) at that time was bringing prospects into the "store" operated by McDonald; that William Elmer Mead was also acquainted with McDonald although to Long's knowledge Mead has not worked with McDonald in the past. Long mentioned when speaking of sources of information that word had passed among the confidence men that Art O'Leary who was convicted of harboring John Dillinger was reported to be in the employ of the Government and was considered a stool pigeon.

Inasmuch as Barney Bertsche stated that Mrs. Mead had retained the firm of McKenzie and Evans, accountants in connection with the income tax lien against her apartment house, discreet inquiry has revealed that this firm is considered legitimate. Special Agent D. P. Sullivan and the writer contacted Mr. Theoren L. Evans of this firm and he came to the Chicago Bureau office where he was interviewed. Mr. Evans stated that about 1927 he was retained by Timothy J. Crowe, former president of the Board of Trustees of the Cook County Sanitary District, to do some accounting work in connection with an income tax prosecution pending against him. Evans stated that his firm obtained some little publicity as a result of this case and that about April 1934 Mrs. Marie Mead, wife of Elmer Mead came to his office and desired that he make an accounting of the profits and expenses of her apartment house at 1533 Fargo Avenue. At that time according to Evans Mrs. Mead mentioned she had heard of him in connection with the income tax matter against Timothy J. Crowe, although she indicated that she was not acquainted with either Mr. or Mrs. Crowe. At that time Mrs. Mead put up \$1000 as a retainer. Evans stated that \$500 of this was in local tax warrants; that he cannot recall where Mrs. Mead obtained these tax warrants but advised that at that time they could be obtained openly and were negotiable, and it would be almost impossible to trace same; that after he had received the \$500.00 in tax warrants she gave him an additional \$500.00 in cash; that since that time he has done some little work and has made two or three trips to Washington in an effort to have the lien against the property at 1533 Fargo Avenue withdrawn. Evans stated that he has no occasion to get in touch with Mrs. Mead except on infrequent occasions inasmuch as the Internal Revenue Bureau has advised him that no positive and definite action will be taken in connection with the lien on Mrs. Mead's property until such time as William Elmer Mead is apprehended. He stated that some time during the fall of 1935, probably October, Mrs. Mead told him that she intended to take a trip and stated she would be gone a few months. Evans stated that since the spring of 1934 he knew that William Elmer Mead was a fugitive; that for this reason he had no information and never inquired concerning this matter, fearing a possible charge of harboring; that Mrs. Mead when she left made no mention of where she was going or how contact could be established with her.

Evans stated he has not heard from her since and does not believe it probable that she will get in touch with him until she returns to Chicago. Evans confidentially stated that Mrs. Mead has mentioned that she hopes to prove by witnesses that the money with which she purchased the apartment house at 1533 Fargo was obtained by her in San Francisco about 1916 although she did not indicate to him the identity of these witnesses. Evans was questioned thoroughly but stated he had received no money other than the \$1000 mentioned above from Mrs. Mead; that he knew of no other money or property in her possession. He stated that Mrs. Mead had had one bank account which had been attached by the Internal Revenue Bureau, but that she kept only a small cash balance in this account and customarily placed therein only the receipts from the rentals at 1533 Fargo. Evans mentioned that Mrs. Mead had told him that she kept her money in safe deposit boxes but did not indicate where these boxes were located. Evans promised his cooperation, stating he would advise the Chicago office should he hear from Mrs. Mead. It may be stated however that during the course of this interview Evans did not appear to be entirely frank and open and it is somewhat doubtful whether he is acting in good faith. He states he will if the opportunity arises turn Mead in.

R. J. Kauffman of Howard-Kroehl Company, 105 West Adams St. was interviewed and advised that about two years ago he was in Sarasota, Florida and saw Charles Gallagher who said then that his name was Charles Long; that he had known Gallagher in Blue Island, Illinois about twenty years ago; that his (Gallagher's) father was running a cookie shop and Charles Gallagher was delivering; that Gallagher was married and had a daughter. He later divorced his wife and she and the daughter have since married.

At the Post Office, Blue Island, Illinois it was learned that Mrs. Charles Gallagher had re-married, and that her present husband is P.C. Tiggellaar, and that she was living at 15046 Maple Avenue, Blue Island. Agent went to this address and noted the name on the mail box, but no one was at home. Inquiry of a boy working about the house developed that Mrs. Tiggellaar had divorced Charles Gallagher and that he had a mother living in Chicago, and a daughter recently married who was living in Blue Island. It will be noted above that one of the persons Long telephoned to was a Winifred Gallagher, 6434 South Kimbark Avenue. As Long has promised to obtain information regarding the present whereabouts of Mead and notify the Chicago office interview of his relatives is not deemed proper at this time.

Edward Powers, States Attorney's office, Chicago, Illinois stated that Long was wanted by that office for receiving stolen property in

1928; that two indictments were pending against him. There was a question in his mind whether or not witnesses could be located at this time to prosecute Long.

On May 8, 1936 Long was turned over to the States Attorney's office and on May 11th the State's case was nolle prossed and Long was released.

Checks made by Agent at 1533 West Fargo Avenue at various times, the last time on May 15, 1936, revealed that Mrs. Mead has not as yet taken her mail from the mail box or occupied her apartment.

Disposition sheet is transmitted herewith to the Bureau showing disposition of Long's case in the State Courts. Long was photographed and fingerprinted at the Chicago Bureau office on May 5, 1936, and fingerprints forwarded to the Bureau.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS OFFICE: In the State of Louisiana will contact Police departments of the larger cities to ascertain if any information has been received as to confidence games being worked on road or highway building contractors, as Mead suggested to Long that Louisiana would be a fine territory to work in on account of the road building going on.

LOS ANGELES OFFICE: Will continue the investigation to locate Leon Felix alias H. C. Howard, whose wife is in the Tehachapi State prison for women. It will be noted that Felix was with Mead in January at West Palm Beach, Florida.

CHICAGO OFFICE: At Chicago, Illinois at a later date will reinterview Barney Bertsche, 5908 Magnolia Avenue; Charles Long, Berkshire Hotel, 15 E. Ohio St.; also interview William Skidmore, 2840 South Kedzie Avenue; continue check at 1533 West Fargo Avenue for reappearance of Mrs. Mead. If Long fails to provide information check and interview all persons whose names or telephone numbers were found in his possession.

ST. PAUL OFFICE: At Minneapolis, Minn. will obtain all possible information as to Sammie Gates and locate him for possible information regarding the whereabouts of Mead. Will also try to locate and interview Leon Felix with reference to the whereabouts of Mead.

NEW YORK OFFICE: At New York City will attempt to locate Hamburger Sol who hangs out in front of Lindys or in a pool hall downstairs near 42nd and Broadway, and question him relative to the whereabouts of various confidence men including Mead. The same should be done with reference to Jew Oscar who is said to hang out at Odens or at the Carl Inn near 72nd and Broadway.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE: At Sacramento, California ascertain from the California State Bureau of Criminal Identification if they still want Charles Long.

P E N D I N G

Post Office Box 812, Chicago, Ill.  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
(Name and address of Contributor)

Date May 20, 1936

Mr. J. E. Hoover,  
Director, Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which  
fingerprints have been mailed to the Bureau of Investiga-  
tion:

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| Prints sub-<br>mitted by<br>Chicago Bureau<br>office 5/5/36 | CHARLES O. LONG alias<br>Charles Layton alias<br>Charles Gallagher | On 5/11/36, 2 indictments<br>in State Courts, Chicago,<br>for receiving stolen prop-<br>erty nolle prossed, and<br>Long released that day. |
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forwarded previously. Dispositions include such information  
as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines, discharges  
from custody, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. LADD  
(Official Title)

Special Agent in Charge.

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box #766  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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EJC:MGR  
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May 18, 1936.

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

Re: "BREKID."

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of May 12, 1936, Bureau file #7-576, enclosing copy of a letter from United States Attorney E. B. Freed, Cleveland, Ohio, addressed to the Honorable Joseph B. Keenan, Assistant to the Attorney General, enclosing a narrative of events otherwise unidentified, which apparently is the statement of John Brock in part, as made to the Post Office Inspectors in connection with the Warren, Ohio Mail Truck robbery and the Garrettsville, Ohio, train robbery. It is noted that apparently the United States Attorney indicates some concern as to who shall interview Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter as to the details, particularly of the Warren, Ohio Mail truck robbery, inasmuch as they have already convicted George Sargent and Anthony Labrizzetta for this same offense, while apparently Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis and another party are the ones really responsible for same.

It is to be noted that we previously in interview of all the above three individuals, when taken into custody, endeavored to obtain some admission from them as to whether or not they had committed either of the above indicated Postal violations and all three were reluctant to admit anything substantial which would indicate that they were in any way involved in either robbery. They are, of course, undoubtedly guilty of these offenses and I have previously indicated to the Post Office Inspectors that they are at liberty to interview Fred Hunter at New Orleans, La., as of May 6, 1936. Harry Campbell has pleaded guilty to the offense of kidnaping Edward G. Bremer and has been sentenced to life imprisonment and provided the Bureau is agreeable, I do not see any reason why the Post Office Inspectors can not interview him, at such time as we complete our further interview with him at St. Paul, Minn., presently being conducted.

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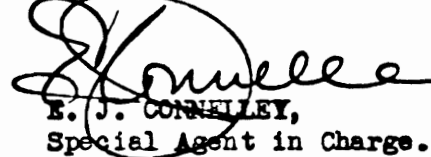
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As to the interview of Alvin Karpis, I believe any outside pressure upon him from another Agency might cause him to refuse to plead guilty, as is expected, in the Hamm and Bremer cases, also it might interfere with our present efforts to get further information out of him at this time and both as to Campbell and Karpis, interview by the Post Office Inspectors should be deferred until we have completed our interrogation of them. We will, of course, endeavor to get any information which these individuals will offer as to either of the Postal Violations concerned, in order that same may be made available in the future to the Post Office Inspectors.

Very truly yours,

  
E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Cleveland  
St. Paul

HRM:MC

May 23, 1936.

7-576

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 23,  
1936, in which mention is made of the appeals taken by Harry  
Sawyer, Cassius McDonald, and William Weaver.

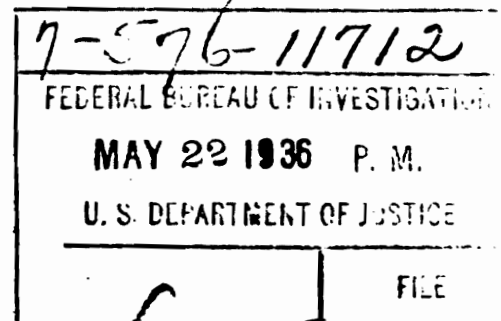
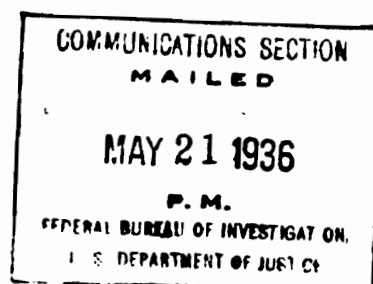
The Bureau desires to be advised immediately con-  
cerning the present status of the appeal as to each individual  
mentioned.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc Cleveland  
Cincinnati  
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago

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DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID. NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS. POST OFFICE INSPECTORS HAVENOT  
INTERVIEWED FRED HUNTER AT NEW ORLEANS. AGENT W L BUCHANAN  
YESTERDAY ORDERED RETURN FROM NEW ORLEANS TO HEADQUARTERS  
OKLAHOMA CITY. SAC MAGEE INSTRUCTED AS TO NECESSARY ACTION IN FUTURE  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
May 16, 1936.

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Miss Gandy .....

Time - 3:43 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Harry Sawyer.

SAC Listerman telephoned me from San Francisco and said he just received a call from Special Agent S. K. McKee, who was calling from Omaha, advising that he was going to be in there, San Francisco, in the morning and wanted to make arrangements to interview Harry Sawyer. Mr. McKee had talked with Mr. Connelley about this matter, who suggested arrangements might be made to get Harry Sawyer out of Alcatraz and on the main land for this interview. Mr. Listerman said he told Mr. McKee while this was somewhat impossible out there, since the Warden would undoubtedly have to get in touch with the Director of the Bureau of Prisons here in Washington for the necessary authority. It was with this thought in mind that Mr. Listerman said he thought the necessary arrangements could be made here in Washington.

I told Mr. Listerman that our chances of getting any cooperation in this regard from the Director of the Bureau of Prisons are practically nil; that, however, I would advise you of this situation, and if nothing is heard out there in the meantime, McKee should proceed with the interview in the regular manner.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 17, 1936.

Time - 1:15 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Harry Sawyer.

I telephoned SAC Listerman at the San Francisco Office with reference to Special Agent S. K. McKee and his interview with Sawyer and told him that upon discussing this matter with you, you were of the opinion that McKee had better go over to Alcatraz and under the regular regulations and in the place prescribed by the Warden interview Sawyer and see if he can get anything from him. I told Mr. Listerman that if Sawyer indicates a willingness to talk, but won't talk in the prison or anything of that kind, we will take appropriate steps to have him returned to St. Paul to testify before the grand jury or something of that kind, which will of course give us an opportunity to interview him at our leisure.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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July 14, 1936.

Time 4:04 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Lack of cooperation by  
Post Office Inspectors.

Mr. Collins in the office of Mr. Keenan telephoned me regarding the receipt by the Department of House Resolution No. 508 which directs the Attorney General to furnish facts regarding an allegation that the Post Office did not cooperate with the Bureau in the capture of Sam Coker. Mr. Collins stated that House Resolution No. 507 is similar to 508 but is directed to the Postmaster General. Mr. Collins read me the answer of the Post Office which states the Post Office has received no complaint from any source and that it is the policy of the Post Office to cooperate with all law enforcement agencies. Mr. Collins stated that Congressman Sumners of the Judiciary Committee of the House requests a reply by tomorrow in order that the report may be made to the House on Monday. In response to a request for suggestions I told Mr. Collins that I had sent a memorandum to the Attorney General setting forth all the facts and that I thought he should be consulted as to the nature of the reply; that I further thought it would be well to have the Department settle the matter but not themselves. Mr. Collins read me a letter he had drafted in reply and I pointed out that the resolution mentioned only the case of Sam Coker; that it is a fact that the Post Office Inspectors had not only withheld information but had destroyed evidence. Because of this I stated the reply should be certain not to exonerate the Post Office or allow the Committee to come to the conclusion we had no complaint to make. Mr. Collins stated the Committee Chairman wants some kind of a letter so that they may kill the resolution; that the other resolution was going to be killed in the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads. I told Mr. Collins that anything the Department wished to do would be agreeable to me.

Time - 4:14 P.M. *alvin*

Mr. Keenan telephoned about the above matter and stated the Attorney General's wishes were that the matter be settled between the Departments out of the Committee. I advised Mr. Keenan of a statement which was to appear in/out of town newspapers to the effect that the Post Office Inspectors had located Garpis and that I thought this undesirable. Mr. Keenan agreed and stated he would do what he could to stop it. Mr. Keenan stated he would send me a copy of the letter to be sent to the Committee and would do all he could to have the resolution killed.

Very truly yours, *7-516-11717*

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

May 21, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed herewith, one copy each of The Toledo News-Bee, Toledo Morning Times and Toledo Blade, all dated May 19, 1936.

Very truly yours,

*J. P. MacFarland*

J. P. MacFarland  
Special Agent in Charge

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1442 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

May 16, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

One Edward McGraw of Toledo, Ohio was incarcerated in the Ohio State Penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio in about 1919, having been sentenced to serve one to seven years for receiving stolen property. He was convicted in Lucas County, Ohio.

It is respectfully requested that you immediately conduct appropriate investigation securing six photographs of Edward McGraw and forward them to the Cleveland office immediately.

Very truly yours,

WJ/WJB  
cc - Bureau ✓  
- Chicago  
- St. Paul

J. P. MacDONALD  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

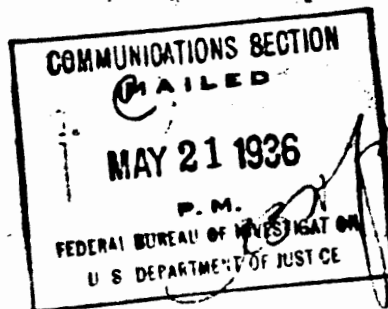
Reference is made to your letter dated May 16,  
1936, in the above entitled matter, directed to the  
Cincinnati Office.

It is decided that one or more photographs of  
Edward McGraw be forwarded to the Bureau in the near future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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



KRM

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
May 21, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Re: BREKID

Returned herewith is letter written by Wynona Burdette, an inmate of your institution, to her sister, Mrs. C. R. Jones, Box 111, Turley, Oklahoma. The contents of this letter have been carefully noted.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this as in other matters, I remain,

Very truly yours,

H. H. Reinecke  
Special Agent in Charge

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ONE 137

227 Broad Street National Bank Building  
Trenton New Jersey

May 22, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

The file in the Trenton Office of the above-entitled case has been reviewed, and it is noted that only one "wanted" notice is at the present time outstanding in this district. This "wanted" notice is for Clyde X. Merick, Bureau #77901, and was placed with various police departments in this district pursuant to Bureau letter dated July 15, 1935.

It is requested that you kindly advise this office if it is deemed necessary to continue this "wanted" notice.

Very truly yours,

E. L. RICHMOND  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau  
cc Chicago  
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May 21, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -  
VICTIM; KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of the Jacksonville Office dated January 8, 1936, informing that an indebtedness of \$85.00 payable to the Mark Store, Incorporated, Miami, Florida, \$318.24 to Frank Holkovsky, Clothier, Miami, Florida and \$23.00 to Terese Carmichael was incurred by the Jacksonville Office for suitable clothing to enable witnesses from Florida to proceed to St. Paul, Minnesota during the course of the second Bremer trial at that point.

It is desired that you submit to the Bureau immediately information as to the clothing and the cost of such clothing purchased for each witness who proceeded to St. Paul. It is also desired that you submit to the Bureau a copy of the itemized expenditures furnished to you by the above mentioned stores and Terese Carmichael.

This matter should be given preferred and expeditious attention.

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Very truly yours,

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

cc-Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago  
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Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Baughman \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Edwards \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Schilder \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Postoffice Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
May 21, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:      Re: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter dated May 13, 1936, addressed to the Cincinnati office, concerning the removal of stop notices placed against automobiles in this case.

The only notice which is presently outstanding in this office is one on 1936 Buick sedan, motor number 63052198, which automobile was recently located at Corpus Christi, Texas, and this stop notice is being removed from the files of the Automobile & License Department, State Tax Commission, Montgomery, Alabama.

Very truly yours,

E. P. GUINANE  
Special Agent in Charge

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610 Alonzo Ward Hotel Building  
Aberdeen, South Dakota

May 19, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

In answer to your letter of May 13, 1936, please be advised that stops placed at the State Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus of North and South Dakota on Quick Motor No. 63052198, have been removed.

A review of the file in this office developed the information that a stop had been placed against parties under the name of G. R. Benton, alias George Benton, and Mary North. Also against a Plymouth sedan, Motor No. IJ 322,722, Serial No. 2619357.

Please advise this office if the above mentioned car has been located and whether or not the stops should be removed in the states of North and South Dakota.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNY  
Special Agent in Charge

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607 Broad Street National Bank Building  
Princeton New Jersey

May 22, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated May 13, 1936, dated May 13, 1936, in which it is requested that each Field Office review its file in the above-entitled case and advise the Chicago Office of the number of Stop Notices still outstanding in this district on automobiles believed to have been in possession of subjects in this case.

A review of the file reflects that only one Stop Notice is outstanding in this district, to wit, stop notice on a 1934 Plymouth four-door sedan, motor number 12-1772, serial number 201957, which was placed December 14, 1935, at the Motor Vehicle Bureau, State of New Jersey.

Very truly yours,

E. L. RICHMOND  
Special Agent in Charge

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420 Post Office Bldg.,  
Dallas, Texas.

May 20, 1936.

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the St. Paul Office of May 6, 1936, the last paragraph directing that immediate investigation be conducted at Paris, Texas, with reference to purchase of Ford Coupe, also concerning the location of Karpis' guns; to telegram from Agent in Charge Connelley, then at Cleveland, under date of May 22, 1936, instructing that no action be taken as to search or other inquiry at the farms of the brothers of Grace Goldstein in the vicinity of Paris, Texas; and to personal and confidential letter from Agent in Charge Brantley, then at Dallas, under date of April 20, 1936, which shows that a Ford Coupe was registered by Mrs. E. Woods, who is Grace Goldstein, at Paris, Texas, and that this is the car in possession of Leonard Grayson.

Unless instructed to the contrary by the Bureau, no inquiry will be made at Paris or vicinity relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,

*F. G. Blake*

F. G. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Alvin Karpis*

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

RBC:ON

May 20, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS.

Re: Motion picture film concerning  
the apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

On May 18, 1936, the Laboratory received approximately 100 feet of 35 millimeter silent negative film concerning the apprehension of Alvin Karpis, which was obtained from a Pathe News cameraman and forwarded by SAC Stein of the St. Paul Office, the scenes of which are described in the cover letter.

On May 19, 1936, the Laboratory received a sound print, approximately 200 feet in length, of the Pathe newsreel entitled, "Yellow Dogs", also concerning the apprehension of Alvin Karpis, which was forwarded from the Director's Office.

On receipt of the above-mentioned films Mr. Joseph's Office was requested to acknowledge the same. Both films will be subsequently sent out to be reduced to 16 millimeter for showing, at which time a detailed description of the scenes depicted will be forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

*E. P. Coffey*  
E. P. Coffey.

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Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

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722 Midland Savings Bldg.,  
Denver, Colo.  
May 20, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Chicago letter, dated May 13, 1936, to the Cincinnati Office concerning stop notices places with the Secretaries of State for Wyoming and Colorado against registration of automobiles involved in this case.

The stop notice placed against the registration of 1936 Buick Sedan, Motor #6305198, Serial #2905972, has been withdrawn.

The following described automobiles involved in this case, however, are still on the "wanted list" with the Secretaries of State of both Colorado and Wyoming:

Chevrolet Coupe, Motor #4135550,  
Serial #1240-313359

Ford V-8, Motor #18-493080,  
1935 Ohio license 021771

Pontiac Sedan, 1933, Motor  
#935155, Serial #915227

Chevrolet Sedan, Motor  
#4543556, Serial #12407-49267

Packard Club Sedan, Motor  
#189533, Serial #476-2734

1935 Plymouth Sedan, Deluxe,  
Motor #PJ322772, Serial  
#2619857

It is requested that the Denver Bureau Office be advised if these wanted notices may be withdrawn as to the above listed automobiles.

Very truly yours,

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R. D. BROWN,  
Special Agent

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202 U. S. Courthouse  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Ill.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 13, 1936, wherein it is requested that each field office advise your office as to the number of stop notices still outstanding on automobiles believed to have been in possession of subjects in this case.

Stop notices are presently outstanding at the Division of Motor Vehicles, Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the following automobiles in this case:

1. Chevrolet Sedan, Motor #5147458
2. Chevrolet Coupe, Motor #2635493
3. Packard Sedan, Motor #189333
4. Plymouth Sedan, Motor #P1522772
5. Ford Coupe, Motor #18-1037490
6. Ford Sedan, Motor #2893365
7. Chevrolet Sedan, Motor #4545656
8. Auburn Sedan, Motor #B31587
9. Buick Sedan, Motor #2797868
10. Buick Sedan, Motor #2858090
11. Ford Sedan, Motor #18-413080
12. Pontiac Sedan, Motor #35-140
13. Ford Coupe, Motor #328420
14. Chevrolet Sedan, Motor #354674
15. Chevrolet Sedan, Motor #1821, changed to #1821
16. Ford Coupe, Motor #18-304724
17. Graham-Paige Sedan, Motor #1024021

It is requested that you advise on which of the above automobiles stop notices may be withdrawn.

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Very truly yours,

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R. H. COLVIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida  
May 21, 1936.

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

The trial of Myrtle Eaton under the Harboring Indictments returned in this District will be had at Jacksonville on June 1, 1936. The United States Attorney at Jacksonville has issued subpoenas for the following Special Agents:

R. C. SURAN  
D. P. SULLIVAN  
J. E. BRENNAN  
M. J. CASSIDY  
M. W. MECKINS

I have discussed with Assistant United States Attorney William A. Paisley the necessity for these Agents and he advises that they are all necessary witnesses. Copies of this letter are being forwarded to those offices where these Agents are located in order that arrangements may be made for their presence at Jacksonville on the date indicated.

Arguments on the Demurrer to the Conspiracy Indictment will be heard at Jacksonville on May 25, 1936. Mr. Paisley advises me that in the event the Demurrer is sustained there is a possibility that the defendant will enter a plea of guilty to the substantive charge. In this event the Bureau and the interested offices will be notified by telegram in order that the Agents may not report to Jacksonville. However, in the absence of such telegraphic notification, the Agents should report.

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& Very truly yours,

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R. B. Nathan

Special Agent in Charge

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**U. S. Department of Justice**

Post Office Box 2118

Detroit - Michigan

May 21, 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 a letter written by Wynona Burdette, an inmate of the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, to her sister, Mrs. C. R. Jones, Box 111, Turley, Oklahoma.

The original letter is being returned to Mr. John J. Ryan, Superintendent of the United States Detention Farm.

Very truly yours,

*H. H. Reinecke*

H. H. Reinecke  
Special Agent in Charge

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

Milan, Mich.  
May 19, 1936  
Box 1000.

(Millie)

Darling sis & nieces:-

Just received your dear letters and pictures gee, I surely was glad to get them & hear from you and I don't mean per. Well, how are all of you feeling? fine! oh, doody doody.

Gosh, we have been having the most wonderful weather up here, and I'm really getting a tan, & how! I'll bet it's plenty warm down there. Isn't it? but how I would love to be inhaling some of that Oklahoma air, um, um, well, I hope I will be before long.

It certainly is sweet of Mrs. Bussman to ask about me. How are all of your friends. are they all good to you & the babies? they had sure better be.

Millie, dear, you just brag on your babies all you want too, I think it is wonderful. I know if I had 6 as sweet as yours, I would stand on a house top & brag all my lungs would allow me to. I think you have a swell family and I would want every one to know about them. boy, oh boy, I'm so glad they are doing so good in school. I can just see & hear all of you singing together. Are the children singing on the children's hour? or what? over KVOO. I really think your kiddies are doing wonderful so Kathleen & Mary Ellen are going into the seventh grade. boy they're doing better than the average.

