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PRIVACY ACTS**

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

**FILE NUMBER: 7-576**

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Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.  
June 10, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

BREMER

During the recent trial of Myrtle Eaton at Jacksonville, Florida, for the harboring of William Weaver, Edna Murray who is presently an inmate in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, was subpoenaed as a witness and testified in behalf of the Government, after which she received remuneration in witness fees for the days which she was in attendance at the trial.

Subsequently Edna Murray inquired of Special Agent R. C. Suran whether she should have been paid witness fees at the time she was a Government witness in the trial of William Weaver, et al. in St. Paul, January, 1936, stating that she did not receive any remuneration at that time.

Edna Murray on the occasion of the second Bremer trial in St. Paul, was removed from Jefferson City, Missouri, to St. Paul, by Deputy U. S. Marshals.

In accordance with the request of Edna Murray, Agent Suran discussed this matter with United States Attorney George Sullivan at St. Paul, Minnesota, and Mr. Sullivan in an offhand opinion stated that he believed that Edna Murray should have been paid \$1.50 per day for each day she was in attendance at the trial, although she would not have been allowed subsistence allowances.

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However, Mr. Sullivan instructed Assistant United States Attorney Evans to ascertain whether the opinion as rendered by him was correct, and after some research Mr. Evans believed that there was some doubt as to whether Edna Murray under the circumstances would be permitted to receive compensation.

Mr. Evans took this matter up with the U. S. Marshal's Office in St. Paul and learned that on prior occasions witnesses

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who were state prisoners and brought to testify on behalf of the Government, were allowed witness fees. However, the inquiry of Mr. Evans at the U. S. Marshal's Office created some doubt as to whether this was the proper procedure.

The present status of this matter is that the U. S. Marshal's Office will forward to Washington for a pre-audit, a voucher made out in favor of Edna Murray for witness fees due her, as a result of her testimony at the aforementioned trial. If this voucher is allowed a check will be forwarded to Edna Murray.

Inasmuch as Miss Murray desired to be advised of the status of this matter, it is requested that the next time an Agent is in the vicinity of Jefferson City, Missouri, that Edna Murray be advised in the premises.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Bureau  
Cincinnati  
Chicago  
Cleveland

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

June 1, 1936

PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In connection with the investigation now in progress  
in Toledo, Ohio, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
is being used as a confidential informant and is furnishing  
very valuable information.

Although he has, in the past, possessed considerable  
money derived from his racket activities, he is, at the present  
time, in poor financial condition.

Due to the necessity for placing him in various 'hot  
spots', the sum of ten dollars has been advanced to him. Bureau  
authority is requested to expend one hundred dollars to be paid  
[REDACTED] in small amounts from time to time in order to  
develop him, and it is believed this authority should be granted  
at the earliest possible moment.

In future communications and report [REDACTED]  
will be referred to as [REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland  
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. E. A. Tamm	
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Mr. Tracy	
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Mr. J. P. MacFarland,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
1442 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of June 1, 1936, the  
Bureau approves the expenditure of not more than \$100.00  
to be paid by your office to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] confidential information to be  
produced by him. b7d

It is understood that this money is to be  
furnished [REDACTED] in small sums to enable him to obtain  
the information which he will furnish to your office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Mr. Connelley (Chicago)  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati JUN 17 1936

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
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Mr. Coffey  
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Miss Gandy

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 3, 1936.

Time - 2:10 P.M.

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR**

Re: Volney Davis.

During a telephonic conversation which I had with Mr. Connelley at the St. Paul Office, I mentioned to him the Bureau is advised that the automobile of Volney Davis has now been turned over to his parents. In this connection, I recalled to Mr. Connelley's mind that during the questioning of Volney Davis after he was taken into custody, he promised Special Agent A. E. Farland of the Chicago Office that he would do almost anything if the automobile would be given to his parents. Now that the automobile has been turned over to his parents, it would appear to be the psychological time to interview him to see what information if any he has to offer regarding the investigation of corruption and of harboring, etc., which is being conducted in Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio, and also regarding the Hamm Case.

In this connection, I suggested to Mr. Connelley that as soon as we were in a position to do so, we should assimilate all available data and information in a report which Mr. Farland might use as the basis for an interview with Volney Davis. I pointed out to Mr. Connelley that while Farland has a gift for obtaining the confidence of criminals, he has certain personal shortcomings and of course is handicapped by a lack of complete knowledge concerning the operations of the Barker-Karpis gang, but that it was my opinion we should attempt to capitalize upon Davis' liking for Farland. I suggested to Mr. Connelley that if possible, we should work out something so that Agent McKee, who has a rather pleasant personality, might be able to accompany Farland to Alcatraz and participate in the interview.

I pointed out to Mr. Connelley, however, that at the present time we should concentrate on the investigation in Toledo, Cleveland and St. Paul, but that when these things shape up, Davis might be able to give us some valuable information. With reference to the contemplated future interview with Davis, we are more or less in the dark at the present time because we don't have enough information to permit an interrogation of Davis concerning the conditions in Toledo, Cleveland and other towns frequented by the gang, although these data are being assimilated in more detail from day to day. This matter will receive attention in the near future.

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Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Baughman  
Chief Clerk  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Edwards  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. F. J. Connelley  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Jones  
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Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

June 11, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter to the Cincinnati Office dated May 21, 1936, setting out flash cards still of record with the Government Agencies located in Washington on persons connection with this case.

It is requested that the flash cards on Charles Preston Harmon at the Veterans Administration be withdrawn inasmuch as it has been ascertained that this man was killed at the Craft State Bank, Menominee, Wisconsin, on November 19, 1931.

It is likewise requested that the flash card on Bryan Bolton at the Veterans Administration be withdrawn inasmuch as this man is now in custody.

The flash cards on Dr. Joseph P. Moran, William J. Harrison and Oliver Benjamin Lester should be retained.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO. **7-9**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Indianapolis, Indiana</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6-11-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/26/36 6/1/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>C. A. HARDISON</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>VLD</b></span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>Phillip Amersbach unknown at Indiana State Reformatory, Pendleton, Indiana, and Indiana State Farm, Greencastle, Indiana.</b>  <div style="text-align: center;">- P -</div>			
Reference: <b>Report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 2-13-36, and report of Special Agent Robert L. Murphy, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated 4-9-36.</b>			
Details: <b>At Pendleton, Ind.</b>  <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Agent interviewed Kenneth G. Bratten, Record Clerk, Indiana State Reformatory, and he advised after a search of that institution's records, that no one by the name of Phillip Amersbach had ever been incarcerated there.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Agent telephonically communicated with Assistant Superintendent H. Plow, Indiana State Farm, Greencastle, Indiana, who advised after a search of his records, that no one by the name of Phillip Amersbach had been incarcerated in that institution since 1925.</p>			
UNDEVELOPED LEADS:  <p style="margin-left: 40px;">INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE - Will complete leads set out in the report of Special Agent Robert L. Murphy, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated April 9, 1936.</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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P. O. Box 1273,  
Cincinnati, Ohio,  
June 10, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

The form letter dated December 12, 1933 from the Cleveland office to all field offices, requested that stop notices be placed against a 1935 model Plymouth four door sedan bearing motor number PJ-322722 and Serial Number 2019207, which was the car used in the Garretttsville mail robbery on November 7, 1935, and was purchased from the Holmes-Brown Motor Company, Cleveland, by Thomas J. Shaw under the name of Carl Hunter.

Please advise me whether this automobile has been located and may know whether to withdraw the wanted notice on file in this district.

Very truly yours,

D. ICHT BACCHAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 118  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
June 11, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Sir: REKID

Pursuant to your request of June 6, 1936,  
enclosed herewith is one copy of the report of Special  
Agent W. E. Criss, Chicago, Illinois, May 19, 1936.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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Encl.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-50

REPORT MADE AT: <b>CHARLOTTE, N.C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>6/12/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>6/6,8/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>W.A. COLLIER, JR.: ADC</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">F. C. Tuttle and Sir Mark W. Jenkinson registered Grove Park Inn, Asheville, N.C., 5-13-36; A. Walter Huntington, secretary to Jenkinson, registered same Inn, 5-14-36; three above named departed Asheville, 5-15-36, for Charleston, S.C. Employees Grove Park Inn and cab driver, Asheville, state Jenkinson resembles photograph of William E. Mead, but are doubtful if photograph of Mead is a photograph of Jenkinson. Photographs in connection with above registrations being obtained and forwarded to office of origin.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Letter from Cincinnati Office, dated June 2, 1936.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> <u>AT ASHEVILLE, N.C.</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">A. N. Barnett, Manager, Grove Park Inn, advised that he remembered very distinctly when Mr. F. C. Tuttle, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and a Sir Mark W. Jenkinson, of London, were at the Grove Park Inn. Barnett advised that he had known Mr. Tuttle for several years, and that there was no nicer person who stopped at the Grove Park Inn than Mr. Tuttle.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		<div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">7-576-11983</div>	
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Barnett stated that he had never seen Jenkinson before, but that from the impression he received from both Tuttle and Jenkinson, he believed that Jenkinson was in the munition business in England, and that Tuttle had had previous business dealings with him. Barnett described Jenkinson substantially the same as the description set forth in reference letter, and added that he appeared to be a distinguished looking man, that he had a decided English accent, and that if he had not seen him and had only talked with him, he, Barnett, would have said that he was English. Barnett also advised that Jenkinson's luggage was of the English type, and appeared to have been in good condition, although he could not remember how many pieces there were.

Barnett advised that he personally registered Jenkinson and showed him to his suite, because he had received telegrams from Mr. Tuttle, stating that Sir Mark Jenkinson was arriving, and that he desired a sitting room, bed room and bath; and that after Jenkinson was in one suite, Mr. Tuttle suggested to him that he move to a nicer one, which he did. Barnett advised that shortly after Tuttle and Jenkinson arrived, Jenkinson's secretary arrived and registered as A. Walter Huntington, from The Chateau, Montreal, Canada.

Barnett also advised that while Jenkinson was at the Grove Park Inn, he and Mr. Tuttle took several tours of the mountains, and were driven on these tours by a driver named Anderson, who drives for the Red Top Cab Company.

Barnett further informed that while they were at the Grove Park Inn, he, Barnett, had thought that he could get a little free advertising, and he had mentioned to Huntington (the secretary) that he would like to have a photographer come out and make some pictures of Sir Mark Jenkinson at the Grove Park Inn, but that Huntington had simply remarked that it would be impossible, as it would up-set their plans.

Barnett could add nothing to the description of Huntington that was set forth in reference letter, except that he did not remember the small mustache, and stated that Huntington had the resemblance of a Jew.

The photographs of William E. Mead were exhibited to Mr. Barnett, and he stated the standing photograph of Mead (without hat) looked familiar to him, but that he did not think that it was a photograph of the Mr. Jenkinson. Barnett stated that the other photographs did not resemble Jenkinson.

Barnett stated that Tuttle, Jenkinson and Huntington checked out of the Grove Park Inn on May 15, 1936, and told him they were going to Charleston, South Carolina.

With the assistance of Mr. Barnett, Agent exhibited the

photographs of Mead to the various clerks and bell boys, who had observed Jenkinson, and they all remarked that there was something familiar about the standing photographs of Mead, but none of them stated that it was a photograph of the Mr. Jenkinson, who was at the hotel with Mr. Tuttle.

Barnett produced registration card No. 590, which reflected the following:

(Written in ink)	L. W. <del>J</del> enkinson	Arrived 5-13-36.
(Typewritten)	Sir Mark W. Jenkinson	Room: 420-422
(Written in ink)	London	Rate: \$16.00

Barnett stated that he is of the opinion that Jenkinson signed the register himself, but that he was not positive of this.

Registration card No. 597 reflected:

(Printed in ink)	A. Walter Huntington	Arrived 5-14-36.
	The Chateau	Room: 655
	Montreal	Rate: \$7.00
	Canada	

Photographs of the above registration cards are being made by the Asheville Police Department. Upon completion of these photographs, same will be forwarded to the office of origin.

The duplicate account sheets for these two rooms on the above dates reflect that there were no long distance calls charged to either room, and that there were no "extras" except shoe shine and breakfast in the room of Jenkinson. Mr. Arden, bookkeeper, stated that if either party had received a "paid" telegram, or had sent one and paid for same in cash, he would not have a record of it, but that there were no pay station telephones at the Grove Park Inn, and if a telephone call had been placed from there, he would have a record of same.

Gay Anderson, driver for the Red Top Cab Company, advised that he remembers Mr. Tuttle and Mr. Jenkinson well, and that he had taken them for a trip through the Biltmore Estate on one afternoon, and had an engagement to take them to Lake Lure and Chimney Rock the following morning; that when he called for them, one of them stated to him that they had received a message and had to go to Charleston, South Carolina, and that he drove Tuttle, Jenkinson and Jenkinson's secretary to the 11:00 A.M. train, which they boarded. Anderson was questioned closely as to what Tuttle and Jenkinson talked about on their trip. He stated that they talked of current topics, and that Jenkinson on one occasion, had remarked that he did not want any publicity. Agent exhibited to Anderson the photographs of William E. Mead, and after examining same, he stated that he did not think these photographs looked like Jenkinson, although he later stated that he would not say one way or the other. Anderson stated that he would know either of them if he ever saw them again.

It is here noted that Asheville, North Carolina, is a summer resort city, and the time when Tuttle and Jenkinson were in Asheville was just at the opening of the season, and whenever a distinguished personage stops at a hotel, the matter of free publicity is brought to his attention.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE CHARLOTTE OFFICE, at Charleston, South Carolina, will conduct the investigation requested in reference letter.

When photographs of registration cards in connection with Jenkinson's and Huntington's stay at the Grove Park Inn, Asheville, North Carolina, on May 13 and 14, 1936, have been received, will forward same to the office of origin.

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June 11, 1936

Mr. C. Fletcher,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

For your information, Alvin Karpis, while being questioned in the Ramsey County Jail at St. Paul, Minnesota, informed Bureau Agents that on one occasion he had followed Special Agent B. L. Damron at Hot Springs, Arkansas, for about an hour. Karpis claimed that he did not intend to harm Agent Damron in any way, but that he considered the possibility of finding Mr. Damron in some place where he, Karpis, could take from Damron his gun, credentials and badge. Agent Damron should be advised of these facts.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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JUN 9 1936 P. M.

REPORT MADE AT: DALLAS, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE: 6/12/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6/10/36	REPORT MADE BY: R. C. COULTER
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.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: .45 caliber Colt automatic pistol # C-177278, shipped by Wolff and Klar, Ft. Worth, Texas, 8/19/35 to Harry Goldstein, 108 E. 1st St., Tulsa, Okla. <i>7-576-11463</i>			
R U C			
REFERENCE: Letter from New York Office to Cincinnati Office dated June 2, 1936.			
DETAILS: Alex Wolff of the firm of Wolff and Klar, 1505 Main Street, FORT WORTH, TEXAS, was contacted on June 10, 1936, and caused an examination to be made of the records of that company which reflect that .45 caliber Colt automatic pistol number C-177278, which was received by that company on June 29, 1935, was sold and shipped to Harry Goldstein, 108 East First Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, on August 19, 1935. According to information received from employees of Wolff and Klar, Goldstein is a retailer of firearms at Tulsa.  The file reflects that there are no leads outstanding in this District at this time in view of the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell.			
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DETAILS:			
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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
June 12, 1936

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Mr. A. J. Connelley  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1442 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

BR:MD

Reference is made to letter addressed under  
date of April 18, 1936

in which reference was made to one John Langenderfer  
having been arrested at Winnipeg, Canada, in April 1936  
along with Subject Charles J. Fitzgerald.

During recent interview with Fitzgerald at the  
Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, he advised Special  
Agent A. M. Henne that John Langenderfer came from Toledo,  
Ohio, and that he died some years ago as a result of "fits".  
It was stated that John Langenderfer's father was a patrol-  
man on the Toledo Police Department in the early 1900's and  
that he was an elderly man at that time. Fitzgerald was  
questioned as to the possibility of this individual being  
related to Art Langendorf, who is presently connected with  
the Toledo Police, and he stated that he is positive the two  
men have no connections. With respect to Art Langendorf,  
however, he stated that he has heard of this individual but  
does not know him personally.

Very truly yours,

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C. W. BLEN

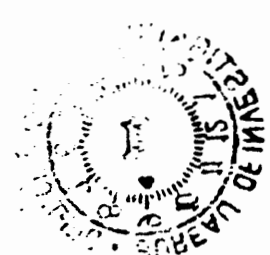
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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
June 13, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

REKID

Mrs. Lissa Campbell, 818 South Rockford,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma, who advises she is the mother of Harry  
Campbell, states that Harry recently asked her to write  
to this office for information concerning the money he  
signed over to her while he was confined at the Ramsey  
County Jail in this city.

Please furnish Mrs. Campbell with any  
information you may desire to give her in that respect.

Very truly yours,

C. E. STAIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box #766,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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June 13, 1936

Special Agent In Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BRAKID

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of June 3, 1936, I wish to advise that an agent of the Cincinnati Office made inquiry at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio in regard to the registration of a 1933 Standard Ford coupe, model 40, motor #18-429,014 and this car has not been registered in the State of Ohio so far in 1936.

It should be stated that the files of this Bureau are not fully complete at this time and for this reason a stop order was placed on this motor number and the Cincinnati Office will be notified in the event this car is registered at a subsequent date.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent In Charge

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Chicago  
St. Paul

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio.

