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PRIVACY ACTS**

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

FILE NUMBER: 7-576

SECTION : 205



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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-3

REPORT MADE AT Louisville, Ky.	DATE WHEN MADE 5/23/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/7/36	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT H. LAUGHLIN fw
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, w. a.-FUGITIVE, I.O.#1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, wa-FUGITIVE, I.O.#1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, w. a.-FUGITIVE, I.O.#1236; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Officials of Graham Springs, Ky., health resort, contacted regarding Subject Campbell. Arrangements made for the Louisville Bureau Office to be notified in the event of his appearance. Partial circularization of reward circulars on Campbell and Karpis made in State of Kentucky.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>Reference Report of Special Agent Richard E. Smith, Louisville, Ky., dated March 21, 1936.</p> <p>Details <u>At Harrodsburg, Kentucky</u></p> <p>Francis Tuttle, office manager, Graham Springs Health Resort, was contacted and pictures of Subject Campbell exhibited to her. She advised that he had not been there and that it was unlikely that he would inasmuch as this resort is more in the nature of a hospital and only very sick cases are accepted. She advised, however, that if Campbell did make his appearance, she would immediately notify the Louisville Bureau Office by telephone.</p> <p>Later this same day the newspapers carried the story of Campbell's apprehension.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>O.C. Dewey</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3 Bureau 2 Cincinnati 1 Chicago 2 Louisville		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7 576 +11776 MAY 28 1936 DESTROYED MAY 24 1965	

A partial distribution of the Reward circulars on Campbell and Karpis, was made in the State of Kentucky, prior to the apprehension of these Subjects. All of the circulars furnished to this office were forwarded out, but a sufficient number were not received for complete distribution.

This case is being held in a pending status awaiting Bureau instructions.

- P E N D I N G -

722 Midland Savings Building
Denver, Colorado
May 20, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter of April 28, 1936, to the Aberdeen Office, a copy of which was furnished all Field Offices, with the request that the files of any unsolved bank robberies now under investigation in which new and un-cut currency constituted part of a loot, be checked.

Kindly be advised that there is no bank robbery case now pending in this district in which new and un-cut currency constituted any part of the loot.

Very truly yours

R. D. BROWN
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota

May 21, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: BRAND

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of May 19, 1936, in
instant case, there are transmitted the following photo-
graphs:

- 1 - face photo of Harry Sawyer
- 1 - full-length photo of Harry Sawyer
- 1 - face photo of Harry Campbell
- 1 - full-length (front view) photo
of Harry Campbell
- 1 - full-length (side view) photo
of Harry Campbell
- 1 - photo showing mutilated fingertips
of Harry Campbell

Please furnish the St. Paul Office with six copies
of the face photo of Harry Sawyer, and twelve copies of
the face photo of Harry Campbell.

Very truly yours,

G. W. STEIN,
Special Agent in Charge.

RTM:rw

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

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Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir: **REKID**

Reference is made to Bureau letter of May 13, 1936 requesting additional specimens of handwriting of Campbell and Karpis. Inasmuch as Campbell has pleaded guilty and was transferred to the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and in view of his disinclination to furnish a signed statement or other specimens of his handwriting, it is suggested that possibly you may obtain the original letters which he has probably written to his wife, for transmittal to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

G. W. STAM
Special Agent in Charge

GWS:ACF

cc Bureau
Chicago
Cincinnati

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NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

WESTERN UNION

R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

New Orleans, La., May 23, 1936.
DUE: 11:55 AM co-Barona Cincinnati

GUS T. JONES
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1816 SMITH-YOUNG TOWER
SAN ANTONIO TEXAS

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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS ARE APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

Edward L. Brown

JEH:AS

May 25, 1936

Time: 12:15 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Alvin Karpis.

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Mr. Suydam telephoned and stated that Mr. Edward Jamieson, correspondent for the New Orleans States, wanted to secure from me further information on the Karpis case. I stated that I did not care to say anything additional on this case than what had already been said, which was that Karpis had been captured, he is now awaiting trial at St. Paul, and the date of the trial has not been set. Mr. Suydam stated that Mr. Jamieson was a new contact and he would like to have me see him. I made an appointment to see Mr. Jamieson this afternoon at 2:30 or 3 o'clock.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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CHARLES C. PETTIJOHN
GENERAL COUNSEL

May 15, 1936

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Mr. Egan	
Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Harbo	
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Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Two new titles went through "Public Rat" and "Public Rat #1". That seems to be your new name for the gentleman in question.

Thought you would like to know this.

Sincerely,

C. C. PETTIJOHN

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asked name: several recent letters and this man found 9 Director.



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May 22, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the latent fingerprint examinations being conducted in connection with the above-entitled case.

You are advised that the fingerprints of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, showing attempts at mutilation, and those of Fred Hunter, FBI-54440, were compared with the latent prints previously developed in connection with this case but no identification was effected.

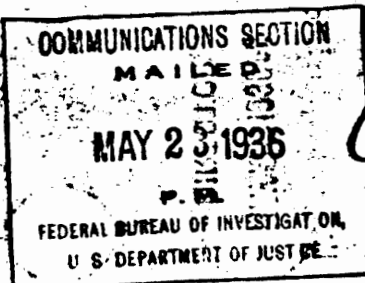
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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Mr. R. J. Connelley - Chicago
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
May 18, 1936

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREKID

On May 12, 1936 Harry Campbell pleaded guilty in Federal Court at St. Paul, and on that date he was sentenced to a term of life imprisonment. He has now admitted to Agents that he actually participated in the abduction of Mr. Bremer, assisting in transporting him to Bensenville, Illinois, and serving as a guard at the hideout during the 22 days that Bremer was held.

Alvin Karpis has identified numerous members of the Karpis-Barker gang and has admitted his association with them. He declines to furnish any information as to the part which any of these persons played in either the Bremer or Hamm abduction, merely advising "no answer". He has, however, admitted to Agents that he participated in both the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings.

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire
K. R. McIntire.

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May 26, 1936.

Re ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I.O. 1332
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. J. Gynn, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 5-5-36.

Arrangements have been perfected by J. O'Neill, Superintendent of Mail, at the Post Office sub-Station, Kensington and Allegheny Avenue, to inform this office if Miss Holst leaves a forwarding address.

Arrangements have been made in the immediate vicinity by Special Agent J. L. Fallon to have this office notified in the event Miss Holst moves without leaving a forwarding address. Surveillance will be made from time to time to ascertain whether Miss Holst still resides there.

Very truly yours, HEAD OF INVESTIGATION

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R. E. ... DEPT OF JUSTICE
Special Agent ...

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: BRKID

Enclosed herewith you will please find one copy of the photograph of Edward McGraw, which photograph was obtained from the Ohio State Penitentiary by the Cincinnati office, and forwarded to this office under date of May 23, 1936.

It is requested that you make additional copies of this photograph and forward three such copies to the Bureau, and twelve copies to this office at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure (1)
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- St. Paul

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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DEPOSITING THOUSAND DOLLAR BILLS INDICATING DEPARTMENT JUSTICE
INVESTIGATING STOP NO ACTION BEING TAKEN BY THIS OFFICE ALTHOUGH
CASE REPORTED BY BANKS AND INQUIRY MADE TO DETERMINE IF WILLIAMS
ELMER MEADE MIGHT BE IDENTICAL WITH BERG

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Miss Gandy.....

Edw J Brenner

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JBY:RLM

May 19, 1936.

Time-3:30 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Chief of Police Allen
of Toledo, Ohio.

During a telephonic conversation with Colonel Gates, he stated that he understood that Chief of Police Allen has refused to make known my letter. I told Colonel Gates that I had no comment to make.

Very truly yours,

**John Edgar Hoover,
Director.**

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Mr. Buchanan
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Post Office Box 1887
Charlotte, North Carolina

May 20, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter dated May 13, 1936, addressed to the Cincinnati Office, I wish to advise that the stop notice pertaining to 1936 model Buick Sedan, motor #63,052,188, serial #2,895,972, has been withdrawn in the States of North and South Carolina.

Please be advised further that at the present time stop notices are in effect in North and South Carolina for 1936 model Plymouth Deluxe Sedan, motor #PJ-322,772, serial #2,619,957, which car bore Ohio 1935 license plates #LU-671. This is the automobile referred to in a letter from the Cleveland Office to all field offices dated December 12, 1935.

The Charlotte File also reflects that stop notices are in effect for Pontiac Sedan, motor #935,153, serial #815,227, as reflected in the report of Special Agent T. W. McDade, dated at Charlotte, North Carolina, May 20, 1936.

Kindly advise if and when these stop notices may be withdrawn.

Very truly yours,

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G. M. Dowdon,
Special Agent in Charge

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May 21, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Nashville, Tennessee.

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

Dear Sir:

Mr. Walter L. Barlow, of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, has called to the attention of the Bureau the inability of the United States Marshals to locate Frank Jennings of Etowah, Tennessee, and Gregory I. Codomo of Newark, New Jersey.

Mr. Barlow has advised that the marshal attempting to serve a subpoena upon Frank Jennings ascertained that his most recent address was Rome, Georgia, but that he was not presently residing there and his whereabouts are not definitely known.

You are advised that the trial of Joseph E. Adams and Henry Duke Randall at Miami, Florida, has been continued until the September term of court at that point. Mr. Barlow has expressed the desire, however, to make every possible effort to locate the above two so that subpoenas may be served upon them at some time in the future for their appearance in Miami, Florida, during September 1936.

It is not desired that these persons be openly interviewed but their whereabouts should be ascertained so that subpoenas can be issued at the proper time.

Very truly yours,

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cc. Trenton

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St. Paul

Cleveland

Cincinnati

Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago

Jacksonville

KRM.

Special Agent in Charge,

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;
Kidnaping.

WILLIAM DAINARD, with aliases; et al;
GEORGE WEYERHAEUSER, Victim;
Kidnaping.

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., with
aliases; et al;
MRS. ALICE SPEED STOLL, Victim;
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

It is desired that you immediately destroy all reward
circulars which have been issued and are now in the possession
of your office as to Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, subjects
in the Bremer case.

You should also destroy the wanted circulars now in
the possession of your office which were issued by the Bureau
on William Dainard, a subject in the Waynap case, and Thomas
Henry Robinson, Jr., a subject in the Stolsnap case.

Very truly yours,

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U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box #766,
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PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:-

As presently planned, it is believed that it will be desirable for me to proceed to Toledo, Ohio on Monday, May 25, 1936, in order to definitely ascertain the nature of the investigation being conducted there, in order to direct same into the proper channels and also to incite a little more aggressive action as to this.

As will be noted from my teletype of yesterday, as of May 21, 1936, Special Agent In Charge J. P. MacFarland at Cleveland, wrote a letter to the Bureau, requesting advice as to whether or not he should investigate the activities of Captain Timminey and others of the Toledo Police Department who were believed responsible for the harboring of Alvin Karpis, et al, and also as to whether he should investigate the activities of Sheriff James O'Reilly, as to which I very definitely advised him in my teletype of yesterday, that this was the purpose of the investigation we were presently conducting, in accordance with my instructions to him and the other personnel concerned in this investigation. The real highlight of the investigation at Toledo, I believe, will, of course, be the possibility of whether or not we can successfully prosecute these particular individuals in the harboring investigation.

About the middle of the coming week, I believe I shall go to St. Paul in order to endeavor to bring to an early conclusion the investigation which will make possible the prosecution of Tom Brown, St. Paul Police Department, if we are to obtain sufficient to indict this individual prior to June 19, 1936, when the Statute of Limitations will have run as to the offense of kidnaping William A. Hamm, Jr.

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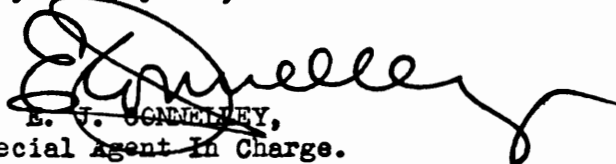
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Today, Special Agent S. K. McKee in telephone conversation from Reno, Nevada, advised that they had obtained a statement from the party who cashed in the return portion of the aeroplane ticket used by Charles J. Fitzgerald and Fred Barker in going from Chicago to Reno in July, 1933, to exchange the ransom money. The party who cashed this ticket remembers that either "Doc" Barker or Fred Barker, both of whom were known to him, had cashed this ticket in for the return portion value.

Agent McKee is returning to St. Paul as of this date, in order to push further the investigation as to this matter at St. Paul in the Hanap case, and Special Agent D. P. Sullivan will check further in Reno and then interview people at San Francisco, Sacramento and Calneva, as to the presence of Fitzgerald and Fred Barker in Reno and their traveling by trains between Reno and Chicago. He will thereafter return to Chicago, which should be within the next few days.

As indicated above, I shall proceed to Toledo, Ohio, arriving there May 25, 1936, for about two days' work, and then proceed to St. Paul for possibly two days' work at that point, unless you instruct me in the meantime to the contrary, inasmuch as you indicated in your recent conversation that you might wish me to come into Washington during the coming week. If this is the case, please advise me and I will arrange my plans accordingly as to the travel to Toledo, Ohio and St. Paul.

Very truly yours,


E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL DELIVERY - AIR MAIL

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida
May 18, 1936.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to bureau letter dated May 15, 1936,
(7-576).

Immediately upon receipt of this letter Special Agent
Royal J. Untreiner proceeded to Panama City, arriving there Sunday
morning, May 17, 1936, at 11:30 A.M. He proceeded to interview the
informant, C. W. Murray, of 402 Cherry Street, who stated that he
had cut the picture of William J. (Willie) Harrison and Myrtle Eaton
from the September issue of the True Detective Magazine; that he and
his wife drive to the main street of Panama City every Saturday night,
park and watch the crowds go by, and that for the past three or four
Saturday nights, with the exception of Saturday, May 16, 1936, (at
which time he was ill) he had seen a man looking exactly like the
Detective Magazine photograph of William J. Harrison go into the A.
and P. Store on the main street of Panama City, with a woman looking
exactly like the Detective Story Magazine of Myrtle Eaton.

Upon being shown photographs of Harrison and Myrtle
Eaton in the possession of Agent Untreiner, Murray stated that he
was positive that the man who went into the A. and P. Store every
Saturday night was William J. Harrison, but that the photograph of
Myrtle Eaton exhibited by Agent Untreiner did not look like the woman
who was with him. He stated that he does not know where the man and
woman live, but thinks they live in a rooming house or apartment
house near the store, as they always walked; that the man would stand
around in the store smoking cigars while the woman completed the shop-
ping, at which time he would take the bundles in his arms and walk
with her up the street in a northerly direction.

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Murray gave the following physical descriptions of the
man and woman:

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The Man:

Age	35 to 40 years
Height	5' 8½"
Weight	180 pounds
Build	Stout
Face	Fat, double chin, bull doggish look; no mustache.
Glasses	No
Eyes	Blue or gray
Hair	Gray around temples; wore hat.
Clothes	Dark suit and gray hat
Habits	Smoked cigars.

The Woman:

Age	25 years
Height	5' 6"
Weight	130 pounds
Build	Medium stout, double chin
Hair	Black
Eyes	Light gray
Nose	Pug
Dress	Dark blue dress, tight fitting gray hat.

Agent Untreiner interviewed Woodrow Cundiff, Assistant Manager of A. and P. Store, who resides at the Southern Hotel, Lawrence Kelly, Jr., Clerk of the A. and P. Store, who resides at Mrs. Anderson's boarding house, and Aubrey Bradley, Clerk of the A. and P. Store, all of whom stated that they had not seen anyone in their store who looked like the photographs of William J. Harrison, excepting Bradley, who stated that he believed he had seen a man somewhere who resembled this person, but he could not remember where. They all stated, however, that on Saturday nights they were very busy and did not have time to notice people very closely.

Mr. Murray stated that he would keep on the lookout for the man and the next time he saw him would follow him and find out where he was staying and advise this office.

The local police were not contacted, and further inquiry was not made in Panama City for the reason that it was desired to keep the information confidential and so that the fact that a Bureau Agent had been in town would not be broadcast.

Director,

5/18/36

Mr. Murray stated, upon being questioned by Agent Untreiner, that he did not intend his telegram to the Bureau to mean that he had seen Willie^W Weaver, as the use of the word "Willie" was meant to refer to Harrison.

Mrs. C. W. Murray observed the photographs of William J. Harrison and Myrtle Eaton and made statements identical with those of her husband. She was positive in her identification of Harrison as the man she and her husband had seen at the A. and P. Store for several Saturday nights previous, but that the woman did not resemble the photograph of Myrtle Eaton.

It is believed that, with the assistance of Murray, the man could be located any Saturday night at the A. and P. Store in Panama City, Florida.

Inasmuch as the Bureau states that it has definite and positive information to the effect that William J. Harrison is deceased, it is requested that this office be advised if it is desired to detail Agents to check the appearance of this man, or to take him into custody for questioning.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan
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Special Agent in Charge.

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Cc: Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago
St. Paul
Cincinnati.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated May 18,
1936, in which you advise that C. W. Murray, of Panama
City, Florida, together with his wife, is confident that he
has seen William J. Harrison enter the Atlantic and Pacific
store on the main street of Panama City.

It is desired that you arrange to have an Agent
accompany Mr. Murray on Saturday evenings in order that
the Agent may observe the party enter the Atlantic and
Pacific store, whom Murray believes to be identical with
William J. Harrison.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I talked with Mr. Connelley about the Agents still away from their headquarters in the Bremer case.

We agreed that W. L. Buchanan could, and should return to Oklahoma City. Connelley will talk to him about this and, if nothing has developed, instruct Buchanan to return to his headquarters.

Connelley thinks Agent J. V. Murphy should remain at Toledo for the present time and, accordingly, this was authorized.

Agent A. E. Farland, as the Bureau records have shown was at Chicago, has in fact returned to his headquarters at Kansas City and has been there for some days.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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

May 22, 1936.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 18, 1936 in the above entitled case in which you requested that Special Agent J. K. Collins submit in memorandum form all details in connection with the raid which was made on the residence formerly occupied by Harry Campbell at 7009 Franklin Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio on September 11, 1934.

There is attached hereto the memorandum of Agent Collins dated May 21, 1936 in which he sets out all information in his possession relative to this matter. No copies of this memorandum are being kept in this Office.

Very truly yours,

J. M. Keith

J. M. KEITH,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Richmond, Va.
May 21, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al -
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.

With reference to your memorandum dated May 19, 1936, and in confirmation of my telephonic conversation with Special Agent McIntyre of the Bureau on May 12, 1936, I am setting forth the following facts concerning the raid which was conducted by Special Agents of the Detroit Office, myself included, upon the residence formerly occupied by Harry Campbell at 7009 Franklin Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio on September 11, 1934.

I am not sure as to the exact date of this raid, but do recall that it took place on a Tuesday morning at approximately 7:00 A.M. It would possibly be more enlightening and make this statement more clear if I explained the events leading up to this raid. As will be shown by the reports I left Detroit in company with Special Agent L. D. Socey about 3:15 A.M. the preceding Saturday morning after the identity of the three women arrested by the Cleveland had been established as Gladys Sawyer, Paula Harnum, and Winona Burdette. We met Mr. William Larson, then Special Agent in Charge, and several other agents at the Lakewood Police Station where these women were being held about 7:00 A.M. Leaving the station house, two carloads of agents drove to one of the addresses on either 139th or 140th Street west, which, as was learned, had been used as a hideout by members of the "gang". Not knowing whether or not anyone was in the house, that is to say, members of the Cleveland Police Department, Mr. Larson, Special Agents Samuel Cowley and W. E. Peters, first went to the side door leaving the rest of the agents with the automobiles parked around the corner. I was afterwards advised that the house was crowded with detectives who would not permit agents to enter, stating that they were acting under orders of Captain Storey. Someone called Captain Storey by phone, (I do not know whether it was the police or someone connected with the Bureau who called) and about an hour or an hour and a half later he came out to the house.

It was my understanding that the Bureau agents had borrowed the three women prisoners and had agreed to advise the Cleveland police as to their disposition; however, this was not done as far as I know. Captain Storey did not know where we were holding these women or what we had done with them, and this is why he issued orders that Bureau agents would not be allowed in the houses. Understand, this is hearsay on my part. After Captain Storey arrived on the scene above mentioned, he, Agent Cowley and Mr. Larson had a conference which lasted quite a while. I was not present but was later advised that at this conference, agreements were reached whereby the Bureau and the Cleveland Police Department were to work together in this matter and all other matters, and that the Bureau would seek the cooperation or at least advise

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lack of cooperation
Paula Harnum

*Tip off

the Cleveland Police Department in the event the Bureau was considering taking any action in that city. It was common knowledge at this time that a member of the Cleveland Police Department had tipped off members of the Bremer gang just before their houses were raided and enabled them to make a getaway. I was told that this fact was also known to Captain Storey, who was quite indignant about the entire affair and was exerting every effort to ascertain the identity of this man.

