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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG
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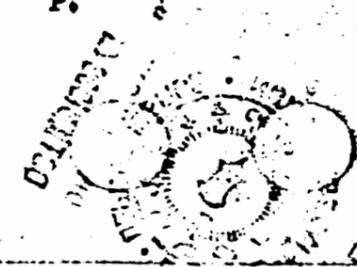
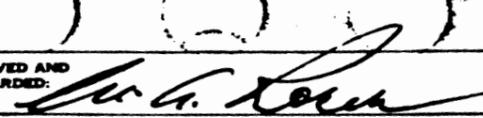
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI**

FILE NO. **7-27**

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| REPORT MADE AT: Salt Lake City, Utah | DATE WHEN MADE: 10-8-36 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10-3-36 | REPORT MADE BY: W. A. RORER MC |
| TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. 1232; et al. EDWARD BREMER - Victim. | | CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT. | |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Stop notices in Utah and Nevada on Ford Coupe, Motor 18-1615253, removed. | | | |
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| REFERENCE: Circular letter from Cleveland Office September 29, 1936. | | | |
| DETAILS: Upon receipt of reference letter the Motor Vehicle Registration Bur- eaus in Utah and Nevada, and the National Automobile Theft Bureau, Salt Lake City, Utah, were requested to remove stop notices on Ford V-8 Coupe, Motor 18-1615253. | | | |
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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

October 10, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: BUMKID

This will confirm telephone conversation of October 10, 1936, between Special Agent S. K. McKee at Cleveland, Ohio, and Special Agent A. H. Johnson of the Chicago office in which certain investigation was requested concerning Benson Groves, with aliases, who has been identified as the fifth participant in the Garrettsville mail robbery, and who is a potential subject in the harboring investigation now being conducted in this district.

Groves is known to have used the following aliases: Benjamin Grayson, "Soup" Groves, George Wilson, Burne Corby, Benjamin Greyson. He was received at the Atlanta Penitentiary on July 10, 1931, to serve two concurrent sentences of five years each for post office robberies, and was transferred to Lewisburg Penitentiary on December 10, 1932. His sentence expired March 27, 1935. While confined at the Atlanta Penitentiary he wrote to a sister, Mrs. Ida Fryar, 6632 Jackson Avenue, Hammond, Indiana, and also to the Postmaster at Hammond, Indiana. This sister was the only relative listed by the prisoner. Atlanta Penitentiary photograph #38605 of this individual is being transmitted herewith for your use in this investigation. The following descriptive data as to him was furnished by the penitentiary authorities:

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| Born | 7/25/80 in West Virginia |
| Height | 5'6 1/2" |
| Weight | 171 pounds |
| Eyes | Blue |
| Complexion | Florida |
| Hair | Brown |
| Build | Medium stout |
| Residence | Toledo, Ohio |
| Scars | Tattoo right forearm, "B.C." and "B.C." on shield; left forearm girl's initials, "sailer boy and others"; oblique scar 1/2" long above right corner of mouth. |

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Occupation - Salesman
Education - Seventh grade
habits - Tobacco and liquor
Religion - Methodist
Parents - Dead

Fingerprint Classification:

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As requested telephonically it is desired that interview be had with the Postmaster at Hammond, Indiana, for such information as he may be able to furnish regarding Benson Groves. It is also desired that discreet inquiry be made in the vicinity of the sister's home to learn if the brother is residing there, or is known to the neighbors. The matter of an interview with the sister should depend upon the results of inquiries conducted as to her character, reputation, and closeness to her brother.

In conducting this investigation it should be borne in mind that Benson Groves is being sought by the postal authorities for participation in the mail robbery in question, along with Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter, John Brock, and Harry Campbell. At the present time there is no process outstanding as to him in connection with the harboring of any subjects in this case, but it is highly desirable that he be located for interview. In the event he is located and the circumstances permit it is suggested that telephonic communication be had with Inspector E. J. Connelley prior to contacting him.

This investigation should be given expeditious attention in line with reference telephone conversation.

Very truly yours,

SM/ELB
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- Cincinnati

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

607 U. S. Court House
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New York, N. Y.

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October 10, 1936.

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.~~

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

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:-

As indicated in my prior teletype of October 8, 1936 from Cleveland, Ohio, eight agents were taken off the special assignment at Cleveland and Toledo, as to the Brekid inquiry, and they were released for return to their respective headquarters. This leaves Agents McKee, Kitchen, Noonan and Medala to continue the necessary work as to this at Cleveland, Ohio. Special Agents Sullivan and Wynn are preparing reports in the various matters preparatory to the contemplated prosecution in these cases, and will thereafter cover the balance of the leads at Toledo, Ohio, together with other agents presently assigned; namely, Dickstein, Norstrom, Dill and Murphy.

It is expected that we will be able to bring the general situation to an early conclusion at Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, and as indicated previously, I expect to return to Cleveland, Ohio, Sunday night, in order to try to direct the inquiry there into definite, conclusive channels to terminate the possibilities as to obtaining any tangible evidence. Clayton Hall has recently indicated certain information, he being the confidential informant who assisted in the search for Karpis and Campbell, that he overheard certain conversation between Karpis and Hunter, which would indicate that possibly Arthur Hebebrand may have financed to the extent of \$4,000. the mail truck robbery at Warren, Ohio, in April 1935; that also Sharkey Gorman, doorman at the Harvard Club, gambling place of Hebebrand and Patton, may have had something to do with bringing together the various parties responsible for this particular job; namely, Karpis and Campbell and Joe Rich. This is the job for which the Post-Office Inspectors have convicted two subjects; namely, George Sargent and Tony Labrizetto, each of whom is under twenty-five year sentence at the present time, and of course, are not the subjects responsible for the offense.

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Director

October 10, 1936.

In recent conferences of Special Agent in Charge MacFarland and Special Agent McKee with U. S. Attorney Freed at Toledo, Ohio, in the Ardell Quinn, White Slave Traffic Act violation, he has indicated a very willing desire to cooperate with us, particularly in any harboring charges which might be possible in the Karpis - Campbell situation, he indicating that he knows from the witnesses in the Garrettsville, Ohio train robbery that there are undoubtedly numerous possibilities as to harboring charges. Mr. Freed has indicated that John Brock, one of the principal subjects in the Garrettsville train robbery, will be a witness, as will also the Zetzer brothers, who furnished the plane and the hideout for the opening of the mail sacks in this case, the plane being used for the trip of Karpis, Hunter and Brock from Port Clinton, Ohio to Hot Springs, Ark. They will undoubtedly be in a position to furnish considerable information as to the harboring charges, based upon what it is expected they will testify as to in the Garrettsville train robbery. The U. S. Attorney has indicated that he would like to be in position to know just what he should do with reference to these witnesses, particularly as to obligating them to testify in both cases, if and when they testify, or agree to do so. With the above idea in mind, he has indicated that he desires us to interview John Brock, whom the Post-Office Inspectors have previously, in substance, refused to allow us to interview, although we have not particularly been insistent as to this, for diplomatic reasons. U. S. Attorney Freed has agreed to make Brock available to us in his office for interview, which interview, he insists, is at his request, and we will plan to interview Brock at that time, as it is very possible he will be able to give us considerable information which will assist in the harboring charge and might be sufficient to connect up the harboring charges as to 1934, 1935, and 1936, which would, of course, simplify the prosecutions as to Hebebrand and Patton. Joe Zetzer undoubtedly, if he is to appear as a witness, can give us very definite information which is highly essential in order to connect up Joe Roscoe with the harboring charges. The U. S. Attorney has indicated that he believes we should also interview the two Zetzer brothers for this reason, they apparently having made complete statements as to their participation in the Garrettsville train robbery, which consisted of furnishing the subjects with a hideout the night of the train robbery at which time they rifled the mail sacks and burned up these sacks in their home, and in the presence of the two Zetzer brothers.

Director

October 10, 1936.

I will be at Cleveland on Monday when interview is had with John Brock, and at that time will make the necessary arrangements as to whether we are to interview the two Zetser brothers, we previously having interviewed and held for sometime in Cleveland Joe Zetser. It is possible that Brock might be able to furnish us the information we lack as to showing Sheriff O'Reilly actually knew who Harry Campbell was.

It is believed that if the U. S. Attorney is honest and willing in his efforts, and capable of handling the prosecution, that he could produce better results in the district than some man from outside who might be appointed as a special prosecutor, and during the coming week when I have had opportunity to contact with and size up the situation as to Mr. Freed, and his possible interest or motives behind his recent request to us, I will communicate with you personally by telephone as to just what we should do as to going into the situation with Mr. Freed, rather than considering the possibilities of a special prosecutor. In the meantime we will, of course, diplomatically handle the situation as concerns Mr. Freed, in order that we will not be obligated in any way to him, should contrary action be necessary and desirable.

As has been indicated in ^{our} correspondence from Cleveland, the fifth subject in the Garrettsville train robbery has been identified, and has been known to the Post-Office Inspectors at least since August 26, 1936, when they placed a stop against him with the Cleveland Police Department, and we are assembling the necessary information in order that if by any chance we should come upon information which would give us his location, we will cause his apprehension, inasmuch as he will also be one of the possible subjects in the harboring cases as to Karpis and Campbell.

Very truly yours,


E. J. CONNELLEY,
Inspector.

cc - Cincinnati
cc - Chicago
cc - Cleveland

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

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| REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Ill. | DATE WHEN MADE 10/10/36 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/8/36 | REPORT MADE BY ARTHUR C. RUTZEN ACR:LM |
| TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM. | | | CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT. |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>CAPTAIN GEORGE C. CHAMBERS interviewed minutely relative to Casino Club, Toledo, Ohio. Claims he only knew CHARLES BECKER, former bartender at Club, and BERT and TED ANGUS, alleged owners of Club. Never personally knew CAPTAIN GEORGE TIMINNEY, and had no information relative to him. Pictures of BARKER-KARPIS mob shown to CAPTAIN CHAMBERS and he only recognized picture of BERT ANGUS. CAPTAIN CHAMBERS could give no pertinent information relative to activities at Casino Club.</p> </div> | | | |
| <p>DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:</p> <p>This investigation is predicated upon a telephone call made by Special Agent Wynn of the Cleveland Bureau Office to the Chicago Bureau Office on October 7, 1936, during which he made reference to the report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated June 23, 1936, Page 13, which mentions the name GEORGE C. CHAMBERS.</p> <p>Mr. Wynn stated that in 1934 CHAMBERS was the keeper in charge of several steamships of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company, stationed at Bayview, Ohio, which is a short distance out of Toledo, Ohio; that undoubtedly CHAMBERS visited the Casino Club at Toledo, Ohio, frequently during the year 1934; that CHAMBERS is presently the Captain of the steamship Cornell, which is scheduled</p> | | | |
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to dock at 8 A.M. on October 8, 1936, at the pier of the Carnegie Illinois Steel Company, South Chicago, Illinois.

Agent Wynn requested that MR. CHAMBERS be minutely interviewed regarding the activities during the year 1934 at the Casino Club and particularly whether he can furnish information tending to show the association of CAPTAIN GEORGE TIMINNEY with any members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang. Agent Wynn suggested that the pictures of all members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang be exhibited to MR. CHAMBERS, as well as the pictures of BERT and TED ANGUS, who were the operators of the Casino Club.

Mr. Wynn stated further that they were interested in getting complete, detailed information from MR. CHAMBERS regarding the activities of the Casino Club, and the various associations of the members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang.

CAPTAIN GEORGE C. CHAMBERS was interviewed aboard the S. S. Cornell at the south pier of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Company, Chicago, and he advised that he had formerly frequented the Casino Club in Toledo, Ohio, as often as once a week, during the years 1933 and 1934; that at that time he was the keeper in charge of several steamships of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company stationed at Bayview, Ohio; that the only people he knew at the Casino Club were CHARLEY BECKER, who at that time was a bartender, and BERT and TED ANGUS, who were the alleged owners of the Club. He stated that he knew no other person that might have frequented the Club, although he does remember seeing a heavy-set man, whose first name was WALTER, visit on a few occasions with TED ANGUS; that this heavy-set man, whose name was WALTER, drove a La Salle Coupe; that he knew nothing relative to his reputation or his business.

CAPTAIN CHAMBERS advised further that some time during the year 1934, the Sheriff's force of Toledo, Ohio, visited his home, which was then located at the foot of 118th Street in Toledo, stating that they had heard that BECKER had helped KARPIS move, and that they were trying to locate BECKER; that as far as he knew they subsequently located BECKER and interrogated him at length relative to his association with KARPIS; that BECKER is now the Chief Engineer on the barge "John Fritz", which travels the Great Lakes and, if necessary, can be reached through MR. J. E. COTTIER, 208 South La Salle Street, Chicago.

The pictures of the BARKER-KARPIS mob were shown to CAPTAIN CHAMBERS. Of the entire mob the only picture he could recognize was that of BERT ANGUS. He seemed rather surprised to find that BERT ANGUS had a criminal record, and had been apparently associated with people of the KARPIS- BARKER mob. CAPTAIN CHAMBERS made careful study of "DOC" MORAN'S picture. He stated at first that he thought he had seen that face before. However, after close scrutiny he advised that he was positive he had never seen him before.

CAPTAIN CHAMBERS stated further that he had heard at one time that the Casino Club was frequented by gamblers, although he also stated he often wondered how they made any money at the Casino Club because it appeared to him as if they never did any business. He stated further that the Casino Club was more or less of a quiet place, and he never noticed any activity around there; that the ANGUS brothers now have a place in West Toledo, Ohio, called the New Casino. CHAMBERS stated that he was there on the opening night on the invitation of one HARRY BEAGLE, who supplies the meat for the ships of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company.

CAPTAIN CHAMBERS could give no further information relative to the Casino Club or any of the people who frequented the place.

P E N D I N G.

501 Healey Building,
Atlanta, Georgia,
October 8, 1936.

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated October 8, 1936, with reference to one Sam, (last name unknown), and to teletype to the Atlanta Office under date of October 8, 1936, by Mr. Connelley regarding Benson Groves, with aliases, advising that Groves is identical with Sam, and one of the participants in the Carrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery which occurred on November 7, 1935.

The records of the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, disclose that BENJAMIN GRAYSON, with aliases: Ben Grayson, "Soup" Groves, George Wilson, Burns Corby, Benjamin Greyson, Burns Corby, true name BENSON GROVES, #38605, was arrested at Canton, Ohio, during October, 1930 and was received at the Atlanta Penitentiary on July 10, 1931, to serve two concurrent sentences of five years and \$1,000 fine each for Post Office robberies imposed by the United States District Court of New Jersey (Newark) and by the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio (Dayton), and that on December 10, 1932, Grayson was transferred from the Atlanta Penitentiary to the United States Northeastern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

The Atlanta Penitentiary records disclose the following record of BENJAMIN GRAYSON, with aliases, #38605:

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| Born | July 25, 1880 in state of West Virginia |
| Height | 5' 6 1/2" |
| Weight | 171 |
| Eyes | Blue |
| Complexion | Florida |
| Hair | Brown |
| Build | Medium stout |
| Residence | Toledo, Ohio |
| Scars and marks | Tattoo right forearm "B. G." and "B. G. on shield"; left forearm "girl in tights, sailor boy and others"; oblique scar 3/4" long |

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Salesman
Seventh grade
Tobacco and liquor
Methodist
West Virginia

Parents
Marital status
Military record
Prison fingerprint
classification
Relatives

Dead
Single
None
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Sister: Mrs. Ida Fryar, 6638
Jackson Avenue, Hammond,
Indiana.

The Atlanta Prison files contain the following transcript of
Grayson's original record dated December 5, 1935, FBI-10597:

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Notations unsupported by fingerprints:

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The Atlanta Prison correspondence records disclose the following information concerning Grayson's correspondents:

Letters Sent:

Mrs. Ida Fryar, Sister, 6632 Jackson Avenue, Hammond, Indiana.
Postmaster, Hammond, Indiana.
Mrs. O. D. Fountain, Gordon, Georgia.

Letters Received:

Henderson Credit Bureau, Henderson, Kentucky.
H. J. Fryar, Friend, Hammond, Indiana.
Ida B. Friend, Dayton, Ohio.

The prison records reflect that under date of August 13, 1931, Warden A. C. Aderhold of the Atlanta Penitentiary, addressed a letter to Mr. J. W. Welborn, Inspector in Charge, Post Office Department, Cincinnati, Ohio, transmitting photographs of Benjamin Grayson, #38605, Dalton F. Keener, #38709, and James F. O'Neill, #38719. Warden Aderhold's letter was in reply to the request of Mr. Welborn for the photographs of these three inmates. Under date of July 31, 1936, Warden A. C. Aderhold addressed a letter to Messrs. E. V. Kelly and P. F. Quinn, Post Office Inspectors, Newark, New Jersey, advising that Benjamin Grayson, #38605, was transferred from the Atlanta Penitentiary to United States Northeastern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, on December 10, 1932, and that Grayson should have been discharged by expiration of sentence with good time allowance on March 17, 1935. In this letter Warden Aderhold also advised the Post Office Inspectors that during his incarceration Grayson had corresponded with Mrs. Ida Friar, sister, 6632 Jackson Avenue, Hammond, Indiana, and Mrs. O. D. Fountain, wife, Gordon, Georgia, and that Grayson had requested the Atlanta Penitentiary officials to notify Mrs. Ida Friar in case of his sickness or death. It should be noted that the Warden spelled the last name of Grayson's sister, (Friar), whereas the Penitentiary records carry the last name of this sister as (Fryar).

On July 11, 1936, Warden Aderhold addressed a letter to Mr. S. Hettrick, Post Office Inspector, Cleveland, Ohio, transmitting the identi-

fication record and a mounted photograph of Benjamin Grayson, #38605-A.

Six photographs of Grayson were secured at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, and are being transmitted to the Cleveland Office herewith.

The above information concerning Grayson was discreetly obtained at the Atlanta Penitentiary without making any disclosures to the Prison officials.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

Encls.
cc-Bureau ✓
Chicago
Cincinnati
E. J. Connelley, Chicago

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

October 10, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: BENKID

In connection with the harboring investigation being conducted in this case at Cleveland, Ohio and vicinity, it has been ascertained that the fifth participant in the Garrettsville mail train robbery was BENSON GROVES, with aliases, former inmate of the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia. This individual is, of course, a potential subject in the harboring inquiry and it is very desirable that he be located.

Benson Groves is the true name of this man and when last received at the penitentiary he stated Toledo, Ohio, was his home. He has used the following aliases: Benjamin Grayson, Ben Grayson, "Soup" Groves, George Wilson, Burns Corby.

Kindly have the alphabetical indices of the Motor Vehicle Bureau at Columbus, Ohio, searched for the name and aliases of this man for the purpose of securing a description of the car he is driving as well as his present address. Please give this matter expeditious attention.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, September 26, 1936, in which it is stated information was obtained from Detective Harry Hanson, Toledo, Ohio, Police Department, to the effect that there was a possibility Captain George Tainey had the telephone tapped which is located in the temporary office being maintained by the Bureau at Toledo, Ohio.

The Bureau desires to be promptly advised of the results of the investigation conducted by Special Agent J.E. Brennan at Toledo, Ohio, concerning this possible telephone tap.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

*Edw. J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge*

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

404 New York Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota
October 10, 1936

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter of October 2, 1936, file 7-77, in the HANAP case.

Attached to each copy of this letter is a statement of the formal charges prepared and served upon Thomas A. Brown, former police officer, St. Paul, by Commissioner of Public Safety G. H. Barfuss, dated August 5, 1936.

Under separate cover the transcript of testimony taken in the resultant hearing before the Civil Service Commission requested by Brown is being forwarded to you. This transcript is composed of four volumes and has been loaned to this office by City Attorney John L. Connolly. It is desired that they be returned to this office for transmittal to Mr. Connolly as soon as the Bureau has had a chance to review them. It is my recommendation that the facts as developed in this hearing be fully reviewed by an agent who is cognizant of all developments in the Bremer case with the thought of determining whether sufficient evidence has been developed or can be developed to warrant bringing of criminal charges against Brown in Federal Court in connection with this case.

It will be recalled that the Statute of Limitations will not run in this case until sometime in January, 1937.

ad. W. Stein
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August 5th, 1936

Mr. Thomas A. Brown,
759 E. Maryland Street,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Under date of July 17th, 1936, you were suspended without pay pending investigation of certain statements made against you with reference to your conduct as a Police officer in the classified service of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota, which statements were made by witnesses testifying in behalf of the United States Government in the case of the United States of America versus John Peifer, et al.

These statements and others have been fully investigated, and as a result of said investigation, you are hereby discharged for inefficiency, breach of duty, misconduct, misfeasance and malfeasance in the performance of your duties as an employee in the classified service of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota, in the following particulars, among others, to-wit:

(1) That on and between May 15th, 1933, or thereabouts and June 15th, 1933, or thereabouts, in the County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, the City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois, and the City of Bensenville, County of DuPage, State of Illinois, you, Thomas A. Brown, together with John P. (Jack) Peifer, Fred C. Barker, Arthur (Doc) Barker, Alvin Karpavics alias Alvin (Ray) Karpis, Fred Goetz alias George (Shotgun) Ziegler, Charles J. Fitzgerald alias Chuck Fitzgerald, Byron Bolton alias Monte Carter, Elmer Farmer, and Edmund C. Bartholmey did wilfully and unlawfully conspire to kidnap William Hamm, Jr. of the City of Saint Paul, and hold him against his will until he paid or caused to be paid to you and the aforesaid persons ransom as a consideration for his release in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

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That thereafter and on June 15th, 1933, in the City of Saint Paul, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, you and the aforesaid persons did kidnap William Hamm, Jr., and cause him to be transported to Bensenville, Illinois, there to be held against his will until he paid or caused to be paid to you and the aforesaid persons as a consideration for his release the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ransom money; and that the said William Hamm, Jr. was held in Bensenville, Illinois, until the 18th day of June, 1933, until said sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars was paid to you and the aforesaid persons whereupon the aforesaid William Hamm, Jr. was released.

(2) That on the 19th day of June, 1933, you failed to properly carry out the order of your superior, Thomas E. Dahill, Chief of Police of the City of Saint Paul, to investigate the actions, conduct, and identity of the occupants of a residence at 204 Vernon Avenue in the City of Saint Paul, said premises being occupied at said time by some of the persons who participated in the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr.

(3) That on and between September 18th, 1933, or thereabouts, and January 17th, 1934, or thereabouts, in the City of Saint Paul, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois, and the City of Bensenville, County of DuPage, State of Illinois, you, Thomas A. Brown, with Alvin Karpavics alias Alvin (Ray) Karpis, Volney Davis, Arthur (Doc) Barker, Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, Elmer Farmer, Harry Alderton, Phoenix Donald alias William Weaver, Harry Sandlovich alias Harry Sawyer, Byron Bolton alias Monte Carter, and Fred Goetz, alias George (Shotgun) Ziegler, did wilfully and unlawfully conspire together to kidnap Edward G. Bremer of the City of Saint Paul and hold him against his will until he paid or caused to be paid to you and the aforesaid persons ransom as a consideration for his release in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars.

That thereafter and on January 17th, 1934, in the City of Saint Paul, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, you and the aforesaid persons did kidnap Edward G. Bremer and cause him to be transported to Bensenville, Illinois, and to be held against his will until he paid or caused to be paid to you and the aforesaid

persons as a consideration for his release and the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ransom money, and that the said Edward G. Bremer was held in Bensenville, Illinois, until or about February 8th, 1934, until said sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars was paid to you and the aforesaid persons, whereupon the aforesaid Edward G. Bremer was released.

(4) That on January 22nd, 1934, in violation of orders, you disclosed confidential information to the effect that the kidnapers of the said Edward G. Bremer had delivered ransom notes by hurling a milk bottle through the window of the residence of Dr. H. E. Nippert, 706 Lincoln Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

(5) That on or about the 24th day of January, 1934, you disclosed confidential Police information in violation of orders to one Harry Sandlovich alias Harry Sawyer as to the movements of the Police Department of the City of Saint Paul, and the Federal Government in attempting to apprehend and hunt down the kidnapers of the said Edward G. Bremer.

That each said act committed by you as hereinabove set forth constituted conduct unbecoming an officer or employee of the City of Saint Paul, and that each said act as hereinabove set forth constitutes inefficiency, breach of duty, misconduct, misfeasance, malfeasance, and nonfeasance in the performance of your duties as an employee of the City of Saint Paul.

If you desire to have a hearing on these charges, you must serve notice of your demand for such hearing upon the Commissioner of Public Safety within ten days after the service of these charges upon you.

Yours truly,
/s/ G. H. BARFUSS
Commissioner of Public Safety
of the City of Saint Paul.

612 Marine Trust Bldg.
Buffalo, N.Y.

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Hon. Charles A. Harnett
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
Bureau of Motor Vehicles
Albany, N.Y.

Att: James T. Somers
Deputy Commissioner
FILES DIVISION.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to our letter dated September 24, 1936, requesting that your records be searched to ascertain whether a 1935 Ford Deluxe Coupe, motor #18-1615253, had been registered for the year 1936 under the name of Charles Miller of L. E. Arnold Inc., to which you replied on October 6, 1936 that said car was not registered. In view of the fact that it was requested that a flash card be placed in your files, you are hereby instructed to withdraw same inasmuch as said automobile has been located in the state of Chic.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter,

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge

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1300 Liberty Trust Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

October 12, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
CLEVELAND, OHIO.

RE: BRFKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telegram from the Pittsburgh Office, dated October 10, 1936.

May I advise you that Special Agent A. Schroeder telephonically communicated with Major Henry C. Mill, Warden of the United States Northeastern Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, who informed him that BENJAMIN GRAYSON was released from that institution on March 17, 1935?

Incomplete correspondence records reflect mail received by GRAYSON from his sister, IDA FRYAR, 6832 Jackson Avenue, Hammond, Illinois, and 6236 Van Buren Street, Hammond, Illinois; ROBERT ELIASBERG, 5513 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and DR. FRANK ROBINSON, Moscow, Idaho.

A further check of the correspondence records is being made, and you will be advised if any other information of value is received.

Very truly yours,

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R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
October 10, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

It is requested that I be furnished two photographs
of Alvin Karpis taken since his apprehension at New Orleans
on May 1, 1936.

Very truly yours,

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WRIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1232; et al; EDWARD
GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM -
KIDNAPING.

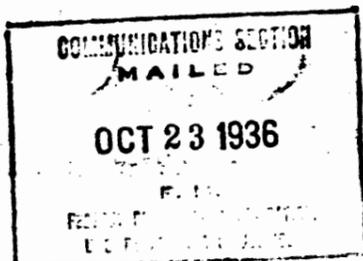
Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your
letter dated October 10, 1936, there are transmitted herewith
two photographs of Alvin Karpis taken since his apprehension.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #1110286



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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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PHONE. BREKID. BENJAMIN GRAYSON RELEASED USMC MARCH SEVENTEENTH NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE. INCOMPLETE CORRESPONDENCE RECORDS REFLECT MAIL RECEIVED BY GRAYSON FROM IDA FRYAR, SISTER, SIX SIX THREE TWO JACKSON AVENUE, HAMMOND, ILLINOIS - AND SIX TWO THREE SIX VAN BUREN STREET, HAMMOND - ROBERT ELIASBERG, 5513 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY - DR. FRANK ROBINSON, MOSCOW, IDAHO. FURTHER CHECK BEING MADE CORRESPONDENCE RECORDS. WILL ADVISE.

Edward G. Brennan

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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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September 21, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to our conversation recently concerning the St. Valentine's Day Massacre, I desire to advise that the report of Agent Brennan dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, July 24, 1935 in the Bremer Kidnaping case was received in the Bureau on July 27. At that time, Mr. Newby was supervising this case and the fact that Bolton had furnished the details of the massacre was not brought to my attention. Although Mr. Newby addressed a memorandum to you on August 3, 1935, containing an excerpt upon another situation from this report of Agent Brennan's, no reference was made to Bolton's statement concerning the massacre. The weekly summary report of Agent Newby summarizing the developments in this case makes no reference to Bolton's statement in this regard.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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| REPORT MADE AT Cleveland, Ohio | DATE WHEN MADE 10/10/36 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/2 to 8/36 | REPORT MADE BY J. V. MURPHY EJB |
| TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with alias - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim. | | | CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT. |
| <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">William Wilson Wirick, taxi driver, identified photographs of Jimmie Wilson, William Weaver and Harry Campbell, and made signed statement that he drove them to and from Casino Club, Johnny Thomas' Market Business Men's Club, The Dutch Village night club, and Edith Barry's call house, in Toledo, during 1934; that he drove Sam Coker and Edith Barry from Edith Barry's call house to Market Business Men's Club, in January, 1935, where later Frank Greenwald and Anna Pierce joined them and Coker paid for all night drinking party. Edward Winseman, former taxi driver for Private Cab Company, identified photo of Harry Campbell as person he drove number of times during summer of 1935, including trips to New Casino at times Bert and Ted Angus were present there. Winseman furnished information regarding past and present collectors of pay off for vice and gambling in Toledo. Anna Smith, alias Pierce, made statement claiming Frank Greenwald, alias "Greenie" never informed her until after he was interviewed by Agents, that he hauled Karpis and Campbell after their escape from Atlantic City, N. J., and knew their identity. She admitted being on drinking party with Edith Barry and Sam Coker, but did not know Coker's true identity. Frank Greenwald admitted being on drinking party with Anna Smith, Edith Barry and Sam Coker last winter at Market Business Men's Club, Toledo. Employees of 42nd Street Cafe, Toledo, interviewed and no pertinent information obtained. Orville Glenn (Slim) Schaffer admits drinking beer with Harry Campbell at Goulet's Grill, but claims did not know true identity of Campbell. Signed statement obtained from William R. "Bill" Harris denying he knew or introduced Karpis, Willie Harrison and Campbell to Charlie Sellers</p> | | | |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J.P. Moran</i> | | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | |
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at Cleveland, Ohio, in summer of 1934. Harold St. Aubin made signed statement that in spring of 1934 Bert Angus introduced him to "Doc" Barker as Mr. Morley, the man who rented an apartment in the Burdella Apartments. Ervin H. Shimman, former Deputy Sheriff and State Prohibition Agent, interviewed and no pertinent information obtained. Spencer Sweeney unable to furnish any information regarding Barker-Karpis gang. Bennia Weiss denies ever making statement that "Nig" Cousins told him during 1934 that he took "sucker" bets from "hots" from Chicago, at the Casino Club. Summary included of news articles concerning Barker-Karpis gang, appearing in Toledo newspapers. Shipkeepers at Bay View in 1934 to be located with aid of Pittsburgh Steamship Company. Frank Dobson, shipkeeper, states never visited Casino Club.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 10/3/36.