Jax. FILE NO. 7-24

REPORT MADE AT <b>Jacksonville, Florida.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/12/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/4, 10/36.</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>Royal J. Untreiner.</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; et al. Edward George Bremer - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cecil Surber, W.P.A. employee, who was reported by C. W. Murray, Panama City, Fla., as being William J. Harrison, interviewed and fingerprinted. Prints definitely show he is not Harrison. Myrtle Eaton sentenced 6/10/36 U.S.D.C. to serve 6 months County Jail and pay \$1,000 fine.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent Royal J. Untreiner, Jacksonville, 6/1/36; Letter to the Bureau 6/4/36.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> <b>AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA:</b></p> <p>On June 1, 1936, this office received a letter from Mr. C. W. Murray, of Panama City, Florida, who had previously telegraphed the Bureau that he had seen William J. Harrison and Myrtle Eaton in Panama City. This letter stated that he had talked with the man he believed to be William J. Harrison; that he looked very much like the photograph of Harrison, and that his wife looked very much like Myrtle Eaton. He stated that he had obtained the address of the man, and would be glad to give it to an Agent if any further investigation were made.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AT PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA:</b></p> <p>This Agent contacted Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Murray, who stated that they had seen the man they believed to be William J. Harrison, and had followed</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. B. Nathan</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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him to a fishing community near St. Andrews, Florida, known as Pretty Creek; that in order to find out exactly where he lived Mrs. Murray had gone into the community with a quilt which she was raffling off and had taken it from house to house until she found the man and had tried to sell him a chance on the quilt. In this manner she found where he lived, and together they pointed out this house to Agent.

Agent interviewed Clarence Ware, Postmaster, St. Andrews, who stated that the man who lived in that particular house was Cecil Surber, whom he had known all his life to be a resident of that community. A photograph of William J. Harrison was shown to Ware and he stated that although it looked somewhat like Surber that Surber was taller and heavier.

Agent then proceeded to the home of Cecil Surber, and was advised by Mrs. Cecil Surber that he was working on a W.P.A. waterworks project in Millville, Florida.

At Millville, Florida, Agent interviewed Cecil Surber and openly advised him of his mission. Surber was very cooperative and furnished his fingerprints, which were compared with the fingerprints contained on the Identification Order of William J. Harrison and were found to be different. This information was immediately transmitted to Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan at Jacksonville, who advised the Bureau by telegram dated June 4, 1936.

The fingerprints of Cecil Surber are being forwarded to the Bureau, with the request that they be placed in the Civil Identification Files. These prints were taken under adverse conditions, in an automobile, but it is believed that they are sufficiently clear to be classified.

#### AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA:

Special Agent John F. Pryor ascertained from Assistant United States Attorney William A. Paisley, Jacksonville, that Myrtle Eaton was sentenced on June 10, 1936, in the United States District Court sitting at Jacksonville, Florida, to serve six months in the Duval County Jail and pay a fine of \$1,000.00. Mr. Paisley stated that in default of the fine one month additional sentence may be added to her six months sentence. He also advised that he was considering levying execution against the house of Myrtle Eaton at Port Orange, Florida, which is owned by her in the name of Jane Osborne.

PENDING

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
June 12, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Re: BREKID

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

Letter written to Dolores Delaney by John Karpavicz, 2842 N. Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, dated June 7, 1936.

Letter written by Dolores Delaney to her brother, Robert Delaney, 6045 Kimbark Ave., Chicago, dated June 8, 1936.

Letter written by Dolores Delaney to Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz, Chicago, dated June 8, 1936.

We also acknowledge receipt of copy of letter written to Dolores Delaney by Alvin Karpis under date of June 6, 1936.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Reinecke  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 4908  
Jacksonville, Florida  
June 12, 1936.

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto are the fingerprints of Cecil Theodore Surber, Box 137, St. Andrews, Florida. These prints were taken under adverse conditions in an automobile.

Surber had been reported to the Bureau as being William J. Harrison and these prints were taken for a comparison with the Identification Order prints of Harrison. Upon it being positively ascertained that Surber was not identical with Harrison, he requested that his prints be placed in the Civil Identification Files of the Bureau. It is requested that the fingerprint card attached hereto be placed in that file.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan  
Special Agent in Charge.

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JUN 20 1936

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

June 10, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Enclosed are two magazine photographs of George Timiney, Toledo, Ohio police officer. It is requested that you reproduce these photographs, and furnish the Cleveland office with one dozen of the reproductions of each photograph.

It is also requested that you furnish the St. Louis office with the reproductions, and in addition, forward to that office the recent photographs of Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis, as it is expected that investigation is to be made in the St. Louis territory requiring the photographs.

Very truly yours,

EJC/EJB  
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT  
CC - Bureau ✓  
- St. Louis  
- Cincinnati  
- St. Paul

E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 815

Chicago, Illinois

June 11th, 1936

Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREXID

As requested by you in your letter of June 10th, 1936,  
I have had prepared twelve copies of each of the photo-  
graphs of GEORGE TIMMONY which appeared in the magazine  
articles referred to.

Three copies of each of these photographs are also being  
forwarded to the St. Louis Office with their copy of  
this letter, which Office is also receiving copies of the  
recent photographs of HARRY CAMPBELL and ALVIN KARPIS.

Very truly yours,

DAL:LJM  
enc.

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
June 11, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to the letter dated June 2, 1936 from the New York Office to the Cincinnati Office, and especially to the portion of that letter with reference to the tracing of a .22 calibre Lee-Enfield automatic pistol, bearing serial number 480.

Richards & Conover Hardware Company, Oklahoma City, has advised that the records of that Company show this pistol was received from the Colt Patent Firearms Manufacturing Company on July 15, 1931. The records of this hardware store further show that this gun was sold and delivered on August 17, 1931 to the W. J. Pettee Hardware Company, Oklahoma City. The records of the Pettee Hardware Company reflect that this gun was sold on August 16, 1935 to T. Douglas, Chickasha, Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma City Office will conduct appropriate inquiries at Chickasha, Oklahoma to locate T. Douglas and further trace disposition of the above described pistol.

Very truly yours,

DEIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Chicago  
St. Paul

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

202 U. S. Courthouse  
El Paso, Texas  
June 12, 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:

Receipt is acknowledged of Bureau letter dated June 6, 1936, 7-576, concerning statements made by Alvin Karpis to Agent John E. Brennan to the effect that he had observed the writer standing in front of a hotel in Texas with a newspaper in his hand and upon inquiry ascertained my identity and did not enter the hotel.

Naturally, I am somewhat embarrassed to think that he was that close to me and I did not see nor recognize him. I wish Karpis had indicated what town in Texas it was. The only time I can recall that such an incident might have happened was when the Los Angeles Agents tailed Charles J. Fitzgerald and party into El Paso on the first trip, as I distinctly recall that I did wait in the vicinity of the Hilton Hotel for the purpose of spotting Fitzgerald and party when they arrived, and I do recall that I had a newspaper in my hand at that time. This is possibly the incident to which Karpis refers, if in fact he was ever in El Paso, which I am somewhat inclined to doubt.

At this time, however, I am sure I did not get into a Hudson Sedan. On this occasion I did, in conjunction with some other Agent, follow Fitzgerald and party to Juarez later in the evening, but I do not recall that we were in a Hudson; as I remember, I was driving the Buick Sedan which is assigned to me.

It would be interesting to know if this is the time that Karpis alleges that he spotted me. The date was January 8, 1936, and the time somewhere between six and eight P. M. The Fitzgerald party arrived at 7:50 P. M. on that date.

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Yours very truly,

RHC:mw

cc-Little Rock  
Kansas City  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland  
St. Paul  
E. J. Connelley, Chicago  
Los Angeles

25 1936 *R. H. Colvin*  
R. H. COLVIN  
Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FROM: DIVISION #1 & DIVISION #2

1936.

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
JUNE 12, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

RE: P. R. E. V. I. D.

Reference is made to letter from the Cleveland Office dated June 5, 1936, relative to a contemplated visit by Gertrude Billetier Miller with her husband Harry Campbell.

This is to advise that on June 8, 1936, Mr. E. H. Melcholdt, Secretary to the Warden, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, telephonically advised Special Agent W. L. Hopton that Gertrude Miller has not to date called in person at the penitentiary but that they had received a letter from her on or about June 1, 1936, in which she stated she was the wife of Harry Campbell and desired to visit him. Upon receiving this letter from Mrs. Miller a letter was directed to the Cleveland Office by him, Mr. Melcholdt, for the purpose of ascertaining whether Gertrude Miller was in fact the wife of Harry Campbell. Upon receipt of the letter from the Cleveland Office Mr. Melcholdt stated he wrote a letter to Mrs. Miller advising her that Harry Campbell would be eligible to receive visitors on June 15, 1936. In another letter written by Mrs. Miller to the penitentiary she stated it was her intention to visit her husband very soon.

It may be stated that although the facilities at the penitentiary for overhearing conversations are not the best, this matter was discussed with Mr. Melcholdt at which time he advised that arrangements could probably be made whereby an Agent could conceal himself in the room adjoining the Chief Deputy Warden's room, or, if it were desired, a distaphone could be set up in that room.

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The question arose as to how the Kansas City Office could be notified in the event Mrs. Miller should call at the penitentiary on or subsequent to the eligible date. Mr. Melcholdt stated it would not be fair to Mrs. Miller to hold her off for a day in the event she should call at the penitentiary to see her husband in order that the Kansas City Office might be notified. In this connection, he suggested that it would be a better procedure for the Cleveland Office to discreetly ascertain the time

when Mrs. Miller leaves Cleveland, Ohio for Leavenworth, Kansas. In view of this it is requested that the Cleveland Office determine, if possible, when Mrs. Miller leaves Cleveland to visit with her husband, Harry Campbell.

With reference to letter from the Cleveland Office dated June 1, 1936, relative to disposing of the balance of the money in the possession of Harry Campbell at the time of his arrest, there is transmitted herewith a written authorization prepared by Harry Campbell, in which he directs that the balance of \$248.25 be given to his wife, Gertrude Billeter Miller. Two separate authorizations were prepared by Campbell, one of which is being retained in the Kansas City Office file. At the time of the preparation of this signed authorization Harry Campbell appeared to be very friendly and conversed quite freely with Special Agent K. E. Hopton.

In the first place he stated that he was very fond of his wife and that if he had met her when he was a young man he feels quite certain that he would have led the life of a respectable citizen; that he would like to tell the whole world that crime does not pay.

Campbell mentioned that since their escape at Atlantic City, New Jersey, he has seen Larpis about two or three times, and on each occasion the visit was for a short period of time; that after coming to the Middle West, subsequent to that escape, he went to Toledo where he was living up until the time of his apprehension. He stated that he feels quite sure that persons whom he was in contact with in Toledo did not know his identity, with the exception of Sawyer.

He mentioned that in the Summer of 1934 he, in company with other members of the gang, visited the Casino Club, operated by Bert and Ted Angus, and although it appeared to him that the Angus boys apparently knew the identities of some members of the gang he does not believe that they knew his identity. He mentioned that the connection with Captain Timoney, of the Toledo Police Department, came about through Willie Harrison. However, Campbell states that although he has heard of Captain Timoney and has seen him he at no time met him. He also mentioned that another person whom he visited on one or two occasions in Toledo was Joe Roscoe, but that he doubted very much whether Roscoe knew who he was. Campbell stated also that he visited the Harvard Club in Cleveland, Ohio, on several occasions and had heard members of the gang speak of "Red" Johnson and "Shirley" Patton. He mentioned also that he knew of "Frank" Brown, in Cleveland, Ohio, but never came in contact



with this individual because he felt that inasmuch as Moran had double-crossed others he would also double-cross him.

Continuing, Campbell remarked that a member of the gang told him that he had run into "Doc" Moran in Detroit, Michigan, after the time that Moran was rumored to have been tossed in Lake Erie. Campbell would not state which member of the gang told him this but did make the remark that this member is now in custody. He further stated that he met Milton Lett quite some time ago at McCabe's Filling Station in Coffeyville, Kansas, and that he, Campbell, saw Lett twice early this spring in Toledo, Ohio. Although Campbell did not make a direct statement he did intimate that Lett knew his identity.

The conversation with Campbell had to be cut short due to penitentiary rules that prisoners should be returned to their cells at 4 p. m.

Very truly yours,

A. G. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Bureau  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Chicago

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118

Detroit - Michigan

June 12, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Transmitted to the Bureau and to the offices listed below  
are copies of the following letters:

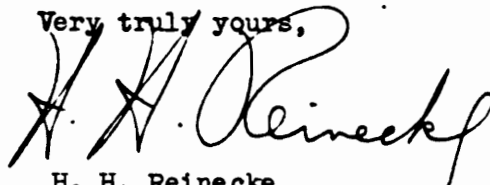
Letter written to Dolores Delaney by John  
Karpavicz, 2842 N. Francisco Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois, dated June 7, 1936.

Letter written by Dolores Delaney to her  
brother, Robert (Bud) Delaney, 6045 Kim-  
bark Avenue, Chicago, dated June 8, 1936.

Letter written by Dolores Delaney to  
Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz, Chicago,  
dated June 8, 1936.

Letter written to Dolores Delaney by  
Alvin Karpis, Subject in instant case,  
dated June 6, 1936.

Very truly yours,



H. H. Reinecke  
Special Agent in Charge

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June 6, 1936

Dear Sweetheart: I just received your letter and was very glad to hear from you. I am very thankful to Mr. Ryan that he is letting us write to one another. You know that is rather unusual so you should show your appreciation by being a good girl. I suppose you would like to be out and free. Well you will eventually so don't get discouraged. In your next letter I wish you would tell me when you are going to see the Parole Board. I would think it would be some time this coming Fall. Also I would like to find out when and how much money you are allowed to spend a month, so as I can make arrangements to see that you receive that amount monthly. You know honey it probably seemed strange to you that I am trying to make things as easy for you as I can now that I am in jail, and that I didn't do so while I was out. If I had written you while I was free the papers would have gotten hold of it some way and said I evidently was looking for publicity and that would of done you a lot of harm, also I doubt very much if you would have received the letter. What would you like for your birthday? Let me know what you are allowed to receive. Would you be allowed to receive a pen and pencil set? You were right in presuming that father had been here to see me. My young sister Clara was with him. They went from here to New Orleans, La. in the plane. From there they drove to Corpus Christi, Tex. then back to Chicago. I understand from their letter they had a very enjoyable trip. Honey I have a new Terraplane Coupe that my sister drove back to Chicago. I don't know whether to have them store it for you or have them sell it and put the money away for you. If you were sure you would get out in the Fall it would be nice if you had a car, but if you don't, the value of the car would depreciate so much that it would hardly pay to store it. Anyway I will leave it up to you. I am sure that you will have a position awaiting you when you get back to Chicago and I am sure my sweetheart will make good. It would be very disappointing to me if you didn't. You will be sure and let me know what you want done with your car won't you? Well I haven't asked you how your health is, but I am satisfied it is o.k. I hope you are not afflicted with those sneezing spells you used to get. Do you remember them? I have some more pictures of Raymond I will send in my next letter. It seems strange to me when I look at those pictures and try to realize that he is ours. You know honey I have never seen him on account of I didn't want to cause my parents any trouble by going around there, and now that I could see him, I won't allow him to be brought to a jail. You know I remember what you said in Philadelphia about him going around jails. I certainly have had the blues since February 2, 1934 and it is a wonder that they didn't catch me a lot sooner than they did, as I didn't try to keep from getting caught after that. I just went around like anyone else. Just getting to write and receive letters from you is about as satisfying to me as being out of jail. You know I used to sit and think about you almost all the time and it wasn't very pleasant to sit and think that I was free at the expense of your being in jail for five years. Well I don't want you to think that I am depressed or out of sorts etc., but I just can't help thinking about you in a place like that when the only crime you committed was being with me. Well I sure hope you are released this year. You know I would be able to stay in jail easier if I knew you were free. Well what do you suppose I received this morning? A wire from Chicago saying my sister Emily will arrive in St. Paul some time today. I will be glad to see her but I would give anything in the world if it was a wire saying it was you coming. Well honey I will close for this time but I will write you a letter every Sat. morning so keep your chin up and those Irish eyes smiling

with love.

P.S. I certainly am a poor penman aren't I?

Alvin Karpis,  
c/o Ramsey Co. Jail,  
St. Paul, Minn.

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Letter Addressed:  
Miss Dolores Delaney  
Box 1000  
Milan, Michigan

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

2842 N. Francisco Ave.  
Chicago, Ill.  
June 7, 1936

Dear Dolores:

We have just written for permission to come & see you and to bring little Ray. We'll write later in regard to this.

Emily was up to see Al Saturday. He sent a letter home asking about you and your financial conditions. We told him you needed money very badly and he will probably take care of that. We will see how things turn out. Be sure and write when you can.

Raymond is getting along fine. He has grown a lot and is getting stronger every day. He runs all over the street and you can hardly catch him when he runs.

Hoping to see you soon, I am,

Yours truly,

John Karpavicz

*Ray Karpavicz*  
*John Karpavicz*

*John Karpavicz*

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-copy- Letter addressed:  
Mr. Robert DeLaney  
6045 Kimbark Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois

June 8, 1936.

Dear Bud,

This will probably reach you just before the big day - I haven't forgotten and honey I want to wish you just the best and happiest birthday anybody could ever have. How does it feel to be getting so old? Gee, I'll bet you most likely have a long white beard and everything - ha. I would sure like to send you something real nice but of course I can't but someday I'll make up for it all - no foolin'!

I received a letter from Mother & Babe a short time ago. It was the first I had heard from Mother since I saw her in St. Paul. I was so dreadfully worried about her. She said she had been sick but was feeling much better now.

How is Mugs and do you see her very often? That girl will drive me to distraction yet. I do wish she would at least drop me a line or two or a postcard - if nothing else. Is she working now or what?

What have you been doing lately? I suppose you are working hard as usual. I do so wish you could get that job you mentioned in your last letter. I know it must be hard to get along on what you make.

Well, I am finally allowed to get the newspapers. I have subscribed for the St. Paul Dispatch for six months. I thought at first about having Mother send it to me but I must get it through the commissary.

