

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 17, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -
Victim. KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

In connection with the agents who are especially assigned to the above case, this is to advise you that seven of them are working in the vicinity of Chicago on various leads, and more particularly with a view toward determining the location of the hideout.

Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry was removed from this special assignment at the St. Paul office.

Special Agent N. E. Marshall is being removed from this assignment as of close of business on the 17th instant and is returning to the Oklahoma City office.

Special Agent R. C. Coulter is necessarily performing investigation in the case entitled REO VERNE SANKEY, with aliases (deceased), et al, CHARLES BOETTCHER, II - Victim, KIDNAPING, St. Paul file No. 7-3, and consequently for the past several days has not been performing work in this case.

In view of the above, you will observe that there are only seven agents in the St. Paul district who are especially assigned to this case at the present time.

Very truly yours,

W. A. ROHRER,
Inspector.

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Laboratory Report

March 14, 1934.

Case: Alvin Karpis, et al, Edward G. Bremer,
Victim; Kidnaping.

Number: 7-576

Specimens: 1 letter on letterhead of James M. Power, Democratic Club,
signed Jim Jack Perrin.
Envelope of James M. Power, Democratic Club, Inc., addressed
to Louise Marolda, Yukon, Florida.

Examination requested by: New York Office.

Date received: March 9, 1934.

Examination requested: Handwriting.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel.

March 9. There are differences which seem to indicate that Jim
Jack Perrin did not write the letter to Bremer. If possible more
specimens of the handwriting of Perrin should be obtained and these
should be in ink.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING
RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY
BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE
IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE DIVISION SHOULD BE
NOTIFIED IN ADEQUATE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

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4-576-1287
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,
New York, New York.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, et al;
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM;
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

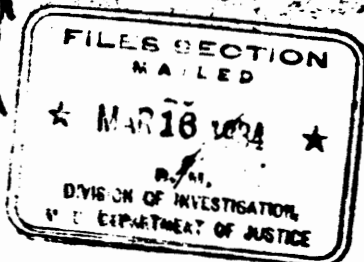
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in
the Division March 9, 1934.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure: #691709.

cc - Agent Rorer - St. Paul



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

March 15, 1934.

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MR. NATHAN
MR. TOLSON
MR. CLESS
MR. COWLEY
MR. EDWARDS
MR. EGAN
MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
MR. LOCKE
MR. RORER

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Rorer called from St. Paul and stated that the afternoon newspapers were carrying an article to the effect that an arrest had been made early this morning in Oklahoma City by the Division in an effort to take into custody Barker and Karpis, whose fingerprints were found on cans located on the highway on the route believed to be taken by Bremer on his being returned by the kidnapers. Mr. Rorer stated that he did not know the source of this information but that a representative of the Minneapolis Tribune had told Mr. Hanni this morning that the information came via newspaper grapevine from Oklahoma City.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

*I want this run down
the source of this information
definitely determined. This is
most important.*

7/6/34 J. & H.

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ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENAN

To
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Mr. Stewart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Mr. Bates, Director, Bureau of Prisons	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mr. Kiefer	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mr. Gottshall	<input type="checkbox"/>
Miss Brookley	<input type="checkbox"/>
Miss Broomhead	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Minneapolis, Minn.
Mar. 6, 1934.

Senator Cummings

Dear Sir:

Send some of your 9 men to work at Mankato
Minn that is the spot in the Ham and Bremercases. Pay
no attention to the small town cops they are in with
the kidnapers. Put Cords and Henry on the shelf. Work
at Bobs place at Santpaugh (?) Hotel.

Truly Yours

/s/ Virgil Davis
1601 Central Ave.
Minneapolis

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al,
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM -
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter dated
March 6, 1934, addressed to the Attorney General by Virgil Davis,
1601 Central Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, wherein information
is furnished relative to the Hamm and Bremer kidnaping cases.

You are instructed to have an agent interview Mr. Davis
at the earliest practicable date, for the purpose of obtaining
from him any additional information which he may desire to fur-
nish.

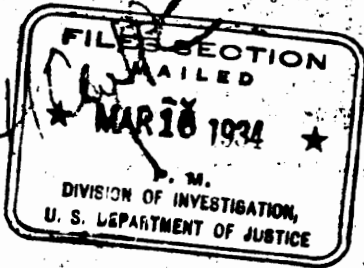
Very truly yours,

Director.

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Mr. Virgil Davis,
1601 Central Avenue,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

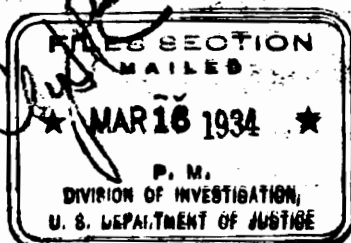
This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 6, 1934, by reference from the Attorney General, wherein you furnish information relative to the Haas and Bremer kidnaping cases.

Please be advised that I am referring copies of your letter to Inspector W. A. Rorer of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Post Office Box 515, St. Paul, Minnesota, who will assign an agent to interview you at an early date.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Laboratory Report

March 14, 1934.

Case: Alvin Karpis, et al, Edward G. Bremer,
Victim; Kidnaping.

Number: 7-576

Specimens: Handwriting specimens of Bud Lawrence Lelmar.

Examination requested by: New York Office.

Date received: February 2, 1934.

Examination requested: Handwriting.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A.Appel.

March 12. There is no similarity in the handwriting of Lelmar with
that of crank and extortion letters in the Bremer case.

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1 - New York.
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C.A.A.
L.P.C.*

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7-576-1290
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,
New York, New York.

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division February 2, 1934.

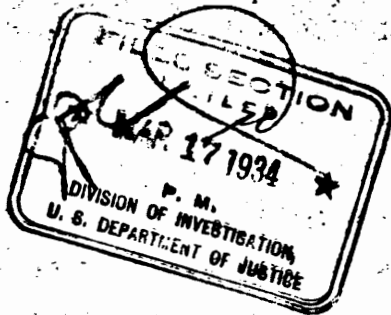
Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

Enclosure: #691626

CC - W. A. Rorer - St. Paul





OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR
DISTRICT No. 19
ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
FOR THIS OFFICE TO THE COLLECTOR

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE

MOBILE, ALA.

March 16, 1934.



Mr. John E. Hoover, Director,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear sir:

I acknowledge your communication of the 8th instant, received this date, with Lists of Bank Notes Paid as Ransom in Kidnaping Cases, copies of which have been forwarded to the various subports in this district, one copy being retained at Headquarters' Port.

In the event any of these notes are located, your New Orleans office will be immediately contacted by telephone or telegraph.

Respectfully,

Joseph H. Lyons
Joseph H. Lyons,
Collector.

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Edward L. Bremer

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE CABLE
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NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEKEND CABLE LETTER
DEEP RADIOGRAM	RADIOGRAM

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

Postal Telegraph

THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

Commercial Cables

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All America Cables

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which are hereby agreed to
March 10, 1934

STANDARD TIME

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

M H Purvis
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers' Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois

RETEL BREKID PARTY DESCRIBED PICKED UP ON SUSPICION SEATTLE PD JANUARY TWENTY
NINE NINETEEN THIRTY ONE SUSPECTED CONNECTION GROUP MAIL ROBBERS HAD TWENTY
TWO HUNDRED IN CASH A NEW CADILLAC CAR WITH NINETEEN THIRTY ONE CALIFORNIA
LICENSE NUMBER UNKNOWN HAD SAFETY BOX KEY AND RECEIPT BOX ONE THREE TWO SIX
JACKSONPARK SAFETY DEPOSIT COMPANY CHICAGO HELD TWO DAYS AND RELEASED NO
PHOTOGRAPHS ADMITTED FORMERLY CHICAGO RACKETEER AND LIVED SEVEN FIFTEEN NAUGHT
CYRIL AVENUE CHICAGO CLAIMED BUSINESS AGENT FOR INTERNATIONAL HOD CARRIERS
UNION JOLIET ONLY NAME GIVEN H WILSON DESCRIBED FORTY TWO TO FORTY FIVE SIX OF JUST



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Prices should show day of service desired, whether message will be transmitted in a full-rate communication

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which are hereby agreed to

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STANDARD TIME _____

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

FEET ONE INCH TWO HUNDRED THIRTY POUNDS MEDIUM COMPLEXION LIGHT CHESTNUT HAIR
 BLUE EYES FLASHY DRESSER GOOD TALKER ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE AGE THIRTY TWO TO
 THIRTY FIVE FIVE FEET SIX INCHES HUNDRED FIFTY POUNDS DARK COMPLEXION MEDIUM
 STOUT BUILD DARK CHESTNUT HAIR VERY ATTRACTIVE AND GOOD DRESSER HAD BABY
 BOY ONE AND HALF YEARS OLD STOP AM WIRING SAN FRANCISCO EFFORT LOCATE INFORMATION
 THROUGH CALIFORNIA REGISTRATION CADILLAC INSTRUCTING ADVISE YOU DIRECT

SPEARS

off bus Govt rate
 chg Div. Invest. 411 U S Court House
 cc-Division —
 St. Paul

JER. HCB

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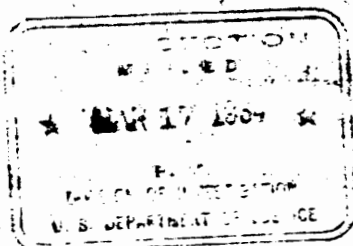
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY

Colonel Gates telephoned in regard to an Associated Press dispatch from Mammford, Oklahoma, indicating that members of the gang recently arrested at the farmhouse near Sapulpa, Oklahoma, were connected with the Bremer kidnaping. I told the Colonel there is nothing to this report.

Very truly yours,

Director.

*Interviewed
Edward Bremer*



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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
MARCH 17, 1934.

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

IN RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Kindly refer to letter emanating from the Kansas City
Office to the Division under date of February 19, 1934, relative
to the tap being maintained on the several telephones used by
Vernon Lynch, of that city.

The Division is respectfully advised that the informa-
tion obtained from that tap by Special Agent O. C. Dewey,
Des Moines, Iowa, during the period of the tap from 6 P.M.
February 13, 1934, to 10 A.M. February 27, 1934, was transmitted
by Agent Dewey to Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota,
and hence it is presumed a report relative to the information
received from the tap will be submitted from the St. Paul Office.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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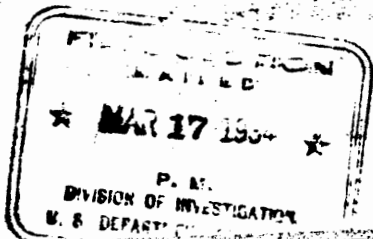
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CONLEY

Mr. Rorer informed me today telephonically that he had been advised by the assistant editor of a newspaper in Minneapolis that he, the assistant editor, had learned from a Mr. Burke, who represents the Tulsa World at Tulsa, Oklahoma, that some one had informed him that we had a lead in the Bremer kidnaping in the arrest made in Oklahoma; that he, Mr. Burke, then called the Sheriff and the Jailer at Sapulpa, one of whom gave him the information. I told Mr. Rorer that I had ordered Mr. Brantley to investigate this matter at Sapulpa.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Suite L, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
March 15, 1934



Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 515
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the letter of Special Agent in Charge
R. A. Alt, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, March 11, 1934.

Special Agent H. E. Andersen, of this office, interviewed
Edward Doll, alias Foley, at the United States Penitentiary,
Leavenworth, Kansas. With reference to the proposed hide-out to be
used during the kidnaping of the son of Ex-governor Small of Illinois,
Doll stated that the matter of arranging for a hide-out had been left
to him. He stated that he had made arrangements for a hide-out with
an old crippled yegg, who lives in Illinois. Doll asked that for the
present at least he be permitted not to divulge any information
regarding this individual or his address. He indicated that the
individual, who owns the house which was to be used as a hide-out, is
on parole from some penitentiary and expressed fear that the man's
parole would be revoked were his connection with the proposed kidnaping
known.

At the present time Doll is in isolation at the penitentiary
and naturally does not feel as kindly toward the Government as heretofore.
He indicated that when he finds out he is to be given a square
deal at the penitentiary he will gladly furnish Agent Andersen with
additional information.

During the conversation with Warden Fred Zerk at the prison
he advised that he did not contemplate holding Doll in isolation for an
indefinite period and indicated that within a short time Doll will be

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treated as one of the regular prisoners.

Agent Andersen will again interview Doll for information regarding the proposed hide-out to be used in the kidnaping at Kankakee, Illinois, of Ex-governor Small's son.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Division —
Jacksonville

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Room 1405
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York

THE:BN
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March 17, 1934

S. A. Rorer, Inspector
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 7315
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the investigation involving ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al, EDWARD G. BREMER (Victim), Kidnaping, and particularly to letter from this office dated March 1st, telegram dated March 8th, Division letter dated March 3rd and your letter dated March 13th, with respect to Dave Berman, Register #80404, Sing Sing Prison, New York.

Further inquiry at Sing Sing Prison has disclosed the following record showing the names of persons to whom he addressed letters in 1933:

1/3/33	Moe Sedway
1/3/33	Miss Dora Berman
1/11/33	Charles Berman
1/13/33	Moe Sedway
1/13/33	Alex Gleckman
1/16/33	Morris Traickiner
1/31/33	Alex Gleckman
2/6/33	Mrs. Lillian Winter
2/7/33	Charles Berman
2/9/33	David Talmadge
2/10/33	Morris Traickiner
2/17/33	Moe Sedway
2/20/33	David Talmadge
2/20/33	Mrs. Lillian Winter
3/3/33	Charles Berman
3/9/33	Morris Traickiner
4/1/33	Meyer Goldberg
4/6/33	Charles Berman
4/7/33	Morris Traickiner
4/7/33	Mrs. Lillian Winter
4/13/33	Moe Sedway
4/26/33	Alex Gleckman
4/27/33	Morris Traickiner
5/6/33	Morris Traickiner

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8/24/33	Morris Traickiner
8/27/33	Meyer Goldberg
8/2/33	David Talmadge
8/13/33	Morris Traickiner
8/16/33	Francis P. Harro, Attorney
	137 Centre Street, New York City
8/26/33	Alex Gleckman
9/6/33	Mrs. Lillian Winter
9/7/33	Morris Traickiner
9/8/33	Alex Gleckman
9/14/33	Meyer Goldberg
9/19/33	Alex Gleckman
9/29/33	David Talmadge
8/2/33	E. Morglander, Attorney
	1450 Broadway, New York City
8/2/33	Alex Gleckman
8/7/33	I. B. Padway
8/12/33	Morris Traickiner
8/16/33	Alex Gleckman
8/16/33	Meyer Goldberg
9/16/33	Alex Gleckman
9/12/33	Mrs. Lillian Winter
9/16/33	Alex Gleckman
9/22/33	Alex Gleckman
9/22/33	Pauline Wiener
9/28/33	75 Norfolk Street, New York City
10/4/33	Alex Gleckman
10/6/33	Alex Gleckman
10/23/33	Morris Traickiner
10/20/33	"
11/10/33	"
11/11/33	Mrs. Lillian Winter
11/20/33	Buddy Winter, s/o Mrs. Lillian Winter (nephew)
11/29/33	Morris Traickiner
12/6/33	Alex Gleckman
12/7/33	Miss Dena Berman
12/16/33	Alex Gleckman
12/20/33	"
12/20/33	Moe Sedway
12/27/33	Morton Goodman
12/28/33	Alex Gleckman
	Myrtle Briggs

Letter from Mayer Goldberg to Norman, dated 2/3/46

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NY Record clerk furnished Agent Tracy with a copy
by Dave Berman, sent from New York City on 7-24

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he failed to understand why persons in the prison were not aware of the fact, for, as he explained, he never heard anyone mention the fact that such an article did appear. He did not desire to divulge the name of the person who gave him this information. He did say, however, that the person has been connected with the penitentiary for over twenty years. It is evident, therefore, that this person is a civilian, as there is no inmate of Sing Sing who has been there for over twenty years. When asked whether his informant was reliable, and whether the informant was in a position to secure further information along this line, he said that the informant was reliable, and if it is possible to secure any additional information he will do so, and he has had the matter in mind, of course, ever since he received the original information, but nothing additional has come his way.

Principal Keeper Sheehy advised that since Agent Tracy's last visit he has had occasion to make a search of Berman's cell but failed to find any letter of the tenor mentioned.

Referring to Division letter dated March 12th and Chicago reports of Agents McLashon and Baum, dated February 28th and March 12th, with respect to Bernard Phillips, I. D. #1196, a copy of this letter is being furnished the Chicago Office with the suggestion that Winnie Williams be again interviewed, to determine the exact circumstances under which Bernard Phillips left her in New York City, and under which she left New York City. It is suggested that inquiry be made (in order to test her credibility and at the same time secure helpful information for this office), concerning what she did with the effects of Phillips, when they were left on her hands in New York City; whether she skipped out of the Belvedere Hotel or paid the bill, and how long she remained at the Belvedere Hotel after Phillips disappeared. Also, what action she took after Phillips did not return that day, that is, whether she telephoned anyone or spoke to anyone or reported the matter to the Police Department, and whether before returning to Chicago she visited her mother in Connecticut.

In accordance with Division letter dated March 12th, a suitable inquiry will be made at New York City concerning Bernard Phillips. The same inquiry should be made, of course, at Newark, N. J., as Phillip was headed in that direction when last seen. The Chicago Office will also note from the Division's letter of March 12th the inconsistency in the statement of Winnie Williams, in that she first advised that she saw of Phillips was in New York City in September or October, 1933.

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and subsequently stated that she was with Phillips in Kansas City in December, 1932.

The New York City Office is conducting investigation at the Hotel Belvedere to determine whether the records of that hotel for the fall of 1932 are presently available.