DETAILS: AT TOLEDO, OHIO

This report covers the investigative activities of Special Agents A. J. Norstrom, A. Dickstein, H. B. Dill, and J. V. Murphy, who have been engaged on the harboring investigation at Toledo, Ohio.

Special Agents R. A. Guerin and N. S. Harzenstein have been maintaining the telephone tap on the residence telephone of Maxine Belmont, 2105 Warren Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, who is prominently engaged in the vice racket in Toledo. On instructions of Inspector E. J. Connelley this telephone tap was discontinued on the night of October 3, 1936.

The conversations overheard over the above-mentioned telephone tap, between period October 2nd to 3rd, when it was discontinued, are not being incorporated in this report for the reason that they have no bearing on this investigation.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 2, 1936:

Reference is being made to the report of Special Agent J. W. Murphy dated 10-3-36 at Cleveland, Ohio, wherein it is stated that William Wilson Wirick, a former cab driver for the Private Cab Company, would again be interviewed in an effort to obtain further pertinent information of value to this investigation.

Wirick was requested to appear at the temporary office at 513 Edison Building, at which time a further discussion was had with him as to his knowledge of facts of interest in this matter. He at first informed that he could not add anything to what he had previously given, and continued to be reluctant to answer questions put to him. He finally consented to give a signed statement, but he informed that he would refuse to testify to the facts contained therein.

513 Edison Building,
Toledo, Ohio
October 2, 1936

"I, William Wilson Wirick, do hereby give a signed statement to Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, without threats or promises of reward made to me. I wish to tell the truth of what I know concerning this matter.

"I am 43 years of age, residing at 415 3rd Street, Toledo, Ohio, married and have two children. I have driven taxi cabs in the city of Toledo for the past 28 years. I have been employed by the Private Cab Company for the past 3 years, and am presently employed by General Wheel Company, Toledo, Ohio, and I have been so employed since April 9, 1936, at which time I left the Private Cab Company. I wish to state for the past three years I worked during the months from January to June at the Private Cab Company, being employed the balance of the time at the General Wheel Company.

"During the winter of 1934 and 1935 I was driving for Frank P. Greenwald of the Private Cab Company. During that period I

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answered calls for the Private Cab Company at the Casino Club, operated by Ted and Bert Angus at Point Place, Toledo, Ohio. While the Angus brothers operated the Casino Club, until Charles Haymaker took the place over in the fall of 1935, changing the name of the club to the Little Club, I made several trips a night to the Casino on some occasions, while at other times, 3 or 4 times a week depending entirely on business. As a rule when any of the drivers of the Private Cab Company received calls to the Casino, we knew who our customers were to be, that is, the local customers. However, when Bert or Ted Angus would call for a cab, we would not know the identity of our prospective customers.

"I have been shown photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis gang and identify and have marked for identification the photographs of Jimmy Wilson, William Weaver and Harry Campbell as individuals I have seen at and driven to and from the Casino Club, Johnny Thomas' Market Business Mens Club at 216 1/2 Superior Street, The Dutch Village, operated by Art Hand and formerly the Bon Ton Club, Edith Barry's call house at 524 Southard Street. I saw these persons during 1934 at the above mentioned places, but can state no definite time or exact dates. I have driven these individuals on a number of occasions, but cannot recall anything unusual that would make me recall these trips any more than if we had any other customers. Greenwald has always catered to the underworld people, and none of the Private Cab drivers would make trips unless being called by telephone by customers known to the company. As to the above mentioned individuals, I did not get to know their names, as the calls for service were always made for them by the proprietor or employees of the places they frequented.

"I have probably seen all the members of the Barker-Karpis gang out at the Casino Club, as the photographs of Alvin Karpis and Charlie Fitzgerald look familiar to me, but I have never driven them in my cab. I make it a policy not to mingle with my customers, and if they asked me to join them in a drink, I would drink alone, and consequently was never in a position to know their identities. However, Ted or Bert Angus were always at the Casino Club while these persons were there.

"At this time I wish to state that in 1934, I worked for the General Wheel Company from September to the first of the year in 1935 from August to the first of the year, and in 1936, from July to the present date. However, in 1936 I left Greenwald's employ April 7, 1936, and consequently during the above period of time I was not working for Greenwald's, I naturally did not come in contact with these people.

"In the latter part of December 1935 after the season was over at The General Wheel Company I again was employed by the Private Cab Company operated by Greenwald.

"One night in January 1935 about 11 pm I answered a call at Edith Barry's call house at 524 Southard Street. I picked up Edith Barry and an individual known to me as 'Tommy', whose photograph I have been shown and marked for identification as that of Sam Coker #14023. I drove them to Johnny Thomas' Market Business Men's Club at 216 1/2 Superior Street, Toledo, Ohio. Edith Barry invited me up to Thomas' as they wanted me to wait awhile. I sat there and drank with them, and later Frank Greenwald and Anna Pierce came up and joined the party. Then Johnny Thomas, Irving, his bartender, and a woman named Marion, who lives on Scottwood Avenue, joined in the party, and we drank all Vat 69 whiskey that Thomas had in stock. Sam Coker paid the entire bill and played the quarter slot machines all night. About 2 am I drove Edith Barry and Sam Coker back to Barry's and Greenwald and Anna Pierce followed in Greenwald's car and joined the party at Barry's. Sam Coker discharged me and paid me \$7.85 for the bill and gave me the balance of \$10 in change for my tip.

"A week later I received a call from Thomas' and picked up Edith Barry and Coker. I went up to Thomas' place and had a couple of drinks. Johnny Thomas was drinking with them, and Sam Coker appeared to have plenty of twenty-dollar bills, as every fifteen or twenty minutes Coker would change a twenty-dollar bill.

"Sam Coker was pretty drunk and I guess that Thomas robbed him of half of his change. I sat at Thomas' with them for half an hour and then drove them to Kin Hong Lows Chinese Restaurant at 841 Jefferson Street where they discharged me. These calls were always made late at night or early in the morning.

"Until the time that I quit Greenwald's on April 7, 1936, I drove Campbell three or four times thereafter, and every time that I picked him up or drove Campbell around, it was at Edith Barry's or Thomas', but I never drank with him on the latter occasions. Campbell was always good pay and tipped generously. Greenwald told me that he had Coker for \$13 one night and showed me a twenty-dollar bill Coker had given him for the cab bill, referring to the customer I had the night before, meaning Coker.

"With reference to Harry Campbell, whose photograph I identify as a person known to me as 'Bob', I have seen at Thomas' at 216 1/2 Superior Street. I don't recall the exact date, but on one occasion drove Edith Barry to Thomas' and when I went up to get change she bought me a drink. That time I noticed Campbell and Coker sitting at the bar and Johnny or Irving were talking to them. I recall that Campbell was someone I had seen before, but I only stayed at Thomas' for five minutes and then left.

"I have never seen Harry Campbell's wife nor have I ever driven him or Coker to or from Edward McGraw's place at 2011 1/2 Adams Street, and the only person I can ever recall driving to this place was Nan Patterson's brother who lives at 513 Elm Street, Toledo, and whose last name I do not know. Nan Patterson runs a call house at 1137 Erie Street, Toledo.

"I have read the foregoing statement consisting of three typewritten pages, and the facts I have given have been the whole truth, to the best of my knowledge and recollection. I have initialed each page and signed the third page.

/s/ "William Wilson Wirick"

Witnessed by: A. J. Norstrom,
A. Dickstein,
Special Agents, FBI, U. S. Department of Justice, 1448 Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio

It will be noted that on this interview Wirick advised that he had never seen or driven Campbell's wife, although he had previously stated that he had driven her with Campbell on a round of night clubs on one occasion. When questioned as to these discrepancies, he replied that he couldn't remember and was not quite sure. Neither could he recall dates or incidents that would be of interest, and it was apparent that he wanted to leave the impression that he gave no more thought to these individuals than he would to any customer; as he further stated that he did not wish to be involved in this investigation.

Wirick further advised that his future livelihood depended upon the keeping of continued friendship and cooperation of some of the persons involved in this investigation, as well as their acquaintances and associates. To quote his language in this connection he stated to agents that "I know what you fellows want, you want to stick Bert and Ted Angus in jail and a few others for harboring the gang, but when this thing is cleared up, I can't go to the government for a dollar, but if I went to Bert

and Ted Angus, they would spit in my face if they knew I have squealed on them or turned "copper".

Wirick advised that he might furnish names of other individuals whom he assumed would have some information of interest to this investigation and stated that Anna Pierce, Frank Greenwald's sweetheart and a former check girl at the Casino Club, would have been in a position to furnish information of value.

He further advised that Eddie Boyle, a waiter at the present Casino Club, was employed at the Old Casino Club, as well as one named "Shorty", a porter at the Old Casino Club, who he believes is now employed at Ripley and Russell, located at Jackson and St. Clair Streets, Toledo, Ohio. He further recalled that Greenwald employed one Eddie Winzelman as a driver in the early part of July 1935, who was employed continuously until the first of December. Winzelman's wife, Helen, is a housekeeper at a bawdy house at 900 Monroe Street; that Winzelman spends most of his time at the cab stand located at the Hotel Secor, Toledo, Ohio.

Another driver who was employed by Greenwald was Eddie Lavender, who worked for Greenwald during the first few months of 1936 and whose present whereabouts can be found through checking the taxicab inspector's records at the Toledo Police Department.

Al Abele, a former undertaker, whose brothers operate the Abele Funeral Parlor at Toledo, Ohio, and who now lives at 625 Lucust Street, Toledo, and who is employed at Levine's gambling place, 513 1/2 Jefferson Street, also drove for Greenwald according to Wirick at intervals for the past three years. Wirick also suggested the name of Jimmy MacParkland, presently employed by the Red Cab Company, Toledo, for interview, as MacParkland has driven cabs in Toledo for a number of years, and has a wide acquaintance in the underworld of the city of Toledo.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 6, 1936:

In that William Wilson Wirick of 415 Third Street, Toledo, Ohio, informed Agents when interviewed that Edward Winseman was a driver for the Private Cab Company during the summer of 1935, Agents located Winseman at his home at 1932 North 14th Street, Toledo, Ohio, and he voluntarily accompanied Agents to the temporary offices room 513 Edison Building, Toledo, Ohio, where he made the following signed statement, the original of which is being retained in the files of the Cleveland Bureau office in this case:

"513 Edison Building
"Toledo, Ohio
"October 6, 1936.

"I, EDWARD WINSEMAN, do hereby give a signed statement to Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, of my own free will, without threats or promises of reward. I have voluntarily given this statement because I wish to tell the truth regarding what I know about this matter.

"I am 34 years, married, and living with my wife Mary at 1932 No. 14th Street, Toledo, Ohio. I was born in Toledo, and had been living here ever since. I was employed by Frank P. Greenwald from 1927 to 1931 as a driver for the Private Cab Company, 520 Cherry Street, Toledo, Ohio, and again from June through to September 1935 for Greenwald.

"In the latter part of June 1935, I received a call from the Peacock Inn, located in the 2000 block on Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio, to pick up a fare. Upon my arrival there a man whose photograph I identified as Harry Campbell, and have marked for identification, and a woman whose identity I do not know, engaged my cab, and I then drove them to the Little Club at Point Place, operated by Charlie Haymaker. This was about 8:00 P. M., in the evening, and when we arrived at the club, Jimmy Naples, a waiter, was the only person present as I recall. Charlie Haymaker was not there. I walked in and had a glass of beer. The couple paid me 85 cents for the trip, and gave me the balance of two dollars for a tip. Sometime after 2:00 A. M., the following morning,

I again picked up this couple and drove them to Wells Roast Beef Cafe on Monroe Street, and as I recall it the fare at that time was \$1.05, and I was paid the balance of two dollars, or two dollars and fifty cents. I recall this last trip was after hours, and the only ones besides he and his woman companion at the club were a few milk drivers. Charlie Haymaker would be there after hours.

"During the next two or three months, I drove Campbell and this woman about six times, although I was never aware of his identity. On one occasion I picked them up at Goulet Grill at 2130 Monroe Street, but ordinarily I picked them up at the Peacock Inn, but I don't recall that I ever got to know his name. At that time Greenwald and I were the night drivers, and Harry Francis was the day driver. When I first went to work for Greenwald, he told me that he had hauled Karpis and Campbell before I went to work for him, and he also told me that the money he made off of them driving them around kept him in business, and he told me that they often paid him ten and twenty dollar tips. The only place I recall that Greenwald told me he hauled Karpis and Campbell and to and from Bert and Ted Angus' Casino Club, at Point Place, and as he expressed it, their tens and twenties were God-sends. The only place I knew where Greenwald would find out their identities, would be from Bert and Ted Angus, because Greenwald and the Angus brothers were very close, and they had the reputation of knowing all the criminals who came into Toledo, Ohio.

"However, I do not believe that Greenwald knew that I had driven Campbell on these occasions, as I imagine that he would have told me of his identity. Whenever I hauled Campbell, I told Greenwald that this party had given me a one or two dollar tip, and that I wanted his trip if he called again, but Greenwald never appeared to know whom I meant, or at least I never told him, or had he told me.

"As I have previously stated, I have hauled Campbell and his woman companion five or six times, and I usually picked them up at the Peacock Inn, and with one exception I hauled them to the Little Club at Point Place, or the New Casino, operated by Bert and Ted Angus. On one occasion I hauled Campbell to the wrestling matches at the Toledo Auditorium, but I never recall having driven them to Campbell's home at 2132 $\frac{1}{2}$ Monroe Street, or to Ed McGraw's call house at 2011 $\frac{1}{2}$ Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio.

"I further recall that if I hauled Campbell to the Little Club, I would always get a call to pick him up later in the evening and haul him to the New Casino Club or viceversa.

"I don't recall that Charlie Haymaker was present at the Little Club on the occasions I hauled Campbell to that place or picked him up, but I do remember that every time I hauled him, or picked him up at the New Casino Club, Bert and Ted Angus would be present. Campbell would always buy me a bottle of beer on every trip, and I would always stand at the bar of the Little Club and the New Casino Club, and drink the beer, but never drank with him.

"I might explain that on my trips to the New Casino Club or to the Little Club, I never knew the identity of my customer before hand. When I would arrive at the New Casino Club I would go to Bert or Ted Angus, or to the door-man, and ask them who called 'Greenie', and they would then send a waiter to notify Campbell when I arrived. The waiters would always return and tell me that my load was buying me a drink and I would always drink beer. I might state that Ted Angus was usually at the door at the Casino Club, as they did not have a door man, otherwise each waiter had to take his turn at this job. The only waiters I knew were Jack Smith, known as Cum Cum and Eddie Boyle.

"The same practice occurred at the Little Club, and I would ask Charlie Haymaker, or Jimmy Naples, or Dick and Quinn, the waiters, who my load was, and Campbell would always buy me a drink at the bar. I have been shown photographs of Alvin Karpis, and other members of the Barker-Karpis gang, but I fail to recognize their photographs as the likenesses of any persons I have previously known.

"Mary Winseman, also known as Mary Nelson, my wife, is now the housekeeper for Helen Marks, alias Helen O'Neill, in a house of prostitution at 627 Ontario Street, Toledo, Ohio. Prior to this employment my wife worked for Bill and Rose Kozman at the same address. She also has worked for Mother H. Fleminger, and for Maxine Belmont at the Shelby Hotel on Summit Street in 1927 and 1928.

"In 1931 my wife and I wanted to open a house of prostitution at 328 Nebraska Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. Ted Angus was the collector for the administration at that time, Addison Q. Thatcher, and I believe that Louis Haas was the chief of police then.

"Before we opened our house of prostitution, we went out to Ted Angus at the Old Casino Club at Point Place and explained to him that I was starting in, and that I didn't have the means to pay off. Ted Angus wanted to know where I was going to open up, so he said it was all right for me

to open up, and to come back and see him after thirty days, and if I had the money he knew I would take care of him. At the end of the thirty days, the business wasn't there, so I called Ted Angus up on the phone that I was vacating, so I never paid him any money for protection.

"From my own knowledge and from my own wife had told me, I knew that Harry Bernstein was the collector for vice and gambling pay offs prior to the time that Ted Angus was collecting, and this was during the Jackson administration, and I recall that I had driven Bernstein to all the houses of prostitution in Toledo every two weeks and every thirty days for collections. When I was working for Greenwald at that time, Sadie Dann was collector prior to Bernstein, but she left Toledo some time after that, and just recently returned.

"Maxine Belmont followed Ted Angus as collector for the Klotz administration and is still the collector today, although since Ray Allen has become chief of police, she has lost her power and now only collects from a few select houses. I don't know who she pays off to, but I suppose it is the vice squad.

"My wife informs me that at the present time, most of the houses do not pay off to a collector, but that the individual members of the vice squad (sergeants and patrolmen on the beats) collect their own five and ten dollars a week personally.

"I might further state that I learned from my wife at the time that Agents of the U. S. Department of Justice were raiding various houses of prostitution in Toledo, my wife told me that various sergeants and patrolmen of the Toledo Police Department who had already collected, that they had all come in and kicked it back. At that time Sergeant Bernhagen, and Patrolman Brown formerly of the hoodlum squad, under Captain George Timiney, even though they were assigned to other beats, were collecting from Rose Kozman, for whom my wife worked, in addition to the regular sergeant and patrolman on the beat.

"I have read the foregoing statement consisting of four typewritten pages and the facts that I have given are the truth to the best of my knowledge and recollection. I have signed each page after reading same.

WITNESSES:

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A. Dickstein, Special Agents,
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Cleveland, Ohio."

/s/ EDWARD WINSEMAN

With reference to the above statement Winseman explained that Greenwald had apparently driven Campbell as many times as he, in that they were the only two night drivers at the time. However, he informed that Greenwald had always instructed his drivers to "see nothing and know nothing", and for this reason he never discussed his fares, or as to their identities, only to comment that he had a good "greaser" again. As he recalled during this time, Campbell was by far his best customer, in view of the lavish tips that he gave. However, he related that Greenwald never intimated to him that he had driven this party or his woman companion, whom it is assumed was Gertrude Billeter Miller.

He further related that Greenwald trusted him to the extent that he would not violate a confidence, and for this reason when discussing business conditions, at the time he began working for Greenwald in June 1935, Greenwald told him that he had driven Karpis and Campbell on numerous occasions, and although he did not state the exact time he intimated that it was shortly before he, Winseman, went to work for Greenwald. He further related that Greenwald was well aware of the identity of Karpis and Campbell, and that they were fugitives, but that he had to depend upon the lavish tips that they gave him to keep in business. Winseman was vague and evasive when questioned as to specific details on this point, and declined to elaborate on his statements. He further stated that without a doubt, Bert and Ted Angus knew the true identities of Karpis and Campbell, but could furnish no basis for such statements.

Winseman further informed that he never knew Campbell by the name of Bob Miller, or any other name, and although Campbell was very generous in his tips, and bought him drinks every time he drove him to the New Casino or Little Club, he never made it a point to learn his name, and he explained the reason for this being that when a patron of the Private Cab Company tipped lavishly, he assumed that they were not legitimate business men, and the less he learned of their identities, and the fewer questions he asked, the longer they would continue their patronage. He further explained that Campbell was not a friendly individual, and therefore he avoided talking to him unless absolutely necessary.

Winseman insisted that Charles Haymaker, or other employees of the Little Club at Point Place, did not appear to know Campbell's identity, although he informed that he picked up Campbell at his place after the other guests had departed, which was after closing house. He never recalled seeing Haymaker talking to Campbell.

With reference to the Casino Club at Point Place at the time the Angus brothers operated there, Winseman informed that when he first began to drive for Greenwald in 1927, the basement of the club was used as a meeting place for all the hoodlums of Toledo, although he could not recall their identities, but on several occasions he recalled seeing Captain George Timiney in the club basement. He further stated that Timiney used the Casino Club as a hangout, and on numerous occasions he had driven Maxine Belmont and Harry Bernstein to the Casino Club where they had met Timiney, and although he believed that these meetings were for pay off purposes, he never actually saw money being passed between them. Winseman informed that he had no special liking for Timiney, in that on a party with Edith Marks, and Ruth LaBeau, Mrs. Marks' sister, Timiney had publicly snubbed him. Although he never actually saw protection money given to Timiney, he stated up until recently, it was no secret among the underworld that Timiney always received a "cut" of all protection money paid. However, since Captain Clarence Fauble has become head of the vice and gambling squad, he believed that the centralized pay off system had collapsed, with the exception of Maxine Belmont's circle of madams, and in this connection each officer collects his own protection money.

As a matter of interest he related that Maxine Belmont has been effected by the present investigation being conducted by the Government, to the extent that she is drinking heavily, and she is under the impression that everyone she talks to, and who is not known to her, is a Government Agent delving into her affairs.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 7, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, September 5, 1936, wherein it is stated that Frank Greenwald's paramour, Anna Smith, also known as Anna Pierce, had formerly been a check room girl at the Casino Club at Point Place, which was operated by Ted and Bert Angus. Anna Smith was located by Agents at the Algeo Grill, Hotel Algeo, Toledo, Ohio, and she was requested to appear at the temporary offices, 513 Edison Building, where the following signed statement was obtained from her, the original of which is being retained in the Cleveland office file:

"513 Edison Building
"Toledo, Ohio,
"October 7, 1936.

"I, ANNA SMITH, also known by the name of Anna Pierce, do hereby furnish the following signed statement to A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein, knowing them to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, of my own free will, without threats or any promises of reward made to me. I give this statement for the purpose of telling all I know about this matter.

"My true name is Anna Smith, although I am known as Anna Pierce. I am 38 years of age, and I was born at Cleveland, Ohio on December 9, 1898. My parents, Mr. & Mrs. George F. Smith reside at 1459 Oak Street, Toledo, Ohio, and I have two brothers, William and George Smith, Jr., and one sister Veronica Smith. I have resided in Toledo, Ohio, since I was 7 years of age. When I was 22 years of age, I was married to Albert Sharboneau, but have been widowed 13 years.

"I have known Frank P. Greenwald since 1918, at which time I was telephone operator at the Waldorf Hotel, Toledo. My husband died in October 1923, and I went to work for Greenwald in 1924, at the Private Cab Company as a bookkeeper. He had offices at 323 Jackson Street, and in 1930 he moved to 520 Cherry Street, Toledo, Ohio. I left Greenwald's employ in 1930, and then went to work for Jack Kennedy (who was later killed by the Licovoli gangsters) at the Studio Club and later changed to the Blackhawk Cafe in Toledo, Ohio, as a waitress first, and later took over the check room. Shortly before

Kennedy's death, I went to work for the Crescent Club, which was operated by Abe Siegal and Charlie Haymaker. It is now known as the New Casino Club, operated by Bert and Ted Angus. I worked there as a waitress until the place closed in 1933. I then went to the Tropic Club on Jackson Street, operated by Harold Winters, and after working there for a period of 4 months, I then went to the Navarre Club, operated by Torrance Melrose, at St. Clair and Jackson Streets, Toledo, Ohio, working there until about June 1, 1934.

"About November 24 or 25, 1934, I was employed by the Casino Club on Summit Street at Point Place by Bert and Ted Angus, and I remained there until Angus moved from there to the New Casino at Lint Avenue, Toledo, in April 1935. I was employed as a hat check girl there. I didn't work all summer until November of 1935, at which time I went to work for the Algeo Hotel, where I am presently employed as a waitress in the Algeo Grill Cafe.

"About July 1, 1934 I went to Long Lake at Ionia, Michigan, and stayed there until November of 1934 at which time I went to work for Ted Angus.

"I have been shown photographs of Russell Gibson, alias Slim Gray, and Willie Harrison, Hammond, Indiana Police Department number 1829. However, these photographs are not good likenesses of the individuals I knew as 'Slim' and 'Sailor Willie', although they are undoubtedly the same men.

"When I was employed at the club at 513 1/2 St. Clair Street, Toledo, Ohio by Jack Kennedy, Willie and Slim were good customers of the place. This was in pre-repeal days, and admission to the club was only by card, and it was my duty to inspect all cards presented by the patrons. Jackie Kennedy brought Slim and Willie to the club the first time they came there. Slim was a vicious acting person and drank a great deal. The majority of the time he spent at the bar alone, but Willie was always accompanied by a crowd. On one occasion Charlie Kennedy, who ran a cigar store on Jackson and St. Clair Streets, got into an argument at the club, and Slim pulled a pistol. Jackie Kennedy pushed Slim and the gun discharged, the bullet striking Slim in the leg and wounding him. I was standing 6 feet away from Slim at the time and I remember the incident clearly. Slim slept at the club indefinitely until his leg was well, then left and I never saw him again.

"Willie Harrison was there continuously until after the repeal of prohibition, and Jackie Kennedy and he appeared to be very good friends. He was well known to Ulessa Bopard, alias Nig Bopard, who was Kennedy's partner and is still in Toledo, Ohio, as well as Kennedy's various bartenders Rich Casmire, Eppie, and Whitey Wasserman all of them still living in Toledo, Ohio.

"In November of 1934, as I have stated, Ted Angus employed me as check room attendant at the Casino Club at Point Place. My hours were from 8:00 P. M. to 5 or 6 A. M. Angus had no check room prior to the time that I was employed, but business picked up at that time, and found it necessary to open up one.

"I have been shown photographs of all members of the Barker-Karpis gang, but I fail to recognize any of them as likenesses of persons I saw around the Casino Club, or any other place, at that time. Beside myself at that time, Angus employed Jack Smith, a waiter; 'Babe', a bartender, now dead; a cook known as 'Red' and the two Anguses. The entertainers were two colored women, the two Nellies, on the night shift, and during the day, an individual known to me as 'Coolie', who was the bartender for Anguses. During the time that I was employed at the Casino Club, Captain George Timiney and Mrs. Edith Marks visited the place several times, and I noticed that Timiney was friendly with the Anguses, often drinking together with them at a table. However, I never recall Timiney being there with the hoodlum squad, although the squad paid nightly visits to the place.

"Joe Roscoe owns the building known as the Casino Club, and he was out there several times by himself, but he would always stand at the bar and talk. Rene and Thelma Holst spent a great deal of time there, and Madeline and Ruth Angus assisted in the check room.

"I recall the incident of the escape of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell from Atlantic City, N. J., and I am told that this occurred about January 22, 1935. I was working at the Casino Club at that time, and recall having read of the incident in the Toledo newspapers. My first knowledge that Frank P. Greenwald had any part in this incident came to me after he was questioned by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in September, 1936. The same night that he was questioned, Greenwald came to my apartment at 2105 Warren Street, Toledo, in a very sick condition and told me that he had been questioned, and that he had admitted that he had hauled members of the Barker-Karpis gang, and that he was driving them even though knowing their identities. I was keeping company with Greenwald at the time of this escape, but he never told me, or gave me any intimation that he had anything to do with this matter. I might state that Greenwald was living home at the time of this occurrence, and he did not begin to live at my home until July of 1936.

"The night of the questioning he told me that following the break of Karpis and Campbell at Atlantic City, N. J., that he had hauled the guys that escaped from the law at Atlantic City, N. J., in January 1935, and that he picked them up at Ash and Summit Street, the day following their escape, but he did not tell me where he hauled them to. He told me that he had

hauled the gang before that time, but never knew their identities, but that he also hauled them after that time and knew who they were, and that they were Karpis and Campbell. I asked him why he didn't report the presence of these fellows in town, and he said who the hell could he tell it to; that there was no one around town he could tell it to.

"Greenwald further stated that he had hauled Karpis and Campbell to a lot of places since their escape from Atlantic City, N. J., but had mostly hauled them from Goulet's Grill. He further stated that if Angus were responsible for bringing people like that around to jeopardize other people's lives, they ought to be shot. He never told me that the Angus brothers knew who this mob was, however.

"I might state that I was working at the Casino Club at the time of the escape at Atlantic City, N. J., but I did not know of the presence of any fugitives at the Casino Club during that period, or anything about the place that would appear suspicious at that time.