After the above agreement had been reached, agents were permitted to enter the houses, namely, the one on 139th or W. 140th St. and also the house on Lorain Avenue (I am not sure as to the exact street of the latter) in search of fingerprints and for the purpose of taking inventories. I left Cleveland on Sunday afternoon in company with Agent Cowley and Mr. Larson, by plane to take the women to Chicago. I returned to Detroit by train, arriving at 8:00 A.M. Monday morning.

On Monday evening, the location of the third apartment at the corner of Franklin Boulevard and West 70th or 71st Street was learned through some source or other, and Mr. Larson collected a force of agents, myself included and proceeded to Cleveland. The apartment was raided about 7:00 A.M. the following morning. Those taking part in the raid were Special Agent in Charge William Larson, Agents L. D. Socey, John L. Murphy, A. Dickstein, W. E. Peters, Thomas Mulherin, McCallum, W. E. Hopton, Laughlin, and myself. The apartment was situated directly in front of a bus stop and there were a few people standing waiting for buses who saw us walk into the house with shot guns, machine guns, etc. We had not communicated with the Cleveland Police or notified them in any way that a raid was to take place. Believing that the spectators who had seen us would report the matter to the local police, and that we would as a consequence be raided by the police endangering our lives by their guns, I suggested to Mr. Larson that Agent Peters, who was well acquainted with the Cleveland Police Department, remain outside and intercept any officers who might come to the premises in response to such a call. This was done, and agent Peters did intercept the officers at the door a short while later. It was my understanding that the local police first raided the wrong place, going to an apartment two blocks distant although I cannot vouch for the truth of this statement. I was assisting other agents in searching the house at the time that the Cleveland Police arrived and do not know who was in charge of that detail or what officers were present. It is possible that Agent Dickstein would be able to throw more light on this point as I believe he was also stationed in front.

I was later given to understand that Captain Storey literally hit the ceiling when he learned that we had conducted the raid without even notifying him. Former Special Agent W. E. Peters is well acquainted with the facts in this regard. We remained in the apartment the remainder of that day and night, leaving the next morning, Wednesday.

The foregoing is the extent of my knowledge of the facts in connection with this raid and the results thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Collins

Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
May 25, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to the Cleveland Office letter of May 23, 1936 requesting 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.

Please furnish these photographs to the Cleveland Office, and furnish this office one dozen of each of the photographs mentioned inasmuch as our supply is now depleted.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STERN
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

FILE NO. 7-39

REPORT MADE AT PITTSBURGH, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE 5-26-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-22-36	REPORT MADE BY D. DiLillo
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING - HARBORING - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p><i>12-9</i> <i>AK</i></p> </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p>317 Washington Avenue, Charleroi, Pennsylvania, residence of ALBERT BERTSCHE, SR., brother of C. P. Bertsche of Chicago, Ill. No indication that William Elmer Mead is now in Charleroi.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Telegram dated at the Bureau Office in Chicago, Illinois, May 21, 1936.</p> <p>DETAILS: ST CHARLEROI, PENNSYLVANIA.</p> <p>For the information of the Cincinnati, St. Paul, and Cleveland Offices it may be stated that the telegram of reference informed that C. P. BEROSCHE of Chicago received a letter from 317 Washington Avenue, Charleroi, Pennsylvania, and requested that the address in question be checked on the possibility that WILLIAM ELMER MEAD might have resided there.</p> <p>It was learned from Postmaster J. W. MANON and his assistant, C. SMITH, that the house located at 317 Washington Avenue, Charleroi, Pennsylvania, is that owned and occupied by ALBERT BERTSCHE, SR. and his wife, MATHILDA, and son FRANK; that Albert Bertsche is an old resident of Charleroi, he having lived at the address given for over twelve years; that Albert Bertsche operates a butcher shop at 337 Washington Avenue, Charleroi, and that he has a brother, C. P. BERTSCHE, and not BEROSCHE, who resides in Chicago, Illinois, where he is reported to be well off financially and to be politically prominent.</p> </div> </div>			
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Postmaster Manon and Assistant Smith stated that the Bertsche family in Charleroi always had an excellent reputation; that members of the said family were at no time in any trouble whatever, and that Bertsche was not known to have boarders or visitors with them at present.

Neither Postmaster Manon nor Assistant Postmaster Smith could give any information as to the activities of C. P. Bertsche of Chicago, Illinois. In fact, they were not pressed for any information on the matter inasmuch it is unknown at the Pittsburgh Office the extent of the relationship existing between C. P. Bertsche of Chicago, and William Elmer Mead.

The photograph of William Elmer Mead was exhibited to Postmaster Manon and Assistant Postmaster Smith, who informed that they do not recall having seen the individual in Charleroi, at any time. Postmaster Manon, in fact, stated that he passes by the residence of A. Bertsche on Washington Avenue, Charleroi, daily, and that had he observed a man resembling the person portrayed on the photograph of William Elmer Mead he would have remembered it. Postmaster Manon suggested that an inquiry be made of Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE RISBECK residing at 314 Washington Avenue, opposite to 317, the same thoroughfare, on the possibility that they might have observed in the residence of Albert Bertsche, the person sought.

GEORGE RISBECK was interviewed at 427 McKean Street, Charleroi, where he operates a real estate agency. He was shown the photograph of William Elmer Mead which photograph he failed to identify as that of any person who might have been observed by him in the vicinity of his home. He stated that he knows Albert Bertsche, Sr., and members of his family in Charleroi; that the Bertsches in Charleroi have a good reputation; that they do not have any boarders or visitors at present, and that no automobile which might not be accounted for, was ever observed by him in the vicinity of 317 and 337 Washington Avenue.

No direct inquiry was made at the home of Albert Bertsche, Sr. in Charleroi, as such inquiry might have caused the residents thereof to suspect that a cover is being maintained on the mail received by C. P. Bertsche in Chicago, Illinois.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

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FILE NO. 7-1

REPORT MADE AT Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 5/19/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/5 to 10/36	REPORT MADE BY E. J. WYNN EJW/EJB
TITLE (Changed) ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases: Alvin Karpavicz (TN), A. Carter, Raymond Handley, George Haller, Alvin Karpis, A. Karpis, Earl Peel, Alvin Kapis, George Dunn, R. E. Hamilton, Ray Hunter, Ray Karpis, E. L. Burns, Earl Lyman Burns, R. L. Burns, J. J. Burns, William Lohman, William B. Lohman, R. E. George Dunn Nelson, Merion Bradford, Marion Bradford, H. J. Milgreth, 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. G. Waggoner, Elmer Wagner, E. N. Wagner, Edward N. Wagner, L. O. Woods, A. S. Green, Ray Green, E. N. Green, Charles A. Richards, W. B. Lohman, "Slim", Raymond Alvin Karpis, Ray Carson, T. N. Nelson, R. J. Burns, Ray Hadley, R. S. Carson, - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases: Dave Campbell, T. C. 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, G. G. Cameron, G. C. Cameron, George F. Summers, George Summers, "Buff", "Buffalo", R. E. Nelson, Clarence Charles Miller, Bob Miller, - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1236</p> <p>DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases: Joseph B. Moran, Joseph C. Moran, "Doc" Moran, Joseph Patrick Moran, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232.</p> <p>EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</p>			
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Synopsis of Facts:

Driver of Ford, Ohio 1936 license #9623E not Harry Campbell. Harry Campbell as Clarence Charles Miller, with wife, located through investigation at Toledo residing in apartment #1, 2132 $\frac{1}{2}$ Monroe Street. Also presence of Sam Coker at Toledo ascertained. Coker and Campbell apprehended 5/7/36 at Toledo, Ohio by Bureau Agents, details to be reported by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley. Inventory of property in Harry Campbell's apartment set out. Sam Coker returned by Bureau Agents to Oklahoma City office on 5/9/36. Receipt obtained for Coker's personal property turned over to Oklahoma City office. Efforts to locate person named Lloyd Kennedy who sent message to Bureau on 5/2/36 from Cleveland airport unsuccessful. Kennedy believed residing in Detroit. Detroit office requested to endeavor to locate and interview. Signed statement secured from Mrs. Gertrude Billeter Miller. No information of value received from Sam Coker.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 5/5/36; Bureau letter dated 5/12/36.

DETAILS: The title of this case is changed to show the additional aliases of subject Harry Campbell, as Clarence Charles Miller and Bob Miller.

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The following was submitted by Special Agent E. J. Wynn:

On May 6, 1936 at Toledo, Ohio, while Agents J. V. Murphy, Lee F. Malone, W. M. Sirene and E. J. Wynn were driving in the vicinity of the 42nd Street Cafe operated by Joe Roscoe, a Ford, two-door sedan, bearing Ohio 1936 license plates #9623E, was observed, it being noted that the man who was driving the car appeared to be about twenty-five years of age, short in stature, and was of a heavy build, and that opposite the driver of the car was a Scotch terrier. This car turned off Broadway and went down an alley in the vicinity of the 42nd Street Cafe. Special Agent J. M. Jones was contacted by telephone and requested to secure full details with reference to the registration of the license plates on the automobile. While awaiting information from Agent Jones, Special Agents Murphy and Wynn conducted a surveillance in the neighborhood and observed a Scotch terrier in the vicinity, finally noting an elderly man with a switch in his hand taking the dog home, and by following the dog and the man the Ford sedan bearing Ohio plates #9623E was located in a garage in the rear of 809 Broadway, which is but a few doors from the 42nd Street Cafe, it appearing that in the two-story building, back of which the car was located in a garage, there are living quarters. The front of this building had a painted sign indicating that it was the place of business of J. S. Pfeiffer & Son. Special Agent Jones, upon checking the license plates, ascertained that they were issued to J. S. Pfeiffer & Son, Broadway, Toledo, Ohio, which tended to indicate that the person observed by Agents driving the aforementioned car was not in fact subject Harry Campbell.

On the afternoon of May 6, 1936, at Toledo, Ohio, Special Agent E. J. Dowd advised that on the evening of May 5, 1936, he talked with Post Office Inspector E. Claggett at Toledo, Ohio, who advised that he, Claggett, and Post Office Inspector Casey expected Post Office Inspector S. J. Hettrick to arrive on May 6, 1936 at Toledo, at which time the Mercy Hospital records were to be checked in order to determine the period Sam Coker was confined there. Inspector Claggett confided to Agent that undoubtedly Harry Campbell was in Toledo, and probably residing there; that through one of their confidential informants they learned that Sam Coker and Milton Lett departed from St. Louis, Missouri, and

were also supposed to be at Toledo, Ohio; that additional information had been furnished to the post office inspectors by John Brock, now in custody at Cleveland, Ohio; that prior and subsequent to the Carrettsville mail train robbery on November 7, 1935, Sam Coker had been confined in Mercy Hospital where he was taking treatment in connection with a venereal disease, it being necessary for the doctors to operate on Coker, who was in the hospital under the name of "Tom." Inspector Claggett did not tell Agent the full name used by Coker. He further stated that Brock advised that since Coker's discharge from the hospital, Coker was visiting and going with one of the nurses, who had been assigned to his case at the time Coker was in the hospital; that Coker was quite enamored of this nurse. Inspector Claggett also advised that Brock stated that Coker's hospital bill was paid by Harry Campbell, who lived with his wife, or a woman, in an apartment in the vicinity of the hospital, and that if the post office inspectors looked up this nurse, and placed her under surveillance, she would probably lead them to Harry Campbell.

The above information was conveyed to Special Agent E. J. Wynn on the afternoon of May 6, 1936 at Toledo, Ohio.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents J. M. Jones and E. J. Wynn on May 6, 1936:

On the afternoon of May 6, 1936 Special Agents Jones and Wynn proceeded to Mercy Hospital at Toledo, Ohio, where, as indicated in the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, April 22, 1936, Sam Coker was alleged to have been hospitalized at about the time of the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery on November 7, 1935. Upon entering the waiting room of the hospital, Agents observed Post Office Inspectors S. J. Hettrick, E. Claggett, and J. T. Cordrey, and details with respect to this meeting have been covered in a separate personal and confidential memorandum to the Director.

It was learned from the Sister Superior at the hospital that one Robert Pratt, who was subsequently identified as being identical with Sam Coker, entered Mercy Hospital on October 30, 1935, and was discharged on November 25, 1935, where he received treatment for malaria and a social disease. The hospital records reflect that he paid all his bills in cash; that he gave the names of no friends or relatives; that he indicated he was employed by the Milan Oil Company of Oklahoma, which company was to be notified in case of emergency; that he entered the hospital from the Lorain Hotel; that his attending physician was Dr. Howard Murphy. The Sister Superior stated that she had no personal recollection of the individual, but she introduced Agents to Dr. D. O'Leary, a house physician at Mercy Hospital. Dr. O'Leary exhibited the hospital and clinical records in the case of Robert Pratt, which records reflected that he was attended by three private nurses, namely, Miss A. R. Krueger, Miss D. Stout, and Miss Bobbie Robbletto, as well as a house nurse, Miss Morris; that he had visitors on October 30, 1935, at seven P. M., but there was no indication as to the identity of these visitors. Dr. O'Leary introduced Agents to Miss A. R. Krueger, who, upon identifying the photograph of Sam Coker, identified it as being a person known to her as Mr. Robert Pratt, who occupied room No. 502. She stated that she recalled one visitor, whom he had received, and she described this person as a man about fifty years of age, gray hair, well dressed, stout build. She stated that she heard no conversation when she went out of the room; that on the occasion of this visit the elderly man was accompanied by two other individuals, one of whom she particularly recalled bore a resemblance to Coker, and she was struck with the idea that this individual was Coker's son. She was shown photographs of Fred Hunter, and Milton Lett, but stated she was unable to identify the photographs as being identical with the persons who accompanied the well dressed man to see Coker. During the course of the conversation Miss Krueger

advised Special Agent Jones that it was her opinion that Miss Robbletto could possibly furnish some information with reference to the patient, inasmuch as it was her understanding that Miss Robbletto had had dates with him after he left the hospital.

Agents, upon leaving the hospital, proceeded to endeavor to locate Miss Robbletto, first going to 124 Irving Street, where it was ascertained that she had moved, whereupon Agent Jones made inquiry of the telephone company concerning her new address, and was advised that she had moved to 439 Arcadia Avenue, where Agents immediately proceeded, and Agent Jones interviewed her mother under the pretext [REDACTED] and was advised that Miss Robbletto was then at the home of Dr. Howard Murphy, 3315 Parkwood Avenue, Toledo, who, as noted above, was Sam Coker's attending physician. b7E

Agents Jones and Wynn immediately proceeded to the home of Dr. Murphy and the door was answered by the doctor's wife, who advised that Miss Robbletto was there, whereupon Agents were invited into the house and Miss Robbletto was interviewed for a few moments, at which time Dr. Murphy entered and it was deemed advisable first to interview him. He identified the photograph of Sam Coker as being identical with the person he had treated and whose name was Robert Pratt. He first met this patient on a call he received from the management of the Lorain Hotel in Toledo, for which hotel he is physician. As he recalled, Mr. Pratt was a mysterious individual, who talked little about his business and indicated to the doctor that he had no personal friends in Toledo, and refused to give the names of his relatives. At the suggestion of Dr. Murphy the patient was removed to Mercy Hospital where he remained, as previously indicated, until November 25, 1935. The doctor, in more or less of a confidential manner, advised Agents that it was his opinion that Miss Robbletto had more intimate information with reference to this individual, inasmuch as he understood that she had seen him on numerous occasions since his release from the hospital.

Miss Robbletto was then interviewed in detail, out of the presence of Dr. Murphy and the latter's wife. It was noted that she was in a very nervous state and as the interview progressed she became decidedly more nervous. She identified the photograph as being identical with the patient she knew as Robert Pratt and during her conversation in the presence of both Agents she stated she had seen him since he had been released from the hospital, stating that she had been to the home of Ed and Clara McGraw, 2011 1/2 Adams Street with him. With reference to the McGraw home it is to be recalled that previous investigation in this case

developed the information, as received from Edith Barry, that undoubtedly the McGraws were close friends of Harry Campbell.

After talking with Miss Robbletto for some time she more and more conveyed to Agents that she had information to furnish, but was exceedingly hesitant and the situation was such that it was deemed advisable in the event she would not reveal the information she had it would be necessary to detain her for lengthy questioning, and also the problem presented itself as to the best way to handle the doctor and his wife. With this in mind Special Agent E. J. Wynn left the house, leaving Agent Jones to interview Miss Robbletto. Agent Wynn proceeded to a telephone for the purpose of presenting the situation to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley. Before reaching Special Agent in Charge Connelley, Agent Wynn contacted Agent Jones at Dr. Murphy's residence, and was advised by Agent Jones that the girl had finally started to talk, indicating definite information with reference to the whereabouts of Sam Coker, and the probable whereabouts of subject Harry Campbell, stating that she had seen Harry Campbell recently.

Agent Wynn conveyed this information to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Cleveland by long distance telephone and it was suggested to Special Agent in Charge Connelley, upon the basis of information furnished to Agent Jones by Miss Robbletto, that Mr. Connelley immediately proceed to Toledo.

After this conversation with Special Agent in Charge Connelley, Special Agent Wynn immediately proceeded to Dr. Howard Murphy's home, where Agent Jones advised him that Miss Robbletto furnished definite information relative to the location of Harry Campbell, and accordingly Special Agent in Charge Connelley was called by long distance telephone and was advised that definite information was received as to Campbell's whereabouts, and Mr. Connelley stated that he would immediately proceed by automobile to Toledo with equipment and men.

The complete and final story with reference to the location of Harry Campbell as furnished by Miss Bobbie Robbletto to Special Agent J. M. Jones is as follows:

Miss Robbletto stated that she first met Sam Coker, whom she was introduced to by Dr. Howard Murphy, as Mr. Robert Pratt, at the Lorain Hotel, Toledo, Ohio, at which time he was supposed to have been suffering with malaria. Dr. Murphy wanted his removal to Mercy Hospital and Miss Robbletto accompanied him. During his confinement in the hospital, Miss

Robert Miller

Robbletto had been assigned to the seven A. M. - three P. M. shift. During the period of his hospitalization she had become quite friendly with him and as a result after he was released he began calling on her as a friend. Miss Robbletto stated that she had had several dates with Sam Coker and through this acquaintanceship had been introduced to one Robert C. Miller and his wife, Mrs. Gertie Miller; that she also had visited with Sam Coker at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. McGraw, 2011 $\frac{1}{2}$ Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio, at whose residence Sam Coker told Miss Robbletto he had formerly lived. To the best of Miss Robbletto's recollection she had only visited the McGraws once or twice, but thought that either Mr. Miller (Harry Campbell) and Mr. Pratt (Sam Coker) had frequented this residence on numerous occasions, stating that it was her understanding that Mr. Miller bought eggs from the McGraws, which were sent to Miss Robbletto's father. At this time Miss Robbletto stated that her father and mother are very ill. During this conversation Miss Robbletto was shown a number of photographs, among which were all the subjects of this investigation, with the exception of the photograph of Alvin Karpis. Miss Robbletto identified the photograph of Harry Campbell as the man she had been introduced to by Sam Coker as Robert C. Miller. Miss Robbletto stated that she had visited the Miller residence once in the company of Sam Coker; that she knew Miller lived in the first building west of Goulet's Grill, 2130 $\frac{1}{2}$ Monroe Street, Toledo. She stated that she had visited Goulet's Grill with Sam Coker and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller, and she had also had dinner or some drinks at the Granada roadhouse and also at Tony O'Brien's tavern. With reference to the identification of the photograph of Harry Campbell as Robert C. Miller, Miss Robbletto stated that Miller was approximately the size and build of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, however, not as tall, nor not quite as heavy as Special Agent Wynn. She stated that Mr. Miller did not limp and that he had as a house pet a Scottie dog called Navy. In this connection Miss Robbletto stated that she had received as a present from Sam Coker a bull dog which died, whereupon Coker gave her another dog, a Scottie.