Following the dictation of the above, the original registration card of the Belvedere Hotel with respect to Bernard Phillips was located. The card is No. 7474, and shows the following registration:

"Mrs. (sic) and Mrs. S. P. Patton and daughter
3648 Pine Boulevard
Madison, Wisconsin"

It shows that the parties arrived at the hotel on August 24, 1932 and departed September 24, 1932, and occupied Suite 1416-18 at a cost of \$40 per week. Under remarks is found the notation: "Very good baggage". Unfortunately, it would appear that the registration is in the handwriting of the clerk in the hotel. The hotel is making every effort to locate the slips covering local and long distance telephone calls made from this suite. The records of the hotel indicate that the bill was paid. These dates and facts will assist the Chicago Office in further interview with Winnie Williams.

Very truly yours,

F. E. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc/Division /
cc/Chicago
Encls. (8) for St. Paul

518 Hewes Building
San Francisco, California.

REV:18
Refer file
#7-33.

March 14, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 709,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Referring to your telegram of the 10th instant, re-
garding one Homer Wilson, the following are descriptions and re-
cords of several Homer Wilsons, shown by the files of the Identifi-
cation Division, Sacramento, California:

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Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

b.c. Division.
c.c. Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota.
c.c. Kansas City.
c.c. Chicago.
c.c. Oklahoma City.

318 Hayes Building
San Francisco, California.

REV:18
Refer file
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March 14, 1934.

W. A. Rorer, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir: Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
Kidnaping.

I am attaching hereto a copy of
my letter dated March 13, 1934, to the Portland
office, for your information.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent
in Charge.

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April 18, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

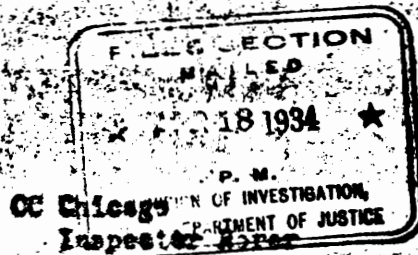
Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,
Identification Order 1218;
Arthur R. Barker, with aliases,
Identification Order 1219;
Edward George Bremer - Victim;
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to the letter of Inspector Rorer, dated March 16, 1934, addressed to the Chicago Office, wherein it is noted that Edward Doll, when interviewed in Florida, stated that Ed Bents was in conference with him, Doll, at Gary, Indiana, in the fall of 1933, at which time they considered kidnaping a person at Rochester, Minnesota and that recently a photograph of Bents was exhibited to people at White Bear Lake, a resort in the immediate vicinity of the Twin Cities, and one person stated that he is positive that he has seen Ed Bents at White Bear Lake at some time in the past.

In view of the similarity in the names of Gary, Indiana and Gary, Illinois, it is suggested that when Doll is next interviewed by an agent of your office, that he be questioned concerning any possible hide-out known to him in the vicinity of Gary, Illinois. He should be especially questioned concerning his acquaintance with Louis Cernocky, who operates the Crystal Ball Room at Fox River Grove, Illinois, a distance of three-quarters of a mile from Gary.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 15, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
Victim. KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File 7-30

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of W. Carter Hamm,
dated March 15, 1934, at Chicago, Illinois, wherein there is informa-
tion that Ed Bantz resided at 7515 Kingston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois,
between August 28th and December 29, 1933, at which time he was living
with his wife and they kept a Pekinese dog.

Victim, WILLIAM HAMM, has previously informed us that
there was a woman and a small dog at the house wherein he was held.

In view of the fact that Ed Bantz and wife took up
residence at the Kingston Street address last August, which is right
after the release of Hamm, and in further view of the fact, that he
departed on December 28th, just shortly before the Bremer case, and
in consideration of statements of Bantz to the effect that he expected
to return about March 1st, it is believed that very thorough investi-
gation should be made to locate Ed Bantz.

Edward Doll, when interviewed in Florida, stated
that Ed Bantz was in conference with him at Cary, Indiana, in the
fall of 1933, at which time they considered kidnaping a person at
Rochester, Minnesota. Recently a photograph of Ed Bantz was exhibited
to people at White Bear Lake, a resort in the immediate vicinity of
the Twin Cities, and one person stated that he is positive that he
has seen Ed Bantz at White Bear Lake at sometime in the past.

Please follow this matter very closely as it is
highly probable that Bantz is involved in this case.

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W. A. BORKER,
Inspector.

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March 31, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Building, Suite 1,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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

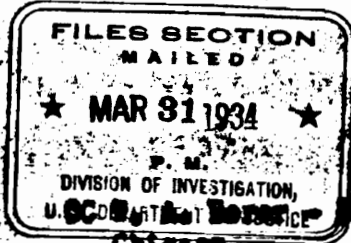
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 17, 1934, addressed to the St. Paul office in the above entitled case, setting forth information obtained from the correspondent sheets at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, with respect to prisoner Lloyd Barker, Register No. 17243, Francis L. Keating, Register No. 29980 and Thomas Holden, Register No. 29979. It is noted that from the correspondent sheet of Francis L. Keating it appears that his wife, Mrs. M. Keating, addressed letters to him from Miami, Florida, Colorado Springs, Colorado and Chicago, Illinois. Your letter, however, does not indicate the dates when these letters were received.

It is suggested that these correspondent sheets again be examined for the purpose of ascertaining the dates and that appropriate leads be set out for the purpose of ascertaining the contacts made by Mrs. Keating in Miami, Florida and Colorado Springs, Colorado, in the event it appears that Mrs. Keating may possibly be associating with members of the so-called Barker-Karpis group.

Very truly yours,

Director.



Chicago
Salt Lake City
Jacksonville

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KANSAS CITY, MO.

March 17, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minn.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of March 6, 1934 requesting investigation at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas and State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas for the purpose of identifying typewritten letters written by the kidnapers in the present case.

Special Agent A. E. Farland of this office has ascertained that neither the Federal Penitentiary nor the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas preserve incoming letters to inmates, neither do they make any record of outgoing communications from the convicts.

As requested in the letter of reference, Special Agent Farland examined the correspondent sheets at the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas of Lloyd Barker, Register #17243 and Francis L. Keating and Thomas Holden, register numbers 23280 and 23279 respectively. A list of the individuals with whom they correspond is set out below:

Lloyd Barker's correspondent sheet:

G. E. Barker, father, P. O. Box 174, Wedgdon, MO.
Tom Murray, friend, 514 South Harwood St., Dallas, Texas.
Peter Macish, friend, 4137 North 7th St., St. Louis, Mo.

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Francis L. Keating's correspondent sheet:

Mrs. M. Keating, wife, 3334 So. Oakley, Kansas City, Mo.
Mrs. M. Keating, wife, Miami, Florida
Mrs. H. Keating, wife, Colorado Springs, Colo.
Mrs. M. Keating, wife, 7446 Eggleston, Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. O. Keating, mother, 1040 W-87th Street, Chicago, Ill.
R. R. Keating, son, 7843 S. Winchester, Chicago, Ill.
Fred Keating, brother, 6262 Spaulding Ave., Chicago, Ill.
M. McGuire, friend, 321 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Mo.
R. Walsh, niece, 8923 So. Racine, Chicago, Ill.
Chicago-American, Bus., 386 E. Madison Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Thomas Holden's correspondent sheet:

Mrs. Thomas Holden, wife, 6957 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Thomas Holden, Jr., son, 6957 So. Hermitage Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. M. Fallow, sister, 3813 So. Parnell Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Bill and Bob, friend, Chicago, Ill.
Ruth and Mary, friend, Chicago, Ill.
Esther, cousin, Chicago, Ill.
Lucille Tallon, niece, 3813 Parnell Ave., Chicago, Ill.
E. McCollaugh, friend, 8241 So. Honore Street, Chicago, Ill.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

March 16, 1934.

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MR. NATHAN _____
MR. TOLSON _____
MR. CLEGG _____
MR. COWLEY ✓ _____
MR. EDWARDS _____
MR. EVAN _____
MR. QUINN _____
MR. LESTER _____
MR. LOCKE _____
MR. ROBER _____

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I called Mr. Rorer this morning and told him that the Director was very much disturbed about the publicity in connection with the Harpis-Barker latent fingerprint identifications and that the source of this leak had to be determined; that the indications were that it came from St. Paul not only because of this leak but because there were too many rumors to the effect that there was a leak in St. Paul without some foundation for such rumors. Mr. Rorer stated that he would do the best he could to get at the bottom of this but that he believed it originated in Oklahoma.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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Frank & Palmer

We must get to the bottom of this.

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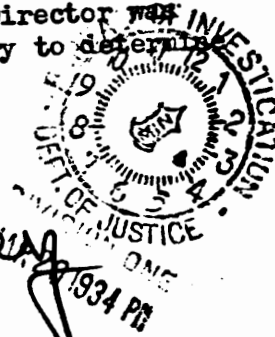
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MR. CLEGG
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MR. EDWARDS
MR. GAN
MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
MR. LOCKE
MR. RORER

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In connection with the information submitted by Mr. Rorer to the effect that Mr. Shipley, of the Minneapolis Tribune, had advised that he had obtained information concerning the raid from Mr. Burks, a representative of the Sapulpa World, and that he had obtained information concerning the latent fingerprint identifications either from the Sheriff or the jailer at Sapulpa, I talked with Mr. Brantley and instructed that he immediately proceed to Sapulpa and get to the bottom of this leak, advising that the Director was very much concerned and that it was absolutely necessary to determine the source of this information.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.



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March 16, 1934.

MR. NATHAN
MR. TOLSON
MR. CLEGG
MR. COWLEY
MR. EDWARDS
MR. EGAN
MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
MR. LOCKE
MR. RORER

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. William P. Helm, of the Kansas City Journal-Post, called (11:00 A. M.) He wanted information concerning the arrest at Sapulpa, Oklahoma yesterday, with particular reference to Charles Cotner, who, according to the newspaper, is suspected of being involved in the attempted kidnaping of Peggy Landon, the daughter of Governor Landon, of Kansas. I told Mr. Helm that the Division had no statement to make in connection with these arrests except for the fact that Wright was wanted by local authorities.

In talking with Mr. Brantley I instructed him to immediately look into the matter of this allegation against Charles Cotner.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

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Room 1401
270 Lexington Ave.
New York City



March 19, 1934



Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers' Building
Chicago, Illinois

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of
Special Agent W. Carter Baum, dated March 9, 1934, in which
there is set out information concerning one M. J. Murphy.

In this connection, the attention
of the interested offices is invited to the report of Special
Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, dated July 15, 1933, in the
case entitled Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (Deceased), et al;
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, which shows on page 78
et seq, information developed relative to one C. J. Murphy, who
resided at various times at the Newbern Hotel in Kansas City,
Mo., and who was known to be an acquaintance of Miller.

Very truly yours,

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Laboratory Report

March 13, 1934.

Case: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al, Edward
G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

Number: 7-576

Specimens: 2 checks showing signature of Mrs. Paula Harmon.
3 notes showing signature of Mrs. Paula Harmon.

Examination requested by: Dallas Office.

Date received: March 6, 1934.

Examination requested: Handwriting.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel.

March 8. The signatures on the checks of Mrs. Paula Harmon are identical
with her signature on the fingerprint card.

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2 - Mr. W.A. Rorer - St. Paul.
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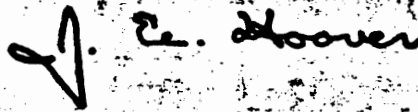
Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division March 6, 1934.

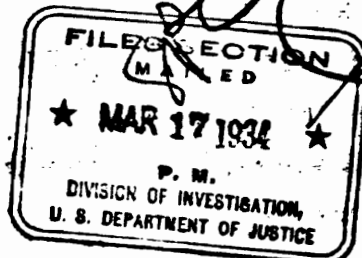
Very truly yours,



Director.

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CC Dallas



420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

Mr. W.A. Rorer, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, et al.
Edward G. Bremer (Victim)
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter of Inspector W.A. Rorer,
dated at St. Paul, March 2, 1934, regarding telephone call of
Paula Harmon to Stonewall J. Smith of the Federated Metal Co.

R.O. Carmack, Postmaster at Farmersville, Texas, stated
that Stonewall J. Smith is well known in Farmersville, Texas - a
town of about 1900 population - and has numerous relatives in and
around Farmersville where Smith was born. His parents are now
dead; he has one sister living at Farmersville named Mrs. E.R.
Beaver.

Mr. Carmack stated that Smith keeps company with a
young lady who was also reared and lives in Farmersville, whose
name is Miss Vivian (called Bill) Woodard, who fits pretty well
the description of the woman described as Mrs. J. Stanley Smith
in report of Special Agent O.C. Hall, dated St. Paul, 7-27-33.
However, she has no scar across her nose, and lives across the
street from Mr. Carmack. Mr. Carmack stated that he knows posi-
tively that Miss Woodard has not been away from Farmersville for
more than a night at a time in the past five or six years. On
March 15, 1934, Miss Woodard was in Dallas purchasing supplies
for her father's store, and Agent did not see her.

Mr. Carmack advised that Stonewall J. Smith presents the Federated or Federal Sheet Metal Company of St.
Louis, Missouri, and handles quite a lot of money; that he is a
good dresser, is well behaved, and around Farmersville has a
good reputation. He did further state, however, that the entire

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Smith family and their connections could do anything, in his opinion, and are a pretty hard lot. Mr. Carmack further stated that Smith travels all over the country but he does not recall letters coming from him to Miss Woodard from as far away as Chicago, Minneapolis or St. Paul; however, he has paid no particular attention where the letters originate that she receives from Smith. He stated that the next time Smith comes into Farmersville, where he spends four or five days on various occasions, he will notify the Dallas Division Office by telephone. He further stated that Smith does his banking business with the Republic National Bank & Trust Company of Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Carmack stated also that the description of J. Stanley Smith, as set out in report of Special Agent Hall, supra, exactly fits Stonewall J. Smith.

A copy of this letter is being furnished the St. Louis Division Office with the request that a check in that city through the Federal or Federated Sheet Metal Company be made as to the whereabouts of Stonewall J. Smith during May and June, 1933.

Mr. Carmack advised that the only car he has ever seen Stonewall J. Smith driving is a Chevrolet Coupe.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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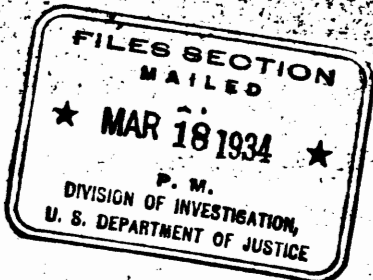
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CONLEY

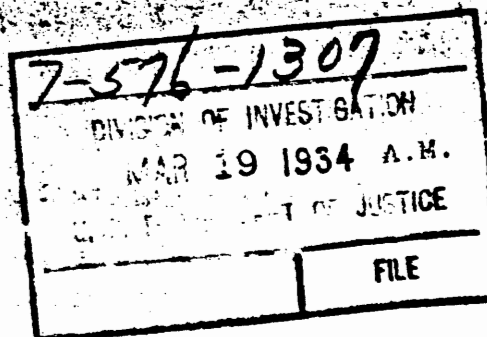
During telephonic conversation today, I advised Mr. Gridley, of the United Press, of the arrest last night of Glen Roy Wright at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, at the home of Ira Brackett, which place is supposed to be the hang-out for a number of gangsters and racketeers in that section of the country. I mentioned the fact that Wright is stated to be wanted at Joplin, Missouri; Hutchinson, Kansas; and Stillwater, Oklahoma, for robbery and burglary. I also stated that our records show that the Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department wants Wright for murder, although this fact had not been verified at Tulsa.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.



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Mr. COWLEY _____
Mr. EDWARDS _____
Mr. EGAN _____
Mr. QUINN _____
Mr. LESTER _____
Mr. CLARK _____
Mr. ROSEN _____

Agent in Charge Fay at New York advised me by telephone today that Mr. Woodbury had arranged for him to see the President of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and that the General Counsel was also present during the interview. He stated that the situation at St. Paul has been taken care of.

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420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

February 28, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
322 Federal Building,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
Edward C. Bremer (Victim)
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

[REDACTED] Paula Harmon's
mother and brother reside at 337 De Queen Boulevard, Port Arthur,
Texas, and Mrs. Brannon, Paula Harmon's mother, recently moved back
to Port Arthur, Texas, from Georgia.

[REDACTED] Atlanta.
[REDACTED] It is possible, therefore, that Paula Harmon is com-
municating with her mother, Mrs. D. B. Brannon, through a relative
relay at Columbus, Georgia, and Mrs. Ellis may be this relay.

Very truly yours,

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W. J. BLAKE,
Special Agent

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Incoming



*Mrs. W.B. Brannan,
Port Arthur,
Texas.*

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No return

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Mr. E. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

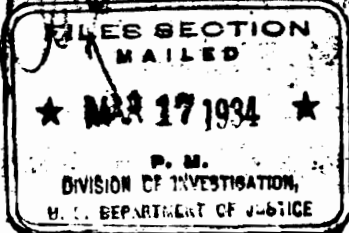
Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith copies of an anonymous communication addressed to the Attorney General and referred to this Division. Although Abe Ginsberg is well known to the Division, you are instructed to ascertain the identity of the individual referred to as Ed Morgan (fixer), who is said to be the publisher of the Twin City Reporter, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #691617



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Re BRENNER kidnapping, St. Paul, Minn.

Abe Ginsberg (Lawyer), Minneapolis, and Ed Morgan (fixer), and
publisher of Twin City Reporter, Minneapolis, may be connected.
Morgan friend of Harvey Bailey, Bates, Bugs Moran et al.

/s/ Hoover

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Werner Hanni,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Kansas City, Missouri
March 18, 1934.

Rekid Chief of Police Sioux Falls South Dakota wired sheriff Topeka Kansas
parties Sioux Falls identify photographs Karpis T.L. Carroll and one of
Barkers participants recent bank robbery there

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From ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENAN

To

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The Attorney General

MEMORANDUM

The Solicitor General

Assistant to Attorney General Stanley

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Assistant Attorney General Sweeney

Assistant Solicitor General MacLean

Mr. Stewart

Director, Division of Investigation

Mr. Bates, Director, Bureau of Prisons

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Mr. Ridgely

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Mr. Fisher

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Mr. Brabner Smith

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Mr. Gottshall

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CLOVERLEAF STOCK FARM

Elnora, New York
2/15/1934

Copy for My President

POLICE HEADQUARTERS
ST-PAUL, MINNESOTA

GREETING

As I think I have A real tip on the recent kidnapping of Mr. Bremmer, as it now looks from this distance of 1400 miles, and I feel it is my duty to advise you which you can take for what it is worth, but under no circumstance mention my name in any way to make me trouble. As I have plenty as it is.