"I have been shown a photograph of Sam Coker, and although I have been on a party on one occasion at Johnny Thomas', known as the Market Business Men's Club, located at 216 $\frac{1}{2}$ Superior Street, Toledo, Ohio, with this individual, the photograph shown to me is a very poor likeness, although the profile view is more familiar. I have also been shown a photograph of Harry Campbell, but state positively that I have never seen this individual.

"One night last winter Greenwald and myself went up to Johnny Thomas' together and Edith Barry and her companion, Coker, were drinking and playing the quarter slot machine. I do not remember what name Coker used at that time, although I did not know his true identity. The four of us spent the evening at Thomas', and although Johnny Thomas spoke to us occasionally, he did not join the party. Edith's companion played the quarter slot machine, and bought drinks all night, and every one got pretty drunk. We then rode over to Edith Barry's place at 524 Southard Street, intending to drink, but when we got there we decided we had drunk enough, so went home. To my knowledge, this was the only time I ever seen Coker.

"I have read the foregoing statement consisting of four (4) typewritten pages, and the same is true to the best of my knowledge and recollection. I have signed each page after reading the same.

WITNESSES

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/s/ MRS. ANNA SMITH

Anna Smith was vigorously questioned as to her statement that Greenwald did not advise her, until after he had been questioned by Bureau Agents, that he had driven Karpis and Campbell following their escape from Atlantic City, New Jersey, in January 1935, or that he knew their identities thereafter, but she maintained that her first knowledge of the incident in question, was as set forth in her statement.

By inquiry at the newspaper offices of the Toledo Morning Times, The Toledo Blade, The Toledo News-Bee, it was ascertained by Special Agent R. A. Guerin that the respective individuals listed herein can identify and produce the desired and necessary papers:

The Toledo Morning Times:

Managing Editor - Harold H. Hartley
Librarian - Mrs. Charlotte Urd

The Toledo Blade:

Managing Editor - Charles R. Corbin
Librarian - Miss Helen Lee

The Toledo News-Bee

Managing Editor - Paul Evenstad
Librarian - Miss Ardeth White

The Toledo Times was reviewed for the following months by Special Agent R. A. Guerin, and the following pertinent articles were observed:

April 1, 1935
page 8, col. 4

Milan, Mich. A.P. The gangster girl friends of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell arrived at Milan, Mich. to begin serving sentence of 5 years. Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney, erstwhile companions of the fugitives, passed their first Sabbath in the prison community which includes many other gangsters' "molls."

April 16, 1935
page 2, col. 2

St. Paul, Minn. AP Bremer list reduced to ten as Byron Bolton pleaded guilty. Bruno Austin indicted for conspiracy in this case, brought to St. Paul from Chicago, but was not arraigned. List of defendants shown, including Doc Barker, Harold Alderton, Elmer Farmer, and Jess Doyle.

April 17, 1935
page 2, cols 5 & 6

St. Paul, Minn. AP Bremer publicly related today his own account of the kidnaping. Doc Barker and Alvin Karpis accused by the government of engineering the snatch.

April 20, 1935
page 2, col 5

St. Paul, Minn. AP Picture of Boss McLaughlin and Edna Murray leaving building in St. Paul. Karpis linked to kidnaping. Mrs. Florence Humphrey, clerk in department store, identified photograph of Karpis as man to whom she sold three flashlights. Introduced in evidence and identified by various of a long series of witnesses were photographs, besides those of the defendants, of Harry Sawyer, alleged finger man, Harry Campbell, Dr. J. Moran, Volney Davis, William Harrison and Alvin Karpis, all still sought to answer kidnap charges.

April 23, 1935
page 2, col 1

St. Paul, Minn. AP Government finishes fingerprint testimony. Seven accused of passing ransom bills.

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April 26, 1935
page 7, col 6

St. Paul, Minn. AP Jury shown kidnap bills.
\$2625 found in possession of William Vidler
when he was arrested introduced.

July 1935

No articles noted.

August 31, 1935
page 1, cols 7 & 8

G-Men on Toes. In hunt for Karpis. New York,
NY. AP A fake alarm sent G-Men to apartment
building on East 22nd Street where an Oklahoma
business man surprised. At district office of
bureau it was stated all tips being followed
in routine manner, but at present only concen-
trated search was around Seattle and Karpis'
known hangouts.

The Toledo Morning Times was reviewed by Special Agent R. A. Guerin from September 1935 to and including May 7, 1936, with the following articles noted:

September 3, 1935
page 1, col. 5

St. Paul, Minnesota AP Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver among the 22 persons indicted for the Bremer kidnaping brought by plane to St. Paul after arrest at Allendale, Florida

September 5, 1935
page 3, col. 7

Pictures of Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver being held in St. Paul County Jail.

October 1, 1935
page 3, cols 3&4

Chicago, Illinois AP Police sought Midget Fennekes as leader of 7 gunmen who made an unsuccessful attempt to hold up the University State Bank. The possibility that Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy #1 might have been a member of the gang was discussed by police, but D. M. Ladd, Chicago Chief of the Bureau of Investigation said the descriptions given him were not that of Karpis.

November 4, 1935
page 1, col 3

Kansas City. AP Vivian Chase found shot to death. Reputed to be a former associate of Alvin Karpis, present Public Enemy #1 and the notorious Barker brothers. Mrs. Chase had been a fugitive since October 1932.

November 8, 1935
page 1, col 3

Garrettsville, Ohio US In wild west fashion, 5 machine gun bandits robbed an Erie train of mail pouches containing \$40,000 in currency

November 27, 1935
page 1, col. 2

Tulsa, Oklahoma. AP Mrs. Alvin Slayman Karpis has been granted a divorce from Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy #1.

December 1935

No items observed

January 2, 1936
page 3, cols 6 & 7

Kansas City, Missouri US Karpis trail hot, G-Men believe. Karpis who formerly captained the

Karpis-Barker mob engaged in a gun battle with Kansas City officers yesterday in the heart of the residential district. Outlaw's companion, Homer Fanning, identified his driver as Karpis and said he had met him in Chicago. Ollie Smith, tourist camp attendant, identified picture of Karpis.

January 5, 1936
page 1, col 5

Kansas City, Missouri AP Thomas J. Higgins, Chief of Kansas City detectives, said he had learned from Homer Fanning that Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy #1, is dodging police with a face remodeled by plastic surgery.

January 18, 1936
page 1, col. 4

AP Picture of Terese Carmichael, witness at trial of Cassius McDonald, who testified she saw him at home of Alvin Karpis while she was a nurse for Dolores Delaney.

January 25, 1936
page 1, col. 1

St. Paul, Minnesota AP Harry Sawyer and William Weaver given life sentences for participation in Bremer kidnaping. Cassius McDonald also convicted but sentence deferred until February 1st, Only 3 of conspirators still unaccounted for: Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

February 27, 1936
page 5, col. 8

Cleveland, Ohio AP Grover Keady held on \$50,000 bond when he was arraigned and pleaded not guilty to participation in the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery.

March 12, 1936
page 1, col. 1

Washington, DC AP The Federal Bureau of Investigation asked local police to "hold" all persons arrested with mutilated fingertips. This action was taken in an intensified effort to locate and hunt down Alvin Karpis, branded as Public Enemy #1 and other gangsters.

March 31, 1936
page 1, col 6

Hot Springs, Arkansas AP G-Men seize 3 in raid; Karpis escapes arrest.
Topeka, Kansas AP Raid at Hot Springs filed to

Handwritten note:
Karpis-Barker mob

capture Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy #1, stated Colonel Wint Smith, altho it is believed he was there prior to the raid.

April 1, 1936
page 3, col. 3

Washington, DC AP J. Edgar Hoover, Director of The Federal Bureau of Investigation authorized a statement that no arrests were made by federal agents at Hot Springs, Arkansas

April 4, 1936
page 1, col. 8

Port Clinton, Ohio. John Zetzer released after quiz by United States agents in Cleveland, Ohio.

April 23, 1936
page 2, col 7

Washington, DC AP Alvin Karpis became a \$5,000 quarry for policemen, gangland informers and crime conscious public: Harry Campbell, who has limped alongside the Public Enemy #1 in his two-year flight from justice was worth \$2,500. Karpis and Campbell are the first public enemies to be rated worth reward money to the federal government since Baby-Face Nelson's death.

April 28, 1936
page 1, col 3

Cleveland, Ohio US Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy #1, was named in federal warrants, charging him with a \$46,000 mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, and the \$5,000 price on the desperado's head was boosted to \$7,500. Harry Campbell, John Brock, Fred Hunter and a gunman designated as "John Doe" named in warrants with Karpis.

May 2, 1936
page 1, cols 1 & 2

New Orleans, La. US Headline over columns 3 to 8 show: "Alvin Karpis captured; Hoover leads at scene". Picture of Karpis in column 5. Lengthy article describing capture of Karpis and Fred Hunter without the firing of a shot. Article continued on page 2, column 3, but separate note follows syndicated article,

saying Karpis and gang lived in Toledo in April 1934. Karpis and Campbell were sought in Toledo area following discovery of their stolen automobile in La Salle, Michigan, eighteen miles away.

May 3, 1936

page 1, cols 6 & 7

St. Paul, Minnesota US J. Edgar Hoover says Karpis folded like a yellow rat. Karpis brought to St. Paul for questioning. Continued on page 8, column 6. Mr. Hoover said there was no betrayal of Karpis and scoffed at reports that a brunette delivered him for the \$5,000. Article states that Karpis' movements were closely checked since the Carrettsville robbery, narrowly missing him in Hot Springs.

May 4, 1936

page 1, col. 1

St. Paul, Minnesota US Alvin Karpis confessed kidnappings of E. G. Bremer and William Hamm, according to reliable sources but refused to name his accomplices. Article continued on page 3, column 1; describes how Karpis always had a gun at hand in the last two years. Mr. Hoover stated "The case is not closed." Of persons still sought some are those who helped the outlaws find hiding places, including doctors, automobile mechanics and operators of privately-owned planes used by Karpis.

May 4, 1936

page 1, cols 2 & 3

New York, NY US By Walter Winchell. Describes Mr. Hoover's conversation with Karpis relative to the latter's threat to kill him.

May 5, 1936

page 2, col. 4

St. Paul, Minnesota AP \$400,000 bail to be asked for Karpis after being subjected to continuous questioning.

May 7, 1936

page 1, col 1

New Orleans, La. AP Fred Hunter placed in federal prison under \$200,000 bond on a charge of harboring and concealing Karpis.

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May 8, 1936
page 1, columns 4, 5,
6, 7, and 8

Headline: "Police, County Officers
Face Grilling by G-Men." Picture and
story by Sheriff O'REILLY denying
any knowledge of Campbell's true
identity. Summary and arrest of Camp-
bell outlined in different articles
which are continued on page 2.

The Toledo News-Bee for the month of July 1935 was reviewed
by Special Agent N. S. Harzenstein, and the following item of
interest found:

7-3-35
page 1, col 1

Headline: "G-Men Search for Karpis in Akron
Hideout".

Akron, Ohio. Agents are hunting Karpis
in Akron, Ohio, where he is believed
to have reorganized remnants of the
Licavoli mob of Toledo, the Purple Gang
of Detroit and members of a Pennsyl-
vania gang. Karpis was hunted in
Toledo several months ago after kid-
naping a Pennsylvania physician and
bringing him to Wadsworth, near Toledo.

The Toledo News-Bee for the month of August 1935 was review-
ed by Special Agent N. S. Harzenstein, but no items of interest
were found.

The Toledo News-Bee was reviewed by Special Agent R. A. Guerin
for the months of September and October 1935, but no items of interest
were noted.

The Toledo News-Bee was reviewed by Agent R. A. Guerin from
November 1, 1935 to May 7, 1936, with the following articles noted:

November 4, 1935
page 1, col. 5

Kansas City, Missouri UP Vivian Chase,
sister of Edna Murray, was found shot to
death. Edna Murray was tried and ac-
quitted in the kidnaping of Edw. G. Bremer
of St. Paul.

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November 8, 1935
page 1, col 4

Cleveland, Ohio. Two suspects arrested
in connection with holdup of mail train
at Garrettsville, Ohio.

December 1935

No articles observed

January 1, 1936
page 1, col. 7

Kansas City, Missouri UP Homer Fanning
who asserted his companion in a gun
fight was Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy
#1 was unable to lead police to the no-
torious desperado's hiding place.

February 1936

No article observed

March 30, 1936
page 1, col. 7

Hot Springs, Arkansas UP G-Men hurled
tear gas into a farmhouse in what was
believed a search for Alvin Karpis,
America's #1 Public Enemy. House re-
ported to have been rented a month ago
to Harold Hunter, reputed companion of
Karpis.

April 30, 1936
page 3, col. 1

Port Clinton, Ohio. John Zetzer return-
ed to his home without revealing where
or why he had been held.

May 1, 1936
page 14, col. 3

Tiffin, Ohio. C. F. Funkhauser, filling
station operator, told police he identified
a photograph of Alvin Karpis as one of two
men who visited his station the Sunday
previous.

May 2, 1936
columns 4,5,6,
7 and 8

Pictures of Karpis and John Zetzer, who
admitted flying Karpis to Hot Springs al-
though not knowing his true identity.
(Zetzer's article continued on page 2,
wherein he describes his conversation
with Karpis during the plane ride.) Local
article states that it is known the gang
assembled in Toledo last November and also
in January 1935, after the escape of Karpis

and Campbell from Atlantic City, at which time Sheriff O'Reilly with deputies and police squads made a raid at Point Place, Ohio.

St. Paul, Minnesota. UP Karpis flown to St. Paul. The article describes the capture at New Orleans and the flight of government agents to St. Paul with Karpis. Karpis is last of Barker-Karpis gang, altho his recent associate, Harry Campbell, is still at large.

(Continued on page 2, columns 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. It is believed that Clarence Pucheu, automobile salesman, set afloat the rumors that led to the G-Men. The department had reward of \$5,000 on Karpis and offered \$2,500 on Campbell.

May 4, 1936
page 1, col. 5

Fremont, Ohio. Two former Fremonters, Jack Zimmerman and Don Smith were at the controls of the plane in which J. Edgar Hoover and 9 other G-Men flew Alvin Karpis to St. Paul.

May 4, 1936
page 2, cols 4 & 5

New York, NY J. Edgar Hoover says politics has replaced Alvin Karpis as Public Enemy #1. He also describes reactions of Karpis after the capture. Picture of Karpis entering the Federal Building at St. Paul on page 2.

May 7, 1936
page 1, columns 5,
6, 7 and 8

Headline "Hoover seizes Karpis Aid in Toledo". Picture of Campbell, Esther Goulet and front of Campbell's apartment house, in addition to that of a neighbor and the laundry man making a delivery. Long article continued on page 2, columns 2 and 3 outlining in detail the flight of J. Edgar Hoover and subsequent capture of Harry Campbell with the added statement that the information as to his whereabouts was furnished by Karpis.

It mentions the arrest of Sam Coker, minor figure in the gang. There are also stories by Esther Goulet and Mrs. Gerald Fosnaught, a neighbor.

May 8, 1936

Hoover rakes O'Reilly, Allen in reply to Chief. Many articles appear narrating O'Reilly's association with Campbell and his failure to recognize him as a fugitive. Picture of Gertrude Campbell in her apartment after her return from Cleveland.

The Toledo Blade was reviewed by Special Agent R. A. Guerin from March 1, 1936 to May 7, 1936 with the following pertinent articles noted:

March 30, 1936

page 1, col. 1 continued for questioning about gold smuggling ring.

on page 4, col. 3

John Zetzer believed to be in hands of G-Men. On page 2 are pictures of John Zetzer, his wife, Marie Zetzer and his brother, Joseph Zetzer, in addition to pictures of his home and garage.

March 31, 1936

page 1, cols 2 & 3

Friends believe Zetzer held by G-Men.

April 3, 1936

page 25, cols 3 & 4

Included in article devoted chiefly to absence of John Zetzer from his home is the assertion that G-Men are present in Toledo, but their purpose has not been disclosed. One rumor was that Alvin Karpis, notorious kidnaper, long sought by federal authorities might be in the vicinity.

April 18, 1936

page 1, col. 4

Washington, DC AP J. Edgar Hoover announced the arrest of Charles J. Fitzgerald, Jack Pfeiffer and Edward C. Bartholmey, Postmaster at Bensenville, Illinois, in connection with the kidnaping of William A. Hamm, Jr. Also involved among others is Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy #1, still at large. The actual perpetrators were named by Mr. Hoover to be Alvin Karpis, Art and Fred Barker, Fred Goetz, Fitzgerald and Byron Bolton.

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May 2, 1936
page 1, col. 8

St. Paul, Minnesota AP Karpis captured by U. S. Agents and brought to St. Paul by plane, accompanied by J. Edgar Hoover and 8 agents. Karpis will be confined in the county jail pending trial on the kidnaping charges.

May 2, 1936
page 1, cols. 5 & 6

Mystery of John Zetzer's disappearance solved by capture of Alvin Karpis. Zetzer explains his flight to Hot Springs with Karpis but claims he did not know his true identity until shown pictures of him by G-Men. (Continued on page 8, column 3, with picture of Zetzer.) Zetzer denied taking Karpis and Harry Campbell to Middle Island in Lake Erie. Article describes background of case with note that Karpis and Campbell fled to Toledo after escape in Atlantic City.

May 4, 1936
page 1, cols. 2 & 3

St. Paul, Minnesota. Karpis being questioned. He is to be arraigned on four kidnaping and conspiracy counts in the abduction of Hamm and Bremer. Article contained on page 4, column 3.
New York, NY AP J. Edgar Hoover says cooperation of police with his men in some middle western communities is "rotten."

May 5, 1936
page 1, col. 7

St. Paul, Minnesota AP Questioning of Alvin Karpis resumed. District Attorney G. F. Sullivan said he would ask that bail be set at \$400,000.

May 6, 1936
page 1, col. 5

New Orleans, La. AP Fred Hunter, associate of Alvin Karpis arraigned on charge of harboring Karpis and held under bond of \$200,000

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May 7, 1936
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Pictures of Harry Campbell, Mrs. Genevieve Fosnaught, neighbor, and house at 2132 Monroe Street. Lengthy article in columns 7 and 8 describing arrival of plane, capture of Campbell and Coker without a shot being fired and the immediate departure of plane to Cleveland where Coker and Mrs. Campbell were taken off, Campbell himself being taken to St. Paul. Wife to be released. Continued on page 3, columns 2 and 3. Details of the history of the case with mention of Karpis' and Campbell's previous residences and visits to Toledo. J. Edgar Hoover says no reward will be paid as the capture was the result of work on the part of the G-Men.

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Picture of laundry man making delivery at Campbell apartment

page 3

Pictures of back porch of 2132 Monroe Street, Toledo, and of J. Edgar Hoover.

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Interview with Mrs. Fosnaught by reporter set out explaining her reaction as a neighbor to Campbell.

page 3, col. 8

Article states Campbell is a native of Pennsylvania. Article above states Chief of Police Allen convince none of his men knew of Campbell's presence in Toledo. He has not been officially informed as to the raid.

May 8, 1936
pages 1 and 3

Numerous articles with reference to O'Reilly's connection with Campbell with editorial on front page, saying O'Reilly must go as he has showed himself unfit. O'Reilly says he will not resign.

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Mrs. Campbell returned to her home at 2132 Monroe Street.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 2, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 8-22-36, wherein is set out the names of various employes of the 42nd Street Cafe, located at 841 Broadway, Toledo, Ohio, in 1934, including that of "Baldy" Wetzel, entertainer.

Wetzel was located at his home, 2580 Broadway, Toledo, Ohio, and he accompanied agents to the temporary office at 513 Edison Building, where he made the following signed statement, the original of which is contained in the Cleveland office files in this case.

Toledo, Ohio,
October 2, 1936

"I, Charles Carl Wetzel, age 45 years, make the following signed statement to Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, of my own free will, without threats or promises of reward. I wish to tell the truth of all that I know regarding this matter.

"I am married to Evelyn Wetzel, residing at 2580 Broadway, Toledo, Ohio, and have an adopted son, Tom, age 22, who is employed by the High Speed Gas Service, at Sylvania and Douglas Streets, Toledo, Ohio.

"I am a musician by profession, and prior to coming to Toledo, Ohio, I was employed at the Military Chop House at Port Huron, Michigan. I arrived in Toledo on the Sunday after Thanksgiving Day in 1933, and I obtained immediate employment at the 42nd Street Cafe, located at 841 Broadway, operated by John Broadway. I have been employed continuously from the time of my arrival in Toledo to this present day, with the exception of six weeks, at which time I was employed with the Blatz Brewery at Toledo, Ohio.

"I have been shown photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis gang, and after carefully reviewing them, with one exception, I failed to identify any of these photographs as likenesses of persons I have previously known or seen. However, the photograph of Harry

Campbell which has been shown to me and has been marked for identification, is the likeness of an individual whom I have seen at the 42nd Street Cafe, but I merely remember having seen this man at the place and I do not recall the circumstances under which I have observed him or the persons with whom he was with nor the date or dates of his visits to the 42nd Street Cafe.

"I might explain that I am continuously employed from 9 pm to 2:30 am as a piano player, and my duties are such that I have very little opportunity to observe the patrons of the cafe who frequent the bar-room of the main dance room. If this individual had been a steady patron of this cafe, I would probably better had recalled the circumstances under which I had seen him.

"Although I am acquainted with Bert and Ted Angus casually as a result of my patronage at the Casino Club, Point Place, Ohio, at infrequent intervals since 1934, I have never been employed by either of these individuals. In fact, I never visited the Casino Club unless I was "tight", and I do not recall the identity of any of the guests at that place.

"I wish to further state that although acquainted with Joe Roscoe, I have never been on Middle Island, on Lake Erie, but located in Canadian waters. Prior to a year ago Joe Roscoe visited the 42nd Street Cafe at least three or four nights a week, but in recent months he rarely comes around. Captain George Timiney, while living with Edith Marks, on 2650 Broadway occasionally dropped in the 42nd Street Cafe for a drink and with him was Chris Brennen, another city detective. Neither Timiney or Brennen had been at the 42nd Street Cafe for the past five months.

"Although I am acquainted with Sheriff James O'Reilly, I have never seen him at the 42nd Street Cafe.

"I have read the foregoing statement consisting of two typewritten pages, and the same is the truth to the best of my knowledge and recollection. I have read this statement before signing this.

/s/ "Chas. Carl Wetzels"

Witnessed by: A. J. Norstrom,
A. Dickstein,
Special Agents, Federal Bureau
of Investigation, U. S. Department
of Justice, 1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio

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Wetzel advised agents that the present employes of the 42nd Street Cafe have been employed at that place since 1934, and in addition to those named above, there is a waitress, Millie, last name unknown, who has also been employed at the cafe since 1935.

He further stated that the only former employes he could name were:

Harry Welles, now at the Boody Bar, and

Dorothy Vanderburg, now married, of Segar Avenue, Toledo

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 2 and 3, 1936:

Reference is being made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran dated 8-22-36 at Cleveland, Ohio, wherein in an interview with Harry Wells, a former bartender at the 42nd Street Cafe, Wells informed that two waitresses, Ruth and Ethel, were employed at the 42nd Street Cafe, while he was employed there; that the last name of Ruth being possibly McNally. Agents located Mrs. Ruth Florence McNally at her home, 942 Venton Street, Toledo, Ohio. At that time she informed that Ethel's full name was Mrs. Ethel Julert and that she resided at 218 Marion Street, Toledo, Ohio. Upon agent's suggestion Mrs. McNally and Mrs. Julert appeared at the temporary offices, 513 Edison Building, for an interview on October 3, 1936.

Mrs. Julert informed that she was married to Milton Julert, a baggage clerk for the NYC Railway and that she has been continuously employed at the 42nd Street Cafe since November 1934. She was shown photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang, and after examining them advised that the photograph of Harry Campbell looked familiar, but that she was unable to associate the same with any particular time or place.

She stated that only two waitresses were employed at the 42nd Street Cafe during the evenings, despite the heavy volume of business; that unless a customer was a frequent visitor to the place, she would be unable to recall him, inasmuch as her duties kept her too busily occupied to pay any particular attention while serving them. She further stated that she knew the names and faces of very few customers at the Cafe, in that most of the patrons were of an undesirable class, and she had no desire to make the acquaintance of any of the patrons visiting at the cafe.

She further stated that she knew Joe Roscoe only by sight and had never been introduced to him. He came into the cafe at very infrequent intervals, and when he did come he was with his wife or alone, never drank and was exceedingly quiet and not very talkative. She stated that she knew Ganey Roscoe only

slightly and knew nothing whatsoever about the Roscoe's; also informed that she recalls having seen Sheriff O'Reilly at the 42nd Street Cafe on one occasion, but that she would not know him if she saw him in the street. She further advised that she knows Captain George Timiney only slightly but that he came into the cafe with Art Langendorf.

She informed that Mrs. Louise Hubbard, a cook at the 42nd Street Cafe and who lives about the Crystal Lunch at 1615 Broadway would know more about the activities at the 42nd Street Cafe, in that Mrs. Hubbard was a "busy body" and knew every one else's affairs, and she would, no doubt, tell everything she knew truthfully.

In addition to employes named by Wells, she stated that Mildred Fickel has been employed at the Cafe for the past year, but did not know where she resided other than somewhere on Broadway in Toledo. She related that Ethel Collins is a relief cook for Mrs. Hubbard, but that she has only been employed since May 1936.

Mrs. Ruth Florence McAnally, another waitress, when interviewed after Mrs. Julert, likewise, failed to identify photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang, as persons known to her, or as frequenters of the 42nd Street Cafe. She could add nothing to that information already furnished by Mrs. Julert. She informed that she has been employed since August 1934. Both women have advised that they are originally from Tennessee and have lived in Toledo, Ohio, for the past ten years.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 5, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran dated 8-29-36 at Cleveland, Ohio, wherein it was indicated that Gertrude Billeter Miller, prior to her employment by Fred Goulet, resided with Harold and Katherine Kruger at 829 Miller Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. Agents located Mrs. Katherine Kruger at 743½ Vance Street, Toledo, Ohio, where she and her husband, Harold Kruger, have resided since April 15, 1936. Mrs. Kruger informed that Gertrude Billeter had boarded at her home for a period of about a year, shortly prior to the time that Billeter obtained employment from Goulet. Mrs. Kruger stated that her husband had known Gertrude Billeter for a number of years, having been a boyhood companion of Heinie Billeter, Gertrude's brother.

At the time Goulet employed Gertrude she left a board bill at Krugers' place, and Mrs. Kruger did not see her again until after her marriage to Miller, when she met her in a downtown department store, at which time Gertrude informed her that she was married to a Bob Miller and had been living with Bob's brother on Adams Street, but at that time had her own apartment on Monroe Street.

Mrs. Kruger further stated that about a month prior to Campbell's apprehension she visited Gertrude at her apartment at 2182½ Monroe Street, at which place she met Gertrude's husband, Bob Miller, for the first time. She identified the photograph of Harry Campbell as that of Miller, and a photograph of Sam Coker as that of Tommy, whom she met in the apartment later that day. At the time of her arrival Campbell was shaving, and she expressed surprise to Gertrude Miller that her husband was not working. Gertrude at that time told me that Miller was a contractor and did not work in the winter time.

Shortly after her arrival at the apartment Sam Coker made his appearance at the apartment and was introduced to Mrs. Kruger as "Tommy". She further related that after an hour's conversation during which time nothing was mentioned as to Campbell or Coker's occupation or activities, she prepared to leave and Campbell then asked her to join them in a drink at the Goulet Grill, which invitation she accepted. After finishing the drink Campbell, Coker, and Gertie drove her home in Campbell's Ford automobile.

A week or so later Mrs. Kruger said she moved from 829 Miller Avenue to her present address, at which time she wrote Gertie inviting her and Campbell to come over for a visit. She then stated that she heard nothing further from Gertie, but shortly after the apprehension of Campbell, she and her husband met Gertie and her brother, Heinie Billeter, in Richter's Restaurant near her home. Heinie at first refused to let Gertie talk to Mrs. Kruger, but they later managed to have a short conversation, at which time Gertie informed her that she was amazed when she learned of Campbell's true identity. However, during the course of the conversation, Mrs. Kruger asked Gertie if she recalled when they were children they both wanted to be "gunmen's molls" and Gertie replied that she did but had had enough of it and that it made her so nervous all the time. Mrs. Kruger attached some significance to this remark, in that it indicated that from the manner in which she spoke that Gertie was aware of Campbell's true identity. Mrs. Kruger further related that another incident occurred during her conversation with Gertie which she thought to be of importance.

She stated that she asked Gertie if she had received her letter, but Gertie replied that she had destroyed it immediately and remarked that she was glad that she had done so, in that it saved Mrs. Kruger a lot of trouble, and, furthermore, she did not want her to become involved in the matter.

Mrs. Kruger further stated that Gertie had visited her home two weeks prior to the interview, at which time it was indicated that Gertie was drinking heavily and was very much worried over the entire matter. She further informed Mrs. Kruger that the "G-MEN" were watching her constantly and were shadowing her wherever she went. Mrs. Kruger stated that Gertie is presently keeping company with Dale Brown, whom she believes is employed in a grocery store at Monroe and Tenth Streets, Toledo.