Some of these nights I'll be slippin' up on you when you're singing and hear you, but after while I will join in on the chorus. Ha Ha.

Millie, sweet, it is so sweet of you to keep little Ellen & send her to school. but you were always a darlin' and always had such a big heart. I would love to have some of their school work.

My gosh, honey, if your kiddies don't quit growing they will be as big as their aunt Nonie honestly their growing out of my reach, the girls just had a fit over all of them, they say I certainly have a fine group of nieces & nephews. Now, listen, Millie, dear, you & Jim are going to make me have the big head. I really don't think I was as near a good looking young girl as Mary Ellen is. That is a real compliment for me, thankie you. You say Mary Ellen is as pretty as a doll, but yet she looks like me. Well don't tell her that, because if you could have heard what a news reporter had to say about me the other night, boy, he really layed my soul to rest. He said some of we gangster's women were dumb & not even pretty, isn't that good? He said we

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were women so-sos.

Honey, girl, I'll bet Cecil is a knockout. It surely doesn't seem like he should be four years old. Yes, I guess he will always be a baby to all of us. After all he is just a baby, little tiny baby boy.

How is Homer & his wife getting along? Are they seperated yet? Ha Ha tell him "Hello" for me and her too.

Had a letter from Art & Helen yesterday, he's out of a job & of course he is lonesome to come home. he doesn't come out and say so but I can tell by his & Helens letters that he wants to get back to Okla. so bad he cannot see. Helen told me in her letter that Art said if he didn't hit some work, he was going back to Oklahoma. gee, I hope they do. Art, bless his heart, said it seems as tho' every one had forgotten him but Jim & I.

I hear from Aaron every once in a while he is in the hospital at Wadsworth Kansas, he writes very sweet letters.

Well, dear, I must close & write Jim a few lines. You will find her letter over on the other side of this sheet. This letter is leaving me feeling swell & I hope when it reaches there you will all be well & happy. With loads & gobs of love, from your baby sis & Aunty. Kiss each other for me. Answer soon. X O X O X O.

(Jim)

May 19, 1936  
Milan, Mich.  
Box 1000

Hello Darling sis & Niece:-

Well, how you was Keet? and how is our dear baby Ellen. I guess my letters bore you kids a lot when I wrote about you forgetting me, even though I know better I just keep writing that way, but only when I have the blues, dear. Yes, honey, I have found out since I've been in here that love should be very precious to one. It is a funny thing when I was in the free world I was a very foolish girl, my highest ambission was to fool some man but, honey, your baby sis has been taught a lesson I shall never forget. We live & learn every day, don't we?

Jim, you must not say you are marked off my list (as usual) I didn't know your address honey. I wrote you 3 or 4 diffrent times at Ponca c/o W.B.B.Z. and never had an answer so when I came here and they ask who I wanted to write to, I just picked the ones with addresses I knew. Jimmie please dont you & Ruth feel hurt - because I wouldnt hurt any of you for the world. No, Im not mad at you and I would love to see you too, so you write in with Mildred.

If you want too you can write every week you know. You & Millie write me often won't you Jim? if you just say hello & your feeling good, Keet, you should know it means a whole lot 'cause I know when you & Eunice were on the rode you got awfully homesick and I get so blue to see all you kids that if they turned me out of here barefooted I would walk all the way home.

No, I'm not going to let myself get any heavier, my double chin shows up too plain. Ha Ha but really I have lost  $4\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. since Harry was picked up.

Oh, sis, you don't need to think I get the big head because you brag on my voice, but thank you. Yes I'm taking voice and I really enjoy it very much. I am learning to sign in Hawaiian, gee I love it.

Honey, I don't catch just what you mean by me thinking you are goofy. I don't remember ever saying you were goofy or are you just kidding? Any way I don't think any of we kids will ever get old. We will always be able to laugh and have a little fun. Won't we Keet? Maybe I had one drink to many. Ha Ha.

Say, Sister O'Mine, what in the world do you mean by Eunice & singing & you trying to hit a true note. And you were always classed the best singer in our family and as for you & Millie harmonizing together, I'll bet you do a darn good job of it because you both have good voices.

Yes, Esther & Gwen wrote & told me about you being up their & Gwen said you were doing your hair up now. Gee I'll bet it looks good. Mine is getting awfully long but I don't think I'll have it cut, would you?

Yes, I hear from Art & Aaron quite often. I sure wish Art would come home too. I had a letter the other day from Art & Helen & Helen said Art was talking about coming home if he didn't find work.

I'm so glad to know all of you are well & feeling peppy. Tell Cecil Aunty says ho, right back at him, bless his little heart.

How is Ellen? Eunice said she was a little doll & as smart as a whip. Gee would I love to see all of you. Kiss little Ellen & have her kiss you for me.

Oh yes, do you think a guy could find work down that way. Ha Ha, Lord have mercy can't I think of nice things to say.

Yes, sis, Ellen looks just like you only she has her daddy's nose, don't you think? the pictures were awfully sweet & I have them setting around in my cell. Well dear I must close, I've run out of writing paper, so I'll say this is WDF signing off, with Loads & loads of Love to you both from your baby sis & Aunty. Nona B. Answer soon.

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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
May 21, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

BREKID

Reference is made to letter from the Chicago Office dated May 13, 1936, addressed to the Cincinnati Office, a copy of which was furnished to all offices.

This is to advise that the stop notice placed against 1934 Buick Sedan, motor #63052198, serial #2895972, in this State has been withdrawn.

The only stop notice outstanding in connection with this case in this district is against Plymouth Four Door Sedan, motor PJ 322,772, serial 2,619,857.

Very truly yours,

G. W. STEIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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| <p>GRETH, H.G. MILGRETH, HOWARD MILGRETH, E.L. BURNES, RAY HALL, DAN MURPHY, "CHI" KARPIS, RAYMOND HADLEY, ALVIN KARPIS, "JAMES", CHARLES M. BRONSON, LEROY MORRISON, E.M. WAGNER, H.C. WAGGONER, ELMER WAGNER, E.N. WAGNER, EDWARD H. WAGNER, L.I. WOODS, A.S. GREEN, RAY GREEN, E.N. GREEN, CHARLES A. RICHARDS, W.E. LOHMAN, "SLIM", RAYMOND ALVIN KARPIS, RAY CARSON, T.N. NELSON, R.J. BURNS, RAY HADLEY, R.S. CARSON, ED KING, E.F. COLLINS, EDWARD O'HARA, FRANK A. CHEASON, I.O. #1218.</p> <p>HARRY CAMPBELL, aliases: DAVE CAMPBELL, T.O. BLACKBURN, GEORGE L. MARTIN, GEORGE NELSON, JOHN WALCOTT, GEORGE WALCOTT, GEORGE WINFIELD, GEORGE SWANSON, "DAVE", G.L. SUMMERS, G.F. SUMMERS, G. SUMMERS, T.E. BLACKBURN, C.C. CAMERON, G.C. CAMERON, GEORGE F. SUMMERS, GEORGE SUMMERS, "BUFF", "BUFFALO", I. O. #1236.</p> <p>DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, aliases: JOSEPH B. MORAN, JOSEPH C. MORAN, "DOC" MORAN, JOSEPH PATRICK MORAN, I.O. #1232.</p> <p>FRED JOHN HUNTER, aliases: FRED HUNTER, FREDDIE HUNTER, FRED KING, HAROLD KING, H. KING, H.J. KING, FRED HARRIS, FRED JOHN HENDERSON, EDWARD O'HARA, E. O'HARA.</p> <p>ET AL.</p> <p>EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</p> |                            |   |  |
| <p>This summary is being prepared for the assistance of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, in prosecuting Subject Fred Hunter for harboring Alvin Karpis at New Orleans, Louisiana, intermittently between the dates of April 2 and May 1, 1935.</p> <p>On January 17, 1934, Edward George Bremer was kidnaped at St. Paul, Minnesota, and transported interstate to Bensenville, Illinois, where he was held for</p>   |                            |   |  |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br><i>D. W. Magee</i>  | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE    | 7-576-11733   | RECORDED AND INDEXED:<br>MAY 25 1936   |
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\$200,000.00 ransom. Mr. Bremer was released on February 7, 1934, at Rochester, Minn., only after payment of the ransom demanded. On January 22, 1935, the Federal Grand Jury convening at St. Paul, Minn., returned a true bill of indictment charging Alvin Karpis, with aliases, and others, with conspiring one with the other, between the dates of December 1, 1933, and May 1, 1934, to kidnap and transport interstate and to hold for \$200,000.00 ransom one Edward George Bremer, in violation of Title 18, Section 408a, U.S. Code. As a result of this indictment, a warrant was issued on January 22, 1935, for the arrest of Alvin Karpis but he remained a fugitive from justice until May 1, 1936, when he was arrested, in company with Fred Hunter, at New Orleans, Louisiana, by the Director and Bureau Agents.

Between January 20, 1935, and June of the same year, Subject Fred Hunter is alleged to have become acquainted with Alvin Karpis at Warren, Ohio. In spite of the fact that Hunter knew there was a federal warrant outstanding for the arrest of Karpis in connection with his participation in the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, Hunter associated with, harbored, and concealed Subject Karpis, intermittently from the time of their meeting until May 1, 1936, when they were apprehended in New Orleans, Louisiana, by the Bureau.

Investigation has revealed that on April 2, 1936, Hunter, accompanied by Karpis, arrived in New Orleans, Louisiana, in Hunter's 1936 Ford Coupe, which had been registered previously in the states of Texas and Florida under the alias of H. J. King. On this occasion, Karpis purchased a 1936 Plymouth Coupe from the Quality Motors, Inc., for Hunter, causing the same to be registered in the state of Louisiana under the name of Edward O'Hara, an alias later to be used by Subject Hunter. The two subjects herein involved proceeded to the Fernwood-by-the-Sea Tourist Camp, located between Biloxi and Gulfport, Mississippi, in the Plymouth Coupe, where they registered under the name of E. O'Hara and party, New Orleans. On April 3, 1936, Hunter and Karpis returned to New Orleans, at which time Hunter disposed of his 1936 Ford Coupe to the Used Car Manager of the Evans Motors of Louisiana, Inc., then returned to the Fernwood-by-the-Sea Tourist Camp, where they remained registered until April 8, 1936, at which time they checked out, but returned to this same tourist camp on April 9, 1936, remaining until April 10, 1936. On April 10, 1936, Subject Hunter, using the alias of Edward O'Hara, rented an apartment at 3343 Canal Street, in the city of New Orleans, and resided at this address until his arrest. During this period, Hunter permitted Subject Karpis to use his apartment as an asylum, to come and go as he saw fit in eluding arrest by Federal Agents. Hunter verbally admitted to Bureau Agents that Subject Karpis took refuge in his apartment on the afternoon of April 27, 1936. While the apartment was under surveillance on May 1, 1936, Subject Karpis was observed to have frequented Hunter's apartment at 3343 Canal Street, in the city of New Orleans, on that date.

On April 15, 1936, Karpis, as E. F. Collins, purchased a 1936 Terraplane Coupe, motor #192081, from the Evans Motors of Louisiana, Inc., and it was in this car that he first arrived at the apartment of Fred Hunter at 3343 Canal Street, on the morning of May 1, 1936.

On May 4, 1936, a complaint was filed before United States Commissioner Reginald H. Carter, Jr., charging Subject Fred Hunter with violation of Title 18, Section 246, U. S. Code, in harboring and concealing Subject Alvin Karpis, well

knowing that an indictment had been returned against Karpis by a Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, in connection with his participation in the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer on January 17, 1934. On May 6, 1936, Subject Hunter appeared before U. S. Commissioner Carter, at New Orleans, and waived hearing, at which time he was taken into custody by U. S. Marshal Philip Albares and remanded to the Federal Jail, New Orleans, La., in default of \$200,000.00 bond.

#### WITNESSES

The Court will be able to take judicial notice of the certified copy of the indictment returned by the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minn., on January 22, 1935, charging Alvin Karpis, with aliases, and others with conspiring one with the other to kidnap and transport interstate and hold for \$200,000.00 ransom one Edward George Bremer, in violation of Title 18, Section 408a, U. S. Code, as well as a certified copy of bench warrant issued on the same date.

MR. JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Will be able to testify as to the arrest of Subject Fred Hunter in company with Alvin Karpis on May 1, 1936, at New Orleans, La. He will be able to testify further that the arrest was made as Hunter and Karpis entered a Plymouth Coupe parked on Jefferson Davis Parkway at the side of the apartment located at the corner of Jefferson Davis Parkway and Canal Street, otherwise described as 3343 Canal St.

MR. E. J. CONNELLEY, Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,  
426 U. S. Customs and Post Office Building,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Will be able to testify as above.

MR. DWIGHT BRANTLEY, Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,  
224 Federal Building,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Will be able to testify as above.

MR. CLARENCE HUET, Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,  
400 Post Office Building, Dallas, Texas.

Will be able to testify as above.

MR. W. L. BUCHANAN, Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,  
224 Federal Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Will be able to testify as above.

MR. E. B. HAUGH, Office Manager,  
Quality Motors, Inc.,  
1625 Canal Street,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Upon being served with a subpoena duces tecum, will be able to produce his records disclosing that on April 2, 1936, his concern sold to one Edward O'Hara, who gave his address as Corpus Christi, Texas, a 1936 Plymouth Deluxe Coupe, motor #P2-212244, for \$908.23, including \$748.00 purchase price of said car, \$50.00 for radio, and \$8.23 for 1936 Louisiana license tags.

MR. CLARENCE PUCHEU, Sales Representative,  
Quality Motors, Inc.,  
1625 Canal Street,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Upon subpoena, will be able to testify that about 11:30 a.m. on April 2, 1936, Subject Alvin Karpis appeared at his place of business, posing as Edward O'Hara, and purchased a 1936 Plymouth Coupe, motor #P2-212244, requesting delivery on that afternoon, stating that it was necessary for him to be in Corpus Christi, Texas, the following day. Mr. Pucheu will be able to testify that Subject Karpis informed him that he was a gambler from Corpus Christi, Texas, and that he, Pucheu, had application blanks for Louisiana registration of this automobile filled out, and personally presented them to the Louisiana State Motor Vehicle Bureau on Canal Street, in New Orleans, and obtained 1936 Louisiana license tags 136-288, which he had placed on the above described car, which he delivered to Subject Karpis on the afternoon of April 2, 1936. Mr. Pucheu will be able to testify further that Karpis informed him that he was stopping in New Orleans with a friend, whose local address he refused to give, and requested that the 1936 Louisiana registration card be made out in the name of Edward O'Hara, 1625 Canal Street, which is the address of the Quality Motors, Inc., and that the same be held for him when forwarded by the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Bureau, until his return within about three days. Mr. Pucheu will be able to testify that in about three or four days, Subject Karpis returned to the Quality Motors, Inc., to pick up his 1936 Louisiana registration card, and at this time he was accompanied by a party whom he has identified from a photograph as being Fred Hunter. He will be able to testify that on this occasion he observed that within the three days Subject Karpis had driven the new Plymouth Coupe 1900 miles, and he discussed the possibility of trading the same in on a larger and faster car, suggesting a Chrysler Coupe. He will be able to testify that he saw neither Hunter nor Karpis after that time, but will be able to recall that he observed the 1936 Plymouth Coupe which he had sold to Subject Karpis, as Edward O'Hara, parked in front of the apartment at 3343 Canal Street, which is operated by his mother-in-law, Mrs. J. F. Meyer, and was informed by Mrs. Meyer that Mr. O'Hara was a tenant of her's.

MR. E. J. RANSOM, Service Manager,  
Quality Motors, Inc.,  
1625 Canal Street,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Will be able to testify that about 1:00 p.m. on April 14, 1936, Subject

Karpis, whom he knew as Mr. O'Hara, appeared at his garage in the 1936 Plymouth Coupe in question, accompanied by another party, whom he has identified from photograph as being Subject Fred Hunter; that on this occasion the car was left for repairs. He will be able to testify that Subject Karpis returned to the garage about 5:00 p.m. on that afternoon, before the car was ready, and seemed to be somewhat irritated at the delay. Mr. Ransom will be able to testify that he offered to deliver the car to Mr. O'Hara's (Subject Karpis) local address, but that this offer was refused. He will be able to testify that Subject Karpis returned about 7:30 p.m., after the necessary adjustments had been made to the car, and at that time the same was delivered to Subject Karpis.

MR. PIERRE CHIVE, JR., Evans Motors of Louisiana, Inc.,  
1545 Canal Street,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Will be able to testify that he is the manager of the Used Car Lot of the aforesaid concern, Evans Motors of Louisiana, Inc., and that on April 3, 1936, Subject Fred Hunter, using the alias of H. J. King, appeared at his office and offered for sale a 1936 Ford Coupe, motor #2407873. He will be able to testify that he purchased this car from Subject Hunter on that date for \$440.00, which was covered by his company's check #5522. Upon being served with a subpoena duces tecum, he will be able to produce his records, including an invoice of the Roy Murray Motors, Inc., of Corpus Christi, Texas, dated November 26, 1935, showing that a 1936 Ford Deluxe Coupe, motor #2407873, was sold to H. J. King, Princess Louise Hotel, Corpus Christi, Texas. He will also be able to produce 1936 Florida registration card #123658, issued in the name of H. J. King, on February 7, 1936, and Florida certificate of title #1053343, dated February 28, 1936, also issued in the name of H. J. King, covering the above described Ford Coupe. Mr. Chive will be able to testify that these documents were turned over to him by Subject Fred Hunter, at the time he, Chive, purchased the car from Hunter.

MRS. J. F. MEYER, 139 South Rendon Street,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Upon subpoena, will be able to testify that she manages the apartment building owned by her daughter, Mrs. Louise H. Martin, identified as 3339, 3341, and 3343 Canal Street, and 104 North Jefferson Davis Parkway, in the city of New Orleans. She will be able to testify that on April 10, 1936, a party introducing himself as Edward O'Hara rented from her the ground floor apartment, identified as 3343 Canal Street, at a rental of \$50.00 per month, same being accepted in advance. She will be able to testify that on or about April 23, 1936, (described by her as being a week and a half ago), she observed a man coming out of the rear entrance of the O'Hara apartment, bearing two fishing rods and a large thermos bottle or jug and a small package containing lunch. She will be able to testify that she accosted this individual, who informed her that he was a friend of Mr. O'Hara, and was a traveling salesman working for the same firm as Mr. O'Hara, who was to accompany him on a fishing trip. Mrs. Meyer was unable to identify the photograph of Subject Karpis, but it is interesting to note that a Shakespeare casting rod and a Perfection Thermic jug were found in the Terraplane Coupe recovered at the United Motors Service, Inc., 822 Howard Avenue, New Orleans, on May 2, 1936, the property of Subject Karpis, as hereinafter described.

JOHN CAMPBELL, Janitor,  
3343 Canal Street,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Will be able to testify that Subject Fred Hunter, known to him as Edward O'Hara, occupied the first floor apartment at 3343 Canal Street. He will also be able to testify that Subject Karpis, whose photograph he identified, also visited Subject Hunter frequently during his occupancy of the apartment. He will also be able to recall that Subject Hunter drove a Plymouth Coupe, which he understood had been purchased through Mr. Pucheu, the son-in-law of Mrs. Meyer, the manager of the apartment building, and that Subject Karpis drove a Terraplane.

MISS LOUISE CHARLTON, Bookkeeper, Evans Motors of Louisiana, Inc.,  
1330 St. Charles Street,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Upon being served with subpoena duces tecum, will be able to produce her records disclosing that on April 13, 1936, a 1936 Terraplane Coupe, motor #192081, serial #6126228, was sold to E. F. Collins by their salesman, Mr. W. A. Wilson. She will be able to testify that application for 1936 Louisiana registration was filled out by her office and presented to the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Bureau on Canal Street, in the city of New Orleans, and that 1936 Louisiana license tags 18-460 were issued to cover the above described car, and that the registration card was mailed to Mr. E. F. Collins at 1330 St. Charles Street, which is the address of the Evans Motors of Louisiana, Inc. The registration card found in the Terraplane Coupe at the time of its recovery carried the motor number of this car as 192061 instead of the correct motor number of 192081. A photostatic copy of the original application for registration furnished by the Secretary of State at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, discloses that the car described in this application bore motor #192081, and it is therefore believed that the substitution of a "6" for an "8" on the registration card was due to a typographical error made at the Motor Vehicle Bureau.

MR. W. A. WILSON, Salesman,  
Evans Motors of Louisiana, Inc.,  
1330 St. Charles Street,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Upon subpoena, will be able to testify that on April 13, 1936, he sold a 1936 Terraplane Coupe, as above described, to Subject Karpis, who introduced himself as E. F. Collins to him. Mr. Wilson will be able to testify that on the morning of April 13, 1936, Subject Karpis drove up in a Plymouth Coupe, stating that the same belonged to a friend of his, and questioned him about the purchase of a Terraplane automobile, informing that he had previously wrecked his personally owned car in the state of Tennessee. Mr. Wilson will be able to further state that Subject Karpis informed that he had no permanent local address and requested that 1936 Louisiana registration card covering the aforesaid automobile be made out in his name, as E. F. Collins, 1330 St. Charles Street, which is the location of the Evans Motors of Louisiana, Inc., stating that he would return

within a few weeks to pick up the said registration card. Mr. Wilson will be able to testify that this request was complied with by his company.

MR. E. P. SIRE, Salesman,  
Evans Motors of Louisiana, Inc.,  
1330 St. Charles Street,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Will be able to testify that he was present on the morning of April 27, 1936, when E. F. Collins, whom he identified by photograph as being identical with Subject Karpis, brought in his car for repairs, and that during his conversation with Subject Karpis, he learned that he had experienced motor trouble on the ferry boat at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the day before. Mr. Sires will be able to testify that Subject Karpis returned to his place of business on April 28, 1936, and the matter of a trade-in of the Terraplane on a larger and faster car, to-wit, a Hudson Coupe, was discussed. He will be able to testify that nothing definite was decided as to this matter, but that Karpis remained at Evans Motors of Louisiana, Inc., from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on the evening of April 28, 1936; that on the same evening he joined Karpis and accompanied him to the "Original Southport", where Karpis won the sum of \$60.00 at the crap table in a short period of time.

HONORABLE E. A. CONWAY, Secretary of State,  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana, or  
his authorized representative.

Upon being served with subpoena duces tecum, will be able to produce the originals or certified copies of the applications for registration, as well as the registration cards issued in the name of Edward O'Hara, 1625 Canal Street, covering a 1936 Plymouth Coupe, motor #P2-212244, and issued in the name of E. F. Collins, 1330 St. Charles Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, covering a 1936 Terraplane Coupe, motor #192061 (and motor #192061 on registration certificate.)

J. V. BLAKE, Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
326 1/2 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Will be able to testify that on May 2, 1936, he recovered the Terraplane Coupe of Subject Karpis from the United Motors Service, Inc., 822 Howard Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. He will be able to testify that in addition to the documents and papers found in that car upon his examination, showing ownership of the same by E. F. Collins, he found the following additional articles:

.45 Colt Automatic, serial C-161847;  
A second .45 Colt automatic, serial number mutilated, and  
a .32 calibre long range Colt automatic, Ace Model, serial  
number mutilated, located in a brown leather brief bag  
found in the Terraplane Coupe.

(Continued)

1 Model 24, .22 automatic Remington rifle,  
serial #112132, with telescope attached,  
wrapped in a woolen blanket, found in the  
rear of the Terraplane Coupe.

1 hip holster for .32 automatic found in a

Gladstone bag in the Terraplane Coupe.

1 shoulder holster for automatic pistol,  
found in leather brief case in Terraplane Coupe.

1 hunting knife and fishing tackle box.

1 Winchester flashlight.

1 Shakespeare casting rod.

1 Perfection Thermic thermos jug.

Agent Blake will also be able to testify that at the same time he examined the Plymouth Coupe, which had been recovered by Bureau Agents on May 1, 1936, in front of the apartment at 3345 Canal Street, in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana. He will be able to testify that he found a Savage lever action gun, model 99, 250-3000 calibre, serial #304481, property of Alvin Karpis, found in Fred Hunter's Plymouth Coupe, on the shelf behind the seat; an Aviator flashlight; a .380 Colt automatic, serial #106616, found in a zipper bag, the property of Alvin Karpis, in the Plymouth Coupe of Fred Hunter.

W. L. BUCHANAN, Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
224 Federal Building,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Will be able to testify that on the afternoon of May 1, 1936, about 5:30 p.m. he assisted in the arrest of Fred Hunter and Alvin Karpis as they left the apartment at 3345 Canal Street, in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana. He will be able to testify that the arrest was made as Karpis and Hunter entered the Plymouth Coupe parked on Jefferson Davis Parkway, at the side of the aforesaid apartment. Agent Buchanan will be able to further state that on the night of May 1, 1936, and dates subsequent thereto, he questioned Fred Hunter relative to his association with Alvin Karpis, and that Hunter admitted that he became acquainted with Subject Karpis at Warren, Ohio, sometime between January 20, 1935, and June of that same year, at which time he was aware of the identity of Alvin Karpis and well knew that he was wanted by the federal authorities in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case. He will be able to state further that Subject Hunter admitted that from the date of his meeting with Karpis at Warren, Ohio, until his arrest at New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 1, 1936, he was intermittently in company with Karpis in the states of Arkansas and Texas, and as a matter of fact, drove with Karpis in his, Hunter's, 1936 Ford Coupe, from Corpus Christi, Texas, to a point half-way between Biloxi and Gulfport, Mississippi, where they stopped at a tourist camp there. Agent Buchanan will be able to testify that Hunter further informed him that they arrived at this place on or about April 1, 1936, and that on April 2, 1936, he accompanied Subject Karpis to New Orleans, La., where Karpis purchased a 1936 Plymouth Coupe from the Quality Motors, Inc., under the name of Edward O'Hara, an alias which Hunter was using. He will be able to testify that Hunter informed him that Karpis made arrangements for the purchase of this car while he remained

around the front of the building of the Quality Motors, Inc. He will be able to testify that Hunter advised him that on the same date, he and Karpis returned in the two automobiles, his Ford Coupe and the Plymouth Coupe, to a tourist camp between Gulfport and Biloxi, Mississippi, and that on the following day, April 3, 1936, he and Karpis returned to New Orleans where he, Hunter, disposed of his 1936 Ford Coupe to the Used Car Manager of the Evans Motors of Louisiana, Inc., on Canal Street. Agent Buchanan will be able to relate further that Hunter and Karpis returned to New Orleans, Louisiana, on or about April 10, 1936, where Hunter, under the name of Edward O'Hara, rented an apartment at 3343 Canal Street, in the city of New Orleans. He will be able to state that Hunter informed him that Subject Karpis did not purchase the Terraplane Coupe from the Evans Motors of Louisiana, Inc., until about April 13, 1936. Agent Buchanan will be able to state that Subject Hunter admitted to him, verbally, that on the evening of April 27, 1936, Karpis was with him at the apartment at 3343 Canal Street and heard a radio broadcast announcing that both he and Karpis had been indicted for the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery job. Agent Buchanan, in conclusion, will be able to state that on several occasions, while questioning Subject Hunter, Hunter expressed his intention of entering a plea of guilty to the harboring charges pending against him in the Eastern District of Louisiana.