If you will first look up my record at Austin, you will find Mr. Beck's word used to be good, during the 3rd Liberty Loan drive. I owned A farm near Austin, on which was mortgages of \$17.300 at 5 1/2% Int, yet I lended \$1200. at 6% to buy each son A \$400. Liberty Bond, the red cross chapter of your great State presented to me A large American flag, as the only man in the State doing this. I also had to call A board meeting Feb'y 27-1920 to resign as treasurer of Austin town, leaving for this place March 1st 1920. look this up, and then go ahead.

It happened while Mrs. Beck was going to Minnesota on train, she meet Mrs. Frank XSteinhagen, going same place getting acquainted, and we visited back and forth as friends. the Steinhagens moving on farm N-E Hayfield Minnesota.

About 4 1/2 years ago Mrs Beck & Myself drove back for A visit, and looked up the Stenihages, who had sold farm, and moved to Kasson Dodge County. I was surprised to find Mr. Steinhagen running billard hall, and family living in same building up-stairs. I asked them about this. to find they were making good but had so much money standing out.

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As I am strickly temperance, I was not interested in any thing they were doing but saw some of the worst looking customers hanging about their place, and do beleive they also did far more than play pool there.

Since reading the house that Mr. Bremer was held in was near Cresco Iowa and that Mr. Bremer was released near Rochester Minnesota, I fully beleive this.

That if you watch Mr. Steinhagen and his hold out near Kasson, you will find you are watching pretty close to the hold out of some of these kidnapers. I also beleive if Mr. Stenhagen is not connected, he does know some that are connected with this deal. Although they were our friends, I always will bring out all I know, treating all alike when I feel they are doing wrong. I was brought to defend A crook, makes us as bad as the crook.

This kidnapping has to be stopped. I carry A short gun continually, and should I see any hold up, robbery or anything on that order, no matter what the odds are, and if it is the last thing that I do. I will try to get at least one of the gang. I also hold A Special Deputy Sheriff commission on our place here, and during the great milk strike here last fall, I kept peace, and saved lots of trouble, besides no one was hurt. I and my Family still miss Minnesota, so many times, we wish we had never moved East. Since we are here, we have to stay

and make the best of it. Wishing you the best of success in this matter. Hoping you catch this gang and if in this information, and you get the \$200,000 back remember us with 1% of enough so we can make a trip back, I am.

Very truly yours.

/s/ Bert Beck-

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Mr. Bert Beck,
Cloverleaf Stock Farm,
Elmira, New York.

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Dear Sirs:

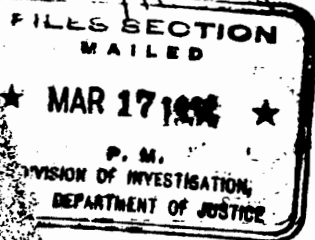
This is to acknowledge receipt of a copy of your letter dated February 15, 1934, addressed to Police Headquarters, St. Paul, Minnesota, by reference from the Secretary to the President, wherein you set forth information relative to the possible connection of Mr. Frank Steinbagen of Kasson, Dodge County, Minnesota, with the Bremer kidnaping case.

Please be assured that the information furnished by you is appreciated and thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

Handwritten signature/initials



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Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al,
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM -
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

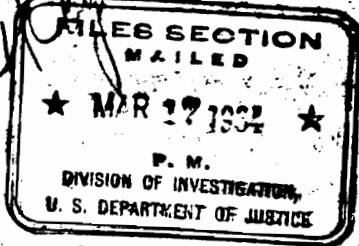
There are transmitted herewith copies of a letter dated February 15, 1934, addressed to Police Headquarters, St. Paul, Minnesota, by Bert Beck, Cloverleaf Stock Farm, Minora, New York. A carbon copy of this letter was enclosed in an envelope addressed to the President and referred to this Division. The Division has sent a letter to Mr. Beck, acknowledging receipt of this letter.

The information contained in the enclosed copies should be given attention at the earliest practicable date.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #691615



Dir.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 16, 1934.

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MR. ROSEN _____

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

As a result of the publicity given to the identification of Karpis and Barker, I called Mr. Rorer last night and requested that he commence a vigorous investigation to determine the source of this information. I also contacted Mr. Brantley, who did not return to Oklahoma City until about 12:00 P. M. Mr. Brantley stated that he would look into the matter immediately. I had previously ascertained, however, that Agent Hollis was the only Division Agent in the raid at Sapulpa which resulted in the apprehension of Wright, et al. Mr. Brantley later called back and stated that the Oklahoma papers carried an Associated Press article from St. Paul indicating that the identification of Karpis and Barker had been made from latent fingerprints on the tin cans in question. He stated, further, that during the day a newspaper man called Agent Hansen, who was acting in charge, and asked whether Wright, et al, had been arrested in connection with the Bremer case, to which inquiry Hansen replied "You probably know more about that than I do. The arrest was not made here but in Sapulpa. I do not know on what charge he was arrested". He stated that the newspaper man then asked Hansen how about the identification on the tin cans of Karpis and Barker, to which Hansen replied that he knew nothing about that. Mr. Brantley stated that this was an actual fact; that Hansen did not have that information. Mr. Brantley stated that he would continue his efforts to determine the source of this leak, but that in view of the telephone call from St. Paul by the newspaper man he believed the source of the information must have been at St. Paul.

Mr. Brantley called again this morning and stated that he had talked with Agent Hollis, who had stated absolutely that he had made no comment to any local law enforcement officials or newspaper men concerning the fingerprints of Karpis and Barker or that Wright was wanted in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case. He stated that late yesterday afternoon after Mr. Hollis had gone to McAlester, Oklahoma, where the prisoners were removed, an Associated Press representative called him from Tulsa, Oklahoma, and asked him whether there was anything to the latent fingerprint identifications of Barker and Karpis. to which Hollis replied that he knew nothing about such prints. Mr. Brantley stated further that after Mr. Hansen, at the Oklahoma City office, had received

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TOLSON

a call from Mr. Shipley, of the Minneapolis Tribune, yesterday morning about 10:30 concerning the latent prints he received a number of calls from local newspapers which asked whether there was anything to the story appearing in the Minneapolis papers concerning these identifications, to which Hansen replied that he knew nothing about such identifications. Mr. Brantley stated that in his opinion had the information broken in Oklahoma local newspapers would have given it headlines and taken advantage of the scoop. He stated that this did not happen but that the first articles appeared as Associated Press articles from St. Paul. Mr. Brantley stated, further, that the money found in the possession of Wright and the other prisoners had been compared with the Bremer kidnaping money and found not to be identical.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

Ransom money

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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MR. NATHAN	✓
MR. TOLSON	✓
MR. CLEGG	
MR. COWLEY	
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MR. QUINN	
MR. LESTER	
MR. LOCKE	
MR. RORER	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Inter view

Mr. Adolph Bremer and Mr. Otto Bremer called this afternoon and stated that they were desirous of seeing you and that in your absence requested that I pay their respects to you. They stated that they had talked to Mr. Keenan and that their principal purpose in coming here was to advise of the wonderful manner in which Mr. Nathan had handled the investigation, advised and comforted them during the time Mr. Bremer was being held by the kidnapers. They also stated that they wanted to cooperate 100% with the Division and to deny newspaper reports which had been reported to have been given by them. They expressed great surprise as to how the newspapers got the photographs of the packages of money and stated they did not believe they were photographs of the ransom money paid, but the photographs of the packages were identical with those used in the payment of the ransom. They stated that they had expressed their opinion to Mr. Keenan of the high esteem in which they held Mr. Nathan. They wanted also to express themselves to that effect to you. They spoke very highly of the efficiency of the Division and stated that it was unfortunate the Division did not have jurisdiction over all offenses and police interference eliminated. Mr. Otto Bremer did most of the talking.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley

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BREMER KIDNAPING AGENT HOLLIS STATES DID NOT GIVE STATEMENT TO REPRESENTATIVE
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SUSPECTS THIS CASE STOP E M MARTEL INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE
MCALESTER INTERVIEWED DURING NIGHT STATES HE HAS NOT INTERVIEWED OR SEEN
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San Antonio, Texas,
March 17, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite 1, Federal Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to report of Special Agent W. F. Walker, of your office, for November 22, 1933, in the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, et al, Obstruction of Justice, and report of this same Agent for Feb. 20, 1934, entitled Unknown Subjects, Albert E. Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping.

On page 5 of the report of Agent Walker in the Vernon C. Miller case, wherein check was made of pay relations in the Rickard Hotel and the Rickard Sea Terminal, Kansas City, Mo., there was located a telephone call dated June 17, 1933, from Grand 0000 to Romain 0000, and in the report of Agent Walker for Feb. 20, 1934, in the Bremer case, page 20, mention is made of a telephone call, date not mentioned, from the Ambassador Hotel, Kansas City to Telephone 0000, San Antonio.

Telephone Romain 0000 is a non-listed telephone of Mrs. Julia Jones Connor, Apartment 2, Thomas Apartments, 2511 Broadway, San Antonio, Tex. Mrs. Connor occupied this apartment from January 10, 1933, to March 7, 1934, when she moved to a furnished residence at 324 Eleanor Street, San Antonio. Mrs. Connor was formerly married to a carnival man named Jones, who was killed in a railroad wreck near Liverpool, La., several years ago, exact date unknown. She received several thousand dollars from a railroad company and also a life insurance company. On Oct. 20, 1934, she married Eddie Jones Connor, sometimes known as Eddie Connor.

E. H. Connor is a confidence man, his main racket is working with the nationally known mob of fake eye doctors. As far as can be ascertained, he is no relation to Eddie Connor, the confidence man, who was killed in New York or New Jersey some two years past.

Mrs. Julia Jones Connor has very few callers and E. H. Connor has been seen at the apartment only on very few occasions. She has two boys aged seven, named Douglas and Larry. These two boys are both attending the Inner Grammar School in San Antonio.

A cover on Mrs. Connor's mail has so far developed correspondence with L. D. Arnold, Room 420 West Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn. A list of all

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long distance telephone calls to and from Fannin 5844 since this phone has been listed to Mrs. Connor has been obtained and is attached to this letter.

This office will leave up to the judgment of the Kansas City office as to what extent it is desired that these telephone calls be checked as to the identity of the callers, as this office has no information that would connect Jule James Connor with either of the major cases heretofore mentioned. Neither do we have any information connecting any of the telephones listed that have been calling Mrs. Connor's phone since its installation. Being the wife of Connor, who is known to be a con man, it is possible that some of these calls will have anything to do with the two cases.

On January 28, 1934, a petition for divorce was filed in the 57th District Court, San Antonio, Texas, by Jule Connor versus Edith Neese Connor, alleging their marriage on October 28, 1924, separation on January 10, 1933, the charge being extreme cruelty and infidelity in that Connor is alleged to be living with another woman, to-wit, one Letharia Groves, (place not stated); final decree of divorce granted March 7, 1934. Custody of twin boys, Douglas and Larry, age seven, awarded to Jule Connor. The service in these proceedings was by publication.

Very truly yours,

W. H. Fannin,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division-4
St. Paul-3
Chicago-3
Dallas-3

March 19, 1934.

ay
Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box #515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

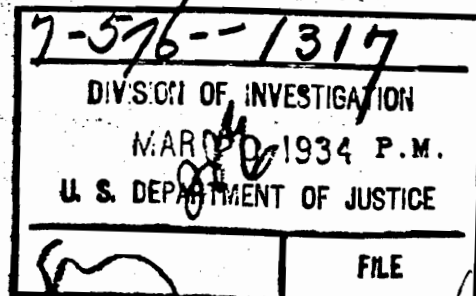
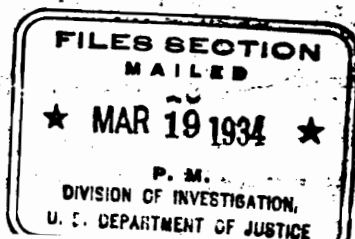
Reference is made to your letter of March 15, 1934, in connection with the return to your office of the signal lights found in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim - KIDNAPING. You are advised the batteries which were submitted with these lights were forwarded direct to the Chicago Division office for use in connection with their investigation seeking to identify the manufacturer.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC: Chicago

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March 19, 1934

Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

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

The Division desires to bring to your attention certain observations made from a review of reports rendered in the above entitled case with respect to the location of the "hide-out" where Bremer was held by the kidnapers.

Your attention is invited to pages 11 to 15 and 25 of the report of Special Agent J. O'Connell, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, September 15, 1933, rendered in the William Hamm, Jr. kidnaping case. You will note that the kidnapers in that case followed U. S. Highway #12 for a good distance before arriving at their destination. The sign referred to by Mr. Hamm as bearing the names Janesville-Beloit, which names were preceded by numerals believed to be 20 and 30, could possibly have been located in the vicinity of Fort Atkinson or White Water, Wisconsin. On page 11 of this report the following sentence is noted: "After passing the above sign, Mr. Hamm stated that he thought they drove about thirty miles, or better, for perhaps an hour or an hour and a half before reaching their destination etc." In following U. S. Highway #12 in a southerly direction from either Fort Atkinson or White Water, into northern Illinois, the hide-out would be placed in either McHenry or Lake County, more than likely McHenry County.

Reference is made to pages 18, 19 and 26 of the report of Special Agent J. J. Keating, dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 23, 1933, rendered in the Kansas City massacre case, wherein it is noted that Mrs. Frances Nash, widow of Frank Nash, deceased, was interviewed on August 30, 1933 by Special Agent Keating at the Kansas City Office in the presence of her attorney and Special Agent Trainor.

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During the course of this interview she advised that during March, 1932 she and Vivian Mathis, paramour of the late Vernon C. Miller, deceased, proceeded to St. Paul, Minnesota, where they stayed at the residence of Harry Sawyer. Mrs. Nash also stated during the interview that during the summer of 1932 Miller rented a bungalow near Lake Geneva, Wisconsin and that the bungalow was about three miles off of U. S. Highway #12; that it was near a lake and was rented from a doctor. At the top of page 19 you will note that Mrs. Nash stated that she met Kate Barker, mother of Fred and Arthur R. Barker, and who was better known as "Mother" Barker, and Helen Ferguson, at Louis Cernocky's place at Cary, Illinois, during the fall of 1932. Recent reports submitted in the Bremer case, however, indicate that the place owned by Cernocky is located at Fox River Grove, Illinois.

In giving consideration to Cary as the town in which, or near which, the hide-out could possibly have been located, the above information should be borne in mind.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. R. McIntyre, dated at Chicago, Illinois, March 2, 1934, wherein the results of an investigation conducted by Special Agent J. L. Madala at Cary and Fox River Grove, Illinois are set forth. Reference is also made to your memorandum dated February 28, 1934, wherein you list the outstanding noises, et cetera, which distinguished the vicinity of the hide-out. Except for item two on page one of your memorandum, which indicates that a whistle, apparently a factory whistle, and apparently stationary, blew each week-day morning and evening at about dusk but never blew at mid-day nor on Sunday, nearly all of the noises heard by Bremer are accounted for at Cary. In this connection, it is possible that a locomotive whistle may have been mistaken for a factory whistle. It should be borne in mind that noon-day factory whistles were not heard, which strengthens the belief that the whistle was that of one of the locomotives attached to one of the suburban trains, referred to hereinafter. It is also noted from your memorandum that railroad trains passed constantly; that trains passed in the early morning and about dusk; that there appeared to be a shifting locomotive engine heard daily at various times which was close enough to the hide-out for the victim to hear the discharge of steam from the exhaust. In this connection, you will note on page 9 of Agent McIntyre's report that there is a switch-yard in the town proper at Cary, Illinois, which is used in the morning for the purpose of making up trains before their usual run to Chicago, and further that there are seven suburban trains leaving Cary every morning except Sunday, it being noted that three of these trains start their run at Cary; that there

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are also many trains going through the town during the day and in the evening between the hours of 5 and 7 P.M. there are more trains than during the balance of the day. It is possible that a single locomotive, while on a siding in the morning and also in the evening, may blow a whistle as a signal for a through train. A further investigation along this line should be made. It is not indicated in the report whether there is a round house located at Cary, Illinois which might possibly have a whistle.

With respect to Cary as the scene of the hide-out, the following is submitted for your consideration. The distance from Cary to a point seven miles northwest of Portage is 148 miles and the distance from this same point near Portage to Stockton, Minnesota, is 140 miles, but in view of the fact that the kidnapers proceeded beyond Stockton, possibly several miles, where they let Bremer out of the car and returned to Stockton to have their car refilled, the total number of 140 miles would be increased, perhaps in the proximity of the total of 148 miles, thereby establishing the place where the gas cans were located as the half-way mark between the hide-out and Stockton. In view of Bremer's statement that the kidnapers were gone nearly an hour for the purpose of refueling their car, it is assumed that some of this time was used in traveling several miles.