Harold Kruger was present at the interview, and he informed that he could not offer any additional information other than what his wife had given, inasmuch as he had never met Campbell.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 5, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy dated 10-5-36 at Cleveland, Ohio, wherein it was stated that Louis Kestel of 1220 Jefferson Street, Toledo, Ohio, would be re-interviewed in view of a statement made by Kenneth Francis that Kestel drank beer with Sam Coker at Edward McGraw's call house.

Kestel was located and accompanied agents to the temporary office, 513 Edison Building, and was vigorously questioned as to his associations with the McGraws and Coker, but he could add nothing to the information already obtained from him as will be noted on page 57 of the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran dated 8-15-36 at Cleveland, Ohio. He recalled, however, that on several occasions Harry Campbell, whom he knew as Bob Miller, was accompanied by another man, much larger than Campbell, but that the photograph of Sam Coker, which was exhibited to him, was not the likeness of this individual, nor are the photographs familiar of other members of the Barker-Karpis gang that were exhibited to him.

He stated that he only had a vague recollection, and he never recalled having been introduced to the individual now known to him as Campbell or ever having drunk beer with him. Kestel blamed his lack of powers of observation to his advanced age.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 6, 1936 at Toledo, Ohio:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran dated August 29, 1936, at Cleveland, Ohio, wherein on page thirteen, it was stated by Gertrude Billeter Miller that Orville (Slim) Schaffer was frequently in the Goulet Grill, when she and her husband were there, and that Campbell frequently bought drinks for Schaffer.

Agents located Schaffer at his home at 117 - 22nd Street, Toledo, Ohio, and he was requested to appear at 513 Edison Building, the temporary offices, for interview.

When interviewed Schaffer informed that his true name is Orville Glenn Schaffer, and he has been employed for the past two years at the Bakery Equipment Service, 417 Dorr Street, Toledo, Ohio. He related that he travels a great deal for this company, in the capacity of a mechanic, and installs and repairs bakery equipment.

He further advised that he has been married, but is separated from his wife. He informed that he has known Gertrude Billeter Miller for years, she having lived in the same neighborhood where he now resides. He renewed her acquaintance when she was working at the Delmar Lunch at 908 Monroe Street, and through her met the Goulet family at that time.

When the Goulets moved to 2130 Monroe Street, he informed that he continued to patronize their restaurant. He further related that two or three months prior to Campbell's apprehension, Gertrude introduced him to Bob Miller, her husband, whose photograph he identified as Harry Campbell. He related that this occurred at Goulet's Grill, which place he patronizes when in the city.

From other sources he learned that Campbell was in the slot machine racket, but that he was not prospering, because on one occasion Campbell asked Schaffer if there was an opening available in his firm, as he, Miller, needed work. He informed that he knew nothing about Campbell's or Gertrude's activities, nor did he ever meet them outside Goulet's Grill. He recalled that only on one occasion did he see Sheriff James O'Reilly at Goulet's Grill, but could not recall if Campbell was present at that time.

Schaffer informed that he drank beer with Campbell on numerous occasions at Goulet's Grill, as Campbell always made a practice of buying drinks for those persons present whom he knew. However, he never became intimately acquainted with him, nor did he ever discuss Campbell's affairs with him, as he could recall.

He stated that he visited Campbell's apartment on only one occasion. This occurred shortly after his first meeting when Esther Goulet informed him that she had an apartment which she could use, this apartment being located over the grill. He stated that he took Esther to this apartment and had sexual intercourse with her, but later learned that it was Campbell's apartment, and that Esther was only taking care of it temporarily for Gertie.

He informed that this was the only time that he had sexual relations with Esther, in that she was known to be of loose morals around the neighborhood, and that he didn't care to have his name linked with hers in gossip.

The following criminal record was obtained from the Toledo Police Department, Identification Unit, for Orville Glenn Schaffer, Toledo Police Department #21672: b7c

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The following description of Schaffer was also obtained from the Identification Unit:

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| Name | - | Orville Glenn Schaffer, alias "Slim" |
| Age | - | 34 years (Born Garragher, Ohio) |
| Height | - | 5'9" |
| Weight | - | 140 pounds |
| Eyes | - | Blue |
| Hair | - | Brown, reddish tint |
| Complexion | - | Fair |
| Build | - | Slender |
| Scars | - | Large oblique scar left side forehead |
| Occupation | - | Baker |
| Residence | - | 117 - 22nd Street, Toledo, Ohio. |

A photograph of Schaffer was also obtained and is being made a part of the Cleveland office file in this case.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, on October 6 and 8, 1936:

Reference is made to reports of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Cleveland, Ohio, dated September 1, 1936, page sixteen, and September 22, 1936, pages ten and eighteen; and reports of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, dated September 12, 1936, page sixty-three, in regard to Bill Harris, in Toledo, who, in the summer of 1934, is alleged to have introduced Karpis, Willie Harrison and Harry Campbell to a man named Charlie Sellers, in Sellers' beer joint opposite the Harvard Club in Cleveland, Ohio.

Agents called at the Dugout on Hill Avenue, Lucas County, Ohio, on October 6, 1936, and made inquiry for Bill Harris. Agents were informed that Bill Harris was working there, but would not be there for work until about 9:00 or 9:30 P. M. After Agents waited about one hour for Harris, and he did not show up at the Dugout, the floor manager, whose name was not taken, was informed Agents would likely call the following day to contact Bill Harris.

On the morning of October 8, 1936, William F. "Bill" Harris called at the temporary office in the Edison Building, Toledo, where he was interviewed in detail concerning this matter, and the following signed statement obtained from him, the original of which is being retained in the files of the Cleveland office:

Toledo, Ohio
October 8, 1936.

"I, WILLIAM F. HARRIS, make the following free and voluntary statement to H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy, whom I know to be Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. This statement is made without any threats or promises being made to me.

"My name is William F. Harris, age 30 years and married. I reside at 1801 Monroe Street, apartment 1 $\frac{1}{2}$, Toledo, Ohio. I was born at Rudolph, Ohio, February 23, 1906. I have resided in Toledo, Ohio, for the past 12 years with the exception of a few days when I was in Cleveland, Ohio, working at the Harvard Club during July, 1934.

"I am now employed by Tom Worland, dealing craps in the Dugout located on Hill Avenue, in Lucas County, Ohio. This place is also known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars Club. I have worked at the Dugout for Tom Worland for the past year

and one-half, with the exception of about a month during last winter when the Dugout was closed. Before working for Worland I was employed operating a crap table for Pearl Barber, colored, at 617 Monroe Street, Toledo, in rear of a place called George Wilson's Barber Shop. I worked at this place about seven years.

"During the time I was working at the Harvard Club in Cleveland, Ohio, in July, 1934, I worked on the crap table as clerk and stick man, and was put to work by Bennie "Lug" Levine, whom I had met in Toledo. During the time I worked at the Harvard Club I lived at the Gordon Square Hotel, which I believe was located on Detroit Avenue. I know the following men who are gamblers, who worked at the Harvard Club, as well as in places in Toledo:

Arthur "Red" McCool
Shampaign
Ray Mulkey (or McKay)
"Stubby" Brazil
"Pollock Whitey" Warner
Connie Desmond.

Chris Brown
Al McCabe
"Shorty" Conway
"Pretty Charley"
Frankie Merritt

"I do not know where Frankie Merritt and Connie Desmond are now located. It has been years since I saw Merritt, and over a year since I saw Desmond. I do not know "Smokey" Sharkey, Rube McNulty, Jerry Gammon and "Dutch." Also do not know Dan Gallagher personally, but know him when I see him. I do not know "Tip" O'Neil. "Shimmy" Patton and Art Hebebrand were pointed out to me at the Harvard Club, but I never met them. I was told they were the 'big bosses.'

"I have been shown a number of photographs of persons whom I have been told are members of the Barker-Karpis gang. I am unable to identify any of them as likenesses of persons I ever met. I recognize a photograph, side and front views, of a man named Campbell, who was arrested in Toledo in May, 1936, which photograph I recognize as being one similar that appeared in the Toledo News-Bee some time in May, 1936.

"I have never been in a restaurant across the street from the Harvard Club at any time in Cleveland, Ohio. I have been shown photographs of persons I am told are Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and William J. Harrison, alias 'Willie', and I deny that I have ever met these men, and did not introduce them to a man named Sellers in a restaurant across the street from the Harvard Club in Cleveland, Ohio, during the summer of 1934. I

always ate at the lunch room in the Harvard Club while I was working at the Harvard Club. Lug Levine called me at Toledo by telephone from Cleveland, Ohio, on a Sunday and told me he had a job for me, and I went to Cleveland on Monday and worked Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and left Cleveland on Thursday and returned to Toledo. This was the only time I ever worked at the Harvard Club.

"I have not been to the Casino Club on Summit Street for over seven years. About seven years ago it was not called the Casino Club, but it was a restaurant operated by the Broadways, and Tom Worland had a gambling place in the basement. Jimmie Hayes had a gambling place in an adjoining building.

"I do not know Joe Roscoe, but have heard of him many times. I have never been to Middle Island in Lake Erie.

"I am not personally acquainted with George Timiney or Art Langendorf, but know them when I see them. I am not personally acquainted with Sheriff James O'Reilly, but know him when I see him. While I have been working at the Dugout for Tom Worland I saw Sheriff O'Reilly in the Dugout one time, I believe.

"I have read the above statement and same is true and correct to best of my knowledge.

Witnesses:

/s/ WILLIAM F. HARRIS

J. V. Murphy
H. B. Dill, Special Agents,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio."

In addition to the above signed statement, William F. Harris stated that, while he has no personal knowledge concerning same, it is his personal opinion that Tom Worland must be making a pay off to Sheriff James O'Reilly to allow gambling to be operated in the Dugout on Hill Avenue, Lucas County; that, while the Sheriff's office raided the Dugout and arrested Tom Worland a short time ago, for operating a crap game, Sheriff O'Reilly was not present on the raid, and as the only money which was confiscated by Deputy Sheriffs at the time of the raid was about \$2.25, it looked to him like the raid was framed to give Sheriff O'Reilly some publicity for political campaign. Harris also stated that while he has no personal knowledge concerning same, it is his opinion that some one or ones are receiving a pay off in the city of Toledo to allow gambling houses and houses of prostitution to operate openly.

Harris stated that he does not know of another "Bill" Harris in the city of Toledo; that he knows "Bill" Erwin, a gambler who is employed at 513 $\frac{1}{2}$ Jefferson Avenue, Toledo, but he does not know if Erwin ever worked at the Harvard Club in Cleveland, Ohio, during the summer of 1934.

The following description of William F. (Bill) Harris, was obtained by observation and interrogations:

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| Age | - | 30 years (born 2/23/06) |
| Height | - | About 6'1" |
| Weight | - | About 170 pounds |
| Build | - | Slender |
| Hair | - | Dark brown |
| Eyes | - | Brown |
| Complexion | - | Sallow (Smooth shaven) |
| Occupation | - | Crap dealer |
| Marital Status | - | Married |
| Residence | - | 1801 Monroe St., Apt. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$, Toledo, O. |
| Nativity | - | Rudolph, Ohio |
| Nationality | - | American |
| Marks & Scars | - | None noticeable |
| Criminal Record | - | Claims none |
| Peculiarities | - | Smokes cigarettes; claims took an occasional drink, but at present not drinking. |

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, on October 2, 1936:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, February 25, 1936, page twenty-five, and report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, page one hundred.

Harold St. Aubin was located at his residence 3411 Detroit Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, where he is engaged in box lunch business. He accompanied Agents to the temporary office in Toledo, where he was interviewed in detail and the following signed statement was obtained, the original of which is being retained in the files of the Cleveland office:

"Toledo, Ohio
"October 2, 1936

"I, HAROLD ST. AUBIN, make the following free and voluntary statement to H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy, who I know to be Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, this statement I make without any threats or promises having been made to me.

"My name is Harold Frederick St. Aubin, age 37 years and married. I reside with my wife at 3411 Detroit Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. I am in the box lunch business, which I operate at my residence.

"The Burdella Apartments, which is located at corner of Collingwood, Cherry and Boulevard Streets, Toledo, is owned by Peter J. Pool and Charles M. Pool, my father-in-law and brother-in-law, respectively. Prior to 1934 my wife, Mrs. Lillian St. Aubin, started looking after the renting of the apartments in this apartment building. In Spring of 1934, the exact date I do not recall, my wife informed me that Mrs. Bert Angus or her sister called her and inquired if she had a vacant apartment in the Burdella Apartments, as a friend wanted to rent an apartment. My wife said she had a vacancy, and I believe the next day I saw a man, with a woman, in a Chevrolet sedan, drive up in front of my house and this man paid the rent on an apartment to my wife, and gave the name of Morley. At the time I was in my lunch shop in rear of my house, but I could see him when this man drove up in front of my house. I recognized this man as a person I had seen in the Casino Club, which is operated by Bert and Ted Angus, but then I did not know this man's name. Bert Angus and family then had an apartment

in the Burdella Apartments. About a week later when I stopped in at the Casino Club about 4:00 or 5:00 P. M. I saw this same man in the place, and Bert Angus was in the place. Bert Angus introduced this man to me as the Mr. Morley who rented the apartment in the Burdella Apartments.

"I own a gasoline boat called The Minnehaha, which I keep at the Toledo Yacht Club, Bay View Park, near Toledo. When I was down to the Toledo Yacht Club I usually in late afternoon, on my way home, would stop at the Casino Club for a drink of beer, and on many occasions I have seen this man Morley in the Casino Club, one occasion he was with a blonde hair girl about 28 to 30 years old, small build and whom I believe was the same girl who was with Morley when he drove to my home when he rented the apartment. I never saw Morley with anyone else. Morley seemed to be acquainted with Bert and Ted Angus.

"I have been to Middle Island operated by Joe Roscoe, about five different times, but have not been there during the past two years. On one trip to Middle Island I had with me Harry Zahly, Archie Best, Toledo Detective, Harry Steele, Toledo Police Officer, and Art Langendorf, another member of the Toledo Police. Steele, Best and Langendorf were then members of the hoodlum squad of the Toledo Police Department. I have never been to Middle Island with Morley or any one I ever saw with him. I have never been to the apartment which Morley had rented in the Burdella Apartments. I do not recall that I was ever in the Casino Club at a time when Morley was there, and George Timiney or Art Langendorf were there. I usually went there in the late afternoon, after leaving the Toledo Yacht Club.

"I recall on one occasion I was at the Casino Club when Art Langendorf, Carl Peterson and wife, Detective Hartung, partner of Langendorf were there. I believe Rene Holst was in the party, but I do not recall the date of the party. I believe Flo Wolfe was in the party, but I cannot recall the circumstances of how she came to be there. Flo Wolfe and her husband, Bill Wolfe ran a rooming house at 203 - 18th Street, Toledo, and I believe they are still operating that place.

"I recall one occasion which I believe was some time in April, 1934, my wife and I, my brother-in-law Al Moore, and my two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Al Moore and Dorothy Pool, were attending a Notre Dame dance at the Commodore Perry Hotel. I believe that Joe Degnan and wife were also in the party. After the dance all of us drove to the Casino Club for a drink, and arrived there about 1:30 A. M. The place was crowded, and we got a drink and left. Joe Degnan in backing his car,

ran it into a new Chevrolet coach or sedan just behind his car and smashed a headlight or a fender. The owner of the new Chevrolet was a man whom I recognized as the man Morley who later rented an apartment in the Burdella Apartments.

"I have been shown a photograph of a man whom I have been told is Arthur "Doc" Barker, front and side views, and, while I cannot positively identify same as the man I met as Mr. Morley, as Morley was always well dressed, the side view looks somewhat like him.

"I have been shown a number of photographs of persons whom I have been informed are members of the Barker-Karpis gang, but I am unable to identify any of them as persons I have seen anywhere, with the exception of photographs of three persons whom I have been told are those of Jimmie Wilson, Ollie^OBerg and Dr. Joseph P. Moran. I do not recall just where I saw these three persons, but believe it was in some of the night clubs in Toledo, and it may be that I saw one or all of them in the Casino Club, but I am not sure about that. I believe these three men were in some place drinking when I saw them, but I never talked with them and never knew who they were.

"I am well acquainted with George Timiney, who is a captain on the Toledo Police Department, having known him for the past 25 years or more. I have seen Timiney, as well as several members of the hoodlum squad of the Toledo Police Department, of which Timiney was then in charge, in the Casino Club on several occasions. This was usually about 4:00 or 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon, and was as many as two or three times a week. On several occasions Timiney would just come into the Casino Club look around and go out, and other times he would stay longer and was there when I left the club. I have seen Timiney at the Casino Club in company with Mrs. Marks, widow of Chet Marks.

"It was generally known and I have often heard it mentioned that Ted Angus was the collector of pay off for vice in Toledo, but have no personal knowledge of this. I am not personally acquainted with any of the landladies of houses of prostitution, and do not know and have never heard that any of the landladies of houses of prostitution came to the Casino Club to see Ted or Bert Angus.

"I am acquainted with Ludy Fleming, having known him since a small boy. He was state prohibition agent in 1934, and was in such a position for about eight or ten years. I believe he resigned in 1935. Ludy Fleming spent a lot of time around the Casino Club in 1934, and before the repeal of the National Prohibition Act. Fleming used to drink a lot

and was about drunk most of the time I saw him. The Casino Club used to bootleg during prohibition days. I have never been over to Middle Island with Fleming. As I recall, the only ones I saw Fleming associating with at the Casino Club were Ted and Bert Angus.

"I am acquainted with Joe Roscoe, who operated Middle Island, in Lake Erie. I have made a couple of trips with Roscoe in his gas boat to Middle Island during 1931.

"I have never had anyone attempt to buy my gasoline boat, and neither Ted nor Bert Angus ever spoke to me about having a purchaser for a gas boat.

"I have read the above statement and same is true and correct to best of my knowledge. This statement consists of this and two other pages.

WITNESSES:

/s/ HAROLD ST. AUBIN

J. V. Murphy
H. B. Dill, Special Agents,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio."

Harold St. Aubin appeared to be sincere in his statements to Agents, and it is believed he has furnished all the information he possesses concerning this matter. Flo Wolfe, mentioned by Harold St. Aubin in his statement above quoted, will be interviewed at a later date, for any information she may possess regarding this matter.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, October 6 and 7, 1936:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent T. W. Bain, Jacksonville, Florida, dated August 3, 1936, setting out interview with Walter Burwick, in which he mentions that Ervin Shimman, former deputy sheriff at Toledo, Ohio, visited the Casino Club on several occasions, accompanied by Ludy Fleming, who was a state prohibition officer.

Ervin H. Shimman was located on October 6, 1936 at the Interlake Iron Company, 2401 Front Street, Toledo, where he is employed as a special police officer. He was requested to come to the temporary office at 513 Edison Building, Toledo, on the morning of October 7, 1936. On the morning of October 7, 1936 Mr. Shimman came to the temporary office, where he was interviewed in detail, and made the following statement, the original of which is being retained in the files of the Cleveland office:

"Toledo, Ohio
"October 7, 1936.

"I, ERVIN H. SHIMMAN, make the following free and voluntary statement to J. V. Murphy and H. B. Dill, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. I make this statement without any threats or promises being made to me.

"My name is Ervin H. Shimman, I reside at 3433 Summit Street, apartment #1, Toledo, Ohio, and I work as special police for the Interlake Iron Company, Toledo Furnace Branch.

"In 1920 I started to work for the Toledo Police Department as patrolman. In 1926 I was tried and convicted in the Federal court at Toledo, Ohio for violation of the National Prohibition Act. I was working for the Toledo Police Department as motorcycle rider at the time the violation for which I was convicted was committed. I was sentenced to serve six months in the Dayton House of Correction, Dayton, Ohio. I stayed in this institution for five months and then was released.

"About 1929, when Myron Cooper was Governor and Rubert Beethman was Prohibition Commissioner for the state of Ohio, I was employed for the state of Ohio as state prohibition officer. I served in this capacity for about three months, then Dr. Moore, head of the state Anti-Saloon League made a complaint to Rubert Beethman, state prohibition commissioner to the effect that I was a convicted prohibition violator and I

was discharged. During the time I was state prohibition officer my main duties were to locate and raid liquor stills, and during my three months' service, about half of that time was spent in Toledo, Ohio, during which time I was a partner of Ludy Fleming.

"During the time I was state prohibition officer I do not recall that Ludy Fleming ever mentioned the names of Ted and Bert Angus, and at that time neither of these men was known to me. The first time I ever heard of Ted or Bert Angus was after Mayor Addison Q. Thacher went into office as mayor of Toledo, Ohio, during which time it was commonly talked about Toledo that Ted Angus was the "fix" on vice and other rackets. I am not well acquainted with either of the Angus brothers, however, I have talked to Bert Angus on several occasions about hunting and other sports, while I would be visiting the Casino Club on some afternoon. This was during the summer of 1934. At the time I would visit the Casino Club there were very few people there, and as I recall some of those who were present there were Otto Albright, who lives in Point Place, Ohio, and at that time was in the slot machine business; a fellow who was called "The Skipper", also a man who I believe was a captain on a private yacht. There was a man there at times who was called "Coolie", who was working at the Casino Club. During 1934 I was working as a special deputy sheriff, under former Sheriff Dave Krieger, Lucas County, and most of my time was spent on Telegraph Road, inspecting trucks for violations of the rules and regulations of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. I was working on fee basis.

"I have been shown photographs of persons who I am told are those of members of the Barker-Karpis gang, but I am unable to identify any of them as being likenesses of persons whom I know or have seen at any place.

"I am not personally acquainted with Joe Roscoe, but I know him when I see him. He is a gambler, and I believe he has some interest in a gambling place at 631 St. Clair Street, Toledo, Ohio. I have never been over to Middle Island in Lake Erie.

"I have been to Cleveland, Ohio, several times, but have never been to the Harvard Club, and do not know where it is located.

"During my several visits at the Casino Club on Summit Street during 1934 I never saw George Timiney, Art Langendorf or any other police officers in that place.

"I have read the above statement and same is true and correct to best of my knowledge.

WITNESSES

H. B. Dill
J. V. Murphy, Special Agents,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

The above statement was read by Ervin H. Shimman and he stated same is true and correct to best of his knowledge but he does not care to sign same.

J. V. Murphy
H. B. Dill,
Special Agents."

Mr. Shimman declined to sign the above statement, furnishing as his reason that in 1926 he signed a statement for Department of Justice Agents, regarding the purchase and sale of a case of liquor, and because of such statement he was tried and convicted of violation of the National Prohibition Act, in Federal Court at Toledo, Ohio, and sentenced to serve a term of six months in the Dayton House of Correction, Dayton, Ohio; that, while he does not know it to be a fact, he was informed the statement he signed was altered considerably, and since that time he has made it a rule not to sign his name to anything.

Mr. Shippman stated that he was a member of the Toledo Police Department, assigned to motorcycle duty, at the time of the violation for which he was convicted; that he knew he was going to be convicted and he resigned from the police department before the date of his trial.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, on October 7, 1936:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 31, 1936, in which it is stated that Mr. Arthur Sweeney of the files section of the Bureau, advised that he has a cousin, one Spencer Sweeney, who, during the summer of 1934, drove motor boats at Lakeside, Ohio, and that Spencer Sweeney may have information regarding the members of the Barker-Karpis gang, since he was in that vicinity during the summer of 1934.

Mr. Sweeney was located at his home, 1330 Sylvania Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, where he was interviewed. He stated that about April or May, 1934, he started working for Walter Hayes, at his boat livery, Catawaba, Ohio, working on motor boats and operating motor boats on special trips to various points on Lake Erie. Sweeney stated that he made a number of trips to Middle Island with passengers. He stated that on these trips he recalls that one of his passengers was Joe Roscoe, who was with several other men whom he did not know and did not particularly notice, as they did nothing to attract his attention. He stated he recalls that he has often had Art Langendorf as a passenger to Middle Island; that both Langendorf and Joe Roscoe often took with them fishing equipment, and visited Middle Island to fish.

He stated he does not personally know George Timiney, and does not recall that he ever had Timiney as a passenger in his boat to Middle Island or any other point.

Sweeney stated that during the summer of 1934 he visited at the Bay View Yacht Club, and on several occasions, during the afternoon, he went over to the Casino Club for a drink; that on some of his visits to the Casino Club he saw Bert Angus in the club but did not see anyone in the club do anything out of the ordinary. Photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis gang were exhibited to Spencer Sweeney, and he stated he is unable to identify any of them as persons he has seen at the Casino Club or anywhere else.

Sweeney also stated that he never saw a member of the Toledo Police Department in the Casino Club. He stated he read in the newspaper about a Dr. Moran being killed and dumped into Lake Erie, but thought it was peculiar that he never heard any talk about this around the boat houses or yacht clubs.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, October 5, 1936:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, dated at Detroit, Michigan, September 25, 1934, wherein it is stated that Detective R. L. Peters, Toledo Police Department, advised Special Agent Hall that his, Peter's, informant, Bennie Weiss, told him that "Nig" Cousins informed him that "sucker" bets he was taking on horse races were from a gang of "hots" from Chicago, who were hanging out at the Casino Club.

Bennie Weiss was located at the R. & K. Cigar Shop, 428 $\frac{1}{2}$ Superior Street, Toledo. He accompanied Agents to the temporary office in the Edison Building, Toledo, where he was interviewed in detail and the following signed statement obtained from him, the original of which is being retained in the files of the Cleveland office:

Toledo, Ohio
October 5, 1936.

"I, BENNIE WEISS, make the following free and voluntary statement to H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy, who I know are Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, without any threats or promises having been made to me. I make this statement because I wish to tell the truth about what I know about the matter.

"My name is Bennie Weiss, age 42 years, born in Austria-Hungary, and of Jewish descent. I now reside at the Ft. Meigs Hotel, Toledo, Ohio. I am now employed at the R. & K. Cigar Shop, which is a horse race book shop and lunch room operated by Harold 'Nig' Cousins. I have been working there since April, 1936. I have been in Toledo since 1918, coming to Toledo from Terre Haute, Indiana. When I first came to Toledo I worked as a bartender. In 1930 I was convicted for violation of the National Prohibition Act at Toledo and was sentenced in Federal Court to serve two years in Federal Reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio, and after serving 13 months of this sentence I was paroled, and have since received my final discharge, although I have not yet had my civil rights restored.

"When I returned to Toledo, Ohio, after my release from the Federal Reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio, I went to work for the Davis Jewelry Company, operated then by Julius Davis and Art Davis. I worked at this place for seven or eight months.

"After I returned to Toledo I heard from various sources, but I cannot recall just who told me, that Ted Angus was the collector of pay off on all rackets and vice in Toledo. I have never been friendly with Ted and Bert Angus, and for that reason never visited the Casino Club on Summit Street while it was operated by Ted and Bert Angus. I have known George Timiney for a number of years. It was common knowledge in Toledo that George Timiney visited the Casino Club when Ted and Bert Angus operated that place; that George Timiney was very friendly with Ted and Bert Angus when Ted Angus was the collector of graft in Toledo.

"In the spring of 1934 I recall that Detective Roger Peters of the Toledo Police Department, showed me several photographs of men wanted for kidnaping a man by name of Bremer in St. Paul. I recall that I informed Detective Peters I heard there were some out-of-town gangsters hanging around the Casino Club, but I never saw any of them. I promised Peters that if I saw any of those gangsters I would let him know, and would try and find out what I could for him. I do not recall ever having told Peters anything about 'Nig' Cousins making a remark to me that some of the 'sucker' bets on horses he was taking were from some 'hots' from Chicago who were hanging around the Casino Club. If 'Nig' Cousins had made such a remark to me I believe I would remember it.

"I have been shown a number of photographs of persons who I have been told are members of the Barker-Karpis gang, but, with the exception of one photograph, I cannot identify any of them as being the likenesses of any persons I know or have seen in Toledo or elsewhere. The one photograph of a person, whom I am told is that of Jimmie Wilson, looks familiar to me. I have seen him somewhere in Toledo, but do not recall just where or when. I have often visited the Dutch Village night club and it might be that I have seen Wilson there, or I might have seen him in the R. & K. Smoke Shop, but I am unable to recall just where I saw this person.

"I am acquainted with Art Langendorf, a member of the Toledo Police Department. I see him quite often on the streets, but I have never been on any parties with him.

"I have known Joe Roscoe for some time, but have not seen him for about two years, as I do not frequent the places where Roscoe visits. I have not seen him in the R. & K. Cigar Shop. I have never been to Middle Island in Lake Erie, which I understand is operated by Joe Roscoe.

"I have read the above statement and same is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. This statement consists of this and one other page.

WITNESSES: /s/ BENNIE WEISS

J. V. Murphy
H. B. Dill, Special Agents,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio."

It is noted that at the time Bennie Weiss is alleged to have informed Detective Peters that "Nig" Cousins told him he was taking "sucker" bets from a gang of "hots" out of Chicago, he, Weiss, was not working for Cousins. Bennie Weiss is now working for "Nig" Cousins at the R. & K. Cigar Shop, and it is possible that that is the reason he now denies that he ever made such a statement to Detective Peters.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 2, 1936:

A review of the logs on the telephone tap on Edward McGraw, 2011½ Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio, reflects that a telephone call was made from the McGraw telephone to Jack Armstrong at the Identification Unit, Toledo Police Department. In an effort to ascertain Armstrong's connections with the McGraws, agents interviewed Jack Armstrong at his residence, 2631 Stamford, Toledo, Ohio.