Honey, I found a verse in a magazine the other day that made me think of you. I am going to copy it off and you can pretend that it is my Birthday card to you. Here 'tis -

You're always doing those wonderful things,  
That give so much pleasure to others -  
May life be as kind in the joy that it brings-  
As you are most thoughtful of Brothers.

- How do you like it?

Goodbye for now, Buddy, and write real soon.

Loads of love,

Dolores

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-copy- Letter addressed:  
Mr. & Mrs. John Karpavicz  
2842 No. Francisco Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois.

June 8, 1936

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Karpis;

I received your letter a few days ago and was certainly glad to get it. I was so happy to know that you got to see and talk to Alvin and to know that he was looking well. I wish I could have been there with you. I would so love to see him again - it's been so awfully long since I have. What did he think of that big boy of ours? I'll bet he's plenty proud of him. I hadn't realized he had grown so until I got those pictures from Alvin. He seems to be getting better looking every day.

I had a letter from Alvin last month and it was sure sweet. I was so excited when I got it - I started to laugh and cry at the same time. I am expecting another one from him any day.

You know I told you we didn't get any newspapers here - well,  
just a few days ago I got permission from Mr. Ryan to get the St. Paul paper and I subscribed for it for six months. I must get it through the commissary tho' and I don't believe I will have enough money for it as I am running terribly short. Could you please send me a little. It seems that I am always asking you for something and I just hate to do it 'cause you have been so good to me and done so much for me already - but I suppose you have an idea what it's like in here where a person just can't do anything for one's self.

How is Emily and Betty? I received the letter from Betty and it sure made me feel good to get it. It was just as sweet as it could be and I am going to enclose a short note for her in this letter.

I heard from my mother about ten days ago for the first time since Xmas she said she had been quite sick and that was why she didn't write. Has any of my family been to see you and little Ray lately? I guess most of them are in St. Paul now but my brother is still there and I was wondering if you had seen him.

I will have to close now, so please write soon & give my love to Emily, Betty and my darling Ray.

Lots and lots of love, from

Dolores

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(Note enclosed with letter to Mr. & Mrs. John Karpavicz)

June 8, 1936

Dear Bettie,

That was sure a sweet letter you sent me and I was very glad to get it. I am feeling fine, honey, and hope you are, too. How is your Mother and Father and also your Grandmother and Grandfather? Say "hello" to them for me and give them my love. I'll bet you and little Ray have lot's of fun together, don't you? One of these days, if you want me to, I'll come and see you and then you and little Ray and I will have a grand time, don't you think so? When you write me again you must be sure and tell me all about yourself. What grade are you in in school and do you like it? Tell me what kind of games you play, and everything.

Well, honey, I will have to say goodbye for this time and take real good care of little Ray for me, won't you?

Bushels of hugs and kisses

Dolores

P.S. Give little Ray a couple of those hugs and kisses for me. X O X O  
Excuse my paper, honey, but it's all I have.

Write me again real soon.

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7-576-11888

1443 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

JUN 24 1936

June 11, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

RE: B. KID

In connection with the harboring investigation in the Cleveland district, particularly in the vicinity of Toledo, Ohio, available information indicates that Captain Lockwood and William Jennings are now working on a boat belonging to Mr. Davis in Alton, Illinois. The first name of Captain Lockwood is probably Charles, however, this can be verified during the interview with William Jennings, who now resides at 2615 Atlee Avenue, Alton, Illinois.

During the year 1934 these men resided at Point Place, Ohio, a suburb of Toledo, Ohio, and were employed on a private yacht belonging to a Mr. W. G. Linger, president of the Auto Lite Company at Toledo, Ohio. This boat docked at Bay View near the Casino Club operated by Bert and Ted Angus. It is definitely known that Karpis, Campbell, Doc and Fred Barker, Willie Wilson, Doc Moran, Paula Harmon, Dolores Delaney, Wynona Burdette, Willie Harrison, Edna Murray, and Volney Davis frequented this club and were very friendly with Bert and Ted Angus, who undoubtedly knew their true identity, as did Captain George Traxiney of the Toledo Police Department, who is reported to have been at the club on various occasions at such times as members of the mob were present.

Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette, as Mr. and Mrs. George Cainfield, resided at 2231 131st Street, Point Place, Ohio, from April to August, 1934, and Karpis was a frequent visitor at their home, and Doc Barker and Willie Harrison apparently resided at this address with Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette during this period. Fred Barker and Paula Harmon were residing in apartment number two, 4905 Summit Street, Point Place, Ohio. William Jennings resided at 5424 - 302nd Street, Point Place, Ohio.

It is reported that William Jennings, shortly after the capture of Karpis in New Orleans, wrote his wife, who was then living at 5424 - 302nd Street, Point Place, Ohio, which address is almost directly across from 2231 - 131st Street, that he frequently drank

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beer with Karpis at the time the latter lived at Point Place. It is thought that perhaps he drank with Karpis at the Casino Club in view of information furnished by his mother-in-law, Mrs. T. C. Kaitz, who stated that it was her understanding that Jennings and Captain Lockwood did visit the Casino Club at that time.

It is requested that you assign an Agent familiar with this case to interview Captain Lockwood and William Jennings at Alton, Illinois, concerning any knowledge they have of the activities of the Karpis-Barker mob at Point Place in the spring and summer of 1934, particularly at the Casino Club. They should be questioned in detail as to the friendship existing between the mob and the Angus brothers, and as to whether or not they ever observed any police officers, especially Captain George Timiney, at the club, and if so under what circumstances. The Chicago office has been requested to forward to you photographs of Captain Timiney.

Jennings and Lockwood should be questioned in detail with reference to the various employees of the Casino Club in 1934, in order that such employees may be identified and interviewed by the Cleveland office; also, they should be questioned as to any and all persons known to them who visited the club, particularly sailors or boatmen of the various boats which dock at Bay View, as well as watchmen on boats, which were tied up there in the winter of 1934, inasmuch as it is known that members of the mob came to Toledo in February, 1934 and departed in August, 1934.

The interview with Jennings and Lockwood should be exhaustive and should be given expeditious attention in view of the intensive investigation now being conducted at Toledo, Ohio and vicinity.

Mrs. William Jennings should also be interviewed in this connection in view of the fact that the Cleveland office has received information to the effect that she told one of her neighbors at Point Place that the Casino Club was owned by the man who was living at 2841 - 131st street. Mrs. Jennings was referring to Harry Campbell, who was, in 1934, living at the above-mentioned address under the name of George Winfield. The interview with Mrs. Jennings should also be exhaustive.

Very truly yours,

WJ / MB  
CC - Bureau  
- Chicago  
- Cincinnati  
- St. Paul

J. E. Mac  
Special Agent in Charge

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AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

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

Dear Sir:

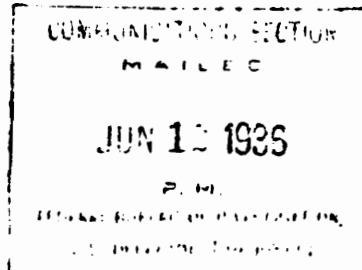
Reference is made to your telegram of even date, in which you advise that Alvin Karpis' mother and father and his small child will visit Dolores Delaney at the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan on June 16, 1936.

It is requested that you make immediate arrangements to cover this conversation properly so that the Bureau will be fully advised as to the nature of the conversations which are exchanged between these parties at the time of this meeting. This matter should be handled very discreetly by your office, and you should be certain that all of the conversation will be covered.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Chicago.  
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*[Handwritten signature]*

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June 11, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al - Edward George Bremer,  
VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent V. E. Griss, Chicago, dated June 8, 1936, on page three of which it is stated that Charles O. Long advised Detective Colver, of the Toledo, Ohio Police Department "was usually one of the officers fixed by confidence men".

It is desired that you immediately arrange for another interview with Long, to determine the identity of confidence men who usually contact Colver. It is also desired that you interview Long thoroughly regarding any other officers who may have been approached by confidence men in Toledo, Ohio.

I want to impress upon the interested offices the extreme importance of obtaining all available information along these lines. No Agent should be satisfied merely with a statement on the part of an informant that certain police officers are being "fixed" by criminals. It is my desire that each Agent handle matters of this nature in such a manner that he will get to the bottom of such allegations, obtaining all possible information which undoubtedly will be of value to the Bureau during the course of its future work.

This matter should be given your preferred and expeditious attention.

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Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - J. Connelley, Chicago  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-3**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Phoenix, Arizona</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/8/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/21, 26, 27/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>H. A. SNOW</b> <div style="text-align: right;"><b>VB</b></div>
TITLE <b>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</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> No information received that Sammy Yates, alias Sammy Gates, or G. Miller presently living at Phoenix, Arizona, although Yates reported by Police Department to have presumably been in Phoenix in 1931 or 1932. M. Joe Murphy, head of the Bunco Squad, Phoenix Police Department, not thought to be reliable. Main hotels of Phoenix again contacted and Identification Order on William Elmer Head supplied. Stop order on 1936 Buick sedan, motor #63052198 withdrawn from State Motor Vehicle Division. Henry "Dutch" Ries, formerly of Chicago, but resident of Phoenix in recent years, possible contact of eastern con men.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Letter from Chicago office to Cincinnati office 5/13/36 and letter from San Antonio office to Chicago office 5/14/36.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>As requested in letter of reference from the San Antonio office to the Chicago office, agent contacted Chief of Police M. B. Morrison, Phoenix Police Department, who although he has only been in office a short while is considered to be a reliable officer. During the course of interview agent requested information from Chief Morrison as to the possibility that Sammy Yates, alias Sammy Gates, being presently in Phoenix, and Chief Morrison stated that he is not personally acquainted with Yates and has no record concerning him, and also the files of the Phoenix Police Department fail to show any previous arrest of this party. Chief Morrison suggested that agent contact Sergeant M. Joe Murphy, head</p>			
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of the Confidential Squad of that Department, but due to the fact that previous relations with Sergeant Murphy by the Phoenix office had resulted in very little information being secured from Sergeant Murphy, agent considered it better policy to have Chief Morrison attempt to secure whatever information Murphy had concerning Yates without the fact that it was at the request of a Bureau agent being made known to Sergeant Murphy.

Accordingly, later on the same date, Chief Morrison supplied agent with the following memorandum which he had secured from Sergeant Murphy:

"May 26, 1936

"M. B. Morrison  
"Chief of Police  
"B U I L D I N G

"Dear Sir: Information

"Re: Sonny Yates, alias Gates, American.

"This party was presumed to have been in Phoenix either in 1931 or 1932. This was never affirmed.

"Never saw the above confidence man in the flesh, but understand he belongs to an eastern mob, also works out of Windsor, Canada, also known to the Lopcar Mob out of Detroit.

"Not a Westerner. Not known to Phoenix Police.

/s/ M. JOE MURPHY."

Agent also presented the photograph of G. Miller, with aliases, as contained in the San Antonio, Texas, Police Department Wanted Circular to Chief Morrison, who advised that he has never seen this individual to his knowledge. Agent also searched the records of the Identification Division of the Phoenix Police Department under the name of G. Miller and aliases of Miller without locating any record of this man. During the course of interview with Chief Morrison he supplied information that an evident attempt at a con game was reported to him only recently by his son-in-law, William Luke, an automobile salesman of Phoenix, which indicated that one Frank Jakovec, who was stopping at the Savoy Hotel in the fall of 1935, had evidently been the intended victim.

Chief Morrison advised that this information was received by him only a short while ago and it was ascertained that Jakovec had returned to



his home in Chicago and consequently nothing was done by his Department in that connection, and that Jakovec had made no complaint at the time the alleged scheme took place.

Agent interviewed C. J. O'Gara, operator of the Savoy Hotel, a second class hotel, Phoenix, Arizona, who advised that during November of 1935 a Frank Jakovec had stopped at the Savoy Hotel and had later informed him that he believed he was the intended victim for a con scheme; that he had been talking with a young man in the lobby of the hotel and for one or two days had accompanied this young man to the Phoenix Library Park where it was their custom to sit and talk and that on one occasion this man had reached beneath the park bench and picked up a wallet containing a considerable amount of money, etc.; that an elderly man had then been noticed by Jakovec to be walking down the sidewalk as if looking for something and upon seeing the wallet which the young man held, had immediately claimed same and invited the two of them to his hotel room at the Adams Hotel, stating that he wished to reward their honesty for recovering his pocketbook. Mr. O'Gara advised that he did not know the rest of the details except that Jakovec, through some scheme, had been requested to put up a considerable amount of money but that he had become suspicious of the men and had left town. He also stated that Jakovec had informed him that the room occupied by the elderly man referred to at the Adams Hotel contained a large amount of currency, which he had stacked on the bed, and according to Jakovec it must have been possibly \$100,000.

It was Mr. O'Gara's information that Jakovec is presently in Chicago but that further information might be secured from a friend of Jakovec's, Joe Prochaska, with the Lane-Smith Investment Company. O'Gara further advised agent that he was formerly a bootlegger operating in Phoenix during probation days, but that bootlegging was the extent of his unlawful operations, and on several occasions since he has operated the Savoy Hotel he had been approached by con men requesting him to furnish them the names of the rich clients of his bootlegging activities, one occasion being during the early fall of 1935, but that he has never done so. O'Gara stated that the incident referred to above occurred in September or October, 1935, when a man unknown to him had appeared in his hotel lobby and upon being informed that he, O'Gara, would not cooperate in any way, had left. His only description of this man was that he appeared to be a Greek about 50 years of age, name unknown.

Agent interviewed Joe Prochaska at the Lane-Smith Investment Company, Phoenix, Arizona, who advised that he had become acquainted with Frank Jakovec while Jakovec was residing at Phoenix, Arizona, about Thanksgiving in 1935; that the friendship with Jakovec had been occasioned by the fact that both are from the same native country and that he consequently had had Jakovec out to his house for dinner on one or two occasions; that during such friendship Jakovec had informed him of the fact that he believed he had been an intended victim in the con game by men stopping at the Adams Hotel, and that Jakovec had appeared to be highly nervous after he had decided not to put up certain monies which they had requested and shortly thereafter had left Phoenix.

for his home at Cicero, Illinois, where he is engaged in business. Prochaska did not know the names of the men stopping at the Adams Hotel or further details as to the scheme and also stated that Jakovec had not reported same to the local Police Department. The photostatic copy of wanted Circular on G. Miller, with aliases, is being forwarded to the Chicago office in order that when Frank Jakovec is interviewed at Cicero, Illinois, it may be exhibited to him for any possible identification.

Agent contacted the clerks and employees of the Adams Hotel, Phoenix, Arizona, and presented the photograph of G. Miller, without any identification being made as to Miller's having stopped at this hotel, however, a search of the records of registrations under Miller's true name and aliases revealed that on February 21, 1936, a Mr. and Mrs. G. Miller registered at the Adams Hotel from Los Angeles, occupying room #226 at the rate of \$6.00, and checked out the following morning, February 22, 1936. A photostatic copy of the registration of the above mentioned G. Miller was secured by agent and same is being transmitted to the San Antonio office for any possible identification of handwriting.

Identification Order of William Elmer Mead was left with the clerks at the Adams Hotel with the request that should Mead register there the Phoenix office be notified. Previous contact had been made by agent with all hotels in Phoenix without Mead's photograph having been identified as having stopped at any hotel in Phoenix.

Agent interviewed William Forhan, Manager, Westward Ho Hotel, the leading hotel in Phoenix, who advised that during the season of 1935-1936 his hotel had not been troubled by con men working there, to his knowledge, although during the previous winter season, 1934-1935, he had several complaints of con men who had used the following names in registration: W. G. Blair, James C. Douglas, William Daley, William Rush, W. C. Dallens, S. W. Maloney, S. W. Malloy. Forhan described Blair as being the leader of this mob, between 45 and 50 years of age, about 6 feet two or three inches tall, of very tall and slender build, and has a long neck with prominent Adam's apple. He advised that this mob had secured about \$20,000 from an old couple, guests of his hotel, and that he had called in the Phoenix Police Department and the mob was kept under surveillance for a period of about two days, but that the entire mob had checked out prior to their arrest by that Department. He stated that Blair had left his luggage, consisting of two or three hundred dollars worth of silk shirts, pajamas, suits, etc. Mr. Forhan advised that should any of this mob again stop at the Westward Ho Hotel; he will advise the Phoenix office and that all clerks of his hotel are familiar with their appearance and will immediately notify him should any attempt to register be made. No clerks at the Westward Ho Hotel identified the photograph of Mead as being a member of that mob and stated that to their knowledge Mead has never stopped there. The Identification Order on Mead was left with Mr. Forhan for posting on the hotel bulletin board, with the request that should Mead attempt to register there in the future that the Phoenix office be notified.

A photograph of G. Miller was not identified by any clerk.

Mr. Forhan as being a member of the mob referred to above operating at the Westward Ho Hotel during the winter season 1934-1935.

Employees of the San Carlos Hotel, Phoenix, Arizona, who have always cooperated with the Phoenix office to the fullest extent, likewise failed to identify the photograph of G. Miller as having stopped there to their knowledge, and a search of the registration cards failed to reveal his name or aliases. The Identification Order on Mead was also left for the attention of the clerks of the San Carlos Hotel.