Miss Robbletto described Mrs. Miller as being a very young girl about twenty-two years of age, slightly shorter than her husband. She stated that the Millers were very good friends of Goulets, who own and operate Goulet's Grill at 2130 $\frac{1}{2}$ Monroe Street. During her visits with Sam Coker and Mr. and Mrs. Miller to Goulet's Grill, the Granada roadhouse and Tony O'Brien's, it was her impression that Mr. Miller (Harry Campbell) was very friendly with Mr. Goulet and also with the owner of the Granada roadhouse, Jim Coleman. When questioned as to the means of transportation Sam Coker used when visiting her, Miss Robbletto stated that he did not own an automobile, but always arrived at her house in a taxicab, or was driven over by Mr. Miller, who at times was accompanied by his wife in their automobile which she described as a late model Ford V8 sedan, Ohio plates (as she recalled) No. 4544. In this connection Miss Robbletto

stated that the license number was practically a guess on her part. When questioned as to the last time she had seen Sam Coker or Harry Campbell, Miss Robbletto finally admitted that Sam Coker, either was at her house at the present time (approximately 6:45 P. M.) or that he was away from her home and would in all probability return at about 10:30 or 11 o'clock that night. In this connection Miss Robbletto stated that her father and mother were both very ill and that it was necessary that her father receive injections of morphine or caphine, and that Coker came to her house and administered these injections. Miss Robbletto stated that Robert Miller (Harry Campbell) had driven Coker to her house on the evening of May 5, 1936. She further advised that Coker indicated to her that he did not intend to be in town more than a couple of days. When questioned as to the last time she had seen Harry Campbell in his home at 2132 $\frac{1}{2}$ Monroe Street, she stated that she had not been there for about one month, but from her conversations with Coker the indications were that Campbell was still living at 2132 $\frac{1}{2}$ Monroe Street, inasmuch as Coker told her he had moved his clothes to Miller's residence.

The information furnished by Miss Robbletto, as set out above, it was noted corroborated to a large extent the information furnished by Edith Barry, as set out in the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, May 5, 1936, particularly with reference to the fact that Harry Campbell was alleged to have a Scottie dog and also a young wife, and also the fact that Harry Campbell was supposed to be friendly with McGraws at 2011 $\frac{1}{2}$ Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio, and that he was supposed to be living somewhere on Monroe Street, possibly in the vicinity of Goulet's Grill.

Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, upon being furnished with the above information by Special Agent E. J. Wynn, as set out above, instructed that the Robbletto girl be detained in the custody of a Bureau Agent, and also that proper precaution be taken to prevent Dr. and Mrs. Howard Murphy from revealing any information. Miss Robbletto furnished the above information out of the presence of the doctor, however, it was felt that possibly the doctor or Mrs. Murphy might reveal the fact that Bureau Agents had been at their home. In accordance with instructions of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Special Agent J. M. Jones accompanied Miss Robbletto away from the Dr. Murphy residence in Miss Robbletto's automobile. Special Agent B. M. Hirsh reported to the Dr. Murphy home where he was given full instructions by Special Agent E. J. Wynn with reference to staying in the Murphy home, and taking due precaution to see that no word with reference to the interview was given out. It was necessary for Dr. Murphy to proceed to his office in downtown Toledo to handle calls, and accordingly after the arrival of Special Agent Hirsh,

Special Agent E. J. Wynn accompanied Dr. Murphy downtown where they were met by Special Agent J. V. Murphy, who accompanied Dr. Howard Murphy to the latter's office, subsequently being relieved by Special Agent E. J. Dowd. Before the doctor left his home, upon an agreement worked out between the doctor and Agents, and Miss Robbletto, Dr. Murphy called the mother of Miss Robbletto advising the latter that the nurse was going out on an urgent confinement case in the family of the man who had previously called at the Robbletto home (Special Agent J. M. Jones). This precaution was taken in order not to excite the suspicions of the Robbletto family and in order to carry out this pretense Special Agent E. J. Wynn called at the Robbletto home for the purpose of securing the obstetrical bag belonging to Miss Robbletto, doing this after Dr. Murphy had called the nurse's mother stating that a man would call for the bag. Special Agent W. M. Sirene proceeded to the vicinity of 2132 Monroe Street for the purpose of observing the premises allegedly occupied by Harry Campbell, as Robert C. Miller, in order to determine whether or not there was any activity in the apartment.

The other Agents then on duty in Toledo were contacted and at the time of the arrival of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Toledo, the situation with reference to the Agents there was as follows:

Special Agent H. B. Dill was on the telephone tap of Joe Roscoe. Special Agents J. M. Jones and J. V. Murphy were with Miss Robbletto. Special Agents B. M. Hirsh and E. J. Dowd were with Dr. and Mrs. Howard Murphy. Special Agent C. A. Hardison was on the McGraw telephone tap. Special Agent L. H. Richmond was at the Toledo airport awaiting the arrival of the Director's chartered plane. Special Agent W. M. Sirene was conducting surveillance work for the purpose of observing Harry Campbell's apartment on Monroe Street. Special Agents T. M. Birch and Lee F. Malone were standing by at their hotel rooms and Special Agent E. J. Wynn was also in his hotel room for the purpose of receiving communications from the office.

Upon the arrival of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Special Agent E. J. Wynn proceeded with him to the point where Miss Robbletto was with Special Agents J. M. Jones and J. V. Murphy, namely in a parked automobile. She accompanied Special Agents in Charge Connelley, Special Agents J. M. Jones and E. J. Wynn, in an automobile to the vicinity of Harry Campbell's residence on Monroe Street, at which time she pointed out that he lived in the front upstairs apartment at 2132¹/₂ Monroe Street. She was interrogated very closely at that time by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, who will report the results of his interview.

After this trip with Miss Robbletto ~~she was taken to the Hillcrest Hotel where Mrs. B. M. Hirsh, the wife of Agent Hirsh, resides,~~ and was taken to the Hirsh apartment where Mrs. Hirsh acted as matron

and Special Agent Hardison was on duty and was later joined by Special Agent B. M. Hirsh, who, upon instructions received from Special Agent in Charge Connelley, left the Dr. Howard Murphy residence.

Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley instructed Special Agent E. J. Wynn to remain in his hotel room inasmuch as the Director's plane was expected to arrive in Toledo about two A. M. Arrangements had been previously worked out whereby Special Agent L. H. Richmond, who was to meet the plane, was to advise the Director that Special Agent in Charge Connelley could be contacted through Special Agent E. J. Wynn at the latter's hotel room. Upon the arrival of the Director's plane, the Director called Special Agent E. J. Wynn by telephone and was advised by Agent Wynn that Mr. Connelley was in the vicinity of Harry Campbell's apartment for the purpose of surveillance preparatory to a raid. The Director was later contacted by Special Agents J. M. Jones and E. J. Wynn at his hotel, upon instructions from Mr. Connelley, and was advised as to the general setup and furnished with information that Mr. Connelley would contact him at the earliest opportunity, whereupon Agents Jones and Wynn went to the latter's hotel room to await further instructions.

Full details with reference to the raid and the apprehension of Harry Campbell and Sam Coker are to be reported by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley.

The following was submitted by Special Agent E. J. Wynn:

Telephone taps on the telephones of Edith Barry and Clara McGraw at Toledo, Ohio, were discontinued on May 6, 1936.

The telephone tap and observation plant on the 42nd Street Cafe of Joe Roscoe, Toledo, Ohio, was discontinued on May 7, 1936.

The observation plant on the premises of Joe Rich at Canton, Ohio, was discontinued on May 7, 1936, as was the telephone tap.

A search of the premises occupied by Harry Campbell and his wife at 2132 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio, revealed that there were title papers in the house covering an automobile and house trailer. After the return of Campbell's wife to Toledo, on May 8, 1936, she disclosed that this house trailer was in the garage at her mother's home, located on Kopernic Avenue, Toledo, it being the first house to the left of Nebraska Avenue on Kopernic Avenue, as one proceeds away from Toledo. She furnished Agents with keys to the trailer and at about three A. M. on May 8, 1936, Special Agents J. V. Murphy, J. M. Jones, N. E. Manson, W. M. Sirene, and E. J. Wynn proceeded to the home of Mrs. Billeter, mother of Harry Campbell's wife, and in the garage there located a house trailer which was thoroughly searched by Special Agents Jones and Wynn.

In the house trailer there was found an old, rusty, .45 caliber automatic clip, fully loaded, and a box of .45 automatic cartridges. No other guns were located, although it is understood that a newspaper reporter communicated with the Bureau advising that guns were concealed in this house trailer.

Mrs. Billeter stated that she at no time had information that the man whom she knew as Robert Miller, the husband of her daughter, was other than as he represented himself, that is to say, she had no indication that he was Harry Campbell. She stated that of late he appeared to be at odds with her. Last time she saw her son-in-law was on the last day of registration for Ohio voters, at which time he appeared at her home and endeavored to get her and her sons to register in order that they might be able to vote at the election for James O'Reilly, who was running for reelection for sheriff of Lucas County, and in this regard she stated that it was her understanding that her son-in-law (Harry Campbell) was very friendly with Sheriff O'Reilly.

At the time of the raid on the apartment of Harry Campbell there was found a clipping torn from a newspaper, which clipping was captioned, "Sheriff O'Reilly, Dog Fancier DeLuxe, Likes Canine 'Git Up'", said article containing pictures of three Scotch Terriers. This newspaper clipping is being retained as part of the Cleveland office file, having been appropriately initialed by Special Agent E. J. Wynn, who found the clipping.

The following is submitted by Special Agent E. J. Wynn:

On May 8, 1936 Special Agents J. M. Jones and E. J. Wynn interviewed Edward and Clara McGraw, 2011 1/2 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio. At the time Agents first called at the place, Edward McGraw was there by himself. Agents noted that the premises had all indications of being a house of assignation and a small bootleg joint, inasmuch as there are several bedrooms so furnished as to indicate they are customarily used for assignation purposes, and also Agents noted in the back-room several cases of beer and in the apartment several tables with chairs and ash trays.

Edward McGraw stated that he is at the present time fifty-one years of age, having been born on January 14, 1885; that he is an ex-convict, having served time in the Ohio State Penitentiary, to which place he was sentenced in 1917 from Lucas County to serve one to seven years for receiving stolen property, however, he was released after thirteen months; that his number at the Ohio State Penitentiary was 45974; that at the present time he is married, his wife being Clara McGraw, nee Sosenborg; that he married her on October 16, 1919 at Monroe, Michigan; that for a number of years he was engaged as a teamster and also engaged in the taxi business; that some years ago he broke his back, making it impossible for him to make a living by working, whereupon he and his wife opened a rooming house, which they lost because of the depression; that about three years ago he and his wife moved to 2011 1/2 Adams Street, where they opened a house of assignation, which they presently run. He stated that he first became acquainted with Bob Miller about a year ago, at which time Miller came into the house of assignation by himself, and subsequently came back on two or three occasions, finally becoming acquainted with Gertie Billeter, who had sexual relations with men for money on occasions, but not promiscuously; that a short time after Miller met Gertie they decided to get married, and he, Edward McGraw, and his wife accompanied the couple to Bowling Green, Ohio, and were witnesses at their marriage; that since the marriage he has seen Miller, but a few times, and he had no idea as to where Miller was living, or in what business he was engaged. Along this line it should be noted that Edward McGraw, on May 8, 1936, had no information concerning the apprehension of Harry Campbell, which appears to be substantiated by the fact that Mrs. McGraw paid a visit to the apartment ^{and} before she could leave was cornered by newspaper reporters who interviewed her and took her picture.

Edward McGraw identified the photograph of Sam Coker as being a likeness of a man known to him as Pratt, who, on one occasion some time ago, rented a room at the house. He stated he had no information concerning that individual's whereabouts and knew nothing about him. He further stated that at the time of the interview his wife had gone

to the cemetery, and he did not know when to expect her. On the whole he assumed a very antagonistic attitude and was not at all cooperative.

After Edward McGraw had been interviewed at some length, Mrs. McGraw came home and was questioned in the presence of her husband, the latter being told to keep quiet. She stated that she had just come from 2132 $\frac{1}{2}$ Monroe Street, where she had contemplated visiting Gertie Miller for the purpose of delivering some pillows to Gertie; that as she reached the top of the stairs she encountered a number of men who asked her many questions and took her photograph, and she became very confused; that she gathered from conversation with these men that the occupants of the Miller apartment had been arrested by Federal men and after she was successful in getting away from these men she went to Goulet's Grill where she talked with Mr. Goulet, who advised her that Bob had been arrested, and that he was in fact Harry Campbell, the kidnaper. She also advised that Mr. Goulet informed her that the man whom she knew as Tommy, and who was identical with the photograph of Sam Coker, which she viewed, had been arrested.

Mr. Edward McGraw was then called upon to offer an explanation, if he had one, for misrepresenting his wife's whereabouts at the time Agents first called, but he adopted a more or less surly attitude and stated that he did not know where she had contemplated going.

Mrs. McGraw stated that she never realized the true identity of Harry Campbell; that she first met him about a year ago when he came to her house; that the McGraws introduced him to Gertie Billeter, whom he subsequently married, this matter having been arranged by Mrs. McGraw upon the request of Miller that he be introduced to some girl; that they accompanied this couple to Bowling Green, Ohio, and appeared as witnesses to their marriage; that following the marriage the couple moved into the house of assignment of McGraws at 2011 $\frac{1}{2}$ Adams Street, where they lived until November, 1935, living in the house as members of the family and eating their meals with Mr. and Mrs. McGraw; that in November, 1935, the couple moved to an apartment at 2132 $\frac{1}{2}$ Monroe Street; that she was given to understand that Miller was engaged in the contracting business; that on various occasions she has been out with the Millers on drinking escapades, visiting such places as the Granada, operated by Jim Coleman, Tony O'Brien's tavern and Goulet's Grill.

She was asked the direct question as to whether or not she was positive that Miller and his wife had resided at her home from May until November, 1935, and she stated that that was a fact. Whereupon in the presence of her husband she was advised that her husband said

that that was not a fact. At this point Edward McGraw, apparently realizing that he had been more or less trapped, endeavored to explain himself.

Mrs. McGraw stated, upon viewing a photograph of Sam Coker, that he was an individual known to her as Tommy, who, about three weeks ago, occupied a room at her house; that he first came to her home with Bob Miller; that she never observed any other person at the place with Miller. She further stated that while Harry Campbell and his wife resided at her home they did not receive any mail.

Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland, in long distance telephone conversation with Special Agent E. J. Wynn, advised that it was his understanding that Clara McGraw was possibly a cousin of Harry Campbell. Mrs. McGraw, when interviewed, denied that she was any relation to Harry Campbell, stating that her married name was Clara Bosenborg; that she was born and reared in Lucas County, and at one time was married to one Dick Covell, whom she divorced; that her parents are now dead; that she has a sister, Mollie Collins, residing in Striker, Ohio; that Harry Campbell always called her "Cuz", a friendly nickname, possibly a contraction of cousin.

Mrs. Billeter, the mother of Campbell's wife, during the time she was interviewed, described a person who answered the description of Sam Coker, stating that on occasions he has visited her home with Gertie and the latter's husband, Harry Campbell.

The following is reported by Special Agent B. M. Hirsh:

Agent returned to his apartment, No. 516, at the Hillcrest Hotel, at approximately 1:30 A. M. on the morning of May 7, 1936, after having received instructions to discontinue the surveillance being maintained at the residence of Dr. Murphy. From this point the writer, with Special Agent Hardison and the writer's wife, as matron, continued the watch on Miss Bobbie Robbletto. Miss Robbletto was permitted to go to sleep in the bed in this apartment immediately following her arrival there. Agent Hardison and the writer remained in the apartment until approximately five A. M. on that morning, after which time they proceeded from the apartment in order to participate in the apprehension of subject Harry Campbell. From that time on Miss Robbletto remained attended only by Mrs. B. M. Hirsh. At eight A. M. that same morning Special Agent Hardison and the writer returned to the writer's apartment, at which time Miss Robbletto was taken from the apartment to a garage downtown at which place her automobile was obtained. Agent Hardison accompanied Miss Robbletto to her residence, 439 Arcadia Avenue, at which place she entered her home. En route to her residence the writer purchased, at the request of Miss Robbletto, eight gallons of gas for her automobile, she having advised that on the preceding evening the various Agents with whom she had talked had ridden around with her in her own car at her expense. Upon her arrival home Agent Hirsh was joined by Special Agent Hardison, who followed in the writer's automobile. During the course of the drive Miss Robbletto asked if Agents were successful in their quest and whether she had to worry about either of the two individuals bothering her. The writer merely advised her that she would have nothing to worry about.

The following is a list of property found in the apartment occupied by Harry Campbell, alias Clarence Charles Miller, and his wife, at 2132 $\frac{1}{2}$ Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio, on May 7, 1936:

Currency \$2,947.00

Silver \$1.25

(\$1,500 of this money was found in the money belt which was on the trousers of Harry Campbell and lying across the dressing table in the bedroom of this apartment. The remainder of the above noted currency and silver was found in two bill folds belonging to Harry Campbell.)

Currency \$1,250.00

(This currency was found on the floor in the bedroom of this apartment, and it was tied in a red handkerchief. Mrs. Campbell stated that it is her personal money, and she had it

under her pillow in the bed. This money was returned to Mrs. Campbell on May 8, 1936, by order of the Director and her receipt taken, which is set out later.)

One (1) can of coins \$ 17.15
(One-half dollars, dimes, nickels and pennies - found in tea can in kitchen china chest). These coins were returned to Mrs. Campbell on May 8, 1936, on order of the Director.

One (1) Omega wrist watch and silver metal band.

One (1) three-diamond set in platinum or white gold (man's ring).

One (1) Scotch terrier pedigree on Caswell Marine, signed by Glenway Kennels, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in envelope of Caswell Kennels, 520 Jackson St., Toledo, Ohio, addressed to Miss Bobbie Robbleto, 439 Arcadia St., City.

Found in gray top coat - one Oklahoma five mill consumers tax check and one dime. Notation on slip of yellow paper, reading, "Je 2506J. Bobbie. Telephone No., 439 Arcadia. One block off Central Avenue."

Kodak snapshot pictures of Sam Coker and woman, and one photograph taken in Kansas City, Mo. all found in brown Gladstone bag in clothes closet.

Postcard addressed to Mrs. R. Miller, 2132 $\frac{1}{2}$ Monroe St., Apt. 1, Toledo, Ohio, signed, "Henry" postmarked, "Hammond, Ind."

One (1) Receipt for lighting, of Toledo Edison Company, Toledo, Ohio, made to Gertrude M. Miller, Apt. 1, 2132 $\frac{1}{2}$ Monroe St., Toledo, Ohio, for service 4/17/36 to 5/4/36.

One (1) Postcard of Churchill Hotel, San Diego, California, postmarked at San Diego, April 20, 1936, addressed to Mrs. C. C. Miller, 2132 $\frac{1}{2}$ Monroe St., Toledo, O. Message signed, "Agnes Max."

One (1) Postcard of Boulder Dam Valley, postmarked Boulder City, Nevada, May 2, 1936, addressed to Mrs. C. C. (Gertrude) Miller, 2132 $\frac{1}{2}$ Monroe St., Apt. #1, Toledo, Ohio, and message signed by Agnes Max.

One (1) Scenic folder of High Sierra of Inyo County and Death Valley.

One (1) Descriptive circular of Orange County, California.

One (1) Circular of Auto Club of Southern California.

One (1) Official tourist guide of Southern California.

One (1) Coin savings bank of Mass. Mutual Life Ins. Co., Toledo, Ohio, containing fifteen pennies.

One (1) One Dollar bill serial #B47780104A, enclosed in cellophane wrapper of Parisian Cocktail Bars of Dewitt operated hotels.

One (1) Kodak album and miscellaneous kodak pictures and films.

One (1) Paid chattel mortgage #696150 in favor of Pinhauser's Discount Company, Toledo, Ohio, signed by Mike Cass, 2132 1/2 Monroe Street, Toledo, covering furniture purchased.

One (1) Roadmap of United States, issued by Auto Club of Southern California, Los Angeles.

One (1) Account book of Nike Yarad, 1302 Superior, with Kennedy Furniture Company.

One (1) Receipt of Grill's Garage, 1281 Terminal Ave., Toledo, in favor of Charles Miller for repairs to Ford, amount \$7.00.

Six (6) Receipts of Dr. R. W. Horner in favor Mrs. G. Miller.

One (1) Receipt of The Covered Wagon Company, 11855 E. Jefferson Street, Detroit, Michigan, dated 6/13/35, favor Charles Miller, 2011 1/2 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio, covering trailer complete with radio, amount \$512.00.

One (1) Receipt #188832 of Toledo Police Department, Traffic Division, amount \$1.00 covering traffic violation on 7/10/35.

One (1) Receipt of Department of Highways, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, dated 6/15/35 favor Charles Miller, \$7.50, covering 1935 registration of homemade trailer.

One (1) Receipt of The Covered Wagon Company, Detroit, Michigan dated 6/14/35, favor ~~Trud~~ Buske, amount \$2.00 for 50 ft. of extension cord.