R. L. TOLLETT, Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
326 1/2 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Upon subpoena will be able to testify and corroborate testimony of Special Agent W. L. Buchanan, as related above, regarding the harboring of Subject Karpis by Hunter at New Orleans, Louisiana, intermittently from April 10, 1936, to May 1, 1936, the date of Hunter's and Karpis' arrest. Agent Tollett will especially be able to testify regarding his surveillance of the apartment at 3343 Canal Street, on May 1, 1936, and that he saw Terraplane Coupe, Louisiana license tags 18-460, parked in front of the aforesaid apartment on the morning of May 1, 1936, about 9:30 a.m., and further, that about 12:00 Noon, on the same date, he observed Subject Karpis leaving the apartment, driving off in the Terraplane Coupe, followed by Fred Hunter in the 1936 Plymouth Coupe bearing Louisiana license tags 136-288. Agent Tollett will further be able to testify that he observed Subjects Karpis and Hunter return to the apartment at 3343 Canal Street, together, in the Plymouth Coupe, and that the two persons in question entered the apartment and remained until 4:00 p.m. that afternoon, at which time Karpis and Hunter again left the apartment, driving off in the Plymouth Coupe, and returned about 4:30 p.m. and remained in the apartment until a few minutes prior to their arrest on May 1, 1936.

L. I. BOWMAN, Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
326 1/2 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Will be able to testify that on May 1, 1936, while he, in company with Special Agent R. L. Tollett, was keeping the apartment at 3343 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, under surveillance, he observed 1936 Terraplane Coupe, bearing 1936 Louisiana license tags 18-460, parked on Canal Street in front of the apartment at 3343 Canal Street, about 9:30 a.m. that morning. He will be able to testify further that he observed Subject Karpis leave the apartment and enter his Terraplane Coupe and drive off about noon on that date, followed by Subject Hunter, who drove a 1936 Plymouth Coupe bearing 1936 Louisiana license tags 136-288. He will be able to relate as to the return of these two individuals in the Plymouth Coupe, which was parked on Jefferson Davis Parkway at the side of the apartment at 3343 Canal Street, which they entered, and where they remained until about 4:00 p.m. on May 1, 1936, at which time Karpis and Hunter again drove off in the Plymouth Coupe, returning about 4:30 p.m., and that they remained in the apartment up until a few minutes prior to their arrest. Agent Bowman will also be able to testify as to the verbal admissions made by Subject Hunter regarding the purchase of the 1936 Plymouth Coupe and Terraplane Coupe from the Quality Motors, Inc., and the Evans Motors of Louisiana, Inc., respectively. He will also be able to corroborate the testimony of Special Agent W. L. Buchanan, regarding Hunter's meeting of Subject Karpis at Warren, Ohio, and his intermittent association with Karpis up until May 1, 1936, the date of his arrest at New Orleans, Louisiana. He will also be able to testify as to the recovery of the .45 Colt automatic, government model, serial number mutilated, from the bureau drawer located in the bedroom of Fred Hunter's apartment at 3343 Canal Street, New Orleans, on the afternoon of May 1, 1936.

MR. E. F. WEST, Manager,  
Fernwood-by-the-Sea, Tourist Camp,  
U. S. Highway 90, approximately five miles west of  
Biloxi, Mississippi.


Will be able to testify that two male individuals appeared at his tourist camp on April 8, 1936, driving a new Plymouth Coupe automobile, painted black, rented rooms Nos. 5 and 6, at the rate of \$3.00 per day, and registered on the camp register as E. O'Hara and party, New Orleans. Mr. West will be able to testify that he has identified photographs of Subjects Karpis and Hunter as these two individuals. He will be able to testify that Karpis and Hunter remained at the camp through the morning of April 8, 1936. Mr. West will be able to testify that they frequently left the camp early in the morning and returned in the afternoon, ostensibly for the purpose of fishing, but as far as he knew, they never brought back any fish. He will also testify that after Subjects Hunter and Karpis checked out on April 8, 1936, they returned on April 9, 1936, at which time they were assigned Cabin #2, a large double cabin of stucco structure, and that subjects paid \$4.00 per day for this cabin; that Karpis and Hunter remained at his camp on this occasion two or three days, and that during this time he engaged them in conversation and Subject Karpis, who he identified by photograph, stated to him, Mr.

West, that he had a rifle with a telescope sight attached and that he would be able to kill a squirrel at 1000 yards.

Mr. H. F. West and his wife have identified photographs of Subjects Fred John Hunter and Alvin Karpis as being the individuals who resided in their tourist camp, Fernwood-by-the-Sea, on the dates of April 3 to April 8, 1936, in cabins Nos. 5 and 6, and as the individuals who again resided in Cabin #2 on April 9, 1936, for a period of two or three days, under the name of E. O'Hara and party.

Mr. H. F. West, on subpoena duces tecum, will be able to produce the tourist camp register showing the registration of E. O'Hara and party on April 3 and April 9, 1936.

The following is the criminal record of Subject Fred Hunter, as reflected in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's files (FBI-54440), Washington, D.C.:

  
WANTED BY BUREAU: As Fred Hunter, alias Fred King, alias Harold King (possible ident), for questioning in regard with investigation to apprehend Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, subjects in Bremer Kidnap Case.

The following is the criminal record of Subject Alvin Karpis, as reflected in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's files (FBI-199217), Washington, D.C.:

[REDACTED]

This person was published as a fugitive in the monthly bulletins for January, 1933, and October, 1934, issued by this Bureau.

[REDACTED]

KARPIS GANG (KANSAS CITY, MO.)

#6008 ALVIN KARPIS, alias George Haller.

DESCRIPTION: Captain Stewart of the Tulsa, Oklahoma PD stated that Joe Howard, their #7916, an ex-convict, was now wanted at Okmulgee, Co., Okla. for bond jumping; that he had been in on a jewelry store robbery with ex-convicts Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Sam Coker; that Coker had been apprehended and now serving a 35 year sentence at the Oklahoma State Pen. at McAlester, Okla. The records of the Tulsa PD reflect the following as to the relatives of Alvin Karpis: Father, John Karpis, 1441 West Adams St., Chicago, Ill.; mother, Anna Karpis, same address; Mrs. A. E. Grooms, 1234 North Monroe St., Topeka, Kansas, sister; Mrs. P. H. Newbowl, 1141 North Francisco St., Chicago; Mrs. R. B. Vennede, Chicago.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

326 1/2 Post Office Building,

New Orleans, La.

May 22, 1936.

DWM:cw.  
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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID.

I am transmitting herewith ~~summary report~~ relative  
Subjects Alvin Karpis and Fred John Hunter, in relation to the  
offense or offenses committed in the New Orleans Bureau Office  
territory.

Please be informed that I have supervised this report  
and believe it contains all the allegations necessary for con-  
sideration by the United States Attorney here at New Orleans,  
Louisiana, for his determination of the ~~charge~~ to be filed against  
Subjects Hunter and Karpis.

A new Federal Grand Jury convened here on May 18, 1936,  
but immediately recessed until May 27, 1936, when they will again  
meet for the purpose of hearing one case only. I have, however,  
arranged with Honorable Rene Viosca, United States Attorney here,  
to endeavor to present the instant case on the offenses desired  
by the United States Attorney here, on that date, in the absence  
of any Bureau instructions.

Only a few of the witnesses listed in this report will  
be used before the Grand Jury.

The United States Attorney here will treat the contents  
of this report confidential.

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Very truly yours,

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| D. W. Magee<br>Special Agent in Charge. |  |

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AIR MAIL  
SPECIAL DELIVERY

cc-  
Cincinnati (E.J. Connelley)

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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326 1/2 Post Office Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
May 21, 1936

PERSONAL-CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It is my thought that you might desire a copy of the plan of the proposed raid scene at the apartment where subjects Hunter and Karpis were apprehended on May 1, 1936.

This plan was drawn by Mr. Connelley on the office blackboard.

I am transmitting herewith three Reconar camera views of the blackboard plan, together with the negatives marked 10, 11, and 12, respectively. I believe negative number twelve represents the best reproduction and you may desire enlargements thereof.

Very truly yours,

*D. W. Magee*  
D. W. Magee,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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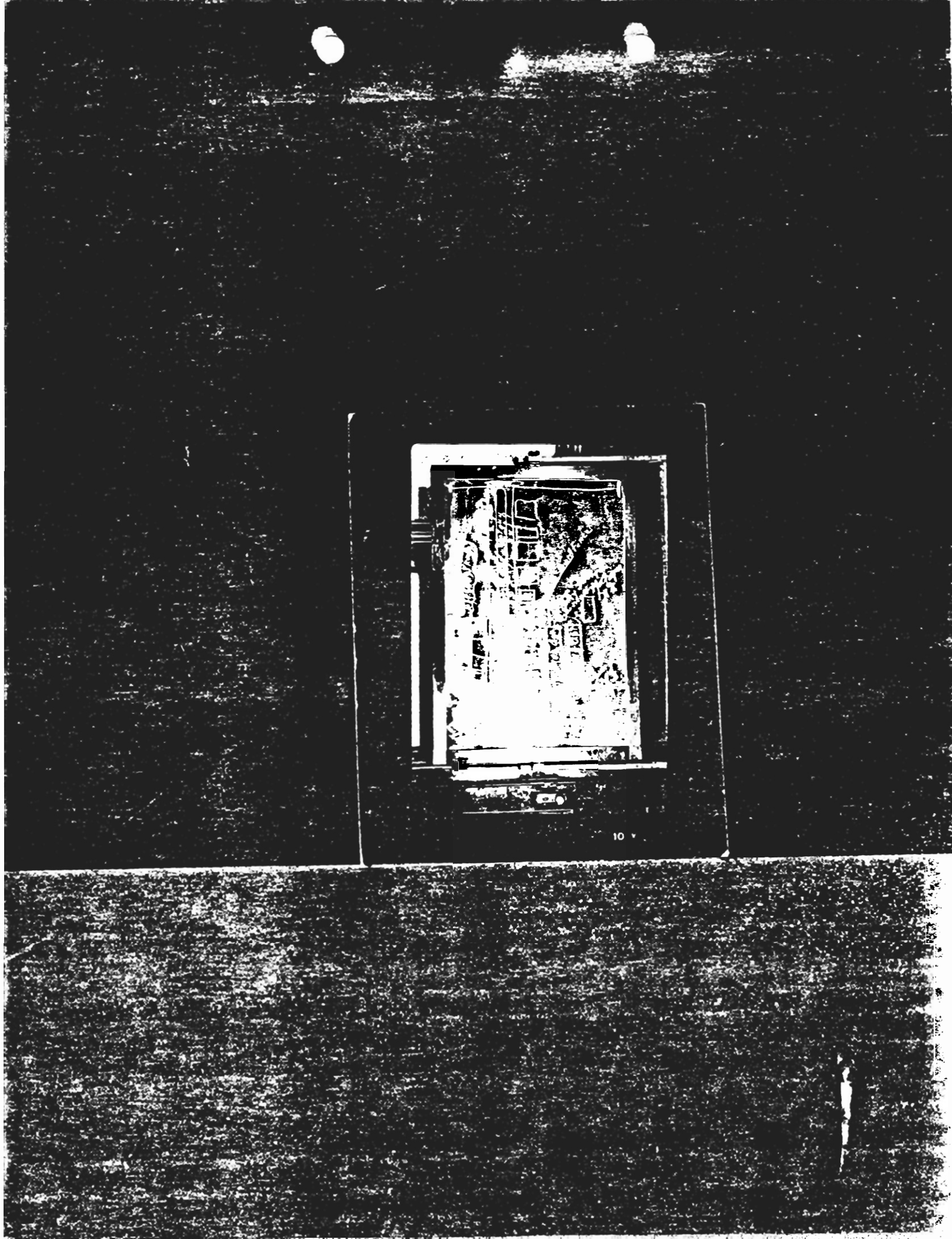
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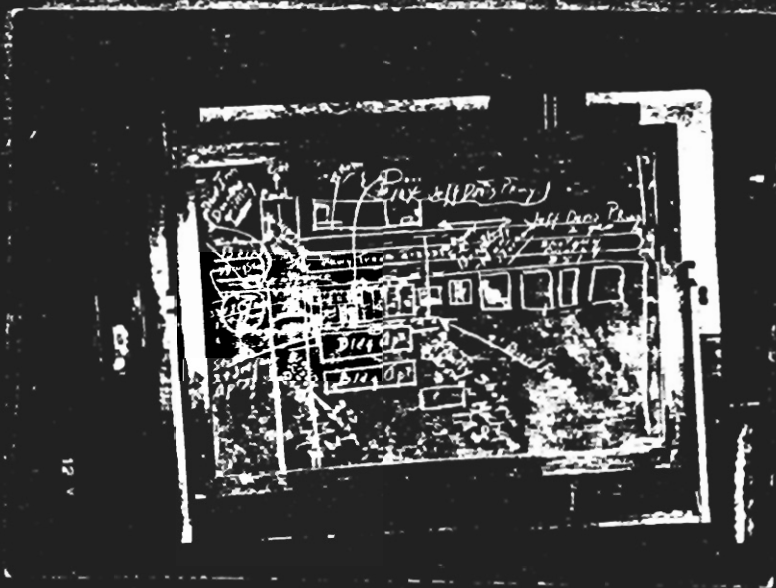
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## Our Police And Karpis.

A PITTSBURGH contemporary comments on Director Hoover's recent remarks on political interference with Federal police: "Incidentally, the tie-up between politicians and crime explains why the G-men are forced to work independently of local police forces. In New Orleans recently, Federal agents refused to tip off the local officials to the impending capture of Karpis.

"Mr. Hoover's detectives have learned by sad experience that it does not pay to take the police into their confidence; that in many cases news of the expected arrest is relayed to the suspect himself."

The appearance of political influence in the New Orleans police in relation to various forms of gambling has been notorious for a good many years. This has often been deplored by good citizens. We cannot recall, however, a single case of collusion between the Orleans police and the type of criminal our contemporary has in mind.

THE Orleans police, on the contrary, have been exceptionally efficient for the past eight or ten years in detecting and convicting criminals of the more dangerous caliber who have at times tried to infest the city. We don't believe more than two or three other large police forces in the United States have done as well in this respect as our own. With the exception of Milwaukee's, we doubt that any has done better.

If our contemporary means to imply that Mr. Hoover did not confer with the Orleans police because he felt they would communicate his designs to Karpis, the suggestion is entirely unwarranted by anything in our police records. We are quite sure that Mr. Hoover himself would not support any such suggestion.

IF THE G-men in the Karpis capture felt that their information was complete and their force was ample, and thus so no reason for consulting the local police, they were quite within their privilege in not doing so. Whatever succeeds is successful. They succeeded admirably. Nor have we heard the faintest unfavorable criticism of their operations, from the Orleans police or anybody else.

If the Orleans police, on the other hand, had been asked to help in the capture of Karpis, we have not the least doubt that they would have done so as efficiently as they have pursued desperadoes of the worst type on their own account. The fact that they were not invited to help furnishes no ground for an imputation on their integrity.

THE NEW ORLEANS ITEM.  
722 Union Street,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.  
May 19, 1936.

Marshall Ballard, Editor.

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*D. W. Mayer*  
Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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June 12, 1936.

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Mr. D. W. Magee,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
326 1/2 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Mr. Magee:

I want to express to you my sincere thanks for your thoughtfulness in transmitting to me copies of the plan of the proposed raid scene made in your office just prior to the apprehension of Karpis and Hunter.

As I review these photographs they bring back to my mind very vividly the rather hectic days spent in the City of New Orleans around May 1st.

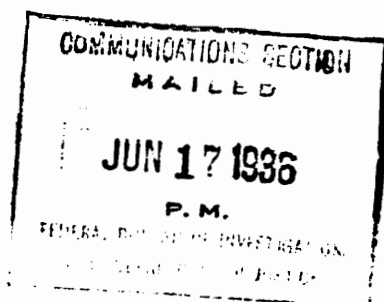
Again expressing to you my sincere thanks, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases<br>DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,<br>FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232. ET AL,<br>EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM |                             |                                     | CHARACTER OF CASE<br>KIDNAPING<br>HARBORING OF FUGITIVE<br>OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE<br>NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

William Elmer Mead is unknown to Richard C. Woodward, Eldorado, Kansas. Woodward stated that he is well acquainted with O. B. (Red) Lester, who in 1933 stated to him he could secure stolen bonds. The last known address on Lester was Ennis, Montana. Topeka Police Department contacted relative to Mead. P.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent C. G. Campbell, Butte, Montana, dated 2-25-36.

DETAILS:

Mr. Richard C. Woodward, Attorney-at-law, Taliaferro Building, Eldorado, Kansas, upon interview stated that he occasionally visits the Halford Camp near West Yellowstone, Montana; that in the year 1919 he met O. B. (Red) Lester and his wife Doris, at which time Lester was a cook in the Halford Camp; that when he, Woodward, visited the camp in July 1933, Red Lester and another individual, whose name he could not recall, were operating the Old Halford Camp; that he, Woodward, returned to the camp in Montana in the summer of 1935 and learned that Lester was not located at that place, and, upon inquiry of the present operators of the Halford Camp, he ascertained that Lester was at that time working in a barber shop at Ennis, Montana. Mr. Woodward mentioned that in June, 1933, when he was at the aforementioned camp, he was having a conversation with Lester about some cases that he, Woodward, had handled in Eldorado, Kansas; that during the course of this conversation Lester mentioned to him that he could secure some hot bonds as he knew

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someone who had them, and that if he, Woodward, could turn the bonds, he, Lester, would secure them from this individual, whose identity he did not make known. He did not state the nature of the bonds nor in what manner he could secure them.

Woodward advised that he recalled an individual by the name of ~~Staggers~~, a boot-legger, who lives near the Halford Camp, and who was a close associate of Red Lester; that this individual known as Staggers was sentenced last year on a liquor violation in the same county, or adjoining, in which the Halford Camp is located. It was Woodward's opinion that Staggers is now serving his sentence in the Montana State Penitentiary. Woodward advised that the present location of Lester could probably be secured from the present operators of the Halford Camp, or could be located through his, Lester's, former partner at the Halford Camp, whose names would be known to the present owners.

Mr. Woodward stated that William Elmer Mead is unknown to him and, after examining a photograph of Mead, advised he appears familiar, but he was unable to place where he might have seen him or met him.

Mr. W. C. Linke, Chief Identification Officer, Topeka, Kansas, Police Department, interviewed relative to Mead, stated that an Identification Order on this individual is in their files; that his department has no detail on confidence men, but that he would bring it to the attention of all of the detectives in the department and request that they be on the lookout for him. In the presence of the writer, Officer Linke requested a number of the detectives to pay particular attention to locating Mead; and to advise the Kansas City Bureau office in the event they should receive any pertinent information.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE BUTTE OFFICE, if same has not already been done, will locate and interview O. B. (Red) Lester, Ennis, Montana, relative to William Elmer Mead; and also relative to the stolen bonds mentioned in the body of this report. In the event he cannot be located at Ennis, Montana, his location can probably be secured thru the present operators of Halford's Camp near West Yellowstone, Montana.

Consideration should also be given to locating and interviewing the individual known as Staggers, who may possibly be an acquaintance of William Elmer Mead.

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P. O; Box #766,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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May 21 1936

PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL

Special Agent In Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:-

With reference to my recent conversation with Grace Goldstein as to the proposition of securing and delivering to us at some designated place the machine guns previously used by Alvin Karpis, please advise me the most recent developments as to this, and provided this woman does not deliver, I shall try to arrange a future conversation with her as to this.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent In Charge.

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

May 22, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed herewith one copy each of  
The Toledo News-Bee, Toledo Morning Times, and Toledo Blade,  
all dated May 20, 1936.

Very truly yours,



J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box #812

Chicago, Illinois

May 21st, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

As requested in your letters of May 16th, 1936, I am transmitting herewith six copies of all types of photographs of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Arthur Barker, Ollie Berg, Jimmy Wilson, Edna Murray, Paula Harmon, Dolores Delaney, Wynona Burdette, Harry Sawyer, Gladys Sawyer, Russell Gibson, Clara Gibson, William J. Harrison, William Weaver, Dr. Joseph P. Moran and Myrtle Eaton.

Very truly yours,

IJM  
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D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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| REPORT MADE AT<br>TRENTON, N.J. JERSEY   | DATE WHEN MADE<br>5/21/36 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br>3/14, 23, 30/36<br>4/7, 10, 16/36<br>5/13/36 | REPORT MADE BY<br>D. E. BALCH |
| TITLE<br>WILLIAM ELMER MEAD, with aliases<br>I. O. 1354  |                           | CHARACTER OF CASE<br>ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE                               |                               |
| <p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Detective bureaus in eighteen largest cities in New Jersey contacted and photographs of Mead furnished. No information indicating Mead has been seen in New Jersey received, but promise of cooperation obtained. Campaign recently conducted in Middlesex County against confidence men gave no clue concerning Mead. Man resembling Mead at Stacy-Trent Hotel, Trenton, New Jersey, investigated and found not to be Mead.</p>   |                           |   |                               |
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| <p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, 1/27/36.</p>   |                           |   |                               |
| <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>In accordance with the request set out in letter of reference to the effect that all offices contact the confidence and bunco squads of the police departments in all cities in their respective territories of 50,000 or more inhabitants, furnishing photographs of Mead if the same are not already in the possession of the various police departments and requesting investigation be made through leading hotels and other places.</p> |                           |   |                               |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br><i>E. J. Connelley</i><br>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE   |                           | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES  |                               |
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frequented by confidence men in order to hasten the location of Mead. The same have been completed in the eighteen largest cities in New Jersey over 50,000 or more population or cities approaching that size.

In conjunction with this investigation in which the chief of the detective bureaus in the cities where confidence and bunco squads are maintained, information was imparted as to the physical description of Mead and the identifying characteristics as set out in I.O. 1354. No definite information was obtained in any of the various police departments indicating that Mead has been known to operate in New Jersey or that he has been seen here. However, cooperation from each of these departments was assured. Included in this investigation are the following New Jersey cities:

Atlantic City

East Orange

Hoboken

Jersey City

Paterson

Union City

Clifton

North Bergen

Camden

Bayonne

Elizabeth

Irvington

Newark

Passaic

Trenton

Montclair

Perth Amboy

Asbury Park

AT PERTH AMBOY, NEW JERSEY:

Mr. John Murray, Deputy Chief of Police, stated that not long ago a united effort had been made in Middlesex County to locate all confidence men operating in that territory, and that in the Prosecutor's Office at New Brunswick, New Jersey, all information obtained in that effort was available.

AT NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY:

Mr. Charles A. Collins, Chief of Detectives, Middlesex County, attached to the Office of the County Prosecutor, advised that he had been in charge of the confidence work in Middlesex County as mentioned by Mr. John Murray. He stated that no person even slightly resembling Subject Mead, had been located, nor had any evidence been obtained to the effect that he had at any time operated in Middlesex County. Photograph of Mead was left with him after Mead's characteristics were pointed out, and his cooperation was solicited and promised.

AT TRENTON, NEW JERSEY:

Information having been furnished to reporting Agent by Special Agent (A) L. A. Gentry, of the Trenton Bureau Office to the effect that a guest at the Stacy-Trent Hotel in Trenton had been seen and was thought to resemble Subject Mead, Mr. George L. Crocker, Manager of the Stacy-Trent Hotel, was contacted relative thereto. The man in question was identified as one Mr. Bidwell. However, this man was readily distinguished from the Subject Mead by Mr. Crocker for the reason that their guest is considerably older and his physical characteristics vary greatly with those of Mead. Mr. Crocker also called his two desk clerks and they were presented with the picture of Mead and also his physical characteristics were outlined to them.

Neither had any recollection of Mead or a person of that description having stayed at the Stacy-Trent Hotel, but promised their fullest cooperation in advising the Trenton Office should any person appear who would answer the description of Mead.

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May 19, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

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[REDACTED] of Youngstown, Ohio, who was recently at Hot Springs, Arkansas in connection with this investigation, advises that he was required to depart from Hot Springs without having been given an opportunity to secure his personal belongings, which consisted of a hand bag, miscellaneous clothing, leather jacket, overcoat, vest, and two shirts.

It was his understanding that your office was to forward this property to him, which he claims he left at the Best Tourist Camp at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Will you please be good enough to forward to this office the personal property of the said informant as might be in your possession, and should you not have possession thereof, kindly secure the same from the Best Tourist Camp and ship it to this office for return to the said informant.

Very truly yours,

JPM/JS

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PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL

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

Re: "BREKID"

Dear Sir:-

With reference to the activities of [REDACTED] Grace Goldstein, there is attached hereto copy of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent J. L. Medala, as of May 7, 1936, covering in detail the activities concerning particularly [REDACTED] which it is believed should be treated as confidential, and the Little Rock and Cleveland Offices are cautioned accordingly, copies of this communication and the memorandum being furnished for their information only.

With reference to the activities of confidential informant Jewell Laverne Grayson alias Grace Goldstein, 233 1/2 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, as will be noted in the attached memo, Grace Goldstein was picked up and held at the Little Rock Office until the night of April 29, 1936, and during the day of April 29, 1936, this informant had indicated that she had definitely considered advising us fully as to the information she had as to the location of Alvin Karpis.

As the Bureau has previously been advised, arrangements were made for Special Agent In Charge Chapmon Fletcher, with three other Agents covering his movements, to proceed to Jackson, Mississippi, on the night of April 29, 1936. They arrived at this place late that night, at which place they checked into a hotel to await my arrival from New Orleans, I arriving there shortly after midnight on April 29, 1936, and thereafter, from approximately midnight to 3:00 A. M., April 30, 1936, together with Special Agent In Charge Chapmon Fletcher, this woman was interviewed as to her knowledge of the present location of Alvin Karpis.