The following table of mileages, obtained from the 1934 edition of the Rand-McNally Commercial Atlas, the most up-to-date authority on distances, is set forth for your information:

Cary to Point 7 miles Northwest of Portage

From	To	Route	Mileage	Total
Cary	McHenry	U. S. #12	21	
McHenry	Lake Geneva	U. S. #12	21	
Lake Geneva	Elkhorn	U. S. #12	9	
Elkhorn	White Water	U. S. #12	18	
White Water	Fort Atkinson	U. S. #12	10	
Fort Atkinson	Madison	U. S. #12	34	
Madison	North Leeds	U. S. #51	20	
North Leeds	Portage	U. S. #51	18	
Portage	Point 7 miles northwest	U. S. #16	7	148

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Point 7 miles Northwest of Portage to Stockton/Lewiston

From	To	Route	Mileage	Total
Point 7 miles Northwest of Portage	Wisconsin Dells	U. S. #16	13	
Wisconsin Dells	Mauston	U. S. #12-#16	21	
Mauston	New Lisbon	U. S. #12-#16	8	
New Lisbon	Tomah	U. S. #12-#16	19	
Tomah	Sparta	U. S. #16	16	
Sparta	West Salem	U. S. #16	16	
West Salem	LaCrosse	U. S. #16	13	
LaCrosse	Winona	U. S. #61	27	
Winona	Stockton	U. S. #14	7	140
Stockton	Lewiston	U. S. #14	7	147

Assuming that the gas gauge on the dashboard of the kidnapers' car indicated that the gas tank was filled, the kidnapers having prepared for a long trip before leaving the hide-out, and upon reaching an arbitrary point along the route which has since been established as being seven miles northwest of Portage, where the car was refueled from four 5 (minus) gallon cans, and that from that point the kidnapers again traveled until the gas gauge indicated the necessity of refueling, because of the fact that the car required only 15 gallons at Stockton to fill the tank, the indications would be that the Buick is one of the 60 or 50 series, depending on the amount of reserve fuel in the tank when the gasoline gauge registered "empty". From the above deductions it would appear improbable that the hide-out would be located south of McHenry County, Illinois, allowing for the high mileage figures furnished by Buick dealers with respect to the 60-50 series, as set forth in the report of Special Agent Hall, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, March 10, 1934. Therefore, it is suggested that a concentrated effort be made to locate the hide-out in McHenry County, using Gary, Illinois as the center of operations. Attention should next be given to adjacent counties in Wisconsin, as well as Illinois.

The results of investigation heretofore conducted at Gary, Illinois, as reflected in the report of Special Agent McIntyre, above referred to, are entirely too superficial and general. Trains are mentioned, but no schedule is set forth showing the exact time of

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arrivals and departures. A fire siren is located in Cary, but it does not appear that the Fire Marshal has yet been interviewed relative to the possibility of the siren having been blown on the second Sunday, January 28, 1934, during the time Bremer was held. Incidentally, a list of fires reported in Northern Illinois reflected a fire at Fox River Grove, a neighboring town to Cary, as occurring on Sunday January 28 (not 28), 1934. This should receive attention. It appears that only personal friends of Special Agent Madala were interviewed by him.

The Division feels that an investigation for the purpose of locating the hide-out should be much more extensive and exhaustive than the above investigation. The Postmaster and letter carriers should be interviewed and photographs of suspects exhibited to them. The Fire Marshal should be interviewed and a record of all fires obtained. Railway station agents should be interviewed and a complete schedule of train arrivals and departures should be obtained. Drug store and grocery store clerks should be interviewed and photographs of suspects exhibited to them. Agents of public utility companies, such as telephone, electricity and gas companies, who have occasion to canvass their respective districts for the purpose of reading meters, collecting bills and making installations and repairs, should be interviewed and photographs of the suspects exhibited to them. They should be consulted with regard to the floor plan and samples of the wallpaper should be exhibited to them. Gas station attendants should also be interviewed and the photographs of the suspects exhibited to them.

From the floor plan of the hide-out of Bremer submitted by you, and bearing in mind that the house was approached from the rear (as was apparently also done in the Hamm case) and was entered through the kitchen, it is possible that this house may front on a lake or river, and in view of the fact that the wallpaper, identified by Bremer, is manufactured exclusively for the Sears-Roebuck Company, a representative of that company familiar with the houses manufactured and sold by that company, should be consulted. An effort should be made to determine, through an interview with Bremer, which way he turned immediately after leaving the house and entering the car, whether to the right or to the left, and what turns were made by the car after he entered it and before reaching the main highway. It is believed that such information should be forthcoming, even from one who was blindfolded. From an examination of the floor plan submitted by you, it also seems possible that Bremer can furnish

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information with respect to the flow of traffic on the highway in the morning and in the evening. It also seems possible that he can indicate the direction in which the morning and afternoon trains ran, thereby establishing the direction of Chicago, it being assumed that the trains heard by him were suburban trains carrying passengers to and from Chicago each week-day. A copy of the chart prepared by you is enclosed herewith with the foregoing questions indicated thereon.

With a view to establishing whether the above route was followed by the kidnapers, and if considered feasible by you, it is suggested that an Agent be assigned to travel over this route describing in every detail the condition of the road, with respect to mileage readings, noting in particular rough places such as crossing railroad tracks, approaches to bridges and the like, which would attract the attention of a blindfolded person, the description obtained then being related to Bremer in such a manner as to determine whether the route can be identified by him from this information. Frequent curves and straight-a-ways should be included in the descriptive data obtained.

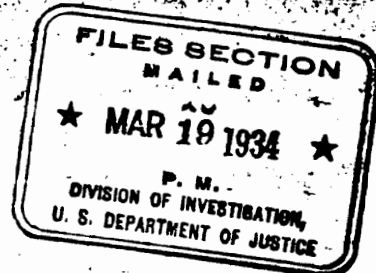
The foregoing suggestions should receive your immediate attention and the investigation pressed vigorously.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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CC Chicago.



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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
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March 16, 1934.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, etal.
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

With reference to the information reaching the newspapers concerning fingerprints on gasoline cans found in this case, and other information of a confidential nature, please be advised that Special Agent O.G. Hall learned, today, from J.P. Shipley, assistant city editor of the Minneapolis Tribune, Minneapolis, Minnesota, that early yesterday Mr. Shipley received a telephone call from Mr. Burks of the Tulsa World to the effect that a raid had been made in Oklahoma at a hideout of the Karpis-Barker Gang. Mr. Burks stated he thought the raid had some connection with the BREMER case.

Mr. Shipley then telephoned a number of places in Oklahoma and learned from the jailer, or sheriff, at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, that the fingerprints of one of the BARKERS, and KARPIS, had been found on gasoline cans and that they had been identified through flashlights. He thinks he talked to a man named WILLIS STRANGE, but he is not certain of this, explaining that he had been drunk the night before and his mind was not quite clear as to what transpired. He also called Blacky's Cafe in some little town, but he does not remember the name of the town. He received nothing of value from that source. This information was transmitted to the Division by telephone immediately upon receipt of same.

Very truly yours,

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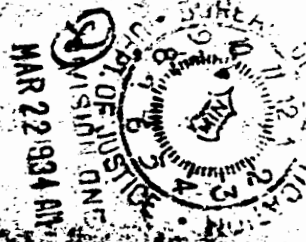
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Suite L, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
March 16, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to your letter to the Division, dated February 27, 1934, copy of which was furnished this office, relative to parole reports purported to be signed by Arthur "Doc" Barker, received by the Parole and Pardon Attorney for the State of Oklahoma as late as February 1, 1934, mailed from Neosho, Missouri.

It is the experience of this office that the persons listed as witnesses to the signature of Arthur Barker are close friends of Barker and would furnish no information relative to his location.

It will be noted that G. E. Barker, the parolee's father, recently wrote to the Parole and Pardon Attorney at Oklahoma City requesting that he be furnished with additional parole report blanks. It is apparent that he has been very careful to forward the parole reports promptly and no doubt has been forging the name of his son, Arthur Barker. Investigation at Neosho through reliable sources shows that "Doc" Barker has not been seen in Neosho since immediately after he was paroled about a year and a half ago.

As it is probable that G. E. Barker and the witnesses appearing on the parole reports are not aware that "Doc" Barker is wanted by any officers and as G. E. Barker appears to be careful to see that the parole is not violated, it is thought that if an Agent of this office could call on G. E. Barker for the apparent purpose of checking up on the parole that G. E. Barker might produce "Doc" Barker for interview.

It is requested that appropriate interview be had with the Parole and Pardon Attorney to determine whether this procedure would be

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satisfactory with him and to the end that G. E. Barker will not be suspicious of the Agent. It is requested that the name of "Doc" Barker's parole adviser at Neosho, Missouri, if any, be furnished this office in order that the Agent will be in possession of this information. It is also requested that if the above procedure is satisfactory with you and with the Parole and Pardon Attorney, arrangements be made so that should G. E. Barker write or communicate with the Parole and Pardon Attorney at Oklahoma City in any other manner relative to Agent's presence in Neosho that a satisfactory reply will be made to G. E. Barker that will not disclose the true identity of the Agent. Kindly furnish also the name of the Parole and Pardon Attorney for the use of the Agent at Neosho.

As G. E. Barker is a shrewd man it is believed that the above procedure will be the only method of obtaining information, if any, from him.

Relative to your communication furnishing the correspondence records of "Doc" Barker and Volney Davis, which stated that "Doc" Barker while in the penitentiary corresponded with O. J. Bridle, Pittsburg, Kansas, please be advised that Special Agent H. D. Bray interviewed Chief of Police Ross Armstrong, Pittsburg, Kansas, and Tom Stowers, an old officer on the Pittsburg force, who advised that O. J. Bridle is not known to them. They made inquiries in Pittsburg but were unable to obtain any information as to O. J. Bridle. Agent Bray checked

Superintendent of Mails J. Oskin at the Pittsburg Post Office checked his records without success. He also interviewed his mail carriers, none of whom knew of Bridle. Agent Bray checked the city and telephone directories but failed to find the name of O. J. Bridle.

Relative to Irene Davis, Coffeyville, Kansas, a correspondent of Volney Davis, who is shown to be his sister, Agent Bray interviewed Chief of Police Clarence Lang and Deputy Sheriff George Tobler at Coffeyville who are well informed officers. They advised that they had never heard of Irene Davis and made appropriate inquiries in Coffeyville without success. The city and telephone directories at Coffeyville have no record of Irene Davis.

William P. Rorger, Superintendent of Mails at the Coffeyville Post Office, checked his records and inquired among his clerks and carriers but found no information relative to Irene Davis.

While at Coffeyville, Agent Bray received a telephone call from Acting Special Agent in Charge M. G. Spear to secure possible information as to Jimmie Roe, who is reported to be a bootlegger at Kansas City and Wichita, Kansas, and who is said to have a hide-out somewhere between Nowata and South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. Chief Lang and Deputy Sheriff Tobler had no information as to Jimmie Roe.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul

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March 17, 1934.

Mr Clegg,

Mr Hamilton, of The Associated Press, called last night and advised that they had just received a report from Menominee, Nebraska that two men had been arrested by Federal Agents from St Paul, presumably with The Bremer Case. He wanted to know if I could confirm such a report. I told him that I had no information on such a report.

R L Moore.

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Mr. Hoover:

Mr. Cowley thought you would wish to see this immediately. Otherwise he would have had it typed in better form. It was supposed to have been typed properly by the night clerk.

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*Call Roper at once for it
now looks as if it goes
back to St. Paul.*

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Mr. Cowley:

I am afraid that I would be unable to write this in a satisfactory memo. form, so I have just put in a rough draft.

Eugene J. Coble

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Brantley called last night from Tulsa about a quarter til ten and stated that he had talked to the jailer at Sapulpa, Okla., whose name is A. B. Holderby who said that yesterday morning sometime before 22 he received a telephone call from a man who said he was with some newspaper in Minneapolis, not giving the name of the paper, and wanted to know something about this case, asking if they had Fred Barker Alvin Karpis, etc. Holderby replied that he had no information and transferred the call to the sheriffs office. The under-sheriff talked to the man from the Minneapolis Tribune. He read Morris read him a list of the men they had under arrest, then this fellow asked him if he had Alvin Karpis, and Doc Barker or Bennie Barker. Morris said no. Morris says that no mention was made of any fingerprints of any kind or description, that he in fact did not know of any until he read it in the paper. No one else in the sheriffs office talked to the Minneapolis man.

Mr. Brantley stated that he then talked to Eddie Burks, the night city editor of the Tulsa World, a morning paper., who stated that he talked to a man from the Minneapolis Tribune yesterday two or three times, but doesn't remember the exact hour he talked to him first. He wanted the information concerning the raid and so forth and that he didn't tell him anything about the prints. Burks told Mr. Brantley that he had the information about the latent prints in his possession for about ten days or two weeks probably, but he didn't know where he got it. And refused to tell where he did get it.

Mr. Brantley later got in touch with a man by the name of William Voight who is the local A. P. representative. Voight stated that Burks had had this information for about ten days, he thinks he got it around March 4, 5, or 6, but he, Voight, doesn't know the source of it. Voight also said that Burks had a connection with the Minneapolis or St. Paul paper, he didn't know which, but one of the papers in the twin cities. Voight expressed his opinion confidentially, that this stuff filtered down here from Minneapolis, that it got from Burks from Minneapolis. Voight said that they queried him from Minneapolis yesterday about 2:15 P.M. about the matter, and that he told them he believed it to be false. The press story that Voight sent out on it was last night published in the morning papers with a Tulsa, Okla. date line. Voight bases his theory on the fact that if Burks had acquired the information locally has he was supposed to do, that he would not have given

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Mr. Brantley said he had talked to Hollis and he was sure he had not given out any information to any newspaper men. Mr. Brantley feels certain that Burks can not be prevailed upon to divulge from what source he got his information. Voight promised believes he can find out within ~~the next day or two~~ ^{a few days} where Burks got his information and promised to do such. Mr. Brantley apparently has considerable faith in Voight. Brantley is convinced that the Sheriff or jailer gave out no information.

Brantley will be at the Mincks Hotel in Tulsa.

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From UNIT #1 Room 418
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To: ☒ Director

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mu ☐ Mr. Tolson

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☐ Files Section

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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MR. Egan.....
MR. QUINN.....
MR. LESTER.....
MR. LOCKE.....
MR. RORER.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I telephoned Mr. Rorer and furnished him the information obtained from peace officers and newspaper men in Oklahoma relative to the leak concerning the fingerprints of the Barker-Karpis gang. Mr. Rorer stated he would see what he could do about this right away in an effort to trace the source of the leak to the newspapers.

Mr. Rorer stated that since the Director had authorized the discontinuance of a man on night duty he could dispense with the services of one Agent and if agreeable he would send Special Agent Marshall back to Oklahoma City tonight. He was told that this would be agreeable if he did not need him.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

March 19, 1934

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of
March 14, 1934, in which you request to be ad-
vised at least twice a week with regard to the
results of a wire tap being maintained on the
telephone of Frank Hayes.

You are advised that no information
of value has been secured to date, and that all
incoming and outgoing telephone calls have been
of an inconsequential and friendly nature.

Very truly yours,

M. E. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER
Post Office Building
Telephone 885

Plattsburgh, New York
March 14, 1934

Hon J E Hoover
Division of Investigation
Department of Justice Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Your list of bank notes in what I suppose is the Braemer case was received and attracted some attention, and there were various other lists in town. I do not understand that any of these numbers were uncovered here.

There is another matter, in which I would like to have your advice or instruction, viz: occasional counterfeits appearing in town, specifically,

\$5 00 F R 8935160A (bill inclosed).

The inclosed bill is one of three, same amount, and originally same number, appearing here in the last few months. In none of the three instances was there sufficient ground for prosecution.

The police would be very glad to uncover the source or sources of such contraband, but are usually met with profuse explanations.

Could you suggest a routine which would help the police? Would you also tell me what course a merchant should pursue who (1) is offered a bill which is immediately detected; (2) finds such bill or bills in his receipts of currency?

The bill inclosed has first part of numbering scratched. The other two have B7 prefixed to same numbering.

While apparently there is no manufacture in this neighborhood, of such contraband, I should judge that there must be some rather good channel, or channels, of introduction to account for the recurring supply.

If your office is not the proper one to apply to for instruction, will you kindly forward this inclosure to proper office or bureau?

Respectfully yours,
/s/ Geo S. Bixby
Geo S. Bixby
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Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Cowley
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Lester
Chief Clerk
Mr. Moran

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent in Charge Brantley called from Oklahoma City and stated that in connection with the publicity given relative to the fingerprints of Barker and Karpis found on the cans in the Bremer case, he had talked to Mr. Voight this morning; that Mr. Voight

Mr. Brantley stated that he had talked to Agent Hollis relative to the article which appeared under an International News Service headline, in which Agent Hollis was quoted, and that Hollis stated positively that he had not talked to any representative of the International News Service. Mr. Brantley stated that Mr. G. M. Martel, the International News Service representative at McAlester, Oklahoma, was interviewed and he stated that he has never seen or talked to Hollis or any other officer who accompanied the prisoners to McAlester; that Mr. Martel further stated that the material he prepared for the articles on this matter had been sent to his Kansas City office, the district headquarters for the International News Service, and that said material did not quote anybody. Mr. Brantley said that he is getting copies of the material prepared by Mr. Martel.

Mr. Brantley requested that the information secured from Mr. Voight be treated as strictly confidential.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

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P. O. Drawer 1457,
St. Louis, Missouri,
March 18, 1934.

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DIVISION ONE



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W.
Carter Baum, dated 3-13-34 at Chicago, Illinois, in connection with
the above captioned matter.

Please be advised that Special Agent G. B. Morris, of
this office, ascertained from the office of the Secretary of State
Automobile Registration, at Springfield, Illinois that no record
of a 1933 or 1934 Illinois motor vehicle license issued to Eddie
Bentz, Fred Wendel, Verna Friemark, Leona Friemark, B. R. Capper-
ton, or M. J. Murphy, for any make of automobile could be located.
Upon further examination of said records, it was ascertained that
1934 Illinois automobile license No. 615-194 had been issued to
Martin J. Murphy, 4113 North Livingston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
for a 1929 model Cadillac sedan bearing motor No. 329-385. The
application for this registration indicates that the automobile
described was purchased on December 1, 1932 from the Cadillac Com-
pany, 2200 Diversy Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and was licensed in
the State of Illinois in 1933 under license No. 512-537. The
jurat appearing on the application for license was executed by a
Cook County, Illinois Notary Public by the name of Curtis F. Proud,
further address not given.

The records of the Automobile Department of the Secretary
of State of the State of Illinois further reflect that 1934 Illinois
motor vehicle license No. 698-297 was issued on March 7, 1934 to one
Edward D. Bentz, 325 North Chicago Avenue, Rockford, Illinois for a
Willys coach automobile, motor No. 137,668, serial No. 137,747.
Further, that this Willys automobile was registered in the State of
Illinois in the year 1933 under license No. 1,019,118.