One (1) Receipt of Toledo Trust Company, Real Estate Division, Toledo, for gas service, amount \$1.64, favor of Miller, apt. #1, 2132 Monroe St.

One (1) Receipt of C. E. Webb, attorney at law, Toledo, Ohio, dated 11/2/35, favor Gertrude Miller for furniture, signed Hilda Yarad.

Six (6) Rent receipts of Toledo Trust Company, favor Mrs. Gertrude Miller.

Five (5) Receipts of Toledo Edison Company, favor Gertrude M. Miller for light service.

One (1) Duplex lighter.

One (1) Yellow tie holder.

Two (2) "Swank" collar holders

Seven (7) Cards of Goulet's Grill, 2130 Monroe St., one with figures on back.

One (1) Picture card with notation on back, "Caswell Kennels, Navy - Mac - 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ mos. old, January 10, 1936."

One (1) Card of Superior Famous Beer.

One (1) Calling card of Eugene M. Coslyn, 815 Utica St., Toledo, Ohio.

One (1) Advertising card of Cozy Spot, Toledo, Ohio. Address of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Wilmoth, 1319 Western Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

One (1) Membership card in ~~X~~ Lenora Club.

One (1) Advertising card of Burdette Miles scrap gold, Waco, Texas, RD #7, Saltzman Road, with notation of addresses inside.

One (1) Advertising card of Grant's Tourist Room Renting Booth, Corner of 87th and Mackinaw Avenue, Chicago.

One (1) Unmailed and unfinished letter addressed to Mr. Henry Billater, 1123 - 150th St., Hammond, Indiana.

One (1) Small pearl handled watch charm knife.

Five (5) Lock keys fastened together.

One Colt automatic .45 caliber pistol, Government model, serial #C162894, and loaded clip. (This gun with loaded clip, and one in magazine of pistol, found under cushion of davenport in living room of this apartment.)

Three (3) .45 caliber automatic pistol clips, loaded. (One of these loaded clips was found in the left hand back pocket of a gray suit belonging to Campbell. The other two loaded clips were found in Campbell's Ford automobile parked in the rear of his apartment.)

Three (3) .45 caliber automatic pistol clips, empty. (Two of these clips were found in the Bureau drawer in the bedroom of the Campbell apartment, and the third empty clip was found in the automobile trailer belonging to Harry Campbell, which is in the garage of Mrs. Billater, Campbell's mother-in-law, who resides on Kopernic Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.)

One (1) box of .45 caliber automatic cartridges manufactured by the Western cartridge Company. (These were found in the automobile trailer belonging to Harry Campbell at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Billater.)

One (1) Marriage certificate of Clarence C. Miller of Toledo, Ohio and Gertrude M. Billater of Toledo, Ohio, showing married at Bowling Green, Ohio, May 29, 1935, by Frank E. Smith, Justice of the Peace. Witnessed by Mr. Edward McGraw, Mrs. Clara McGraw, and J. Livingston. (This certificate was returned to Mrs. Miller on May 8, 1936.)

One (1) Receipt of Firestone Service Stores, Toledo, Ohio, dated 11/30/35 in favor of Gertrude Miller, 2011 1/2 Adams, Toledo, Ohio, for one Supreme heater and installation, in the amount of \$15.34.

One (1) Marriage license, State of Ohio, Wood County, Clarence Miller and Gertrude Margaret Billater were joined in marriage at Bowling Green, Ohio on May 29, 1935, signed B. O. Bistline, Judge of Probate Court. (This was returned to Mrs. Miller on May 8, 1936.)

One (1) Pen and pencil set - Schaffer.

One (1) Tie pin and safety clip, set with several white stones and one red stone. Found on mantle.

One (1) Set of two automobile keys, No. FW 975, found on mantle.

One (1) Cheap broach, set with white stones, arrow design, found on dressing table in bedroom.

One (1) Man's tie clasp, letter "R", found on dressing table in bedroom.

One (1) F. W. Woolworth Co. merchandise card #442790, valued at \$1.00 with 15¢ remaining thereon, found on mantle.

One (1) Advertising postcard of The Newcomb-McClurg Co., Toledo, Ohio (Willard Distributors) addressed to Gertrude Miller, 2132½ Monroe St., Toledo, Ohio, postmarked Toledo, Dec. 3, 1935, found on mantle.

One (1) Goodrich Silvertown Stores, Toledo, postcard, postmarked Toledo, Dec. 4, 1935, addressed to Gertrude Miller, 2132½ Monroe St., City, found on mantle.

One (1) Invoice of Steinman Motor Sales, 111 Superior St., Rossford, Ohio, dated 11/26/35, in favor Mrs. Gertrude Miller, 2132½ Monroe St., Toledo, Ohio, covering one new 1936 Ford DeLuxe touring sedan, motor #18-2395150, chrome wheels and rims, valued at \$764.00.

One (1) Receipt of Ross E. Ewing, Toledo, Ohio, dated 12/11/35, favor cash for washing, Alemite and five quarts of oil - value \$3.20.

One (1) Receipt of The Shop of Siebert, body works, Toledo, Ohio, favor Mrs. Miller, for one new tow bar complete - value \$7.30.

One (1) Bill of sale of Steinman Motor Sales, Rossford, Ohio, to Gertrude Miller, 2132½ Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio, covering 1936 Ford sedan, black color, motor #18-2395150.

\$20 bills

Serial Nos. J 03528792 A
J 00812465 A
J 03057128 A
J 05592567 A
J 05384075 A
J 03753806 A
J 04161416 A
J 00373848 A

\$500 bill

Serial No. J 00002430 A
Fed. Reserve, Wash., D. C.

\$100 bills

Serials Nos.

Federal Reserve Dist.

E 00047 A
J 00130090 A
B 01698180 A
D 00192305 A
J 00187836 A

1st Nat'l Bk., Muskogee, Okla.

#10
#2
#4
#10

\$50 bills

J 00045060 A
G 01984369 A
B 02964414 A
D 01050697 A
D 01019190 A
D 00423625 A
D 01074267 A
G 01331524 A
D 00463806 A
D 01897533 A
J 00085797 A
D 01553683 A
D 02136858 A
D 00227104 A
D 01774237 A
D 00940430 A
D 00962240 A
D 00494213 A
D 00238978 A
D 00254746 A
D 01198959 A
B 01532121 A
D 00389954 A
G 03192462 A

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\$50 bills (Cont'd)

Serial Nos.

Federal Reserve Dist.

D 01549795	A	#4
J 00279578	A	10
J 00299092	A	10
D 00594614	A	4
D 00752357	A	4
D 00816666	A	4

\$1 bills

108499580 B
A 55908047 A

(Silver Dollar Year 1900)
25¢ silver.

\$20 bills

D 15029755	A	#4
D 15099649	A	4
D 10773761	A	4
D 00112010	A	4
D 15949108	A	4
D 00145641	A	4
D 09988134	A	4
D 08196890	A	4
D 08476535	A	4
D 15951158	A	4
D 15439394	A	4
D 10489135	A	4
D 08697148	A	4
D 12721866	A	4

\$5 bill

A 84716096 A

The following are the serial numbers of the \$1,250.00 in currency found wrapped in a red handkerchief on the floor in the apartment of Harry Campbell, which money Mrs. Campbell claims as her personal money and which money was returned to her:

\$100 bills

D 00372691 A	Federal Reserve Note
D 00232169 A	" " "
D 00150147 A	" " "
G 00267240 A	" " "
F 00339766 A	" " "
D 00223109 A	" " "
B 002235 A	Bank of Italy, Nat'l Trust & Savings Ass'n., San Francisco.

\$50 bills

D 00124973 A	Federal Reserve Note
D 00454335 A	" " "
D 00517626 A	" " "
D 00749854 A	" " "
D 00857837 A	" " "
D 00901907 A	" " "
D 01081804 A	" " "
D 01790010 A	" " "
D 01879868 A	" " "
D 00006305 A	Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, Ohio.
A 001827 A	1st Nat'l Bank of San Antonio, Tex.

The above listed serials were checked against the ransom lists in the Stolnap, Brekid, and Weynap cases and none was identified as being any of the ransom money in any of the cases.

The foregoing list of property, with the exceptions noted, is being retained in the Cleveland office for future disposition.

The following is a list of property found in the possession of Sam Coker, when he was apprehended at Toledo early on the morning of May 7, 1936:

Currency	\$1,922.00
Silver	.05
	<hr/> \$1,922.05

One (1) Ransom cigarette lighter.

One (1) Shaffer pen and pencil set.

One (1) Bulova wrist watch, silver with leather strap.

One (1) Black suede belt "Pioneer", size 30.

One (1) Red, heart shaped sachet.

The above money and property were delivered to Special Agent W. J. McNulty at the Cleveland office to be turned over by him to the Oklahoma City field office, which office will deliver all such property to the officers at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, for the account of Sam Coker, obtaining therefor a receipt.

Following is a list of the serial numbers of the \$1,922.00 in currency found on the person of Sam Coker:

	Serial #	District	Serial #	District
\$20 bills	J 04146149 A	10	J 03748293 A	10
	G 13500323 A	7	F 00094742 A	6
	G 23939134 A	7	D 13667008 A	4
	J 04164516 A	10	G 11212277 A	7
	J 04173915 A	10	J 04209750 A	10
	J 02538971 A	10	J 05888653 A	10
	J 05040487 A	10	K 026556218 A	11
	K 01847919 A	11	K 02322809 A	11
	J 05632908 A	10	J 05735297 A	10
	K 02182908 A	11	H 05402926 A	8
	K 02089786 A	11	J 03339474 A	10
	K 02335189 A	11	K 02788174 A	11
	J 04119601 A	10	H 05067167 A	8
	J 03383889 A	10	J 00082151 A	10
	J 03046260 A	10	A 000506 - City National Bank	
	J 04868023 A	10	12157 of Norman, Okla.	
	K 01950197 A	11	J 05417666 A	10
	J 05737183 A	10	J 03508818 A	10
	J 05672622 A	10	J 0306113 A	10
	J 06029296 A	10	G 00061375 A	7
	K 02131534 A	11	J 05943146 A	10
	J 03110412 A	10	J 04851449 A	10
	L 15660317 A	12	J 05370480	10
	J 05893736 A	10	J 02600772 A	10
	J 03068655 A	10		

\$10 bills	Serial #	District	Serial #	District
J 00500700 A	#10		A 006799-13516	City Nat'l Bank,
J 008799161 A	10		J 11371000 A	#10
J 11573374 A	10		A 03920594 A	14
J 00016496 A	10	Fed. Reserve, Kansas City	J 01620208 A	10
K 0669337 A	11		J 11576556 A	10
J 07761538 A	10		L 09861437 A	12
H 11405671 A	8		J 07830283 A	10
J 06891540 A	10		J 09647072 A	16
J 10846373 A	10		G 50006787 A	7
K 03950914 A	11		J 09727373 A	10
A 08781011 A	11		J 10426707 A	10
J 06903120 A	10		J 04272675 A	10
I 00198319 A	9		J 09624795 A	10
J 06959326 A	10		J 07287564 A	10
G 54728060 A	7		J 06873320 A	10
J 07839688 A	10		J 11539072 A	10
J 00468554 A	10		J 10401757 A	10
J 10190964 A	10		J 11038289 A	10
J 00456696 A	10		J 10394898 A	10
A 07321659 A	1		J 06321166 A	10
J 07394382 A	10		J 07483342 A	10
F 12038727 A	6		A 000403 - 13608	First Nat'l Bank, Odessa, Texas
G 38323935 A	7		K 06180438 A	Federal Reserve, Dallas, Texas
J 07817439 A	10		J 07633226 A	10
J 00191730 A	10		K 05406329 A	11
J 07884092 A	10		J 10156321 A	10
J 00436358 A	10		L 23133104 A	12
J 07264812 A	10		J 11414469 A	10
J 03389179 A	10		H 00802930 A	8
J 10202390 A	10		J 07374019 A	10
J 07937662 A	10		J 11553803 A	10
J 06836667 A	10		J 07847819 A	10
J 05954804 A	10		A 004992 - 5249	First Nat'l Bank, Dothan, Ala.
H 14081838 A	10		C 00698330 A	3
J 11004648 A	10		J 11574071 A	10
J 06793830 A	10		K 06432762 A	11
J 11030432 A	10		J 11383446 A	10
J 00496144 A	10		J 11402657 A	10
D 26415837 A	4		J 00184227 A	
J 11012075 A	10			
A 07215056 A	13			
\$100 bill	-			

\$1.00
billsSerial #A 93374178 A
F 27879989 A

The total amount constituted:

Fifty (50) \$20 bills	\$1,000.00
One (1) \$100 bill	100.00
Eighty-two (82) \$10 bills	820.00
Two (2) \$1.00 bills	2.00
(In silver)	.05
TOTAL	\$1,922.05

The above noted serial numbers were checked with the ransom lists of the Stolnap, Brekid, and Weynap cases and none was found to be identical.

With reference to telegram received by the Bureau on May 2, 1936, from "Lloyd Kennedy", dated at the airport, Cleveland, Ohio, as set out in Bureau letter dated May 12, 1936, Special Agent J. V. Murphy on May 16, 1936, ascertained upon inquiry at the airport ticket office, that there is no employee at the Cleveland airport by the name of Lloyd Kennedy.

Mr. Joe Rehus, operator, Western Union Telegraph Company, airport station, Cleveland, was interviewed on May 16, 1936, and produced the original telegram filed by Lloyd Kennedy. This telegram was filed at 12:20 P. M., May 2, 1936, as a paid day letter. Mr. Rehus stated that at the time Mr. Kennedy filed this telegram, upon reading same, he, Rehus, laughed about its contents, and Mr. Kennedy also laughed about the message. There is no address of Lloyd Kennedy noted on the original telegram, and Mr. Rehus stated it is not a habit to ask patrons for their home address when they file a telegram, for they usually state they are travelling and have no local address. Mr. Rehus stated he was of the opinion that Lloyd Kennedy was a passenger, who arrived on a plane, as he appeared to enter the ticket office with a crowd of passengers at the time a plane arrived. He stated that Lloyd Kennedy, to the best of his recollection is described as follows:

Age	-	30 to 35 years
Height	-	About 5'10" or 11"
Build	-	Slender
Hair	-	Dark
Eyes	-	Dark
Dress	-	Well dressed, dark clothes

Mr. C. F. Weaver, station manager, American Air Lines, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio, was interviewed on May 16, 1936 and a check was made of passenger manifests of that air line, as well as that of the Central Air Lines, Inc. The passenger manifest of the American Air Lines, Inc. on May 2, 1936, reflects that on trip No. 2 from Cincinnati, Ohio, there was a passenger by the name of Kennedy, this plane arriving at Cleveland airport at 6:10 P. M.. In view of the fact that the telegram was filed at 12:20 P. M., May 2, 1936, this passenger by the name of Kennedy could not have been the party filing same. The records of the Central Air Lines, Inc., reflect this passenger Kennedy had passage booked from Cleveland, Ohio to Detroit, Michigan, via their lines, but was transferred to a Pennsylvania Air Line plane at Cleveland, which departed from Cleveland at 7:32 P. M., May 2, 1936. Mr. T. I. Denmark, aircraft dispatcher, Central Air Lines, Inc., stated this passenger Kennedy was a Mrs. Kennedy.

Mr. R. J. Smith, reservation manager, United Air Lines, Inc., airport office, Cleveland, checked the passenger manifests for May 2, 1936, and stated they have record of request for space for a passenger named Kennedy from Cleveland to New York, May 2, 1936, who was to arrive from Detroit at 2:30 P. M. via Pennsylvania Air Lines, however, this passenger cancelled the reservation; that they have no address for this passenger. Mr. Smith communicated with Mr. W. R. Manchester, station manager, Pennsylvania Air Lines, Inc., by telephone, who advised that passenger Kennedy made a request at 8:45 A. M., May 2, 1936, from Detroit for reservation from Detroit to Cleveland via Pennsylvania Air Lines, and Cleveland to New York via United Air Lines; that passenger Kennedy did not take up these reservations and evidently did not make the trip to New York via Cleveland on that date. Mr. Manchester informed that it is possible that passenger Kennedy did make the trip from Detroit to Cleveland, but record of such would be in their Detroit office, as well as the address of this passenger. Mr. Manchester stated that this passenger would have had to leave Detroit on Pennsylvania Air Lines trip No. 8, on May 2, 1936 to have arrived at Cleveland about noon, as trip No. 8 arrived in Cleveland at 12:12 P. M. on that date.

Check of the Cleveland City and Telephone directories do not reflect a listing of Lloyd Kennedy.

The Detroit office was requested by letter to contact the reservation manager of the Pennsylvania Air Lines and ascertain if a Lloyd Kennedy made reservation for passage from Detroit to Cleveland, Ohio, on trip No. 8, May 2, 1936, and if so obtain his address and interview this person relative to contents of his telegram.

As previously indicated, Harry Campbell and Sam Coker were apprehended by Bureau Agents at Toledo, Ohio, on May 7, 1936. Full details with reference to this apprehension will be reported by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley. Sam Coker and Gertrude Miller, the wife of Harry Campbell, were brought to the Cleveland office, and on the night of May 7, 1936, Gertrude Miller was returned to Toledo, Ohio by Special Agents W. M. Sirene, and H. E. Manson.

The following is submitted by Special Agent Lee F. Malone:

On instructions of the Director, Sam Coker, not having furnished any information which would substantially furnish the basis for a harboring charge, was on May 8, 1936 taken to Oklahoma City by Special Agents Lee F. Malone and W. John McNulty, arriving at Oklahoma City on May 9, 1936. During the trip Sam Coker did not furnish any additional information. Coker was turned over to the Oklahoma City office and receipt obtained for his personal property, which receipts are in the files of the Cleveland Bureau office.

The following signed statement, dated May 7, 1936, was secured from Mrs. Gertrude Miller, wife of subject Harry Campbell, while she was detained in the Cleveland Bureau office:

"Cleveland, Ohio,
"May 7, 1936.

"I, MRS. GERTRUDE BILLETER MILLER, make this statement of my own free will and volition without fear or promise of reward to J. P. MacFarland, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, after having been fully advised as to my constitutional rights:

"I was born at Toledo, Ohio on January 29, 1917. My father's name is Joseph Billeter, and he resides at an unknown address on Vinton Street. He is employed by the Auto Lite Company. My mother's name is Gertrude Braker Billeter. She lives on Kopernic Street at Toledo, Ohio. I do not know the street number. My mother and father have been separated for a period of about five (5) years. I have a brother Henry Billeter, who is employed by the Fuller Brush Company, and who lives on Tecumseh Street, Toledo, Ohio. My other brother, Joseph, resides with my mother and he is employed by the Acklin Stamping Company. I have another brother, whose name is Richard, but I do not know where he lives.

"I graduated from Sts. Peter and Paul School, which is located on St. Clair Street in Toledo. About one year ago today, May 7, 1935, Clara McGraw, who is a close friend of mine, and who resides at 2011 1/2 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio, introduced me to Bob, whom I later married, he telling me that his name was Clarence Charles Miller. At the time Clara McGraw introduced me to Bob she told me in the presence of her husband, that Bob was her cousin. At no time did Clara McGraw tell me anything about the personal history of her cousin Bob. Every day since the day he was first introduced to me, and since I married him at Bowling Green, Ohio on May 29, 1935, under the name of Clarence Charles Miller, I have been with him. The only time I can recall that my husband, Clarence Charles Miller, who I now know to be Harry Campbell, was absent from Toledo, was on one occasion for a period of two days some few months after we were married. I do not know the exact month that Bob was away on this occasion.

"Bob, which is a pet name I call my husband, Clarence Charles Miller, alias Harry Campbell, told me that he was in the slot machine business. He was always plentifully supplied with money and he purchased for me anything that I desired.

"I do not know with whom my husband, Clarence Charles Miller, alias Harry Campbell, associated in Toledo. He never told me who his friends were and at no time did he introduce me to any of his friends or associates. The only persons that I know that my husband associated with in Toledo are Clara McGraw and her husband Edward McGraw.

"My husband did not receive any mail in our apartment, nor did he receive any long distance telephone calls there. I might state that I live with my husband, Clarence Charles Miller, alias Harry Campbell, at 2132 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio.

"I introduced my husband to my mother and father, but they did not know his true identity.

"I had no reason to suspect that my husband was anyone other than the person whom he represented himself to be. He always treated me well and never abused me.

"During the latter part of June and part of July, 1935, I was with my husband at Silver Lake, Michigan on a vacation. We lived in a trailer attached to our car. I do not recall the name of the camp site we used to park the car.

"I have read the foregoing statement contained on two pages and do hereby certify by affixing my signature hereto that the facts as related herein are true.