In connection with the statement made by the confidential informant of the San Antonio office concerning the possibility that Sammy Yates has a stand-in with the Police Department at Phoenix, it was previously known by agent that Mr. Frank E. Flynn, United States Attorney, Phoenix, Arizona, had recently received a communication from Post Office Inspector Graham, of New York City, to the effect that Mr. Graham regretted the fact that the head of the Confidence Squad of the Phoenix Police Department is the present one, M. Joe Murphy. Accordingly, Mr. Flynn was contacted and exhibited to agent a letter received by him dated February 25, 1936, from Mr. H. N. Graham, Post Office Inspector, New York City, New York, in which Mr. Graham advised that he was forwarding a copy of a book "Fighting the Underworld" by Van Dine, which book deals with the breaking of the confidence gang at Denver, and in the letter Mr. Graham regretted that there have been no similar prosecutions of the con men at Phoenix. It appeared further that it was the information of Mr. Graham that the set-up of the confidence men in Phoenix was organized by Floyd Woodward, an escaped convict from the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia (1920), and reference was made to a con scheme worked in 1932, which was cleared through the Valley National Bank of Phoenix, in which Chicago residents were mulched out of \$125,000, and also to the case of Victim John Stevenson in which Stevenson was victimized for \$6,800 in 1935, which cleared through the First National Bank of Phoenix, and also the same year Paul Sawyer was victimized for the sum of \$25,000. In his letter to Mr. Flynn, Mr. Graham went on to state that members of the old Reno, Nevada, ring which was broken up in 1932 have been in the Phoenix operations, including the fugitive, Fred Miam alias Fred H. Martin, Sam Whitney alias "The Boone Kid" (possibly Mr. Graham refers to William Elmer Mead), Brant Mooney, Walter G. Kelly, William C. Douglas, John H. Porter, James E. Davis, and possibly 20 more.

In another letter dated April 6, 1936, to Mr. Flynn, Mr. Graham regretted the fact that M. Joe Murphy had been again reassigned as head of the Bunco Squad and stated that he felt that Murphy was largely responsible for the presence of con men in Phoenix. Mr. Flynn advised that should the Bureau desire to interview Post Office Inspector Graham, it will be satisfactory to him to mention his name as having advised agent of the details of these letters.

It is noted from previous review of the file in instant case that Post Office Inspector Graham is regularly contacted by the New York City office for information tending to lead to the apprehension of Mead, and accordingly a lead is being set forth for the New York office to attempt to secure information as to the general set-up of confidence men working in Phoenix when next he is contacted.

Agent interviewed Sheriff J. R. McFadden, Maricopa County, Phoenix, Arizona, who advised that presently he has no information concerning the operations of confidence men in Phoenix and vicinity and that no instances have recently been reported to his office of this nature.

It is noted that in the files of the Phoenix office of the following cases, UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, MURDER OF SPECIAL AGENT PAUL E. REYNOLDS; OSCAR HERBERT ROBSON; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; JUNE ROBLES, VICTIM - EXTORTION; WILLIAM DAINARD, with aliases; BARNES BANKING COMPANY, KAYSVILLE, UTAH, BANK ROBBERY, that Henry "Dutch" Ries is a reputed former contact man from Chicago, Illinois, who since his residence at Phoenix, Arizona, has been suspected as a possible contact for members of the underworld of eastern cities, and who possibly acts as a contact and hide-out for them. Accordingly, a lead is being set forth for the Chicago office to advise the Phoenix office of any known connections of this man at Chicago.

Referring to letter from the Chicago office to the Cincinnati office dated May 13, 1936, the stop notice previously placed with the Arizona State Motor Vehicle Division on the 1936 Buick sedan, motor #63052198, serial #2895972, was withdrawn from the files of that Division. A review of the file in this case indicates that at present the only stop notice in effect with the Arizona State Motor Vehicle Division is one against a Plymouth sedan, motor #PJ-382772, 1935 model, which stop notice was reported placed in the report of Special Agent N. E. Marshall, Phoenix, Arizona, dated December 29, 1935. In accordance with the letter of reference, the Chicago office is being requested to advise the Phoenix office whether this stop notice may be withdrawn.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SAN ANTONIO OFFICE will compare the handwriting appearing on the registration card of the Hotel Adams, Phoenix, Arizona, concerning the registration of Mr. and Mrs. G. Miller, of Los Angeles, at that hotel on February 21, 1936, with any known handwriting of G. Miller should same be in possession of the San Antonio office, in an effort to ascertain whether Miller was in Phoenix on February 21, 1936.

THE NEW YORK OFFICE at New York City, when Post Office Inspector H. N. Graham is next contacted for information concerning the possible whereabouts of Mead, will also attempt to secure information from him as to the general set-up of confidence men working in Phoenix, Arizona, including information concerning the head of the Confidence Squad, of the Phoenix Police Department, as reflected in letter from Mr. Graham referred to in the body of this report to United States Attorney Frank E. Flynn, Phoenix, Arizona.

THE CHICAGO OFFICE at Chicago, Illinois, will secure from a reliable source in the Chicago Police Department and submit to the Phoenix office all information pertaining to Henry "Dutch" Ries, a former resident of Chicago and believed to be connected with the underworld there and possibly a contact

for members of eastern gangs passing through Phoenix. Will endeavor to ascertain his former associates, contacts, and general history.

At Cicero, Illinois, will contact Frank Jakovec, whose address may be ascertained from the City Directory, and who is believed to be in business of some nature, for details as to the possible identities of the men stopping at the Adams Hotel, and also for details as to the con game believed to have been practiced on Jakovec. Will exhibit San Antonio Police Wanted Circular of G. Miller to Jakovec for any possible identification. Will return this circular to the Phoenix office upon completion of lead.

Will advise the Phoenix office whether stop notice against 1935 model Plymouth sedan, motor #PJ-322772 may be withdrawn from the files of the Arizona State Highway Department, Motor Vehicle Division.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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

Dear Sir:

Your attention is directed to page six of the report of Special Agent S. E. McKee, dated at Omaha, Nebraska, May 20, 1936, submitted in the case entitled CHARLES JOSEPH FITZGERALD, with aliases, et al; WILLIAM A. HARRIS, JR. - Victim; KIDNAPING, reflecting an interview with Mrs. Gladys Sawyer at Omaha. It is observed that the Cleveland Office did not receive a copy of this report, for which reason the St. Paul Office is being requested to immediately forward one copy of this report to that office for its information. You will note therein Mrs. Sawyer alleges that James Patton of the Harvard Club was the contact between the Karpis-Barker gang and the Cleveland Police Department.

You will also note that when Gladys Sawyer, Paula Harmon, and Wynona Burdette were taken to the Cleveland Police Department on September 5, 1934, Mrs. Sawyer was approached by the police matron and a detective who desired to know whether she was acquainted with Patton, and when she replied she was, she was informed that in consideration of \$500.00 all three women would be placed on the street.

The Omaha Office is requested to immediately reinterview Mrs. Gladys Sawyer in an effort to obtain further details with reference to this matter. It is desired that Mrs. Sawyer furnish the best possible description of the police matron and the detective who allegedly propositions her. This matter is likewise being called to the attention of the Cleveland Office so that appropriate investigation can be made to determine the identity of all police matrons in the employment of the Cleveland Police Department during September, 1934. In this manner it may be possible to learn the identity of the particular police matron

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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who is alleged to have approached Mrs. Sawyer along these lines.

This matter should receive careful consideration and immediate attention in the hope of obtaining complete information as to those in Cleveland, Ohio, who were responsible for keeping members of the Karpis-Barker gang advised of the efforts of this Bureau to locate them.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - St. Paul.  
Mr. Connelley,  
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

June 13, 1936

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

BREKID

Dear Sir:

Attached are three copies of a letter written by Alvin Karpis, June 13, 1936, at Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, and addressed to Dolores Delaney, Box 1000, Milan, Michigan.

Offices receiving a copy of this letter are also being forwarded a copy each of the above letter.

Very truly yours,

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

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June 13 1936  
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Alvin Karpis

Dolores Delaney  
Box 1000  
Milan Mich.

Dear Dolores,

I recieved your letter and was more than pleased to hear from you. I hope you are actually as cheerful as your letter leads me to Believe that you are. I am suprised to hear you are smoking Bull Durham who rolls them for you? I suppose in your next letter you will be telling me you can roll them withone hand. I smoke it once in a while up here as I get tired smoking Chesterfields all of the time here is a suggestion why dont you buy one sack of Durham and one pack of Chesterfields and smoke your Durham during the day and the Chesterfield after your meals. I would think that way you would not be apt to become acclimated to the use of Bull Durham exclusively. You know it would be rather an unusual sight to see a young lady sitting in a place rolling cigarettes. I have plenty of company as their is an agent with me 24 hours a day that is 3 on 8 hour shift. Otherwise I would pass the time much slower than I do. 2 of them are Oklahomans so that makes me feel rather at home. As I know a lot of fellows one of them knows. I have been having allittle difficulty locating the Bills of sale for the cars. I recieved one from Hot Springs Ark. yesterday I will try and get the others while I am here. I just talked to an Agent that was at Myrtle Eatons trial in Jacksonville Fla. he told me that Wynona was at the trial as a witness. Edna Murray was their also James Wilson. I think she recieved 6 mo. who is your friend in their? I dont suppose it is any one I know. My sister Emily arrived here Sat but had to be back in Chi monday and the OK did not arrive from Washington until Sun afternoon 5 minutes after she had started back to Chi so she didnt get to see me. I think my mother and father will be up to see you soon as they recieve permission then they will drive down to see me I would like to have them see you on your Birthday.

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do you ever hear from your sisters or your mother? I hear they are hear in St. Paul. I suppose your Brother in Law Pat is home By now. I hope so any way. it seems a shame that you will not get to see the Board until March But that is the way things go. As to the pen and pencil set I will see about it in a day or so. you have no Doubt recieved some money from father since I have Been arrested. any way if you havent you will in a day or so. then every 1st of the month you will recieve \$10.00 or at least it will Be sent to you around the 1st of each month. I am sorry that that is all you are allowed to spend each month I know that it makes the time go By a lot faster if you have a few things that are considered luxurys in a place of that kind. Also honey I dont want you to worry about Raymond as he will Be well taken care of as long as you are in their also I dont want you to worry about your future as I know you will Be well taken care of when you are paroled to my parents. I Believe I will have them sell your car some time this month. I will have them put the money in the Bank in your name and have them send the B ank Book to you. But dont let any ahyster lawyer try to tell you that he can do this or that for you for so much money. as you surely realize if they could have possibly done anything for you it would have Been done long Before now. you know I talked to a few of them in regard to getting some things done for you But all they could do was promise to do their Best But after you are in their they cannot do any thing But take your money. are you allowed any musical instruments? if so what would you like to Have. yes I remember the pearls. if their is any thing you can have that you want let me know in your next letter and I will see that your recieve it. I will close for this time will write you again next Sat.

love

/s/ AL

P.S. do you think you will  
ever roll them as good as  
the girl in the picture

(Cartoon clipping  
attached showing  
girl rolling  
cigarette)

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

June 16, 1936

Files Section:

There were delivered to the Bureau personally by a Post Office Inspector the following specimens:

One .45 cal. M. C. Pellet, fired by robbers during Mail train robbery Nov. 7, 1935, at Garrettsville, Ohio.

One .45 A.C.P. Peters M. T. Shell.

It is requested by Mr. Tamm that the above specimens be compared in connection with the Harry Campbell .45 Colt Automatic #C-162894 submitted to the Bureau on 5-12-36.

Answer by memo to Mr. Tamm.

E. P. Coffey  
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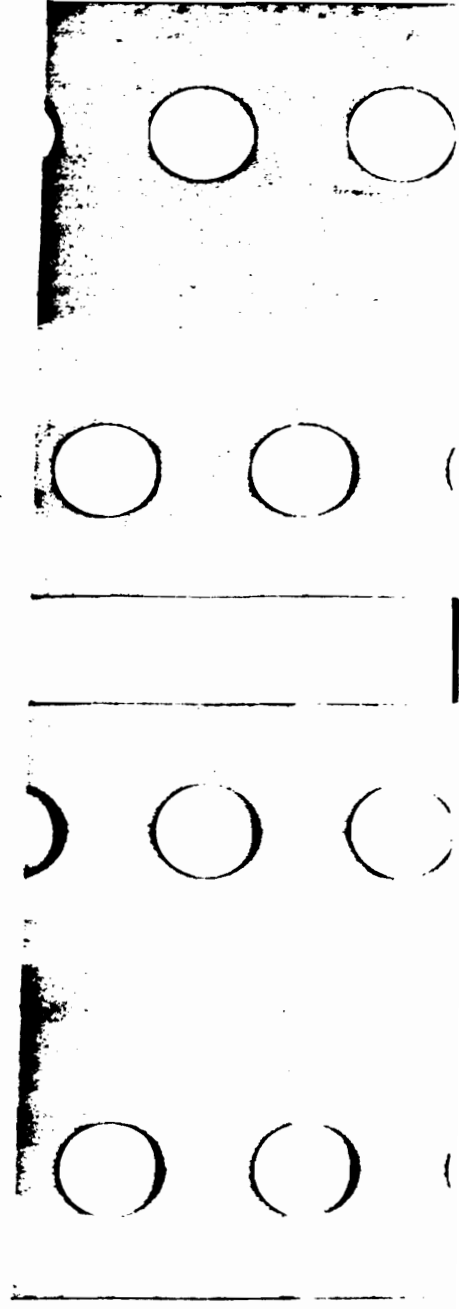
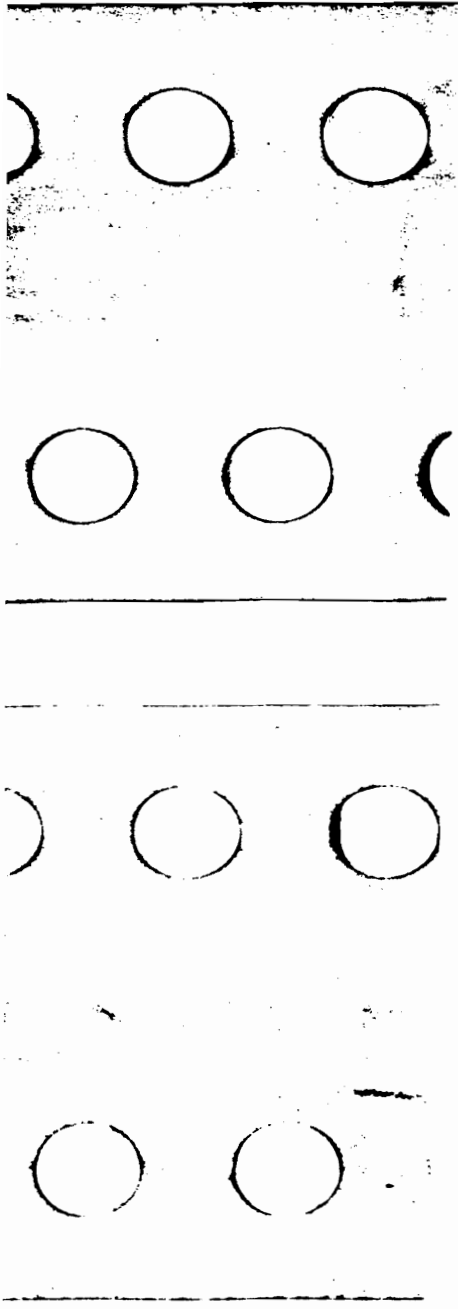
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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300



Ohio Nov 9, 1936  
no net sent, 11/11/36

Harry Campbell sent.  
45 Colt Auto # C-162894  
sent in on 5/12/36

Bullet & cartridge case from  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:CJ

June 13, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ~~PERSON.~~ *file*

Time - 11:30 A. M.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS

While talking to Mr. Stein of the St. Paul office on another matter he advised that he saw Karpis last night and Karpis told him that when his father was up in St. Paul to visit him not so long ago he collected some money for him that Karpis had outstanding. Mr. Stein thinks the money was probably obtained from Jack Peifer and that, of course, this was done through Karpis' attorney. Mr. Stein thinks it advisable to interview Karpis' father relative to this. Karpis intimated the amount obtained was a sizable sum; that he had planned on going to St. Paul and kidnaping someone close to Peifer and then have a friend of his stand on a corner some place, call up this other individual and tell them to bring the money down to him right away, the money belonging to Karpis.

I asked Mr. Stein what would be the best way to get this money, whether through Karpis or through his father. Mr. Stein advised Karpis said he would tell the whole story after trial. I suggested that we would have nothing to gain if we interviewed him now and that it would be better to wait awhile.

Karpis would not tell Mr. Stein exactly who gave his father the money but Karpis' father has the money now. I suggested he talk to Mr. Connelley, who is in Toledo, and ascertain which way Mr. Connelley thinks is better, whether we should wait and not antagonize Karpis at this time or whether we should go to his father at once and take a chance of Karpis closing up on other things; that we will go along with Mr. Connelley on doing it which way he thinks is right.

Mr. Stein also stated he is sending an air mail special delivery to the Bureau regarding his interview with Karpis.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*  
E. A. Tamm.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

June 5, 1936

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

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

In recent conversations with Alvin Karpis in the Ramsey County Jail at St. Paul, Minnesota he indicated a very definite proclivity to boast and relate alleged situations which I believe have no definite foundation, but which are intended to impress persons who are talking to him.

He advised Agents R.C. Suran and J.E. Brennan, and Special Agent in Charge C.W. Stein, from time to time elaborating more as the ideas occurred to him probably, that at one time he considered the desirability, in order to take the "heat" off of himself, of following the Special Agent in Charge of the New York office and killing him; that thereafter he would within a reasonable period of time follow the Agent in Charge of the Chicago office and kill him. Thereafter he would proceed possibly to Los Angeles and kill the Special Agent in Charge there in a similar manner, making the killings appear as the acts of different persons, and then, while the Bureau was busily engaged in solving these three murders, he (Karpis) would retire to some place such as New Orleans, and would be unmolested as to any activity of the Bureau, due to its concentration upon the three murders in question. Karpis also advised Special Agent Bryce in a somewhat similar manner, that he had such a plan in mind, but however he would first proceed to Washington and eliminate Mr. Hoover in the manner indicated, and then possibly take one or two of the Agents in Charge as above outlined.