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It is requested that the necessary investigation be conducted immediately at the addresses noted herein, inasmuch as Martin J. Murphy and/or Edward D. Bantz may be identical with Eddie Bantz.

Very truly yours,

W. F. Yearaley, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

WFI:A
cc Division
cc St. Paul

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San Francisco, California,
March 12, 1934.

M. F. Purvis,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

REFERENCE PORTLAND WIRE SATURDAY BREKID NO RECORD CADILLAC CAR REGISTERED TO HOMER
WILSON DURING NINETEEN THIRTY ONE OR TO ANY INDIVIDUAL NAMED WILSON

CHARGE-Gov. Rate,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Dept. of Justice,
318 News Bldg., 995 Market St.,
San Francisco, Calif.
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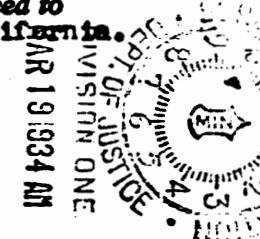
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San Francisco, California.
March 12, 1934.

C. C. Spears,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
411 United States Court House,
Portland, Oregon.



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P. O. Box 514,
Birmingham, Alabama,
March 19, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minn.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, et al.
Edward G. Bremer - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Dallas Office dated February 28, 1934 to the Birmingham Office, concerning a letter addressed to Mrs. J. E. Ellis, 510 - 15th Street, Columbus, Georgia; also concerning tracing of a letter postmarked Atlanta, Ga., February 24, 1934, addressed to Mrs. D. B. Brannon, Port Arthur, Texas.

This is to advise that Special Agent J. R. McDonald of this office made inquiry among the various mail carriers attached to Station D, Atlanta, Ga., which inquiry failed to disclose that Mrs. Paula Harmon is known to any of them, or that any of them deliver mail to that individual. Further, none of these carriers could identify the photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker and Harry Campbell as being that of anyone whom they had seen in their respective districts.

At Columbus, Georgia, Special Agent H. E. Roberts interviewed Mr. Charles Hines, Superintendent of Mails, who stated that he was a member of the St. Pauls M. E. Church; that this is the church of which Rev. John E. Ellis is pastor; that it is the wealthiest church in Columbus, Ga., and he does not know of anyone with whom the pastor might associate or who may be able to obtain any information from Rev. Ellis, relative to his niece Mrs. Paula Harmon. He stated that he believes that Rev. Ellis is a very high type man, and it might be possible to contact him in a more direct manner to ascertain any information he may have relative to his niece.

Agent placed a cover on all mail going to Rev. and Mrs. John E. Ellis for a period of 30 days, in view of the fact that the personage of Rev. and Mrs. Ellis is being traced. Mr. Hines stated that he would give this matter his personal attention.

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You will be advised promptly as to the results of

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: Division ✓

CC: Dallas

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota**

FILE NO. **7-25**

REPORT MADE AT: Detroit, Michigan	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/19/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/10/34	REPORT MADE BY: H. B. Zimmerman
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: The three 5-gallon tin cans shown on right of photograph transmitted with letter of reference were <u>not</u> manufactured by Conneaut Can Company, Conneaut, Ohio. Officials of this company unable to identify maker of these cans, but furnish names of additional manufacturers of 5-gallon tin cans and suggest contact with Can Manufacturers Industry (Code Authority) 30 East 42nd St., New York City, for complete list of manufacturers of these cans in the United States; also suggest examination instant cans to determine whether interior has sanitary lacquer since comparatively few concerns produce lacquered cans and field of investigation would thus be restricted.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Letter of Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated 5/1/34 at St. Paul, Minn. and addressed to Special Agent in Charge, Chicago Division Office.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: <u>AT CONNEAUT, OHIO.</u></p> <p>A. H. Curtis, Secretary-Treasurer, Conneaut Can Company, Conneaut, Ohio, examined the photograph of the five-gallon tin cans transmitted with the letter of reference and stated that the three cans, shown at the right of the photograph illustrating the tops of the cans, were <u>not</u> manufactured by the Conneaut Can Company; that to his knowledge he has never seen a can having a top design similar to that of the three cans in question and has no suggestion as to what concern produced these cans. Mr. Curtis exhibited these photographs to other officials of the Conneaut Company, but no identification of these cans would be made.</p> <p>Mr. Curtis suggested the names of the following companies, all of whom manufacture five-gallon tin cans, as being the largest manufacturers in addition to the concerns listed in the letter of reference:</p>			
<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. J. Meekins, Acting</i></p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 - Division 2 - New York City (Enc.) 2 - St. Paul 1 - Chicago 2 - Detroit <p>COPIES DESTROYED 848 MAR 18 1965 NDZ/ddv</p>		<p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p>7-576-1329</p> <p>MAR 21 1934 A M</p> <p>BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</p> <p>ROUTED TO: <i>one</i> FILE</p>	
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1. -Metal Package Corporation, New York City
2. LeComte and Company, Inc., Brooklyn, N.Y.
3. Manufacturers Can Company, Harrison, N.J.
4. George D. Ellis and Sons, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa.
5. Liberty Can and Sign Company, Lancaster, Pa.
6. New Can Company, Boston, Mass.
7. Los Angeles Can Company, Los Angeles, Cal.
8. Jansen-Ostertag Manufacturing Co., Cincinnati, O.
9. Enterprise Stamping Company, McKees Rocks, Pa.
10. A. B. Whittall Can Co., Ltd., Montreal, Canada
11. Thomas Davidson, Manufacturing Company, Montreal, Canada

Mr. Curtis also stated that there are a great many small concerns, particularly on the east coast, manufacturing these cans, but that their names are not known to him. He advised, however, that a complete list of every manufacturer of tin cans in the United States, from the largest manufacturer to the small tin shop which only produces cans during a few months of the year, can be obtained from Mr. A. A. Morse, Secretary, Can Manufacturers Industry, (Code Authority) 60 East 42nd Street, New York City. Mr. Curtis indicated that the records of the Can Manufacturers Industry will indicate which of the concerns produce five-gallon cans.

Mr. Curtis furnished the suggestion that an examination be made of the cans in question to determine whether they have a sanitary lacquered interior, as is required in the case of cans intended for acid liquids. He advised that there are comparatively few concerns manufacturing lacquered cans; that the lacquer may be colorless and that the proper way to determine whether or not the cans have been lacquered is to scrape or burn an inside section of one of these cans. He also indicated that the presence of gasoline in the cans would not have destroyed the lacquer.

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THE NEW YORK CITY OFFICE is requested to make appropriate inquiries at the Can Manufacturers Industry, 60 East 42nd Street, New York City. Photographs of the cans, received by this office from St. Paul, are being forwarded to New York. A copy of reference letter is also attached.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

TO

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

Mr. Nathan ()
Mr. Tolson ()
Mr. Clegg ()
Mr. Appel ()
Mr. Baughman ()
Mr. Coffey ()
Mr. Cowley ()
Mr. Edwards ()
Mr. Egan ()
Mr. Lester ()
Mr. Locke ()
Mr. Pennington ()
Mr. Quinn ()
Mr. Rorer ()
Inspector ()
Unit ()
Secretary ()

See me ()
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For Your Information ()
Note and Return ()
File ()

Remarks: *Here is a direct quotation*
from Hollis. Call Brantley
about this. We must find out
how things stand.
3/19/34 J. Z. H.

Memo to
Director
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HEIRESS, BABY PERILED BY KIDNAPERS

Police Guard Palatial Home on Receipt Of Threat

GREENWICH, Conn., March 16.
—(AP.)—The shadow of a kidnap plot lay today over the palatial home where Fredericks Fry, Del Guercio, \$8,000,000 heiress to the Timken roller bearing fortune, lives with her 2-year-old son, Eligio.

A special police guard was placed about the house last night as Chief of Police Patrick J. Flanagan said a note had been received, warning there was a plot to kidnap either Mrs. Del Guercio or her son, and to hold the victim for \$100,000 ransom. Flanagan said:

"I'm not in a position to talk about it."

U. S. AGENTS NOTIFIED

The Department of Justice was notified, the lawyer said, and the note was kept secret to permit the agents to work quietly on the case.

Mrs. Del Guercio is the adopted daughter of J. H. Fry, noted artist, who now is in Italy, and the late Mrs. J. H. Timken Fry. Her former husband, Eligio Del Guercio, is a lawyer in New York. They were divorced in July, 1933.

Their romance ended in an uncontested divorce action, brought by Fredericks on grounds of cruelty.

U. S. Agents Grill Five On Bremer Kidnaping

M'ALESTER, Okla., March 16.
—(INS.)—Department of Justice agents engaged in tracking down the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, today were questioning five of eight prisoners captured in a raid on a secluded Osage County farm house. Four were hunted out-laws.

Federal Investigator H. D. Hollis announced that the gang, three of whom were wanted for other crimes, had recently been associated with the suspected abductors of Bremer. With 12 other officers, Hollis brought the five suspects to the State Penitentiary here for safe keeping during the questioning.

Hollis disclosed that two men hunted for the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Bremer were not in the farm house when raiders surrounded the place yesterday. The pair sought, Hollis disclosed for the first time, are Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker, former Oklahoma state penitentiary convict.

Woman Surrenders In Kidnaping of Doctor

ST. LOUIS, March 16.—(AP.)—Velled in black crepe and visibly shaking, Mrs. Nellie Tipton Muench, comely wife of a St. Louis physician, came out of hiding and surrendered yesterday on an indictment charging the kidnaping of Dr. Isaac D. Kelley.

Several hundred persons, attracted by the expected appearance of the woman at the St. Louis County Courthouse, rushed to the door at her appearance, and ranged through the building while attorneys posted \$50,000 bond and arranged for her release.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

HHC:DSS

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 19, 1934.

MR. NATHAN	✓
MR. TOLSON	✓
MR. CLEGG	✓
MR. COWLEY	✓
MR. EDWARDS	✓
MR. EGAN	✓
MR. QUINN	✓
MR. LESTER	✓
MR. LOCKE	✓
MR. RORER	✓

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Sunday afternoon I telephoned Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley and read to him an article published under an International News Service date-line from McAlester, Oklahoma, quoting Special Agent Hollis as to the Barker-Karpis situation. Mr. Brantley stated that he had been with Hollis quite a bit for the last two or three days and Hollis had stated that the only newspaper man who had been in touch with him was Mr. Voight who had telephoned Hollis from Tulsa and Voight had inquired as to whether the primary purpose of the raid in Oklahoma was to locate the Bremer kidnapers and Mr. Hollis informed him that that was not the purpose of the raid. Mr. Brantley stated, however, that he would ascertain the facts relating to this situation.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

FILE NO. 7-82

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Ill.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/19/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/7-9/34	REPORT MADE BY: R. G. GILLESPIE
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; et al UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Constant Complaint File, Sears-Roebuck & Company, Mail Order Department, Chicago, Illinois, Store, checked for wall paper sales, with negative results. Map obtained showing regional set-up for Sears-Roebuck & Company mail order business. Names and addresses of employees, Becker & Ryan Department Store, who sold wall paper since September 1, 1930 secured; Used Sales Books from December 2, 1933 to January 15, 1934, Becker & Ryan Department Store checked for wall paper sales, with negative results. Additional sample of wall paper secured from United Paper Company. Arrangements made to secure list Sears-Roebuck & Company's mail order customers for any Post Office address when such may be desired.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. J. Metcalfe, Chicago, Illinois, dated March 9, 1934.

DETAILS:

At Chicago, Illinois

In an effort to trace the purchase of wall paper from Sears-Roebuck & Company, such as appeared on the wall of the room where Victim was held, Agent made the following investigation at Chicago, Illinois:

Through the courtesy of Mr. E. R. Dewar, Mail Order Department, Sears-Roebuck & Company, eighth floor Main Building Section "S", at 1017 South Hennan Avenue, Agent Welles and this Agent checked the Constant

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. H. Quinn</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-1331	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 21 1934
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Complaint File for Order No. 515. No order number appeared on these files corresponding to the order number of the wall paper sought to be traced. The Constant Complaint File is an alphabetical list of all undesirable customers, their addresses and the items purchased by such persons, indicated by the order numbers. This file has been kept since January, 1933 but contains information dating back several years.

Mr. Williamson, Manager of the Traffic Department, Sears-Roebuck & Co., Department 754, Room 415, Administration Building, stated the only way to get the regional set-up of Sears-Roebuck & Company's mail order business, is to consult a special map made up by them. Mr. Williamson accordingly had a map prepared and delivered to Agent, which was properly marked and placed in the file of this case. This map, which covers the entire United States, shows the Master Mail Order Stores that serve a given territory. The territory served by each store is bounded by red lines. This map is divided as to Postal Units, which enables one to determine in which county a given town is located. These Master Mail Order Stores also serve as a distributing store for the retail stores located in the region covered by the Master Store. Heavy shipments, which ordinarily would apply to wall paper, according to Mr. Williamson, are shipped direct from point of manufacture to the retail stores, but mail orders for wall paper would be shipped to customers from the appropriate Master Mail Order Store.

Mr. F. C. Finch, Employment Department, Sears-Roebuck & Co., basement floor, Administration Building, stated that the names and addresses of all employees, including officials who handled wall paper at the Becker & Ryan Department Store since September 1, 1930, were as follows:

G. Lesage, 712 W. Marquette Road,
Chicago, Illinois;
B. Goldsmith, 5501 W. 24th Street,
Cicero, Illinois.

After a lengthy search of his records, Mr. Finch was unable to advise if the above named persons were now employed by Sears-Roebuck and Company. Mr. Finch stated that the names and addresses of employees who have sold wall paper since September 1, 1930 in the Chicago retail stores, could be obtained from Mr. Koeh, Assistant to District Manager, at the Retail Store located on South State Street, in Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. C. F. Schenk, Comptroller's Office, Sears-Roebuck & Co., Room 121, Administration Building, stated that the used sales books for the Becker & Ryan Department Store, subsidiary of Sears-Roebuck & Company,

could be found at their retail store located at 79th Street and Kenwood Avenue; that the number of the Wall Paper Department is 55.

Miss Sears, Auditing Department, Sears-Roebuck & Company Retail Store, 79th and Kenwood Avenue, stated that she had the used sales books for Becker & Ryan Department Store from December 2, 1933 until the store closed on February 3, 1934, all others having been destroyed; that these books contained the customers' names and addresses and the order numbers of the items bought when the goods were delivered; that the name and address would not appear if the customer carried the goods from the store. Agent checked these sales books from December 2, 1933 to January 15, 1934 and found no order number corresponding to the number of the wall paper sought to be traced.

Agent called at the office of Mr. Hitchcock, of the United Paper Company, second floor, connected with Sears-Roebuck & Company buildings, and secured from him an additional sample of the wall paper, Order No. 515. This sample was properly marked for identification and placed in the file of this case at the Chicago Division Office.

In connection with obtaining a list of Sears-Roebuck & Company Mail Order customers for the State of Illinois, Mrs. H. A. Safford, Manager, Record Department, 215 Administration Building, and Mr. E. B. Conchot, Assistant Manager, Special Service, first floor, Main Building, jointly advised Agent as follows:-

That there are 600,000 mail order customers in Illinois; that their index of these customers is made up as to Post Office addresses and they have no idea how many customers are in the twenty-seven Northern Illinois counties; that this list of customers is revised each six months and no names appear therein unless such person has made a purchase within the past six months; that the only way to make such a list would be to have one of their employees run the stencil machine and that it would require ten days to make a list for Illinois, at a cost of about \$300.00 to the Division; that this list is their most highly prized secret and they would dislike to give out such a list; that only one copy of the list could be made; that Division employees could not do the work as they use these cards constantly and only one person can work on them at a time; that they would furnish gratis to the Chicago Division Office a list of their mail order customers for anyone or two towns, and stated a list for a town of 10,000 customers could be delivered in about four hours after request for same.

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Copies of this report are being sent to Detroit, Saint Louis and Cincinnati and Kansas City offices for their information only at this time.

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CHICAGO DIVISION OFFICE: At Chicago, Illinois:

Interview G. Lesage and B. Goldsmith as to sales of wall paper, exhibiting sample of No. 515. See page 2 for addresses.

See Mr. Koch, Assistant District Manager, Sears-Roebuck Co., Retail Store, located on South State Street, and secure from him a list of the employees of Chicago retail stores handling wall paper since September 1, 1930 and appropriately interview such persons.

Secure from the Sears-Roebuck & Company store at 79th and Kenwood Avenue, Chicago, used sales books for Department No. 53 and check for wall paper involved.

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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 19, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

Your attention is invited to the statements of Victim Edward George Bremer concerning the filling of the kidnapers' car with gasoline at Portage, Wisconsin, on the return trip. Bremer is of the impression that only two cans of gasoline were emptied into the tank of the car in which he was riding at what he terms the half-way point of the return journey. It is his opinion that one of these cans was on the floor in the rear of the car and another on the floor in the front.

In view of the above, it should not be overlooked that there is a possibility that only nine gallons of gasoline were put into the kidnapers' tank at Portage, Wisconsin, which if true would indicate that the hideout would possibly be not farther than 100 miles from Portage.

All agents working on this case in the vicinity of a 100-mile radius from Portage, Wisconsin, should bear the above in mind.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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480 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

March 15, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
803-A, U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
Edward George Bremer (Victim).
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent E.J.
Dowd, dated at Dallas, Texas, 3-7-34, in the above matter.

[REDACTED]

For the assistance of the Salt Lake City Office in
making investigation, [REDACTED] and it is requested that the Salt Lake City Office conduct
the appropriate investigation at Karval, Colorado, with a view
of locating HARRY CAMPBELL.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

March 15, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Suite 1, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
Edward George Bremer (Victim)
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent E.J.
Dowd, dated at Dallas, Texas, 3-7-34, in the above matter.