(Signed) Gertrude Billeter Miller

WITNESSED:

J. P. MacFarland
Special Agent in Charge,

E. J. Dowd,
Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio."

The above signed statement is being retained in the files of the Cleveland Bureau office.

The following is submitted by Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland:

The writer, in the presence of Special Agent Lee F. Malone, interviewed Sam Coker, who stated that he was born at Nowata, Oklahoma on September 20, 1895, the son of Eliza Couch and Calvin Coker, both of whom are now deceased. He claims that his brother, Calvin, is employed on an oil lease at Nowata, and that his other brother, Penn, is an oil producer and farmer in the vicinity of Nowata. In 1925, he claims, his brother, Nolley, was killed. Coker stated he is single; that he was received at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, on March 17, 1924, on a bank robbery charge, which he claims "was a poor rap." He stated he was released on parole from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in September, 1935, and that since that time he has been unemployed and living from the proceeds realized from certain oil leases

which he has in Nowata, which are being managed by his brothers Calvin and Penn. Upon his release from McAlester he claims that he immediately returned to his home then went to Tulsa, Oklahoma and spent some time in the state of Kansas, and visited for a short while in Corpus Christi, Texas. He claims he arrived at Toledo on the last occasion he was there just prior to his arrest on Monday, May 4, 1936 from Nowata, Oklahoma. He claims that on the occasion of a previous visit to Toledo he was confined in the Mercy Hospital there where he underwent treatment for a period of four weeks. At the time of his arrest Coker had in his possession \$1,922.05, which he claimed he secured from his nephew, Clark Couch of Nowata, Oklahoma. He stated he is very well acquainted with a man by the name of Cairns of Coffeyville, Kansas and that at Toledo he was keeping company with a nurse named Bobbie Robbletto.

Coker stated that he knew Alvin Karpis slightly, having met him in Oklahoma, and that he also knew Harry Campbell, but denied having any knowledge as to the whereabouts of Campbell, and stated that he did not know that Campbell was in Toledo and that he had not associated with Campbell at that place and he had no information as to the alias which was being used by Campbell. Coker denied implication in any bank robberies, or holdups and stated that since his release from the penitentiary he has not been involved in any difficulties. Coker mentioned that he could not very strenuously object to returning to McAlester as he felt that he could get out on parole within two years. Coker denied knowing any of the subjects involved in this case at Toledo, and indicated that while he was in Toledo he kept very much to himself and had not associated with any person other than the nurse hereinabove mentioned, who he stated, he might marry. Coker denied knowing any members of the police department at Toledo, and further denied knowledge of Sheriff O'Reilly, or any other officials at Toledo. No further material information could be secured from Coker.

It might be indicated here that subject Coker has been identified as a subject in the case entitled, RAYMOND HAMILTON, 1936 Ford sedan, motor #18-2349137 - NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, in which case Oklahoma City is the office of origin.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

May 24, 1936.

Case: **MURKID**

Number: **7-576-11698**

Specimens: A. Envelope addressed to Alvin Karpis, St. Paul Federal Prison
Minn. and postmarked "Peoria, Illinois, May 18, 1936, 10:30 A. M."
B. One envelope containing a two-cent stamp but not postmarked.
Written matter appears on both sides of the envelope.
C. One business reply card from the W. D. Russell Company, Oak and
Washington Streets, Peoria, Illinois, sellers of dairy products.
D. One coupon ticket #95671.
E. Two order blanks for the "Only One" Self-heating Smoothing Iron.

Examination requested by: **St. Paul Bureau Office.**

Date received: **May 22, 1936.**

Examination requested: **Document.**

Result of examination:

Examination by: **Appel (1)**

The examiner was unable to derive any meaning from a study of the
writing on the envelope.

The writing will be compared with the anonymous letter file and any
other information obtained will be forwarded. No writing was found which was
like the questioned writing.

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9-576-11688-11794

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau May 22, 1936.

Very truly yours,

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICEJohn Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure:

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cc-Cincinnati
Chicago

Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago

Edw. H. Bremer

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

326½ Post Office Building,

New Orleans, La.

May 17, 1936.

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

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Dear Sir:

Re: Brekid.

Please be informed that the writer and Special Agent W. L. Buchanan held a short conference with Subject Fred John Hunter, at the Federal Jail, New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 15, 1936, at which time Subject Hunter requested the release, if possible, to him, at an early date, of his 1936 Plymouth Coupe, motor #P2-212244. Agent Buchanan advised me that he was present when the Director informed Hunter that the car would be returned to him, and that the Director had also informed that the 1936 Terraplane Coupe would be released to Subject Karpis.

Kindly advise, therefore, if steps may be instituted for the surrender of the Plymouth Coupe to Subject Hunter upon proper receipt, and whether the Terraplane Coupe may be surrendered to Subject Karpis upon proper receipt.

These cars are presently in Bureau custody at the Crescent City Garage, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Very truly yours,

D. W. Magee,
Special Agent in Charge.

AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY
cc-
2-St. Paul
1-Cincinnati (E.J. Connelley)

Letter New Orleans
cc St. Paul. by Connelley at
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May 22, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Re: ⁰ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -
Victim; KIDNAPING.

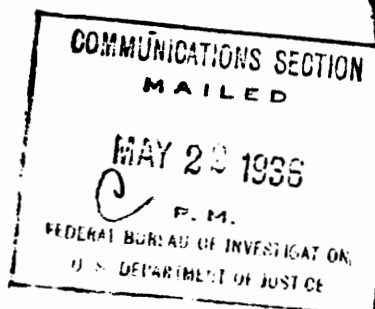
Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of May 17, 1936,
please be informed that the Bureau desires you to
immediately take the proper steps looking toward the
surrender of the Plymouth Coupe to Subject Fred Hunter
and the Terraplane Coupe to Subject Alvin Karpis.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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



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P. O. Box #766
Cincinnati, Ohio

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May 25, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Trenton, N.J.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated May 22, 1936,
requesting advice as to whether the Wanted Notice for Clyde Nimerick
should be continued.

Please be advised that this Wanted Notice should
remain at the present time, so that we can question Nimerick in
the event he is taken into custody.

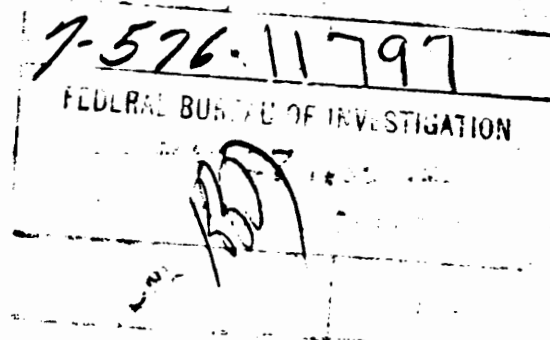
Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box #612

Chicago, Illinois

May 25th, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Re: BREXID

This Office is in receipt of subpoenas calling for the appearance of Special Agent R. G. Suran and Special Agent M. J. Cassidy at Jacksonville, Florida at 9:30 A. M., June 1st, 1936, in connection with the harboring trial against Myrtle Eaton and others in Jacksonville, Florida.

It is requested that Agents Suran and Cassidy be instructed to be present in Jacksonville, Florida on the date designated.

Very truly yours,

DML:LJM
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D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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MAY 29 1936

7-576-11798
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Post Office Building
New Orleans, Louisiana
May 2, 1935

Hon. ROBERT L. VICTOR,
United States Attorney,
New Orleans, La.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218;
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232;
FRED JOHN HUNTER, with aliases;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;
Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction
of Justice; National Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith one exemplified copy of
the indictment returned against subject Alvin Karpis for the
kidnaping of EDWARD GEORGE BREMER of St. Paul, Minnesota.
I am also transmitting herewith one exemplified copy of a
warrant for non-est return issued for subject Karpis.

These are for your use in connection with the con-
templated indictment of subject Fred John Hunter and others
in connection with the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

D. T. Magee,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cincinnati (2) (E. J. Connelley)

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FILE NO. 7-36

REPORT MADE AT Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE 5-25-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-21-36	REPORT MADE BY R. H. Butterworth
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. #1236, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING - HARBORING OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Mrs. H. G. Lucas, Atoka, Okla. advised that she has never seen Milton Lett and that she has never heard her son, Bill Lucas, mention this man.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from Kansas City office to Oklahoma City office dated May 2, 1936.</p> <p>DETAILS: Mrs. H. G. Lucas, 623 East A Street, Atoka, Oklahoma advised that her son, Bill Lucas, resides at 417 Lulu Street, Wichita, Kansas and that he is employed by the Southern Kansas Stage Lines in that city. She said that she and her son Bill correspond regularly. Agent showed Mrs. Lucas a photograph of Milton Lett and she stated that she had never seen this man and had never heard her son Bill speak of him.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Sheriff C. G. Maxwell stated that Mrs. Lucas and her husband have a good reputation in that city but that Bill Lucas ran away with another man's wife before he moved to Wichita, Kansas, and has been considered by the peace officers at Atoka as being a little wild.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">P E N D I N G</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">7-576-11800</div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;">MAY 28 1936</div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">MAY 28 1936</div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">ONE</div>	
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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

May 25, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter dated May 8, 1936, relative to the continuance or withdrawal of a stop notice placed against a 1935 Plymouth four-door sedan, motor #PJ 322772.

Inasmuch as instant automobile was purchased by MILTON LETT under the alias Carl Baker, and was used in the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery on November 7, 1935, and Milton Lett has not been apprehended to date and is a possible subject in the harboring case presently being prepared by the Cleveland office, it is felt that the stop notice should not be withdrawn.

Very truly yours,

CCS/RJB

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J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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SAC NEW ORLEANS AND DIRECTOR

PHONE BREKID. ST PAUL ADVISES KARPIS SIGNED RECEIPT AND PERSONALLY REQUESTED THAT TERRAPLANE COUPE RECOVERED FROM HIM NEW ORLEANS BE GIVEN TO HIS FATHER AND SISTER CLARA VENUTE. ASCERTAIN FROM US ATTORNEY WHETHER HE WILL NEED THIS CAR AS EVIDENCE AND IF HE IS AGREEABLE THE CAR SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY RELEASED TO THE SENIOR KARPIS AND DAUGHTER.

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Alvin Karpis

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326 1/2 Post Office Building
New Orleans, Louisiana
May 24, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

John Karpavics, address 2842 North Francisco St., Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. Clara Schute, address 525 North Wood Street, Chicago, Ill., father and sister of Alvin Karpis, respectively, at New Orleans, La. on May 23, 1936 advised that subject Alvin Karpis desired his fountain pen and lead pencil because of sentimental reasons. I informed them that I would forward same to the St. Paul Bureau Office, where same may be surrendered to subject Karpis when they have served their purpose in the instant case.

I am enclosing herewith one Sheaffer's Life Time Fountain pen - Pen Point #5242481 and one Sheaffer's lead pencil.

In the event specimens of the handwriting of Karpis are desired on the instant case, it might be well to have same taken when he uses this fountain pen and pencil.

When and if the fountain pen and pencil are surrendered to Alvin Karpis, secure the necessary receipt and forward a copy to this office.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Hagen,
Special Agent in Charge.

Enc.

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Cincinnati (2) (E. J. Connelley)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Mr. F. C. Suessengutti, 906 Ivy Street,
St. Paul, Minnesota, local representative of the Pathe News,
has furnished me a film roll, which is being transmitted to
you under separate cover, covering the following topics:

1. The Federal Building, in which this office is located.
2. A scene at Harry Sawyer's farm, where the Sheriff's Office recently located a cache of dynamite caps, shotgun shells, and .45 caliber ammunition. It may be stated that there was only a small supply.
3. Alvin Karpis without glasses.
4. Alvin Karpis with glasses.
5. Closeup of Karpis, with a pointer designating the scars.
6. Campbell as portrayed on the old I.O.
7. Recent photograph of Campbell.
8. Closeup of Campbell.

Please advise me whether the Bureau is
interested in receiving further films of this kind.

Very truly yours,

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C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge

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Ans (memo)
5-28-36
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From: Laboratory and Single Fingerprint Unit

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Mr. Kohn	S.F.P. Unit
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Mr. Lovett	Messenger
Mr. Major	✓ Mr. Joseph

Will you please handle this matter- film
received in Laboratory 5/28/36. According
to St. Paul city directory, the correct
name is Frank C. Suessenguth. A film
previously received was acknowledge by
your office to Suessengutti.

R.C.

See Me _____
Please Handle _____
Bring File _____

E. P. COFFEY



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*Film received and
retained in Laboratory
5/28/36 - R.B.C.*

To Mr. F.C. Guessenguth
906 Ivy Street
St. Paul, Minn.

MATERIAL SHIPPED:

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June 6, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 26, 1936 transmitting a roll of motion picture film presented by Mr. F. C. Suessenguth, the Pathe News cameraman in your city, and requesting information whether the Bureau would be interested in receiving films of this kind in the future.

You are advised that the receipt of such films is desirable but the acceptance of which must not in any way obligate the Bureau. In this connection, it would be considered undesirable to accept such film if the donor has incurred an additional expense in the preparation of same.

A letter of acknowledgement has been sent to Mr. Suessenguth, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan	_____
Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Baughman	_____
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June 6, 1936

Mr. F. C. Suessenguth,
906 Ivy Street,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

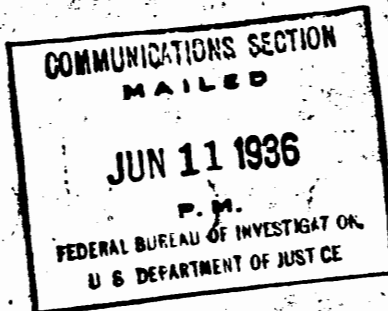
Dear Mr. Suessenguth:

The Bureau has received a film,
forwarded by Mr. C. W. Stein, Special Agent
in Charge of the Saint Paul Office of this
Bureau, depicting scenes concerning Alvin
Karpis and Campbell which I am advised you
kindly presented to the Bureau.

I desire to express my appreci-
ation for your generosity in making this
film available to the Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Harbo
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Transmit the following Teletype message to: **FBI DEPT OF JUSTICE OKLAHOMA CITY OKLA 9711**

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**PHONE BREKID SA W L BUCHANAN NECESSARY WITNESS GRAND JURY
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Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 20, 1936 in which advice was requested concerning the present status of the appeals of William Weaver, Harry Sawyer, and Cassius McDonald.

With respect to the appeal of William Weaver, you are advised that pursuant to a motion filed by the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, in the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, sitting in St. Paul, Minnesota, on May 21, 1936, the court dismissed the appeal of Weaver.

With respect to the appeals of Sawyer and McDonald, this office has been advised by United States Attorney George Sullivan, St. Paul, Minnesota, that proposed Bills of Exception on behalf of Sawyer and McDonald were offered the office of the United States Attorney on May 25, 1936 by Attorneys Eugene O'Sullivan of Omaha, Nebraska, and Everett Jennings of Chicago, Illinois, who represent these defendants, and that these proposed Bills of Exception must be settled and filed on or before June 15, 1936.

The Bureau will be kept advised of further developments in connection with the appeals being perfected by Sawyer and McDonald.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Stein

C. W. STEIN

Special Agent in Charge

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cc Chicago
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 8, 1936

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim -
KIDNAPING

You will recall that after the conviction of William Weaver, Harry Sawyer, and Cassius McDonald at St. Paul, Minnesota, during the course of the second Bremer trial, they all filed motions of appeal. The Bureau is now advised that the Circuit Court of Appeals at St. Paul on May 21, 1936 dismissed the appeal of William Weaver. With respect to the appeals of Sawyer and McDonald, the proposed Bills of Exception on behalf of Sawyer and McDonald were offered the office of the United States Attorney on May 25, 1936 by Attorneys Eugene X Sullivan of Omaha, Nebraska, and Everett Jennings of Chicago, Illinois, who represent these defendants, and these proposed Bills of Exception must be settled and filed on or before June 15, 1936.

You will be advised of the status of these appeals after June 15, 1936.

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire
K. R. McIntire.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

326 1/2 Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.
May 25, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID.

The writer telephonically conferred with United States Attorney
Rene A. Viosca, Eastern District of Louisiana, at New Orleans, Louisiana,
on May 24, 1936, with respect to his wishes concerning the Terraplane Coupe
belonging to Subject Alvin Karpis. He informed that the physical custody
of this car would not be necessary for any trial that might result at New
Orleans on the instant case.

In conformance with code conference teletype message emanating
from the Cincinnati Bureau Office on May 23, 1936, to the Bureau and to the
New Orleans Bureau Office, I therefore secured the necessary receipts from
John Karpavicz and Mrs. Clara Venute, father and sister, respectively, of
Subject Alvin Karpis, and delivered 1936 Terraplane Deluxe Coupe, motor
No. 192081, to these parties the morning of May 25, 1936.

I am transmitting, attached to copies of this letter, copy of the
receipt, and copy of the power of attorney surrendered by Alvin Karpis,
through his father and sister, to the New Orleans Bureau Office. The
original receipt and power of attorney will be retained in the New Orleans
Bureau Office file.

The above is in conformance with instructions of the Bureau, fur-
nished by letter of May 21, 1936, Bureau file 7-576.

There was no publicity relative the recent visit of the father
and sister of Subject Alvin Karpis to New Orleans. They are returning the
car to Chicago, Illinois.

Two respective groups of agents, namely, Special Agent J. V. Blake
and Special Agent (A) T. W. Bain, as well as Special Agent (A) R. L. Tollett
and the writer, on separate occasions thoroughly inspected the cars for any
hidden material or effects. Certain upholstery was removed by the writer
and Agent Tollett, and nothing was found concealed.

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Receipts will be secured from Subject Fred John Hunter immediately,
with respect to his 1936 Plymouth Coupe, motor No. P2-212244.

Very truly yours,

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

enc.

cc-
2-Cincinnati (E.J. Connelley) (enc.)
1-Chicago (enc.)
1-St. Paul (enc.)

New Orleans, La.
May 24, 1936

This is to certify that I, John Karpavicz, 2842 North Francisco Street, Chicago, Illinois, father of Alvin Karpis, alias Karpavicz, and I, Mrs. Clara Venute, 325 North Wood Street, Chicago, Illinois, sister of Alvin Karpis, alias Karpavicz, received today possession of one 1936 model Terraplane Deluxe Coupe, motor number 192081, serial number 6126228, the property of Alvin Karpis, purchased under the name of his alias, E. F. Collins, at New Orleans, Louisiana.

We have authority to take possession of this car in behalf of our son and brother respectively, and have surrendered in connection therewith a power of attorney dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, May 20, 1936, signed by Alvin Karpis and witnessed by Special Agent John E. Brennan of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

This car bears 1936 Louisiana license 18-460. The speedometer reading of this car is 4,741 miles.

We hereby relieve the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its representatives of any future liability with relation to this car and will pay storage charges from May 1, 1936 to May 24, 1936, inclusive.

John Karpavicz
John Karpavicz

Mrs. Clara Venute
Mrs. Clara Venute

Witness:

D. W. Magee
D. W. Magee, Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

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78 L. S. Bowman
Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, New Orleans, La.

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C O P Y

St. Paul, Minn., May 20, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:

This will introduce my father, Mr. John Karpavicz, and my sister, Mrs. Clara Venute, who will call on you in reference to a Terraplane Coupe which is being held by you at New Orleans.

This is my authority to release the Terraplane Coupe referred to above to my father and sister.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Alvin Karpis

Alvin Karpis

Witness: (Signed) John E. Brennan,
Special Agent F.B.I.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO. **7-30**

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 5/25/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/23 & 25/36	REPORT MADE BY: John E. Brennan JEB:IM
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232, FUGITIVE; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Communication received by United States Attorney, St. Paul, from Bryan Bolton indicating he desires immediate arraignment and sentence by reason of treatment alleged to have been subjected to by prisoners at Ramsey County Jail. Interview with prisoners concerned and with Bolton indicates that there was conflict of temperament between Bolton and one Alfred Demareis, who was moved to another cell tier. Arrangement made for separation of Bolton from prisoners other than those whose company he might desire.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent John E. Brennan, St. Paul, 5/22/36.			
DETAILS: On May 23, 1936, Special Agent in Charge C. W. Stein, Special Agents R. C. Suran, S. K. McKee and Agent interviewed Bolton at the Ramsey County Jail during the course of which interview he stated that some three weeks ago he had gotten into a fight with other prisoners in the same cell tier; that such prisoners had been picking on him for sometime and that after the fight they had been moved; and that recently an article appeared in the St. Paul Dispatch indicating that he, Bolton, had stated to one of these			
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prisoners that he expected to be released by reason of consideration for his testimony in the Bremer and Hamm cases and that he had never stated this to anyone and did not have such an idea and that this was a falsification upon the part of one of the prisoners he had previously had difficulty with. Bolton at that time stated that he had written a letter to United States Attorney Sullivan at St. Paul.