He informed that he had been a member of the Toledo Police Department for the past twenty one years, and for the past few years he has been assigned to the record bureau. Although he has known the McGraws for the past fifteen years, he very rarely sees them and that the only visit he paid them in the past five years, was an evening in August 1936, at which time he was drinking beer in Lamb's Grill downstairs, he went up to McGraw's house to say hello. He further related that he only visited the Casino Club at Point Place on one occasion; that time being in 1934, when he and his wife stopped there for a drink and finding that the prices charged were excessive, he left immediately after having one drink.

Armstrong professed to have no knowledge of the activities of Ed McGraw or the Angus' or of general vice and gambling conditions in Toledo, explaining that he has had an inside job for the past fourteen years and, therefore, was not in a position to know what was going on on the outside, and the only knowledge he has concerning the instant investigation was what he read in the daily newspapers.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, October 7, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, September 19, 1936, wherein on page twenty-four, is quoted a telephone conversation overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd on telephone tap on the business telephone of Ben and Joe Fretti, 514 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio, between Ben Fretti and a man who said his name was Tripp, in which conversation Tripp stated he would meet Ben Fretti at the corner of Monroe and Ontario Streets, Toledo, in four minutes, and which meeting was observed by Special Agents E. J. Dowd and R. A. Guerin, at which time they noted two uniform police officers in an old Overland sedan, bearing 1936 Ohio license plates #3844-C.

At the Lucas County Automobile Registration Bureau, 405 Michigan Street, Toledo, Ohio, it was ascertained that 1936 Ohio license plates #3844-C were issued to William J. Tripp, 3844 Burton Street, Toledo, Ohio, for 1929 Durant sedan, motor #11062, serial #9806.

The Toledo City directory for 1936 has listing as follows: William J. Tripp (Laura G.), City Policeman, home 3844 Burton Street.

Following investigation conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, October 3, 1936:

With reference to the manner in which the Identification Orders issued by this Bureau are handled by the Toledo Police Department, Mr. John H. Louy, in charge of Identification Bureau of the Toledo Police Department, was interviewed. He stated that when Identification Orders, issued by this Bureau, as well as all circulars of persons wanted, are received by the Toledo Police Department they are routed to the Identification Bureau where, if fingerprints are shown on the circulars or Identification Orders, they are classified and the index records searched to see if they have any previous record on the person or persons. If no record is found, then the Identification Order or circular is indexed and then filed in the files of the Identification Bureau. These Identification Orders or circulars are not sent to the Detective Bureau unless there are duplicate copies. If they find a record of the person shown on the Identification Order or Circular, then the Detective Bureau is furnished a copy of the record, for their information.

At the request of agents Mr. Louy pulled his files covering various members of the Karpis-Barker gang, and his file on Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I. O. #1218, shows that a wanted circular, with fingerprints and photograph appearing thereon was received on June 16, 1932, from the sheriff's office at West Plains, Missouri, stating that Alvin Karpis was wanted for the murder of the sheriff at West Plains, Missouri. With the exception of the date received (stamped with rubber stamp), there are no initials of detectives or others, or other notations on the Identification Orders or circulars on Alvin Karpis, in the file of the Identification Bureau of the Toledo Police Department.

The files of the Identification Bureau of the Toledo Police Department were examined, covering the following members of the Karpis-Barker gang, and there are no notations on the Identification Orders in these files, except the date received, as mentioned above. The dates these Identification Orders were received in the Identification Bureau of the Toledo Police Department are as follows:

For future reference the following description of Detective Art Langendorf of the Toledo Police Department, was obtained from Detective Harry Manson of the Toledo Police Department, and furnished to Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 7, 1936:

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| Name | - | Art Langendorf |
| Age | - | 47 years (born at Toledo, Ohio) |
| Height | - | 5'9" |
| Weight | - | 170 pounds |
| Build | - | Stocky (has bull neck) |
| Color of hair | - | Medium blonde - curly and stands up |
| Color of eyes | - | Blue |
| Complexion | - | Light |
| Marital Status | - | Married and living with wife. No children. |
| Occupation | - | Detective with Toledo Police Department, Toledo, O. and connected with this department for the past 18 years. |

Occupation prior to employment with police department:

It is stated that Detective Langendorf was employed by his father, who was at one time in the butcher business on the east side of Toledo, and was known to assist his father in conducting this business.

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| Residence | - | 18 Birkhead Place, Toledo, Ohio. Telephone - Jefferson 4551 |
| Organizations connected with | - | Masons and Elks |

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 8, 1936, at Toledo, Ohio:

Reference is made to statement of William Wilson Wirick, set forth in the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, dated October 3, 1936 at Cleveland, Ohio, in which he advised that he drove Edith Barry and Sam Coker to Johnny Thomas' Market Business Men's Club, 216 1/2 Superior Street, where they were later joined by Frank Greenwald and Anna Pierce. Greenwald was requested to appear at 513 Edison Building, the temporary offices, for verification of this statement.

A signed statement was obtained from Greenwald, the contents of which are hereafter set forth, the original of which is being retained in the Cleveland office file:

"513 Edison Building
"Toledo, Ohio
"October 8, 1936.

"I, FRANK P. GREENWALD, do hereby furnish the following signed statement to A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein knowing them to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, of my own free will, without threats or promises of immunity, knowing true and well that this statement may be used against me in a court of competent jurisdiction. I have also been advised that I need not furnish this statement if I so desire.

"In addition to the information furnished in a signed statement to Special Agents John Madala and V. E. Criss, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and after refreshing my recollection I wish to state that one night last winter, the exact date I do not recall, Anna Pierce and I visited Johnny Thomas' Market Business Men's Club at 216 1/2 Superior Street, Toledo, Ohio. I believe it was rather a late hour, although I have no recollection of the time. When we arrived there, Edith Barry and Sam Coker, whose photograph I have identified, and who I knew at that time as 'Tommy' asked us to have a drink, and we joined their party. I can't recall if Johnny Thomas joined us or not, although Johnny Thomas was present at the club all that evening.

"Edith and Tommy played the slot machine all evening, and after having a few drinks, we proposed to go to Edith Barry's place at 524 Southard Street, Toledo, Ohio, to get more drinks. Edith and Tommy drove over in one of my cabs, driven by Elwood Tilton, or Bill Wirick, and Anna Pierce and I followed in my car.

"However, when we arrived at Barry's, we decided that we had had enough to drink, and after staying there five minutes, Anne and I left leaving Tommy there. I might add that I do not recall having seen Harry Campbell, whose photograph I have identified, at Johnny Thomas', either at that time or any other time. Neither do I know how well Johnny Thomas knew Sam Coker, although Coker spent a barrel of money at Thomas' that evening.

"I have read the foregoing statement and the facts given by me are true to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

WITNESSES

/s/ FRANK GREENWALD

A. J. Norstrom
A. Dickstein, Special Agents,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio."

Greenwald furnished to Agents a complete record of the trip sheets for the Private Cab Company for 1936, which will be returned to him after pertinent dates and trips have been noted therein.

Greenwald advised Agents that he had discharged Kenneth Francis, as a driver, not because of his having been questioned in connection with this matter, but because Francis was spending too much time with a confidence man around the Secor Hotel, Toledo, and he did not think it was good for the business.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. A. Guerin in an effort to locate any banking connections of Art Langendorf and George Timiney:

Mr. W. L. Lamb, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer of the Commercial Guardian Bank, 320 Madison Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, caused the bank's records to be checked, but failed to locate any evidence that either of the above individuals had ever done business with this bank. Mr. Lamb added that his bank maintains a central or control file bearing the name of every customer of the bank, regardless of the nature of the business transacted, but the names of Timiney and Langendorf were not among them, nor were they shown as holders of safe deposit boxes.

At the Morris Plan Bank, 234 Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio, Mr. H. Y. Barnes, Jr., Manager and Treasurer, declared his bank's business was limited to savings and loan accounts and after a perusal of same determined that neither George Timiney nor Art Langendorf were included among the bank's customers.

The American Bank No. 3, was closed and liquidated as of August 15, 1931, and the books and records are now in custody of Fred C. Backus, Liquidator for the State of Ohio, with offices in the Security Bank Building, Toledo, Ohio. Mrs. H. M. Mara, secretary to Mr. Backus checked all available records and ascertained that Timiney and Langendorf did not have commercial accounts, savings accounts, or loan accounts. She informed that to the best of her knowledge no securities were sold by the American Bank and added that if they were, the names of the customers would undoubtedly be revealed in the files which she checked. Mr. Backus advised that the bank did a very small safe deposit box business, and it would be practically impossible to locate any records pertaining to same. In explanation he asserted the liquidator has changed offices a number of times since the original receivership and records not regarded as essential in the transaction of current business were either destroyed, misplaced or left in one of the old offices, and no accurate filing system was maintained in connection with them.

No inquiry was made at the Industrial Bank of Toledo, 1418 Elm Street, Toledo, Ohio, by reason of the fact that the building at this address is occupied by the Henry J. Spieker Company. There is no name on the window or any other indication which would show this establishment to be a bank, and in view of the confidential nature of the inquiry, it was not deemed advisable at the time to conduct the investigation there.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, October 7, 1936:

On October 7, 1936, a memorandum was received at Toledo, Ohio, from Special Agent E. J. Wynn at the Cleveland office, requesting that records of the Automobile Registration Bureau, Lucas County, be checked covering the transfer of Plymouth Sedan, motor #PD 91271, by R. E. Nelson to the Robison Chevrolet, Inc., Toledo, Ohio, about March 31, 1934.

Mr. Fred H. A. Hahn, Deputy Clerk of Courts, Lucas County Automobile Registration Bureau, 403 Michigan Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, was interviewed, and produced his file #360193, in which is filed duplicate copy of registration form for Plymouth sedan, motor #PD 91271, serial #2088741, signed by R. E. Nelson, which sets forth that instruments showing ownership and registration of this automobile are filed with the Clerk of Courts, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, under their file number 1981489, and on this form is sworn statement of ownership made by R. E. Nelson, notarized on March 6, 1934, by E. P. Homburg, notary public, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

Also in file #360193 of the Lucas County Automobile Registration Bureau is Used Car Bill of Sale #360194, which sets forth that on March 31, 1934, R. E. Nelson, Statler Hotel, 12th and Euclid, Cleveland, Ohio, transferred title on Plymouth sedan, motor #PD 91271, serial #2088741, to Robison Chevrolet, Inc., 3015 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio, which was notarized by Evelyn McPartland, notary public, Lucas County, Ohio, and witnessed by Irene Taylor and Evelyn McPartland, both of whom are employees of the Robison Chevrolet, Inc.

In file #362714 of Lucas County Automobile Registration Bureau, is sworn statement of ownership, showing that J. A. Orhood, 3467 Edgewater Drive, Point Place, Ohio, is the owner of Chevrolet coupe, 1934 model, motor #4135550, serial #1 DA 03-13359. This sworn statement was executed before a notary public of Lucas County, Ohio, whose name is illegible, on May 14, 1934, and the sworn statement was based on Invoice #3548 of Ed O'Dea Chevrolet Company, 623 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, dated March 23, 1934, showing that salesman Schane sold to J. A. Orhood, 318 East 5th Street, Chevrolet coupe, motor #4135550, serial #1 DA 03-13359, cost \$696.72. This invoice was stamped with rubber stamp of Ed O'Dea Chevrolet Company, marked "Paid in Full, 3-23-34, H.R.H."

File #362714 contains duplicate Used Car Bill of Sale #362714, which sets forth that J. A. Orhood, 3467 Edgewater Drive, Toledo, Ohio, transferred Chevrolet coupe, motor #4135550 to Jay Carter, 3303 Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio, and this bill of sale is sworn to by J. A. Orhood on July 24, 1934, and witnessed by Elain Caldwell and H. Barry. This file also contains duplicate Used Car Bill of Sale showing that Jay Carter transfers this car to Robison Chevrolet, Inc., Toledo, Ohio, and this bill of sale is sworn to on July 23, 1934.

It will be noted in report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, November 4, 1935, that efforts to locate Jay Carter were unsuccessful, and there is no such street number as 3303 Summit Street.

Mr. Fred H. A. Hahn, Deputy Clerk of Courts, Toledo, Ohio, stated that he is the proper person to subpoena to produce the records covering the above-mentioned transactions.

Further investigation will be conducted at Cleveland, Ohio, where file #1981489 of the Clerk of Courts, Cuyahoga County, will be examined, relative to Plymouth sedan, motor #PD 91271.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent John L. Madala at Cleveland, Ohio, on October 2, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, June 23, 1936, wherein there is set out a list of seamen and shipkeepers, who were in Bay View Harbor, Toledo, Ohio, in the spring and summer of 1934, and who were thought to have visited the Casino Club during this period. It was ascertained that the ships on which these men were located periodically passed through the locks at Saulte Sainte Marie, Michigan, making them available for interview at that point at that time. In the report of Special Agent Charles H. Olson, dated at Detroit, Michigan, September 23, 1936, investigation was requested to again contact the Pittsburgh Steamship Company and obtain, if possible, the itinerary or present whereabouts of Charles Becker and the other persons named in the reference report of Agent Smith, in order that they might be interviewed along the lines suggested, it being apparent that these persons could not be satisfactorily interviewed at Saulte Sainte Marie, Michigan, under the existing setup.

It was important to particularly obtain the whereabouts of Charles Becker, who is an important witness in this case, in order that he could readily be picked up when and if this action became desirable.

The writer interviewed Mr. J. C. Geissler, Assistant Auditor, Pittsburgh Steamship Company, 1406 Rockefeller Building, Cleveland, Ohio, on October 2, 1936. He advised that Charles Becker is still in the employ of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company, and is presently working in the capacity of an engineer on the barge, "Fritz"; that this boat makes regular trips between Duluth, Minnesota and Chicago, Illinois, on Lake Michigan, and that whenever desirable Becker could be interviewed at Chicago, Illinois, or Gary, Indiana, at which points the freighter, "Fritz" docks and unloads its cargo almost weekly.

With reference to George C. Chambers, mentioned in Agent Smith's reference report, Mr. Geissler advised that this individual is still captain of the freighter "Cornell"; that this ship regularly sails on Lake Michigan and Lake Erie, and periodically docks at Chicago, Illinois, Gary, Indiana, and South Chicago, Illinois, or at Lorain, Conneaut, and Fairport, Ohio; that the ship usually remains in dock at these points anywhere from three to four hours during which time any cargo which they might carry is unloaded.

As to Frank Dobson and William Fearer, Mr. Geissler advised that these men are presently on Lake Erie and are located on freighters "House" and "Johnson", respectively; that they likewise make periodic stops at Fairport, Lorain, and Conneaut, Ohio, and at such times remain there for three to four hours or more.

Mr. Geissler advised that Emmett Moher is presently on sick leave, and according to his records he is residing at 1302 Winslow Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio; that he does not know how long Moher will be at this address.

With reference to Michael McGorry, also mentioned in Agent Smith's report, Mr. Geissler advised Agent that this individual is expected to return to Toledo, Ohio, in the next week or so, where he will be available for some time. He advised that he does not, as yet, have an address on him, but promises to furnish same to this office immediately upon the receipt of it.

With reference to Dan J. Keefe, another shipman to be interviewed, Mr. Geissler advised that this individual is still captain of the barge "Bryn Mawr"; that this freighter regularly sails on Lake Michigan, and that the best place at which to interview him would be in Chicago, Illinois, or Gary, Indiana, when the ship docks there to be unloaded.

Mr. Geissler stated that it would be impossible for him to advise more than a day in advance when the various ships of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company dock at a particular point; that he, himself, does not obtain this information until twenty-four hours in advance of when the particular ship is expected to dock, as the schedules and operations of the ships depend upon the cargoes they pick up. He suggested that, if desirable, he will gladly call the Cleveland Bureau office upon the receipt of information as to when and where the freighters mentioned in this report come in for unloading, and that the time in advance will be such as to give the Agent ample time in which to proceed to that point to conduct the desired interview with the person concerned. This arrangement seemed satisfactory, and Mr. Geissler was requested to advise the Cleveland Bureau office when George C. Chambers, Frank Dobson, and William Fearer arrive in this district, which he promised to do.

As to Charles Becker and Dan J. Keefe, Mr. Geissler advised that he does not receive advance information as to the time

the ships on which these men are located come in to be unloaded, and in this connection mentioned that their Chicago office could be of possible assistance in this matter. He suggested that Mr. J. E. Cottier, 208 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, be contacted for information as to the time and place the barges on which Charles Becker and Dan Keefe are working come in to port.

Mr. Geissler advised that the sailing season ends around November 15, 1936, at which time the various employees go either to their respective homes or go on a vacation; that he has experienced great difficulty in the past in locating these men during the winter season when they are off the boats, and for this reason he suggested that the desired interviews with the individuals concerned in this matter be undertaken before November 15, 1936.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. E. Smith on October 8, 1936:

Mr. Frank Dobson, Medina, Ohio, and Second Mate of the freighter "House" and former shipkeeper on the boats stored in the lagoon at Toledo, Ohio, during the winter of 1933 and 1934, was interviewed at the Fairport, Ohio Ore Docks, for the purpose of ascertaining any knowledge he might possess relative to the Casino Club which was located opposite the slip in the lagoon where the boats were stored, and the presence of the Barker-Karpis gang at the Casino Club in 1934.

Dobson stated that he had heard of the Casino Club, but had never been in the place and did not know the identity of any of the individuals who may have frequented the club. He further stated that he did not know the names of any of the Toledo, Ohio police officers who may have visited the club. Photographs of all the members of the Barker-Karpis gang, including that of Captain George Timiney of the Toledo Police Department, were exhibited to Dobson, however, he was unable to identify any of them as individuals he had seen anywhere.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Toledo, Ohio, will continue the investigation in accordance with previous leads set out, and as other leads are being set forth by memorandum to the investigating Agents, these leads are not being set forth in this report.

At Cleveland, Ohio, will check records of the Clerk of Courts, Cuyahoga County, their file #1981489, relative to certificate of title and registration of Plymouth sedan, motor #PD 91271, in 1934, in the name of R. E. Nelson.

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1130 Inquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

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October 11, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request in your letter dated October 8, 1936, there is enclosed herewith a photograph of Lucian C. Fleming, same having been obtained from Mr. Herbert Rine, Record Clerk, Ohio Liquor Control Department, 275 South Fourth St., Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Rine requested that this photograph be returned to him after it has served its purpose.

Very truly yours,

R. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Bureau
Chicago

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

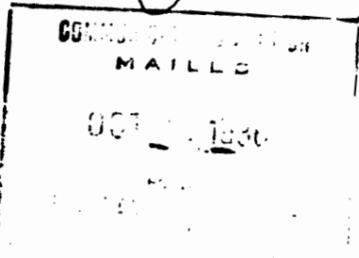
RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1232, et al; EDWARD
GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM -
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

It is requested that you immediately furnish to the Bureau a copy of the photograph of Lucian C. Fleaing, who is a probable defendant in the harboring case now under investigation by your office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Baughman
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Dawsey
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- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Joseph
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Schilder
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

BROWN'S FATE GOES TO APPEALS BOARD

BROWN'S FATE IN OUSTER CASE RESTS WITH BOARD

(Continued From Page 1.)

Motions Denied as Hearing Ends; Ruling Must Be Made by Next Saturday.

Whether Thomas A. Brown, former St. Paul police chief and ousted detective, is guilty of charges that he aided kidnapers of William Hamm and Edward G. Bremer, was taken under advisement late Friday afternoon by a statutory board of appeals.

The board's action followed final arguments after a lengthy hearing on Brown's appeal from being discharged from the force. A decision in the case, under the law, must be filed by next Saturday.

Members of the board are Walter Ryan, attorney; John B. Probst, chief civil service examiner, and H. W. Austin, city purchasing agent.

Brown, dismissed August 5 by Gus Barfuss, commissioner of public safety, was not present when closing arguments were presented by his attorney, L. L. Anderson, and Corporation Counsel John L. Connolly, representing the city.

In his final plea, Anderson renewed previously-made motions for elimination of large portions of the city's testimony as hearsay, and for dismissal of the ouster charges. The motions were denied by the board before taking the case under advisement.

Anderson asked specifically that the board "find this man (Brown) not guilty of each of the several charges filed against him by Mr. Barfuss".

The charges include allegations that Brown participated in the abductions of Hamm and Bremer, conspired with members of the

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Barker-Karpis mob which engineered the kidnappings, revealed confidential police information on the crimes, and failed to properly investigate the occupants of 204 Vernon avenue June 19, 1933, when Barker-Karpis mobsters lived there. Anderson attacked testimony by the city's chief witnesses; Byron Bolton, convicted kidnaper; Thomas Dahill, police chief at the time of the abductions; James P. Crumley, ousted detective inspector, and Edna (Rabbits) Murray, gunwoman in the Barker-Karpis mob.

Bolton's "mind was stimulated" and his testimony "manufactured", Anderson asserted. He characterized Dahill's testimony as "colored" and said the memory of this witness "was decidedly at fault".

Crumley's, he said, was "a bedtime story by a man discharged from the police force for tipping off gangsters", while "Edna Murray lied from the beginning about Brown".

Anderson stated that Brown "could have quit or neglected to appeal but he chose to come in here, asking only that the discharging officer say wherein he had committed the acts charged. Not one overt act was proved here against this man (Brown)".

Connolly traced the history of the kidnap gang and its ramifications in St. Paul. He referred to Harry Sawyer, convicted Bremer "finger-man" as "King Harry" and added: "In 1931 as chief of police we had his pal and friend—Tom Brown."

This brought a challenge from Anderson that proof of the state-

ment was not in the record of the hearing.

"That's my conclusion from the evidence," Connolly shouted, "and I'm going to repeat it if we have to stay here all night."

Connolly then launched into a detailed review of the evidence which he claimed linked Brown with protecting the mob and "tipping off" its members on police movements.

Connolly said that the "basic test" of the case "is the good of the public service". He maintained that the case "should not be confused with a criminal one as it is no more than a civil proceeding. If the charges are proved the man should be removed, he said, as against the criminal code procedure of proof beyond a reasonable doubt".

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Special Agent in Charge,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Re: Mrekid.

Dear Sir:

There was returned to your office on October 9, 1936
under Government Bill of Lading #J-75373, the following articles:

One ledger book

Enclosed is the original copy of Government Bill
of Lading #J-75373

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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cc - St. Paul
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Mr. Connelley, Chicago
Cleveland

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

September 28, 1936.

Time -

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Baughman
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Dawsey
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Joseph
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Schilder
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

During a telephonic conversation which I had with Special Agent S. K. McKee at Cleveland, he said that he and SAC MacFarland, while conferring with United States Attorney Freed on other matters, discussed at some length the situation between the Post Office Department and this Bureau, which subject was brought up by Mr. Freed. Mr. Freed said that while he understood there was some friction between the two Departments, he did not know anything about it, and did not want to know anything about it. However, he said he understood the Bureau was conducting some kind of a harboring investigation, and it occurred to him that if the results of the Post Office Inspectors' investigation and the results of our investigation were consolidated, it ought to make a good harboring case. Mr. McKee then asked the United States Attorney why he didn't make available to us, then, the information in his files as developed by the Post Office Inspectors.

Thus, it appears to Mr. McKee that we will probably gain access to the results of the Inspectors' investigation through the office of the United States Attorney.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sirs

On September 28, 1936, Special Agent S. K. McKee, who is presently on special assignment at your office, advised the Bureau by telephone that a discussion had been had with United States Attorney Freed at Cleveland, Ohio, relative to Mr. Freed's furnishing to the Bureau information developed by the Post Office Inspectors which might be of value in connection with the harboring investigation now being conducted at Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio.

The Bureau desires that you should obtain such information as is voluntarily offered by Mr. Freed concerning this matter, but under no circumstances should this information be solicited.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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October 10, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sirs

The Bureau has noted in the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 5, 1936, that Kenneth Francis, driver for the Private Cab Company at Toledo, Ohio, has identified the photograph of Alvin Karpis as being the likeness of an individual who visited Edward and Clara McGraw at 2011 1/2 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio. The identification made by Francis is corroboration of the statements made by Gertrude Miller, wife of Harry Campbell, to the effect that Alvin Karpis did frequent McGraw's place. Previous reports submitted in this case have contained statements by Clara and Edward McGraw in which they deny that Karpis ever visited their home or in fact was known to them.

The suggestion is made that when the facts of the harboring cases are fully discussed with the United States Attorney, this suggestion be called to his attention. The United States Attorney might desire to subpoena Clara and Edward McGraw before the Grand Jury and obtain their statements under oath. Their denials that Karpis visited with them would then serve as a basis for subsequent perjury charges if the United States Attorney elected to prosecute the McGraws for their false statements.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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CC - Cincinnati
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907

Jacksonville, Florida

October 12, 1936.

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Bureau letter dated October 8, 1936, (7-576), you are advised that on October 12, 1936, I conferred by telephone with Assistant United States Attorney W. Sanders Gramling at Miami. Mr. Gramling informed me that on today he had been instructed by Federal Judge Holland to set this case down for arraignment for October 19th, on which date a trial date will be set. Mr. Gramling advised me that this date would probably be some date in January, 1937, judging from the condition of the docket at Miami. The Bureau and interested offices will be immediately advised as to the date set after October 19, 1936.

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During my conversation with Mr. Gramling he informed me that Special Assistant to the Attorney General Linton Collins had inquired concerning this case on Saturday, October 10th. Mr. Gramling further advised that he is of the opinion that the case will probably not be handled by Mr. Barlow, as previously planned.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan

R. B. Nathan
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cleveland.

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404 New York Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota
October
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1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

BREKID

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter dated October 9, 1936, and the letter from this office to your office dated September 27, 1936, please be advised that the bench warrants issued as set out in this letter were issued on the conspiracy indictment returned at St. Paul, January 22, 1935.

For your information, there was an order to issue bench warrants on January 22, 1935, on the indictment charging the substantive offense, Docket No. 6095, U. S. Clerk's Office, St. Paul, Minnesota. There was also an order to issue bench warrants on this same date on the conspiracy indictment returned on this date, Docket No. 6096, U. S. Clerk's Office, St. Paul. However, no bench warrants were issued on the substantive indictment. All bench warrants issued were on the conspiracy indictment. There was an order filed in U. S. District Court, St. Paul, January 24, 1935, for a new or alias bench warrant on the conspiracy indictment returned January 22, 1935, for Alvin Karpis, which was served on May 6, 1936, and no non est return made on this latter bench warrant.

The records of the Clerk's Office, St. Paul, disclose that but one bench warrant was issued on the indictments returned January 22, 1935. This bench warrant was issued on January 22, 1935, on the conspiracy indictment and same was executed on May 12, 1936. There was no non est return made on this bench warrant.

Records of the Clerk's Office, St. Paul, also disclose that under their Docket No. 6044, that there was but one indictment returned in this case on May 4, 1934, that charging conspiracy and the bench warrants with the information as to the non est returns set out in the letter dated September 27, 1936, therefore, are bench warrants issued on this indictment as the subjects in this case were not charged substantively at this time.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge

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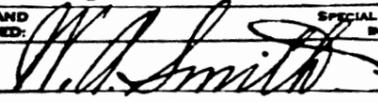
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KANS CINCINNATI, OHIO**

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| REPORT MADE AT Kansas City, Missouri | DATE WHEN MADE 10-12-36 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-10-36 | REPORT MADE BY G. H. FRANKLIN |
| TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUG. I.O. 1232; ETAL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM | | | CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Jerry Massiker alias Jerry Jordan unknown at Charleston Apartments, 619 West 13th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Two women entertainers named Hatfield and Green occupied an apartment at this address from September 23 to September 27, 1936, at which time they presumably left Kansas City for unknown destination. Records of the Post Office, Kansas City, failed to reflect any forwarding address.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> | | | |
| REFERENCE: <p>Letter from the Cleveland Bureau Office dated October 1, 1936.</p> | | | |
| DETAILS: <p>Mrs. Ernest Platt, Manager and owner of the Charleston Apartments, located at 619 West 13th Street, Kansas City, Missouri advised the writer and Special Agent G. V. Dierst that there is no one presently occupying an apartment in this building by the name of Massiker or Jordan and that a check of her records failed to reflect anyone by that name as ever renting an apartment in this building.</p> <p>Mrs. Platt advised that on September 23, 1936, two women named Hatfield and Green rented Apartment Number 10 for one week, but that these women only remained a few days, checking out on September 27, 1936, and that they presumably left Kansas City.</p> | | | |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES | |
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She stated that these women were night club entertainers and had just arrived in Kansas City looking for work and evidently were unsuccessful and it is presumed this is the reason for their leaving Kansas City.

Mrs. Platt further stated that she believes one of these women's first name was Jerry but that she is not certain. She described these two women as both being in their early 20's, one had auburn hair and the other was a brunette; both were about 5'2" or 5'3" in height and would weigh about 110 to 115 pounds each. She further stated that neither of these women left a forwarding address and did not state where they were going upon their departure.

Records of the Post Office, Kansas City, Missouri, failed to reveal any forwarding address left by anyone under the name of Jerry Massiker, Jordan, Hatfield or Green.