When I talked to Alvin Karpis on the night of June 3, 1936 I asked him what he had in mind as to these statements, and in order also to have him repeat same to me if he would, and he advised me he was "just kidding" the Agents; that he had never had such an idea while he was at liberty, and had told this story to the Agents in question for the purpose of making them believe he had such a plan in mind.

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It is believed that possibly this individual may have had some such idea in mind in the past, and this should be considered when and if consideration is given to the possibility of turning him over to the State authorities at West Plains, Missouri when we have completed our prosecutions as to him.

It is also believed that this man presents no possibilities as to reformation; that he is egotistical, self-centered and a coward. The suggestion was made to him recently that possibly he might have to be taken back to West Plains to stand trial on the murder charge there, and he immediately insisted he had nothing to do with this murder, stating that Fred Barker was responsible for this with another individual; that he (Karpis) had loaned them his automobile - the Buick used in this murder; that he (Karpis) was sick in bed at the time and could not get out. However it is noted that his two witnesses, Dunlop and Kate Barker are both dead at this time; also that he insists he was the only man home with Kate Barker at the time they were tipped off as to the Police coming to the Grand Avenue address in St. Paul, when he, Kate Barker and Dunlop hastily departed, and therefore if he was the only individual present, Fred Barker being absent, it is very probable that he (Karpis) killed Dunlop.

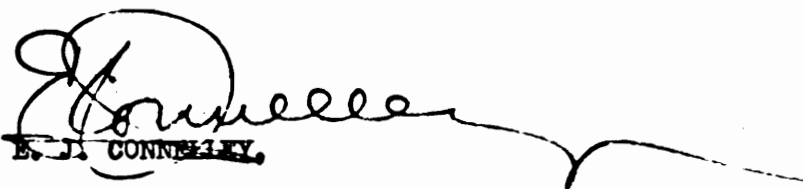
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SAC of this.*  
Karpis also advises that on one occasion he followed Special Agent B. L. Damron at Hot Springs, who had been identified to him, for about one hour; that he did not intend to harm him in any way, but that he had in mind possibly getting him at a place where he could get his gun and credentials and badge away from him.

*This should  
be passed  
however.*  
This individual as will be noted from these remarks is possessed of considerable ego, and he also has made some reference to the fact that he has a contact who in turn has a contact who is a Special Agent of this Bureau; that through some influence this contact has over the Special Agent, a sort of blackmail proposition, this Agent has in the past obtained the reports of the office to which he was assigned and delivered them to the contact, who in turn delivered them to Alvin Karpis. He would not elaborate upon this situation to Special Agent in Charge Stein, and I have advised S.A.C. Stein and the other Agents, particularly S.K. McKee, to follow this closely with this individual in order if possible to obtain sufficient information from him to show that his story is not true, it being my opinion that such is the case. My opinion in this is based upon the fact that if he had



had any such access to reports of the Bureau, he would not have remained at the various places where he was located for the time he did, particularly during the recent past.

Very truly yours,

  
E. J. CONNELLEY

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

Special Agent in Charge.

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CC St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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To: ☐ Director  
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Send File Note and Return

Clyde Tolson

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June 11, 1936

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7-576-12006  
Mr. L. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of June 5, 1936, pertaining to the operations of Alvin Karpis, in which reference is made to Karpis' claim that he has a friend who has such a contact with a Special Agent of this Bureau that he was able through this friend to obtain copies of Bureau reports, I desire that a complete and vigorous investigation be conducted into this matter for the purpose of ascertaining whether there is any truth in the statement of Karpis. I believe that he should be continually questioned upon this point and all possible information obtained from him. A careful check should likewise be made of the field office files upon this case for the purpose of ascertaining whether any copies of investigative reports have been removed therefrom. Careful consideration should be given by each Special Agent in Charge to whom a copy of this letter is forwarded to the identity of the various agents assigned to his office in order that if any suspicion attaches to any individual agent, immediate and appropriate inquiries may be made.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland

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June 26, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with  
aliases, et al,  
Edward George Bremer,  
Victim - KIDNAPING.

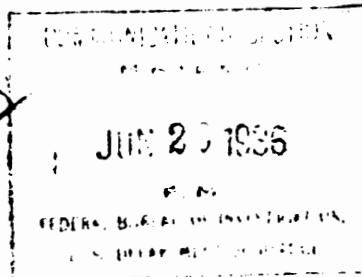
During a recent conversation with Alvin Karpis in the Ramsey County Jail at St. Paul, Minnesota, he indicated, among other things, that on one occasion he followed Special Agent B. L. Darron at Hot Springs for about an hour, Darron having been identified to him; that he did not intend to harm Darron in any way, but that he had in mind possibly getting Darron to a place where he could get Darron's gun and credentials and badge away from him.

This is being brought to your attention for your information only at this time.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC St. Paul  
Mr. Connelley at Chicago  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland



EAT:GJ

June 13, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Time - 11:30 A. M.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS

Special Agent in Charge Stein at St. Paul called to advise that he had received a letter this morning from Post Office Inspector Briggs of Cincinnati, who said he would like to interview Karpis solely about the Garrettsville train robbery at the request of United States Attorney Freed at Cleveland; that the next Grand Jury meets in Cleveland very shortly and it is important that Karpis be interviewed inasmuch as it has something to do with the guilt or innocence of other parties. Mr. Stein said he understands Mr. Briggs has been rather friendly with Mr. Connelley in the past.

I asked Mr. Stein if they had any authority to take Karpis out of the St. Paul district and prosecute him for the train robbery. He stated that they only wanted to interview Karpis on this robbery. I told him I could discuss the matter with you but that I did not see how the Bureau could get around it. I requested him to hold Mr. Briggs' letter and he would be advised today as to what action to take.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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June 2, 1936.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: John Zetzer

With reference to your inquiry as to whether we can successfully entertain a prosecution against John Zetzer, the following information is set forth.

Zetzer was born in Youngstown, Ohio, on December 15, 1900, and is presently residing at 410 Laurel Avenue, Port Clinton, Ohio, where he operates the Marine Garage. There is no definite information in the files as to the manner in which Zetzer became acquainted with Alvin Karpis and other persons responsible for the Garrettsville mail robbery which occurred at Garrettsville, Ohio, on November 7, 1935. It is reasonable to assume, however, that he became acquainted with these parties through Fred Hunter who is well acquainted in Port Clinton, Youngstown and Warren, Ohio. Information as to the close connection between John Zetzer, Karpis, Hunter and others was probably first obtained by Post Office Inspectors as a result of the arrest of John Brock, of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

According to John Brock, immediately after the Garrettsville robbery the robbers proceeded to the garage operated by Zetzer and there rifled three mail sacks and extracted therefrom mail and registered packages. Zetzer was present at this time and after the gang arrived, Zetzer placed a gunny sack over the garage window so that the activities would be unobserved. After the contents of the sacks had been examined and the undesirable material had been burned in a large stove in Zetzer's garage, Karpis ordered Zetzer to take the ashes out of the stove, place them in the Plymouth Sedan which had been used in the robbery and to drive the car into Lake Erie. Zetzer agreed to do so. That night Karpis, Brock and Fred Hunter remained at Zetzer's home. Zetzer was paid \$1,000 for hiding them that night and agreeing to dispose of the evidence. According to Brock, Zetzer also received \$1,500 with which to purchase an aeroplane. The next morning which would be November 8, 1935, Zetzer arose early, departed from the house and went to the Port Clinton airport where he had a black Stinson aeroplane waiting. His brother, Joe Zetzer, then drove John Brock, Fred Hunter and Karpis to the airport where the latter three parties boarded the plane. Karpis and Hunter got off at Hot Springs, Arkansas, while Brock went on to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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John Zetzer was taken into custody by Special Agents at Port Clinton, Ohio, on March 27, 1936, and was questioned until April 3, 1936, when he was released upon a definite agreement that he would be willing to work in the interests of the Bureau. According to the reports submitted, he was never questioned by Bureau Agents as to participation in the Garrettsville mail robbery. He was questioned, however, with regard to his having transported Karpis, Brock and Hunter from Port Clinton, Ohio, to Hot Springs, Arkansas, and transporting Brock thence to Tulsa, Oklahoma. He admitted this transportation but denied knowledge of the identity of the parties so transported.

Although we are unable at this time to definitely prove that Zetzer knew the true identity of the parties with whom he was dealing, circumstances indicate beyond a question that Zetzer did know the true identity of Karpis, Hunter and others. This is established by virtue of the fact that Zetzer ~~denied~~ it to be shown that he actually purchased the Stinson four-passenger aeroplane on November 8, 1935, rather than November 7, 1935. Zetzer, when interviewed, advised that he purchased the said plane, No. NC 12130 from the Gross Sales Air Service, Incorporated, Toledo, Ohio, paying \$1,700 for the same, which plane was delivered to him, Zetzer, on November 8, 1935; that after purchasing the plane at about 10:00 A. M., November 8, 1935, he proceeded to the Port Clinton emergency airport where he picked up three men. Zetzer was very evasive in his answers and stated that he believed he started on this trip the day after he purchased the plane in Toledo.

With regard to making arrangements for the above mentioned aeroplane trip, Zetzer advised that about a week before the trip was made a person fitting the description of Alvin Karpis came to his place of business at Port Clinton and asked him if he still had a plane; that no indication was given as to why Karpis had come to him particularly; that this individual returned a day or so later to determine whether Zetzer had yet purchased a plane; that the individual again returned at which time Zetzer advised him that he had tentatively arranged to buy a plane, and that thereafter this individual again appeared at which time arrangements were made for Zetzer to meet several persons on the morning before he actually obtained delivery of the plane, which according to Zetzer would have been November 7, 1935. Zetzer stated he was to meet these three parties at about 8:00 A. M. at the airport at Port Clinton, Ohio, but that he failed to keep this appointment, and on the following day when he took delivery of the plane, which would

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have been November 8, 1935, according to Zetzer, he arrived at the airport at Port Clinton at about 10:00 A. M. when he picked up the said three individuals who later proved to be Karpis, Hunter and Brock and flew them to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where Karpis and Hunter were deposited and then proceeded to Tulsa, Oklahoma, with John Brock.

It appears that there was some collusion between Zetzer and Adelbert Gross, the latter being the owner of the Gross Sales Air Service, Incorporated, in the sale of the above mentioned Stinson aeroplane to John Zetzer. When Gross was interviewed, he stated he sold the said aeroplane to Zetzer on Friday, either November 7 or 8, 1935. By reference to the calendar for 1935, it is shown that the eighth of November fell on Friday. Gross stated that Zetzer made inquiries concerning the purchase of this plane prior to the actual purchase and that on Friday morning, November 8, 1935, at about 7:00 A. M. Zetzer came to Gross' place of business where they dickered over the price, Zetzer finally offering \$1,700 which offer was accepted. Gross stated at the time Zetzer bought the plane, he offered no explanation for wanting to buy the ship, and Gross made no inquiries of him in this regard.

Investigation has disclosed that John Zetzer and Gross have made every effort to appear that the plane was actually sold to Zetzer on November 8, 1935, rather than on November 7, 1935, the latter being the date on which the Garrettsville mail robbery occurred. Investigating Agents however examined the correspondence in the possession of Gross and found in his files a copy of a letter in his own handwriting dated November 7, 1935, the original of which he had forwarded to the Department of Commerce, Wayne, Michigan, advising that Department of the sale of the Stinson plane to Zetzer. Accordingly, investigation was conducted at the Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C., where the records reflected that the said aeroplane was sold to John Zetzer on November 7, 1935.

Gross has further advised that early in the morning on which Zetzer purchased the plane, which Gross believes to have been Friday, November 8, 1935, Zetzer did not want Gross to date the papers for the sale as of Friday, stating at that time he was superstitious of buying anything on Friday. Mr. Gross advised, however, as the sales ticket shows, he did date the sale on that date, namely, Friday, November 8, 1935.

The investigation indicates, however, that the plane was, in fact, purchased at about 7:00 A. M. on November 7, 1935, the day of the Garrettsville mail robbery, and that Zetzer probably returned to



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Toledo where he took delivery of the plane during the early morning of November 8, 1935, proceeding then to the Port Clinton airport where he logged out at about 9:00 A. M. on November 8, 1935. The investigation further discloses that by virtue of bad weather and running out of gasoline the said parties did not arrive at Hot Springs, Arkansas, until November 10, 1935.

Zetzer in a statement made to Agents on March 27, 1936, advised that it was the original intention of all the parties concerned that he should meet Karpis, Brock and Hunter at about 8:30 A. M. on a certain day, which was the day previous to the day of the actual meeting with these parties in Port Clinton, Ohio. He then explained the fact that he was unable to obtain delivery of the plane and consequently was a day late in meeting these parties. Obviously, this explanation is given in order to show that he in no way participated in the Garrettsville mail robbery, and further that there was no intention on the part of any of the parties to commit the Garrettsville mail robbery, since they had already planned that he, Zetzer, would meet them during the morning of November 7, 1935, and proceed with them to Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Tulsa, Oklahoma. This is undoubtedly the reason lying behind the confusion in the mind of Zetzer and also in the mind of Adelbert Gross as to the exact date on which the aeroplane was purchased.

The records of the Department of Commerce disclose, as noted above, that this plane was sold to Zetzer on November 7, 1935, the purchase price being \$1,700, it being resold to Gross for \$1,500 on January 30, 1936. Gross gave as his reason for repurchasing the said plane the fact that he had smashed up the only other plane which he owned and was consequently in need of a serviceable plane; that as a result of certain negotiations he was able to repurchase the Stinson plane from Zetzer for \$1,500. Zetzer has informed that he was paid \$500 by Brock at Tulsa, Oklahoma, for having transported Brock, Hunter and Karpis from Port Clinton, Ohio, to Hot Springs, Arkansas, and thence transporting Brock to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Zetzer has at all times denied knowing the correct identity of any of the parties with whom he was dealing. It would appear therefore that the only evidence which would in any way establish guilty knowledge on the part of Zetzer would be that of John Brock who is presently being held by the Post Office authorities and who has made a complete disclosure of all the facts incident to the Garrettsville mail robbery.

The criminal record of John Zetzer, with aliases, as disclosed by the files of the Identification Division, FBI-442390, is as follows:

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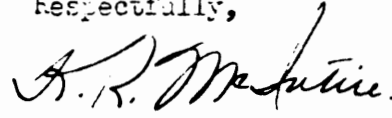
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The description of John Zetzer is as follows:

Color	White
Sex	Male
Residence	Youngstown, Ohio
Place of birth	Youngstown, Ohio
Nationality	American
Age	26 (1926)
Build	Slim
Height	5' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	137 pounds
Complexion	Florid
Eyes	Hazel
Scars and marks	None

Respectfully,



K. h. McIntire.

# PORT CLINTON MAN TELLS OF AIDING BANDIT

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 2 (UP)—J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, declined to comment today when informed through a G-man aid that John Zetzer had told News-Bee reporters of his detention by federal operatives a month ago.

Hoover, declining to discuss the Port Clinton man's revelations through a federal spokesman, was preparing this afternoon for a return flight to the national capital after helping escort Alvin Karpis here.

John Zetzer, 31-year-old Port Clinton garage man, revealed today that he had flown Alvin Karpis and two of his companions to Hot Springs, Ark., last Nov. 9, shortly after a \$34,000 mail train robbery at Garrettsville, O.

Zetzer, "kidnaped" mysteriously 30 days ago and absent from Port Clinton for a week, admitted that he was in the hands of J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-men, and his aids during that time. He revealed to them the flight he had made, identified Karpis from pictures Mr. Hoover laid before him, and has since kept silent.

At the time of the flight, Zetzer told the G-men and again told News-Bee representatives this morning, he had no idea of Karpis' identity, and assumed him and his two companions to be young business men.

## Check Airport Records.

Zetzer's explanation of his mysterious absence and the events that preceded it marked another milestone in an intensive hunt for Karpis which centered in the Toledo area 30 days ago.

The G-men, coming into Toledo in March, learned from airport records of the Karpis flight. They immediately checked Zetzer's story while they still held him a virtual prisoner in a hotel room here. His story placed Karpis as disembarking from the plane on Nov. 11. From the trail picked up at Hot Springs, the Government agents followed Karpis to New Orleans.

"That's the man or he has a double," Zetzer told News-Bee reporters at his garage at Port Clinton this morning. "I didn't know who he was as the time. He looked like a prosperous young business man to me and so did the two who were with him."

Zetzer learned none of their names. Karpis was called "Tom," he said by his companions. Another was called "Slim," he said. "I didn't catch the other man's name," he said.

Zetzer told News-Bee reporters a thrilling story of a flight of more than 1200 miles in a second-hand Stinson plane that he bought in Toledo with his savings the day before for \$1700.

## Bought Plane Here.

"The first I heard of this business," he said, "was when the man I later learned was Karpis drove up to my garage and honked. I went out and he told me that he wanted to fly to the Southwest and would pay me \$500 for the trip. I took him up and he said he'd see me later. I had been trying to buy a plane, had been to Detroit two or three times, and this man's offer, \$500, sounded good, if the thing went through."

"He came back several times, and finally I got a plane at Toledo. I paid \$1700 for it, and logged out at Toledo Nov. 8. The next day I met the man at Port Clinton airport by appointment, and he had three fellows with him. One of them drove away and the other two got in with me."

## Took One to Tulsa.

Forced down for lack of gas in Indiana the first afternoon, Zetzer said, he bought gasoline and made Memphis that night. "We spent the night at Memphis and slept in the plane. The next morning we flew out towards Hot Springs and I landed there and Karpis and one of the other men got out. Then I flew on to Fort Smith, refueled there, and thence to Tulsa, where the third man got out and paid me \$500."