For the assistance of the Kansas City Office in mak-
ing investigation, information is furnished herewith,
and it is requested that the Kansas City Office conduct
the appropriate investigation at Lincoln, Nebraska, with a view
of locating HARRY CAMPBELL.

Very truly yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

There is attached hereto a suggested release for publicity purposes, containing information indicating that the identity of at least some of those who are responsible for the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer has been established.

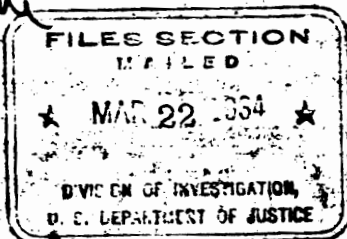
It is now believed to be advisable for the Division to issue Identification Orders for the individuals mentioned in this memorandum in order to more quickly effect their apprehension. The issuance of these Identification Orders to law enforcement agencies through-out the United States will obviously attract the attention of the press and result in publicity.

It is therefore felt that you might desire to issue a statement regarding this matter prior to the mailing out of the Division's Identification Orders. There are also attached hereto photographs of the individuals whose names are mentioned in the suggested release.

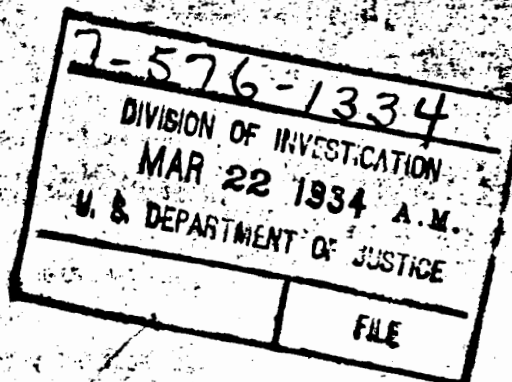
Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

On the morning of January 17, 1934, Mr. Edward G. Bremer was kidnaped in St. Paul, Minnesota shortly after he had delivered his daughter at a school which she attended and where he had driven her in his automobile that morning. Mr. Bremer is President of the Commercial State Bank of St. Paul, Minnesota and his family is a prominent one in that State.

Following the payment of \$200,000 ransom, Mr. Bremer was released by the kidnapers on February 7, 1934 in the vicinity of Rochester, Minnesota and he returned to his home during the night of the same day. As a result of investigation conducted by the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. Barker have been definitely connected with the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer.

Both Barker and Karpis are among the leaders of a notorious gang of criminals frequently referred to as the Barker-Karpis gang, who have operated extensively through-out the middle west. They both have lengthy criminal records and the identity of the members of their gang is likewise known. The Division of Investigation of this Department connected these individuals with the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer several weeks ago. However, it has been found unwise heretofore to issue any statement until certain investigations could be completed which were at that time under way.

An intensive investigation will be continued for the purpose of locating the individuals responsible for this offense. The descriptions and criminal records of Barker and Karpis are set forth as follows:

ARTHUR R. BARKER

Descriptions

Age	34
Height	5' 3-3/4"
Weight	119
Build	Short
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium

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Criminal Record:

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ALVIN KARPIS

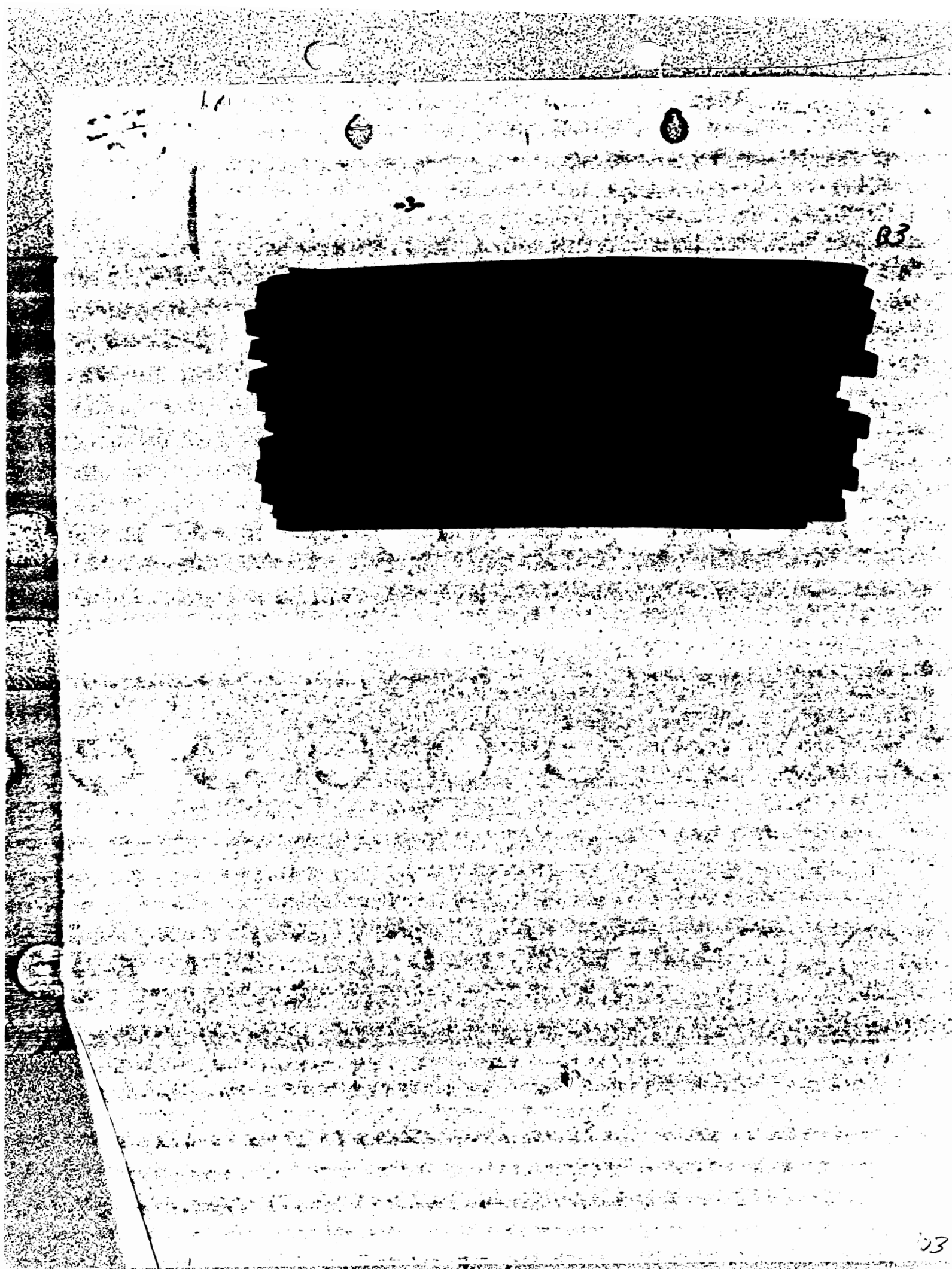
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Age	25
Height	5' 9-3/4"
Weight	130
Build	Slender
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair

Criminal Record:

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ENCLOSURE



ALVIN KARPIS
Age: 25
Height: 5' 8"
Weight: 150
Build: Slender
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Blue
Complexion: Fair



ARTHUR R. BARKER
Age: 34
Height: 5' 3"
Weight: 115
Build: Short
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Complexion: Medium

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March 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
MR. WILLIAM STANLEY

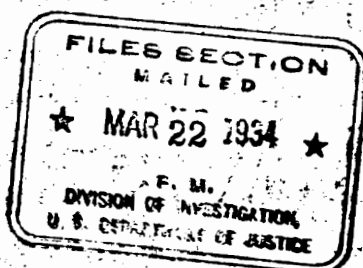
There is attached hereto a copy of a memorandum which I am today transmitting to the Attorney General, which is a suggested release concerning the identification of individuals involved in the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer, together with photographs of the parties named in this memorandum.

Very truly yours,

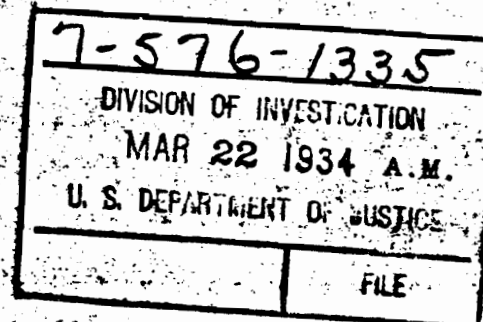
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GATES

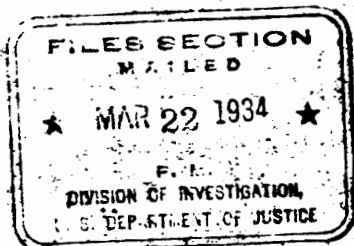
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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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P. O. Drawer 1487,
St. Louis, Missouri,
March 20, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al; Edward George Bremer, VICTIM; KIDNAPING.

With reference to the lead set forth in the report of Special Agent T. E. Billings, dated Chicago 3-13-34, I desire to advise that Special Agent G. B. Morris, of this office, ascertained from Walter Allen, Office Manager of the American Radiator Company, 1901 South 11th Street, Springfield, Illinois that his company has purchased only one pair of Cesco M & L Goggles; that this pair was purchased for the Boss Welder, Selbert Marshall, 1056 Patton Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, who is one of the companies most reliable employees and who has been continuously in the employ of the company since 1927; that during January and February, 1934, Mr. Marshall was employed in the American Radiator Plant at Springfield, Illinois during every working day and is now so employed. Mr. Allen stated that the Cesco Goggles were purchased for Mr. Marshall due to the fact that Mr. Marshall wears glasses and these goggles are made for the use of glasses whereas the other goggles used by the company employees are not made for the use of glasses. He stated that the other goggles used by company employees are purchased from the American Optical Company and are manufactured by this company. He stated that the company purchases all goggles used by its employees, and the American Optical Company lens are used in all of said goggles. He stated that he does not believe that the Cesco Goggles used by Mr. Marshall have been out of his possession since they were purchased by the company.

Mr. Marshall stated that he has had the one pair of Cesco Goggles in his possession since the American Radiator Company issued these goggles to him more than a year ago; that no other person has had possession of said goggles during that time; that he has been employed in Springfield, Illinois at the plant of the American Radiator Company continuously since 1927 and worked for this company using the above mentioned goggles every day during January and February, 1934. The Cesco Goggles in the possession of Mr. Marshall have a scratch over

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the vents and the elastic head band has been replaced with a new band. The center strap over the nose has a buckle on it. Otherwise these goggles are identical with those furnished by the Chicago Office.

With respect to the lead contained in the report of Special Agent M. B. Rhodes, dated Chicago, Illinois 8-2-34 in this same case, I desire to advise that the following individuals were contacted at E. St. Louis and Bellville, Illinois and vicinity in an effort to ascertain some information concerning the identity of the individual known as Big Homer. Each of the men mentioned below advised that they had no information relative to the identity of any individual known by such a name:

A. P. Lauman, Commissioner of Police, E. St. Louis, Illinois.
James Murphy, Acting Chief of Police, E. St. Louis, Illinois.
George Byrnes, Chief of Detectives, E. St. Louis, Illinois.
M. J. O'Hourke, Asst. Chief of Detectives, E. St. Louis, Ill.
John McHearney and Patrick Dalton, Detectives, E. St. Louis, Illinois.
Michael Doyle, Chief Deputy Sheriff St. Clair County, Illinois.
Dean Harris and Ed Hotz, Deputy Sheriffs St. Clair County, Ill.
Harry Odum, Deputy Sheriff Madison County, Granite City, Ill.
Ray Williamson, Sergeant of Police, Granite City, Illinois.

In reply to a letter addressed to the Secretary of State at Springfield, Illinois, this office has been advised that there is no record of registration of an automobile for either 1933 or 1934 under the name of David or A. B. Feinerman or David or A. B. Fineman of 835 Wrightwood Avenue or at Graceton Hotel, 4249 Draxel Blvd., Chicago, Illinois.

The remaining leads set out for this office are being given appropriate investigative attention at this time.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

St. Paul, Minnesota.

St. Paul File No. 7-50

REPORT MADE AT St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE 3-20-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/7 to 19/34	REPORT MADE BY J. G. Hall
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING.	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation fails to disclose residence of persons identified with KARPIS-BARKER mob at White Bear Lake, Minnesota. Numerous rumors checked and found unfounded. VIOLA CARROLL, TOMMY CARROLL'S wife, located in St. Paul; denies knowing whereabouts of TOMMY CARROLL. Investigation to locate where shell signs used on payoff car were made to date has produced no results but is being continued. Numerous cities in Wisconsin and Illinois checked for possible location of hideout.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. G. Hall dated 3-15-34 at St. Paul, Minnesota.			
DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by the several agents especially assigned to this case: DETAILS: Special Agent John E. Brennan secured a list of all the towns and cities in Wisconsin in which there had been a fire on January 28, 1934. Said list is being placed in the St. Paul file of this case. Special Agent V. W. Peterson, as result of circularization of fire marshals, etc., prepared a list showing all the towns and cities in the Kansas City office territory, the St. Paul office territory, the St. Louis office territory, and the Chicago office territory in which there were fires on January 28, 1934. This list is likewise being placed in the St. Paul file.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-596-1339	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 22 1934
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With further reference to the attempt to locate MURPHY and DAVIS who temporarily held Post Office boxes at White Bear Lake, Minnesota, and who disappeared under circumstances indicating a possible connection with this case, and who through the tracing of automobiles, appeared to be identified with the KARPIS-BARKER gang, Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry conducted the following investigation, after an analysis had been made of the telephone toll charges of the various known hoodlums in the Twin Cities:

St. Paul, Minnesota
March 14, 1934.

MEMO:

Re: BREKID

St. Paul File 7-50

Agent interviewed Mr. FRANK SWANSON of White Bear Lake, Minnesota, relative to his connection with the PATRICK NOVELTY COMPANY of St. Paul, Minnesota, and SWANSON informed Agent that he has been in the transfer business at White Bear Lake, for several years and at various times has hauled pianos and slotting machines for the PATRICK NOVELTY COMPANY. He also informed Agent that he did not know anyone by the name of E. L. MURRAY, J. C. MARTIN or E. V. DAVIS, these being the parties who rented the post office box at White Bear Lake, January 11, 1934. Out of a group of pictures, MR. SWANSON selected ED HENTZ and stated that he was positive that he had seen HENTZ but he did not recall the name under which he knew him or the place. He further informed Agent that during the months of December, 1933, January and February, 1934, he had moved only a few families in White Bear and that he was familiar with all the ones he had moved and were sure that none of them could have been DAVIS, MARTIN or MURRAY.

Agent also interviewed MR. PETERSON, who has received frequent calls from the PATRICK NOVELTY COMPANY, and he informed Agent that he has been in the employ of the PATRICK NOVELTY COMPANY for several years, but that at the present he is only working part time. He was not familiar with any party answering the descriptions or names of MURRAY, MARTIN or DAVIS.

Very truly yours,

S. L. Fortenberry,
Special Agent.

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3-Division
9-St. Paul

MEMORANDUM

St. Paul, Minnesota.
March 14, 1934.

Re: BREKID.

St. Paul file 7-30.

With reference to pages 25, 26 and 27 of the report of Special Agent O. G. Hall dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, 3-7-34, agent again interviewed EDWARD B. BELL alias EDWARD PALLAN, Woonsocket Hotel, in an effort to secure additional information relative to the individuals who placed 1933 Minnesota license plate B-327634 in the rear compartment of the Chevrolet Coupe furnished to WALTER MAGEE by the kidnapers to be used in the delivery of the ransom money. BELL indicated to agent the exact place where he placed his 1934 license plates after he removed them from his car in order to place his 1933 plates thereon. The exact spot was on the curbing between 209 East 16th Street and the Shell Service Station situated on the corner of 16th Street East and Third Avenue South. The curbing is in front of a small vacant lot.

In connection with the house located at 209 East 16th Street, it should be here stated that it is known as a hoodlum hangout which at one time was operated by one GLEE JORDAN. Bank robbers wanted in connection with the Northwestern National Bank robbery were arrested in this house.

Agent interviewed DEWEY GERLACH and HAROLD JULSUND, attendants, Shell Service Station, on the corner of East 16th Street and Third Avenue South, who advised that they did not see PALLAN remove his 1933 license plates and never noticed them on the curbing near the service station. GERLACH stated that an associate of GLEE JORDAN now lives at 209 East 16th Street but that her name is unknown to him; that he understands, however, that her husband is a Plymouth salesman and is employed at a Plymouth agency on Lake Street in Minneapolis. GERLACH stated that GLEE JORDAN is indebted to the service station for approximately \$8 and that he intends to interview her in the near future in order to obtain the \$8, if possible, to settle the account; that he will endeavor to secure from her some information relative to individuals who picked up the license plates owned by BELL alias PALLAN.

Detectives CHARLES WEATHEROW and CHARLES OLSON of the Minneapolis Police Department are also endeavoring to secure some information from their informants in the vicinity of the Woonsocket Hotel relative to the individuals who may have had possession of BELL'S license plates.

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3 - Division
9 - St. Paul

T. G. MELVIN,
Special Agent.

St. Paul, Minnesota.
March 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: BREKID.
St. Paul file 7-30.

On Tuesday, March 6, 1934, agent interviewed MR. H. H. HELMER, a day clerk at the Julian-Dubuque Hotel, Dubuque, Iowa. This interview relates to the memorandum of Special Agent R. L. Nalls dated January 23, 1934, wherein it is stated that an assistant manager of the Julian-Dubuque Hotel, Dubuque, Iowa, advised Agent Nalls on January 18, 1934, that the kidnaping of BREMER was nothing; that in about two weeks, something would happen which would make the BREMER kidnaping look small.

MR. HELMER advised he recalled making this statement to Special Agent Nalls and advised that what he meant was the case of ROSE MANHOFF, HENRY BANNON with aliases, et al, THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT, which did break about two weeks after the interview with Special Agent Nalls by HELMER. This case is St. Paul file No. 15-93 and involves the theft of approximately \$40,000 from interstate shipments moving on the lines of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific; the Chicago Burlington & Quincy; the Illinois Central; the Atchinson Topeka & Santa Fe; the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific; and the Chicago Great Western railroad.