As per the request contained in reference letter report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 8-15-36, together with photograph of George Timiney, is being returned herewith.

P E N D I N G.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio,

October 12, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Brekid

In reply to Bureau letter of October 9, 1936,
(7-576), requesting advice as to the investigation conducted
by Special Agent J. E. Brennan at Toledo, Ohio, concerning
a possible telephone tap on Adams 1410, the telephone being
maintained in the temporary offices in the Edison Building,
please refer to report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated
Cleveland, Ohio, October 6, 1936, pages 76 to 79 inclusive,
wherein the investigation conducted by Special Agent Brennan
is set forth, establishing that the telephone was free of a
tap.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland
J. P. MacFARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge.

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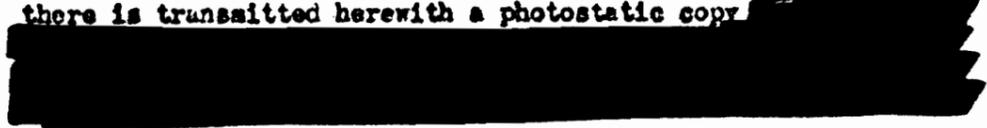
Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, Fugitive,
I. O. #1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE
BREMER - VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request made by your office,
there is transmitted herewith a photostatic copy



Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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404 New York Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota
October 12, 1936

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: MAKAP

The Civil Service Board on October 9, 1936 announced that it had found Thomas A. Brown, former St. Paul Police Officer, guilty on all charges lodged against him by Public Safety Commissioner Gus Barfuss, with two exceptions. The exceptions are the reputed tip-off of the Barker-Karpis gang at 1031 South Robert Street, and the accusation that he revealed confidential police information in the Bremer case to the newspapers.

Brown has not yet indicated whether he will further appeal his case.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STAM
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Chicago
Mr. E. J. Connelley

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 12, 1936.

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Time - 2:30 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Rey Collier telephoned me and wanted to know if the Single Fingerprint Unit of the Bureau was in operation at the time the fingerprint of Doc Barker was found on the gasoline can in connection with the Bremer Case, and if the identification was made through that Unit.

I told Mr. Collier that this Unit of the Bureau was in operation at the time of the identification in question, and that the identification itself was made through the facilities of the Single Fingerprint Unit.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio,

October 13, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Brekid

Inasmuch as Benjamin Grayson, with aliases, U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, No. 38601, who has been identified as being the fifth man in the Barrettsville, Ohio, train robbery of November 7, 1935, and who previous to his identification was called Sam, is thought to be formerly from Toledo, Ohio, and further since it is believed that there is a strong possibility that he is still in or around Toledo, Ohio, investigation there is deemed feasible for the purpose of causing his apprehension.

As an aid in conducting the investigation in Toledo, Ohio, it is believed that the services of [redacted] whose name has been previously furnished to the Bureau, will be most valuable and with this in mind, authority is requested to pay [redacted] the sum of \$50.00, to be paid in small amounts from time to time. As the Bureau has been previously advised, [redacted] is without funds and he generally picks up his information from bar rooms and bootleg joints and it is, therefore absolutely necessary for him to have spending money.

The Cleveland Office will appreciate being advised just as soon as possible in the premises by the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
E. J. CONNELLEY,
Inspector.

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PHONE. JACK ELEY WITH ALIASES, ETAL, PERRY ARCHIBALD BISHOP, VICTIM, UFAP, KIDNAPING. JACK ELEY UNDER ALIAS OF JACK MURRAY APPREHENDED KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI THIS MORNING BY DETECTIVE WILLIAM SIMPSON, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI POLICE DEPARTMENT, WHO KNEW MURRAY. MURRAY IS ONE OF HUSBANDS OF EDNA MURRAY. STATES WILL WAIVE EXTRADITION TO MEMPHIS ON STATE CHARGE. HE IS NOW BEING INTERVIEWED. ALSO BELIEVED THAT SUBJECT LEWIS KOENIG WILL WAIVE STATE EXTRADITION. THUS FAR BOTH SUBJECTS HAVE DENIED PARTICIPATION KRAUS AND COMPANY PAYROLL ROBBERY AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION VICTIM BISHOP.

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October 12, 1936

Via AIR MAIL

Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Cleveland office under date of October 10, 1936, in which photograph of Benjamin Graysen, Atlanta Penitentiary No. 38608, was transmitted for use in investigation to be conducted at Hammond, Indiana.

Please copy the above-mentioned photograph and forward six copies to Cleveland, one to the Bureau, one to Louisville, one to New York and also one copy to the Butte field office.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Inspector.

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1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio,

October 13, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Re: Brekid

Enclosed herewith is a photograph of Lucien C. Fleming, a former inspector for the Ohio Liquor Control Department, who has been prominently mentioned as an associate of Bert and Ted Angus at the Casino Club in Toledo, Ohio, and who is considered as a potential defendant in connection with the harboring of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell at Toledo, Ohio.

It is requested that you develop sufficient photographs from the enclosed original so that you may immediately forward twelve (12) copies to the Cleveland office, three (3) copies to the Cincinnati office, and one (1) copy to the Bureau.

It is also requested that you return the original photograph to this office inasmuch as it is necessary to return it to the Ohio Liquor Control Department, Columbus, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

October 12, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Louisville, Kentucky

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

During the course of the harboring investigation now being conducted in the Cleveland District it has been learned that Benson Groves with aliases, Atlanta Penitentiary #38606, was the fifth participant in the Carrettsville mail train robbery, which occurred on November 7, 1935. He has been identified along with Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, John Brock and Fred Hunter by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mochat of Newton Falls, Ohio, at whose home three of the men spent the night on November 6, 1935. Groves is, of course, an important figure in the present inquiry, and we are very desirous of locating him.

His correspondence record at the Atlanta Penitentiary reflects that he received a letter from the Henderson Credit Bureau, Henderson, Kentucky, during the period of his confinement, which dated from July 10, 1931, until December 10, 1932. On the latter date he was transferred to the Northeastern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, and his correspondence file at this institution reflects the names of Robert Eliasberg, 5513 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, and Dr. Frank Robinson, Moscow, Idaho, as correspondents. He was an inmate of the latter institution from the date of his transfer until March 17, 1933.

It is desired that immediate inquiry be made of the Henderson Credit Bureau and through the correspondents listed above for the purpose of obtaining all information possible which may be of use in locating this man. In conducting this investigation it should be borne in mind that Groves is being sought by the postal authorities on the mail robbery charge in question. At the present time there is no process outstanding against him in connection with harboring any subjects in this case, but it is highly desirable that he be located. In the event he is located and the circumstances permit, it is suggested that telephonic communication be had either with Inspector E. J. Connelley or the Cleveland office prior to apprehending him. It is to be stated that this man is undoubtedly dangerous, attention being called to the fact that he had taken part in an armed robbery, and every precaution should be taken in effecting his apprehension.

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The Chicago office has been requested to forward copies of Groves' photograph to the Louisville, New York and Butte offices for use in the investigation requested herein.

The following descriptive data was furnished by the penitentiary authorities:

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| Name | - BENSON GROVES with aliases; Benjamin Grayson, "Soup" Groves, George Wilson, Burns, Corby and Benjamin Grayson |
| Born | - 7-25-80 In West Virginia |
| Weight | - 171 lbs. |
| Height | - 5' 6 1/2" |
| Eyes | - blue |
| Complexion | - florid |
| Hair | - brown |
| Build | - medium stout |
| Residence | - Toledo, Ohio |
| Occupation | - salesman |
| Relatives | - Mrs. Ida Fryar, sister, Hammond, Indiana |
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This investigation should be given expeditious attention.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Inspector.

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POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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October 15, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter of October 10, 1936 which was forwarded in confirmation of a long distance telephone call received at the Chicago office from Special Agent S. K. McKee, requesting that investigation be made at Hammond, Indiana to ascertain the present whereabouts of BENSON GROVES with aliases.

Special Agent T. F. Mullen of this office contacted Walter Herrburg, Superintendent of Mails and O. H. Rabe, Assistant Postmaster, Hammond, Indiana to ascertain the present address of Ida Fryar a sister of Groves, the last address of whom was 6632 Jackson Avenue. The records of the Post Office indicate that Mr. and Mrs. Fryar have not been residing at that address for over 3 years but are now located at 6236 Van Buren Avenue, Hammond, Ind.; that Mrs. Fryar's husband is named Harvey and is employed as a trouble shooter by the Northern Indiana Public Service Company; that Post Office Inspector Hackett or Heskett from Cleveland, Ohio had been in Hammond, Indiana last week for the purpose of locating GROVES; that the Hammond Post Office had been working in conjunction with this Inspector since that time.

According to Mr. Herrburg up to about three and one half years ago a man named Charles Sprout who is an uncle of Mrs. Fryar had lived at 6236 Van Buren Avenue, Hammond, Indiana. While the uncle was living at that address the Fryar family was living at 6632 Jackson Avenue. Subsequently Charles Sprout moved to Dayton, Ohio, address unknown and the Fryar family moved into Sprout's house at 6236 Van Buren at that time. During the past week Charles Sprout who had moved to Dayton, Ohio, street address unknown, had died and both Mr. and Mrs. Fryar went to Dayton for the funeral, returning to Hammond last Sunday, October 11, 1936.

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Mr. Herrburg stated that the carrier who delivers mail to the Fryar family is J. A. Borchardt, and he resides directly across the street from the Fryar family, at 6233 Van Buren Avenue; that Borchardt had been requested by the Post Office Inspector to keep a lookout for the possible return of Groves to Hammond for a visit or otherwise.

Borchardt was interviewed by Agent Mullen and stated that the Fryar family has been living at 6236 Van Buren for over three years; that he is well acquainted with this family, and informed Agent concerning their return from Dayton on Sunday, where they had attended the funeral of their uncle Charles Sprout. A picture of Groves was shown to Borchardt and he stated he had never seen this individual about the Fryar home, never had any mail addressed to him in care of the Fryars, and cannot remember having any mail for the Fryars with the return address of Groves thereon. He stated however, that he is making tracings of all the mail received by the Fryar family, forwarding them to the Post Office Inspector at Cleveland, Ohio. In view of the recent investigation made by the Post Office Inspectors Agent Mullen did not request that a copy of the mail tracings be forwarded to the Chicago office.

Agent Mullen proceeded to 6236 Van Buren Avenue and interviewed both Mr. and Mrs. Fryar under suitable pretext. Mrs. Fryar stated that she has not seen her brother for a considerable length of time; that the last time she had heard from him was by letter at Christmas time; that at that time her brother was living in Toledo, Ohio, the address of which she did not remember, stating that after receiving this letter from him she wrote him at the address given by him in Toledo; that the letter was returned undelivered, and that she therefore tore up the address and kept no note of it. There is a question as to whether Mrs. Fryar was telling the truth when she stated she had not seen her brother for some time, as she appeared to be in a very nervous state during the interview.

Sandor Singer, Captain of Detectives, Hammond, Indiana Police Department was next contacted by Agent Mullen and was shown a photograph of Groves. He stated that he knew him well; that in fact Groves' sister Mrs. Fryar lives three or four doors from him, Singer residing at 6216 Van Buren Avenue. He stated he had seen Groves and that Groves had been seen by other men in his department.

about the sister's home around Christmas or shortly thereafter.
Singer stated he was positive of this.

Not divulging the purpose of the inquiry, Agent Mullen requested that he notify the Chicago office immediately should Groves put in an appearance, and Singer then stated that a Post Office Inspector from Cleveland had been to the Hammond Police Department a day last week and had made the request that should Groves put in an appearance he be apprehended immediately and held for the Post Office Inspector, this same Inspector leaving five or six photographs of Groves to be distributed among the men. Agent Mullen then impressed upon Captain Singer the fact that this Bureau was anxious to be advised when Groves returned to Hammond, and he stated that inasmuch as Agent Mullen had made this request of him he would be glad to disregard the arrest order by the Post Office Inspectors and would notify the Chicago office upon the return of Groves to Hammond. However he was advised by Agent Mullen that he desired that he (Singer) follow out the request of the Post Office Inspectors as Agent Mullen had no authority to cancel any such request or instructions left by any other department, and Singer then agreed to notify the Chicago office by telephone immediately upon the apprehension of Groves if he returns to Hammond, Indiana.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,

Special Agent in Charge.

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October 22, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1232, et al; EDWARD
GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM -
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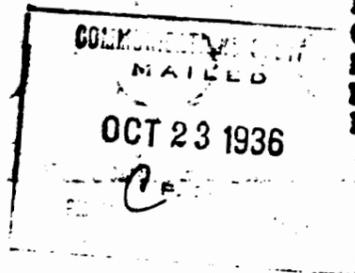
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter addressed by the Chicago Office to the Cleveland Office under date of October 13, 1936, outlining the results of the routine inquiries made by Special Agent T. F. Mullen at Hammond, Indiana in an effort to obtain information concerning the whereabouts of Benson Groves, who has been identified as the fifth individual participating in the mail robbery at Carrettsville, Ohio, and whose location is desired by the Bureau in connection with the harboring case now under investigation at Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio.

The Bureau desires that you immediately cause an additional investigation to be conducted at Hammond, Indiana in an effort to obtain information concerning Benson Groves, it being noted that Special Agent Mullen made limited inquiries in connection therewith.

Following is a description of Benson Groves, with aliases Benjamin Grayson, Ben Grayson, "Soup" Groves, George Wilson, Burns Corby, Benjamin Grayson, Burns Corby:

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| Born | July 25, 1880 in State of West Virginia. |
| Height | 5' 6 1/2" |
| Weight | 171 pounds |
| Eyes | Blue |
| Complexion | Florida |
| Hair | Brown |
| Build | Medium Stout |
| Residence | Toledo, Ohio |



October 22, 1936.

Scars and Marks:

Tattoo forearm "B. G." and
"B. G." on shield; left forearm
"girl in tights, sailor boy and
others"; oblique scar 3/4" long
above right corner of mouth.

Occupation
Marital status
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Relatives

Salesman
Single
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Mrs. Ida Fryar, sister
6632 Jackson Avenue,
Hammond, Indiana.

There are transmitted herewith two photographs of
Groves bearing the name George Wilson for your use in conducting the
additional investigation at Hammond, Indiana.

You are instructed that this matter should receive preferred
attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #1110285

cc-Cincinnati
Chicago
Cleveland

1130 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

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October 14, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BRKID.

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter dated October 10, 1936,
please be advised that the Ohio State Bureau of Motor Vehicles, 327
S. 4th St., Columbus, Ohio, has no record of a registration under the
following names set forth in your letter:

BENSON GROVES
BENJAMIN GRAYSON
BEN GRAYSON
"SON" GROVES
HURKS CONBY.

There are a great many registrations under the name
of George Wilson. However, it was ascertained that the following
described automobiles were registered to parties under that name
residing in or near Toledo, Ohio:

George D. Wilson, Route #2, Bowling Green, Ohio.
1928 Essex Coupe, Motor #673819, License 7680-M.

George A. Wilson, 4106 Farraket Street, Toledo, Ohio.
1936 Chevrolet Sedan, Motor #6141541, License 3236-D.

George W. Wilson, 425 Winthrop Street, Toledo, Ohio.
1932 Ford Coupe, Motor #B-2086810, License 8125-F.

George W. Wilson, 425 Winthrop Street, Toledo, Ohio.
1928 Pierce Arrow Sedan, Motor #8105215, License 8124-F.

George Wilson, 934 Berry Street, Toledo, Ohio.
1929 Ford Roadster, Motor #1515582, License 3233-G.

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Very truly yours, 936 P.M.

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October 14, 1936

Chapman Fletcher,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

RE: BANKED

Recently information has developed indicating that certain of the bonds taken in the Garrettsville train robbery on November 7, 1935, have been in possession of persons at Taylor, Texas, who were negotiating a loan on same. For your information I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter dated September 24, 1936, addressed to the Bureau by the San Antonio office, also copy of a report of Special Agent C. E. Davis, dated at San Antonio, Texas, October 9, 1936, in the matter of ROBERT HUDSON; ET AL; NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT. These copies should be returned to me personally after they have served their purpose. It will be noted that Hudson was endeavoring to dispose of certain bonds through W. C. Mofford, attorney, Taylor, Texas.

Recently Clayton Hall has advised me that in his conversations with Grace Goldstein before Karpis was apprehended, she advised him she had had in her possession at least some of the bonds taken in the Garrettsville train robbery, which had been given to her by Karpis, and she claimed to Hall that she had burned these bonds and no longer had them in her possession.

I am enclosing herewith a cashier's check in the amount of \$300.00, of the National City Bank of Cleveland, dated October 13, 1936, ST 1902, for payment by you to informant Grace Goldstein. When you next have opportunity to consult with informant Grace Goldstein it is desired that you diplomatically advise her that we would like to have the bonds taken in the Garrettsville train robbery, which bonds were in her possession at one time. It is not known what her reaction will be to this, but it is possible that she may have some information as to who is now in possession of these bonds, or she may have some of them still in her possession. She should be advised that anyone in whose

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possession these bonds are found will undoubtedly be apprehended for violation of the National Stolen Property Act, and she should make every effort to see that these bonds are returned, if she has any knowledge of them.

Recently Grace Goldstein and Connie Morris visited with Clayton Hall at his home in the vicinity of Youngstown, that is the two persons indicated, were here about the first part of September, 1936. Grace Goldstein indicated that Dutch Akers, Chief of Detectives at Hot Springs, had apparently been endeavoring to embarrass her, and at the present time he will have nothing to do with her; that, however, Chief of Police Makelin had indicated to her that she should not pay any attention to the activities of Akers. It is believed that possibly at this time, particularly if she is being disturbed by Akers, that she will advise us as to what Akers knew of Karpis in Hot Springs, or perhaps she can furnish us with information in regard to other individuals whom we might approach and who can testify as to Dutch Akers having knowingly been in the presence of Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter. This situation, of course, if developed, will materially assist in arranging a possible prosecution of Dutch Akers for harboring Alvin Karpis at Hot Springs.

Please keep me advised of any confidential information you learn in this matter, and it would be well to advise me in advance of any investigation which you intend to make as to this situation in order that I may coordinate same with future activity expected as to Dutch Akers.

Very truly yours,

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E. J. CONNELLEY
Inspector.

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DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID TELEPHONE TAP ARDELL QUINN DISCONTINUED TODAY EXPECT DISCONTINUE ARTHUR HEBERBRAND TELEPHONE TAP END OF WEEK. CAN RELEASE TODAY SERVICES AGENTS J E BRENNAN, FITZGERALD, LEVIN, HOFFMAN, SNOW AND SMITH. AGENTS FITZGERALD AND SMITH WILL RETURN REGULAR ASSIGNMENT CLEVELAND OFFICE. AGENT LEVIN DETROIT BRENNAN ST PAUL HOFFMAN DETROIT SNOW KANSAS CITY WILL RETURN RESPECTIVE HEADQUARTERS. AT END TELEPHONE TAP HEBERBRAND SUNDAY AGENTS DOWD CLEVELAND AND MATNEY LITTLE ROCK WILL RETURN RESPECTIVE HEADQUARTERS

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AGENTS MCKEE, NOONAN, KITCHIN AND MADALA WILL COMPLETE LEADS CLEVELAND AND AGENTS DILL, MURPHY, DICKSTEIN, NORSTROM, WYNN AND SULLIVAN WILL COMPLETE LEADS TOLEDO. EXPECT TO FINISH NEW YORK AND NEWARK BY FIRST COMING WEEK AND WILL RETURN CLEVELAND THEN AND ENDEAVOR COMPLETE FURTHER NECESSARY WORK TO CONCLUDE PRESENT INVESTIGATION. INTERVIEW JOHN BROCK TO BE ARRANGED FOR MONDAY

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

October 14, 1936

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

I desire to advise that on October 7, 1936 [redacted]

[redacted] telephoned Special Agent (A) A. H. Johnson and advised that he had just been contacted by an individual who represented himself to be a member of the International News Service. [redacted] stated that this individual exhibited to him an identification card which bore his photograph and the name "American Press Club." He stated he was making inquiry regarding the operations of the "G-Men" in the neighborhood and he asked [redacted] if he knew that his, [redacted] wires had been tapped.

[redacted] stated that he gave this individual no information and, as he expressed it, "acted dumb." [redacted] further stated that he would not give out any information regarding the operations of any of the Agents of this Bureau. However, he stated that the reporter when leaving intimated to him that inasmuch as he [redacted] did not care to give any information it probably would come out anyway and would eventually embarrass him.

The above information is being forwarded to the Bureau for its information.

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Very truly yours,

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OCT 19 1936

[Signature]
D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
October 14, 1936

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: BREKID

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This memorandum is submitted for the purpose of advising you of the recent developments concerning the harboring investigation in Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio.

The agents engaged in the investigation at Toledo have reinterviewed Harold Barry, former automobile salesman, who on prior occasions failed to tell the truth concerning automobiles sold by him to members of the Karpis-Barker gang. Barry now admits that he sold two cars to Doc Barker in 1934 and that Bert Angus fronted for him. Gertrude Miller, wife of Harry Campbell, has been interviewed on several prior occasions and when recently interviewed she admitted that she had not told the truth in the beginning. Although denying she knew the true identity of Alvin Karpis, she now admits that Alvin Karpis whom she knew as Sonny, visited Ed McGraw's place in Toledo, Ohio in May 1935, and again in October, 1935, just a few days prior to the Garrettsville mail robbery on November 7, 1935. She also admitted Milton Lett, known to her as Bill, visited McGraw's place in October, 1935. She had previously vigorously denied that she had ever seen Karpis or Lett. Gertrude Miller now also admits that she first met Harry Campbell on a "call" date at Ed McGraw's and that she had illicit relations with him for which she was paid \$10.00 and that a few days later she had relations with him again and was paid \$30.00, this being several months prior to her marriage to Campbell.

Mildred Kuhlman, former paramour of Doc Barker, recently consulted a Priest in Toledo, Ohio and advised the Priest concerning her associations with the Karpis-Barker gang, and the Priest advised her to inform the Bureau of the complete details and the entire truth relative to this association. Thereafter Mildred Kuhlman advised agents at Toledo that Rene and Thelma Holst and Madeline Angus talked frequently of the gang, knowing their true identities. Madeline Angus is the wife of Bert Angus and is a sister to the Holst girls.

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Mildred Kuhlman stated that a sum of money was to be paid by the Karpis-Barker gang to Bert and Ted Angus for the protection afforded them at Toledo, Ohio during the summer and fall of 1934; that George Timmony knew the true identities of the gang and was to participate in the division of the money paid for protection, but that he backed out of taking the money because he believed the gang to be too hot.

Frank P. Greenwall alias Greenie, has admitted to the agents at Toledo, Ohio that on or about January 23, 1935 after the escape of Karpis and Campbell from Atlantic City, he received a telephone call from "Cooley" Monroe to pick up two individuals near La Salle, Michigan; that he and Monroe proceeded to this point and picked up individuals who he later learned were Karpis and Campbell and it was at this point that they had abandoned the stolen car used in their flight from Pennsylvania to Ohio. Greenwall admits that thereafter, knowing the true identity of Harry Campbell he picked Harry Campbell up in his taxicab in March, 1936 and drove Campbell from Ed McGraw's place to Edith Barry's place. Kenneth Francis, a taxicab driver for a private cab company, identified Alvin Karpis as being a fare which he picked up at McGraw's place shortly after Christmas of 1935. Both Clara and Ed McGraw continually deny that they have ever seen Karpis.

Marie Gallup, a prostitute, formerly employed by Edith Barry at Toledo, and who is now residing at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has advised that Charles Fitzgerald, Karpis and Campbell were at Edith Barry's place in the fall of 1934; that Karpis and Campbell were in the house one week subsequent to January 24, 1935 and again about three days subsequent to March 27, 1935. She stated that on the occasion of the last visit of Karpis and Campbell to Edith Barry's, she Marie Gallup, who is commonly known as "Peaches" Butler, observed the photograph of Karpis in a detective magazine, and that through this source she learned the true identity of Karpis and Campbell. She stated that she became frightened and immediately left Toledo, Ohio and proceeded to Milwaukee where she has remained to date. She denies she discussed the matter with Edith Barry.

No information has been developed by the agents at Toledo, Ohio which could serve as evidence to show Sheriff James O'Reilly knew the true identity of Harry Campbell. The telephone taps which were maintained on the telephones of Sadie Dan and Maxine Belmont, prominent madams of houses of prostitution in Toledo, Ohio have been discontinued. Likewise the telephone tap on the telephone of Joe and Ben Fretti, prominent in gambling circles in Toledo, has been discontinued. A summary report is being prepared concerning the harboring situation in Toledo, Ohio.

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Edith Marks, former paramour of George Timiney, has furnished further information concerning the corrupt conditions which existed in Toledo during 1934 and 1935. She states that during the administration of Mayor Klotz in Toledo during the period of time as stated, George Timiney, Charles Matthew, former welfare director at Toledo, Ohio, and Mayor Klotz, split the "pay-off" money collected by Ted Angus, which money included that received from vice and gambling. Edith Marks stated that this information came to her through admissions on the part of Timiney, and that although she does not know the definite amount of money collected monthly for protection in Toledo, she estimated that the graft was between five and six thousand dollars per month.

Maudie Noble who admitted paying protection money to Ted Angus, died September 1, 1936 at Toledo, Ohio.

In Cleveland, Ohio, the agents have been interviewing present and former employees of the Harvard Club and have ascertained that Milton Lett, Alvin Karpis and Willie Harrison, frequented the club but nothing was obtained to indicate guilty knowledge on the part of Art Hebebrand and "Shimmy" Patton.

You were previously advised by memorandum that Captain Frank Story of the Cleveland, Ohio Police Department, refused to furnish agents with the identity of the officer who it was alleged received a call from the Harvard Club on September 6, 1934 after the arrest of Gladys Sawyer, Paula Harmon and Wynona Furdette, and thereafter met an individual from the Harvard Club who advised him the women were "bad paper". Story has now stated that the name of this officer is Captain Emmett J. Potts of the Cleveland, Ohio Police Department. Potts, however, denied the meeting with the Harvard Club representative and said the conversation concerning "bad paper" in referring to women who had been arrested was through an anonymous telephone call received by him at police headquarters. It appears that Detective Joe Jacobs and Harry Hugo conducted considerable investigation as to the women arrested and in conducting this investigation interviewed Patton concerning women but the best information obtainable is to the effect that these officers were honestly endeavoring to identify the women.

Gladys Sawyer has been reinterviewed and she furnished the details of a conversation she had with a matron at the City Jail after her arrest on September 5, 1934. She states that Mollie Bartelheim ushered her into a room in which another matron was sitting and the following conversation took place:

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"Matron: Do you know Shimmy Patton?
Gladys: No, I don't.
Matron: If you do, it would be to your advantage and benefit.
Gladys: Well I don't know him.
Matron: You want to get out of here don't you.
Gladys: Of course I do.
Matron: For \$500 you can get out.
Gladys: Does that mean all three of us and the baby.
Matron: Yes.
Gladys: You put us on the street, and I'll see to it that you get the \$500.
Matron: How do I know I'll get the \$500 after you're on the street.
Gladys: Well, I've got it here and you'll get it."

Gladys Sawyer tentatively identified police matron, Mrs. Schuller, as being the matron who had the above conversation with her, but other information obtained indicates that this identification is probably erroneous inasmuch as Mollie Bartelheim advised quite some time ago that she took Gladys Sawyer from her cell for an interview with Police Matron, Mrs. Mildred Wilcox.

As a result of a telephone tap being maintained on the telephone of Ardell Quinn in connection with this case in Cleveland, Ohio, information was developed that the Quinn woman induced the transportation of one Gypsy Currier from Dallas, Texas to Cleveland, Ohio to work in the house of prostitution operated by the Quinn woman. As a result of a telephone tap definite information was obtained that a telegram was dispatched to the Currier woman to come to Cleveland. The United States Attorney at Cleveland authorized prosecution of the Quinn woman for violation of the White Slave Traffic Act. The Quinn woman was arrested on September 26, 1936 and is now under \$10,000 bond pending grand jury action. The Quinn woman is a very prominent madam in Cleveland, Ohio and vicinity and has operated a house of prostitution at Cleveland, Ohio for a great number of years unmolested by the Police Department.

Respectfully,


E. A. Tamm.

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October 15, 1936.

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

There is transmitted herewith a voucher in favor of the Hertz Drive Self Stations, Toledo, Ohio, in the amount of \$19.50, representing a charge for the rental of an automobile by a Special Agent of this Bureau.

You are advised that the rental of this machine was necessitated by the investigation being conducted by the Bureau in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping Case. It was necessary that certain persons be kept under constant surveillance and, there being no Government car available, the rental of this machine was essential. This was the cheapest means of transportation available for the proper conducting of this investigation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

404 New York Building

Saint Paul, Minnesota

October 14, 1936

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: **BRKID**

Replying to Bureau letter dated October 2, 1936 in the above entitled matter, requesting information as to the reputation of Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk and Company of St. Paul, who are reported to have originally sold a .32 calibre Colt Automatic found in the automobile used by Paula Harmon and others, and also the .45 calibre automatic pistol which was recently recovered from Alvin Karpis, please be advised that the Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk and Company is a hardware wholesale house. This concern has been in business in St. Paul for the past 38 years and, according to Lt. Ray Harrington of the Bureau of Identification, Minneapolis Police Department, and Mr. A. H. Gardner of the Gardner Hardware Company of Minneapolis, it has always enjoyed an excellent reputation.