"When we came down in Indiana, Karpis went white in the face as the motor slowed. We were forced down by bad weather west of Fort Smith in Oklahoma, too, and spent the night in a farm house, but Karpis was not with us then."

## G-Men Seize Him.

"When I started back I logged in at Toledo on Nov. 15. I then came home."

At Toledo Airport, Zetzer talked to pilots and attaches and described his trip. It was at the Toledo Airport, it is assumed, that the G-men, seeking Karpis in the Toledo area, picked up the airplane trail.

Zetzer said he didn't know how Karpis happened to know of him. "I presume he knew someone who knew me," he said.

Zetzer declared he thought no more of the flight until last March 28, when three Government agents, displaying their credentials, swooped down on his garage, picked him up and drove him to Toledo.

## Brought Meals to Him.

"They took me to a hotel, I don't know the name of it," he said. "They questioned me and I told them all I could. I was in my working clothes and I never left the room. They brought my meals to me. Then they took me to Cleveland. I was in an office building there for several more days. As I told them they checked on the map and sent men out to verify what I said. Then they released me on April 4 and I came back to Port Clinton. They told me not to say anything and I didn't."

Zetzer bought his plane from Delbert Gross, 211 Platt Street. It was a Stinson four-place. He paid for it in cash, giving Gross \$1700 in bills.

## Trivial Conversation.

During the long trip, Zetzer said the men talked about the radio, asked innumerable questions about the plane, and carried on a general conversation which was so unimportant he did not remember it, he said.

Karpis sat beside him. "Is it easy to learn to fly?" Karpis asked him.

"Can you fly a plane as easily as you can drive a car?" was another question the gangster wanted answered.

"I'm sure sorry I didn't know who they were," Zetzer said. "I had a swell chance to turn them in at Memphis. When we stopped there I could have gone to a hangar and called the law or phoned ahead."

Zetzer is a former rum-runner and has served federal time for liquor charges. Two planes he once owned were taken away from him by federal authorities. He has been living quietly and attending to his garage business in recent years.

When the Karpis gang returned to Toledo last November, they were coming back to an old stamping ground, it was learned today.

## Gang Assembled Here.

With Harry Campbell, still at large; Kate (Ma) Barker, Pa Barker and others later killed, the Karpis gang assembled in Toledo in January of 1935 shortly after the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, St. Paul banker. They found a holding-in place at Point Place. Reports that a gang was assembling there came to Sheriff James O'Reilly and he with deputies and police squads made a raid, but all of them had fled.

Whether Karpis, between the time he got off the plane in Hot Springs and his capture last night, had made further forays, is unknown. G-men said he had been at New Orleans "some time," and a favorite route of gangsters is to the Arkansas health resort during the winter season and from there to New Orleans where racing begins early in December.

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

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What about Zetzer? Can we prosecute him? Jess

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

EAT:RLG

June 3, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

There is attached hereto a detailed memorandum summarizing the evidence of harboring available against John Zetzer about whom you inquired in connection with a newspaper dispatch dated May 2, 1936, quoting Zetzer as claiming he was in the hands of the Director of the Bureau.

Through the use of the testimony of John Brock, we will probably be able to convict Zetzer on a harboring charge. The difficulty of proof lies in establishing that Zetzer knew the identity of Karpis and the other persons participating in the Garrettsville mail robbery. According to Brock, however, Zetzer was present when the mail sacks were rifled and the contents destroyed and it appears likely that before our investigation in Toledo is completed, we will develop further evidence showing guilty knowledge on the part of Zetzer.

Respectfully

E. A. Tamm.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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KRM:TD  
7-576 - 12008 June 11, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

It is my desire that you immediately institute a very thorough and vigorous investigation looking toward the disclosure of evidence sufficient to warrant the Government proceeding with harboring charges against John Zetser.

Your attention is directed to the letter of the Cleveland Office to the St. Paul Office dated June 8, 1936, in which it is shown that Post Office Inspector F. E. Casey, Toledo, Ohio, recently indicated to Special Agent Bynn that John Zetser and his brother, Joe Zetser, of Port Clinton, Ohio, have been questioned by Post Office Inspectors and have furnished information implicating Joe Roscoe, of Toledo, in the Garrettsville mail robbery; that Zetser admitted Joe Roscoe made arrangements with him to fly Karpis, Brock and Hunter to Hot Springs, Arkansas and Tulsa, Oklahoma on November 8, 1935.

It would appear desirable for you to immediately arrange to interview Joe Zetser and reinterview John Zetser, in the hope of obtaining further information from them. I am, likewise, interested in obtaining all possible information which might lead to the prosecution of Joe Roscoe, on the charge of having harbored members of the Karpis-Barker gang.

This matter should be given your immediate and vigorous attention. I desire to be kept informed currently as to your plans in the harboring investigations to be pursued in Toledo, Ohio and vicinity.

Very truly yours,

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
MAILED

JUN 15 1936

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Cincinnati  
Cleveland  
St. Paul

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida  
June 15, 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 June 5, 1936, concerning payment for clothing purchased for witnesses who proceeded from Florida to St. Paul, Minnesota, to appear in the second Bremer trial.

I am forwarding herewith to the Bureau a voucher in the amount of \$470.21. It is noted in the Bureau letter the total expense incurred in this matter is shown as \$460.21. However, it appears that an error of \$10.00 was made.

It should be stated that payment of the amount named in the attached voucher has not actually been made by reason of the fact that I did not have this amount of cash available. In the event it is impossible to handle the voucher prior to actual payment, if the Bureau will inform me, I will arrange to raise the necessary cash.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. Nathan  
Special Agent in Charge.

*Detached*  
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

June 15, 1936

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

Re: BREKID


Dear Sir:

Assistant United States Attorney Austin Hall  
advised that he had received a communication from the  
Department advising that it had been decided that the  
facts in the harboring case pending against Matthew  
X Gleason justified prosecution.

This case came up on June 8, 1936 and the  
trial was continued at that time to June 30, 1936.

This office will keep in touch with Assistant  
United States Attorney Hall and follow prosecutive  
action and report same.

Very truly yours,

  
D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

DPS:fvv

CC Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Cleveland

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FROM: DIVISION #1 & DIVISION #2

6-23-36

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TO:

Director

Mr. Nathan

Mr. Tolson

Mr. Quinn

Mr. Edwards

Mr. Clegg

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Mr. Ward

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Search, serialize and route

This is man who harbored Volney Davis.

E. A. TAMM - 5742.

Post Office Box 611  
Chicago Illinois

June 18, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In connection with the investigation being conducted in this case stops have been placed on various automobiles by respective field offices.

At this time it is suggested that each field office, if it has not already done so, place stops on 1935 Plymouth sedan, motor No. PJ322772, and 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor sedan, motor number 2044337, which was registered in the year 1935 in the State of Kansas to J. M. Lett, 113 East 8th Street, Coffeyville, Kansas.

It is suggested that all other stops which have been maintained at the various State Motor Vehicle Bureaus on other automobiles than the above be withdrawn inasmuch as the necessity for same no longer exists.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Lamb,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Each field office

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June 15, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al.;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim -  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent in Charge  
Kerner Hanni, dated at Aberdeen, South Dakota, November 9, 1935,  
which was the first information in the possession of the Bureau to  
the effect that one Dr. Robert Carville Orniston was possibly identi-  
cal with Dr. Joseph P. Moran. Subsequent investigation disclosed  
that the individual representing himself as Dr. Orniston was probably  
identical with Walter Raymond Armstrong. The reports disclose that  
Armstrong was at one time interested in the sale of Durant automobiles  
in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and vicinity; that he became acquainted  
with Mr. Speed Wallace, of Minot, North Dakota, during 1923, and that  
during the time Armstrong was engaged in the sale of Durant automobiles  
in Minneapolis, Minnesota, he was very friendly with R. B. Rathbun,  
who is now located in the Roanoke Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota,  
where he is engaged in the brokerage business.

A letter from the Cincinnati office to the Aberdeen office,  
dated January 2, 1936, reflects an interview was had with Miss Theresa  
Krostus, who was formerly of Fisher, Minnesota. It is shown therein  
that she was friendly with Armstrong and that it was her understanding  
he originated in Decatur, Illinois, and that he has a brother, Ralph  
Armstrong, who was a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati,  
Ohio, another brother, Paul, and a sister, Leila, the addresses of the  
last two persons being unknown. The said letter also indicates that  
investigation disclosed that a Presbyterian minister, Ralph Alexander  
Armstrong, who is believed to be the brother of Walter Raymond Armstrong,  
is now deceased but that the records of Lane Seminary, at Cincinnati,  
Ohio, disclosed that Ralph Alexander Armstrong indicated that his home  
was at Pana, Illinois.

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Reference is made to the Report of Special Agent J. Michael  
McGrath, at Aberdeen, South Dakota, December 21, 1935, on page 2 of  
which it is shown that one Mary Pharris, of the Federal Transient Camp  
at Fargo, North Dakota, disliked Orniston and that since Orniston had  
claimed that he had been with the Burke Progress Administration in

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June 15, 1936

Branson, Missouri, which organization is managed by Walter H. Pharris, father of Max Pharris, the latter accordingly wrote a letter to his father describing Orniston and asking his father what he knew concerning Orniston. It appears that Walter H. Pharris advised his son that he knew Orniston, but knew him under a different name. The address of Pharris apparently is Personnel Department, Works Progress Administration, Court-house Building, Branson, Missouri.

It is my desire that all offices receiving copies of this letter immediately review their files and conduct appropriate investigation looking toward the location of Dr. Orniston, alias Armstrong.

It would appear that preferred attention should be given by the St. Louis office at Decatur, Illinois, in an effort to locate the family of Armstrong. This investigation is authorized with a view to determining definitely whether Orniston, alias Armstrong, can possibly be identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

It is not felt that the Bureau can be certain in this matter until Orniston, alias Armstrong, is located and interviewed. Your vigorous and preferred attention should be given to this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

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

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June 15, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

There are being shipped by express today the guns which were recovered following the apprehension of William Weaver and which were received from the Bureau on June 1, 1936, for use in the trial of Myrtle Eaton here.

These guns were turned over to me by the Clerk of the United States District Court, Jacksonville, Florida, and a receipt was given him, a copy of which receipt is being attached to the copy of this letter indicated for the Technical Laboratory. This shipment is being marked for the attention of the Technical Laboratory.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. Nathan,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl. Orig. b/l

cc - Tech. Lab. (Encl)

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

No. 5389-J-Criminal

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

Myrtle Eaton, alias Jane  
Osborne, alias Mrs. J. W.  
Osborne

R E C E I P T

Received of Edwin R. Williams, Clerk of United  
States District Court for the Southern District of Florida,  
the following described firearms and accessories which were  
filed in evidence at the trial of the above entitled cause  
June 3, 1936 as follows:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
23 & 24	1 Shotgun, Winchester Repeating, Model 42-.410 No. 3439
29	1 Colt Automatic Pistol .38 Cal. No. 112352
22	1 Colt Automatic Pistol .38 Cal. No. 113038
26	1 Colt Automatic Pistol .45 Cal. No. 345132
25	1 Colt Automatic Woodsman .22 Cal. No. 35506
27	1 Colt Revolver .45 Cal. No. 104773
30, 31, 32 & 33	1 Shotgun, Remington Repeater No. 261109, complete with case - 2 barrels
34	1 Multishot clip for Colt .45 Cal. Automatic
28	5 Clips for Colt .38 Cal. Automatic
35	2 Clips for Colt Woodsman

Dated at Jacksonville, Florida this 13<sup>th</sup> day of  
June, 1936.

*R. B. Nathan* *RGK*  
Special Agent Federal Bureau of  
Investigation, United States Department  
of Justice

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

June 15, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: BREMER

Dear Sir:

The name Clyde Nimerick, alias C. D. Harris, has been mentioned on various occasions during the investigation in this case. Shortly after the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer Nimerick's name was prominently mentioned with that of various members of the Barker-Karpis gang as a possible suspect in this kidnaping.

Investigation made subsequent to the spring of 1934 has failed to show any connections Nimerick had with the kidnaping of Bremer. However, it is known that Nimerick was a former associate of members of the Barker-Karpis gang and was believed at one time to have been one of the perpetrators of the Fairbury bank robbery, Fairbury, Nebraska, which took place on April 4, 1935. It has now been definitely ascertained that this bank robbery was committed by members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Should Nimerick be located he should be questioned as to any knowledge he has concerning instant kidnaping and because of his criminal activities and known contacts he should be questioned as to his knowledge of the underworld in general and particularly as to the underworld of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota.

For the information of field offices receiving copies of this letter, the following description of Nimerick is given:

Age: 34 years in 1931	Complexion: Medium
Height: 5 feet 9 3/4 inches	Color: White
Weight: 170 pounds	Nationality: American
Build: Medium	Residence given as
Eyes: Blue	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Hair: Brown	Born: Parsons, Kansas
Des Moines, Iowa Police	
Department No. 9024.	

Very truly yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Bureau  
Ack field office

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

827 Broad Street National Bank Building  
Trenton New Jersey

June 16, 1936

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

Re: BREXID

ATTN: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith the following exhibits:

Registration card number 13441  
Claridge Hotel, Atlantic City,  
New Jersey, in the name of J. M.  
J. M. J. M., London, England, dated  
5-2-36.

Baggage check number 9323, Claridge  
Hotel, for room 616-17 and a room  
memo for the Claridge Hotel, dated  
5-2-36.

In view of the fact that the modus operandi followed  
by H. M. Jenkenson is quite similar to that followed by William Elmer  
Lead, ID 1354, it is requested that the signature H. M. Jenkenson on  
registration card 13441 be compared with the known handwriting of  
William Elmer Lead. It is requested that these exhibits be returned  
to the Trenton Office after they have served their purpose as it has  
been requested that they be returned to the Claridge Hotel, Atlantic  
City, N.J.

Very truly yours,

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E. L. Richmond

E. L. RICHMOND,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 10075

Laboratory Report

Case: BREKID

Number: 7-576-12015

Specimens: 7-576-12015 A. One registration card #13441, in the name of  
K. W. Jenkenson, London, England, dated 5-2-36.  
" B. One baggage check #9323 for room #616-17.  
" C. One room memo dated 5-2-36 for room #616 & #617.

Examination requested by: Trenton

Date received: 6-18-36 (mch - 9:00 AM)

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination: *Do not alien* Examination by: Pickering (AE)

RETURN SPECIMENS

*Made note signature  
in register*

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*Mr. Pickering  
June 23*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 10375

Laboratory Report

Case:

Number:

Specimens:

Examination requested by:

Date received:

Examination requested:

Result of examination:

Examination by:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: BREID

Number: 7-576-12015

Specimens: 7-576-12015 A. One registration card #13441, in the name of  
M. W. Jenkinsen, London, England, dated 5-2-36.  
" B. One baggage check #9323 for room #616-17.  
" C. One room memo dated 5-2-36 for room #616 & #617.

Examination requested by: Trenton

Date received: 6-18-36 (mch - 9:00 AM)

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: April 71

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6/19 J. A. H. M. Jenkinsen  
London

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(in St Paul) M Lodge May Lake  
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Chicago - Chicago  
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to June 11, 1936

July 2, 1936.

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Mr. A. L. Richmond,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
424 Federal Building,  
Trenton, New Jersey.

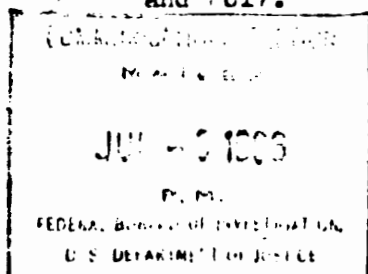
Re: Brekid.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report #10375, in connection with the above-entitled case.

In accordance with the statement contained therein, there are returned herewith the following specimens, photographic copies of the same having been made for the completion of our files:

- 7-576-12015
- A. One registration card #12441, in the name of M. W. Jankenson, London, England, dated May 2, 1936.
  - B. One baggage check #9322 for rooms #316-17.
  - C. One room memo dated May 2, 1936 for rooms #316 and #317.



Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #1142947

REGISTERED MAIL

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

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827 Broad Street National Bank Building  
Tranton New Jersey

June 16, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS <sup>et al</sup>  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to bureau letter dated May 21, 1936 a copy of which was designated for your office, wherein it was requested an effort be made to locate Gregory L. Codomo of Newark, New Jersey, so that a subpoena might be served on him at some time in the future for his appearance in Miami, Florida, during September, 1936.

The records at the U. S. Post Office; Police Headquarters, Telephone Company and other sources of information have been checked at Newark relative to this matter without results. The U. S. Marshal's office at Trenton, New Jersey and Newark, New Jersey have been contacted relative to the information in their possession at the time they attempted to locate Codomo for the purpose of serving him with a subpoena and they advise they do not recall their efforts to locate Codomo, however, the records in that office reflect the subpoena for Codomo was returned to the U. S. Marshal's office at Miami, Florida, on May 5, 1936. It is believed this subpoena may contain information relative to Codomo's address while in Newark and it is requested any information in this subpoena which might be of value in locating Codomo be obtained and forwarded the Trenton Office as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Special Agent in Charge.	
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612 Marine Trust Bldg.  
Buffalo, N.Y.

June 18, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

With reference to the above entitled matter a review of the file in this office discloses that a large amount of ransom money was passed in the Buffalo district, and from a recent contact with Special Agent S. E. Hardy by an agent of this office, it is understood that Karpis at or about the time that the money was being passed in Buffalo and vicinity, he (Karpis) made a trip through New York State.

It is believed that if Karpis were thoroughly interrogated relative to his associates and contacts in Buffalo and vicinity, sufficient evidence might be secured upon which numerous charges might be placed against individuals located within the district covered by this office.