On May 25, 1936, United States Attorney George Sullivan transmitted a letter addressed to him by Bolton to this office, which is set forth hereinbelow:

"St. Paul
May 25

Dear Sir:-

In reference to the story which appeared in a recent issue of the St. Paul Dispatch I would like to say I have never at any time expressed a belief that I would ever get out of jail. This story I believe was circulated by a self styled penitentiary lawyer; Alfred Demarais.

During the entire time of my confinement here I have been subjected to every sort of petty annoyance a crooked brain can devise. The situation reached a point recently that I could no longer tolerate, and I was attacked by Demarais and another man, and but for the assistance of a man serving a sentence for non payment of alimony I would have been severely beaten.

My mental condition has now reached the stage where I prefer immediate arraignment, with any sentence rather than endure six months more of such confinement.

Respectfully,

Bolton"

A communication was also received from United States Attorney Sullivan stating that he observed in the St. Paul Dispatch, a purported interview by a reporter of that paper with either a prisoner or some guard or jailer in the Ramsey County Jail, which indicated that Bolton had made statements wherein

he is quoted as having said he did not expect to serve a day in jail. Mr. Sullivan related that he doubted that such interview actually occurred but suggested that inquiry be made with reference thereto.

Agent interview Bolton who stated that one Alfred Demareis, who was confined in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, his probation having been revoked having previously been convicted for violation of the Dyer Act, had appealed for a writ of habeas corpus and was brought to St. Paul for hearing thereon on the ground that he was illegally confined in that the Court did not have jurisdiction to revoke his probation. This matter is now before the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals and Demareis was confined in the Ramsey County Jail pending decision; that Demareis was placed in the cell tier known as 2-West then occupied by Charles Youness, awaiting trial on a counterfeiting charge; C. E. Dauser, being held for non-payment of alimony and himself, Bolton; that Demareis was more or less of a jail lawyer, talking to the guards at every opportunity and informing transient prisoners or whoever would listen to him, that Bolton was a former machine gunner for Al Capone and warned these persons to have nothing to do with Bolton. Bolton stated that it was his custom to purchase a roll each morning from the commissary and on the morning of May 2, 1936, he asked for this particular kind of roll and was informed by the commissary that the last one had been sold to Demareis; that he remarked that he would sell it to that - - - -; and that Demareis objected to the characterization which resulted in a fist fight between himself and Demareis; that the prisoner, Youness, interfered and hit him on the chin, whereupon the prisoner Dauser came to his rescue and was also struck by Youness; that the guard appeared at this time and took both Youness and Demareis to another cell and he has not been annoyed by them since. Bolton stated that he would have made no report of the instance but that Demareis had been interviewed by a reporter and had his picture taken for publication and immediately thereafter, a story appeared in the St. Paul Dispatch to the effect that Bolton had told a prisoner in the jail that he did not expect to do a day of time in consideration for his testimony; that he did not talk to this or any other prisoner about such a matter and had never expressed such an idea to anyone and he thought it over and came to the conclusion that he would prefer immediate arraignment and sentence, which prompted him to write the letter quoted above.

It is believed that the situation might be kept in hand, at least temporarily, by isolating Bolton and Dauser, whose company he seems to

prefer from other prisoners in the cell. In the meantime United States Attorney George Sullivan informed Special Agent in Charge Stein that he is considering having Bolton moved to another jail.

Interview was had with E. J. Clewett, jailer, who stated that when he was appointed jailer, Bolton was in a cell by himself; that he talked to Bolton who requested that he be moved in a cell tier containing other prisoners and that he placed Bolton in 2-West, where there is more light and air and where he could get some exercise; that he has done everything he could for Bolton and has granted any favors to him that the regulations would allow; that he has noticed that Bolton is mentally depressed by reason of his confinement and the uncertainty of the punishment that might be imposed upon him and is at times morose and difficult to handle, but understanding the circumstances he has endeavored to accord Bolton better than ordinary treatment. He stated that he has found that the prisoner, Alfred Demarais, is a trouble maker and has placed him in a cell where he cannot stir up other prisoners. He stated that he will put Bolton in any cell that might be designated and it has been suggested that Bolton and Dauser be placed in the tier known as 3-West, isolated from other prisoners.

William Gosselin, deputy jailer, stated that on the morning of May 2, 1936, when coming on duty, he made the usual inspection, passed tier 2-West and noticed that the four prisoners therein were all present; that when he reached the third floor he heard a commotion emanating from 2-West. He returned there immediately and brought the prisoner Demarais and Youness out of that tier and locked them in another tier. He does not know what caused the trouble between these prisoners.

C. E. Dauser, one of the prisoners, who was in tier 2-West on May 2nd, stated that this is his first experience in jail; that he is there for non-payment of alimony; that he was committed on April 13th and immediately upon being brought to tier 2-West was informed by a prisoner, who he now knows as Alfred Demarais, that the prisoner Bolton was formerly a machine gunner for Al Capone and that he would kill Dauser just as he had killed other good men. Dauser stated that he recalled that a fellow named Bolton was connected with kidnaping cases but the nature of Demarais' statements and the manner of warning him was such that indicated to Dauser that he should watch Demarais rather than Bolton; that he noticed that the rest of the people in the cell block kept away from Demarais; that Demarais usually had something to say about each individual which was not very complimentary; that there was something screwy about him; that it is impossible to be on friendly footing with the man; that he talked to him on occasions but Demarais had refused to answer; that there are a number of transient prisoners in the cell block

and he was always trying to warn them against Bolton. On the morning of May 2nd, he walked around to the other side of the cell tier, Youness was shaving or washing his teeth and he heard a commotion between Bolton and Demarois; that when he got around to the other side where he could see them, they were standing looking at each other, then Bolton walked away; that Youness started for Bolton and he warned Bolton who turned around and as Youness was as big as both Bolton and himself, he thought he would come to Bolton's assistance by pinning Youness' arms as he apparently meant to attack Bolton; that he received a clip on the chin for his efforts; that the guard came and took Youness and Demarois out; that he did not know what caused the trouble, but that he personally could get along and had gotten along with every prisoner in the cell block with him but Demarois. Dauser stated that he had never heard Bolton make any statement regarding what sentence he expected.

Alfred Demarois was interviewed and stated that he was confined in the same cell tier with Bolton up to May 2, 1936; that he had so been confined for about two weeks; that during that time he had very little conversation with the prisoner Bolton; that they apparently disliked each other for no particular reason and on the morning of May 2nd, he purchased a roll from the commissary and that Bolton asked the commissary for this particular kind of a roll and was informed that the last one had been sold to Demarois; that Bolton remarked to the commissary that he would sell the last one to Demarois, whom he indicated by a vile name to which Demarois objected; that Bolton was going to hit him with a cribbage board and that the prisoner Youness interfered; that another prisoner, Dauser, thinking that Youness was fighting with Bolton, climbed on Youness and that the guard came and separated them; that the only conversation that Bolton had with him or anyone in his presence regarding the possible disposition of his case was that Bolton stated that he did not believe in doing time for other people and that he hoped to get consideration for testifying. Demarois stated that he had recently been interviewed by a reporter from the St. Paul Dispatch concerning his case, during which this reporter questioned him concerning Bolton, and that he did not tell this reporter that Bolton had stated to him that he expected to be released or anything of that nature.

Charles Youness stated that he was a prisoner in cell tier 2-West on the morning of May 2nd, 1936, and was washing his teeth when the commissary arrived and that he heard Demarois objecting to something Bolton had called Demarois and when he turned around Bolton had a cribbage board in his hand and

was ready to swing at Demarois; that he jumped in between them and told them to quit fighting and bawled both of them out; that Bolton went into his cell and then came out and started fighting again with Demarois; that he again separated them and took the cribbage board from Bolton; that the prisoner, Dauser, who came around the row of cells and thinking that he, Youness, was going to hit Bolton with the cribbage board, jumped on Youness' back; that he found it necessary to lock Dauser down and told him to keep out of it and stay at the other end of the cell and then he walked back to his, Youness', cell and that Bolton remarked that, "One more hair and he'd look like an ape", referring to Youness' physical appearance, which angered Youness, whereupon he clipped Bolton on the chin; that at this point, Bill Gosselin, the guard, came in and took both himself and Demarois out of the tier. Youness stated that the instance in itself meant nothing but that apparently the mental condition of both Bolton and Demarois was such that would cause them "to bite their own brothers". Youness also stated that at no time had he heard Bolton remark to anyone as to what, if any, consideration he would or hoped to get by reason of his testimony in the cases in which he is involved.

Agent was informed by Jailer Clewett that shortly before the newspaper article referred to above appeared in the St. Paul Dispatch, the prisoner Demarois had been interviewed by a reporter known as "Buck Tooth" Thompson, who brought a photographer along, and that the information contained in this news article purporting to indicate that Bolton had made an expression as to the disposition of his case, must necessarily have been obtained or concocted by Thompson, as a result of his talk with Demarois.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 25, 1936

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to the letter addressed to you under date of April 30, 1936 by W. A. Patterson, President of the United Air Lines, concerning the leak of information concerning the Bureau's chartering of a plane at Cleveland, Ohio, in which Patterson states: "I cannot help but feel that there is a joint responsibility for the leak taking place", you are advised that Patterson probably refers to an arrangement entered into by Mr. Purvis with him, in which it was suggested that if the Bureau desired to charter a plane from the United Air Lines, contact should be made with specified individuals, including J. H. Herlihy of the Cleveland Municipal Airport and other persons whose names were furnished to the Bureau. With this letter, which was addressed to Purvis and which was forwarded to the Bureau under date of July 13, 1935, Patterson transmitted a Personal and Confidential letter, which he was addressing to the persons who the Bureau was supposed to contact to make confidential arrangements, which stated:

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This confidential memo is being addressed to you so that you may be informed of an arrangement recently consummated between our company and the U. S. Department of Justice.

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"Your name has been given to Mr. Melvin Purvis, Director of the Department here at Chicago, with instructions that any of the Department's agents may contact you for the purpose of making reservations and securing tickets against Government travel orders, but such reservations and issuance of tickets are to be kept confidential by you, and no publicity of any kind is to emanate from yourself with regard to the traveling of such agents. In making such an arrangement, however, and in full recognition of our desire to cooperate with the Department in every way, we must bear in mind our inherent obligation to the Press with regard to matters of this kind. We suggest that no information be given out by you voluntarily as above described, but this is to caution you that of course in the event of a direct question being asked by an accredited member of the Press, it will be expected that you will answer such questions truthfully. Your usual courtesy and cooperation in this matter will be appreciated."

In view of the attitude taken towards the confidential nature of the Bureau's use of chartered planes by the United Air Lines, copies of the letter forwarded to the Chicago Office were not sent to the other

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
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Mr. Harbo
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Mr. Gandy

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Bureau offices concerned, and consequently the Cleveland Office did not know of the identity of the person it was supposed to contact. This appears to be the arrangement to which Patterson refers.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm
E. A. Tamm

1041 Bankers Building
Milwaukee Wisconsin

May 25, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated May 13, 1936, to the Cincinnati Office advising that the wanted notice which was placed with the State Motor Vehicle Bureau on 1936 Buick Sedan, Motor #63052198, may be withdrawn.

Please be advised that the wanted notice on this car has been withdrawn by letter directed to the Motor Vehicle Division, Department of State, Madison, Wisconsin.

This office also has a wanted notice placed with reference to Plymouth Fordor Sedan, Motor #PJ322772, Serial #2619857. Kindly advise whether the wanted notice with reference to this car may also be withdrawn.

Very truly yours,

V. W. PETERSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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May 25, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: Purchase of Clothing for Miami, Florida
Witnesses who attended the trial of
Harry Sawyer, William Weaver and
Cassius McDonald in St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

Handwritten: 6-25-36
Letter to
G. A. Harbo
6-7-36
C. E. Connelley

You will recall that in preparation of the trial of Harry Sawyer, William Weaver and Cassius McDonald at St. Paul, Minnesota during January of 1936, the Florida witnesses and also the Cuban witnesses expressed great concern over the fact that they were forced to proceed to St. Paul during the middle of a very cold winter and in consequence of their subpoenas would be compelled to purchase clothing suitable for a very cold climate. At that time, the attendance of the witnesses from Miami, Florida, was especially necessary, in order that the Government might succeed in its prosecution. It was felt desirable to placate these witnesses inasmuch as it was desired that there would be no attitude of hostility toward the Government when they appeared as witnesses. Necessarily, those in Miami, Florida, were compelled to answer the subpoenas, but it was desired to have satisfactory witnesses, for which reason Special Agents arranged for the purchase of clothing for these witnesses.

It was the desire of the United States Attorney at St. Paul that "proper arrangements be made for the securing of proper and suitable clothing for all Florida witnesses subpoenaed for the trial of the above entitled case in St. Paul". In view of the attitude of the United States Attorney at St. Paul, efforts have been made to obtain reimbursement through a fund in the possession of the Department of Justice, which fund was provided for such purposes.

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The General Agent of the Department, however, has declined to authorize payment of this clothing out of this fund. He has informed that it was proper to provide the witnesses from 936 A.M. Cuba with clothing out of this fund because a subpoena issued by a Federal Court in the United States is of no effect in Cuba. He has pointed out that the situation with reference to Florida witnesses differs materially from that of the Cuban witnesses.

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He has stated that he is, therefore, not permitted to make such contracts or agreements in the case of witnesses residing within the United States and that the United States Attorney was entirely without any authority to give such instructions to Special Agents. The General Agent has further advised that the cost of the clothing of Cuban witnesses was paid out of the allotment of \$10,000 under the appropriation "Fees of Jurors and Witnesses, U. S. Courts" which, by its terms, is disbursed under the exclusive direction of the Attorney General, whose authorization with respect thereto is conclusive. The General Agent has also informed that "unfortunately, this allotment is now entirely exhausted and is, therefore, not available for the payment of this expense, even if we were disposed to give favorable consideration thereto. Unless the Bureau is willing to pay these amounts as informers fees, I am unaware of any other way by which they could be paid".

A total indebtedness of \$460.21 was incurred to various stores in Miami, Florida, for the purchase of clothing for Miami witnesses. The amounts payable are \$128.97 to the Mark Store, Incorporated, Miami, Florida; \$318.24 to Frank Wolkowsky, clothier, Miami, Florida; and \$23.00 to Miss Terese Carmichael, which sum was personally incurred by her. The following is an itemization of the expense incurred for each witness who proceeded to St. Paul:

R. H. Steger:

1 suit	\$29.50
1 coat	16.50
1 hat	6.50
2 suits underwear	5.50
1 muffler	3.00
2 pair hose	4.00
1 pair gloves	3.50
1 pair shoes	8.75

Thiel O. Epperson:

1 suit	22.50
1 coat	16.50
1 hat	6.50
1 pair gloves	3.50
2 suits underwear	4.00
1 muffler	3.00
1 pair wool hose	2.00
1 pair shoes	8.75

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F. C. Cobell:

1 suit and pants	\$27.47
1 overcoat	16.50

James Grant:

1 suit	\$29.75
1 overcoat	29.75
1 pair shoes	3.98
2 suits underwear	4.00
1 pair wool hose	2.00
1 wool muffler	3.00
1 pair gloves	3.50

Henry Debros:

1 suit	29.75
2 suits underwear	4.00
1 muffler	3.00
1 pair wool hose	2.00

William M. Johnson:

1 suit	29.75
2 suits underwear	4.00
1 muffler	3.00
1 pair wool hose	2.00

J. Finley:

1 suit	29.75
1 overcoat	29.75
1 pair shoes	10.00
1 hat	6.00
1 muffler	3.00
2 pair wool hose	4.00
2 suits underwear	4.00
1 pair gloves	3.50

Ethel Moore:

1 negligee wool robe	4.98
1 twin sweater	2.98
1 wool skirt	2.98
1 skirt	1.98
1 sweater	1.69
2 pair hose	1.15

Memo for the Director

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May 25, 1936.

Terese Carmichael:

1 dress and coat

\$23.00

These obligations have not been disposed of or paid in any manner by any of the Agents of this Bureau. In view of the attitude of the General Agent of the Department of Justice and in view of the further fact that even if he were willing to pay these expenses out of the above mentioned fund, which fund is now entirely exhausted, it is suggested that this indebtedness be disposed of through the confidential fund maintained by the Bureau.

8/1/37
Your advice in this matter is respectfully requested.

Respectfully


E. A. Tamm.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.
May 26, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

REKID

Supplementing report of Special Agent John E. Brennan dated May 25, 1936, arrangements were made with the Ramsey County Jail to move BRYAN BOLTON and the prisoner Dauser, to a private room situated on the third floor in the jail, which room has a private bath adjoining, is well ventilated, and lighted.

These prisoners were moved to this section on this date and expressed their pleasure at having been taken out of the cell tier in which they had previously been confined.

It is believed that this arrangement will be satisfactory and no further complaint will be received from BOLTON regarding his incarceration in the Ramsey County Jail.

Very truly yours,

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

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cc-Chicago
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U.S. Atty., St. Paul, Minn.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

BREKID

Enclosed herewith is an original letter written by Alvin Karpis in which he desired to know whether he would be permitted to correspond with Dolores Delaney.

This letter is being furnished to the Bureau to serve as a specimen of his handwriting. A typewritten copy of this letter has been furnished to the Superintendent of the Federal Prison at Milan, Michigan.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Stein

C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge

CWS:ACF

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cc Cincinnati
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*Handwritten Specimen of Alvin Karpis
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Laboratory Report

Case: Re: BREKID

Number: 7-576-11811

Specimens:

7-576-11811-A One page letter in the known handwriting of Alvin Karpis.

Examination requested by: Saint Paul

Date received: chp 6-1-36 4:00 P.M.

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel (1)

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Chicago *Cleveland*
E. J. Connelley, Chicago

*Will be used in general
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now as assembled.*

*Ans
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Pickering
(A.E.)

cc - Cincinnati
Chicago
E. J. Connelley, Chicago

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Examination withheld until
complete handwriting specimens
are obtained.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI**

FILE NO. **7-30**

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 5/26/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4/30; 5/1, 14, 19, 23, 25/36	REPORT MADE BY: R. T. NOONAN
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; MR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1233 - FPL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING - HARBORING - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Leon Felix residing Sheridan Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn., claims he has not seen MEAD since 1933; does not know his whereabouts and has had no information concerning MEAD since his own release from the Penitentiary on November 29, 1935. He denies seeing MEAD in Florida in early part of 1936. MEAD unknown at Sheridan Hotel, Minneapolis, and Lowry and St. Paul Hotels in St. Paul. Whereabouts of Sammy Gates unknown at present time. Suspicious person reported by Mankato Police Department and thought to be MEAD, not identical.			
REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agents J. V. Anderson, St. Paul, May 18, 1936, and V. E. Griss, Chicago, May 19, 1936. Telegram from Jacksonville Office dated April 25, 1936.			
DETAILS: On May 14, 1936, Benny Harris while being interviewed at the St. Paul Office stated that Leon Felix was frequenting his place at 620 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, known as the 620 Club. He further states that he thought Felix was residing at the Majestic Hotel on 7th and Hennepin Avenue. While Harris was being questioned at the St. Paul Office, the writer accompanied Special Agent John E. Brennan, making inquiries at the Majestic Hotel in Minneapolis, where Felix was unknown. Contact was also made with Ernie Fleagle, partner of Benny Harris at the 620 Club, and Fleagle advised that he knew Felix and that Felix frequented this place, but he frankly stated that he would			
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not turn this party in if he was sought for some violation but would try to get in touch with him. A short time later Fleagle stated that Felix had called him by telephone and that he was residing at the Sheridan Hotel and would be willing to talk to anyone. At that time he had stated to Fleagle he was on his way to the 680 Club.

Leon Felix was interviewed at the 680 Club and at that time advised that he had not seen WILLIAM KIMMER MEAD since 1928. He stated that he was indicted in December, 1922, at Jacksonville, Florida with MEAD on a charge of using the mails to defraud, the offense having occurred in 1921. He was arrested with MEAD at Denver, Colorado in August, 1922, and in 1923 MEAD was sentenced to a term of from 5 to 10 years and Felix for a term of 7 to 10 years on state charges of operating a confidence game.

Felix stated that he was released December 12, 1926, and it was thereafter in New York City in 1928 that he encountered MEAD on one occasion, and has not seen him since. He advised that he has been questioned by Post Office Inspector Graham of New York City concerning MEAD. He also stated that he has noted the various posters and wanted notices which have been issued on MEAD, having observed them in numerous Post Offices, and is aware that MEAD posted a \$10,000 bond in 1933 for his appearance at Jacksonville, Florida.