Both Lt. Harrington and Mr. Gardner have advised, however, that the Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk and Company have for many years catered to police officers, selling them both guns and other merchandise at wholesale prices.

Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk and Company, and the Jamney-Semple-Hill Company of Minneapolis, are the only two large hardware wholesale concerns in the middle West, and supply practically all of the retail houses in this district with firearms.

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Very truly yours,

C. W. Stekin
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Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 312

Chicago, Illinois

October 15, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

I am enclosing herewith twelve copies of the photograph of Lucian C. Fleming, together with the original, which were prepared in accordance with your request of October 13, 1936.

I am also forwarding three copies of the same photograph to the Cincinnati Office and one copy to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

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cc - Bureau (enc.)
cc - Cincinnati

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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1715 Walnut St
Toledo, Ohio



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

7-576-13076

Post Office Box #812

Chicago, Illinois

October 15, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sirs

Re: BREKID

As requested in your letter of October 12, 1936,
I am forwarding herewith six copies of the photo-
graph of Benjamin Grayson. One copy of this
photograph is also being forwarded to the Bureau
and each of the Field Offices receiving a copy
of this letter.

Very truly yours,

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D. W. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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BENSON GROVES

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1300 Liberty Trust Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

October 16, 1936.

Major Henry C. Hill,
Warden, U.S. Northeastern Pen.,
Lewisburg, Pa.

My dear Major: Re: BREKID

Thank you for your letter dated October
15, 1936 relative to correspondence of John Grayson alias
Ben Grayson.

May I request that you forward me the entire
record of Grayson's incoming mail while an inmate of your
institution.

Thank you for your courtesy in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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R.E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Handwritten: Edward J. Parsons

Handwritten: B

1300 Liberty Trust Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

October 16, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of 8-26-36, requesting that Morris Klineman, an inmate of U. S. Northeastern Penitentiary, be interviewed for information concerning Cleveland racketeers.

In reply, I wish to advise that Special Agent J. B. Reynolds ascertained at the above institution that Klineman was released on parole 9-1-36.

For your information the correspondents of Klineman, while he was confined at the Northeastern, were checked to ascertain if he corresponded with any of the individuals named in your letter with negative results.

The files of Northeastern reflect that Klineman was received as #1568 on 11-29-35, to serve 4 years for failing to file income tax returns; that his home address is 11411 Whitmore Avenue, Cleveland; that his Parole Officer is Thomas B. Williams, U. S. Probation Officer, 29 Federal Building, Columbus, Ohio, and Parole Advisor, P. J. Swartz, E. 9th Street Pier, Cleveland, Ohio.

While in Northeastern, Klineman was visited by A. E. Jappe, Attorney, Cleveland, Ohio.

As of possible interest when interviewing Klineman, the files of the Northeastern Penitentiary reflect that he gave the following version of the offense for which he was convicted, "that he gave information to the Government, under promise of immunity, which was broken."

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Very truly yours,

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R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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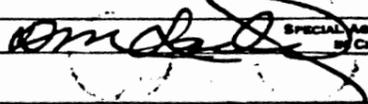
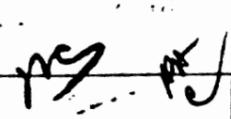
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

CHICAGO FILE NO. **7-62**

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| REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS | DATE WHEN MADE Oct. 15, 1936 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE Oct. 10, 1936 | REPORT MADE BY T. F. MULLEN TFM:JMS |
| TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232 et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim | | CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NAT'L FIREARMS ACT | |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> OSCAR HOLOFFE left 206 Briggs Street, Joliet, Illinois about 8 weeks ago; will return in three or four weeks. Post Office records at Joliet indicate that on 7/15/36 HOLOFFE gave a forwarding address of General Delivery, Coal City, Illinois. | | | |
| REFERENCE: Letter from the St. Louis office October 1, 1936. | | | |
| DETAILS: AT JOLIET, ILLINOIS: | | | |
| <p>Agent proceeded to 206 Briggs Street, the last known address of OSCAR HOLOFFE and was advised by HOLOFFE'S sister-in-law that he had left Joliet seven or eight weeks ago; that he went to Coal City, Illinois to visit a brother there, but has since left there and she does not think he has returned to Coal City. She stated he generally goes away for several weeks at a time; that she believed he is working on a farm as a farmhand, but she did not know where. However she stated she expected him to return to Joliet now that the cold weather is setting in, possibly in three or four weeks.</p> <p>At the Post Office Agent ascertained that on July 15, 1936 HOLOFFE left a forwarding address of General Delivery, Coal City, Illinois.</p> | | | |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES | |
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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE: At Coal City, Illinois will make effort to locate and interview OSCAR HOLOFFE, and if not located there will attempt to ascertain the present address of his brother said to reside in or near Coal City.

At Joliet, Illinois - (if HOLOFFE is not located at Coal City), will again make inquiry at 206 Briggs Street.

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October 15, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, FUGITIVE,
I. O. FLEES; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
VICTIM - KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated August 8, 1936, concerning inquiries made by your office regarding the sale of Thompson Submachine Gun #7609, which gun was sold by P. Von Frankhaus, 2850 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, to Frank Johnson, Kirkland, Illinois.

It is desired that you continue this investigation vigorously in an effort to determine, if possible, in what manner Alvin Karpis came into possession of this submachine gun.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Steve Kovachy, Cleveland, Ohio, furnished information as to association of potential subjects at Danbury, Ohio, and on Middle Island. Summary of data obtained through Ardell Quinn and Art Hebebrand telephone taps set out herein. Quinn tap discontinued 10/8/36; Hebebrand tap discontinued 10/10/36.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Cleveland, Ohio, 10/6/36.

DETAILS: AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

This report represents the investigative activity of the various Agents, as indicated hereinafter in the body of this report.

The telephone tap on the telephone of Ardell Quinn, 1916 East 84th Street, Cleveland, notorious house of prostitution, was discontinued on October 8, 1936. This surveillance was maintained by Special Agents H. A. Snow and W. H. Hoffman. A summary of the information obtained during the period of this report will be found elsewhere in this report.

The telephone tap on the telephone of Arthur W. Hebebrand, 3909 West 158th Street, Cleveland, as maintained by Special Agents W. B. Matney and E. J. Dowd, was discontinued on October 10, 1936. A summary of the conversations overheard on this tap will be set out later in this report.

With respect to the statements of the three Jackson sisters as contained in the reference report, to the effect that certain Harvard Club employees frequented the Twilight Inn in Parma Heights, Ohio, reinterviews were had with these employees and independent inquiries were made in an effort to locate the place where the fugitives were residing. The results will be set out hereinafter.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent John E. Brennan:

The file reveals that Harry Campbell, using the name of Charles Miller, in February 1934, purchased a 1933 model Ford DeLuxe coupe from the Pollock Motor Sales, Toledo, Ohio, at which time he gave his address as 6604 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, Ohio; further that this car was wrecked and on March 26, 1935, it was traded to L. E. Arnold, Ford dealers, Toledo, Ohio, by John Brock, using the name of Charles Miller, 6604 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, Ohio, on a 1935 Ford coupe; that the latter car was traded to the Manning-Marino Company, Youngstown, Ohio, on September 7, 1935, on a Hudson coupe, under the same name and address. The report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated June 13, 1936, contains investigative data prepared by Special Agent C. E. Smith, wherein it is set forth that the above address is fictitious and that photographs of Campbell and others were exhibited to persons residing in the neighborhood, but that no one could identify the photographs.

Inasmuch as subsequent to the investigation reported in Agent Wynn's report information has been received indicating that Campbell and employees of the Harvard Club, Newburg Heights, Ohio, frequented a tavern operated by Sally, Pauline, and Florence Jasany, located at 6698 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, it was considered likely that Campbell may have been residing in the neighborhood of 6604 Pearl Road, wherefore he used this address in purchasing the cars indicated above. Interviews with the Jasany girls are reported elsewhere.

Photographs of the following individuals were exhibited to the persons listed below: Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell, Milton Lett, Tony Amersbach, Sharkey Gorman, Art Hebebrand, Tip O'Neil, Fred Hunter.

The community in which this inquiry was made is a sparsely populated rural section near Cleveland on an R. F. D. route adjoining Middleberg Heights, Ohio, there being several dwellings, filling stations, and small stores interspersed with farm houses. As above stated there is no such address as 6604 Pearl Road, and nearest addresses are 6592 Pearl Road, the home of H. E. Pope, and 6618 Pearl Road, the Incarnate Word Academy. Mr. Pope was interviewed and stated that he operates a dog kennel at this address and has never had any tourists or other persons staying at his place; that he has never seen any of the persons indicated in the photographs in this vicinity.

Mrs. C. Sprague, who occupies the house at 6604 Pearl Road, was unable to identify any of the above photographs. Near this address is a store operated by a Mrs. Schroeder of 6440 Pearl Road. She stated that she rents rooms to tourists and that it would be rather difficult for her to remember all the persons who rent rooms from her as they usually stay but one night or so; that none of the photographs looked familiar to her and she was unable to identify any of them as being persons who had rented rooms from her during 1934.

Mrs. E. McConnell, 6682 Pearl Road, corner of Fernherst Avenue, which is the next house north of the Duke of York Tavern, formerly operated by the Jasany sisters, stated that she has been at this address for the past six months, prior to which time the house was owned by people named Whites; that the Whites rented rooms to tourists in an effort to raise sufficient money to meet the mortgage on the house, but were unable to do so and have left the community and their present address is unknown; that the mortgage was held by the Broadview Savings and Loan Company, which company has, on numerous occasions, sent representatives to make inquiries as to the location of the Whites, in order to collect money due them. Special Agent Smith, when consulted, stated that he had interviewed the Whites and showed pictures of Campbell, Karpis, et al, to them, but they had been unable to identify these pictures as those of any persons who had rented rooms from them or had seen in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Horace C. Vohoun, 6607 Pearl Road, Mrs. Harry Hewlett, 6653 Pearl Road, and Mr. U. J. Kaufman, 6691 Pearl Road, all viewed the above photographs, but none of them could recall having seen the persons represented in the community.

There is a house about one-quarter of a mile east of 6618 Pearl Road, the number of which is 6788 Beresford Road, a sign on which indicates that rooms are rented to tourists. Inquiry developed that the present occupants have been there but for the past two months and prior to that time it was occupied by George F. Heffner, at present residing at 6996 York Road. Mr. Heffner was interviewed at the WPA project at the Parma Heights Waterworks. He stated that he has resided in this community for many years, has been active politically, having recently been a candidate for mayor, and knows practically all of the people residing around 6600 Pearl Road. He was unable to recognize any of the photographs and stated that he knew of no place where any hoodlums might have stayed in this vicinity unless it could have been the Twilight Tavern, now the Duke of York Tavern, as this was formerly operated by three girls of rather shady character and there are rooms on the second floor which could have been used as living quarters as they are now being rented to tourists.

Mr. M. M. Testers, a school teacher, residing at 6525 Pearl Road, and who operates a store adjoining, which is about one mile north of what was the Twilight Tavern, was unable to furnish any information indicating that any of the persons whose photographs are listed above, resided in the vicinity.

To the south of the Duke of York Tavern is open country as far as Smith Road, about one mile away. At this road intersection is a small restaurant and tourist camp operated by C. M. Caldwell. The above photographs were shown to Mr. Caldwell, who picked out that of Karpis as resembling a man who had stayed at the camp one night during August of 1936. Mr. Caldwell was informed that Karpis was in the penitentiary during August of 1936, and inquiry was made as to whether or not he was mistaken about the man or the date. He stated that he must be mistaken about the man as he certainly could not remember who stayed at the camp a year ago and the tourists do not usually stay more than one night. Caldwell also stated that there was but one place in the vicinity that he might consider that thieves might find refuge last year and that was the Twilight Tavern which was then operated by some girls who were engaged in bootlegging, which tavern closed when one of the girls was prosecuted for violating the liquor law.

Mr. Earl Brazzil, Gordon Square Hotel, was reinterviewed by Special Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and C. E. Smith in view of the fact that Pauline Jackson had stated that she recalled seeing him at the Twilight Inn, formerly operated by her sister Sally, and he stated that he had stopped at the Inn on possibly two or three occasions during the year 1935, at which time he attended clam bakes held at the Inn. He further stated that he could not recall seeing Art Hebebrand at the Inn any of the times he was there, further stating that as nearly as he could recall, he was in company with Red McCool, Mickey McGee, George Rumlry and a man known only to him as Hank. Further stating that the last time he was there in 1935, a fight started at a clam bake and he heard someone say that a man was stabbed and he immediately left, stating that he did not want any part of trouble of that nature. Brazzil further stated that he has stopped at the place operated by Pauline Jackson on Denison Avenue, on a couple of occasions, but has not made a practice of stopping there frequently. Brazzil was unable to advise Agents of the identity of either Pauline or Sally's gentlemen friends, and could he identify any of the photographs of any of the Barker-Karpis gang as individuals whom he had seen at the Inn.

Arthur McCool, 1341 Thoreau Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, was reinterviewed by Special Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and C. E. Smith inasmuch as Pauline Jackson had stated that he had frequented the Twilight Inn. McCool stated that he had stopped at a place known to him as the Twilight Tavern operated by a Sally Jackson, to attend a clam bake; that during the time he was in the tavern about a dozen people were there and a fight started between an unknown man and an Italian known as Tony Spagoni (phonetic) and everybody left the place.

McCool stated that Arthur Hebebrand was not at the tavern the night he was there, nor did he know whether Art frequented the tavern. He further stated that none of the individuals whose photographs had been previously displayed to him by Agents, were at the clam bake, in so far as he knew. McCool stated that he had attended the bake in company with a man known as Henry and George Rumele, an electrician at the Great Lakes Exposition. McCool was unable to furnish any other information relative to the Twilight Tavern.

Sharkey Gorman 6012 Franklin Boulevard, Skibo Apartments, Cleveland, Ohio, called at the Cleveland Bureau office in response to a request that he do so, by Special Agents C. E. Smith and J. B. Fitzgerald. He was reinterviewed by said Agents with the following results: Gorman stated that he has known Sally and Pauline Jackson for the last two years and knows that they, and some other sisters, operated the Twilight Tavern on Pearl Road, just outside of Cleveland, but has been at this tavern only twice and on both occasions when the sisters had a clam bake and sold tickets at the Harvard Club. He said that he has on several occasions seen Sally Jackson at the Harvard Club, where she usually came to sell tickets to a clam bake or chicken fry at the tavern. He is sure Sally was at the Harvard Club at least six times, but said he never spoke three words to her and is not at all on intimate terms with her.

Gorman stated that on the occasion of one of these clam bakes at the Twilight Tavern in the fall of 1934 he saw at this tavern the following gamblers from the Harvard Club: Stubby Grassil, Pollock Whitey, McCool and Mulkey. He said that he never saw any others from the Harvard Club at this tavern and he did not think that this tavern was a hangout for the gamblers from the club. Gorman stated that he does not know whether or not any persons lived with the sisters at the tavern, or if any persons lived upstairs in the place.

Gorman stated that he never saw Milton Lett, whom he knew as Willie, at this Twilight Tavern and thought that Lett was not at the Harvard Club during the time that Gorman made his few visits to the Twilight Tavern.

Mr. L. D. Killmer, Sergeant of Police, Parma Heights, Ohio, was interviewed by Special Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and C. E. Smith relative to any information he might possess relative to the Twilight Inn, and he stated the place had formerly been operated by Sally, Pauline and Florence Jackson, but they were not operating the place at the present time. Killmer further stated that the Inn had a clam bake one night and a general fight started and after he arrived he closed the place for the night, despite the fact that Sally said she was losing \$100.00. He further stated that the sisters had been "cheating" on selling liquor.

Photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang were exhibited to Killmer, but he was unable to identify any of them as individuals he had seen at the Inn, however, he did say that the photograph of Milton Lett was very familiar to him. He was unable, however, to place him. Killmer further stated that Sally had remarked to him that a lot of the men from the Harvard Club frequented the Inn. Agents questioned Killmer as to whether he had ever seen Art Hebebrand at the Inn, and he stated that he had known Hebebrand by sight, do to the fact that Hebebrand had built some houses in Parma Heights, but he had never seen him at the Inn.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 6, 1936, wherein is related an interview had with G. S. Frambes, president of the Thomas Shirt Company, 240 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio, and more particularly to the information that he forwarded shirts via parcel post, cash on delivery to E. Bronson, 3111 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. In connection with that matter, Special Agent L. Levin conducted the following investigation:

Mr. Frank Douda, superintendent of the money order section of the United States Post Office, Cleveland, Ohio, advised that the customary practice is for firms to send their parcels cash on delivery, and that when delivery is effected by the post office covering the locality in which the addressee of the parcel resides and the money is collected for the parcel, the post office makes out a money order to the addressor, or firm, and sends it to him; that in order for the addressee to accept a package, he must pay the amount due and also sign for the package on the reverse of what is termed the "tag", to show that he has received delivery. Further, in order to locate this tag, it would be necessary for his office, where these tags are filed, to know the number assigned to the particular package by the post office where the package had originally been mailed. Accordingly, the Cincinnati office was, by telegram dated October 5, 1936, requested to contact the Columbus post office for the desired information. By teletype dated October 6, 1936, the Cleveland office was advised that the Thomas Shirt Company had sent five packages, each for \$25.40, to E. Bronson, 3111 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, and they bore the following numbers: 81202, 81203, 81204, 81205, and 81206.

Agent Levin recontacted the money order section of the post office and in the absence of Mr. Douda, spoke with a clerk, James Gill, who, after searching his records, located the five "tags" referring to these packages. These "tags" indicate that the sender was the Thomas Shirt Company, 240 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio, the addressee was E. Bronson, 3111 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, the amount of each package was \$25.40. They were sent out of Columbus, Ohio, on July 6, 1934, and were delivered to the addressee on July 11, 1934; the clerk who made the delivery initialed each tag with the initials "G.J.", who was determined to be George Jironsek; each "tag" bore a number which is the money order number which was used to transmit the amount to the sender, which numbers will be set out later; on the reverse of each of the five "tags" appears the pencilled signature "E. Bronson."

Agent Levin attempted to secure these tags for future reference and was referred to Assistant Postmaster James Collins, who stated that he could release these tags to the Bureau only if he were ordered to do so by the office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General at Washington, D. C. A letter is being directed to the Bureau requesting that these tags be secured.

Mr. George Jironsek, clerk in the C.O.D. room of the post office, was interviewed and he identified his initials as appearing on the aforementioned tags. He stated that it was the customary procedure during July of 1934, to mail out notices to the addressees of all C.O.D. packages, advising them that the package was ready for delivery upon the payment of the specified amount; that when these persons presented such notices, no attempt was made to secure any further identification, it being assumed that the holder of the notice is the addressee of the package; that the only thing required is that the addressee sign the reverse side of the tag; that he has no recollection of the delivery of these five packages to E. Bronson, and that he cannot recall any distinguishing feature in connection with this delivery, nor was he able to furnish even the slightest description of the individual. He did state, however, that the signature on the reverse side of the tags was written in his presence, inasmuch as he has made this a rule for delivery, although he has no independent recollection of this. Photographs of the Barker-Karpis mob were exhibited to Jironsek, and he stated that numerous persons from the Harvard Club, which he recognized from the address 3111 Harvard Avenue, came into the post office around that time to get packages of shirts, and that apparently the Thomas Shirt Company did a tremendous business with those employees.

These tags are described more fully as follows: They are taken from the actual package at the time of delivery and indicate that the sender is the Thomas Shirt Company, 240 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio; that the addressee is E. Bronson, 3111 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio; they bear in the upper right hand corner the stamp of the sending post office, indicating they were sent out on July 5, 1934; in the upper left hand corner they bear the stamp of the delivering post office indicating they were delivered on July 11, 1934; they bear the initials "G.J." near the center of the tag, these being the initials of the person making the delivery. These tags also bear the C.O.D. number in the upper right hand corner, and near the center of the tag is the number of the money order which was issued by the Cleveland post office in favor of the Thomas Shirt Company for the money, each being in the

amount of \$25.40. (This money order number enables the post office to quickly locate these tags.)

C.O.D. package number

Money order number

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Each tag on the reverse side bears the signature in pencil, "E. Bronson" and also the stamped date 7-11-34, in the upper right hand corner.

Louis Monica, brother-in-law of Art Hebebrand, who has charge of the drivers at the Harvard Club, was interviewed at the Cleveland Bureau office by Special Agent S. K. McKee for information as to his being the party who picked up the C.O.D. packages of shirts at the Cleveland post office in July 1934, for subjects of this case, said packages having been shipped under the name E. Bronson. Monica advised that he has purchased only one or two shirts from the Thomas Shirt Company and that the latest purchase was during the year 1933, and arrived in the fall of the year following the death of his wife. He stated that he has never gone to the post office to pick up any collect packages either for himself, the club, or persons employed at the club. He furnished a specimen of his handwriting at the request of Agent, to be used in determining whether he signed for the packages in question at the post office. Monica advised further that he has never heard of any drivers, or other persons at the club, making trips to the post office to secure collect packages for others, but he advised in this connection that he spends very little time around the club as his duties require him to be elsewhere. This is in line with information given by him during prior interview.

In response to questions, Monica stated that the present drivers for the club are the same men who were driving during the year 1934. He furnished their names as follows: John Sweeney, Joseph Suk, Charles Farr, Dave Lebowitz, and Al Rice. Monica stated he would have the several drivers come to this office for interview if we desired to talk with them, and arrangements to this effect were made.

Dave Lebowitz, driver for the Harvard Club, was interviewed at the Cleveland office by Special Agent S. E. McKee with regard to the possibility of his having been the man who picked up the C.O.D. shirt packages in the name of E. Bronson at the post office in July 1934. Lebowitz stated he had been employed as a driver by the club for about four and one-half years and that he has always driven from the club station at 105th Street and Euclid Avenue. He drives his own Packard sedan and is paid a flat rate of \$10.00 per day, being paid by Rube McNulty at the present time, and having been paid by Tony Amersbach when the club was located in the big place. In response to questions, he stated he had never picked up any packages at the post office and had no knowledge concerning any other person from the club having done such things. He said that his duties very seldom take him inside of the club premises, as he is either driving customers to and from the club, or waiting in the front part of the place for customers to be taken back to town. Photographs of the various individuals connected with this investigation were shown to Lebowitz, but he could not identify any except those of persons connected with the club proper, such as Hebebrand, Patton, Sharkey Gorman, and Tip O'Neil. Lebowitz was asked to furnish a specimen of his handwriting as to the name E. Bronson, which he did, and this specimen will be retained in the file for comparison purposes with the signature appearing on the C.O.D. tag at the post office.

The following descriptive data as to this individual was obtained:

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| Name | - | Dave Lebowitz |
| Age | - | 31 years (born 9-15-03) |
| Height | - | 5'9" |
| Weight | - | 186 pounds |
| Hair | - | Dark brown |
| Eyes | - | Gray |
| Criminal Record | - | Claims none |
| Marital Status | - | Married 2 children |
| Occupation | - | Chauffeur, hotel clerk, cab driver |
| Relatives | - | Mother - Sarah Lebowitz, 11211 Hopkins Ave., Brother - Max Lebowitz, 860 Lakeview Ave., " - Abe Lebowitz, 11211 Hopkins Ave., Dinah Lebowitz - wife, 11230 Berkshire Ave., all of Cleveland, Ohio. |

Alfred W. Rice, driver at the Harvard Club, was interviewed at the Cleveland office by Special Agent S. K. McKee. He said he has been a regular driver since April 1935, but prior to that date worked for other drivers on a substitute basis. He drives a '29 Pierce-Arrow sedan and received \$10.00 per day for his car and services. He advised that he secured his job through Louis Monica and is paid by this individual. Rice stated that he had never picked up any C.O.D. packages at the post office for anybody, but had on numerous occasions taken outgoing mail to the post office for mailing at the request of "Toots" Talbot. Pictures of the various persons concerned in this investigation were shown to Rice and he identified these of the operators. He described Sharkey Gorman by the name of "Smoke", and stated that the men at the club call him by this name when they want to get his "goat." Rice also identified the photograph of Milton Lett as a kid he had seen at the club, and who was evidently employed in some capacity. He did not know any name for Lett, but said he rode into town on numerous occasions in his car. He stated that Lett usually left the car at 25th and Lorain Avenue, but on several occasions he had taken him to the intersection of 25th and Church Avenues, at his request, and he gathered the impression that Lett lived somewhere in the vicinity, also that he was a stranger in Cleveland. He stated further that Lett mentioned St. Louis, Missouri, on several occasions and he understood that he had either worked or resided in this city.

It is to be stated that 25th and Church Avenues is in close proximity to the former residence of Sharkey Gorman and to the Silver Grill at 28th and Detroit Avenues, where Karpis and others of his mob hung out. Investigation will be conducted in this neighborhood in an effort to locate the place where Lett was living as it is believed possible that Karpis and Hunter may have visited him or resided with him.

The following description of Al Rice was obtained for possible future reference:

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| Name | - | Alfred W. Rice |
| Age | - | 42 years (Born 9-7-96) |
| Height | - | 5'6" |
| Weight | - | 155 pounds |
| Hair | - | Sandy |
| Eyes | - | Blue |
| Marital Status | - | Married - 2 boys |
| Criminal Record | - | Convicted U. S. Dist. Ct., Cleveland, Ohio, 1930 - altering Government check; 60 days Cuyahoga Cty. Jail. |
| Relatives | - | Mother - Helen Rice, 3181 W. 14th St., Wife - Marie Rice, 3181 W. 14th St., Sister - Natalie Rice, 1427 Clark Ave., telephone Shadyside 5468. |

On October 9, 1936, John Anthony Sweeney, driver for the Harvard Club, was interviewed at the Cleveland Bureau office by Special Agent A. Paul Kitchin, at which time he furnished the following information:

Sweeney stated that he is 31 years of age and was born at Cleveland, Ohio, on May 8, 1905; that he is married and has no children. He stated that he has resided in Cleveland all of his life and during the early summer of 1934 he started to work for the Harvard Club as a driver and has continued in this capacity ever since with the exception of the period from January to July, 1936, when this club was closed.

Sweeney stated that he very seldom came into contact with the employees and patrons of the club who are inside and that he hauls so many patrons that he very seldom pays any attention to any of them, and therefore, doubts that he can identify any of these patrons whom he does not know personally. He was shown the photographs of the subjects and potential subjects in this case, at which time he identified the photographs of the individuals connected with the Harvard Club - Tip O'Neil, Art Hebebrand, Shimmy Patton, and Danny Gallagher. He stated that he has known both Art and Shimmy for the past fifteen years, due to the fact that he was reared on the west side.

With reference to the order of shirts which was shipped from the Thomas Shirt Company, Columbus, Ohio, to E. Bronson, Sweeney stated that he does not recall anyone by this name and is positive that he never picked up any package of shirts from the post office for this individual. He stated, however, that he has purchased shirts from the Thomas Shirt Company on several occasions at which time they were sent to him C.O.D., but that he has never obtained any shipment for anyone else.

Specimens of the handwriting of Sweeney were obtained and are being retained in the Cleveland office file of this case.

The following is a description of Sweeney as obtained from personal observation and interview:

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| Age | - | 31 years (born 5-8-05, Cleveland, O.) |
| Height | - | 5'5" |
| Weight | - | 210 pounds |
| Eyes | - | Blue-gray |
| Hair | - | Reddish brown |
| Complexion | - | Medium |

Build - Stocky
Nativity - Cleveland, Ohio
Nationality - Irish-American
Marital Status - Married
Occupation - Truck driver and chauffeur
Residence - 1454 Lakewood Ave., Lakewood, Ohio
Relatives - Father - John Joseph Sweeney, 77th and Franklin Avenue.
Wife - Anne Robertson Sweeney, same as OWB.
Criminal Record - None known.

On October 9, 1936, Charles Fratalone, who is known as Charles Farr, driver for the Harvard Club, appeared voluntarily at the Cleveland Bureau office at which time he was interviewed by Special Agent A. Paul Mitchin.

Fratalone stated that he was born in Italy on February 22, 1896, and came to this country at the age of eight years. He stated that his mother is still living and resides at 4301 Woodbine Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, and that he is married and resides at 2039 West 48th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. He stated he has lived in Cleveland for the past twenty-five years and has followed the occupation of chauffeur practically all of his life.

According to Fratalone he started to work for the Harvard Club on December 24, 1933, as a driver, delivering customers to the club, and continuously worked in this capacity until January, 1936, when the club was closed. During this period he was working from nine P. M. to closing time. In July, 1936, he again went to work for this club and is still employed as a driver.

Fratalone was shown all of the photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang and also miscellaneous photographs of other potential subjects, but he only identified the photographs of Tip O'Neil and Art Hebebrand.

When questioned relative to the C.O.D. package sent to E. Bronson, 3111 Harvard Avenue from the Thomas Shire Company, Columbus, Ohio, in July of 1934, he stated he could not recall having ever obtained any package for delivery to the Harvard Club, except a package from Detroit for Earl Cockrell, a roulette dealer, for which he paid \$6.00.