It is, therefore, respectfully requested that Karpis be interviewed in this regard, securing any and all information which he might possess.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau  
Chicago  
Cincinnati

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box #766  
Cincinnati, Ohio

PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL.

June 20, 1936.

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

Re: "BREKID."

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of June 12, 1936, in which immediate investigation was instructed as to Joe and John Zetzer for the possibility of particularly showing the harboring charge as against Joe Roscoe and John Zetzer.

John Zetzer is the pilot who flew Karpis, Hunter and Brock to Hot Springs, Arkansas from Port Clinton, Ohio, November 8, 1935, after the Garrettsville Train robbery, and as to which, as indicated in the file, the Post Office Inspectors advise that apparently John Brock furnished them with information the mail sacks were burned in the presence of John Zetzer, at his place of business at Port Clinton, and other things occurred which definitely involve him with the train robbery.

Please refer to my personal and confidential letter of May 28, 1936, to the Bureau, enclosing copy of a letter I addressed to the Cleveland office under this same date, which outlined the plan of investigation to be carried on to show various persons responsible for harboring the subjects in this case, among which was included John and Joe Zetzer and Joe Roscoe. The investigation has proceeded with this plan in mind, as is reflected in my letter of June 17, 1936, from Toledo, to the Bureau, report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, dated June 13, 1936, and two reports which will go forward this week end from the Cleveland Office.

My purpose in calling attention to the situation as to John Zetzer at this time, in view of the instructions above indicated

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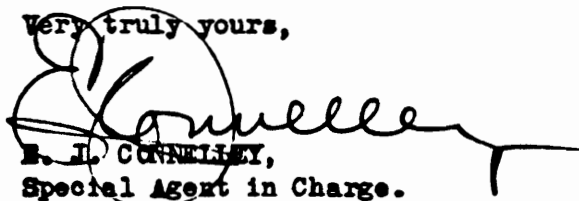
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Mr. Harbo	
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Mr. Mumford	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

is that the Cleveland Office indicated in their letter of June 3, 1936, that possibly John Zetzer had involved Joe Roscoe in the Garrettsville Train robbery and it is noted, that notwithstanding this situation apparently the Post Office Inspectors have not endeavored to pick Joe Roscoe up in this connection, and it is my opinion that possibly they are having difficulty in holding this individual in line to testify as against Roscoe and this situation I believe concerns the relationship existing with the Post Office Inspectors in the Northern District of Ohio, and while we, of course, owe no apologies to the Post Office Inspectors for any investigation we may conduct, in view of their past activities, as reported to the Bureau, still it is believed that if any undue action is taken as against John Zetzer again at this time, it might give them some cause to say we had eliminated the possibility of Zetzer's assisting them as concerns Joe Roscoe.

After considering the above situation, if you desire that we immediately proceed in investigative inquiry as against John Zetzer and Joe Roscoe, particularly, please advise.

Very truly yours,

  
E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Cleveland  
Chicago  
St. Paul



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:CJ

June 13, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ~~DIRECTOR~~ *July*

Time - 11:45 A. M.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS

While talking to Mr. Connelley on other matters, I advised him Special Agent in Charge Stein called relative to a letter he had received from Post Office Inspector Briggs in which he advised he wanted to interview Karpis about the Garrettsville train robbery because the Grand Jury meets in the near future, the purpose of the interview primarily being to ascertain facts concerning other participants in the robbery.

Mr. Connelley suggested that we tell the Post Office Inspector it will be all right for him to interview Karpis but that we will have an Agent present at the time of the interview. This will keep us from being accused of lack of cooperation and will keep us in the clear. I told him Karpis is angry with Agent Sam McKee and I thought it would be a good idea to have McKee present when Briggs interviews Karpis.

Mr. Connelley advised that most of the Post Office Inspectors in that vicinity have been cut \$500 for lack of cooperation and that Briggs is one of the worst; that Mr. Stein probably mean't Headricks when he said Briggs always cooperated with Mr. Connelley. Mr. Connelley said Post Office Inspector Casey is the only one who plays fair. I advised him I would talk to you about it and advise you it is his opinion and mine that this request can not be turned down; that Mr. Connelley is afraid United States Attorney Freed will hold it against the Bureau.

I advised him Mr. Stein will be authorized to answer Mr. Briggs' letter, telling him that he can interview Karpis but someone from the Bureau will be present at the time. Mr. Connelley suggested Mr. Briggs be told Karpis is under the constant guard of an Agent of this Bureau at all times and he has to be interviewed under these conditions.

Respectfully,

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E. A. Tamm.

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P. O. Box 536  
Los Angeles, California  
June 13, 1936

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Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telegram from this office dated May 23, 1936, concerning press reports of accounts opened at various banks at Los Angeles by an individual giving the name of DONALD BERG. You were advised in the above telegram that although press releases indicated that the Department of Justice was investigating this matter, no action was being taken by this office, except to determine if WILLIAM ELMER MEAD might be identical with Berg.

Photographs of William Elmer Mead were exhibited by Special Agent T. E. Billings at a few of the banks where accounts were opened but no identifications were made of Berg as being William Elmer Mead. Under date of May 26, 1936, the local newspapers carried a story to the effect that Donald Berg had been located and his true name was Bruno Dalberg and that Dalberg had explained to the local police that accounts had been opened in Los Angeles at numerous banks under a fictitious name in order to prevent relatives from securing his money for the support of a minor daughter.

Special Agent Billings conferred with Detective Lieutenant H. C. Lindley of the Fugitive Detail, Los Angeles Police Department, and he advised that he was satisfied that Dalberg's explanation of the various bank accounts was correct and that the deposits were not made up of stolen currency. Lieutenant Lindley further stated that some of the currency deposited by Dalberg had been checked by the Federal Reserve Bank but the Federal Reserve Bank advised that it was not counterfeit. So far as can be ascertained the serial numbers of the currency deposited were not retained by any of the banks or by the local police department.

A copy of the clipping from the Los Angeles Times of May 26, 1936, which contains a story of the location of Dalberg and his explanation of the deposits, is transmitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON  
Special Agent in Charge

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Encls.

## **"Mystery Man" Explains All**



Bruno Dalberg, the "mystery man" for whom police have been looking for days in an attempt to solve the puzzle of \$27,000 deposits in twenty-two banks here. He says he was trying to avoid suit by relatives.

Times photo

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## Finding of Man Solves 'Rich Stranger' Riddle

In a meek, soft-spoken, bespectacled account clerk with a trace of a German accent police last night found the mystery man for whom they had been searching since last Wednesday when he deposited a total of \$27,000 in twenty-two different banks and then disappeared.

### TRYING TO BALK RELATIVES

Giving his name as Bruno Dalberg, 52 years of age, of San Francisco, the man, wearing the same dark suit and horn-rimmed glasses he had on when he appeared at the various banks to make his deposits, was found in an apartment at 327 South Hope street. He was discovered by Detective Lieutenants Koehn and Lindley, assisted by Burns Agency detectives.

He informed authorities his mysterious proceedings in placing the large deposits in so many banks here were in an effort to balk relatives who were attempting to procure part of the money for their support of his young daughter.

### EXPLAINS USE OF NAME

"I used the name Donald Berg," he told Chief of Detectives Harry Seager and Detective Lieutenants Koehn and Lindley of the fugitive detail, "to throw them off my path after they had found several weeks ago that I was living in San Francisco.

"I had hoped to save the money myself and then when my daughter comes of age give most of it to her myself. I saved the money by living very frugally. I never made very high salaries, working most of the time as a bookkeeper, stenographer or in other clerical work, but what I did make I tried to save."

"While in San Francisco, where I have been living the past ten years, I kept my money in nine different banks. While there I went under the name of Ben Dalling in order to make it more difficult for my in-laws to find me.

### LEARNED SUIT IMPENDED

"Several weeks ago, when I learned from an aid society in San Francisco that my identity was known and that my relatives were

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# Cash Placed in Many Banks to Dodge Suit

(Continued from First Page)

going to start proceedings against me to try to get some of the money for the support of my daughter, I went to all the banks, withdrew the money and came to this city. "That was on the 16th of this month that I withdrew the money. The following day I came to Los Angeles. Several days later I deposited the money at the various banks here."

In Dalberg's possession were found two black suitcases and an umbrella. In one of the bags detectives found a large quantity of unused postage stamps which they estimated will amount to \$50 or \$60 in value.

## FAST CORRESPONDENCE

Dalberg explained he carried the large quantity of stamps because of his vast amount of correspondence.

The daughter now living in New York with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Weiss, at 1550 Rose-dale avenue, is named Eugenie, he said, and is 12 years of age.

He said she has been in the keep-

up a home for her and give her most of the money."

While in San Francisco Dalberg said he resided at 640 Eddy street. His most recent employment in that city, he told detectives, was as a clerical worker in the County Assessor's office, where he worked for more than two months before leaving the position last month.

Mrs. Carrie Panton, manager of the San Francisco apartment house in which Dalberg resided, said when reached at the apartment last night that he lived very frugally. He worked part of the time and was often out of a job, she stated.

## CAME FROM GERMANY

He explained he kept his money in so many different banks in San Francisco for the same reason as his placing the wealth in a number of banks in this city—to keep the child's guardians from seeking to attach it.

Before living in San Francisco, according to his story, he previously resided in St. Louis, Denver and New York City. He held clerical positions in each of these cities, he said. He came to the United States from Germany more than thirty years ago.

## LIVED ON \$30 PER MONTH

"I always tried to live as economically as possible without making a miser of myself," he said in explaining how he accumulated his wealth. "I tried to live on \$25 or \$30 a month, always with the idea in mind of some day giving what I had saved to my daughter."

When first coming to Los Angeles, Dalberg, it was learned, stopped at the Rosslyn Hotel. William W. McKeighan, manager of the hotel, was instrumental in directing detectives to the apartment where he was finally located.

## ALLOWED TO GO HOME

After questioning by police, Dalberg was allowed to return to his apartment. Chief of Detectives Seager said he is firmly convinced of the truth of the man's story.

In order to give the authorities an opportunity to make a further check on the stamps he had in his possession, Dalberg voluntarily left them with police.



Eugenie Dalberg

ing of Mr. and Mrs. Weiss for more than ten years.

His wife, Frieda, from whom he had been separated three times, died last June, he told authorities.

## WORKED FOR COUNTY

"I did not want to get married again," he said. "I wanted to wait until my daughter came of age. Then I was going to bring her out here with me. I intended to set

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. BOX # 1525,  
PITTSBURGH, PA.

June 15, 1936.

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

re BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letters dated  
December 11, 1935, and April 28, 1936 (7-576).

There is transmitted herewith an additional  
list, furnished by the Federal Laboratories, Inc.,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, reflecting sales of Thompson  
sub-machine guns in the State of New Jersey, from  
November, 1928, to July, 1934.

Very truly yours,

*R. L. Shivers*  
R. L. SHIVERS.  
Special Agent in Charge.

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(Encl.)

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THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF:  
THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS SOLD IN NEW JERSEY  
FROM NOVEMBER 17, 1928, TO JULY 26, 1934, AS FAR AS  
THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE DISCLOSE

<u>PURCHASER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
J.E. Sturm, c/o Cranford Police Dept.	11/17/28	1	5491
Chief Sanford, Police Hdot., Hillside	8/20/29	1	7176
R. C. Bodie, Secaucus	11/27/29	2	7085 7911
Colonel Stone, N. J. Prison, Trenton	12/29/29	7	
6407 7699	6629 6103	7373 5866	6951
Traffic Bureau, Baldwin Ave. Jersey City Police Dept.	3/25/30	4	8820 8127 5551 8753
Police Dept. North Bergen	4/15/30	1	7838
Police Dept., Passaic	4/16/30	1	6502
Hdqs. Hudson County, Police Dept. West End Newark Ave. Bridge Hackensack River Jersey City	5/10/30	2	9366 9022
Commissioner Barr, Clifton	7/23/30	1	5737
Chief Coleman, Irvington Police Dept.	8/5/30	1	8000
Police Dept., Edgewater	10/30/30	1	8244
Chief of Police Mulcahy 37-39 Morrell St. Elizabeth	11/7/30	2	8864 8058
Police Dept., Lecnia	11/7/30	1	7458
Chief of Police, Fort Lee Bergen County	12/17/30	1	2878
Chief of Police Walter, Chancy Lane, Trenton	1/3/31	2	8597 8996
Chief Davis, Raritan Township Police Dept. New Brunswick	2/7/31	1	7993
Police Dept. Dumont	2/11/31	1	4925
Chief Kilduff, Bayonne Police Dept.	5/14/32	1	11785
King Auto Finance (Consignment Fed. Lab. Salesman) 219 North Bergen St. Trenton	8/26/32	1	2072
N. J. State Prison, Trenton	6/10/33	3	14339 7197 5949
Quartermaster, Raritan Arsenal, Metuchen	6/19/33	10	
5445 6774	6449 7080	8825 8100	6413 6935 5586 6592
Federal Sales (Consignment) 330 North 7th St. Camden	2/5/34	1	6342

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<u>ENCLOSER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SERIAL NOS.</u>
Jersey City Police Dept. Motor Patrol Bureau 582 Communipaw Ave.	4/26/34	4	3169 7266 7269 7838
Hudson County, Court House Prosecutor of the Pleas, Jersey City (Gun stamped "Hudson County, N. J." Prosecutor's Office No. 1)	5/8/34	1	12520
Jersey City Police Dept. Motor Patrol Bureau 582 Communipaw Ave. Jersey City	5/11/34	4	3526 6955 1662 3234
Monmouth County, Prosecutor's Office c/o Crook, Chief of Detectives, 1016 4th Ave. Asbury Park	5/24/34	1	7574
Jersey City Police Dept. Motor Patrol Bureau 582 Communipaw Ave.	5/24/34	4	8586 6420 6719 7717

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio.**

Jax FILE NO. **7-24**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Jacksonville, Florida.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/15/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/12/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>G. S. Goshorn</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; et al. Edward George Bremer, Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">On June 7, 1936, one Robert F. Reed changed his address from General Delivery, Jacksonville, Florida, to General Delivery, Los Angeles, California.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Letter from Cleveland Bureau Office 6/8/36.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>Reference letter advises that from a confidential source at Toledo, Ohio, Special Agent E. J. Wynn learned that one Robert Reed was a bar tender in 1934 during the period various members of the Karpis-Campbell mob were hanging out at the old Casino Club in Toledo, Ohio, operated by Bert and Ted Angus.</p> <p>Reference letter also states that Reed, in conversation with the confidential source, stated that Dr. Moran was killed in the immediate vicinity of the Casino Club after he became boisterous; that his body was dumped in a barrel, covered with cement, and after two days dumped into Lake Erie; also, that on one occasion certain policemen picked up two men and three women, possible members of the mob, and took them to police headquarters and booked them on suspicion, but that Ted Angus called Captain Timiney, of the police department, and "squared" the matter before the persons were photographed or fingerprinted.</p> <p>Reference letter states that Reed is described as being over six feet in height, very slender, and about thirty years of age. It is reported</p>			
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that he is in bad health, suffering from a heart ailment. So far as known, he is not employed.

Inquiry at the General Delivery window at Jacksonville, Florida, disclosed only one Robert Reed known to the General Delivery Clerks, that being Robert F. Reed, who, as of June 7, 1936, requested that his mail be forwarded c/o General Delivery, to Los Angeles, California. The General Delivery Clerks advised that Reed had called for his mail several times, but they were unable to advise over what periods of time, or to furnish any description whatsoever of Reed.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The LOS ANGELES OFFICE, at Los Angeles, California, is requested to ascertain whether Robert Reed is receiving mail at Los Angeles at General Delivery, and, if so, to discreetly ascertain his exact address.

Reference letter advises that Reed should not be interviewed at this time as it is possible more definite information may be developed at Toledo, Ohio, concerning his knowledge of the activities of the mob at the Casino Club, which information may be of value in talking to him in view of the fact that he is reported to be close to Ted Angus and very reluctant to give information.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

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7-576

June 15, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: BREKID

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

According to information received from  
Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Agents  
R. C. Suran and D. P. Sullivan have now been sent to  
Toledo, Ohio, in order to expedite the investigation  
at that point.

There have been no developments in this  
case for the week ending June 13, 1936.

Respectfully,

*K. R. McIntire*

K. R. McIntire.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

P. O. BOX 1469,  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS,  
JUNE 14, 1936.

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

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau communication of June 6, 1936, (7-576) addressed to the El Paso Bureau office a copy of which was furnished this office and wherein mention is made of the fact that Karpis claims to have seen the writer "when the agents first went down to Little Rock looking for him".

For the information of the Bureau, I presume that Karpis has reference to last October when he was residing on Lake Hamilton near Hot Springs, Arkansas. I am advised that at this time Special Agent B. L. Damron and Special Agent R. C. Coulter made certain inquiries near Lake Hamilton, and I believe that it is possible that Karpis later heard that there were two agents of this Bureau who made inquiry concerning him and that this information was received by Karpis from a person who is now a confidential informant of this office. The Bureau records, of course, will indicate that at this time I was at Phoenix, Arizona, and he could not possibly have seen me on this occasion.

In the event that the statements of Karpis referred to his most recent trip to Hot Springs, at which time he resided in the Woodcock house near Malvern, you are advised that I had not been in Hot Springs until the morning of the raid on March 30, 1936, since the time I was assigned to the old Memphis office several years ago, which leads me to the conclusion that Karpis is trying to impress the Bureau with the fact that he had in his possession a great deal more information concerning the movements of the Bureau's Agents than he actually did have.

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In the event Karpis should claim that he saw me in Little Rock, this may possibly be true, but I take it that the statements made by him referred to having seen me at Hot Springs, which statements are, of course, untrue.