T. G. MELVIN
Special Agent.

TGM:HVS
3 - Division
9 - St. Paul

ADDENDUM:

Regarding Agent Nalls's interview with the day clerk at the Julian-Dubuque Hotel, HELMER stated that numerous Special Agents of various railroads were staying at the Julian-Dubuque Hotel at the time of his conversation with Special Agent Nalls and that they advised him that the MANHOFF case was going to break soon.

T. G. MELVIN, Special Agent.

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 14, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: BREKID.

St. Paul file 7-30.

This memorandum relates to the memorandum of Special Agent E. H. Notesteen dated St. Paul, Minnesota, February 17, 1934, relative to the above entitled matter wherein it is related that two individuals, OSCAR and JOHN KAISER had occupied space in the Foshay Tower, Minneapolis, and according to one ARCHIE COUTRE, a barber in the Foshay Tower Barber Shop, were involved with gangsters and racketeers in Minneapolis.

Agent interviewed MR. C. C. DARNELL, Vice-President of the Foshay Building Corp., Foshay Tower, Minneapolis, Minnesota, who advised that JACK KAISER and OSCAR KAISER had entered into an agreement to lease suite 608 in the Foshay Tower in March, 1933, and had occupied the suite until about the first of March, 1934; that JACK KAISER and OSCAR KAISER are real estate operators and were engaged in promoting a subdivision known as Bachman's Estates on the outskirts of Minneapolis; that before leasing the space in the Foshay Tower to the KAISER brothers, who operated under the name of the First National Properties, Inc., he telegraphed the Badger State Bank, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, having ascertained that the KAISER brothers at one time operated in Milwaukee. He received a reply from A. E. FRANGKE, President of the Badger State Bank, who advised that JACK and OSCAR KAISER were real estate operators in Milwaukee for a number of years with a good sales ability and that he would consider them responsible tenants.

MR. DARNELL stated that he read in the paper several months ago that JACK and OSCAR KAISER had been indicted in connection with a real estate fraud the exact nature of which he stated he was not familiar with; that as far as he knows, this is the only difficulty that the KAISERS have encountered since they have been in Minneapolis.

At the office of the Hennepin County Attorney, Minneapolis, agent examined the file relative to JACK and OSCAR KAISER, which bears file No. 9496. This file reflects that JACK KAISER and OSCAR KAISER were indicted in the District Court for the Fourth Judicial District of Minnesota for grand larceny in the first degree. PETER E. SKWIERA and STELLA C. SKWIERA, 1514 Second Street Northeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota, had given \$300.00 to JACK and OSCAR KAISER with the understanding that it was to be returned to them on demand. Negotiations had been instituted for the purchase of a lot in Bachman's Estates; however, the final papers were not signed and the KAISERS converted the \$300.00 to their own use. They are now at liberty on \$3,000 bail.

The file in the office of the County Attorney reflects further that JACK KAISER and OSCAR KAISER were indicted at Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and a

letter reflects that a preliminary hearing on the matter was held on January 12, 1934, and the case adjourned for two weeks.

Agent interviewed [REDACTED]

JACK KAISER is 34 years of age and is married. OSCAR KAISER is 29 years of age and is married. Originally, both JACK and OSCAR KAISER were fruit peddlers in Milwaukee, at 702 Eighth Street, until they entered the employ of Lieber & Safir Company, which organization was engaged in a very intensive selling drive dealing in subdivisions, and its methods of business were subject to some unfavorable comment.

On January 7, 1930, they organized the Paramount Development Company and on June 18, 1932, a suit was instituted in Circuit Court for appointment of a receiver for the Paramount Development Company.

Relative to their activities in Minneapolis [REDACTED] the First National Properties, Inc., has acquired a tract of land near 80th Street and Lyndale Avenue South, just outside the city limits.

Agent also examined the Better Business Bureau's file on JACK and OSCAR KAISER, through the courtesy of MR. F. G. CRAMER, 405 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, who is Assistant Secretary of the Better Business Bureau of Minneapolis. Numerous complaints are on file against First National Properties, Inc., and the Acme Development Company, its successor, particularly in connection with their methods of doing business. Prospects apparently were subjected to an unusual amount of high pressure salesmanship, and the numerous statements reflect that prospects were of the opinion that they were almost hypnotized.

The file of the Better Business Bureau, Inc., also reflects that they embezzled approximately \$600 from an insurance salesman named FRED SELL, who sold life insurance policies to prospects, covering the amount of their payments to First National Properties, Inc., or the Acme Development Company. MR. CRAMER advised agent that he understood that the KAISER brothers are now operating in St. Paul from offices in the Minnesota Building.

Agent interviewed MR. E. D. CLAPP, a partner in the firm of Clapp-Thomassen Company, managers for the Minnesota Building, who stated that the KAISERS are situated in room 432 of the Minnesota Building and are doing business under the name of the Realty Owners, Inc. They are engaged in the promotion of a subdivision at North Dale Street and Larpenteur Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

MR. ORAMER was in receipt of a letter from the Better Business Bureau, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at the time of agent's call, this letter stating that JACK KAISER and OSCAR KAISER were tried on February 5, 1934, at Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on the fraud charge above referred to and were freed. This would indicate that JACK and OSCAR KAISER were in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, during the time that Victim BREMER was in the custody of his kidnapers.

At the Lowry Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota, agent interviewed MR. J. W. MOORE, the manager, who after referring to his records, advised that JACK and OSCAR KAISER occupy suite 916-18, for which they pay \$175.00 per month; that OSCAR KAISER checked in to the hotel on February 5, 1934, and that JACK KAISER checked in on December 23, 1933; that he is unable to advise relative to their absence as the suite is rented on a monthly basis.

T. G. MELVIN,
Special Agent.

TGM:HVS
5 - Division
9 - St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 25, 1934.

MEMORANDUM,

Re: BREKID.

St. Paul file 7-30.

This agent conducted investigation at the Euclid Hotel, which hotel is located on 5th and Wabasha Street, directly opposite the Commercial State Bank, which is operated by the victim in this case, the hotel also being directly opposite the bus station. For this reason and also because this hotel is known to be a hangout for questionable characters and those having police records, the register of this hotel was searched for possible leads. MR. L. A. JOHNSON, proprietor, advised on being shown a photograph of FRED BARKER, that this party had come to his hotel, he thought, some time about eight or ten months ago in company with one SIMON THEISS. SIMON THEISS at all times registered this man, not giving his name, merely registered as SIMON THEISS and party; that he is quite certain in his mind that FRED BARKER is the party whom THEISS had registered. He described this party whom he believed to be BARKER as 5 feet 6 inches to 5 feet 8 inches tall; that SIMON THEISS is employed somewhere in St. Paul as a baker, his exact location not being known to MR. JOHNSON.

Agent contacted various bakery shops throughout St. Paul and at 450 Jackson Avenue, the Brant Home Bakery, agent located SIMON THEISS, in company with Special Agent N. E. Marshall. THEISS was interviewed, he stating that about in 1919, he met a man at Rochester, Minnesota, known to him as RALPH HURD. This was a chance acquaintance. After living with HURD at Rochester for approximately six months, he left HURD and did not see him again for several years; that about eight months previous to the present date, he accidentally met HURD at Minneapolis, Minnesota, at which time HURD was broke and out of work; that he brought HURD to St. Paul, at which time he was residing off and on at the Euclid Hotel; that he registered HURD as SIMON THEISS and party, because of the fact that he had previously learned of a bad reputation which HURD bore; that he left HURD again about three or four months ago, HURD having secured a position, the location of which MR. THEISS stated he did not have knowledge.

The photographs of the suspects in this case were all exhibited to SIMON THEISS, he stating positively that none of them was the party known to him as RALPH HURD.

It was further ascertained through interview with MR. L. A. JOHNSON of the Euclid Hotel that VIOLA CARROLL, wife of TOMMY CARROLL, a well known criminal and possible participant in the instant matter, had at one time lived at the Euclid Hotel, which was several months ago, and on one occasion had attempted to commit suicide while a resident at this place. MR. JOHNSON further stated that after leaving the Euclid Hotel, VIOLA CARROLL had moved to the Astoria Hotel; that he believed she was quite ill and had been attended by some St. Paul physician.

At the Astoria Hotel, agent was advised by MR. SIDNEY NUSS that VIOLA CARROLL was well known to him and he identified a photograph of this woman; further, that VIOLA CARROLL had been desperately ill and had been confined at the Samaritan Hospital; that she was a well known narcotics addict, being a user of heroin.

Through the Samaritan Hospital, it was ascertained that VIOLA CARROLL had been released in November, 1933, as a narcotics addict and had been attended by DR. WALLINGA, whose office is located in the Hamm Building, St. Paul.

DR. WALLINGA, upon interview, advised that he had last heard of VIOLA CARROLL as having again gone back to the use of narcotics; that he believed DR. PLANKERS, with office in the Hamm Building, is now attending VIOLA CARROLL.

Through DR. PLANKERS, agent located VIOLA CARROLL where she is now operating as a prostitute at the Congress Hotel, 418 St. Peter Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. VIOLA CARROLL was interviewed by this agent and Special Agent J. E. Brennan. She advised that she last saw her husband, TOMMY CARROLL, about November, 1932; that in May or June, 1933, he was arrested in St. Paul, Minnesota, charged with a Post Office robbery, and at that time she attempted to see him at the County Jail in St. Paul; that CARROLL would not see her; that after this time, she had not the slightest idea where he has been, although she understood that he is now wanted for a murder in San Antonio, Texas.

VIOLA CARROLL denied that she knew any of the suspects in this case and claimed that she had never seen them before, upon viewing the photographs of these parties, further adding that all the associates that she had met of TOMMY CARROLL while living with him as his wife are now either dead or confined in penal institutions somewhere in the United States.

G. J. GROSS
Special Agent.

GJG:HVS
3 - Division
9 - St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 15, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR ROBER:

Re: BREKID
St. P. 7-30.

With reference to the investigation concerning the possible source of the two "SHELL SIGNS" which were placed, by the kidnapers, on the automobile used by WALTER MAGEE in the payoff, it may be noted that previous investigation at the SHELL OFFICES has developed that these signs are not legitimate, being smaller in size than those used by the SHELL COMPANY and, according to information furnished by SHELL OFFICERS, signs on automobiles bearing the SHELL insignia are placed on cars with a patent and paint process and are not constructed of sheet metal and bolted to the automobiles used by SHELL employees.

On March 8, 1934, Agent visited, first, the BEVERE COPPER COMPANY, 724 Metropolitan Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, this concern being the only mine representative in the Twin Cities. MR. E. SANDBERG, general manager, was interviewed and indicated, after an examination of the SHELL SIGNS in question, that the BEVERE COPPER COMPANY handles no copper through its company direct but is mine representative only and that for wholesalers, jobbers, or retailers, pertinent information might be obtained through the CHASE BRASS AND COPPER COMPANY of Minneapolis, Minnesota, or JANEY-SEMPLE-HILL WHOLESALE HARDWARE HOUSE also of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Relative to the construction of these SHELL SIGNS, MR. SANDBERG advised that same were made from 24 to 26 ounce copper plate which had been tinned (tin plated) on the side which was painted. Further, it appears from the statement of Mr. SANDBERG that the tinning process is quite expensive and more than doubles the cost of the original copper.

The CHASE BRASS AND COPPER COMPANY, 145 North 10th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was visited by Agent and MR. T. BAKER, general manager, interviewed. MR. BAKER advised that his concern was a jobber and wholesaler for copper, particularly copper plate; that they sold only to roofing contractors and manufacturers, particularly, the WATERS GENTER COMPANY, manufacturers of the "TOST MASTER" in Minneapolis. MR. BAKER was unable to give any information as to possible dealers in copper other than the JANEY-SEMPLE-HILL COMPANY of Minneapolis, and the FARWELL, OZMUN & KIRK COMPANY of St. Paul, Minnesota.

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At the JANNEY-SEMPLE-HILL COMPANY, MR. J. P. POTNER, metallurgical expert and manager of the metals division, advised that copper used in making the signs, which he examined, was 24 ounce copper, .035 thickness and was tin plated on one side. MR. POTNER further stated that this weight copper is not generally sold to the trade and that the JANNEY-SEMPLE-HILL COMPANY has never carried a 24 ounce tin plated copper; that the expense incident to the tin plating of such copper is approximately 5¢ per square inch; that this type of metal comes in sheets 36" x 96" and is used in the tin plated form only for the manufacture of containers for lactic acid; that tin plated copper is sometimes used for the base of washboilers but is not generally of more than 14 ounces in weight. Further, it appears, from the statement of MR. POTNER, that containers for milk are generally constructed out of tin plated copper; that garages, tin shops, and other concerns making up copper for general use do not use the tin plated product due to its expense.

MR. POTNER also indicated that, to the best of his knowledge, only the Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk Company of St. Paul, handled 24 ounce tin plated copper for the Twin City trade.

At the FARWELL, OZMUN, KIRK COMPANY, in St. Paul, Minnesota, MR. J. BURBANK, manager of the metals department, was visited and advised that they do not carry in stock a 24 ounce tin plated copper but did, on occasion, obtain same particularly for special order. MR. BURBANK reiterated the statements made by MR. POTNER relative to size, weight, and uses of this type of material and, at his suggestion, accompanied Agent to the FARWELL, OZMUN, KIRK COMPANY TIN SHOP in West St. Paul, where MR. GEORGE B. MARZOLF, manager of the tin shop was interviewed. MR. MARZOLF advised that he had been in the light metal construction business in St. Paul for the past 25 years and, on occasion, the FARWELL, OZMUN, KIRK COMPANY TIN SHOP had sold various types of copper to the tin shops of the Twin Cities; that, insofar as he could recall, tin plated copper had never been generally sold for any purpose; that, in the FARWELL, OZMUN, KIRK COMPANY TIN SHOP, containers for milk were sometimes constructed of this material but that there was no demand for it from the general trade.

At MR. MARZOLF'S suggestion, a MR. KETTLE, assistant manager of the tin shop, visited various tin shops in St. Paul, under the guise of being interested in the purchase of scrap copper. Upon MR. KETTLE'S return to FARWELL, OZMUN, KIRK COMPANY, he reported that the only concern in St. Paul, which had any tin plated copper in stock was the St. Paul Scrap Iron and Metal Company at 290 Alabama Street; that this concern was a junk yard and obtained some copper plate from time to time through unknown sources; that they had on hand several small pieces of tin plated copper which he believed was about 24 ounces in weight.

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MR. MARZOLF presented the following names of concerns which use copper and might be important to this investigation:

McPHILLIPS BROTHERS TIN SHOP, 422 South Wabasha Street, St. Paul;
MORIN ROOFING COMPANY, St. Paul;
J. C. STUHLMAN COMPANY, St. Paul;
BARNEY JUST, 103 East George Street, St. Paul.

Concerning the above establishments, MR. MARZOLF advised that they were all reputable concerns and did not engage in any doubtful work of any kind but might be contacted for information as to other concerns which handle copper.

The following names were presented by MR. MARZOLF and, according to his statement, are of doubtful character and, during prohibition, were engaged almost exclusively in the manufacture of steels:

RIVERVIEW SHEET METAL WORKS, 104 East State Street, St. Paul;
ABRAMOVICH BROTHERS, 594 Ashland, St. Paul;
JOE RESNIKOFF, 1200 Laurel Avenue, St. Paul.

Concerning the St. Paul Scrap Iron and Metal Company, at 290 Alabama Street, MR. MARZOLF advised that this establishment enjoys a doubtful reputation in the trade and, although it is only a junk yard, it is his opinion that they might have constructed the signs in question or disposed of copper to persons in the underworld.

This Agent, accompanied by Special Agents Hall, Marshall, and Wood, visited the RIVERVIEW SHEET METAL WORKS, at 104 State Street, and, after obtaining entrance through a rear door discovered that the building in question was being used for the ageing of bootleg liquor and that, apparently, the tin shop had not been in operation for some months. One small piece of approximately 16 ounce plated copper was found in the establishment and, according to MR. S. GOTTILIEB the owner, the only person in the tin shop premises no metal of any kind had been made up since early last fall. On the second floor of the establishment, at the above address, one, DAVE DIAMOND, was interviewed, it appearing that MR. DIAMOND resides with his family in a flat above the tin shop. MR. DIAMOND was on crutches and, according to the voluntary statement of his young son, had recently been "shot while climbing over a fence". MR. DIAMOND disclaimed any knowledge concerning the operation of the tin shop and stated positively that no work had been done in the shop since early last fall. Both DIAMOND and GOTTILIEB were very apprehensive because of the fact that the establishment was being run for the manufacture of bootleg liquor.

Information concerning the illegal liquor operations of GOTTILIEB and DIAMOND was forwarded by the St. Paul Division Office to the Alcoholic Beverage Unit for such steps as that organization might wish to take.

The above Agents proceeded to the St. Paul Scrap Iron and Metal Company at 290 Alabama, and found only a caretaker in charge and all of the store rooms locked. This caretaker advised that A.B. GOLDBERG was the proprietor and would be on the premises on the following Monday morning. The nature of Agents' visit was not disclosed to the caretaker. No copper of any kind, other than junk washboilers, was observed on the premises.

At the A. ABRAMOVICH HARDWARE STORE, 266 East Fairfield, Agents were unable to gain entrance.

This Agent, accompanied by Special Agents Marshall and Wood, again visited the St. Paul Scrap Iron and Metal Company on March 12, 1934, and interviewed MR. A.B. GOLDBERG and examined the entire stock in the yard and store rooms. A sheet of tin plated copper was found but it was noted that this copper was only about 18 ounces in weight and was not at all similar to that used in the SHELL SIGNS. MR. GOLDBERG advised that this copper had been purchased by him several months ago, together with junk copper, including copper wire and copper washboilers, and that same had been in the warehouse for many months. MR. GOLDBERG denied having sold any copper of any kind during the past several months. From the appearance of the stock, same being piled in the corner of the store room and covered with dust and dirt, it is believed that MR. GOLDBERG may have given accurate information in this connection. At the hardware store operated by A. ABRAMOVICH, 266 East Fairfield, the stock was examined and it was noted that no copper of any kind is carried and, according to MR. ABRAMOVICH, he had never sold copper in plate, sheet, or other form.