Felix further stated that from 1930 until 1934 he was in California; that he was picked up there in 1934 and returned to Jacksonville, Florida, in connection with the indictment returned in 1922, and that he pled guilty to this charge in September 1934, receiving a sentence of 18 months in Leavenworth Penitentiary. He was released from this Penitentiary November 29, 1935, and was in Florida a short time before proceeding to Minneapolis, Minn., where he now resides at the Sheridan Hotel. He claims that he has not received any information concerning MEAD since his own recent release from the Penitentiary. It is noted that Benny Harris denied knowing MEAD or ever having seen him at his place of business.

At the Sheridan Hotel where Felix is residing, E. E. McGowan and Mr. Nordquist, both room clerks, and Blanche Mann, mail clerk, were interviewed and shown photographs of MEAD, all

three advising they had not seen MEAD at that hotel. Mr. McGowan and Mr. Nordquist were advised that MEAD might possibly visit that hotel for the purpose of contacting Felix and they stated they would be on the lookout. A record of the long distance calls made by Felix were found to include only three calls made to St. Paul, one on April 25, 1936 to El. 5432, and a call on May 14 to El. 5648, and a call to the same number on May 15th.

During interview with former Inspector of Detectives James Grumley, St. Paul, Minnesota, in connection with the Hamm Kidnaping Case, Grumley advised that he thought he had seen MEAD known to him as "Chris(Kid)" in the lobby of the Lowry Hotel in St. Paul within the past month. However, he was not certain of this.

Inquiry was made at the Lowry Hotel through Assistant Manager Jack Barry who advised that the records did not contain the registration of MEAD, and that he personally had not observed MEAD in the Hotel. Special Agent R. G. Suran contacted the clerks and bellboys, showing MEAD'S picture to them, but no one had seen MEAD at this Hotel.

The writer contacted Mr. Igo, Assistant Manager of the St. Paul Hotel who was unable to recall having seen MEAD at that hotel, and also displayed MEAD'S picture to the various employees of the hotel, all of whom advised that they had not observed MEAD at that hotel.

Subsequent to the above investigation, report of Special Agent V. E. Griss, Chicago, Illinois, May 19, 1936, was received, wherein it is noted that Charles Long gave information to the effect that MEAD accompanied by his wife Kate, and "Jew" Felix, had visited Long and his wife one night at the George Washington Hotel, West Palm Beach, Florida, sometime the latter part of January, 1936.

Felix was again contacted at the Sheridan Hotel on May 23, 1936, after numerous efforts to locate him. He denied emphatically having seen MEAD or MEAD'S wife in Florida or any other place in 1936. He admitted having been in the lobby of the George Washington Hotel, West Palm Beach, Florida, early this year but was not residing there, and that he had visited not only this hotel but several other hotels. He also admitted that he

is often referred to by the name of "Jew" Felix. He claimed that there would be absolutely no reason for him denying that he had seen MEAD if such was the case, and that he certainly would say so if he had seen MEAD. He claims to be a bitter enemy of MEAD and his wife and that this enmity is the result of an argument between he and MEAD when they were arrested together in 1922, and that he has not spoken to MEAD since 1923, and that when he saw MEAD in 1928 in New York City he did not speak to him. Felix further alleges that Post Office Inspector Graham, located in New York City knows of this enmity existing between Felix and Mead and can vouch for the fact that Felix would not protect Mead in any way.

Felix further stated that during the past winter a party by the name of Doc Phillips wanted by the Post Office Inspectors, was arrested at Palm Beach, Florida, this being the result of an investigation by many Federal Agents and he feels sure that if Mead had been in that vicinity he would certainly have been picked up also. He referred to one Overholts, Bertillon man, in the Sheriff's Office at Palm Beach, Florida, who has a remarkable memory for faces, and he does not believe that Mead could have been at Palm Beach, Florida, without Overholts recognizing him.

Felix advised that he will be at the Sheridan Hotel indefinitely and can be reached there at any time; that his wife who is now in jail in California, will be released June 29, 1936, and that when she comes to Minneapolis, it is his intention to take a trip to some lake in the northern part of the state, but that before so doing he will advise the St. Paul Office of his whereabouts.

Inquiry was made through Miss VanLoren of the business office, Telephone Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, Cedar 4300, on May 25, 1936, and it was learned that telephone number Humboldt 5648 was listed in the name of Harvey E. Swanson, 580 West Lake Como and Phalen Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, and that telephone number Elkhurst 3432 was formerly listed to Robert Newton, 44 No. Lexington Parkway, St. Paul, Minnesota, but that this telephone had been discontinued on May 13, 1936.

At 580 Lake Como and Phalen Avenue W., Ray Swanson was interviewed and advised that he resides at this address as well as his brother Harvey E. Swanson. He stated that his brother has been working on numerous WPA Projects recently, and that he had been getting a few other odd jobs also and that he was therefore making pretty good money and was making regular payments on the house at this address which he and his brother had erected some seven or eight years ago; that they had resided at this address continually since that time. Ray Swanson further stated that he felt sure his brother was not mixed up with any confidence men and that he had not heard his brother make any statement to the effect that any one was trying to get him interested in any horse racing or other game. Mr. Swanson was not advised of the source of the information that led to the inquiry at this address except that someone who was thought to be operating some kind of a confidence game had called this number. He thought the photograph of MEAD resembled someone he had seen but could not name any time or place.

Inquiry was made at 44 Lexington Parkway North, from which address the telephone Elkhurst 3432 was removed May 13, 1936, and it was found that this place was vacant and apparently has been vacant for at least ten days as newspapers dating to May 15 were found on the porch. It is noted that the only Robert Newton listed in the 1935 St. Paul City Directory is President of the Northwestern Land and Investment Company, First National Bank Building, and that his residence is shown as 2062 Marshall Ave., an apartment house.

Telephonic inquiry at the Northwestern Land and Investment Company, First National Bank, St. Paul, Minn., resulted in determining that Robert Newton is President of this company; that he formerly resided at 44 Lexington Parkway and that he is out of town on a business trip, being expected to return within the next week. As this is apparently a reputable business concern and as the former residence of Newton is located in the better part of the city, it does not appear that further inquiry is necessary at this time concerning the telephone call made by Felix.

With reference to Sunny Gates, mentioned in reference report of Special Agent V. E. Griss, the records of the Minneapolis Police Department obtained through Ray Harrington, reveal that Gates was arrested at Minneapolis, Minnesota, the charge being a vagrant, in 1906, his Minneapolis Police Number being 3090. There is on record in the Minneapolis Police Department a circular

dated June, 1932, from the Gary, Indiana Police Department containing photograph of Gates and desiring his apprehension in connection with the confidence game. This circular gives his correct name as G. L. Gates with aliases: Henry Wycoff, James *Gordon, James Loren Gates, and Sammy Gates, and gives his description as age 45, 5 ft. 9 in., sandy hair, blue eyes, dark complexion - very pale. This circular lists his arrests as follows:

No. 88, Salt Lake City Police Department, August 11, 1915;

No. 4165, San Diego, California;

No. 3865, Police Department, Jacksonville, Fla., arrested 11/27/25;

No. 10,107, Police Department Vancouver, B.C. Date of arrest 9/3/25;

As Sammy Gates arrested Chicago, Illinois, 4/29/16, no number.

Ray Harrington, in charge of the Identification Division of the Minneapolis Police Department stated that he had some information that Gates passed through Minneapolis 6 or 8 months ago.

Captains of Detectives Mullen, Paradesaux, and Marxen, were interviewed, but only Captain Al Marxen could recall ever having heard of Sammy Gates and it was his opinion that Gates had not been in this vicinity for a number of years.

Leon Felix whom interviewed advised that he knows Sammy Gates and as far as he knows Gates called Minneapolis his home, but is not known to have any relatives in that city. The last time he saw Gates was in 1931 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, just before he, Felix, went to California.

On April 29, 1936, the St. Paul Bureau Office received a communication from the Police Department at Mankato Minnesota, advising that on the 25th of the month a woman made inquiries in Mankato for Jack Keeser who was formerly a gangster, now deceased, and that she was seen in the company of Jimmy Page and another man about 60 years old, and left a forwarding address for mail at 2435 - 1st Avenue South, Minneapolis, care

of R. E. Mullen. Page is looked upon as a dangerous man by the Police Department at Mankato and at the time they were driving the Chevrolet Sedan with 1936 Florida license 838.

Information received from the Jacksonville Office indicated that the above license plates were issued to George W. Clark, 125 Magnolia Drive, Daytona Beach, Florida, for the Chevrolet, motor 4,332,739, which license was based upon Minnesota 1935 license plates B-158,823 purchased from the Woodhead Company, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 19, 1935.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. A. Loughran:

The records of the Auto License Bureau, Secretary of State's Office, State Capitol, were checked and it was ascertained that Minnesota license for 1935 Number B-158,823 was issued to George W. Clark, Normandy Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on a 1934 Chevrolet Master Sedan, motor number 4,332,739, serial number 21 DAO 5-22001, the car being purchased from the Woodhead Company, Inc., Minneapolis, Minn.

The records of the Drivers License Bureau, Minnesota State Highway Department, 1279 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minn., showed an application dated October 28, 1935, from George W. Clark for a duplicate license, the original of which had not as yet been located by the Bureau which showed Clark's description as follows:

Name:	George W. Clark
Address:	405 - 8th St. Minneapolis, Minn.
Age:	54 (no birth date given)
Height:	5 ft. 8 1/2 in.
Weight:	165 lbs.
Race:	White
Hair:	Grey
Eyes:	Brown

Mr. Ray Harrington, Superintendent, Bureau of Identification, Minneapolis Police Department, Minneapolis, was interviewed regarding George W. Clark, but was unable to recognize Clark from name, address, or description. He advised, however, that the Manager of the Normandy Hotel is a very reliable man and had been very cooperative with the police.

Mr. J. H. Roberts, Manager, Normandy Hotel, 405 - 8th Street East, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was interviewed and advised that George W. Clark resided at that hotel from July 16 to October 26, 1935, occupying rooms 105 and 108 during that period. While living there he took numerous short trips out of town, being gone for two or three days at a time. He lived alone at the hotel and only had one man call on him while he was there. He paid his bills with cash from a large roll of money he carried and never attempted to cash a check.

Mr. Roberts described Clark as follows:

Age:	30
Height:	5 ft. 5 in.
Weight:	180 lbs.
Build:	Medium
Complexion:	Dark
Eyes:	Dark -wore tortoise shell rimmed glasses.
Hair:	Dark with grey streaks parted on side
Residence:	Texas, Southern accent
Characteristics:	Very quiet
Occupation:	Believed to be a promoter.

Mr. Roberts was shown a photograph of WILLIAM RIMMER MEAD which he advised was in no way similar to that of George W. Clark. He was positive that there was nothing peculiar about Clark's mouth.

The clerk at the above hotel, Miss Helen Sjerke, failed also to identify Mead's photograph as fitting that of George W. Clark.

Mrs. E. D. Mallen, 2435 First Avenue South, Minneapolis, was interviewed and advised that the E. Clark who had mail forwarded to their address was a party she had formerly known as Esther Thomason; that this woman had called her during the last week in April, 1936, and advised that she was having mail sent to their address under her married name of Esther Clark, and that she called for it on the day previous to Agent's visit (May 1, 1936). Regarding this woman she stated that she

had formerly operated a hotel at 13th and Nicollet in Minneapolis, but that during the last few years she was operating a carnival, and had traveled up in Canada one summer. When she saw her the day previous, Mrs. Mallen stated that she had not asked as to where she had been or what she was doing, and that the only matter they talked about was her recent marriage, but she did not find out where her husband was from.

She was shown a photograph of MEAD and denied positively that she had ever seen this party.

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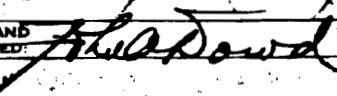
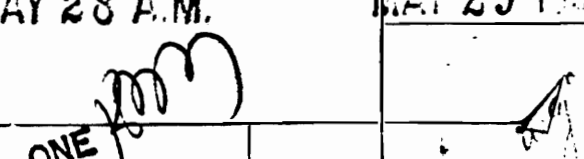
At GARY, INDIANA, will check the police records for all information available concerning Sammy Gates and his present whereabouts, it being noted that that Police Department issued a bulletin requesting his apprehension in June, 1932.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **7-9**

REPORT MADE AT Indianapolis, Indiana.	DATE WHEN MADE 5-26-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-19-36	REPORT MADE BY G. A. Hardison
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218; Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236; ET AL. Edward George Bremer - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBOR- ING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:		<p>Charles H. Levi, 211 Palo Alto St., Rushville, Ind., not identical with William Elmer Mead, with aliases, I. O. 1354, and he was not in Evansville, Indiana, on March 5, 1936.</p>	
Reference:		<p>Report of Special Agent J. C. Strickland, Jr., Indianapolis, Indiana, April 30, 1936.</p>	
Details:		<u>At Rushville, Indiana</u>	
<p>Agent interviewed Mrs. Charles H. Levi, 211 Palo Alto Street, Rushville, Indiana, and she advised that her husband was not at home, and that he is employed as a lineman by the Rushville, Telephone Company.</p> <p>Agent interviewed George H. Davis, General Manager, Rushville Telephone Company, who advised that Charles H. Levi has been employed by that company as a lineman since 1916; that his work record indicates that he worked eight hours on March 5, 1936 and on every day of that week. Mr. Davis stated that the photograph of William Elmer Mead, with aliases, I. O. 1354, bears no resemblance to Charles H. Levi.</p>			
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PHONE BREKID ~~RECEIVED~~ SUBJECT FRED JOHN HUNTER INDICTED TODAY
CONSPIRACY HARBORING ^{HARRY}KARPIS, ^{HARRY}CAMBELL BASED ON BREMER
KIDNAPING INDICTMENT STOP HUNTER PLEAD GUILTY HERE
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Laboratory Report

May 27, 1936.

Case: BREKID

Number: 7-576-11860

Specimens: A. One Souvenir Game Card upon which appears the known handwriting of Fred Hunter.
B. One slip of paper upon which appears "Mr. E. Woods Hot Springs Ark." known handwriting of Alvin Karpis.

Examination requested by: Jacksonville Bureau Office.

Date received: May 21, 1936.

Examination requested: Document.

Result of examination: Examination by: Appel (1)

These specimens of the known writing of Karpis and Hunter are, of course, of very little value in comparison with questioned writings. As soon as complete known specimens of the writing of Karpis and Hunter are received a general search of registrations and other previously questioned writings is to be made. At that time the specimens now submitted will be of value and any results obtained will be made known to all interested offices.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

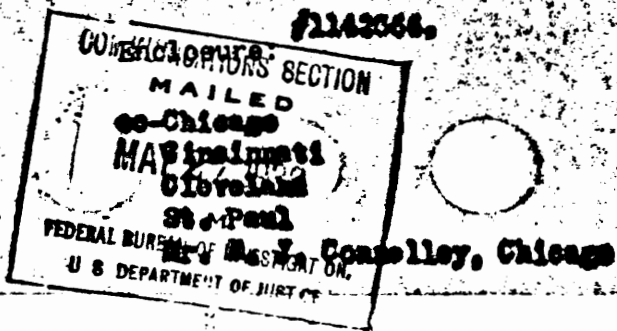
Re: MURKID.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau May 21, 1936.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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326 1/2 Post Office Building
New Orleans, Louisiana
May 18, 1936

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith copies of a letter dated May 6, 1936, received from E. B. Hauch, who is the office manager of the Quality Motors, Inc., 1625 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, where subject Alvin Karpis, under the alias of Edward O'Hara, purchased 1936 Plymouth Coupe, Motor #P-2-212244. The purchase incident is related in report of Special Agent L. I. Bowman, New Orleans, Louisiana, dated May 15, 1936.

It will be noted from the contents of the letter of Mr. Hauch that he is entering a claim for reward offered by the Attorney General for information leading to the arrest of Alvin Karpis.

I am aware of the fact but not of all of the details concerning the assignment of Special Agent James O. Peyronnin by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley the morning of May 1, 1936, to interview representatives of the Quality Motors, Inc., with respect to checking the history of the purchase of the Plymouth car. At this time, however, Bureau representatives at New Orleans were well aware of the location of both subject Karpis and subject Hunter. Mr. E. B. Hauch, therefore, did not furnish this Bureau office with any information that resulted in the apprehension of subject Karpis or subject Hunter. His information merely furnished the collateral fact and he did not at any time furnish Special Agent James O. Peyronnin with knowledge that he definitely knew that the purchaser of the car was subject Karpis.

Reference report of Special Agent L. I. Bowman indicates that Karpis was negotiating the deal in behalf of Hunter, who was the real owner and purchaser of the Plymouth Coupe.

Mr. E. B. Hauch will undoubtedly be a witness in the contemplated case against subject Hunter for Harboring at New Orleans, Louisiana, as he will be able to testify favorably for the Government in the event a trial becomes necessary.

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I have not acknowledged the letter of Mr. E. B. Hauch and will do so only upon instructions from the Bureau. I did, however, advise Special Agent L. I. Bowman, when he questioned Mr. E. B. Hauch at a subsequent date, to personally inform him that information he had previously furnished had no connection with advising this office of the location of either subject Karpis or subject Hunter. He did not, in fact, have knowledge of their location, as neither Karpis nor Hunter left any information that would lead to the address where they were apprehended.

Kindly advise whether the New Orleans Bureau office should answer Mr. Hauch's letter along these lines or whether the Bureau will furnish the advice.

Very truly yours,

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

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E. B. HAUCH

Certified Public Accountant

4927 S. Rocheblave Street

New Orleans

May 6th, 1936.

Mr. David W. Magee,
Investigator in Charge,
Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that the Attorney-General has posted a reward for information leading to the arrest of Alvin Karpis.

I wish to enter my claim for this reward for the reason that I furnished your department with the information which I believed helped considerably in the arrest of this man.

On Friday May 1st, 1936 I furnished your investigator, Mr. Peyronin, with a full description, including Motor, Serial and license numbers of the automobile, purchased by Karpis from Quality Motors Inc., under the name of Edward O'Hara.

Kindly give my claim the consideration to which I believe it is entitled.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) E. B. HAUCH.

E. B. Hauch,
1625 Canal Street,
New Orleans, La.

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Special Agent in Charge,
New Orleans, Louisiana.Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al; EDWARD
GEORGE BREMER - Victim; KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 18, 1936, to which there was attached a copy of a letter addressed to you by Mr. E. E. Houch, who now makes claim for the reward which was issued on Alvin Karpis.

The Bureau does not desire to offend Mr. Houch in any way, in view of the fact that he may possibly be a witness on behalf of the Government against Fred Hunter. It is, therefore, suggested that you immediately interview Mr. Houch, explaining to him that the information leading to the location and apprehension of Alvin Karpis resulted solely from investigation conducted by Special Agents of the Bureau, for which reason it will be impossible to pay him any portion of the reward.

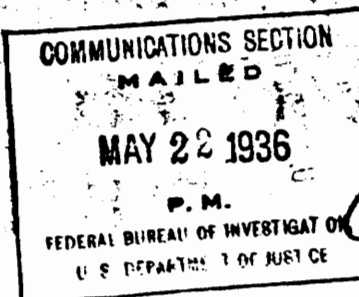
I desire that you discuss this matter tactfully and diplomatically with Mr. Houch so that he will in no way be offended because of the Bureau's refusal to pay him any reward.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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cc - St. Paul,
Mr. Connelley,
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
May 26th, 1936

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

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

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in Bureau letter dated May 22, 1936 (Bureau file 7-576), there are transmitted herewith two copies each of photographs of John Brock. One photograph is of Brock as #24696, Oklahoma State Penitentiary. The other was reproduced by the Oklahoma City office from full length photographs of Brock taken at the time he appeared at Independence, Kansas in connection with the trial of Tom Hill on state charges of armed robbery.

Very truly yours,

Wright Brantley
WRIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Re: BREKID

Photographs of John Brock.

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CITY OF TOLEDO
OHIO

May 26, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your letter of May 15 replying in part to my night letter of May 7. I am sure you will find the Toledo Police Division ready to cooperate with your Bureau at all times. Especially am I convinced that Chief of Police, Ray Allen, is a man of integrity who is striving energetically and intelligently to develop a superior police force. You will realize of course that it takes a long time to cure the evils that have been built into the department over a period of many years by improper methods of recruiting and training and by a vicious brand of politics.

Just as rapidly as is possible Chief Allen and I are ridding the Division of incompetents and the Chief is now engaged in a comprehensive reorganization program.