Very truly yours,

  
CHAPMAN FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CF:CHS

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

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E. A. TAMM - 5742.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/15/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/6 to 10/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>D. P. SULLIVAN</b> <b>DPS:FVV</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Irene Stanley, nee Dorsey, interviewed and admits taking packages with a man named "Cotton" to her uncle Simon Cinotto's home at Wilmington, Ill. during spring of 1933 but denies knowledge that packages contained Bremer ransom money. Admits being acquainted with various members of Barker-Karpis gang but denies all knowledge concerning instant kidnaping, a contradiction to previous statements made by her. Investigation at Wilmington, Ill. fails to confirm report that Milton Lett had been frequenting neighborhood of this town.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter from the Kansas City office dated June 6, 1936.

**DETAILS:**

On June 6, 1936 Irene Dorsey was brought to the Chicago Bureau office by Special Agent R. C. Suran where she was interviewed. Irene Dorsey has recently been married and her present married name is Irene Stanley. She is still operating a dress shop at Wilmington, Illinois and is residing over a dry goods store a short distance from her dress shop. She was questioned concerning her knowledge of the Hamm kidnaping, which has been reported in a separate report in that file.

At this time she was questioned concerning her association with Goetz and other members of the Barker-Karpis gang during and shortly after the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer. The matter

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contained in the summary report on Irene Dorsey submitted by Special Agent John L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 4, 1936, and beginning on Page 5 thereof, was discussed with her and she was questioned thoroughly concerning the information she previously provided Agent Madala. She admitted, as expressed on Page 5, that a man who termed himself Mr. Cotton had called at her apartment while she was visiting St. Louis, Missouri on or about January 27, 1934, in company with Fred Goetz. The maid told her on her return to Chicago that this man had asked for Mr. Zeigler (Goetz). Irene Stanley denied, however, that subsequently she learned through conversation with Goetz that this man was identical with Volney Davis. She denied that she knew at that time that Kate Barker was living at 73rd Street and South Shore Drive. She stated that she never knew the address where Kate Barker resided and could describe it only as being somewhere below 69th Street on South Shore Drive, although she had visited that apartment on several occasions, and she did visit it several times during the latter part of 1933.

She denied in general all knowledge concerning the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer from information she had obtained either at the time of the kidnaping or subsequent thereto from Goetz and other members of the gang. She denied the information contained on the pages subsequent to page five of the above referred to report with the following exceptions; that in conversations with Goetz subsequent to the kidnaping he had mentioned that he had heard from a source which he did not disclose to her that while at the hideout discussions were had with Bremer concerning the amount he could afford to pay for his freedom. Irene Stanley stated that Goetz told her that he had heard that Mr. Bremer begged that he be released, stating that he knew many other persons in St. Paul and Minneapolis who could afford to pay more than he could and that Mr. Bremer expressed a willingness to "finger" these persons if he were given his freedom. She denied statements contained on Page 7 of the above referred to report, but admitted that Goetz and Fred Barker drove to Wilmington, Illinois and left some packages at the residence of her uncle Simon Cinotto. She denied, however, knowing what was in these packages. She denied the admissions contained on the remainder of Page 7 and on Page 8 of the above report but admitted that after reading of the death of Goetz in the newspapers in March, 1934 she proceeded to the apartment of Kate Barker, but denied that she went there because she was concerned about the money at Wilmington, Illinois. She again reiterated that she never knew that the packages at Wilmington contained money. She admitted, however, locating Fred Barker on the afternoon of March 23, 1934, admitted that his fingers were bandaged and that he complained about the severe pains in his fingers. She denied she asked Fred Barker to remove the money from her uncle's place or that Fred Barker advised her that it would be safer there than any other place; that she did ask Fred Barker to



remove the packages from her uncle's home because she felt that whatever property was in the packages, because of the death of Goetz, might involve her uncle; that she thereupon, with Kate Barker, proceeded to Aurora, Illinois to an address previously unknown to her and that they stopped at 415 Fox Street; that on their arrival Kate Barker went into the house and returned with a man called Cotton. Irene Stanley denied that she knew at that time that this man was identical with Volney Davis and stated that she first knew these persons were identical when told by Agent Madala. She denied seeing William Weaver at 415 Fox Street on this occasion; that she, Cotton and Kate Barker proceeded to Wilmington, Illinois where they obtained the packages from her uncle Simon Cinotto; that she and Cotton likewise obtained some of Goetz' personal effects which were likewise kept in the shack behind Cinotto's house where the packages were kept. She denied overhearing any conversation between Kate Barker and Cotton concerning money being in the packages; that they proceeded to Aurora, Illinois and left Cotton off at the Fox Street address and that she and Kate Barker proceeded to Chicago alone with the packages; that on their arrival Fred Barker was walking around the place and appeared to be in severe pain. She admitted the truth of the remainder of the statements contained in paragraph one of Page nine. She denied the truth of the admissions made by her as contained on the remainder of Page nine and paragraph one on Page ten of the above referred to report. She admitted sending a telegram with approximately \$150.00 to Bolton, who was then living at Phoenix, Arizona, shortly after Goetz' death and asked him to come to Chicago. She admitted the truth of the remainder of the statements contained on this page.

In general the Stanley woman denied all knowledge concerning the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer and denied ever having made any statements other than those mentioned above, although she admitted that she could have made many statements of which she had no personal knowledge when formerly questioned by Agent Madala because at that time she was not mentally sound.

In connection with reference letter, which sets out information obtained from a confidential informant of the Kansas City office that Milton Lett was hanging around the Saley Bros. Construction Co. which company is reported to be taking up a pipe line at Wilmington, Illinois, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent G. H. Wilson and the writer.

At Wilmington, Illinois Mary I. Quinn, postmistress and Jason Franklin, clerk, were interviewed and were shown photographs of Milton Lett but were unable to identify them, although Franklin stated that the man represented by the photograph appeared familiar to him although he could not recall where he had seen him before.

They checked their records but could find no record of any forwarding address for Milton Lett, nor could they find any record of him ever having received mail at the Wilmington post office under his correct name or any of his known aliases.

Miss Mary I. Quinn stated that the Sheehan Pipe Line Co. had recently completed constructing a pipe line in the vicinity of Wilmington, Illinois. She had no information concerning any organization called the Saley Bros. Construction Co., which was reported to have been taking up a pipe line in the vicinity of Wilmington. Miss Quinn stated further that Frank N. Sheehan had been residing at the Stewart House at Wilmington.

Neither Miss Quinn or clerk Franklin had any information concerning any gambling game which had been operated at or near the vicinity of Wilmington during the construction of the pipe line.

Frank N. Sheehan, Assistant Superintendent and part owner of the Sheehan Pipe Line Co., with offices at Tulsa, Oklahoma, was interviewed at the Stewart House. He stated that for the past two months his company has been replacing an old pipe line in the vicinity of Wilmington, Illinois; that during this time that 75 to 150 men had been employed by his company. He was shown the photograph of Milton Lett and he stated that the man represented therein appeared familiar to him although he could not definitely recall having seen him in the vicinity of Wilmington, stating he possibly may have seen him somewhere in Oklahoma. Mr. Sheehan had no information of any persons operating any gambling games in the vicinity of Wilmington other than the usual social card games between employees. Mr. Sheehan introduced Agents to L. G. Stanley, paymaster for the Sheehan Pipe Line Co. Mr. Stanley has been temporarily rooming with the parents of Irene Stanley, nee Dorsey. Mr. Stanley stated that it was just a coincidence that his name was identical with the name of one of the daughters of the Dorsey family and that he had not been acquainted with the Dorsey family prior to coming to Wilmington. He stated that there had been no man by the name of Lett or any of his known aliases employed by his firm and he was shown a photograph of Milton Lett which he was unable to identify nor could he recall any stranger not employed by his firm who was operating a gambling game in which employees participated. He stated that Bill Wyatt and A. J. Dolen, two young men employed by his firm, were honest and reliable but occasionally played cards and gambled; that these two men undoubtedly would recognize Lett's picture if he had been in the vicinity of Wilmington.

Wyatt and Dolen were located on the street at Wilmington, Illinois as they were leaving town to return to their respective homes. They were shown a photograph of Milton Lett and they stated that they were absolutely certain that this man had not been in the vicinity of Wilmington operating any type of gambling game during the time they were employed by the Sheehan Pipe Line Company. Wyatt

stated that the photograph of Lett appeared familiar to him; that he came from Tulsa, Oklahoma and he felt that he may have seen this man somewhere in Oklahoma, although he cannot recall the exact place nor the circumstances.

Contact was again had with Frank Sheehan and it was suggested that Agents interview Bill "Tuffy" Tate, whose permanent address is Hilton Road, Keokuk, Iowa. Mr. Sheehan stated that Tate was somewhat of a gambler and undoubtedly would know Lett if he had been in the vicinity of Wilmington.

Tate was located on the street in Wilmington. He was partially intoxicated. He stated that he would not advise Agents if he did know Lett and refused to provide any information in this case.

During the investigation being conducted at Wilmington Mr. Sheehan advised that the work of this firm had terminated on June 6, 1936 and that all but a few stragglers had left to return to their homes; that most of the men employed by his company came from Oklahoma and that he expected a large number of them would obtain employment with the Trueman Smith Construction Company who expected to begin construction of a pipe line near Lincoln, Illinois for the Texas Empire Pipe Line Company on or about June 12, 1936. Mr. Sheehan stated that if Lett has been acquainted with any of the men who have been employed by his firm near Wilmington, he undoubtedly would proceed to the above construction work near Lincoln and that by June 15, 1936 the work at Lincoln would be in progress and suggested that if any investigation was made it be made on or after June 15, 1936.

Mr. Sheehan likewise stated that he knew of no firm called the Saley Bros. Construction Co. working on a pipe line in the vicinity of Wilmington, Illinois. Similar inquiry was made of the other persons interviewed regarding such a construction company but no information could be obtained.

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AT LINCOLN, ILLINOIS, will make appropriate investigation at the offices of the Trueman Smith Construction Company, who are reported to be starting construction of a pipe line for the Texas Empire Pipe Line Co. at or near Lincoln on June 12, 1936, and make appropriate inquiry to ascertain whether Milton Lett is either employed by the above construction company or whether he is associating with the workmen and spending his time at gambling.

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June 15, 1936.

RE: CORRUPTION IN TOLEDO,  
OHIO

We can not, of course, vouch for the authenticity of this information which has been incorporated in memorandum form in order that all of these data will be available in one place for future reference.

E. A. TAMM.

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Corruption in Toledo,  
Ohio.

The Bureau has received numerous press dispatches concerning corruption in Toledo, Ohio and these newspaper articles are being digested for your information.

The Toledo News-Bee dated March 13, 1936 discloses that the Police Department, under the leadership of Chief of Police Ray E. Allen of Toledo, is making a determined move to wipe out big-town gambling in Toledo, Ohio. Those gambling dives to which particular attention has been paid are - Edward Karnke, who operates a dice and roulette joint at 631 North St. Clair Street; Jacob Romanoff, who operates a horse race betting establishment at 428 1/2 Superior Street; Benny Aronoff, who operates a horse race betting establishment and "numbers" joint at 229 Superior Street; Benny Harris, who operates a race betting, cards and "numbers" establishment at 114 Superior Street; Harry Levine, who operates a luxurious roulette and dice suite at 815 Jefferson Avenue.

The Toledo Blade, dated February 13, 1936, carries a feature story indicating that gambling and vice is as rampant in Toledo as it would be in a "raw mining town". This feature article indicates that one has no difficulty in locating any number of gambling dives of the type desired and particular reference is made to the establishments operated by Benny Aronoff, Edward Karnke and Harry Levine. The article likewise indicates that prostitution is rampant in Toledo.

You will recall that Captain George Tixney, of the Toledo Police Department, was mentioned on numerous occasions in connection with the Karpis-Barker gang and also in connection with Ted and Bert Angus, operators of the Casino Club, Toledo, Ohio. The Toledo Blade, dated March 14, 1936, indicates that Chief of Police Ray Allen removed George Tixney as head of the vice squad and announced that every patrolman would be held responsible for the suppression of vice and gambling in his territory. The article further states "Sheriff James Keilly said he will not permit gamblers forced out of the city by police activities to open places in the county. The sheriff said he understood several Toledo and out-of-town groups had attempted to

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arrange the opening of suburban gambling places.

The Toledo Blade for March 12, 1936 carries an editorial "The New Chief Fights Gambling, Vice. The purpose of Ray Allen, new chief of police, to make Toledo a hot spot for vice mongers and gamblers, is excellent. Everybody knows the town has been too wide open and that too often the laws pertaining to liquor, gambling, disorderly houses and night clubs have been violated with impunity by men and women engaged in illicit business. The chief's plan to correct this deplorable condition should have the support of civic organizations and of all good citizens. It is yet too early to say whether the new method, by which greater responsibility is placed upon individual policemen, will be more effective than the old vice squad operations. But this much is certain: Chief Allen has the courage of his convictions and he is to be commended for formulating a definite policy of action. It is to be hoped that the results of its operation will be satisfactory."

The papers indicate that the drive against Bennie Aronoff was unsuccessful and the Toledo News-Bee for April 10, 1936 carries an editorial entitled "No Martyr, Aronoff", which is quoted, in part, as follows: "A collection of evidence constituting what appeared to be one of the strongest gambling cases brought into court by the police in a long time wasn't enough to convict Bennie Aronoff. Look at the evidence and you wonder if it's necessary to bring a defendant into court and show him running a dice game in order to get a jury to decide he's guilty. A policeman testified he saw men gathered about two gambling tables shooting dice, that the lights flashed off and on, a man grabbed dice and money from the table, which the officer later recovered and identified in court. One citizen testified he lost money in a craps game at Aronoff's. Another said he placed bets on horses. Another policeman said he bought a horse race ticket, which was jerked from his hands and torn up when employees of the place became suspicious of him. Still another said he found \$800 and a dice cup on a table which was covered hastily as he entered. Police Captain Clarence Fauble said there were 14 horse race charts in the place. Testimony showed Aronoff present when the raid was made. Two of these charts, some dice and dice table covers were introduced as evidence. Yet Bennie Aronoff doesn't run a gambling place."

The Toledo Blade dated April 9, 1936 carries an article indicating that Ben Aronoff was acquitted on gambling charges. It is shown therein that on April 8, 1936 a jury of nine women and three men returned a verdict of not guilty as to Aronoff on the charges of running a gambling establish-

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ment in a place known as the Buckeye, 229 1/2 Superior Street, the verdict having been reached after six hours and twenty-four minutes of deliberation. The trial is said to have lasted three days.

The newspapers indicate that there has been quite a shake-up in the Police Department in Toledo and that Inspector Joseph Fruchey has been placed in charge of the Detective Bureau.

According to the Toledo Blade dated April 30, 1936, Joseph Fruchey gave out a statement to the press which is quoted, in part, as follows: "We have a good police department, which in 1935 received the lowest crime rating for any city of its size, according to figures of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice. It is my aim to maintain this standard. There is room, of course, for improvement in this department, chiefly along scientific lines. I would recommend the installation of a scientific crime detection laboratory which would increase the efficiency of the department and could be installed at a nominal cost. Another improvement which I would recommend and which has been used to a great advantage elsewhere is a modus operandi file of criminals." In the re-organization "clean-up" the Toledo Police Department has created a new special investigations' squad, with Detective Langendorf as its head. This squad is composed of Detective Robert Fielding, Detail Detective Harry Manson and George Eckerman, patrolmen. You will recall that Harry Manson has furnished splendid cooperation to this Bureau.

Reference is now made to the continued residence of Harry Campbell in Toledo and the failure of the Toledo Police Department to learn of his location and cause his apprehension. In line with this thought, the Toledo News-Bee dated May 9, 1936 carried a feature article entitled "Police in Dark on D. J. Posters. Officers Reveal Why They Were Unable To Help Find Campbell". The article goes on to say, "Department of Justice circulars announcing that Gangster Harry Campbell was a 'wanted' man - with a price of \$2500 on his head - never were shown or read to the rank and file of the Toledo Police Department. Campbell's description was not given to the uniformed policemen, nor were they asked by their superiors to search for the Karpis gangster who was nabbed by G-men in a raid here at dawn Thursday. This was the most startling development today in Police Chief Ray E. Allen's investigation as to why the men in his department apparently did not know that Campbell had been living in Toledo for more than a year until J. Edgar Hoover and his G-men seized the gangster in his Monroe Street hideout. It developed that circulars from out-of-town dealing with 'wanted' criminals are posted only in the Detective Bureau. They are not made available to men on uniformed duty and the descriptions are not read to these officers, who comprise more than three-fourths of the force. Only in the case of local crimes, it was learned, are the men in uniform given descriptions of the suspected criminals." The article goes

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on to state that an investigation was made as to why patrolmen were not familiar with the wanted character of Harry Campbell and the paper then quotes Patrolman Raymond Turner as stating - "Captain, how do they expect us to find someone when we don't know about him or what he looks like". The paper indicates that Patrolman Turner then made the statement that the uniformed ranks never had been given descriptions of Campbell, Karpis, Dillinger and other notorious public enemies.

Captain Hennessy, who has been a source of information to Agents working in Toledo and vicinity, made the following report to Inspector Mead: "No members of my detail had knowledge of the whereabouts of Karpis or Campbell. They received no circular or description of these criminals from the police department. The only thing they knew about them was what they read in the press". The news article mentioned discloses that in the police gymnasium, where uniformed policemen report for roll call when going on duty, there is a bulletin board on which could be posted wanted circulars issued by the Department of Justice.

You will observe from the foregoing comments that while the newspapers in Toledo, Ohio are giving encouragement to the general "clean-up" in Toledo, they are still willing to show that there is considerable room for improvement in the manner in which the average policeman could be of assistance to this Bureau in locating and apprehending prominent fugitives.

Respectfully,

K.R. McIntire