Agents then visited the JOHNSON TIN SHOP, at 700 Grand Avenue, this concern being contacted due to the fact that it is located in the immediate neighborhood in which two unknown persons resided and who have been the subject of considerable investigation in this case. The two persons, in question, until about the 17th of January, 1934, resided at 628 Grand Avenue in an apartment house and moved from that locality on or about the date on which the Victim in this matter was kidnaped. MR. AL JOHNSON, of the JOHNSON TIN SHOP, had in stock one sheet of 14 ounce tin copper which he had purchased from the FARWELL, OZMUN, KIRK COMPANY. This copper was being used by MR. JOHNSON for the manufacture of vaporizers. MR. JOHNSON stated positively that he had never made any signs of any kind or had cut copper into the form used in the SHELL SIGNS.

MR. BURBANK of FARWELL, OZMUN, KIRK COMPANY, called this Agent by telephone and advised that, after an examination of the records for sales in his office, he had ascertained that he had, in fact, sold one sheet of 24 ounce tin plated copper to MR. AL SCHLEH, a tinner located at Fifth and Rosabel Streets, St. Paul. MR. BURBANK further advised that this was the only 24 ounce tin plated copper sold by FARWELL, OZMUN, KIRK COMPANY since the first of the year; that MR. SCHLEH enjoys an excellent reputation in the trade and would be in a position to give accurate and legitimate information concerning the use of this copper.

MR. BURBANK further stated that the CODY SIGN SHOP on East Webasha Street was an establishment of doubtful reputation and might have done the work in question.

Agents proceeded to the location of the CODY SIGN SHOP and found that same had been closed and was not now in operation. Further contact with MR. BURBANK and MR. MARZOLF of FARWELL, OZMUN, KIRK COMPANY, developed that investigation made by them indicated that MR. CODY, the operator of this sign shop, was deceased and the shop had been closed since last July.

MR. AL SCHLEH was interviewed at his tin shop on the corner of Fifth and Rosabel Streets and exhibited to Agent a small piece of tin plated copper in 24 ounce weight which alone remained of the 36" x 96" sheet which he had purchased on January 5, 1934 from FARWELL, OZMUN, KIRK COMPANY. MR. SCHLEH was engaged in the manufacture of humidifiers for oil burning equipment and showed Agents where the copper had been used in these machines. MR. SCHLEH was apparently straightforward in his answer and, after an examination of the signs in question, stated positively that these signs had been made with tin shears of the straight knife type. To demonstrate his point, MR. SCHLEH cut a piece of copper on "Unishear Little Midget Power Cutter" and showed that, if the signs in question had been made by any mechanical device other than shears, same would not have carried the shear marks at the curves in the design. MR. SCHLEH stated positively that he had never made any article of the kind and had never, until recently, used tin plated copper.

The above Agents, as stated, proceeded to the W. J. HAAS AND SON TIN SHOP, 162 South Webasha, and at this establishment, which is next to FARWELL, OZMUN, KIRK COMPANY in size, large quantities of 24 ounce tin plated copper were observed. MR. WILLIAM HAAS, the proprietor, accompanied Agents throughout the building and assembled all employees who disclaimed any knowledge concerning the construction of the signs in question. MR. HAAS appeared very willing to cooperate and advised that he was positive the signs were not constructed either in his plant or by persons in his employ due to the fact that a careful check was made of the amount of copper in stock and that same was used in the large sheets for the construction of containers for milk, or lactic acid. MR. HAAS further indicated, after careful examination of the signs, that same were cut with hand shears and not by die or power machine.

This Agent made the following investigation and interviewed, first, the PEGLOW SIGN COMPANY at 1058 University Avenue. MR. A. PEGLOW, proprietor, advised that he had never made any sign on a copper base. He escorted Agent through the shop and no copper of any kind was observed. After an examination of the SHELL SIGN, MR. PEGLOW stated that, in his opinion, this sign was not made by a regular sign painter due to the fact that the lettering and finishing did not reflect the work of a professional.

At the SCHULTZ-HAGLUND COMPANY, a tin shop, MR. HAGLUND was interviewed and advised that he had never used copper, particularly tin plated copper in his establishment and maintained no paint shop; that the signs in question had not been constructed by his concern.

The RESTAURANT CHINA COMPANY, West 7th Street, near seven corners, was visited by this Agent together with Agents Marshall and Wood, this concern dealing in equipment for restaurants and hotels and also maintaining a tin shop. MR. D. E. BODINE, manager of the tin shop, was interviewed. He advised that in this establishment he had used no copper for many months and had carried none in stock; that the signs in question were not made up by that concern.

The UNIVERSAL SIGN COMPANY at Aurora and Dale, whose name was suggested by MR. W. J. HAMS as being a doubtful establishment was visited and MR. I. BUCKHOLZ, manager, was interviewed. No copper was observed on the premises and MR. BUCKHOLZ stated positively that he had never made any signs of any kind on a copper base.

At the SUPERIOR PRODUCTS COMPANY, 511 Chestnut Street, Agents ascertained that this concern was engaged in the manufacture of milk cans only and used no copper. A tour was made of the factory and no copper was observed.

At the STAPLE ROOFING COMPANY, on East 7th Street, MR. A. ANDERSON was interviewed and advised that in the construction of a conduit and drain work he used only sheet iron and carried no copper of any kind in stock and had used none for some years.

The following investigation was made by this Agent alone;

At the VENNIE BROTHERS GARAGE, 171 West University Avenue, RAY VENNIE, the proprietor, was interviewed and stated positively that he had not made the SHELL SIGNS in question. No copper or sheet metal of any kind was observed in his garage.

At the EMERSON GARAGE, 183 West University, MR. H. EMERSON was interviewed and stated that the signs had not been made up by his establishment and that he had not carried copper or copper plate in any form and did not use such material in the operation of his garage.

At the G. & L. GARAGE, 216 University Avenue, MR. F. J. GOLDSCHMIDT was interviewed and advised that the SHELL SIGNS could not have been made at his establishment and that he had never carried any copper, either plain or plated, in the garage. Examination of the garage by Agent reflected only the usual tool bench, crane jack, and other customary equipment.

At TONY AND JACK'S BODY SHOP, 234 University, TONY LEFEVER was interviewed and stated that the signs in question had not been made up in his shop and that he had never had occasion to use copper or copper plate in his business; that the only articles of copper used by the garage were the copper gaskets which are purchased from automobile wholesale concerns.

The above investigation on University Avenue was made for the purpose of eliminating all garages, sign shops, and tin shops in this locality, it being borne in mind that the payoff car, when placed for use by WALTER MAGEE, was left at 969 University Avenue. In none of the establishments visited by Agent was the nature of the investigation made known, all persons contacted being first asked if they made signs on copper, or used copper on tin in their business.

The following investigation was made by this Agent, together with Special Agent Nicholson:

At FARWELL, OZMUN, KIRK AND COMPANY, wholesale hardware, MR. BURBANK and MR. MARZOLF were again contacted, particularly with the idea of obtaining some information concerning the paint used on the signs. MR. BURBANK was of the opinion that pertinent information might be obtained through CHARLIE ROSSEBO, a sign painter on 6th Street, near ROSABEL. MR. BURBANK advised that the ROSSEBO establishment had an excellent reputation and had been in the business for a long time; that MR. ROSSEBO might possibly be able to tell from an examination of the sign what painter had painted it. Concerning the paint used, MR. BURBANK advised that it was a usual sign paint, had no gloss, and was carried extensively in sign painting shops and could be purchased anywhere where paints of any kind were stocked.

At the ROSSEBO SIGN SHOP, 286 East 6th Street, CHARLIE ROSSEBO was interviewed and advised that the SHELL SIGN was not made by a sign painter; that the paint used was regular sign painting paint; that the yellow or the orange colored base was what is known as chrome yellow, medium. Agents were further advised that, due to the construction of the letters forming the word, "SHELL", this sign was not made by a regular sign painter; that regardless of the necessity for speed, no sign painter ever finished a letter, particularly at the base and top, "in such a sloppy manner". It is noted in this connection that the letters "h" and "l" on the sign apparently indicate the work of an amateur who, however, had available a dagger point brush and painter's equipment. Agents were further advised that if the sign had been painted by any legitimate sign painter in St. Paul, MR. ROSSEBO, through his experience and knowledge of the lettering employed by other concerns, was in a position to state positively who had made same.

Again returning to the University district, with the idea of completing all garages, tin shops, and paint shops in the in the west area, Agent NICHOLSON and this Agent visited the Wall paper and Paint shop at

307 West University. F.H. BOLDT advised that the sign paints used on the SHELL SIGN were not carried in stock in this store and had never been sold.

At the FRED NELSON ROOFING AND PAINT SHOP, 335 University, FRED NELSON was contacted and advised that he had never used paint similar to that employed in the painting of the signs and had made no signs on copper.

At the CAPITOL WELDING and MANUFACTURING COMPANY, 381 University Avenue, Agents were advised that no work was ever done by this establishment on copper.

At the PHILLIPS PAINT SHOP, 386 Rice Street, MR. PHILLIPS indicated that no signs were ever painted by this establishment, their work being entirely the refinishing of automobiles. No copper was carried in stock, according to MR. PHILLIPS' statement, and none was observed.

At the EAGLE AUTO PAINTING COMPANY, 750 Selby, MR. P.J. KERRIGAN advised that no work was done on signs, no copper was carried in stock, and none was observed.

At the HANSON AUTO PAINTING COMPANY, 1083 University Avenue, MR. H.P. HANSON indicated to Agents that no signs were ever painted by this establishment.

At the LATOFF AUTO PAINTING COMPANY, 889 University Avenue, Agents were advised that no signs were made and no paint of the type used and no copper was ever carried in stock and none was observed.

At the BARRY CHEVROLET COMPANY, paint shop, 35 South Victoria, Agents were advised that this establishment paints only automobiles and does not do sign work of any kind.

At the WESTLUND AUTO PAINTING COMPANY, 93 East Annapolis, Agents were advised that this concern paints only automobiles and does no sign work.

At the EAST SIDE AUTO PAINTING SHOP, 782 East Jenks, Agents were advised that no sign work was done and no copper used or carried in stock.

At the PEARL BROTHERS GARAGE, corner of Gomo and Maryland, MR. JOE PEARL stated that no sign painting was done in this establishment. This concern was previously visited by Agents in connection with filmolenses and a thorough examination made of the premises at which time no copper or sheet metal was observed.

In connection with all of the above concerns, examination of the premises and apparent employment of those found on the premises would indicate that the signs could not have been painted in those establishments. At the various automobile painting shops, Agents were advised that the paints used on the SHELL SIGN were not such as would be generally in use at an automobile painting concern in that they would not be suitable for flat work and carried no gloss for a finish.

This Agent, together with Agent Nicholson, proceeded to White Bear, Minnesota, it being borne in mind that a Post Office Box had been rented by E.V. DAVIS, who has subsequently been identified as VOLNEY DAVIS, at that place.

PETER'S GARAGE, at White Bear, was visited and Agents were advised that no sign work was ever done by this establishment; that the only sign painters in White Bear were WILLIAM LUDTKE and J.O. MICHAUD.

MR. WILLIAM LUDTKE was contacted at his home in White Bear and the signs exhibited to him and he stated positively that same had not been made by a regular sign painter and were not made by MR. MICHAUD or himself.

MR. MICHAUD was not located for interview.

On March 14, 1934, the following concerns were visited by Special Agent Woods:

BAKO PROCESS, 240 West 5th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

C.H. JOHNSON was shown sample of shell sign and stated that he never does that kind of painting and did not paint any shell signs. Johnson is the painter at the above address.

MAHLE AUTO BODY, 570 East 8th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Adolph Palms, painter at the above address advised that he did not paint the particular shell sign; that he has never done that kind of work, his particular job being painting auto bodies.

MITCHELL & HECK CO., 205 West 5th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

F.L. Schofield and A.J. Sorensen, painters at the above address advised after seeing the painted shell sign that they did not paint it and that their work is chiefly confined to auto body painting although they have done occasional small jobs of sign painting.

ST. PAUL AUTO PARTS, 479 South Wabasha Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Carl John, painter, advised that he did not paint any shell signs, and could not identify the one exhibited to him as having been painted by anyone he was acquainted with.

It would appear, from facts developed to date in connection with this investigation that the material used in the SHELL SIGNS was scrap rather than new copper, due to the fact that the copper in the sign is very much discolored and, according to expert information furnished to this Agent, the oxidation of the copper would not have taken place to the extent present in these signs in fewer than several months' time. Apparently the copper used in the sign was a piece of scrap copper salvaged from some equipment in previous use and was not purchased new. It further appears that there are several hundred sign painters in St. Paul, of various degrees of expertness, who are now out of work and maintaining no shops.

Further investigation is being made in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

RNN:TO

E. N. Notesteen, Special Agent.

St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 18, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: BREMER.
St. Paul file 7-30.

Continuation of investigation at Edgerton, Wisconsin.

On March 10, 1934, this agent submitted a memorandum showing that at Edgerton, Wisconsin, it was found that the local fire siren was blown three blasts on Sunday morning at 9:03 a.m., January 28, 1934; that the local town whistle located on the waterworks building blows its whistle at 7 and 8:00 a.m., and that this whistle has a tone which might be confused as a siren; that the town of Edgerton is located near Lake Koshkonong where a great deal of fishing through the ice has taken place this winter and where game wardens reported difficulty with persons using too many lines in such fishing; where the local town siren blows at six o'clock in the evening, and where a German Lutheran church is located which rings its bell at sundown. At a local drygoods store it was found that an Arrow shirt of the exact style, description, and material as furnished the victim could be purchased.

Special Agent H. E. Reinecke and this agent proceeded to a point four miles north of Edgerton, Wisconsin, on Lake Koshkonong at 7:30 in the morning where it was found that the before referred to town steam whistle could be heard only faintly from this distance, thus possibly eliminating homes located on the lake.

M. J. JALSBERG, clerk, Anderson & Farman Company, clothiers, was again interviewed and he stated a size 15 1/2, sleeve length 33, Arrow shirt of the exact texture and description as the shirt furnished MR. BREMER was in stock at his store during January, 1934. Agent was shown a sock similar to the sock furnished MR. BREMER by the kidnapers and upon close examination it was found to be manufactured by the Forest City Knitting Company, Rockford, Illinois, and of a little different design and color than the socks furnished MR. BREMER.

Reverend J. C. Spillman, Pastor of the German Lutheran church, located at Edgerton, was interviewed and he stated that the bell of his church was rung at approximately 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 27, 1934, in accordance with the regular custom to ring the bell at sundown. He also stated that he has noticed that a Northwest Airways plane generally passes either over or near Edgerton at approximately 5:30 p.m., going north.

Agent learned that DR. F. C. MEYERS, a dentist, was a reliable citizen and interested in law enforcement. DR. MEYERS was contacted and he accompanied agent to various houses situated on Lake Koshkonong where persons of questionable character reside. These houses were all eliminated because of their structure, lack of the modern conveniences which are said to be in the hideout, and distance from the town of Edgerton.

One place, which appeared to have some of the elements necessary, was entered and examined. It was the home of FRED BRODECK. This home was found to lack the toilet facilities in the basement and otherwise did not answer the requirements of the hideout.

The home of CHARLES BROWN, located 3/4 mile from the town of Edgerton, was also examined under pretext that agent

The inside of this house in no way answers the description given by MR. BREMER for the inside of the hideout.

Several of the houses located in or near Edgerton were eliminated by DR. MEYERS, who had examined the inside of these homes on other occasions.

Information was obtained that the home of ELVIN AMUNDSON, 810 Stoughton Road, answered the description of the place for which agent was searching. This home was entered and examined by agent under the pretext that

The basement was found to have three rooms, one of them being a bathroom, a kitchen, and a furnace room. However, none of the rooms were papered and lacked toilet facilities. The AMUNDSONS are considered reliable people.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. H. Reinecke:

Special Agent H. H. Reinecke contacted the only stores in Edgerton handling wallpaper. These stores do not carry Sears, Roebuck & Co. samples and they stated they were certain local wallpaper hangers did not carry such samples but that wallpaper from such a company would either be purchased at a company store, wherever there might be one, or by mail order.

Agent Reinecke secured the names of all local paper hangers (CHARLES SWIFT, WILL MAVES, ARCHIE DAVIS, FRED CLARK and EARNEST KAUFMAN) and interviewed them. None carry Sears, Roebuck & Co. samples. Some have not hung any wallpaper purchased from this company. Others had had a few jobs where the home owner had so purchased his wallpaper, but none of these recognized the specimen agent displayed to them.

Agent Reinecke interviewed ALBERT C. SCHUMACHER, Edgerton, Wisconsin, who reads all water meters in all homes having city water within the city limits. These meters are all in the basements and he has therefore had access to practically every cellar in the town. He stated that the only basement such as this agent described to him might be found in the home of ELVIN AMUNDSON, 210 Stoughton Road, and in the apartment building of DR. MEYER, a dentist. MR. AMUNDSON is a local cement contractor of good repute. He has a kitchen, dining room, and toilet in his basement. Also a garage. The toilet watercloset is of porcelain. There are some steps on the outside into the basement. Inquiry disclosed MR. AMUNDSON has constantly lived in this house and that no strangers or persons of questionable character have been therein. This basement has a hot water furnace, the walls are painted and not papered, according to SCHUMACHER, and he is certain there are no bedrooms.

DR. MEYER is a dentist of unquestionable integrity. Besides, according to SCHUMACHER, there is only a small basement apartment in DR. MEYER'S building, which is occupied by the building janitor.

No further investigation was conducted at Edgerton, Wisconsin, in view of the above.

R. D. BROWN,
Special Agent.

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