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In previous conversation with this woman on March 31, 1936, in the presence of Special Agent B. L. Damron, of the Little Rock Office, I had advised her that provided she furnished the Bureau with the information which led to the arrest of Alvin Karpis, and she, in the future, was charged with harboring this individual, I, on behalf of the Bureau, would definitely and conclusively recommend to the United States Attorney having jurisdiction of the prosecution that she be dismissed from consideration and prosecution, in consideration for the services she had rendered to the Bureau. At the time of my interview with her on April 30, 1936, I again advised her of this, and after considerable questioning, she then furnished us with the information to the effect that Karpis and Fred Hunter, together with Connie Morris, had left Hot Springs, Ark., March 26, 1936, proceeding via Texas, to New Orleans, where Connie Morris and Fred Hunter had obtained an apartment, located on the right hand corner on Canal Street and Jeff Davis Parkway, as you go out from the main part of town; that she, Grace Goldstein, had spent considerable time at this address with Hunter and the Morris girl; that Alvin Karpis came there from time to time; that, however, she and Alvin Karpis were sleeping in another apartment away from this address, the address of which she could not recall or would not disclose.

She advised that Karpis, Hunter and Connie Morris had left Hot Springs, Arkansas, because of the information furnished by taxi driver Brock as to what the Post Office Inspectors intended to do, this being the informant the Post Office Inspectors had to contact this girl to get information.

Grace Goldstein drew an outline of the property wherein Connie Morris and Fred Hunter were living at New Orleans. She also advised that she left Hot Springs on April 10, 1936, to go to Memphis, Tennessee; that she then went to New Orleans, arriving there April 11, 1936, and as pre-arranged in telephone conversation to her from subject Karpis, she checked into the Roosevelt Hotel in Room 448, as Mrs. Virgil Bernard, she not being certain of the last name; that thereafter Karpis, Connie Morris and Hunter called her on the telephone and she met them at a park near the hotel. They were then driving a Plymouth coupe automobile.

She advised that this Plymouth automobile had been purchased by Karpis; that the first three numbers of the Louisiana tags were 136; that the car had been purchased under the name of O'Hara; that she believed they had probably rented the apartment she described above, under the name of O'Hara; that she believed she saw

a gas bill or receipt with the name of O'Hara on it at the apartment while she was staying there; that Connie Morris was receiving treatment by a doctor on the eleventh floor of the Maison-Blanche Building, New Orleans; that there was a drug store directly across from this apartment on the opposite side of Canal Street; that the apartment itself is located on the first floor, there being no elevators; that she believed Karpis was taking his meals at this place and visiting there often; that, however, he might be away at the present time, fishing.

As will be noted from the reports in this case, the information furnished by this woman proved to be entirely correct and resulted in the apprehension of Alvin Karpis, after the necessary investigation had been made and surveillance maintained of this apartment.

This woman was returned to Little Rock, Arkansas on April 30, 1936, by Special Agent Chapmon Fletcher, arriving there about 3:00 P. M. Thereafter, when Alvin Karpis was apprehended, May 1, 1936, arrangements were made to release this woman, and she indicated she would go to some point and stay quietly for a reasonable period of time, in order to avoid the activities of the police toward her, particularly Chief of Detectives Akers, Hot Springs, Arkansas, he being familiar with her past activities as regards Karpis and Hunter.

This woman returned to Hot Springs, Arkansas on the night of May 8, 1936, and the newspapers apparently upon tip furnished to them by Chief of Detectives Akers, immediately insisted upon interviewing her as to her association with Alvin Karpis, resulting in considerable publicity and covering considerable details of her relationship with Karpis, some of which was contrary to what we had previously known of the situation, and indicating that she was either lying to the reporters, or that they were misquoting her.

Previous correspondence with the Little Rock Office indicated that at first Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin and Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers were going to engage in certain activities which might interfere with our future plans, particularly as to confidential informant Grace Goldstein.

On Saturday, May 9, 1936, at Hot Springs, Arkansas, I interviewed Grace Goldstein in the presence of Special Agent In Charge Chapmon Fletcher. At this time she advised me that she had not talked to the newspaper reporters in such detail as indicated in the news articles and Associated Press dispatches, and she was definite that she had never advised them that she had married Alvin Karpis at New York City; that she definitely had not advised them that she was in

in custody of the Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation;  
that she had told them she was away visiting during her absence  
just prior to her present return. She did, however, advise me that  
she figures Alvin Karpis spent upon her, from the summer of 1935 to  
date, about \$9,000.00, this being for automobiles, jewelry, etc.

This woman was carefully advised to refrain from any discussion of her activities with anyone, particularly as to any association she might have had with Alvin Karpis in the past, it being noted that she states she did not know his definite identity until later. She was advised that the Bureau was endeavoring to avoid disclosure of her identity as having furnished this information in connection with Alvin Karpis, and that her own activities would be responsible for any disclosure of this in the future. She was entirely sensible as to this and stated she would get out of Hot Springs on the night of this date and stay away for a few days.

She was requested to obtain, if she knew where they were located, the machine guns of Alvin Karpis, and arrange to have these available to Special Agent In Charge Chapmon Fletcher at some future date; that she should take these to some point and arrange to meet Special Agent In Charge Chapmon Fletcher, in order that they could be turned over to us. She indicated that she would do this and this is pending further developments, and provided she does not turn them over at a reasonable period of time, I will have a further talk with her as to this.

Very truly yours,

  
E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent In Charge

CC Little Rock  
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Cleveland, Ohio,  
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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

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The following is a joint memorandum of Special Agent W. John McNulty and the writer, and it is intended to report the activities of [REDACTED] as well as the reporting Agents, at Hot Springs, Arkansas, where [REDACTED] was taken upon authorization of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, to contact Grace Goldstein and to learn from her, if possible, the whereabouts of her paramour, Alvin Karpis. In order that the reader of this memorandum may be fully apprised of what took place relative to [REDACTED] endeavors to obtain the desired information, the writer is coordinating all of [REDACTED] activities with those of Agents, in this memorandum. This memorandum also tends to report the activities of the writer in connection with the pickup of Grace Goldstein at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and the subsequent questioning of her by the writer while she was being detained at the Little Rock Bureau office.

On the night of April 7, 1936, while the writer, together with Special Agent Lee F. Malone, and two post office inspectors were confined in the house of [REDACTED] at Youngstown, Ohio, awaiting the appearance of Alvin Karpis, who, according to [REDACTED] was to come there some time between April 1, 1936 and April 15, 1936, a discussion was had between the Agents and the post office inspectors relative to the possibility of [REDACTED] proceeding to Hot Springs so that he might contact Grace Goldstein and obtain from her, if possible, information in regard to the whereabouts of Alvin Karpis. Believing that this venture might produce possibilities toward the location of Alvin Karpis, the writer, together with Agent Malone, thereafter confidentially talked with [REDACTED] in the dining room of his home. The two post office inspectors, above referred to, were not present during this discussion. Agents broached the question to [REDACTED] as to whether he would be willing to

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proceed to Hot Springs and there contact Grace Goldstein for information leading to the location of Karpis, and in this connection asked him whether he believed that he might be successful in securing this information. [redacted] replied that at the time he left Hot Springs on February 20, 1936, he and Grace Goldstein were on friendly terms and that if none of the subsequent interviewers of Grace Goldstein had uncovered him he was certain that she would confide in him with all information in her possession regarding Karpis and Fred Hunter. [redacted] also advised at this time that he would be willing to proceed to Hot Springs with an Agent, who did not have the appearance of a police officer or detective, and that if given a free hand he believed he could secure the desired information. b7c

On April 8, 1936, Agent was instructed by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley to proceed to Cleveland, Ohio, on another matter in connection with this case. At this time the writer discussed with Special Agent in Charge Connelley the conversation with [redacted] on the night previous and his willingness to proceed to Hot Springs for the purpose above indicated. Mr. Connelley thereupon instructed the writer to proceed to Youngstown, Ohio in a Bureau car, and advise [redacted] that if he were still willing to go to Hot Springs and there contact Grace Goldstein, we would immediately arrange to have him proceed there with the writer. Agent arrived at the home of [redacted] on the afternoon of April 9, 1936, at which time Agent again discussed with [redacted] the possibility of securing the whereabouts of Karpis from Grace Goldstein. He reiterated at this time that he was reasonably certain that he could get this information, if he had not to date been uncovered by anyone, that is, if Grace had not been advised that he was the one who furnished the Government with the location of Karpis at Hot Springs, Arkansas, prior to the raid. Prior to informant [redacted] departure from his home on this date, the writer informed both Post Office Inspectors F. R. Casey and P. J. McNeil, who were on a plant in the [redacted] home, as to the contemplated trip of [redacted] to Hot Springs. Before proceeding to Cleveland with [redacted] and in accordance with instructions of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Special Agent E. J. Dowd and the writer called upon Post Office Inspector S. J. Hettrick in the Federal Building at Youngstown, Ohio, and fully advised him of [redacted] contemplated trip to Hot Springs and what results we expected therefrom. Agents also informed Inspector Hettrick that [redacted] indicated that he desired that only one person accompany him to Hot Springs. At this time Inspector Hettrick advised Agent Dowd and the writer that the venture was a good idea and that he believed the same would produce definite possibilities. In conclusion he wished informant [redacted] and the writer the best of luck in this regard. The writer desires to state that at no time did either Inspector Hettrick, or any of the other post office inspectors, raise any objection to the Bureau's taking [redacted] from his home and having him proceed to Hot Springs, Arkansas.

At the Cleveland Bureau office, Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley furnished the writer and informant [redacted] definite instructions as to how to conduct ourselves and as to our activities in Hot Springs,

and also as to what explanation [redacted] should furnish to Grace Goldstein concerning the reason for his trip to Hot Springs. Mr. Connelley also instructed that Special Agent W. John McNulty accompany the writer and informant [redacted] to Hot Springs, and upon our arrival there to discreetly contact the Little Rock Bureau office. b7C

Agent and informant [redacted] arrived at Little Rock on the night of April 10, 1936, and on the morning of April 11, 1936, a conference was had with Special Agent in Charge Chapmon Fletcher and Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley of the Oklahoma City Bureau office, as to the best procedure to follow after our arrival at Hot Springs. It was then decided that efforts should be made for Agents to obtain a room adjoining, or connected with that of [redacted] at the Majestic Hotel at Hot Springs and if possible to utilize the new vactuphone apparatus in order that any or all conversation between Grace Goldstein and [redacted] could be heard, it being that [redacted] would endeavor to talk with Grace Goldstein in his hotel room.

The writer and [redacted] arrived at Hot Springs at one p. m., April 11, 1936, at which time [redacted] registered at the Majestic Hotel. Agent, a short time thereafter, contacted [redacted] in front of the hotel, at which time he furnished the writer with the number of his hotel room. Immediately thereafter Agent registered at the Majestic Hotel and discreetly requested a room on either side of [redacted] room. Unfortunately both of the rooms desired were occupied and as a consequence Agent obtained the room on the same floor, but a short distance from that of [redacted]. At about two p. m., [redacted] in the presence of the writer, telephoned the Hatterie Hotel and asked for Grace Goldstein. The recipient of the call advised him that Grace Goldstein had left town and was not expected back for approximately two weeks. This information was immediately communicated to Special Agent in Charge Fletcher, who in turn furnished same to Special Agent in Charge Brantley, who at that time, with Special Agent Damron, was established in another hotel at Hot Springs. The writer was subsequently instructed by Mr. Fletcher that [redacted] should not make another contact at the Hatterie Hotel until the following day; that during the interim the other Agents stationed at Hot Springs would endeavor to ascertain whether Grace Goldstein in fact had left Hot Springs. Later that evening Special Agent Damron contacted the writer at the Majestic Hotel and advised that it was definitely determined that Grace Goldstein did leave Hot Springs and was not expected to return for about two weeks.

On the following day, April 12, 1936, at about one p. m., [redacted] again called the Hatterie Hotel in the writer's presence, and was again advised that Grace Goldstein was not in town and was not expected to return for two weeks. In view of this, and in accordance with the instructions received, the writer, together with informant [redacted] proceeded to Little Rock. At this time Mr. Fletcher advised the writer that he had communicated with Special Agent in Charge Connelley at Chicago, and that

it was his instructions that Agent McNulty and the writer remain at Little Rock with informant [redacted] until such time as word was received that Grace Goldstein had returned to Hot Springs, at which time [redacted] was to again attempt to make contact with her. b7c

Agents and informant [redacted] established themselves at the Marion Hotel at Little Rock, Arkansas until April 24, 1936. During this period informant [redacted] furnished Agents with considerable additional information regarding his travels and association with Karpis, all of which information was recorded in the report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated April 19, 1936. Other information which Agents deemed highly confidential was transmitted to the Bureau under personal and confidential cover.

On April 23, 1936, and after the writer noted in the Brekid files of the Little Rock office that Greta Swanson, an inmate of the Hatterie Hotel, had received a letter from Springfield, Illinois, which appeared to be in a handwriting similar to that of Grace Goldstein's, Agents discussed with [redacted] the possibility of his proceeding to Hot Springs and contacting Greta, and obtaining from her, if possible, any information which Grace Goldstein might have communicated to her in the above referred to letter, it being believed that possible Grace Goldstein advised Greta of her present whereabouts in the said letter.

[redacted] advised that he likewise was very friendly with Greta at the time he left Hot Springs in February, 1936, and in this connection felt reasonably certain that he could secure from her any or all information in her possession which might lead to the whereabouts of Grace.

193. [redacted] also stated that at the time Harry Campbell was in Hot Springs in September, 1934, he was in the constant companionship of Greta, and in view of this it was possible that she might divulge to him certain information regarding Campbell, which likewise might lead to his whereabouts. Believing that this might be productive, particularly in obtaining the address of Grace Goldstein, which at that time was of paramount importance, as it was believed that she was then with Karpis, the writer together with Special Agent McNulty and [redacted] discussed the instant matter with Special Agent in Charge Fletcher at the Little Rock office. It was Mr. Fletcher's suggestion that the writer prepare a memorandum concerning the same and submit it to Mr. Connelley at Chicago, Illinois, which was done. On the following day Mr. Fletcher communicated with the writer, at which time he advised that it was Mr. Connelley's instructions that Agents should proceed to Hot Springs with [redacted] and have the latter make the contact with Greta at the Hatterie Hotel, as above indicated. Mr. Fletcher also advised the writer that Mr. Connelley instructed that Agents and [redacted] leave Little Rock immediately in order that our arrival at Hot Springs might be made without anyone observing us.

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In this connection Special Agents McNulty, C. A. Mahan, and the writer, together with [REDACTED], left Little Rock at about midnight and upon our arrival in Hot Springs, Arkansas [REDACTED] established himself at the Best Tourist Camp, under the name of Joe Harris. Special Agent McNulty registered at the Howe Hotel, which is situated close to the Hatterie Hotel, and from which place he could observe to some measure the activities at the Hatterie Hotel, and could be in contact with [REDACTED] at reasonable intervals. The writer registered at the Waukesha Hotel, which is located across the street from the Hatterie Hotel. At this place the writer was fortunate in obtaining a front room on the third floor from which place Agent was able to clearly observe the Hatterie Hotel and anyone entering and leaving the same. This station was also necessary in order that the writer could keep a careful watch of the Hatterie Hotel, especially for the purpose of learning whether any effort would be made by the post office inspectors to cause the apprehension of Grace Goldstein should she return to Hot Springs, and also to immediately ascertain from observation whether Chief of Detectives "Dutch" Akers or Joe Wakelind, Chief of Police, might attempt to apprehend [REDACTED] within the Hatterie Hotel, it being known that these officers had an informant established therein. Special Agent C. A. Mahan of the Little Rock office registered at the Marquette Hotel for the purpose of being available with his personally owned Ford automobile in the event it should be necessary for Agents to utilize his services and his automobile in an emergency.

The writer observed [REDACTED] enter the Hatterie Hotel at approximately one a. m., on April 25, 1936, and leave at about three-ten a. m. No unusual activity was observed at the Hatterie Hotel during this period. Shortly after informant [REDACTED] left the Hatterie Hotel, Agent McNulty, who was called by [REDACTED] as prearranged, communicated with the writer at the Waukesha Hotel and these Agents, together with Special Agent Mahan, who was picked up at the Marquette Hotel, contacted [REDACTED] at the Best Tourist Camp. At this time informant [REDACTED] advised that he talked with both Greta and Mary, the latter being in charge of the Hatterie Hotel during Grace's absence, and that they informed him that Grace at that time was with Karpis, but that she was expected to be back at Hot Springs the following day. They also indicated [REDACTED] that they became aware of Karpis' identity last October, at which time his photograph appeared in the Hot Springs newspaper, this being immediately after "Dutch" Akers had determined that Karpis and other individuals had been residing in a cottage on Dyers Landing on Lake Catherine, which is located just outside of Hot Springs, Arkansas. The girls further informed [REDACTED] that on the day previous to his visit, which was April 24, 1936, two post office inspectors and "Dutch" Akers called upon them and threatened to throw them in jail if they did not divulge to them the whereabouts of Grace. They also advised the informant that these men

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had indicated to them that they would arrest Grace Goldstein immediately upon her return to Hot Springs. They also advised him that these men made a search of every room in the Hatterie Hotel, gaining entrance to these rooms by means of a pass key which they believed was the property of "Dutch" Akers, but that they had found nothing. Both Greta and Mary further informed [redacted] that they were "at the end of their rope" and that if Grace did not return within a few days Mary would close the hotel; that since Grace's departure they had been operating at a loss. Greta also informed [redacted] that in view of the activities of the police and the Government at the Hatterie Hotel, and the fact that they had threatened to put her in jail if she did not furnish to them information, she was moving from the hotel to another "spot" in town. In this connection Greta furnished [redacted] with her new telephone number, requesting him to call her on the following day as she wanted to talk with him alone. With reference to the letter received by Greta from Springfield, Illinois, which letter was believed to have been sent by Grace Goldstein, [redacted] advised that Greta dropped a remark during his conversation with her that she had recently received a letter from a girl named Margaret, who resides at Springfield, Illinois. In view of this, the thought that the letter was sent by Grace Goldstein was dismissed. The writer advised informant [redacted] that he would contact him the following day, at which time he would be given further instructions as to the procedure to be followed that night. b7c

At approximately ten a. m., April 25, 1936, Special Agent in Charge Fletcher communicated with the writer at Hot Springs by telephone and advised that Special Agent Frank Smith had just telephoned him and stated that Grace Goldstein was back in Hot Springs, however, he had no verification of this as yet and in this regard instructed Agent to make some inquiry around town in an effort to definitely ascertain whether she had returned.

Later that day the writer and Agent McNulty contacted informant [redacted] at the Best Tourist Camp and he was informed at this time of the return of Grace Goldstein.

Thereafter the writer made frequent contacts with the other Agents at Hot Springs and at intervals maintained a surveillance of the Hatterie Hotel for the purpose of learning by observation whether any effort was being made by the post office inspectors or the police to cause the apprehension of Grace Goldstein. However, such surveillance was uneventful.

At about eight p. m. on the night of April 25, 1936, the writer, from his room at the Waukesha Hotel observed [redacted] enter the Hatterie Hotel. No unusual activity was subsequently observed within and outside of this hotel, and at about four a. m., Agent observed [redacted] leave the Hatterie

Hotel and proceed across the street therefrom. As prearranged, Agent contacted [redacted] in the lavatory of the Southern Grill, a restaurant located next door to the Waukesha Hotel. b7c

[redacted] appeared very much excited at this time stating that every precaution should be taken so that he would not be uncovered, as it was possible that Grace Goldstein may have set a "tail" on him. For this reason Agent did not talk with [redacted] for any length of time, but requested that he merely furnish the writer with the "high spots" of the information he secured from Grace Goldstein and that Agent would contact him the following day and obtain the complete details of his conversation with the Goldstein woman. At this time [redacted] advised that Grace did not appear at the Hatterie Hotel until eleven p. m. that night; that Mary informed him that Grace had gone out with Chief of Police Joe Wakelind and that she was expected back soon. It might be stated at this point that earlier in the evening Agent Frank Smith had obtained information from Joe Anderson to the effect that one of the latter's informants had observed Grace Goldstein proceed to "the hollow" in the back of the Arlington Hotel, which hotel is located immediately next door to the Hatterie Hotel, after which she was observed to have entered a Chevrolet automobile bearing a North Carolina license; that this automobile contained two men whose identities were not made known. From the information received by [redacted] from Mary, it was apparent that the occupants of the Chevrolet automobile bearing North Carolina plates were Chief of Police Wakelind and "Dutch" Akers. This supposition was verified by Grace Goldstein upon her return to the Hatterie Hotel at which time she remarked to informant [redacted] that she had just been with Chief Wakelind for three hours. She further stated to [redacted] that Wakelind told her that he had been promised a \$12,000 reward by the post office inspectors for the apprehension of Karpis and his associates, and that if she were smart she would turn these fellows over to him and that he would see that she would get the above-mentioned reward; that he did not desire any money out of the matter, but that such a pickup would be "a feather in his cap." [redacted] further stated that he still had the confidence of Grace Goldstein and that at no time during his conversation with her did she give any indication that she was suspicious of him. [redacted] stated that Grace had questioned him as to whether he had been taken into custody for questioning, and that he, in order to "play safe", admitted the same, stating that he was held for three or four days by the Federal authorities, and that he was placed on a showup twice, but that he had given the authorities no information whatever which would assist them in the location of Karpis, nor did he give them information in regard to her connections with the mob. At this point Grace Goldstein advised [redacted] that Karpis could not understand why [redacted] had not contacted him, and that Karpis believed that in view of the fact that [redacted] had not contacted him heretofore that [redacted] must have been taken into custody for questioning. In this connection he jokingly made the remark to Grace, "I bet the 'G' are sweating the belly off of that \_\_\_\_\_."

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████ further advised that according to Grace Goldstein she, together with Fred Hunter, Connie Morris and Alvin Karpis, left Hot Springs just prior to the raid on March 30, 1936, and proceeded directly to Corpus Christi, Texas, where Karpis stored the maroon colored Buick, after she, Grace, heard a broadcast while in the Hot Springs police station, to the effect that all police should be on the lookout for this automobile. Grace further informed █████ that Fred Hunter and Connie Morris returned to Hot Springs on March 10, 1936, and that they were residing in the house which was raided, with Karpis and her until the time that Connie Morris learned from the cab driver (Brock) that the post office inspectors were in Hot Springs making inquiry about Hunter. Grace further informed █████ at this time that she was going to arrange with the Buick people at Hot Springs to have them secure the maroon Buick at Corpus Christi, Texas, without the knowledge of the authorities; that she had a friend within the Buick organization at Hot Springs, who could accomplish this for her. Grace also informed █████ that she would arrange with the Buick people at Hot Springs to have them fail to identify █████ in the event █████ was again picked up and charged with harboring, in that he purchased the maroon Buick for Alvin Karpis. Grace further advised █████ that Karpis, Fred Hunter, and Connie Morris were at that time residing in New Orleans and that the three of them drove her to Hot Springs the night previous; that they took her to the Best Tourist Camp where she stayed that night. It might be stated here, as a point of interest, that █████ checked into the Best Tourist Camp approximately one-half hour after Grace registered there. It might also be stated that the manager of the Best Tourist Camp, who is likewise owner of the Hatterie Hotel, confidentially informed Grace Goldstein on the morning of April 25, 1936, that someone had registered at the tourist camp shortly after she did; that he was calling this matter to her attention inasmuch as he believed that this party had tailed her to the camp. The owner of the tourist camp also informed Grace that the man he had reference to registered under the name of Joe Harris from St. Louis, Missouri, which, it should be noted, is the name that █████ used at this camp. When Grace Goldstein mentioned this incident to █████ he readily admitted that it was he who had registered at the camp, and to whom this individual had referred, and they had quite a laugh over the coincidence.

Grace further informed █████ that Fred Hunter and Connie Morris were living together in a furnished apartment in New Orleans and that Karpis was living in another apartment in the vicinity of Hunter's apartment. She further stated that Connie was going to a doctor for treatment for gonorrhea three times a week and from the conversation which followed as to this █████ gained the impression that this doctor was located in a large building in downtown New Orleans. Grace criticised Connie to █████ in that she had wanted Connie to go to the doctor whom she, Grace, had previously engaged while she was residing in New Orleans, but Connie for some unknown reason decided to go to the doctor who was

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then treating her. Grace also informed [redacted] at this time that Hunter and Karpis had only \$600 between them; that they were to meet her in the vicinity of Hot Springs twenty days from the date April 25, 1936, which would be on May 15, 1936. She, however, did not disclose the exact meeting point to [redacted]. Grace also advised [redacted] that Fred Hunter and Alvin Karpis had most of their guns and ammunition buried in a hole either on the farm of Grace Goldstein's people, or in the vicinity thereof. She stated to [redacted] that it was Karpis' plan to remain in New Orleans until he again contacted Grace on May 15, 1936, and from Grace's conversation [redacted] gained the impression that Karpis and his associates would on that date secure the guns from the above indicated farm and thereafter pull a job, inasmuch as they were then low on funds. In conclusion, [redacted] stated that Grace appeared very friendly toward him, in fact she hugged and kissed him when he arrived at the Hatterie Hotel, and she specifically requested him to again contact her at eight p. m. that night, April 26, 1936.

Immediately upon receipt of the foregoing information from [redacted] Agent contacted Special Agent W. J. McNulty at the Howe Hotel and informed him of the information developed and left instructions with said Agent to keep away from the Best Tourist Camp inasmuch as it was learned that the owner of the same was a good friend of Grace Goldstein. The writer also contacted Special Agent Damron and Special Agent Mahan about this time and it was deemed advisable to proceed to Little Rock immediately in order that the information secured by [redacted] could be communicated to Special Agent in Charge Connelley, it being deemed unwise to telephone this information, inasmuch as it was rumored that a relative of "Dutch" Akers was the chief long distance operator for the telephone company at Hot Springs, and that she would make recordings of all long distance telephone conversations.

The above named Agents, together with the writer, arrived at the Little Rock office at eight-thirty a. m., April 26, 1936, at which time the information secured by [redacted] from the Goldstein woman was discussed with Special Agent in Charge Fletcher. He thereupon communicated the same to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Cincinnati, Ohio, who advised that he would immediately proceed to New Orleans, Louisiana.

That afternoon Agent Mahan and the writer returned to Hot Springs, at which time the writer rented an automobile and thereupon arranged a meeting with [redacted] in order that he could furnish the Agents with the details of his conversation with Grace Goldstein on the night previous. Accordingly, Special Agent McNulty and the writer picked up [redacted] at a point some distance from the Best Tourist Camp and thereafter

talked with him for approximately two hours. At this time [REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] furnished substantially the same information he had previously  
provided to the writer.