Because of the repeated newspaper statements to the effect that you expected to arrest some members of the Toledo Police Force for harboring criminals, I asked in my night letter of May 7 that you push your investigation to the utmost; and that you submit to us any evidence indicating failure on the part of our officers to perform their police duties in event such evidence is not sufficient for prosecution. I feel this is of extreme importance. It may be true, as newspapers have quoted you, that a police chief should know his men better than you or others connected with your organization. The fact remains however that a police chief must take his information where he finds it; and it seems to me that local police officials who are trying to do a good job should have the benefit of your advice with respect to the character of local police officers contacted by your men. I therefore ask again that you tell Chief Allen or tell me any facts in your possession that would enable us to eliminate unsatisfactory personnel.

With best wishes for your continued success, I am

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Cordially yours,
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S/ JOHN N. KEDY
City Manager

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Personal and Confidential

May 13, 1936.

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

RE: WILLIAM ELMER MEAD with aliases,
I.O. #1354. Endeavor to Locate

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letters dated March 21, 1936 and April 30, 1936 (7-576), pertaining to the mutilated fingerprints of William Elmer Mead.

Capt. Fred Zwirz, in charge of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York Police Department, was interviewed by Special Agent C. E. Hennrich with reference to the mutilated prints of Mead. Capt. Zwirz advised that he was familiar with the maintenance of the Bureau's mutilated fingerprint file and, therefore, understood how the original prints of Mead were secured for comparison with his mutilated prints. He stated, however, that he had compared the mutilated prints of Mead appearing on FBI Master Card #271926 with their prints, #E7789, and also with FBI I.O. #1354, and that these prints had also been compared by experts in his Bureau, and that they had been unable to make an identification.

The mutilated prints of Mead were discussed with Capt. Zwirz and with Mr. Dalton, fingerprint expert in the Bureau of Criminal Identification of the New York Police Department, and the fingerprint characteristics and distortions caused by scars appearing on these prints, were considered in detail, after which they decided that the mutilated prints appearing on FBI Master Card #271926 were identical with their #E7789 and FBI I.O. #1354.

Capt. Zwirz advised that to his knowledge no intentional mutilated fingerprints had come into the New York City Police Department fingerprint files, and that the thoroughness of the mutilation and distortion of the characteristics of the fingerprints of Mead had resulted in their Bureau being at first unable to establish an identification.

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The undesirability of any publicity which might indicate that the mutilation of Mead's fingerprints was successful in avoiding identification was discussed with Capt. Zwirz, and he advised that he

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would cooperate with this Bureau in an effort to prevent any publicity appearing regarding this matter.

During the interview with Capt. Zwirz, identification matters in general were discussed with him, at which time he indicated that the Bureau's policy of returning poorly taken fingerprints to the New York City Police Department Identification Bureau, together with a stereotyped form indicating the apparent difficulty in the taking of the prints, caused considerable disturbance in their Bureau. He advised that the prints submitted by his Bureau are taken by detectives in the various precincts, who have received instructions as to the proper method of taking these prints, and that it is the policy of his Bureau to return immediately to the detectives any prints that are so poorly taken that they cannot be readily classified, but that on many occasions it was found that before new sets of prints could be secured the subjects had either been dismissed or had been turned over to other authorities, resulting in their being unable to secure better fingerprint impressions. In these instances, the fingerprints originally taken are forwarded to the Bureau in Washington even though their condition is such that accurate classification is difficult.

Very truly yours,



R. WHITLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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May 22, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

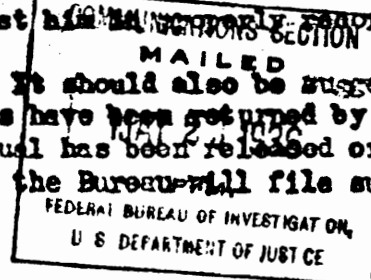
Reference is made to your personal and confidential letter of May 13, 1936, concerning the interview of Special Agent C. E. Hamarick with Captain Fred Zwirz of the Bureau of Criminal Identification of the New York City Police Department relative to the mutilated fingerprints of William Elmer Mead and general identification matters.

With reference to Captain Zwirz's statement that the Bureau's policy of returning poorly taken fingerprints to the New York City Police Department caused considerable disturbance in his Bureau, it is requested that the next time an Agent has occasion to contact Captain Zwirz, he be advised that it is the policy of the Bureau to return fingerprints which are not properly recorded and, therefore, not subject to accurate classification, to the law enforcement agency contributing the prints to the Identification Division, since it is believed inadvisable to retain and file the prints under their approximate or apparent classification. In most instances, if the fingerprints are filed under their approximate classification they would not be identified when subsequent prints of the same individual are received in the Identification Division which were properly taken and, consequently, subject to accurate classification. Thus the law enforcement agency would be deprived of the criminal record of the individual represented by the prints which were poorly taken and, consequently, not identified.

Captain Zwirz should also be advised that it is not the intention of the Bureau in returning bad prints to embarrass the identification officer or the officer taking the prints, but the prints are returned in order that the fingerprints properly taken may be submitted. Also, since it would not be possible for the Bureau to write a special letter in each instance returning the bad prints, form letters are used, with appropriate notations made indicating the deficiencies noted in taking the prints. Form letters are not used to criticize the identification officer but to assist him in properly recording the fingerprints.

It should also be suggested to Captain Zwirz that in instances where prints have been returned by the Bureau as improperly taken, where the individual has been released or in his judgment better prints are not obtainable, the Bureau will file such prints in the Identification Division.

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Special Agent in Charge,
New York, New York.

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May 22, 1936.

under their approximate classification if he will return the fingerprints to the Bureau with a notation inserted thereon indicating that the prints are the best obtainable.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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May 22, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Relative to your panned comments appearing on a letter dated May 5, 1936 from the Cleveland, Ohio Bureau Office, concerning the failure of the Identification Division of this Bureau to ascertain a prior criminal record of one Milton Lett, an associate of Harry Campbell, who is being sought by this Bureau, the following information, reflecting the obvious failure on the part of the Identification Division and the possible embarrassment which might arise in this connection, is incorporated herein.

During the course of the investigation conducted by Special Agents of this Bureau at Akron, Ohio in the early part of January, 1936, Detective Robert Van Steenberg, of the Akron Police Department, was interviewed and related that on October 19, 1935 one Thomas J. Shaw, who it has now been determined is identical with Milton Lett, was arrested, at which time he had in his possession money in the amount of \$869.00. Van Steenberg related that his investigation disclosed that Lett on October 19, 1935 went to the Universal Motor Company, 423 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio, for the purpose of buying a Ford automobile for cash and after making preliminary arrangements for the purchase of this car, Lett proceeded to the vicinity of the Portage Hotel, where he was arrested as a suspicious person. At this same time, Clayton Hall, of Youngstown, Ohio, an informant of this Bureau, being in the company of Lett was also arrested. Approximately three hours following the arrest of Lett, one J. T. Dunn, a local gambler, called at the Akron Police Department with reference to the arrest of Lett and endeavored to negotiate a bond for his release. Detective Van Steenberg related that the effort on the part of Dunn and the anxiety on the part of Lett to effect a release indicated to Van Steenberg that he was, in fact, badly wanted.

At the time Lett was photographed, it is interesting to note that he resorted to the old trick of holding his breath and puffing out his cheeks, for the purpose of distorting his face and as a result of these actions, Van Steenberg was further convinced that Lett was "hot".

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Failure to identify Akron Police Department
Print #26337 concerning Milton Lett, alias
Thomas J. Shaw, on October 19, 1935.

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The Akron, Ohio Police Department by Bureau letter dated October 24, 1935 was advised that Thomas J. Shaw, Akron Police Department #26357, had no previous criminal record and that advice was furnished by the Bureau pursuant to the submission of the fingerprints of the said Thomas J. Shaw, which were forwarded by the Akron Police Department to the Bureau. This is significant inasmuch as the Post Office Inspectors uncovered information that Lett as Thomas J. Shaw purchased the automobile which was used in the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery which occurred on November 7, 1935 and subsequently endeavored to secure Lett's criminal record from the Akron Police Department and were advised by that Department of the contents of the Bureau's letter of October 24, 1935, to the effect that Shaw had no previous criminal record.

On January 4, 1936, the Cleveland Bureau Office wrote the Bureau, requesting a complete criminal record of Thomas J. Shaw, Akron Police Department #26357 and received the following criminal record reflecting that Milton Lett is identical with Thomas J. Shaw. The complete criminal record which was forwarded to the Cleveland Bureau Office under date of January 15, 1936, FBI-1008739, for the purpose of clarity, is set out herein in full:

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WANTED BY BUREAU: As Carl Baker, alias Thomas J. Shaw. Suspected of participation in mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, on 11-7-35. Location desired for questioning re whereabouts of Alvin O'Karpis and Harry Campbell (also suspected in this robbery.) Notify Bureau Office, Cleveland, Ohio per inf. rec. therefrom 1-7-36. Bureau file #7-576-8856.

The Akron Police Department, upon receiving the above criminal record from the Cleveland Bureau Office on the afternoon of January 16, 1936, immediately called Post Office Inspector S. Hettrick, of Cleveland, Ohio, by

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long distance telephone, advising him of the identity of Milton Lett, whereupon Inspector Hettrick communicated with the Post Office Inspectors at Oklahoma, for the purpose of having them arrest Milton Lett for questioning in connection with the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery.

Upon receiving this information, a raid was conducted on the premises of Mrs. Maggie Lett, mother of Milton Lett, without advising representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. As has previously been pointed out in a memorandum to the Attorney General dated May 11, 1936, wherein information is submitted reflecting the obvious lack of desire on the part of certain members of the Post Office Inspection Staff to cooperate with Special Agents of this Bureau, this situation was referred to, indicating that despite the fact that Post Office Inspector Hettrick knew of the surveillance by Agents of the Bureau at the Cleveland Post Office and that the Bureau, therefore, was interested in Maggie Lett, the mother of Milton Lett, of Wann, Oklahoma, Post Office Inspectors, without notifying any Bureau Office or official proceeded to Wann, Oklahoma during January of 1935 where, with the assistance of the Kansas State Highway Patrol and Deputy Sheriffs, they conducted a raid on the premises of Mrs. Maggie Lett.

In addition to the aforementioned, it should be noted that the criminal record reflects that the Police Department at Coffeyville, Kansas on November 6, 1935 arrested Milton Lett, alias J. M. Lett, #11635-B on a charge of robbery, first degree and that subsequently the Sheriff's Office at Yates Center, Kansas on November 7, 1935 arrested Milton Lett as J. M. Lett, alias Milt Lett, #171, on a charge of holdup (investigation) and that he was subsequently released. This arrest, it should be noted, occurred on the same day that the Garrettsville, Ohio mail robbery was perpetrated.

With reference to the notation appearing on the criminal record furnished the Cleveland Bureau Office under date of January 13, 1936, reading "the above complete record in the case of this individual has been disclosed while extending the Bureau files". It would appear that this notation definitely disclosed that no prior extension of the criminal records in the Identification Division was made, either upon receipt of the print from the Akron, Ohio Police Department on October 19, 1935, or upon receipt of the print from the Sheriff's Office at Yates Center, Kansas, reflecting the arrest of Milton Lett on November 7, 1935, nor did the Identification Division extend the records upon receipt of the fingerprint record submitted by the Police Department at Coffeyville, Kansas, reflecting that Milton Lett, alias J. M. Lett, #11635-B, was arrested on November 6, 1935 on a charge of first degree robbery.

Respectfully,

A. Rosen

A. Rosen

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

May 27th, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Re: BREXID

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 21st, 1936,
together with various photographs of Harry Sawyer and
Harry Campbell. As requested therein, I am enclosing
herewith six copies of the face photo of Harry Sawyer and
twelve copies of the face photo of Harry Campbell.

Very truly yours,

LJM
enc.

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Bureau

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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

May 27th, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Re: BREXID

As requested in your letter of May 25th, 1936, I am forwarding to you herewith twelve copies each of the bust photographs of Harry Campbell and Charles J. Fitzgerald, and the full length, front view photograph of Harry Campbell.

Very truly yours,

LJM
enc.

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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Los Angeles, Calif. May 25, 1936

O. W. Stein
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U. S. Dept. of Justice
232 Uptown Station & Federal Courts
St. Paul, Minn.

BREXID WIFE OF LEON FELIX RECEIVED LETTER FROM FELIX FROM SHERIDAN HOTEL
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

EAT:TMF

May 26, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to your inquiry concerning the statement appearing in the "News Behind the News" by Paul Mallon, which appeared in the Pittsburgh Post Gazette on May 20, 1936, indicating that a story is current that Postal Inspectors will claim some of the reward offered for the capture of Alvin Karpis because Bureau Agents unsuccessfully questioned a certain man, who was later questioned by Postal Inspectors, who developed information which led to the capture of Alvin Karpis, you are advised that this article probably refers to the questioning of Clayton Hall by Bureau Agents. You will recall that Clayton Hall was interviewed by Agents of the Bureau at Youngstown, on March 25, 1936, at which time he was furnished with money and the address of the Cleveland Office and requested to report there for further interview. On March 26, 1936, while enroute to the Cleveland Office, Hall was picked up by Post Office Inspectors and detained by them for a period of time, although he informed them that he was on his way to the Cleveland Office. About 5:00 P.M. on March 27, 1936, Postal Inspector Hettrick telephonically advised Mr. MacFarland that the Post Office Inspectors were holding Hall. We were thereafter "permitted" to interview him and subsequently, after the Post Office Inspectors had turned Hall loose, we used him as an informant at Hot Springs, Arkansas. The statement that the Post Office Inspectors obtained information from Hall which resulted in Karpis' location is, of course, erroneous.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

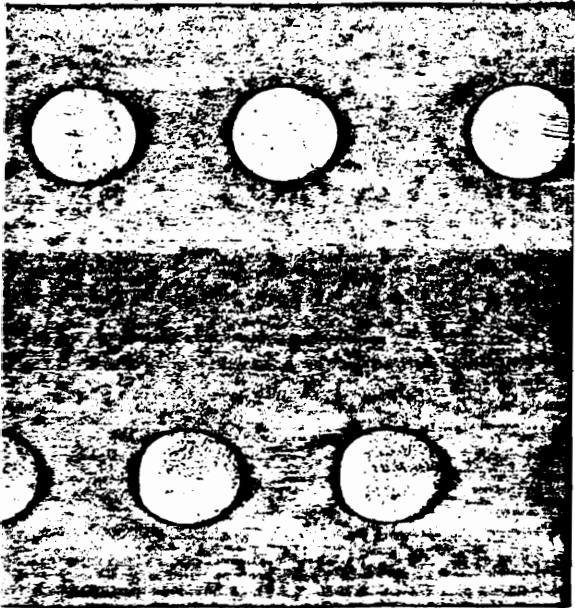
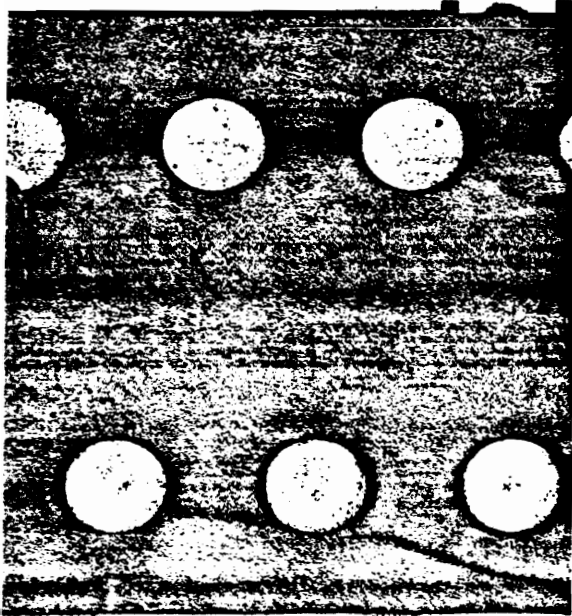
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PITTSBURGH POST GAZETTE
MAY 20, 1936.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

—BY PAUL MALLON—

P-MEN— A story is current in Congress that the postal inspectors would like to claim some of the reward which G-Man Hoover is not going to pay for the capture of Alvin Karpis. The postal outfit is tight-lipped, but the yarn comes authoritatively that G-Men unsuccessfully questioned a certain man whose name is known (not Karpis), and released him. Later postal inspectors took him in and got information which is supposed to have led to the capture of Karpis.

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What is there to this?

Memo Director
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Mr. Clegg	
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Mr. Rosen	
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Mr. Joseph	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
May 27, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find a copy of a letter forwarded to this office by E. E. Fralis, Clay Center, Ohio, relative to activities of certain gangsters in and near the City of Toledo, Ohio. Enclosed also find the original rough draft map which was enclosed with Mr. Fralis' letter.

Apparently the contents of this letter are mere generalities and there is nothing definite upon which to act. However, inasmuch as Dolores Delaney is mentioned therein, it is being forwarded to you for whatever action you deem satisfactory.

Mr. E. E. Fralis has been advised that this matter has been referred to you.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Reinecke,
Special Agent in Charge

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Clay Center, Ohio
May 23, 1936

Gentlemen:

Whether the following will mean anything to you, I cannot say. All I can do, is give it to you for what it is worth.

It's a long story, and chiefly concerns one Beulah (Boots) Bailey, alias Yenzer, alias White, alias Mrs. R. White.

In the spring of 1932 this woman was associated with a Jack Spirk that was arrested, convicted of burglary and sentenced to two years in Columbus.

According to her, she and Spirk were members of a large mob that circled several cities, (Cleveland, Toledo, Detroit, and Chicago), at regular intervals.

She was intimate a Dolores whose last name I am not sure, but believe was DeLansy.

At one time she was very intimate with a Glen Moore-head whom I have been informed by narcotic agent--was caught, convicted and sentenced to twenty years for sale of narcotics. From vague statements of her brother-in-law, I took it she was mixed up in the narcotic racket.

On Jan. 4, 1935, Chas. Boidel, of Erie, Mich., and another Deputy, arrested Jurdie DeForest Yenzer---(escaped convict from Ohio State Reformatory. Number 29121, Fingerprint Class. 12) 25 I IOI 7 and returned him.) ---in Erie, Mich. That was what I was given to understand.

On June or July, 1935, I received a letter from this woman expressing her desire to see me. It contained directions---(see enclosed rough map)---to reach her.

Every indication pointed to the fact that she and Yenzer used the place for a hideout. It must be seen to be appreciated.

At that time, although not connected to the narcotic division, I was primarily looking for narcotics.

I was on the verge of something alright but could not make any headway.

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I did note a number of things. The most significant was that the Michigan State Police were interested in the place, and she appeared very nervous when they were in the vicinity. A strange car, or a strange plane; motor-boats when they approached, all excited her nervousness. She was also very particular as to the time of my arrival and departure, and was nervous even then while I was present.

But, she lived there all alone and on relief.

I met several of her acquaintances, most of them men, who acted suspicious and were admittedly "hard".

One of these, introduced as an Elmer Liedil, drove a Chevrolet, with tags issued to a Henry Mann, 704 Balfe St., Toledo, for a Ford Sedan.

Another, T. J. Scott--(wife, Gertrude) R. F. D. Temperance, Mich., --- (driver for Standard Oil) --- was well acquainted with the changing of motor serial numbers.

The greatest piece of information was gained in regards to a man called "Freddy".

He admittedly had a police record. Then, he was trying to recruit a group to go down into Mexico to make "big money".

The members requirements were nerve, ability with firearms and disciplinary training. Some "wouldn't come back".

He drove a car with Michigan tags, that were issued to a Herman L. Fix, R. F. D. 4, Monroe, Michigan for another car.

He admittedly had, in hauling illicit liquor into Toledo, to a Popoff on Front St., come into contact with several Licavoli mobsters.

The "Boots" woman, also claimed acquaintance of a Licavoli gunman.

"Freddy" was supposed to be a member of the American Legion and to reside in or near LaSalle, Mich.

I have since learned, that a Herman L. Fix, used to haul illicit liquor into Monroe, Mich., where he was well known.

The description of Fix, as given to me, also applies to this "Freddy".

I believe that the Henry Mann of which I spoke, also has a police record in Toledo.

"Boots" Bailey received her mail as Mrs. R. White, in a box belonging to J. Connelly.

The spot mentioned is ideal for either a hideout or a "way station".

They were all pretty nervous about strangers.

That is all that I can think of at present, except that a Clifford McCluskey, Toledo detective was pretty "sweet" on Yenzers sister at the time he escaped from the O. S. R.

Rumor has it he isn't too consciencous when it comes to duty.

Very Cordially Yours
E. R. Fralis
Clay Center, O.

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Please forget my identity. Perhaps I can be of real service later.

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