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securing the exact location of Alvin Karpis from Grace Goldstein, was  
discussed with informant [REDACTED] and he felt reasonably certain after  
Agents' departure that he could get the desired information from Grace.

At about eight-fifteen p. m. that evening, Agent observed  
from his room at the Waukesha Hotel, [REDACTED] enter the Hatterie  
Hotel. No unusual activity was observed at the Hatterie Hotel during  
the time [REDACTED] remained therein, and at about one-fifteen a. m., April 27,  
1936, the writer observed [REDACTED] leave the said hotel. As prearranged,  
the writer contacted [REDACTED] on Central Avenue some distance from the Best  
Tourist Camp, at which time he furnished additional information, parti-  
cularly with reference to the location of Karpis, Fred Hunter, and Connie  
Morris in New Orleans. He stated that Grace Goldstein had wanted Connie  
to go to her doctor, who is associated with two other doctors bearing the  
same surname; that these three doctors are either brothers or father and  
sons; that their names appear on the front door of their office, and that  
at the time Grace took Connie to this doctor's office for treatment for  
gonorrhea she pointed out to her the initials of the doctor whom she  
should see; that he gained the impression from Grace that this particular  
doctor specialized in the treatment of gonorrhea and that most of his  
business consisted of the examination of prostitutes in New Orleans.  
[REDACTED] further stated that he likewise gathered from what Grace told him  
that the doctor whom Connie preferred was located on the same floor as  
the above referred to three doctors; that this doctor was apparently  
legitimate and did not know the identity of Connie, or her associates.  
However, he [REDACTED] deemed it unwise to openly contact the latter doctor  
inasmuch as Grace told him that Connie confidentially informed him that  
her doctor at times appeared very intimate with her, but would not have  
relations with her in view of her condition. [REDACTED] further stated that  
he also gathered from Grace's conversation that the apartment in which  
Fred Hunter and Connie Morris reside is situated on a busy street of the  
town, inasmuch as Hunter made mention of the fact that he could not  
sleep in view of the noise of the traffic outside of the premises.  
Grace also indicated to him that Connie travels to her doctor's office  
by street car, however, at times she is driven there by either Karpis  
or Hunter; that Connie is partial to yellow clothing and can usually  
be found wearing a yellow dress, which is the same dress she wore at  
the time she resided in Hot Springs prior to the raid on March 30, 1936.  
He also stated that Grace advised that Connie also can usually be found  
wearing slacks; that she is of a nervous disposition and habitually  
bites her fingernails. He stated that Fred Hunter and Connie have a  
negro girl working for them who does all the cooking and that Karpis  
eats all of his meals with Fred and Connie. He also stated that Karpis

is an ardent fisherman and that when fishing he is usually attired in khaki trousers and an undershirt.

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[redacted] also advised the writer that Grace mentioned to him that Fred Hunter is madly in love with Connie Morris, and that he has told her everything about Alvin Karpis and himself; that Karpis does not approve of this situation and has indicated several times to her that he did not trust Connie, and criticised Hunter for his indiscretion in telling Connie everything. In this connection Grace expressed to [redacted] her fears that Karpis might kill Connie for knowing too much and she stated that Karpis previously had often asked Hunter to release Connie, but that now in view of her full knowledge of their activities and travels, he, Karpis, is somewhat afraid of letting her go inasmuch as he believes should she be picked up, she would tell all she knows without any hesitancy. Grace also indicated to [redacted] at this time that Fred Hunter is getting very "jittery" and that the recent "heat" placed on him by reason of the raid at Hot Springs and the determination of his identity, has caused him to more or less lose his mind. As an illustration, Grace related to [redacted] that shortly after the raid at Hot Springs and while they were at Corpus Christi, Texas, Karpis, believing that Hunter's Ford automobile was "hot" suggested that he get rid of the same, and purchase a new one under an entirely different name; that Hunter was too frightened to sell this car feeling that he might be picked up, and as a consequence Karpis personally purchased the automobile in question for him. [redacted] was unable to state the exact type of automobile which Karpis and Hunter were at that time driving, but expressed the opinion that it was probably a Ford. He further stated that he had been unable to ascertain from Grace Goldstein the names which Hunter and Karpis were at that time using.

[redacted] further advised that he did everything he could to give Grace an opening to volunteer the location of Karpis and Hunter at New Orleans, but that she did not furnish this information. He stated that he could not ask her outright where Karpis and Hunter were at New Orleans as he could not think of a sufficiently satisfactory reason therefor. In conclusion [redacted] advised that he is reasonably certain that he might be able to get the exact location of Karpis and Hunter in another visit with her. He stated that when he left Grace that night she asked him to again call on her at the Hatterie Hotel the following evening.

The foregoing information was furnished to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Little Rock, Arkansas on April 27, 1936. It should be noted that Mr. Connelley had come to Little Rock from Cincinnati on the night previous. It should also be noted that Special Agent Mahan accompanied the writer to Little Rock on this date and Special Agent McNulty remained at Hot Springs in order to be available in the event [redacted] desired to contact an Agent of the Bureau.

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About noon on April 27, 1936 Mr. Connelley was advised by Special Agent Frank Smith at Hot Springs that some suspicion had befallen [redacted] at the Best Tourist Camp and it was his information that "Dutch" Akers was contemplating picking up [redacted] that afternoon. Accordingly, Mr. Connelley immediately got in touch with Agent McNulty at Hot Springs and instructed him to locate [redacted] and have him leave Hot Springs immediately and proceed to Little Rock to the Bureau office; that if it became necessary, to leave all of his, [redacted] effects at the tourist camp.

At this time Mr. Connelley deemed it advisable to immediately pick up Grace Goldstein at Hot Springs and bring her to the Little Rock Bureau office, in view of the pressure of "Dutch" Akers and Chief of Police Wakelind on Grace Goldstein, and the possibility of the post office inspectors picking her up. In addition to the above, the purpose of her arrest was to prevent her from doing anything to interfere with the inquiry at New Orleans which was then underway. Mr. Connelley further instructed that efforts should be made to pick up the Goldstein woman without any commotion, or if possible without anyone observing her leave with Agents.

Accordingly, the writer, together with Special Agent J. P. LaCour, proceeded to Hot Springs in the latter's personally owned automobile, arriving there at approximately two-fifty p. m. After it was definitely ascertained that Special Agent McNulty had been successful in contacting [redacted] to prevent his contemplated pickup, the writer and Agent LaCour proceeded to the Hatterie Hotel and while the latter Agent remained downstairs, the writer inquired at the hotel for Grace Goldstein. Agent was advised by a colored maid that Grace had gone to Little Rock and was not expected to return until six p. m. At this time it was deemed advisable to remain in front of the hotel and to await Grace's return. While on this surveillance two individuals stopped in close proximity to the writer and Agent overheard one of them say that he would find out whether she was in and that the other individual should remain downstairs. The man who did the talking thereupon entered the Hatterie Hotel, while the other waited for him in front of the same. A few minutes later the first individual returned from the hotel and Agent overheard him tell the second man that she was not in, but was expected back at six p. m. The other man was then overheard to say that they would be back at that time. About five minutes after their departure, Agent observed a woman who answered the description of Grace Goldstein, alight from an automobile, which stopped across the street from the Hatterie Hotel. She proceeded toward the Hatterie Hotel and as she neared the entrance of the same, Agent stopped her and asked whether or not she was Grace Goldstein. She replied in the affirmative whereupon the writer identified himself and stated that Mr. Connelley desired to see her at Little Rock. At this time she made several excuses to go upstairs to the hotel, but believing that she might advise the other girls of her destination, Agent refused to allow her to go. She was thereupon escorted to Agents' automobile and taken to the Little

Rock Bureau office. The writer is reasonably certain that no one either within the Hatterie Hotel or any of the persons in close proximity witnessed the pickup. It might be stated that at the time the writer asked the colored maid as to the approximate return of Grace Goldstein he did not disclose his identity to her.

Upon Agents' arrival at the Little Rock office she was questioned for approximately one hour by the writer and Special Agent in Charge Fletcher in the latter's office, at which time she furnished substantially the same information as to herself and association with Alvin Karpis as is contained in the report of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, dated at Chicago, Illinois on April 11, 1936.

The writer thereafter questioned Grace Goldstein constantly from six p. m. on April 27, 1936 to ten a. m. on April 29, 1936, with the exception of three hours during the night of April 28, 1936, when she was permitted to sleep. She was fed well and every consideration was shown her. On the night of April 28, 1936, Grace Goldstein signed an affidavit to the effect that she was not being held involuntarily and that the reason for her presence in the Little Rock office was to cooperate and assist the Bureau in the location of Connie Morris. At intervals Special Agent in Charge Fletcher likewise talked with the Goldstein woman.

It should be noted that the writer in questioning Grace Goldstein endeavored to secure from her the then present whereabouts of Alvin Karpis, rather than having her make any incriminating statements or admissions as to her associations and travels with this fugitive, it being known positively at that time that she had possession of this information. Grace Goldstein generally manifested the willingness to talk. However, during the early stages of the interview with her she repeatedly denied knowing Alvin Karpis, or anything about him, although she did admit knowing and having associated with one Ed King, which it will be noted, is the alias used by Karpis while at Hot Springs.

After several hours of questioning Grace Goldstein intimated to the writer that she knew the whereabouts of Karpis, but was afraid to turn him up in view of the publicity accorded to Mrs. Anna Sage, whom she referred to as "The Woman in Red." In this connection she stated that she would rather spend the rest of her life in a penitentiary than to receive publicity of the type of that given to the Sage woman. She further indicated that she knew of an absolute certainty that there is a leak in the Bureau; that all information is recorded in reports which go to various offices and that this information is accessible to any person within the Bureau who might care to read it. She would not definitely state the source of her information concerning this situation, but indicated that she received the same from Alvin Karpis, whom she still referred to as Ed King. At this point it should be noted that [REDACTED] advised the writer and

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Special Agent W. J. McNulty substantially the same information stating that Karpis informed him of this situation. As an illustration, [redacted] recited that Grace Goldstein, or Alvin Karpis, was immediately notified upon the arrival of Agents of the Bureau at Hot Springs in October, 1935; that as a consequence Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter, both of whom had been living at Dyers Landing at Lake Catherine, vacated the premises just a few hours prior to Agents' arrival there; that Grace Goldstein later heard that the Government Agents processed the vacated premises for latent prints and that one smudged print was found on a mirror inside of the house, which print Grace believed belonged to her. [redacted] claimed to have received this information from Grace Goldstein and Alvin Karpis.

It will be recalled that Chief of Detectives "Dutch" Akers of Hot Springs, accompanied Bureau Agents to the above mentioned home at Dyers Landing at the above indicated time and that they did in fact find a latent print on the mirror in question. In view of the known intimacy of "Dutch" Akers and Chief of Police Joe Wakelind of Hot Springs, with Grace Goldstein, it is entirely probable that the information, as above set forth, was given to the Goldstein woman by these individuals, both of whom were fully aware of the activities of our Agents at Hot Springs at that time. [redacted] further advised that Karpis told him at one time that he had a connection in the city of Cleveland, from whom he could and has received information as to himself. The writer questioned [redacted] at great length concerning this situation, but he could cite no particular instance on which to base this allegation, except that Karpis claimed to have been tipped off on one occasion in 1934. This undoubtedly has reference to the alleged tippoff of the contemplated raid on the Karpis residence at the time the three women, namely, Mrs. Gladys Sawyer, Wynona Burdette, and Paula Harmon were picked up after a drunken brawl in the Cleveland Hotel on September 4, 1934.

In a later discussion with [redacted] relative to this matter, [redacted] made the statement that Karpis at one time told him that should he ever hear that inquiries were being made about him, [redacted] that he should not run off, but to wait and endeavor to learn, if possible, what it was all about; that should he be picked up for questioning he should answer all questions without disclosing any information about him, Karpis, and other members of the mob, and should he be propositioned to serve as a confidential informant for the Bureau, to ostensibly accept the offer; that he should then receive any information which might be imparted to him in connection with this job and thereafter report the same to him, Karpis.

With reference to the interview with Grace Goldstein, the writer advised her that if she were fearful of any possible publicity of information which she might divulge to the Bureau, arrangements could be effected whereby she could talk with Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley by herself and that should she furnish him with the location of Alvin Karpis only he would know about it. As to the matter of Mrs. Anna Sage, Agent explained to Grace Goldstein that the publicity given to this woman was something over which the Bureau had no jurisdiction and for which it was not responsible.

Grace Goldstein also brought up the question in regard to the Bureau not living up to its promises, making particular reference again to the Anna Sage matter. The writer explained to her to some measure the circumstances involving her case and reiterated that that again was a matter over which the Bureau had no jurisdiction. The writer informed her that he could make several promises to her, but without authority, and the only individual who could make promises to her and abide by them was Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley and she could be assured that anything promised to her would be effective, provided, however, that her information would be directly responsible for the apprehension of Karpis.

After several hours of continuous discussion along this line Grace Goldstein thereafter left Agent with the impression that she did not desire to disclose the whereabouts of Karpis because of her deep affection for him. She lead Agent to believe that she was legally married to Karpis, possibly in Mexico, inasmuch as she talked about the lax marriage laws in that country. On several occasions she inquired as to whether a wife could be prosecuted for harboring her husband. Agent enlightened her on this point and pointed out the fact that Helen Gillis was convicted of harboring her husband, "Baby Face" Nelson. As stated above, Agent at no time quizzed her about her past associations with Karpis, but confined the entire interview with her with questions as to his whereabouts.

During the interview with this woman Agent noted that her "weak spot" was her family, particularly her mother, and also her loyalty and affection for Connie Morris, in fact she cried when Agent advised her that should she continue to withhold information revealing Karpis' whereabouts, arrangements would be made to bring her mother to the Little Rock office and there interview her, Grace, in her mother's presence. The writer advised that the above was Mr. Connelley's plan if she did not disclose Karpis' address by the evening of April 27, 1936. In order to assure her that the Bureau had knowledge of her family's whereabouts, Agent informed her that the Bureau had located the three Easter telegrams which she had sent from Memphis, Tennessee, on April 10, 1936. Grace Goldstein repeatedly made the assertion that she did not want her mother involved in this matter, and further that she did not want her to know anything concerning her present predicament. It seems that the mother of Grace Goldstein does not know that the latter operates a house of prostitution, but is of the belief that she is engaged in the operation of a hat shop in Hot Springs, at least Agent conjectured that from her statements.

On May 1, 1936, after news was received of the arrest of Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter and Connie Morris at New Orleans, this information was given to Grace Goldstein by Special Agent in Charge Fletcher and the writer. For several hours thereafter Grace Goldstein cried considerably and during the entire night she paced the floor of the detention cell and did not allow herself to sleep. On the following day she appeared in better spirits. It was at this time that she furnished the writer with the complete details of her associations and travels with Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter.

She stated that she first became acquainted with Alvin Karpis in June of 1935; that he and Fred Hunter, whom she knew as Harold King, came to the Hatterie Hotel at this time and had parties with two of the girls in her house; that upon observing that Karpis had plenty of money she "made a play for him" and from that time she had been in his constant company and he has from time to time furnished her with considerable amounts of money.

She admitted that she had received information last October from a source which she refused to disclose, concerning the fact that the Government was making inquiries about them at Hot Springs; that she was successful in getting Karpis and Hunter out of the house at Dyers Landing at Lake Catherine just a few hours before the Agents' made an inspection of that place. She further admitted that someone, whose identity she likewise refused to disclose, later informed her that a smudged fingerprint was found on a mirror in the above-mentioned house, which fingerprint she really believed was her print.

Grace Goldstein further advised Agent that she is acquainted with Harry Campbell, Sam Coker, Burrhead Keady, and Milton Lett, and that the entire gang was in Hot Springs during September of 1935; that Harry Campbell, whom she knew as George, remained in Hot Springs at this time for three days, during which period he was intoxicated almost continuously; she further stated that Harry Campbell became somewhat infatuated with one of her girls, Greta Swanson.

With reference to Sam Coker she advised that she knew this individual by the name of Tommy Coleman; that it is her understanding that Karpis was responsible for his parole from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary and that Karpis met Coker at the prison gates upon the latter's release; that Karpis brought Coker to Hot Springs where he stayed for several days. She further stated that thereafter Fred Hunter took Sam Coker to Toledo, Ohio, where he established him, Coker, with the criminal element in that city. She stated that she is positive that Sam Coker took part in the Garrettsville mail train robbery, and that the information as to his being in the hospital at the time of the said robbery is a "phoney alibi." She further stated that Sam Coker at one time was shot through the mouth; that as a result he speaks in a very low and soft voice. She stated that Karpis, on one occasion told her that Coker was doing well for himself at Toledo.

With reference to Milton Lett, whom she referred to as "The Kid" she stated that Lett accompanied Harry Campbell to Hot Springs in September, 1935; that Lett is a very handsome young man and it is her understanding that he comes from Oklahoma. She could furnish no further information regarding him, nor could she in any way assist as to his possible location.

Concerning Burrhead Keady, Grace Goldstein advised that it is her understanding that he is a "big shot" in Tulsa; that Keady and Coker are good friends. She further stated that she is positive that Burrhead Keady is not in any way involved in the Garrettsville mail train robbery, although she has heard that he was picked up by the post office inspectors and that he was positively identified as one of the actual participants. She stated that the only part played by Keady in that robbery was that he exchanged a certain sum of money in his gambling establishment for a fellow by the name of Brock.

Grace Goldstein further advised the writer that the maroon colored Buick automobile which was purchased for Karpis by some nice gentleman from the east, whose name she would not disclose [REDACTED] is presently in a privately owned garage in the southern part of Texas. She would not furnish the exact location of the place where this automobile is stored, but confidentially advised the writer that she intends to sell the same and pocket the money.

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Grace Goldstein made the assertion to the writer that had Karpis and Fred Hunter listened to her they would not have gone to New Orleans; that she knew that that town was "hot" but that they would not listen to her. She thereafter described Hunter as "a man without any brains" in that he has told Connie Morris everything about himself and Alvin Karpis. She stated that she feels that she got Connie Morris into this trouble and that she would try to do everything she possibly can to help her out of her present predicament.

The Goldstein woman further advised that Karpis informed her that he established a trust fund for his young son and that he likewise had set aside a certain sum of money for Dolores Delaney, so that she can be taken care of after her release from the penitentiary. She stated that Karpis on several occasions expressed to her his love for Dolores Delaney.

Grace Goldstein expressed surprise when she heard that Karpis was taken into custody without a shot being fired, and in this connection mentioned that he often made the assertion to her that he would never serve another day in the penitentiary. She stated that Karpis was kind to her and was very liberal with his money. However, she now realizes that every cent she received from him she earned tenfold, and in this regard admitted that she on two different occasions saved his life, making particular reference to both of the tipoffs at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

When the writer advised Grace Goldstein that he was leaving town on May 2, 1936, she confidentially furnished the writer with information which she believed might lead to the location of Harry Campbell. She stated that when Alvin Karpis was in Ohio in January, 1936, he attempted to contact Harry Campbell at a hangout in Toledo; that at the time he inquired for Harry Campbell, possibly under the name of "Jim", the party of whom Karpis made inquiry for Campbell, did not "rap to him"; that Karpis had been drunk the night before and at first did not "catch on"; that thereafter the party in question winked at Karpis and simultaneously the latter saw a man inside of the place standing behind a table with his hand on something which looked like a gun; that Karpis immediately believed that the place was planted by Federal officers, whereupon he ran down the stairs and instructed the man who accompanied him to drive out of town over a circuitous route. Grace Goldstein further stated that Campbell is presently married to an eighteen year old girl; that he married this girl some time during May of 1935. She further advised that this girl is not aware of his true identity, but believed that he is in the slot machine racket. She further advised that Harry Campbell runs around with a sheriff, but that the sheriff does not know who Campbell is. She further advised that Campbell is supposed to be residing in Toledo, but that she did not know the exact location. Agent was further advised by

Grace Goldstein that undoubtedly Harry Campbell and Sam Coker are associating together at the present time. She could furnish no further information regarding Harry Campbell, but stated that should she recall anything further she would communicate by mail with this Agent.

As stated above, Grace Goldstein is very much afraid of any publicity she might receive in connection with this case, and for this reason all of the information which she furnished to the writer is provided in strict confidence, in fact she made Agent promise not to disclose this information to anyone but Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley.

Concerning the data pertaining to Harry Campbell, it should be noted that the same is substantially identical with the information furnished by [REDACTED] and that both averred that this information is based on conversations which they had with Alvin Karpis in regard to this matter. b7c

On the return trip from Little Rock to Cleveland, Ohio, [REDACTED] advised the writer and Agent McNulty that Karpis fully discussed with him the Bremer and Hamm kidnappings. He admitted to [REDACTED] that he had guarded both Mr. Bremer and Mr. Hamm during the period of their captivity and that on one occasion during the time Mr. Hamm was held, he furnished the latter with a fan. He further stated that the boys have the utmost respect for Mr. Hamm, but that they think that Mr. Bremer is "a rat"; that Mr. Bremer can, without any question, identify three or four of them, but that he is too yellow to do it. [REDACTED] further stated that Karpis informed him that on the trip returning Mr. Bremer to his home at St. Paul, Mr. Bremer asked Karpis and Doc Barker how much money was paid for his release; that the boys jokingly told him that the amount was \$20,000, whereupon Mr. Bremer shook his head and remarked that he did not know how they were able to raise that amount; that the boys thereafter got quite a laugh out of this, stating that they wondered what the [REDACTED] would say when he found out that \$200,000 was paid as ransom.

[REDACTED] further advised Agents that Karpis informed him that Adam Richette was not on the scene of the Kansas City massacre, and that his recent conviction for participation in that crime is a "bum rap." Karpis informed [REDACTED] that Verne Miller, in the first instance, wanted to deliver Frank Nash himself, but that "Pretty Boy" Floyd insisted on assisting him in this delivery. He further stated that Richetti made the mistake of denying that he was in the home of Verne Miller during the period in question, and that had he admitted the same he probably would have been acquitted. It should be noted that Edna Murray confidentially advised the writer on a previous occasion of the same information as above related, having based the same on her conversations with Verne Miller shortly after the massacre.

Respectfully submitted,

JLM/EJB

JOHN L. MADALA  
Special Agent.

Connelley sends memo by Agent Madala  
re activities of informants [REDACTED] and  
Goldstein - Bremer case.

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Mr. Tamm has underlined pertinent portions.

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516 Marin St.  
Vallejo, Calif.

May 18, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have read with keen interest your statement in the current issue of the American Magazine, to the effect that:

"Nelson's return to this region had been to a hide-out used by the most notorious gangsters in America. This was a hospital in Vallejo run by a gaunt old man seemingly respectable, but in reality an ex-safe blower who acted as host, hide-out owner, banker and Samaritan to criminality".

We of Vallejo were naturally surprised last year when Mr. Williams was arrested, tried and sent to prison. His criminal activities and association had been very carefully concealed here. But we would like to know the real truth about him. We would greatly appreciate receiving from you a copy of his record, and any other information you may be able to furnish us. We would like to make use of it to show the people of Vallejo what kind of a man we have with us. Anything you give us in confidence, however, will be kept strictly so.

Vallejo does not desire to harbor Mr. Williams any more than we want him to harbor notorious criminals. We therefore would appreciate some accurate information, not only as to his relations with Nelson but also with other gangsters.

Thanking you for anything you may be able to furnish us, and assuring you of our complete support in the fine work you are doing, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Luther E. Gibson /s/

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

May 23, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith, please a copy of The Toledo News-Bee, Toledo Morning Times and the Toledo Blade, Toledo, Ohio publications for May 21, 1936 and May 22, 1936.

Very truly yours,

*J. P. MacFarland*

J. P. MacFarland  
Special Agent in Charge

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May 26, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to your letter dated  
May 23, 1936, transmitting copies of various Toledo  
newspapers.

It has been noted that for the past several  
days your office has been transmitting entire news-  
papers rather than various clippings of interest to  
the Bureau.

It is desired that this practice be discon-  
tinued and that you submit any news items of interest  
to the Bureau neatly mounted. In this connection, it  
is desired that the news items be stapled to as many  
sheets of paper as are necessary. In no instance  
should the clippings be folded to fit the paper on  
which one corner is stapled.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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326<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, La.  
May 23, 1936.

**PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL**

Dear Sir:

Re: LRG IRONS.

Reference is made to Bureau personal and confidential communication of May 15, 1936, with reference to the leg irons used at the time Subject Alvin Karpis was apprehended.

Please be informed that there were three Tower leg irons assigned to the New Orleans Bureau Office, one pair of which is the pair in question. I inspected the two pair remaining at the New Orleans Bureau Office and found one pair covered with oil and in excellent condition. The other pair was rusted on the chain part but functioned properly. I have caused this pair to be thoroughly cleaned and it is now in excellent condition.

Kindly be advised that the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, is one of the dampest cities in the United States and has a high degree of humidity at all times. I have, for this reason, placed calcium chloride in the gun vault, and inspect all guns and materials, personally, every few days. I carry an extra amount of oil covering on all equipment to prevent rust. Unfortunately, however, the leg irons had not been covered with oil, and inasmuch as they had been placed inside their container in the vault where the calcium chloride is located, I did not always inspect them periodically. Since your letter, I have inspected all metal equipment and everything is coated with oil, as it only takes a couple of days to thoroughly rust metal materials in New Orleans.

It appeared to me that when I removed the leg irons from Alvin Karpis in the New Orleans Bureau Office, prior to his departure, that some of the visiting agents were not familiar with the locking device on the Tower leg irons. I have acquainted most of the agents in this office with the fact that there is a double lock on these Tower leg irons, and that the key must be turned all the way to the left and held with tension, similar to a Yale spring lock, to release the catch so that the leg irons may be opened. I suggest a letter to all Special Agents in Charge, instructing them relative the peculiarities of this lock on the Tower leg irons, if I am correct in my observation.

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I am going to make particular effort to see that all Bureau equipment in this office is henceforth in excellent condition.

Very truly yours,

D. W. Magee,  
Special Agent in Charge.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

**326 1/2 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, La.  
May 23, 1936.**

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

**Dear Sir:**

**Re: BREKID.**

Reference is made to Bureau letter of May 16, 1936, file 7-576, addressed to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, copy of which was furnished the New Orleans Bureau Office, in the above entitled case.

Please be informed that I instructed Special Agent W. L. Buchanan to secure the palm prints of Subject Fred Hunter, at the Federal Jail, New Orleans, and I am transmitting herewith two copies of these palm prints, on white bond paper, to which Subject Fred Hunter affixed his signature.

The left palm print in each instance is on the side of the paper where Hunter has affixed his signature, and on the opposite side appears the right palm print.

**Very truly yours,**

**D. W. Magee,  
Special Agent in Charge.**

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Special Agent in Charge,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

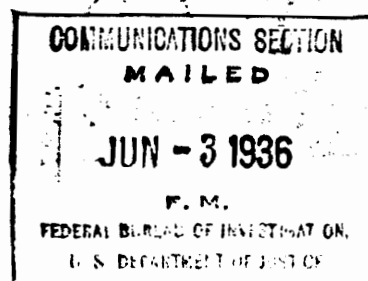
Reference is made to your letter of  
May 23, 1936 transmitting the palm prints of  
Fred John Hunter, in connection with the above-  
entitled case.

The palm prints of Fred John Hunter  
were compared with the latent palm prints  
previously developed in connection with this  
case but no identification was effected.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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



Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
May 22, 1936

*Edw G Bremer*

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

REKID

As requested in your telegram of today,  
there are enclosed herewith, twelve full size photographs  
and two regular police photographs of CHARLES J. FITZGERALD.  
All were taken recently upon his arrival in this district.

Very truly yours,

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Encls.

C. W. STEIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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232 Uptown Station & Federal Bldg.  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
May 22, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Sir:

BREKID

Reference is made to your letter of May 15, 1936, incorporating a telegram addressed to Jack Rydhary, 949 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, from Myrtle Eaton, requesting that \$300.00 be forwarded to her immediately.

For your information this address is the saloon and residence of Andy Rothmeyer with whom Myrtle Eaton resided prior to her acquaintanceship with William Weaver. From correspondence between Myrtle Eaton and Andy Rothmeyer while the former was in the Ramsey County Jail in St. Paul, it was ascertained that Rothmeyer did not desire to have Myrtle Eaton writing him requesting funds for the reason his wife seriously objected to such correspondence. There is no Jack Rydhary listed in the City or telephone directories and it would appear that this name is being used merely for the purpose of preventing Mrs. Rothmeyer from learning of this correspondence.

Very truly yours,

G. E. STEIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box #766  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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May 23, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID.

As requested in your letter dated May 16, 1936, Special Agent J. E. Thornton of the Cincinnati Office secured a photograph of EDWARD McGRAW, #45974, former inmate of the Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio. Agent's request for six photographs was not granted, due to the fact that the appropriation scarcely permits the making of necessary photos for the use of the institution.

McGraw was received at the Ohio State Penitentiary on October 25, 1917, from Lucas County, to serve an indeterminate sentence of from one to seven years for buying, receiving and concealing stolen property. He received his final release from this institution on December 1, 1919. His description is, as follows:

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| Age        | 35 (1917)      |
| Height     | 5'9"           |
| Weight     | 150            |
| Hair       | Medium dark.   |
| Build      | Slender, tall. |
| Complexion | Florida.       |

Very truly yours,

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| E. J. CONNELLEY,<br>Special Agent in Charge. |  |
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June 1, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
ET AL,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the letter of the Cincinnati  
Office to the Cleveland Office, dated May 23, 1936, a copy  
of which was furnished the Bureau, please transmit to  
the Bureau one or more copies of the photograph of  
EDWARD McGRAN, No. 45974, who was a former inmate of the  
Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - Cleveland  
St. Paul  
Mr. Connelley  
at Chicago.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

May 22, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: B-XID

*Chas. J. Fitzgerald*

Please refer to the report of Special Agent M. V. Mackina, dated at Detroit, Michigan, May 3, 1934, wherein mention is made to one Colletta, Colletta, or Coulet, of Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio, as a correspondent of subject Charles J. Fitzgerald while the said Fitzgerald was confined in the Kansas State Penitentiary in 1920.

office  
As this office intends to interview Fred Coulet at Toledo, Ohio, in connection with harboring charges, it is desired that you furnish to this office complete information relative to the connection between Coulet and Fitzgerald, so that we can confront Coulet with positive information relative to his connection with the Barker-Karpis gang.

Will you please review your file in this connection and furnish immediately such information as is available therein relating to Coulet's corresponding with Fitzgerald and all other data which would be helpful in interviewing Coulet, or any lead which might be followed to develop such data that might appear in your file.

Very truly yours,

JIM/TJB  
CC - Bureau  
- Cincinnati  
- St. Paul

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
May 22, 1936

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 12, 1936, Bureau file #7-576, addressed to the Cincinnati Office, and the reply of that office to the Bureau dated May 18, 1936, relating to the apparent concern of the United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio, as to who shall interview Campbell, Karpis and Hunter as to details concerning the Warren, Ohio mail truck robbery of which George Sargent and Anthony Labrizzetta were convicted.

Interview has heretofore been had with Alvin Karpis on other matters wherein he referred to the fact that persons are sometimes convicted upon mistaken identity and at which time his attention was called to the fact that he could very probably furnish information concerning the above mail robbery on which Sargent and Labrizzetta are serving a sentence, to which Karpis replied that he definitely knows that these two persons are not guilty of this offense, but that he would not furnish any information which might result in their release for the reason that Sargent had endeavored in every way possible to ascertain his, Karpis', and "Doc" Barker's location and that the only reason he did not turn them in is either because he did not know their whereabouts or he was afraid to do so; that he made a personal investigation of Sargent's attempts to secure information as to their whereabouts and is satisfied beyond peradventure of doubt that his information is correct. It will appear that nothing can be gained by an interview with Karpis by the Post Office Inspectors, particularly at this time, and I am in accord

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with the statement made by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley that such an interview might tend to interfere with our present efforts to procure further information from Karpis.

Very truly yours,

*C. W. Stein*

C. W. STEIN  
Special Agent in Charge

JEB:IM  
CC Chicago  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland

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E. A. TAMM - 5742.

re: Karpis

SAC Stein writes re Ohio Mail Truck Robbery, that Karpis stated definitely that Sargent and Labrizzetta, convicted of the robbery, are not guilty, but would not furnish any inf. which might result in their release because Sargent had endeavored to ascertain Karpis' and "Doc" Barker's location and the only reason he did not turn them in is because he did not know their location or was afraid to do so. SAC states it will appear nothing can be gained by interview with Karpis by Post Off. Insp. particularly at this time. He agrees with SAC Connelley that such interview might tend to interfere with our present efforts to procure inf. from Karpis.

emk

Joe Clarke  
314 Market St  
Cincinnati Ohio  
May 21 1936

Justice Department

Dear Sirs.

*are* If it isnt against your rules, and if it isnt too much bother, could or would your department please mail me the story released by your department some time ago, explaining the reason your department didnt work with city police in the capture of Corpus.

The news reporter ~~Walter Winchell~~ gave this news report over the air Sunday May 17 th and several listeners didnt get all of it.

We have no other way to obtain this news

Thank You

Joe Clarke

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May 29, 1936.

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Mr. Joe Clarke,  
514 Market Street,  
Zanesville, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Clarke:

I have received your letter, dated May 21, 1936,  
in which you request information concerning this Bureau's  
activities in the apprehension of Alvin Karpis, as reported  
by Mr. Walter Winchell.

I am indeed sorry that I do not have this information  
available for distribution.

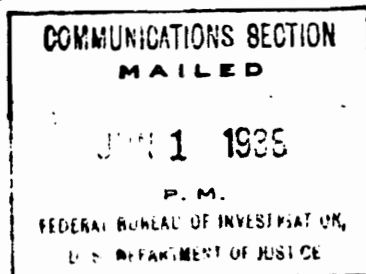
It has occurred to me, however, that you might be  
interested in reading the following publications of this Bureau:

The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
The Selection and Training of Personnel  
Address delivered by the Director of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
before the annual convention of the  
Boys' Clubs of America on May 20, 1936

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Inclosure 1143046.



505 U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
May 30, 1936.

VOH:V  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Ill.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 13, 1936,  
to the Cincinnati office, a copy of which was furnished this  
office, and which letter related to the withdrawal of stop  
notice against 1936 Buick Sedan, Motor No. 63052198.

I have to advise that the stop notices placed against  
this car have been withdrawn.

With further reference to your letter to the Cincinnati  
office, I have to advise that an examination of the files in the  
Salt Lake City office indicate that stop notices have been placed  
against Plymouth four door Sedan, 1935 model, Motor No. PJ 328772,  
Serial No. 2619357.

Very truly yours,

W.A. ROBER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Bureau  
cc - Cincinnati.

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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
May 22, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID.

With reference to my letter dated May 21, 1936, there are transmitted herewith six copies of the photograph of John Brock, Oklahoma State Penitentiary #24696.

The Penitentiary advises that Brock as J. D. Adams #13510 was received at that institution on September 20, 1923 from Pawnee County, Oklahoma, upon conviction of larceny of an automobile, under sentence of twelve years, and was discharged on September 24, 1929;

That as John Brock, Oklahoma State Penitentiary #24696, he was received at the Penitentiary October 18, 1931 from Creek County, Oklahoma, upon conviction of assault with intent to kill, under five year sentence, and was discharged August 4, 1934;

That as John Brock, #2169 Oklahoma State Reformatory, Granite, Oklahoma, he was received at the Reformatory on January 16, 1919 for the crime of grand larceny, under sentence of three years, his discharge date therefrom not being given.

Very truly yours,

BRIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
May 22, 1936

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

HANAP

Your letter of May 19, 1936 outlining rules under which prisoners being held in the custody of the Bureau or in the custody of the proper officials when the subjects are awaiting arraignment or commitment, has been received. Hereafter the Bureau's authorization will be secured whenever the bona fide attorney of the person being held desires an interview with the person in custody, when the latter has indicated a desire to see an attorney. The same rule will apply for interviews by immediate relatives and attorneys with persons held in Bureau cases when confined in jails or other institutions awaiting arraignment or commitment.

For your information, Alvin Karpis when first confined in the Ramsey County Jail expressed a desire to see Attorney Archie Carey of Minneapolis, who is also Jack Peifer's attorney. Karpis gave the reason for desiring to see Carey that inasmuch as he was the attorney for Peifer he believed he could get him to transact certain business transactions at no cost, since Karpis is in a position to damage his client.

Several days ago Carey appeared at the County Jail after the United States Attorney's office had authorized him to do so, for the purpose of interviewing Karpis. Carey advised Karpis that he felt that he could not properly represent him inasmuch as he had been retained by Peifer, but informed him that he would send Tom Newman, attorney of St. Paul, to see him instead. Karpis advised Special Agent John E. Brennan, who was on duty at that time, that this arrangement was satisfactory to him, and that if Newman was to receive any reimbursement for his services it would come from Carey.

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Accordingly, on May 20, 1936 Attorney Tom Newman was permitted to interview Karpis. An Agent was present but not within earshot, since the attorney stated he desired to talk to Karpis confidentially. The above interview by Newman with Karpis was made with the consent of the United States Attorney and of this office. Efforts to overhear the conversation between Karpis and Newman were made by this office through the use of a dictaphone, but the results were not successful to any extent. The details of that attempted overhearing will be set out more fully in a report which will follow.

Several nights ago Special Agent R. C. Suran and myself, when interviewing Charles J. Fitzgerald at the Ramsey County Jail, were advised by him that he desired to consult Archie M. Carey since he had selected him as his attorney. Previously he had unsuccessfully sought to retain Attorney Thomas McMeekin of St. Paul. With the approval of the United States Attorney's office and this office, on May 21, 1936 Newman interviewed Fitzgerald at the Ramsey County Jail. Due to the location of the interview, which was in the cell block, it was impossible to make any arrangements to overhear their conversation.

Hereafter no such interviews will be permitted without prior Bureau authorization. However, Newman will be permitted to continue to interview Karpis and Fitzgerald since he was retained prior to your instructions.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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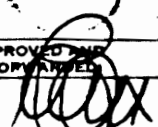
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>OMAHA, NEBRASKA</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>5/22/36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>5/20, 21/36</b>   | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>J. L. FLOOD</b>  |
| TITLE<br><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<br><b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b> |
| EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  |                                  |   |   |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <span style="float: right;">0</span><br><p>The individual referred to in the letter of Charles J. Simon, Omaha, Nebraska to the Bureau, is Walter Wollen, who was graduated from the Weeping Water, Nebr., High School in 1923. He thereafter was employed at the Piggly Wiggly stores as clerk for 8 years, and for three years at the Hinky-Dinky Grocery stores, then for the Bonita Grocery Store, Omaha and is presently working for Leo's Food Market, at Benson, Nebraska. Wollen bears a good reputation and is not engaged in any criminal activities.</p>  |                                  |   |   |
| - R.U.C. -  |                                  |   |   |
| REFERENCE: Letter from Bureau dated April 30, 1936 (7-576).   |                                  |   |   |
| DETAILS: Charles J. Simon, the informant in this matter was interviewed at the Post Office, Omaha, Nebraska where he is employed as a City Carrier. Mr. Simon advised that since he sent his letter, dated 4/23/36, to the Bureau, he has observed that Harry Campbell has been apprehended, so of course his information that Walter Wollen, who is presently employed as a clerk at Leo's Food Market, 6059 Military Avenue, Benson, is wrong. Mr. Simon advised that Wollen resides at 6796 Wirt St., Omaha, Nebraska. According to Mr. Simon, Wollen is about 32 years of age; height, 5 feet, 4 inches; weight, 125 pounds; hair, light brown; eyes, light brown; complexion, light. |                                  |   |   |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED<br><br>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  |                                  | COPIES DESTROYED<br><b>78 MAR 24 1965</b>   |   |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT<br>3 - Bureau<br>2 - Cincinnati<br>1 - Chicago<br>1 - St. Paul<br>1 - St. Louis<br>2 - Omaha  |                                  | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES<br><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <b>7 576- + 11756</b><br/> <b>MAY 25 1936</b><br/> <b>ONE 16</b> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <b>MAY 26 1936</b><br/> <b>MAY 27 1936</b> </div> </div> |   |

Mr. Simon explained to Agent there was a photograph of Harry Campbell posted on the bulletin board at the post office, and he thought there was a similarity in the physical proportions and facial characteristics of Campbell and Wollen, hence he wrote a letter to the Bureau of his suspicions. Mr. Simon said the crime he referred to in his letter was the holdup on 2/19/36 of Mrs. Mary Allsup, who operates Reeds Ice Cream stand at 6069 Maple Street, Benson.

Agent noted that in the letter of Mr. Simon, a copy of which was attached to reference letter, he stated that Wollen was formerly employed at the Hinky-Dinky stores.

J. A. Moravec, Asst. Mgr., of the American Country Stores, Inc., 1023 Jones Street, which company owns the Hinky-Dinky Grocery stores in Nebraska, produced Wollen's company card. Mr. Moravec advised that Wollen graduated from the Weeping Water, Nebraska High School in June 1923. Following his graduation, he worked as a clerk for eight years in the different Piggly Wiggly Grocery stores in Omaha and Benson. From 3/2/1931 to 3/9/33, Wollen was employed as a clerk for the Hinky-Dinky Grocery store at 60th & Military, Benson. His work was satisfactory and he bore a good reputation, however, Wollen has a weakness for intoxicating liquors so he was discharged. Wollen was married but is separated from his wife, whose maiden name and present address are unknown to Mr. Moravec. Mr. Moravec advised that the company requires each employee to execute an application blank, setting out his education, former places of employment and references. These are checked, however, the application blank of Wollen and the letters from his references have been destroyed.

Mrs. Mary Allsup, was interviewed at the above address. She related to Agent the manner in which she was held up, advising that her assailant was nearly 6 feet, weighed around 175 pounds, and she had never seen him prior to the holdup. It was noted that Reeds Ice Cream stand, at which place Mrs. Allsup is employed is less than a half block from where Wollen is employed. As it seemed highly improbable that Wollen was the robber who held up Mrs. Allsup and she apparently is acquainted with him, Agent did not mention Mr. Wollen's name as there are no indications whatever he is engaged in criminal activities.

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| Form No. 1<br>THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT  |                | Cincinnati, Ohio         | FILE NO.  | 7-15. | ahs. |
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| New Orleans, Louisiana   | 5/22/36        | 5/16/36                  | Tom E. Neal   |       |      |
| TITLE  |                |                          | CHARACTER OF CASE   |       |      |
| ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218;<br>HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. #1236; DR.<br>JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232; FRED<br>JOHN HUNTER, with aliases; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -<br>VICTIM.   |                |                          | KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF<br>FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;<br>NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT. |       |      |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:   |                |                          |   |       |      |
| John C. Hancock, claims he does not know Alvin Karpis or any of Karpis's gang; that he was last confined in hospital about two years ago for hernia operation; Hancock stated that he was a wireless operator. L. J. Dutrell, Inspector, Federal Communications Commission, U. S. Customhouse, New Orleans, has known Hancock for about 20 years. Records of Federal Communications Commission reflect Hancock born in New Orleans, Louisiana, and a licensed radio telegraph and radio operator. New Orleans Police Department does not have criminal record of Hancock. Criminal record requested.   |                |                          |   |       |      |
| -P-  |                |                          |   |       |      |
| DETAILS:   |                |                          |   |       |      |
| This report is predicated upon a news article which appeared in the New Orleans Item, newspaper, under date of May 15th, 1936, which stated that a man giving the name of William Thomas walked into the Third Precinct Police Station, New Orleans, on the night of May 14th and told Desk Sergeant Edward Hollander that he was an escaped prisoner and wanted to be sent to where Alvin Karpis was; that Karpis had done him wrong while they were inmates at a hospital recently. The article further stated that Thomas had refused to give the name of the city where he had met Karpis, the name of the prison from which he claimed to have escaped, or to answer questions of the police. |                |                          |   |       |      |
| Mr. Robert Kuhn, Desk Sergeant, on the morning shift at Police Precinct Station No. 3, New Orleans, Louisiana, was interviewed and Mr. Kuhn produced his arrest record of Thomas which reflected that Thomas came to the Precinct station at 8:25 p.m. on the night of May 14, 1936, and was put in jail and   |                |                          |   |       |      |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  |                | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES  |       |      |
| <i>D. W. Magee</i>   |                | 7 576 + 11757            | MAY 26 1936<br>MAY 27 1936  |       |      |
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charged with violation of Act 107, 1902 (vagrancy) and as being a fugitive from Justice from St. Paul, Minnesota, after Thomas had made remarks to the effect that he knew Alvin Karpis; that Karpis had done him wrong, and that he wanted to be sent to the same place as Karpis, as he, Thomas, was an escaped prisoner. Mr. Kuhn stated that Thomas would be held as a fugitive from justice until it was determined as to whether he was wanted in St. Paul.

William Thomas was interviewed by agent at the Third Precinct Jail and he stated that his correct name was John Charles Hancock; that he was 42 years of age and was born in New Orleans, Louisiana; that he was a wireless and radio operator, and had held a license with the Federal Government for about 14 years and that he was presently residing at 1426 Euterpe Street, New Orleans, with his half sister who is a widow and who is employed at the Sanitary Troy Laundry, New Orleans. Hancock further stated that he did not know Karpis or any of the Karpis gang; that he had never been in jail before in his life, and decided that he wanted to spend a night in jail and told the story of knowing Karpis so that he would be locked up; as he did not have employment at this time and just wanted to experience a night in jail. Hancock referred agent to Mr. L. J. Dutreil, Inspector, Federal Communications Commission, U. S. Customhouse, 423 Canal Street, whom Hancock stated had known him for about 15 or 20 years. Hancock further stated that he had not been in the hospital since about two years ago at which time he had a hernia operation. Hancock denied making a statement to the police that Karpis had done him a wrong, but stated that he did say that Karpis had done a girl a wrong; that he made this statement because he believed that every man had at some time done some girl wrong, as he knew he had, and that this statement was made in conjunction with the rest of his story which he did not deny, to lead the police to believe that he really knew Karpis.

Mr. L. J. Dutreil, Inspector, Federal Communications Commission, Customhouse, 423 Canal Street, New Orleans, upon interview stated that he had known John Charles Hancock for about 20 years; that Hancock was a wireless and radio operator. Mr. Dutreil's records reflected that Hancock was 42 years of age, born in New Orleans, Louisiana, and was a licensed radio, telegraph and radio telephone operator. Mr. Dutreil stated that he did not know when Hancock was last employed; that he had never seen Hancock drinking and believed that he was just a little flighty.

Hancock as William E. Thomas was fingerprinted by the Identification Bureau of the New Orleans Police Department on May 15, and agent was advised by Mr. O'Boyle of this bureau that Hancock did not have a criminal record with the New Orleans Police Department.

A description of John Charles Hancock, alias William E. Thomas, is set out as follows:

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| Name       | JOHN CHARLES HANCOCK, alias William E. Thomas |
| Age        | 42 (born in New Orleans, La.)                 |
| Height     | 5' 8"   |
| Weight     | 105 lbs.                                      |
| Hair       | Chestnut - grey                               |
| Eyes       | Hazel   |
| Complexion | Sallow  |

Build  
Marks and scars  
Occupation  
Marital status  
Relatives

Slim  
Tattoo on arm "J. C. H."  
Radio, telegraph, and radio telephone operator.  
Single  
Half-sister, Mrs. Annie Tucker, 1426 Euterpe  
Street, New Orleans; Brother, F. E. Hancock,  
Kansas City, Mo.; C. D. Hancock, Zolfo Springs,  
Fla.  
27286 New Orleans PD

Arrest Number

A letter is being directed to the Bureau requesting the criminal  
record of John C. Hancock, alias William E. Thomas.

P E N D I N G

U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

326 1/2 Post Office Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
May 22, 1936

TEN/ahs  
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Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

| Name (inc. aliases)                             | City, Police Arrest, or Other Number. | Approximate Date Fingerprints forwarded Bureau of Investigation. | Fingerprint Classification. |
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| JOHN C. HANCOCK,<br>alias William E.<br>Thomas. | 27286 PD, New Orleans.                | 5/14/36  | UNKNOWN                     |

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Very truly yours,

D. W. Magee,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Edw. J. Bremer

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Special Agent in Charge,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

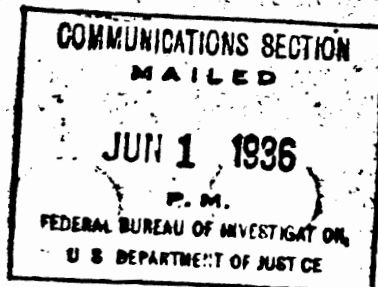
Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication dated May 22, 1936,  
I am submitting below the record revealed through a search of  
the identification files of this Bureau in the case of the  
following,

JOHN C. HANCOCK

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Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

*for*  
*94.*

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box #766,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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May 22, 1936

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to my letter of May 18, 1936,  
concerning the interview of Harry Campbell by the Post Office  
Inspectors, in accordance with the wishes of the U. S. Attorney  
E. B. Freed, Cleveland, Ohio.

It is to be noted that Harry Campbell has now  
entered a plea of guilty and has been sentenced to life imprisonment  
and is presently incarcerated in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth,  
Kansas.

It is not expected that we will have occasion to  
obtain any further information from him at this time or that we will  
use him in the subsequent trials to be had in this case and the Hanap  
case, and it is, therefore, advisable that the Post Office Inspectors  
be advised of the above action in order that they may interview him  
if and when they wish to. I am advising the Post Office Inspector  
In Charge to this effect at Cincinnati, today.

Very truly yours,

*E. J. Connelley*  
E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge

CC Cleveland  
Chicago  
St. Paul  
New Orleans  
Little Rock

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

St. Louis FILE NO. 7-43

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>St. Louis, Missouri</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>5-22-36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>3/24, 30, 31<br/>4/7, 15, 29<br/>5/5, 6, 7, 12, 15/36</b>   | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>V. J. WOLFE</b> |
| TITLE<br><b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1218.<br/>DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232.<br/>HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236, et al.<br/>Edward George Bremer, VICTIM.</b>   |                                  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives;<br/>Obstruction of Justice; National<br/>Firearms Act.</b>               |                                      |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:<br><p>Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bangert, Jacksonville, Ill., to whom Illinois license #810-665 issued, are respectable people and no criminal record. Jack Summers, former member of Berger gang in Southern Illinois; known associate of Byron Bolton, John Diez and Fred Goetz. Sheriff, Lincoln, Ill., advised E. E. Anderson, salesman for Crowell Publishing Co. who disappeared from Lincoln, Ill., believed to be Charles Levi, a purported associate of William E. Meade. Investigation proves to be negative. Mrs. J. L. Benton, Decatur, Ill., advises Nash sedan, motor #127972, inadvertently registered under name of George Benton.</p>   |                                  |   |                                      |
| P.  |                                  |   |                                      |
| REFERENCE:<br><p>Reports of Special Agents W. J. Miller, St. Louis, Mo., 2-27-36 and J. L. Madala, Chicago, Ill., 11-30-35.</p>   |                                  |   |                                      |
| DETAILS:<br><p><u>At Jacksonville, Ill.</u></p> <p>Concerning Illinois license #810-665, referred to in the reference report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, Chicago, Ill., dated November 30, 1935, this license having been issued to Mrs. Louis Bangert, 728 N. East St., Jacksonville, inquiry was made of Chief of Police Frank Kiloran concerning this family, and Agent was advised that they were long time residents of the city, she being a garment worker and he a baker. They have no criminal history. Agent was shown a letter from the Chief of Police, Madison, Wis., dated September 3, 1935 requesting information concerning this license, and agent was also shown Chief Kiloran's answer dated September 6, 1935 which advised that the above plates were stolen from Bangert's car as it was parked on a street in Lincoln,</p> |                                  |   |                                      |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br><i>Jay C. Kummerow</i>   |                                  | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE   |                                      |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT<br>3 Bureau<br>2 Cincinnati<br>2 Omaha<br>2 St. Paul  |                                  | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES<br><b>7 1576-11760</b><br><b>MAY 25 A.M.</b><br><b>MAY 26 1936</b><br><b>MAY 27 1936</b><br><i>ONE</i> |                                      |
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Illinois, that the theft was reported to the Lincoln Police and Jacksonville Police immediately, and the theft occurred some time in April, 1935.

Agent attempted to contact the Bangerts at the above address but was unsuccessful.

At Springfield, Ill.

Mr. T. P. Sullivan, State Bureau of Criminal Identification, advised that Jack Summers, alias John Simmons, originally from Collinsville, Ill., has police records throughout the southern part of the State of Illinois, was a member of the former Berger gang, and is well connected with criminals and hoodlums in general. Summers came to Springfield about 1925 or 1926 and was associated with Frank Diaz and Byron Bolton and acted as a finger man for these two. Diaz and Bolton operated a rent-a-car agency in the city as sort of a "cover", and operated extensive gambling rackets and in the traffic of bootleg liquor. Summers' racket was to stick up crap games and to bring various "mobs" into the city. Mr. Sullivan stated that though it was never definitely known, it was believed that Summers, Diaz, Bolton and Goetz had planned to stick up the Springfield Post Office in 1926. Fred Goetz was in Springfield frequently and was associated in his activities with Diaz, Bolton and Summers. Goetz and Summers and their crowd spent considerable time at Matanza Beach on the Illinois River near Havana, Ill. With them at the beach were two unknown individuals, one of whom was said to be the wife of a painter of the Yellow Cab Co. out of Chicago, Illinois.

Under date of March 21, 1936 the St. Louis office was in receipt of a letter from Sheriff B. H. Keck by his Deputy, John Wendell, Lincoln, Ill., advising that one E. E. Anderson, who closely answered the description of Charles Levi referred to in the circular letter of the St. Louis office dated March 19, 1936, had left Lincoln, Ill. recently with about \$100.00 and a book of blank forms of the Crowell Publishing Co. The letter further advised that the Springfield, Ill. Police Dept. had been advised.

The records in the Police Department, Springfield, Ill., contained a report dated March 10, 1936 stating that R. L. Clement, Field Manager, Organization and Finance, Crowell Publishing Co., 250 Park Ave., New York, reported he hired a man in Springfield, Ill. on March 5, 1936 who gave the name of E. E. Anderson. Anderson left Lincoln, Ill. about 3:00 P. M., March 10, 1936, taking \$40.00 in quarters from bag belonging to Clement, which was in his room at Lincoln, Ill. One Tad Davis, 917 S. 8th, Springfield, was supposed to be a cousin of Anderson and could furnish his address. Davis was contacted by detectives, but stated that he did not know Anderson. Mr. Clement furnished the following description of E. E. Anderson:

|               |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| Age           | 30                 |
| Height        | 5' 8"-9"           |
| Weight        | 145-150            |
| Hair          | Black              |
| Marks & Scars | Blotches on face   |
| Dress         | No hat - gray suit |

This report was signed by Detective Doerfler, who was present at the time Agent read the report, and verified the information.

At Lincoln, Ill.

Deputy Sheriffs P. J. Moos and John Wendell repeated the information contained in the letter above and stated that they had issued a larceny warrant on March 11, 1936 against E. E. Anderson. Anderson stayed at the home of Mrs. Mary Hardin on Logan Street and left without paying his room rent.

Deputy Moos and Agent interviewed Mrs. Hardin and she stated that Anderson came with Mr. Clements and had stayed for about a week and then left with Mr. Clements' money. Anderson had told her that his home was in Chicago, Ill. and had belonged to St. Bridgett's Church in that city. He stated he formerly worked for the Williams Oil-O-Matic Company, Bloomington, Ill. and played with the State Farm Mutual softball team. Mrs. Hardin was unable to offer additional information of value concerning Anderson.

At Bloomington, Ill.

Agent ascertained at the Williams Oil-O-Matic Company that no one by the name of Anderson was ever employed there, and Mr. Harry Protzman, State Farm Mutual Insurance Co., advised that no one by the name of E. E. Anderson, nor anyone answering Anderson's description, ever played with their team, nor any other team in the league. Mr. Protzman has been active in the promotion and maintenance of the city league and is personally acquainted with anyone who has played in the past years.

Sheriff Elmer Swearingen stated that he had been endeavoring to ascertain who E. E. Anderson was, but he was firmly of the opinion that he was not a Bloomington man nor had ever worked here.

The letter of Sheriff Keck referred to above advised that E. E. Clements could be located at Centerville, Iowa, care of General Delivery, or by telephone 508 Black.

Referring to reference report of Special Agent W. J. Miller, St. Louis, Mo., dated February 27, 1936, agent interviewed Mrs. J. L. Benton, 140 W. Garfield St., Decatur, Illinois in the absence of her husband,

and she advised that at the time her husband made out the application for license and title for his Nash sedan, motor #127972, his name was inadvertently written George Benton by the clerk filling out the application. Mrs. Benton stated that her husband cannot read nor write and did not purposely have the Nash registered under the name of George Benton.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

OMAHA OFFICE at Centerville, Iowa, through General Delivery, will locate Mr. R. L. Clements and ascertain where Anderson came from, what agency referred Anderson to him, and obtain all personal information concerning Anderson in the possession of Mr. Clements.

PENDING.

West Plains, Mo., (1936)  
May 22, 1936

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

Dear sir:-

I shall appreciate the favor if you will give me some information concerning the date for the trial of Alvin Karpis in St. Paul, Minn. It is probable that I may go to St. Paul for the trial as also may some other citizens of this community, including Mrs. Lula Kelly, widow of Roy C. Kelly, sheriff of Howell county, who was shot to death by Alvin Karpis and "Red" Barker here on December 19, 1931.

We shall be glad to have any information you can give us in regard to plans for the trial of Alvin Karpis, in which this entire community is greatly interested.

Thanking you, I am

Yours very truly

*Walter D. Doke.*

Walter Doke,  
Deputy Sheriff of Howell county,  
West Plains, Mo.

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RECORDS

Mr. Walter D. Doks,  
Deputy Sheriff,  
Howell County,  
West Plains, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Doka:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter dated May 22, 1936, this will advise you that Alvin Karpis is not only under indictment charged with having kidnaped Edward George Bremer of St. Paul on January 17, 1934, but is likewise under indictment for the kidnaping of William A. Hamm, Jr., of St. Paul, Minnesota, which abduction occurred on June 18, 1933.

There is a strong likelihood that Karpis will be tried for his complicity in the Hamm abduction prior to his prosecution in the Bremer matter. No specific date has yet been set for trial in the Hamm case, but this matter is presently being decided by the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, in conjunction with the Trial Court which is to hear that matter. The indications are, however, that the Hamm kidnaping case will come on for trial in St. Paul, Minnesota, some time during the early part of July, 1936. As soon as the trial date in this matter has been definitely determined, I shall be pleased to notify you.

In the event that you or Mrs. Lula Kelly decide to attend the trial of Alvin Karpis in the capacity of spectators, I hope you will visit the St. Paul Office of this Bureau. You will find that the Special Agents attached to that office will extend to you every courtesy and consideration so that your visit in St. Paul will be a pleasant one.

Sincerely yours,

**John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.**

~~cc-~~St. Paul (with copies incoming letter)

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Glegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Foxworth .....  
Mr. Harbo .....  
Mr. Joseph .....  
Mr. Keith .....  
Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. Quinn .....

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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
May 21, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Concerning your code wire dated May 18, 1936, and with reference to your teletype message of May 8, 1936, referred to therein, the Record Clerk of Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, has advised that a thorough search of the files of that institution fails to reveal the name Sam Carson as the true name or alias of any individual ever incarcerated there.

Inquiry was made of Earl Gardner, a detective on the Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department, with reference to Sam Kozarth, who stated that Kozarth had never been arrested at Tulsa, and photographs of him are not available there. Gardner's source of information concerning Kozarth is the paramour of Morris Crabtree, who advised Gardner that an individual known to her as Sam Kozarth had been in Tulsa on one occasion prior to the Garrettsville mail robbery, making contacts for Karpis and Campbell with Burrhead Keady and John Brock, and that he had also made contacts with Sam Coker and Morris Crabtree. According to this information, Crabtree was supposed to have been in on the Garrettsville robbery, but was picked up and returned to McAlester before he had an opportunity to join the gang. Gardner advised that his informant stated that Sam Kozarth is Jewish, and she thought he had gone to Chicago from Tulsa, she having only seen Kozarth on one occasion for a minute or two.

For the information of the Cleveland office, in connection with the press reports attributed to Gardner, it may be noted that Gardner is an exceedingly loquacious individual, possessed with a very vivid imagination, and has been co-operating closely with the Post Office Inspectors at Tulsa in connection with this case.

With reference to your letter dated May 18, 1936, requesting photographs of John Brock, there are transmitted herewith six photographs of this individual, reproduced from full length photographs taken at the time of the trial of Tom Hill at Independence, Kansas on charges of robbery during the month of January, 1936. Photographs of Brock, as #24698 Oklahoma State Penitentiary, have been requested, and will be transmitted to you as soon as received.

Very truly yours,

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BRIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau  
Cincinnati  
Chicago

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FILE

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
May 6, 1936.

Time - 4:05 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: William E. Meade;  
Bremer Case.

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

I telephoned SAC Ladd at the Chicago Office with reference to his statement in the attached memorandum to the effect that Long, an associate of William E. Meade, was placed by him in the police lockup for the night, inquiring of him as to why this man was not held in the detention rooms in the Chicago Office.

Mr. Ladd said that he just couldn't answer this question; that they just happened to take the man down there on this particular occasion without there being any especial reason therefor.

I pointed out to Mr. Ladd that they are certainly taking a chance when they put one of our prisoners in the police lockup, especially when our own detention rooms are empty, and consequently, this situation should be borne in mind, and in the future, our prisoners should be kept in our own detention rooms under appropriate guard.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

*Letter to Ladd  
being prepared.*

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Chicago, Illinois.

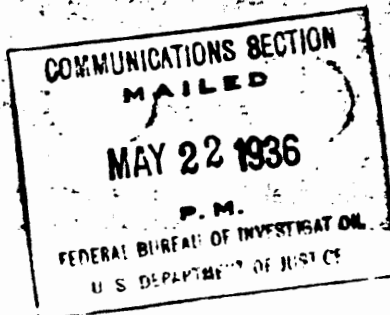
Dear Sir:

I have been informed that although Charles O. Long was apprehended by Special Agents of this Bureau and was held at the Chicago Office on the day of his apprehension for questioning of several hours, you did not make use of the detention facilities in your office on the night of May 5, 1936, but instead, placed Long in the custody of the Chicago Police, to be held until the following morning, at which time he was returned to your office for further questioning. Obviously the reason why the Bureau maintains in its field offices, quarters suitable for detention purposes is to enable the Bureau Agents to keep in their custody persons whose holding is desirable for purposes of questioning. I can see absolutely no justification for the procedure followed by you in this instance and desire that in all future cases in which persons are in the custody of Bureau Agents in connection with Bureau cases, they be held in the detention quarters of the Bureau field office until they are arraigned or until other circumstances make it desirable that they be turned over to the United States Marshal or to local officers.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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| Mr. Nathan   | _____ |
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| Chief Clerk  | _____ |
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| Miss Gandy   | _____ |



W. J. B. 11-13-36  
[Handwritten signature]

Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
May 21, 1936.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of May 19, 1936, wherein you inquire relative to personal belongings of informant [redacted] you are advised that recently while at Hot Springs on other matters I called at the Best Tourist Camp and secured a suit-case and overcoat belonging to a Mr. Harris who occupied cottage ten. This, of course, was our informant [redacted]

For your information, this property was secured by me at the suggestion of Grace Goldstein who informed me that Mr. Harris was known to her and that he was a personal friend and had no connection whatever with Karpis or other members of the gang. She asked me as a personal favor to her to secure this clothing and to advise her when this had been done and that she would see that the clothing was shipped to Mr. Harris. I asked Grace Goldstein to advise me as to the shipping point in order that I might forward the clothing there myself, and she stated that Mr. Harris was from St. Louis and that she would have to secure his address through some friends of hers.

In view of relations with Grace Goldstein and the possibility of using [redacted] at some future time for contact with her, I believe it would be well to go through with my original plan to have her ship these effects of [redacted] and this will be done as soon as I can get in touch with her. I fear that in the event the belongings were shipped by me and reached [redacted] hands that she might at some later date make inquiry as to the disposition made of them and become suspicious when I found myself without a proper explanation.

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At the present time I am unable to get in contact with Grace Goldstein but expect to do so within the next day or so, at which time I will give this matter appropriate attention.

MAY 28 1936

Very truly yours,

CHS

cc-Bureau

QUAYSON FLETCHER  
Special Agent in Charge.

*Edward J. Bremer*

*CM*

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

May 23, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: KIDNAP

Kindly forward six additional bust photographs of Harry Campbell and Charles J. Fitzgerald, together with six copies of the full length, front view photograph of Harry Campbell.

These photographs are urgently needed in this district for use in investigations now being conducted.

Very truly yours,

CC/LSB  
CC - Bureau  
    - Cincinnati  
    - Chicago

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO. **7-50**

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| REPORT MADE AT:<br><b>St. Paul, Minn.</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE:<br><b>5/22/36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br><b>5/20, 21/36</b>   | REPORT MADE BY:<br><b>John E. Brennan JEB:IM</b>  |
| TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1216;<br/>HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236;<br/>DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232, FUG.<br/>ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>  |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING;<br/>HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;<br/>OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;<br/>NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b> |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <span style="float: right;">Resume of conversations had with Alvin Karpis when agent was acting as guard in the Ramsey County Jail set forth herein.</span>  |                                   |  |   |
| REFERENCE: <span style="float: right;">Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, St. Paul, 5/18/36.</span>   |                                   |  |   |
| DETAILS:<br><br>Since Agent has been detailed to the Ramsey County Jail, where Alvin Karpis is being held awaiting trial, numerous conversations have been had with him on many subjects in such a manner as would appear to be more to pass the time than in an endeavor to secure any definite information. A resume of those which might be of interest to the Bureau, translated in more understandable language, is being set forth hereinbelow:   |                                   |  |   |
| In discussing his arrest, KARPIS stated that as yet he is at a loss to understand why the person who furnished information as to his whereabouts did not give information concerning the location of his apartment in New Orleans. He stated that should such information have been given, he might have been informed, as he was constantly on the alert for anyone who might try to case the place where he stayed. As an example of this, he stated that at one time he was about to go into a hotel down in Texas when he noticed a man |                                   |  |   |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br><br><i>L.W. Litch</i>  |                                   | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  |   |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:<br><br>3-Bureau<br>2-Cincinnati<br>2-Chicago<br>2-Cleveland<br>2-St. Paul   |                                   | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES<br><br><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <b>7-576-11766</b><br/> <b>MAY 25 1936</b><br/>           BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION<br/>           ROUTED TO: <i>ONE</i> FILE         </div> <div style="text-align: center;">           RECORDED AND INDEXED:<br/> <b>MAY 27 1936</b><br/>           CHECKED OFF:<br/> <b>JUN 11 1936</b><br/>           JACKETED:         </div> </div> |   |

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standing in front of this hotel with a newspaper under his arm as though waiting for someone; that he did not enter the hotel but made inquiries concerning the identity of the individual and noticed that he got into a Hudson Sedan; that he found someone who knew this man and had him pointed out and identified as Ralph Colvin, Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation office at El Paso. He also stated that when the agents first went down to Little Rock looking for him he was informed about it and had two of them pointed out to him, one of whom was named Fletcher and the other named Damron. He said that Damron went to see a friend of his seeking information as to his whereabouts and that Damron told this friend that he, Damron, would not put Karpis in jail but would put him under it and for this reason was interested in seeing Damron, whom he described as a little fellow, who wore a mustache and weighed about one hundred pounds wringing wet.

KARPIS also stated that he knew that the Post Office Inspectors and this Bureau were not working together, as he was informed by people they both approached, that the Post Office gang were going around offering these people money for information with the injunction that they were to tell no one but the Post Office Inspectors anything, particularly not the Bureau of Investigation, and that subsequently the agents called on the same people and made the same proposition. In this connection he stated that information had come to him that the Inspectors had investigated the trips made by himself and Hunter from Ohio to Hot Springs and from there to Texas and had the party identified by photos and then went back to Hot Springs where they dug up a cab driver, who was to get information as to the location of Ruth Hamm; that the cab driver got drunk and tried to make a deal with Ruth and scared her so much that she left town. He stated that shortly after this he happened to glance out of the window of the house he was living in near Hot Springs when he noticed a fellow drive slowly by in a car with a Kansas license. The car was lost to sight behind a hill but if it had been driven further down the road in the direction of Hot Springs, he would have seen it as it came from the other side of the hill. He did not see the car, however, so that it must have been stopped behind the hill. He got into his car and drove down the road a bit and found the car parked alongside the road. The driver was standing across the road with a pair of binoculars in his hand. He noticed that this man could see about twenty-five feet in one direction, fifty in another, about fifty in a third, but for an unlimited space in the direction of his house, yet the fellow was

*Fred Hunter*  
*\*Lack of cooperation*

*St. Paul Minn  
Byron Bolton  
Police Dept  
Tulsa Okla  
Sawyer's account  
Chicago City  
Fred Hughes*

was gazing off in a distance of about fifty feet. Naturally this aroused his suspicion so he drove in to Hot Springs and then back again but the car was gone. That night he drove around town until he found this car parked in front of a hotel. The next day he was on the lookout for any suspicious car passing his house and saw the same car drive by again. This time it didn't stop so that he took the telescope sight from his rifle, got into his car, and followed the Kansas car down town. He then made inquiries and learned that the car was being driven by a fellow named Anderson, a Kansas State Highway Patrolman, and was in town with some Post Office Inspectors trying to find him. It was his information that the Post Office Inspectors got in touch with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as a bunch of agents arrived in town by air from Cleveland, and went into a huddle all day Sunday with the Inspectors. By this time he began to believe that things were getting too hot in Hot Springs so he left.

Another conversation was had about police officers particularly those who pretend to be enforcing the law and at the same time are dealing with thieves. Karpis stated that if he only had police officers to worry about he could live in Ohio, Oklahoma, or Louisiana the rest of his life; that there is not a town in Ohio above 20,000 population that isn't fixed; that Tulsa and New Orleans are on the clout and Kansas City is a push-over. He said that "If you are a thief and are fortunate enough to find a copper that is also a thief, you'd be a chump if you didn't get together with him"; whereupon the remark was made, "Particularly if the thieving copper is head of the kidnap squad and you are in the snatch racket", to which he laughingly agreed. In this connection no definite statement was made concerning Tom Brown having been involved in the Bremer case.

Concerning Harry Sawyer, he stated that he had never had much use for him as he was always blowing off and one time in Cleveland he had to move on Sawyer's account; that nevertheless he knew that Bolton's testimony was incorrect in some respects concerning Sawyer. When pressed for an expression as to the guilt or innocence of Sawyer, he stated that he got what was coming to him all right but that Bolton had lied when he said that Sawyer had visited Ziegler in Chicago when Bremer was being held at Bensenville, that in fact, Sawyer had not left St. Paul during this entire time, that there would be no need for him to do so, and in fact his place was in St. Paul at that time. Bolton further lied about Sawyer being along when Miles Cunningham, a Chicago policeman, was killed after a messenger holdup;

that he was definitely very positive about this, and through inference and manner of expression that it was Bolton rather than Sawyer that was there, finally stating that Bolton shot a stone out of "Doc" Barker's ring with a machine gun.

About "Doc" Moran, Karpis stated that he really did not know what had become of him, that he wasn't giving a "no answer" to the question as this is the truth. He said he could have found out had he any reason to ask, but considered his relations with Moran closed when he had paid him for his operations. He stated that it must have been Volney Davis that furnished the information as to the location of the body of Hamilton as there were only three that knew, one of whom wouldn't tell, another that couldn't, and Davis. He appeared to be seeking information about this, whereupon a discussion was had resulting in his saying that it might have been someone else that one of these people had told as the mob were always driving miles out of the way to show someone where someone was buried or where something had happened. By process of elimination, it was indicated that the person who wouldn't tell about Hamilton was "Doc" Barker, and the person who couldn't was "Slim" Gibson, though no definite statement was obtained in this regard.

He was asked if he had heard from any source where EARL CHRISTMAN had been buried as everybody knew that he was dead and it was just a matter of getting a case closed. He stated that he had been told that EARL had been taken to Verne Miller's place in Kansas City after having been shot in the Fairbury bank robbery and was treated by Dr. Nigro; that EARL was recovering from the wound and felt so well that one day when the doctor was about to lift him out of bed to change the bed clothing, EARL got up unaided. This opened the wound causing a hemorrhage. The doctor stated that he wouldn't live more than an hour and was right. He stated that he doesn't know where Christman was buried, but that Davis can probably tell where it was, indicating that the above information came to him from Davis.

As above indicated, no effort was made to press him on any definite point for the reason that it is not desired to arouse his suspicion to the point where he would believe that any effort is being made to secure any information from him. Other agents attached to the St. Paul Office periodically interview Karpis with reference to any particular matter on which they might seek information and these interviews will be reported separately. Further interviews had with the Subject wherein any information of value is procured will be set forth as above.

PENDING.

June 6, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,  
El Paso, Texas.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim -  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

The following excerpts were taken from the report of Special Agent John E. Brennan, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, May 22, 1936, for the information of the El Paso, Little Rock, and Kansas City Offices.

During the course of an interview with Alvin Karpis at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, he advised Special Agent John E. Brennan that he was constantly on the alert for any surveillance being maintained of the residence in which he was living. "As an example of this, he stated that at one time he was about to go into a hotel down in Texas when he noticed a man standing in front of this hotel with a newspaper under his arm as though waiting for someone; that he did not enter the hotel but made inquiries concerning the identity of the individual and noticed that he got into a Hudson Sedan; that he found someone who knew this man and had him pointed out and identified as Ralph Colvin, Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation office at El Paso. He also stated that when the agents first went down to Little Rock looking for him he was informed about it and had two of them pointed out to him, one of whom was named Fletcher and the other Damron. He said that Damron went to see a friend of his seeking information as to his whereabouts and that Damron told this friend that he, Damron, would not put Karpis in jail but would put him under it and for this reason was interested in seeing Damron, whom he described as a little fellow, who wore a mustache and weighed about one hundred pounds weighing well."

Karpis further alleged that while he was living at the Woodcock Home in the vicinity of Hot Springs, Arkansas, "he happened to glance out of the window of the house he was living in near Hot Springs when he noticed a fellow drive slowly by in a car with a Kansas license. The car was lost to sight behind a hill. If it had been driven further down the road in the direction of Hot Springs, he would have seen it as it came from the other side of the hill. He did not see the car, however,

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so that it must have been stopped behind the hill. He got into his car and drove down the road a bit and found the car parked alongside the road. The driver was standing across the road with a pair of binoculars in his hand. He noticed that this man could see about twenty-five feet in one direction, fifty in another, about fifty in a third, but for an unlimited space in the direction of his house, yet the fellow was gazing off in a distance of about fifty feet. Naturally this aroused his suspicion so he drove in to Hot Springs and then back again but the car was gone. That night he drove around town until he found this car parked in front of a hotel. The next day he was on the lookout for any suspicious car passing his house and saw the same car drive by again. This time it didn't stop so that he took the telescope sight from his rifle, got into his car, and followed the Kansas car down town. He then made inquiries and learned that the car was being driven by a fellow named Anderson, a Kansas State Highway Patrolman, and was in town with some Post Office inspectors trying to find him."

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Little Rock  
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Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago.

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*May 27*  
Mr. Wallace R. Briggs,  
Post Office Inspector In Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:-

Harry Campbell, who is possibly involved in the two offenses under investigation by your department concerning the mail truck robbery at Warren, Ohio, and the train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, and who was apprehended by this Bureau at Toledo, Ohio on May 7, 1936, has entered a plea of guilty in connection with the indictment charging the kidnaping and transportation of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minn., and has been sentenced to life imprisonment and is presently committed to the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

It is believed that you will be desirous of having this information, in order that you may make your plans accordingly, should you at some future date care to interview this individual as to the facts concerned in the above indicated postal violations. In our interviews with this individual, while in our custody, no substantial admission was obtained which would assist you in your interview of him as to the postal offenses.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent In Charge.

CC Bureau  
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S. J. Hetrick,  
Post Office Inspector,  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
New York City, N.Y.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
in Charge W.A. Rorer dated 4-28-36 Salt Lake City, Utah, in the  
above case, wherein information is set out concerning the habeas  
corpus hearing in the Nevada State Courts concerning Frankie Foster.

Under date of May 11, 1936, United States Attorney,  
Judge W.P. Carville, Reno, Nevada, received a letter from Lamar  
Hardy, United States Attorney, New York City, in which Mr. Hardy  
acknowledged receipt of the transcript of the State proceedings  
in connection with the Frankie Foster case, and advised the United  
States Attorney at Reno, that after making a thorough review of the  
proceedings, he would determine whether he can proceed further  
against Frankie Foster under the Federal Statute. Mr. Hardy further  
advised that it appeared clear that the only possible procedure  
in the matter would be to obtain an indictment against Foster, and  
that as soon as he has reached a decision he will advise the United  
States Attorney at Reno.

On May 18, 1936 I discussed this matter thoroughly  
with the United States Attorney at Reno, Nevada, and he is of the  
opinion that no action should be taken in this district until the  
United States Attorney at New York secures an indictment and requests  
an investigation.

It is therefore requested that your office keep in  
touch with the United States Attorney at New York, with a view towards  
ascertaining his decision in connection with further prosecution  
against Foster.

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Very truly yours,  
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W.A. RORER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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You will recall that recently when you were in Little Rock, information was obtained that C. Floyd Huff, United States Commissioner at Hot Springs, Arkansas, had information to the effect that Joe Ankalin, Chief of Police at Hot Springs had accompanied Grace Goldstein on the night before the raid near Hot Springs, to the house which was raided and that Ankalin and Grace Goldstein remained there during that night.

Mr. Huff has been interviewed by me and he states that he has no personal knowledge of this occurrence and that he merely based his statements upon information which he had obtained at Hot Springs and that this information had been obtained from a member of the Hot Springs Police Department. Mr. Huff indicated that the information had been furnished him by Herbert Wiers, Chief of Detectives, although he would not say that this was a fact.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
New Orleans, La.

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of May 16, 1936, I am return-  
ing herewith original papers pertaining to 1936 Plymouth coupe  
motor PE 212244 and 1936 Terraplane coupe motor 192081, together  
with the required number of photostat copies.

Such printed matter as the Owner's Service Policy that  
had no writing or connection with instant cars, was not photostated.

Very truly yours,

Gas T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Dear Sir:

Re: L. A. File 7-42

It will be greatly appreciated if a mail cover is placed  
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for a period of thirty days, and the usual tracings forwarded to this  
office.

Your cooperation in matters of interest to this office is  
greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. C. Box 1583

Butte, Montana, May 21, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: BREXID.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the letter from your office dated May 13, 1936, addressed to the Cincinnati Office, a copy of which was supplied to each field office, regarding the matter of withdrawing stop notices against certain automobiles previously involved in this case, you are advised that the files at the Butte Office have been reviewed and I find that at the present time stop notices are being maintained in this district on the following described automobiles:

Ford V-8, motor #18-493080, 1933 Ohio License #C25771.

Ford V-8 De Luxe Coupe, motor #18-304794, with 1934 Minnesota license #B-75038. 1933 Pontiac Coach, motor #235155, serial #815237, license number unknown.

Packard Club Sedan, motor #189553, serial #476273A, body #146637.

1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor #PJ-322772, serial #2619657, 1935 Ohio license plates #LU-671.

Kindly advise the Butte Office as to whether or not it will be necessary to further maintain stop orders against any, or all, of the above described automobiles.

Very truly yours,

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D. H. DECKASON  
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May 21, 1936.

Mr. Henry J. Allen,  
Editor,  
State Journal,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Allen:

I have read with a great deal of interest the editorial entitled "Karpis Questions to Answer," which appeared in the May 2 issue of the State Journal. The questions which you offer concerning the forces which led Karpis into such a devastating criminal career are ones which face the entire citizenry. It is hoped the public will become fully cognizant of the great responsibility which it must bear if any creditable improvement is to be gained in the crime situation as it exists today. Complete cooperation between all law enforcement agencies and our citizens must be attained if these questions are to be properly answered and curative action taken.

You seem to infer in the editorial that the rewards offered for the apprehension of Karpis were issued after his whereabouts were known so that they might be available to someone who was known to possess information concerning this criminal or who had already given this information to interested officials. In a spirit of friendship, let me correct this inference. No reward was paid in this case, nor was any individual entitled to receive any part of the sum offered in view of the fact that the apprehension of Karpis was the direct result of activities of the Special Agents of this Bureau.

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I am taking the liberty of placing your name on our mailing list to receive future editions of Uniform Crime Reports and other publications which are released periodically by this Bureau and which I thought might be of interest to you.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc- KANSAS CITY

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### Karpis Questions to Answer.

The country thrills to the news that another "Public Enemy No. 1" has been captured. The taking of Alvin Karpis, Topeka's best known underworld character, gives every evidence of careful planning, not even the showmanship feature being overlooked. The trap was sprung only after J. Edgar Hoover himself could take command and thus obtain a personal triumph. According to Washington reports the bureau has known the Karpis whereabouts for some time. But presumably there were more things to do than take him. Within the last two weeks two rewards, one of \$2,000 and another of \$3,500, were announced. While the "Woman in Red," deported as Karpis was taken, put Dillinger on the spot for \$5,000, it seems to have been necessary to pay a higher price for the former Topekan. Members of the department of justice do not share in rewards.

Nowhere will the feeling of relief over Karpis' capture be greater than in his former home town. In a number of Topeka homes fear that the former Branner school marble champion, now turned king of the kidnapers, might return here for a "patch" has been ever present. The dread has been deeper since Don Hasselbrock and his family were terrorized one night last year by an armed gang in an effort to persuade Hasselbrock to take them to the National Bank of Topeka building so they might rob the bank the next morning. Hasselbrock finally convinced the visitors he had no key to the bank. Proprietors of resorts where Karpis might call for a drink are easier today, knowing that he will not be found in their places by G-men.

Meanwhile the community has made little if any progress toward learning what it was that turned the former East Side boy onto the trail of crime that eventually was to lead him to the No. 1 position among the lawless. He wasn't a particularly bad boy in school. He was a fair student. What were the forces which seized him and developed him into a killer and a commanding criminal? Where did the churches and schools and other agencies fall down on the job? Or did they? Or was the failure in the home, or in all the agencies thru which we seek to develop the child into an upright, useful citizen. In what degree did associates and environment contribute to making Karpis an under-world "big shot"? In what degree was indifference a factor?

These are questions which the community should have asked itself long ago and which seem particularly appropriate just now. Thru the matter of fact testimony of children, attention has been called to the fact that young persons are frequenting places in which they have no business, whatever may be said about the presence of adults. These visits often are in the company of questionable characters. The officers we make responsible for the safety and welfare of the town confirm the testimony and add to the story. They seek enforceable measures intended to control the situation and popular support for their execution. At a commission meeting to consider the situation, city and county authorities were present. The churches were represented by ministers. Boy Scout officials offered co-operation. But the parents of young persons who frequent these resorts with questionable associates, and of young persons who might visit these places in such company, were missing.

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U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box #766,  
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May 21, 1936

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

Dear Sir:-

With reference to the situation involving Grace Goldstein at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and the publicity incident to her return to that point, together with Special Agent In Charge Chapmon Fletcher on May 9, 1936, at Hot Springs, I interviewed Joseph Wakelin, Chief of Police, as to his general knowledge of the situation, in order to advise him definitely as to what we expected of him in the future.

He advised that the first intimation he had that possibly Alvin Karpis and others were in the vicinity of Hot Springs was when information came that two parties had gone into a store in the vicinity of Dyer's Landing, and made some purchases of bandages, gauze, etc., and through their suspicious actions, they had been reported to the police; that as he recalls, this was also reported to some Government officer at Little Rock, but, however, such reporting was handled by the Chief of Detectives, Herbert Akers; that they had advised Little Rock they believed Karpis was in the vicinity; that the next thing he knew of the situation was when some of the boys had this woman, referring to Grace Goldstein, in his office. This referred to Post Office Inspectors.

He indicated he had known Grace Goldstein for five or six years as she formerly had a house of prostitution in back of the Princess Theater, later on Central Avenue, and presently at the Hatterie Hotel; that she has always run a house of prostitution since she has been located at Hot Springs, Arkansas; that after the boys had talked with this woman at the police station, Joe Anderson and the Post Office Inspectors came to him, Wakelin, and asked him to try to get something out of her; that he thereafter rode out with her, in her

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car, into the country, twice, at which times he tried to get information from her as to whether she knew the location of Alvin Karpis. However, she stuck out to the last that she did not know who they were; that if it was Karpis she did not know it; that Grace Goldstein advised him to the effect that "I am in the business for what I can get out of them". This conversation was after Connie Morris had left, presumably with these subjects, in March. Grace Goldstein had promised him she would endeavor to locate Connie Morris; that he, Chief Wakelin, advised her she was not telling him the truth and he was not going to waste any more time with her.

Wakelin advised that Grace Goldstein came back after she had disappeared subsequent to the departure of Alvin Karpis and others; that he rode out on the hill with her, talking with her for possibly one and one-half hours. She, however, would not say where she had been, although insisting she had been to her mother's; that she had been patching herself up after her accident; that this was the last occasion he (Wakelin) had talked to her. We had previously known that Wakelin had talked with this woman on the night in question, this being about Saturday night, April 25, 1936.

Wakelin advised he raided the place on the hill where Karpis was last living, seven miles out on Malvern Road, for ~~Floyd~~ <sup>Foy</sup>, three years ago; that, however, he was not subsequently to this place until after the raid by the Government on same recently; that he then rode out with the Deputy Sheriff.

Wakelin advised that Grace Goldstein was running a house of prostitution for six or seven years at Hot Springs, and that he had never had any calls to her place; that the only time he was in her house at the Hatterie Hotel was the occasion when he, together with Chief of Detectives Akers and Special Agent B. L. Damron, went to her place and talked to her; that Chief of Detectives Akers came to him and advised that someone had said, either one of the Department of Justice Agents or Post Office Inspectors, that he, Wakelin, had been out to the hideout house on the night before we raided same, with Grace Goldstein. As to this, the Chief insisted that he positively did not accompany this woman out there on the night in question.

Chief of Police Wakelin was advised we understood there had been some effort made by him to interfere with this woman or to delve into the possibility of what we were doing in connection with our investigation, and he was very definitely advised that we wished to cooperate at all times with any and all Police Departments, but we would not countenance any activity which interfered with our work by reason of the curiosity of some individuals as to whether

some people were giving information; that some direct action would be taken if any retaliation occurred as to anybody who had furnished us with information, or who they supposed had furnished us with information, and that we would prefer that the matter become quiet at Hot Springs, particularly as to this woman; that, of course, we were not telling them they could not handle her in the same manner as any other individual, provided she was violating the law in any way.

Chief Wakelin advised me he has been Chief of Police for nine years; that they have a constant population of 30,000 at Hot Springs, and 350,000 to 400,000 transients each year; that his force consists of twelve men, two jailors, one matron, and himself, making a total of sixteen on the payroll. He advised they have possibly six houses of prostitution, such as the Hatterie Hotel, with three to four girls or more, inmates.

The Chief, after some thought, advised of the situation wherein he lent Grace Goldstein the tags from one of his personal cars to use on her car, just prior to the time she obtained the 1936 tags for the green Buick coupe she is presently using, these tags being Arkansas tags #119-495, issued for Auburn sedan in 1935, to Joseph Wakelin.

Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers alias "Dutch" Akers was also interviewed as to the above situation, as related to the interview with Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin. This individual immediately offered the most profuse apologies possible for his recent remarks as toward the Bureau and the Director and advised it was his highly nervous condition which prompted him to say these things. His general demeanor indicated the apprehensiveness of an individual who is wrong, having spoken out of turn and being fearful of some of the consequences if he promoted any enemies who were in a position to go into his past activities.

Akers advised that just prior to Agent Damron's talking to him during the past month as to Karpis, Post Office Inspector Haynes had talked to him as to any information he might have as to Karpis; that later, Special Agent Frank Smith talked with him, and that Inspector Haynes broke the whole thing, or blew it up when he went into the Yellow Taxicab Company and contacted this fellow, namely taxi driver Brock, for the purpose of having Brock contact Connie Morris; that the contact got drunk and gave her everything he knew; that on another occasion, I. Ross, Inspector at Little Rock, and Inspector Cordrey called him to the Post Office and discussed with him the general situation as to what was being done in this case. This, undoubtedly, refers to the occasion when they furnished him with the intimate details of our investigation in the vicinity of Paris, Texas.

Akers advised he did not believe Chief Wakelin was interested in Grace Goldstein, other than having intimate relations with her; that he does not believe the Chief knew of these subjects, namely Karpis and Hunter, being in Hot Springs; that usually if any "hot ones" are at Hot Springs, he, Akers, knows of them, as he knew more about the gangsters; that possibly Chief Wakelin knew who they were, but that this is hard to believe; that he, Akers, believed that Lieutenant Brock of the Identification Division, Hot Springs Police, first told him of the Chief's license plates being on Grace Goldstein's car; also that a car with the Chief's license had been seen around the hideout place; that he advised Chief Wakelin of this rumor that he had been to this place.

Akers then tried to explain his irresponsible remarks on the previous occasion when interviewed by Special Agent In Charge Chapmon Fletcher, by referring to an article which appeared in the Tulsa paper, by Earl Gardner of the Tulsa police, to the effect that the Hot Springs police had tipped off Karpis in connection with the hideout which had been raided on Malvern Road. He then again apologized for his previous statements, indicating that he had tried to get Mr. Fletcher before he left Hot Springs and later contacting him on the same day by telephone at Little Rock.

This individual advised that he believed he was wrong in calling Benton and Little Rock in connection with the time the Agents left Hot Springs with Frank Nash; that, however, he knew there would be nothing wrong in having the officers stop the Agents' car on this occasion; that he believes Agent Chipman gave him a black eye with the Bureau as to a man involved in a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act charge, who has since been committed to the penitentiary. This refers to a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act investigation at Hot Springs in the past and probably indicates the apprehensiveness more than the real facts, by this individual. He advised that he turned one man into the Bureau, that is, a Bureau Agent, for getting drunk at Hot Springs and then ending up by taking \$50.00 from a prostitute in Benton. This referred, of course, to the previous activities of former Special Agent Newell who was thoroughly investigated by the Bureau. E.R.

Referring to the situation as to Grace Goldstein, Akers advised that he talked with her Sunday before she left; that they had shown her some favors, inasmuch as she has always run a sporting house, and that he tried to get her to come through with the information as to the location of Karpis; that he would take her to an attorney in Hot Springs and possibly arrange to get her \$11,000.00 reward for Karpis, as the boys, referring to the Post Office Inspectors, had told him as to the reward; that he advised her he would make an agreement to give her all the money; that all he, Akers, wanted was the honor for catching these boys; that finally she advised him she was not going to tell him about these boys.

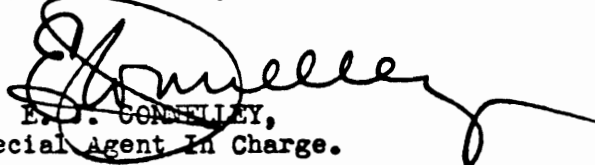
With reference to the story appearing as to the possible kidnaping of this woman, he advised that he had made inquiry as to where she had gone, through the girls at the house of prostitution, and they stated she had been taken away in a car. He also asked Special Agent Frank Smith to find out if we had her or were holding her at any time. He obtained no definite information indicating where she was located during her recent absence from Hot Springs.

With reference to the story appearing in news article to the effect that Grace Goldstein and Karpis, in an automobile, had an accident with another car on the main street in Hot Springs, he advised she told him of this; that apparently it was true; that the police officer who stepped up to adjust the matter between them on this occasion was Joe Scott of the Hot Springs police. This accident occurred on the main street in front of Sears-Roebuck's store.

This individual was given very definitely to understand that we would not countenance any further activity upon his part which might be construed as interfering with our activities and work; that we were not advising them as to what they should do in the way of law enforcement, nor were we telling them not to arrest anyone if they had a charge against them. However, the matter of searching around for information as to what we were doing, and thereby resulting in the coercion of any individual who had or had not given us information would result in disastrous condition for both himself and the Police Department at Hot Springs.

It is not believed that this individual or Chief Wakelin will take any action which will in any way interfere with us in the future.

Very truly yours,

  
E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent In Charge.

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Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID.

I am transmitting herewith the original and three copies of a verbal statement secured from Fred J. Hunter at New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 2, 1936, by Special Agents W. L. Buchanan and R. L. Tollett.

Hunter refused to sign this statement but informed that it is true and correct in substance. The statement indicates the personal history of Fred Hunter, as well as his associates and contacts, and points of travel.

Two copies of this statement are being forwarded to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Cleveland, Ohio, marked personal and confidential.

The remaining copies are being placed in the personal and confidential file only at the New Orleans Bureau Office.

Very truly yours,

D. W. Magee,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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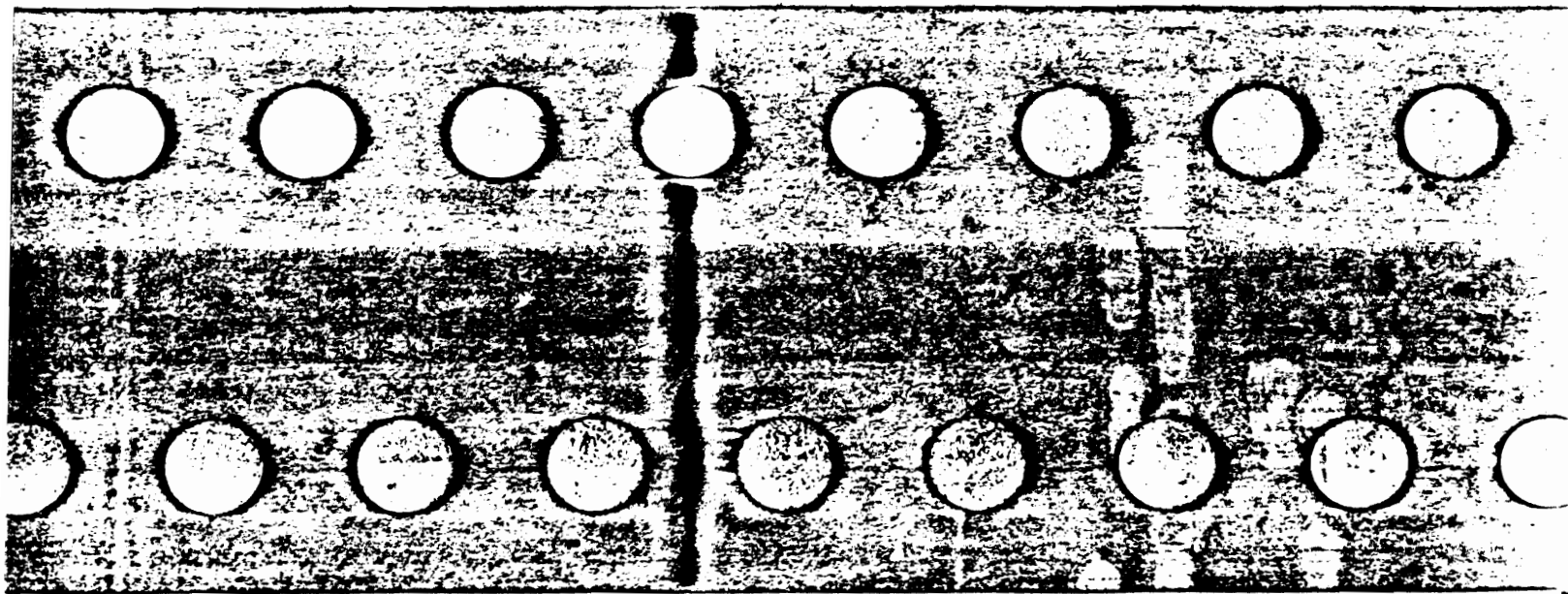
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NEW ORLEANS,  
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I, Fred J. Hunter, make the following free and voluntary statement to Special Agents W. L. Buchanan and R. L. Tollett, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, no promises or threats being made to me:

My name is Fred J. Hunter. I was born October 13, 1899. My father, George Hunter, now resides at Leavittsburg, Ohio. I have two brothers who also live with my father, Albert Hunter and William Hunter. I was convicted in Warren, Ohio about April 1, 1923, for car theft and attempt jail break. I received a sentence from one to seven years for theft of the car and was sentenced from two to twenty years in the attempt jail break case. I was paroled from the Ohio State Penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio, on June 1, 1926. Shortly after being released from the Ohio State Penitentiary I got a job with the Republic Steel Company at Warren, Ohio, and worked there for about one year as a welder. Shortly after I quit working for the Republic Steel Company in June 1927 I took my father on a fishing trip to Wisconsin for about two months and we returned home.

I gambled and hustled dice around Warren until about the early part of 1928, when I went to work for the Youngstown Pressed Steel Company, Warren, Ohio. I worked on this job until the early part of December 1928, when I was laid off. I remained unemployed for about one and one-half months after that, at which time I contracted a venereal disease and went to Hot Springs, Arkansas. This was about January 18, or 20, 1929. While in Hot Springs, Arkansas I received treatment from Dr. Paul Z. Browne, whose office is in the Medical Arts Building at Hot Springs, Arkansas. While in Hot Springs, Arkansas I stayed at the Garland Hotel under my own name, Fred Hunter. My cure was completed and I returned to Warren, Ohio around the middle of May 1929.

From this time, up until the early part of 1933, I did odd jobs, working at my trade as a burner, not working continuously but earning enough to pay my living expenses.

From the time I was a young man and up until this time I have always done considerable gambling, and in the early part of 1933 I received steady employment as a dealer at the Holly Hock Gardens, a large night club located in Warren, Ohio. This club is owned and operated by Jim Mensene. My work at this club was continuous for thirteen months, with the exception of a few short periods of a week or more when the club closed down because of legal pressure. I was paid a salary of fifty dollars a week, and in addition received tips both from my employer and my patrons. My only work in this club was at the black jack table.

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The Holly Hock Gardens closed in about June 1934. I continued my gambling but not as a regular employee of any club for two or three months subsequent to quitting at the Holly Hock.

In August 1934 I took charge of the Single G Club at Warren, Ohio, for a Mr. Baum. I was given the management of the gambling at this club and did both work on the black jack table and at the crap table. My connection with this club lasted until about October 1934, at which time the club was closed down.

For six or more months after the closing of the Single G Club I remained in Warren, Ohio, earning my living as a gambler. In June 1935 Alvin Karpis and I were together in Hot Springs, Arkansas. I was using the name of Harold King and Karpis was using the name of Ed King. We were stopping at a cabin out on Lake Hamilton, which is located a few miles from the City of Hot Springs. While we were in Hot Springs we visited a house of prostitution located at 123 Palm Street operated by Grace Goldstein. While visiting this place I met Connie Morris and I had several dates with her. We went in swimming at the Fountain Lake located on the outskirts of Hot Springs. Some time during August Connie went to the hospital in Hot Springs for an operation and she was in the hospital for about two or three weeks. I paid her hospital bill, which I think was around Two Hundred or Three Hundred Dollars.

Some time during the first part of September 1935 Karpis drove me over to Little Rock, Arkansas, where I caught a plane for Cleveland, Ohio, using the name of Harold King. I laid over in Cleveland a few hours and caught a Pennsylvania train out to New York City, stopping at some hotel in the vicinity of Times Square. I went to New York to see the Beer-Louis prize fight, and stayed there about three or four days. I left New York by plane and flew to Cleveland, where I caught a Greyhound Bus to Hot Springs, Arkansas.

On returning to Hot Springs, Karpis and I stayed for several weeks in a cabin on Lake Hamilton. Some time about the middle of November Connie Morris and I hired a private plane in Hot Springs and went to San Antonio, Texas, to visit her sister, Mrs. Glenn Kirkpatrick, and stayed there about a week. We then left San Antonio by bus and went to Corpus Christi, Texas, and stopped at the Princess Louise Hotel for about three weeks.

I had a 1935 model Ford Coupe "stashed" in Corpus Christi, Texas, and while in Corpus Christi I registered at the hotel under the name of Mr. and Mrs. Harold King. I fished part of the time we were there and we visited the Oasis Night Club on several occasions. I bought Connie a wrist watch for a birthday present about November 25th. We left Corpus Christi and drove to Galveston, Texas, and stopped at Hawkins Tourist Camp. We stayed there about one week, and then drove over to New Orleans, Louisiana, and stopped at the Arrow Tourist Camp, which is located east of the City of New Orleans. Shortly after arriving at this tourist camp a City Officer looked over my Ford car. We left the next day for Hot Springs, Arkansas.

On arriving at Hot Springs we stopped at the Mountain View Tourist Park, which is located on the edge of town, stopping there about a week or ten days. I used the name of Mr. and Mrs. Harold King at this place. I did not see Karpis when I returned to Hot Springs, as he was out of the city.

About the middle of December I drove Connie to Frederick, Oklahoma, where she caught a bus for Davidson, Oklahoma, to visit her people. I stopped at the Frederick Hotel in Frederick, Oklahoma, using the name of Harold King. I was there about one week. Connie and I then returned to Hot Springs to the Mountain View Tourist Camp. We were there a few days and then drove to Corpus Christi, Texas, in my Ford Coupe, and stopped at the Grande Court Tourist Camp. We stayed here about one week and then drove to New Orleans, Louisiana, and stopped at some tourist camp along the Gulf Coast. We drove to Saint Joe, Florida, where we stayed overnight at some small hotel. From Saint Joe we went to Tampa, Florida, and stayed for one week at a private home. I don't recall the name of this place. From Tampa we drove to a little town near Homosassa, Florida, where we went with the intention of fishing. We stayed there about three days and returned to Tampa, then went over to St. Petersburg and stayed at the All States Tourist Camp under the name of Mr. and Mrs. Harold King. We visited around in Florida for about two months or more and drove back to New Orleans, Louisiana, stopping at Biloxi, Mississippi.

After leaving St. Petersburg we went to Sarasota, Punta Gorda, Fort Myers, then stopped at a tourist camp near the Everglades, Florida, for about two days; went through to Miami and then to Homestead, Florida, where we stopped at a small hotel. I do not remember the name of this hotel. We fished there for several days. We then drove back through Florida by way of the East Coast. We left Tallahassee, Florida about March 5, or 6, 1936, and drove to Biloxi, Mississippi, where we stayed one night at a tourist camp near Biloxi, Mississippi. We then drove in to New Orleans, Louisiana, stopping at the Dixie Tourist Camp for several days. I used the name of Mr. and Mrs. Harold King at this place.

On leaving New Orleans we drove to Hot Springs, Arkansas, and stopped at a tourist park located near the Mountain View Tourist Camp in Hot Springs. We stayed at this place one night.

The following day I met Alvin Karpis and he told me that he had a house rented a few miles from Hot Springs, Arkansas, located on a high hill near Lake Catharine. I stayed with Alvin Karpis at the house on the hill for about eight or ten days. Connie was out there several times but did not stay there all the time.

Along about the last part of March, Connie and I left in my Ford for Corpus Christi, Texas, where we met Karpis in his red Buick Sedan. We stopped at a new tourist park located near Rockport, Texas. We stayed at this place several days. While we were stopping at this tourist park Alvin Karpis stored

his 1936 model Buick Sedan at a garage in Corpus Christi, Texas. I think the name of the man who owns the garage is "Grant." The 'phone number of this garage is 800.

On leaving Rockport, Texas, we drove to Galveston, Texas, where we stopped at a tourist park on the Beach. I don't recall the name of this place. Karpis stayed in one cabin and Connie and I stayed in another. We were driving my 1935 model Ford Coupe. We stayed in Galveston, Texas, several days and then drove to New Orleans, Louisiana, where Connie and I rented an apartment at 3343 Canal Street. Karpis rented an apartment at 3300 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. Karpis was out of town for two or three days since we arrived in New Orleans, Louisiana, but I have been here all the time.

When Alvin Karpis and I were together in Hot Springs, Arkansas, during June 1935, I was aware of his correct identity and knew that he was wanted for Kidnaping by the Federal Government.

At no time has Karpis ever gotten me to do any jobs with him, but I have often accommodated him by being his front man in renting apartments, buying necessities, and other contacts with the public.

While Connie and I lived at 3343 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, Karpis often visited us and had his meals at the apartment, although I never did visit his apartment on St. Charles Avenue.

Witnesses:

W. L. Buchanan

Special Agent,  
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May 19, 1936

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Mr. D. W. Magee,  
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Dear Sir:

I have observed from the unsigned statement obtained by Special Agents of your office from Fred J. Hunter, that no information is included in this statement as to the place of birth of Hunter, although the date of birth and his most recent places of residence are set forth. I have been informed that this information was obtained from Hunter but due to a stenographic error was not included in the statement which was transcribed. I do not believe that your explanation of the cause of this omission is satisfactory, since it is incumbent upon you as Agent in Charge of the New Orleans Office to insure the inclusion in a statement of all pertinent and material information. This omission should have been observed by you or by the Agents whom this statement was made and a correction made in the statement before it was transmitted to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
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