Specimens of Fratalone's handwriting were obtained and are at present being retained in the Cleveland Bureau office file of this case.

The following is a description of Fratalone as obtained from personal observation and interview:

Age - 39 years
(born in Italy on 2-22-96)
Height - 5'7"
Weight - 200 pounds
Eyes - Brown
Hair - Black (curly and partially w/d)
Complexion - Medium
Teeth - Good
Nationality - Italian
Criminal Record - None
Occupation - Chauffeur
Marital Status - Married
Residence - 2039 W. 48th St., Cleveland, Ohio.
Relatives - Wife - Betty Bogus Fratalone, same address
Daughter - Florence Fratalone, "
Mother - Lucy Fratalone, 4301 Woodbine Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

In connection with the Plymouth sedan alleged to have been used in the Garrettsville mail robbery and which car is supposed to have been purchased by Milton Lett, interview was had by Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and S. K. McKee with G. E. Hutchison of Knowles-Browne, Inc., Plymouth dealers, 1440 West 25th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, and he advised that he recalled the sale of this car very well inasmuch as Post Office Inspectors had checked the matter some time very shortly after the car had been sold. He stated that he and former salesman Willis Ross, who was last known to have been working for the Brownlee Chevrolet Company in Cleveland, dealt with the purchaser of the car, and although Ross received credit for the sale he did not have much contact with the buyer. He stated the order was actually written by one A. G. Cowles, who is still in the employ of the company. He said that the buyer was a young man in his early twenties and with a "countrified" appearance; that he came into the showroom around noon on one day and ordered the car, making a deposit at the time, and when asked for an address he said that he was moving and would phone in his new address as soon as he had moved; that he did telephone the agency on the same night and furnished his address; that on the following day he took delivery on the car, paying the balance of the purchase price in cash at the time. Photograph of Milton Lett was shown to Mr. Hutchison and he immediately identified it as the likeness of the purchaser of the car in question.

Reference was had to the invoice records of the Knowles-Browne, Inc. and invoice dated October 25, 1935, to Carl Baker, 1027 East 147th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, covering sale of Plymouth four door touring sedan, motor #PJ 322722, serial #261985, was located. This invoice showed the car was ordered on October 24, 1935, at which time a deposit of \$20.00 was made, and was delivered on October 25, 1935 when the balance of the total purchase price of \$694.15 was paid. The total price of \$714.15 was split up as follows: price of car, \$690.00; sales tax, \$20.70; new license plates, \$3.45.

A. G. Cowles was interviewed and he advised that he wrote the order for the above car. He said the buyer was a young man with a country air about him, and he particularly remembered that his face was broken out with pimples. Photograph of Milton Lett was displayed to him, and although he said the picture resembled the man who bought the car in question, he could not positively identify it as the buyer did not seem as heavy as the man in the picture looked. He said the man did not give an address when the order was taken as he said he was moving and did not recall the number of his new house; however, he telephoned later in the day and furnished an address. Mr. Cowles said that he seemed to recall that one of the Post Office Inspectors, who investigated this matter had told him that the address in question was either that of a vacant lot or of some vacant house.

In connection with information supplied by Al Rice, driver for the Harvard Club, to the effect that Milton Lett asked to be taken to the intersection of 25th and Church Streets on several occasions while he was working at the club, and as Rice understood that Lett resided somewhere in that vicinity, investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and S. K. McKee in this neighborhood. It is to be stated that the Plymouth agency where Lett purchased the car used in the mail robbery is only one half block from the above corner; that "Sharkey" Gorman used to live only one block from the corner; and that the Silver Grill is located within three blocks of this intersection. It is possible that Lett left the club car at this point for the purpose of going to the Silver Grill, however, instead of going home.

Observation showed that the buildings on 25th Street in this section are of business types. On Church Street for several blocks and on the twenty-five hundred block of Detroit Avenue, which is only one block north of Church Street, are located several second class apartment or tenement houses. The residence buildings in this section are worn out and are used as low grade rooming houses at the present time. It is to be stated that Church Street begins at 25th Street.

Mrs. Ruby Bell, manager of the apartment building at 2506 Church Street, upon interview could not identify the picture of Lett, nor had anybody by his true name or aliases been a tenant during the past several years. It was learned, however, that Bill Allen, crap dealer from Toledo, Ohio, had roomed for a short time with one Harold Crowl and his wife. This Crowl is a laboring man connected with the Union Terminal and is not identical with Pretty Charlie Crowl, presently an employee of the Harvard Club.

Mrs. Frank Leville, 2514 Church Street, could not identify the picture of Lett, and in response to questions it was learned that nobody by his true name or aliases had lived in the building during the past several years.

Luther Saunders, 2599 Church Street, operator of a rooming house at this address, was interviewed with negative results.

Neil Bennett, 2520 Detroit Avenue, which place is the tenement where "Sharkey" Gorman used to live, was interviewed and shown the photograph of Lett. He was positive that Lett had neither

lived nor visited in the building. He thought that he had possibly seen Lett hanging around the corner of 25th and Detroit, but he could not be positive as to this.

Mrs. Betty Humphrey, 2610 Detroit Avenue, who manages an apartment building at that address, was interviewed. She stated that she has managed this building and one immediately across the street for the past two years and, when shown the picture of Milton Lett, was positive that he had never lived in either of the buildings.

Patrick James Kilbane, generally known as Paddy Kilbane, operator of the saloon at 2801 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, where fugitives in this case are alleged to have hung out, was interviewed at the Cleveland office on October 9, 1936, by Special Agents S. K. McKee and J. L. Madala. He advised that he was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and has lived here all of his life; that he attended public and parochial schools through the fourth grade and thereafter went to work. He has worked as a bartender and saloon keeper most of his life. He admitted that he worked for one Michael Kilbane during the prohibition era in the bootlegging business. With respect to his connection with the saloon in question, he advised that he began operating same during February 1935; that he knew the place which was being operated by one Eddie Gallagher as the Silver Grill was in bad shape financially and he also knew that the premises belonged to Mrs. Julia Patton, wife of Shimmy Patton.

He advised that he went to see Mrs. Patton and arranged to take over the place by paying the outstanding bills. Kilbane was questioned at length as to the identity of Eddie Gallagher, but he claimed that he did not know this man, or anything about him other than that he operated the Silver Grill. He stated that he, Kilbane, was working as a bartender at the Club Cafe, 25th and Chatham Street, prior to the time he took over the saloon on Detroit Street. He said he pays Mrs. Patton \$40.00 a month rental on the place; that he employs only one bartender who is Owny McDermott; that he works from 7:00 A. M. until 7:00 P. M. daily, while McDermott works from 7:00 P. M. until closing time and in some instances stays at the place all night. Kilbane advised that during the portion of 1935 that he operated this place he ran under the license in the name of Eddie Gallagher as he did not have the money with which to buy a license of his own. He states he now has his own license, which is merely to sell beer; that he does sell whiskey which he buys at the state liquor store and retails by the drink.

In response to questions Kilbane advised that various police officers come into his saloon from time to time, but not as customers. He denied that he paid any graft to officers for permitting him to sell whiskey when he is only licensed to dispense beer.

Kilbane was shown photographs of the various persons connected with this investigation, and he denied that he had ever come in contact with any of the major subjects. He identified pictures of the following persons, also stating his connection with them, as follows: Tip O'Neil - claims has known him all of his life and was raised with him as a boy. States does not know anything of O'Neil's criminal activities altho he does not know that he has served several penitentiary sentences. States O'Neil comes into the saloon from time to time to buy drinks; Art Hebebrand - states has known Hebebrand about ten years as close friend of Shimmy Patton and as one of the operators of the Harvard Club. States that Hebebrand comes to the saloon occasionally to buy drinks, also to keep engagements with persons he has arranged to meet; Shimmy Patton - states he was raised with Patton and has known him all of his life. Says Patton was formerly in bootlegging business on west side and during recent years has been one of the operators of the Harvard Club. States Patton comes to the saloon frequently to meet people, but that he does not drink; Dan Gallagher - claims to have known Gallagher about twenty years as a gambler and as a frequenter of saloons. Knows him as an employee of the Harvard Club; Sharkey Gorman - claims to have known Sharkey all of his life. States Sharkey is employed at the Harvard Club and that he comes to the saloon frequently to drink. Claimed that he has never seen Sharkey in the place in company with any strangers.

Kilbane advised that he is acquainted with many of the men who work at the Harvard Club and that they come to his place to drink. He also advised that they patronized the Club Cafe when he worked there, and he has reason to believe that they come to the saloon to talk to him inasmuch as he has quite a reputation as a story teller and entertainer. He was questioned as to the fight which occurred in the saloon between Toots Talbot and Mickey McGee during the course of a "shindig" given by him, and he said he remembered the fight but did not recall who separated the two participants. In this

he said he had given two "shindigs", both of which occurred in the late spring of 1935; that he had invited a number of men from the Harvard Club but that the party was open to the public; that the purpose of these "shindigs" was to drum up some business for the place. Kilbane was questioned at length concerning Milton Lett having frequented his place of business, particularly in company with Sharkey Gorman, but he positively denied that he had ever seen the man.

The following description of Kilbane was furnished by him and obtained from him for possible future reference:

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| Name | - Patrick James Kilbane |
| Age | - 49 yrs. born 3-10-87, Cleveland, Ohio |
| Height | - 5' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " |
| Weight | - 180 lbs. |
| Hair | - brown, grey at temples |
| Eyes | - grey |
| Build | - heavy, large stomach |
| Occupation | - saloon keeper |
| Residence | - 10707 Clifton Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio. |
| Crim. record | - admits arrest Cleveland PD, drunken driving-10 days in jail |
| Relatives | - Ellen Kilbane, mother, 10707 Clifton Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio; James E. Kilbane, brother, 8700 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, Ohio; Thomas I. Kilbane, brother, 10707 Clifton Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio; Ella O'Donnell, sister, 10707 Clifton Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio |

Owen D. McDermott, bartender at the saloon operated by Patrick J. Kilbane at 2801 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, was interviewed at the Cleveland office on October 10, 1936, by Special Agent S. K. McKee. He stated he has been employed at the above for the approximate period of the past year and a half. Photographs of the various persons concerned in this investigation were shown to McDermott, and he identified pictures of Shimmy Patton, Art Hebebrand, Dan Gallagher, Tip O'Neil and Sharkey Gorman as persons he has seen around the saloon. He was unable to supply much information as to these persons other than to state he had seen them around the saloon and that they were connected with the Harvard Club. As to Sharkey Gorman he advised that he usually comes into the saloon alone, and he could not remember him having come into the place in company with anyone else. He also said that Gorman did not come to the place

very often. McDermott recalled the fight at the saloon between Toots Talbot and Mickey McGee during the course of the "shindig", but he could not recall anyone having separated these two men. A photograph of Milton Lett was shown to him but he could not remember having seen him at the saloon or elsewhere. McDermott admitted that he and Kilbane sold whiskey at the saloon when they only had a beer license, and he could only defend himself by saying that a fellow had to make a living somehow. He was questioned at length regarding the photographs of the major subjects in this file and as to their having frequented the saloon but he insisted he had never been in contact with any of them.

The following descriptive data as to McDermott was obtained:

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| Name | - Owen D. McDermott |
| Age | - 41 yrs. born 12-4-88 |
| Height | - 5' 4 1/2" |
| Weight | - 130 lbs. |
| Hair | - light brown, grey at temples |
| Eyes | - hazel |
| Build | - medium, right leg stiff at knee |
| Marital status | - single |
| Occupation | - bartender |
| Criminal record | - convicted US Dist. Court, Cleveland 1921 N P A - sixty days |
| Residence | - 3155 West 112th Street, Cleveland |
| Relatives | - Mrs. Mary F. Birt, sister, 3155 West 112th Street, Cleveland |

Dick Dutton, an employee of the Harvard Club, Cleveland, was located at room 203, Belmont Hotel, 3844 Euclid Avenue, and requested to accompany Agent Leon Levin to the Cleveland office where he was questioned. He advised that his correct name is Richard Carl Dutton; that he was born in Detroit, Michigan, on 7-12-22; that he attended Eastern High School, that city, leaving when he had completed the 10th grade in June 1927. During the same summer he started working as a page boy and clerk in a bank now known as the Peoples Wayne County Bank, Detroit, Michigan, and continued there until September 1928. Sometime during this month he accompanied his uncle to a gambling house known as the "Mack Avenue", located at 17100 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit. On this occasion, which was his first in a gambling house, he heard that the employees earned \$15 per day and then talked to the man he later knew as the floor man, named Connie Hurley, who now operates or works in a gambling ship located off the coast of California, near Los Angeles.

Hurley sent him to see Fitzgerald, one of the owners of the club, at the loading place for the club located at 21 W. Elizabeth Street, Detroit. Fitzgerald hired him and he was steadily employed until about December 1929 being fired by Fitzgerald for being drunk too much. Dutton stated that the owners of the club were Lincoln Fitzgerald and Danny Sullivan. During the time Dutton was employed at the club there were about 110 employees, and, in addition, there were about 15 persons employed to use their cars as buses to bring patrons of the club from the downtown area.

While Dutton was employed at this club, he became acquainted with one Phil Beare, formerly a ladderman at the club, and at the time that Dutton was fired, Beare advised him to go to the Alpha Club, which is located at 1067 Broadview Avenue, Toronto, Canada, which was a gambling club; that acting on this advice, Dutton went to Toronto and succeeded in getting a job there; that he worked there almost steadily until sometime in November 1935, the time being lost when the club would be closed for some reason or other, either police activity or otherwise; also that sometime during the summer of 1935 he was on an auto trip thru Cleveland, he saw some of his friends who were then employed at the Harvard Club, namely Howard Hill, Matty Donahue, Dave Wagner, Mickey McGee and a fellow named Gus, often called Gloomy. Dutton states he told them that his job at the Alpha Club in Toronto was precarious and that they advised him to see "Toots" Talbot about a job, and they even talked to him in the meantime. Dutton states he did see Talbot, at which time he was told if the Alpha Club closes up, he should return to Cleveland and that he would be hired to work. After this occurrence, Dutton went back to the Alpha Club but left there in November 1935 and came to Cleveland, starting to work at the Harvard Club on 11-22-35 and worked up till the club was raided early in January 1936.

Dutton states that the owners and operators of the Alpha Club are Ray Sullivan, known as "Razor"; David Garrity, John Brennan and Clayton Kehoe, who is known as "Hard Boiled"; further, that as far as he knows, they never "Paid-off" to any police officials in Toronto to be permitted to run and that he did not believe such was the case, since they were raided on several occasions while he was there. At these raids Dutton states that he would be questioned only and would not be arrested.

Dutton was not at the Harvard Club at the time the raid of the club early in January 1936 but when he reported to work that evening, he learned about the raid and then he left town, going back to Toronto, where he remained until about the middle of March

1936, working in the Alpha Club. He then came back to Cleveland and started working at the club again and stayed until 4-11-36 when he left and returned to Toronto, working there until about Labor Day 1936. Then he returned to the Harvard Club and has been employed there since.

During his last visit to Cleveland he has been residing at the Belmont Hotel with the exception of the week of the American Legion convention, when he stopped at the rooming house at 1874 East 82nd Street. He states that nobody from the club suggested this address or any other to him as being a likely place to find a room nor as far as he knows, are they in the habit of doing this for any employed of the club.

Dutton states that he takes orders at the club from Toots Talbot and Shorty Conway and that he believes that Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton own the club; that prior to the raid on the club Art and Shimmy spent a great deal of time in the club but that since the reopening in the small place now occupied they have not been much in evidence.

Inasmuch as Dutton has been earning his living since 1928 by gambling and since he appeared honest and straight-forward in his answers, he was asked about a "pay-off" by any of the club personnel to any police officers, and stated that he has no knowledge of such a condition, if, in fact, it does exist. He stated, however, that his experience leads him to believe that there is, in fact, a "pay-off", since he feels that no gambling club could run so openly without being raided in a very short time. He states further that he has never heard any of the other employes discuss this matter and that he knows better than to be afflicted with "nose trouble" around a gambling house.

He was shown photographs of the Barker-Karpis mob and was able to identify only the photos of Art Hebebrand, Shimmy Patton and Tip O'Neil. He states that he did not know the name of this last individual but that he has seen him around the club on numerous occasions in the capacity of a patron. He did not feel that O'Neil owned a "piece" of the club.

He was questioned about the Twilight Tavern and about the three sisters who ran the same, and he stated he had never heard of it and that he had never been to the place. The name Sally Jackson was unfamiliar to him.

As a matter of general information Dutton informed that the Chesterfield Club in Detroit, Michigan, is now operated by Danny Sullivan and Lincoln Fitzgerald; also, that as far as he knows, there is no "pay-off" to any of the county officials in that county, but qualified his statement by explaining that he has spent very little time in Detroit in the past several years and that, accordingly, he does not know actually what the set-up is. He also informed that one "Dutchman", whose right name is George Weinbrenner, operated the B C Wills factory in Detroit, which factory makes dice and various gambling layouts that are used in many gambling clubs; also that the three above individuals are presently under indictment for failure to file income tax returns and that they expect to go to trial within the next two or three months. According to Dutton, Fitzgerald and Weinbrenner are very bitter toward each other, but he did not know the reason.

Dutton advised that he had never filed an income tax return altho his earnings have averaged approximately \$3,000 per year since he has been in the gambling game. He stated that his reason for not filing any returns was that he has been living in Canada almost continuously and felt that he did not have to file a return, since he has also registered up there.

He was questioned about any rumors he had heard around the club and stated that the talk among the "small fry" like himself is that if Ed Barry is elected Sheriff of the county in the forthcoming election, then the club will have to cease operations, but did not know the reason therefor; also, that the talk around the club is that the FBI is trying to connect either Patton or Hebebrand with the Karpis mob, since either one or both is supposed to have rented several houses to them. Dutton, however, claimed to have no rumors of any kind prior to the start of instant harboring investigation that Hebebrand or Patton or anyone else at the club had been connected in any way with Karpis et al.

Dutton furnished the following descriptive data:

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| Name | - Richard Carl Dutton alias "Sonny-Boy"; "Junior"; "Dick" |
| Address | - Hotel Belmont, Cleveland, Ohio |
| Age | - 24 (born 7-12-12, Detroit, Mich) |
| Height | - 5' 7" |
| Weight | - 130 lbs. |
| Hair | - dark brown |
| Eyes | - dark brown |
| Complexion | - medium |

Build - small
 Education - 10th grade, Eastern High, Detroit, Mich.
 Occupation - crap dealer
 Marital status - married; 5-0-31, Toronto, Ontario
 Crim. record - admits arrest Cleveland, O., 12-10-35-
 drunkenness; costs suspended; not printed
 Relatives or photographed

wife: Edith Elizabeth Dutton nee Letts,
 6 Sorauren Avenue, Toronto, Ontario
 child: 3 yrs. old with mother
 mother: Mrs. Zona McGuinn, 75 Glen Ave.,
 Port Chester, NY; and father: John
 Walter Dutton, 21 Maple St., Buffalo, NY

Drives Ford sedan bearing Toronto
 license No. PB 630

Arnold Johnson, Jay Hotel, 2515 Jay Avenue, Cleveland, was requested to appear at the Cleveland office by Agent Leon Levin, which he did and was interviewed by Agents Fitzgerald and Smith, and he stated that he was originally from Virginia and had been working on occasions in gambling houses since 1922. He further stated to Agents C. E. Smith and J. B. Fitzgerald that he had secured his first job with Jimmy Hayes in Toledo, Ohio, his duties being, more or less, of a chauffeur, driving patrons to the old Casino Club, formerly operated by Hayes. Johnson further stated that he gradually worked into a dealer's job and worked short periods of time for Ed Warnke and Tom Worland.

Johnson went on to say that he had also worked for short periods of time for Lefty Clarke in Detroit and at Carter's place in Miami, Florida. He did, however, advise that about six months of every year he would spend at his home in Roanoke, Virginia. About August 1934 Johnson stated he secured a job at the Harvard Club as a crap dealer, thru Toots Talbot and Danny Gallagher, both of whom he had met while working in the city of Toledo. He further advised that he remained at the Harvard Club for a period of about three weeks; then returned to Toledo for a short time and then went home to Virginia. He returned to the club about 3 days ago and was rehired by Toots as a crap dealer at \$12 per day and \$2 for each hour over 9 hours.

Agents were further informed by Johnson that he had never submitted an income tax return inasmuch as he never worked any

great length of time and did not earn enough money.

Photographs of all the members of the Karpis gang were exhibited to Johnson; however, he was unable to identify any of them. The following description of Johnson was obtained from observation and questions answered:

Name - Arnold Johnson alias Virginia
 Age - 35 born 10-19-01 at Roanoke, Va.
 Weight - 130
 Height - 5' 9"
 Hair - brown
 Eyes - brown
 Complexion - medium
 Build - slim
 Race - white
 Nativity - American
 Marital status - single
 Occupation - crap dealer
 Scars and marks - nose broken

Relatives

father: Archie P. Johnson) 1812 Rorer Avenue,
 mother: Minnie ") Roanoke, Virginia

brothers: Harry, Earl, Russell,) all at Roanoke
 sisters: Edna Britt, Helen Johnson) County, Virginia
 Elsie ")
 Francis)

Military Record: enlisted US Navy Nov. 5, 1917 at Richmond,
 Virginia; discharged July 1919, Hampton
 Rds., Virginia.

Repeated attempts were made by Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and C. E. Smith to interview Max Gladstone, floorman at the Harvard Club; however, it was ascertained that he was presently under the care of a physician and receiving treatments at City Hospital, Scranton Road, Cleveland, for stones in his kidneys and is in such a condition that he cannot be interviewed at the present time.

Ralph E. Minier, court reporter, 930 Standard Building, Cleveland, was found by Special Agent R. T. Noonan in the company of Flo Smith, a girl questioned in connection with the Ardell Quinn NST case and requested to come to the Cleveland office for interview. Upon arrival at said office Mr. Minier was questioned by Special Agent J.B. Fitzgerald with the following results:

Mr. Minier stated he is a court reporter doing private reporting but not employed regularly in any court or by any firm of lawyers and that he was born and reared in the city of Cleveland. He related that he had been going about with Flo Smith for the last several years and that he and Flo have stopped at the Quinn home for dinner about three times, but Flo is not a prostitute and, to his knowledge, has no connection with the Quinn establishment. He said he has known Ardell Quinn for the last two years, and altho he does not know exactly where he met her, he thinks he probably met her at some "bookie" office uptown in Cleveland, as he and Flo Smith frequent such places together, and he remembers seeing Ardell at such places. From actual knowledge he said he knows nothing about the business conducted by Ardell Quinn, but from reputation he has known that she had conducted a high-class house of prostitution in Cleveland for many years.

Minier stated he has been going to the Harvard Club to play the horses with Flo Smith for the last three years and that he has a casual acquaintanceship with Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton but is not intimate with either one. He said that when the big Harvard Club was in operation he saw either one of these men there every time he visited the place, but has not seen them around the present club but is under the impression they still have something to do with it. He stated he knows Dan Gallagher to speak to but not intimately and was not able to identify his photograph. Minier viewed all photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang and its Cleveland associates but was able to identify only the pictures of Hebebrand and Patton. He related that he stopped at this club about once or twice a week and when there spent all his time in the horse room; paid little attention to the others at the club, of whom there were hundreds, and made no friendships there; consequently, he did not think it unusual that he could not identify photographs of some individuals who may have been there when he was. Minier stated he remembers being at the blackjack table at the Harvard Club with Flo Smith, but does not remember any person there that Flo was friendly with and is unable to identify the photographs of Fred Hunter as a dealer or Milton Lett as a shill.

Minier recollected that on two occasions he and Flo Smith called for Ardell Quinn in his car and took her to the home of one

of her relatives in one of the suburbs of Cleveland, but he did not know where this place was or who the relative was. He did not know how the arrangement was made but thought that perhaps Ardell met Flo and he at some bookie joint and requested them to take her out.

Following is a description of Ralph E. Minier: age 30, height 5' 5"; weight 120; brown eyes; dark brown hair, quite grey; sallow complexion; occupation - court reporter; criminal record - none.

The file in this case contains a memorandum dated 11-12-35, prepared by Special Agent T. M. Birch, which reflects he had conversed with Mr. John F. Hanley, superintendent of the Registry Division of the City Police Office, at which time Agent Birch was informed that one Michael J. Kennedy, formerly head of the Cleveland Detective Bureau, was one of the most able detectives ever to serve on the Bureau, and although he has since retired from that office, he still maintained his numerous underworld contacts and possibly might have some information of value in connection with instant investigation. In accordance with the suggestion of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Michael J. Kennedy was interviewed at his home, 3268 West 116th Street, by Special Agent Leon Levin.

Mr. Kennedy informed that he had served with the Cleveland Police Department from 1900 to 1928; then he had retired and is presently receiving apension; that for the last seven years he was identified with the police department; he was on detail in the office of the then Director of Public Safety, Ed. Barry, who is presently running for Shieriff of Cuyahoga County; that on that detail he had very little to do with actual crime or criminals and was used, moreor less, as a personnel man; that since severing his connection with the department, he has engaged a little in private detective work and has for the past four or five years been employed as a guard at Higbee's store; and that he sees very little of his former friends on the police force and has lost contact with most of his informants. He further informed, in response to questions, that he knows Ardell Quinn and that on one occasion she approached him at the Higbee store but that he cannot recall the purpose of this visit nor any of its details. Also stated that he has had no contact of any kind with her and knows very little about her, except that she is supposed to operate a very high-class house of prostitution, catering to the better class of trade. He either was unable or did not wish to discuss her any further.

Mr. Kennedy was also questioned with respect to his knowledge of the Harvard Club and stated that inasmuch as this place was started after he left the police department, he had no knowledge of it or its owners and was unable to furnish any information with respect to its operation.

Mr. Kennedy, in response to questioning, stated he recalls the publicity that appeared in the newspapers as a result of the apprehension of the three women by the Cleveland police in September 1934 and stated that he has heard rumors about them and their gangster men. He was questioned as to the content of these rumors, as well as their source, and advised that since they were only rumors, he did not want to discuss them, stating that if he had no definite information to furnish, he would prefer not to furnish any hearsay or rumor. In this connection, he asked if the writer knew Inspector Sweeney and Captain Potts of the police department and inferred that these persons were the ones to see concerning any matters of this kind.

The report of Special Agent J. E. Thornton, 2-7-36, Cincinnati, Ohio, reflects that Tony Amersbach, presently employed as floorman at the Harvard Club, while incarcerated in the Ohio State Penitentiary at Columbus from 8-9-20 to 10-21-23, probably corresponded "sub rosa" with Mrs. Irene Morgan Clary, address Ellen Ave., Cleveland, Ohio; and also with one Lillian Binger, 3443 West 119th Street, Cleveland, this being arrived at by some papers found in his cell there during that period. Special Agent S. K. McKee suggested that an attempt be made to locate and interview these persons concerning their relation with Tony Amersbach at the present time and any possible conversations they might have had with him concerning the presence of the Barker-Karpis mob at the Harvard Club during 1934-35-36. In accordance therewith Special Agent Leon Levin conducted the following investigation.

Ellen Avenue, altho extending from 58th Street to 65th Street near Franklin Boulevard, is approximately the length of two city blocks. Inquiry was made of numerous persons presently residing on Ellen Avenue and who have resided there from varying periods of 15 to 30 years, for any information concerning Mrs. Irene Morgan Clary. However, the inquiry produced nothing about her or where she had resided on Ellen Avenue. Inquiry was also made of a registration booth for voters, which was located on Ellen Avenue, but their records did not disclose the name and one of the persons in charge of the registration who has lived in the vicinity for the last 17 years stated that the name was not familiar to her.

Telephonic inquiry was made [redacted] but the writer was advised that their records did not contain the name of a Mrs. Irene Morgan Clary and suggesting that the husband's name would be of some use in attempting to locate such a record. b7d

A search was also made of the city directories as far back as 1932 but they did not contain the name of any person as being Irene Morgan Clary. Inquiry was also made at Station & Post Office at 65th and Lorain Avenue, but there it was learned that the removal records date back only a period of four years. The carrier who covered this route including Ellen Avenue is presently deceased.

At the address, 3443 West 119th Street, the present occupants of the single home advised that the name Lillian Binger was not familiar to them; also that they have been residing at the present location for the last ten years and are certain that no person by the name of Binger has resided at that address for that period of time. A general inquiry among the close neighbors, who have resided in that locality for many years was unproductive of information except that one neighbor recalled that a family by the name of Ashbaugh formerly resided at 3443 West 119th and that there were several daughters in the family, one of whom was married to a city policeman named Binger, but the indications were that this daughter's name was not Lillian.

The current city directory lists a Lillian Binger, a nurse, residing at 6707 Conrad Avenue, Cleveland. She was interviewed and advised that she had never resided at 3443 West 119th Street and that as far as she knew there was no other person named Binger in Cleveland with the exception of her immediate family and that she of no other person named Lillian Binger.

A neighborhood inquiry in the vicinity of West 129th and Lorain Avenue after a search of the city directory had failed to disclose anyone by the name of Binger residing in that locality, inasmuch as the information previously secured indicated that the city policeman named Binger was residing in that vicinity, resulted in information being secured that there was one Dick Binger resided at 3270 West 129th Street and that he was a city policeman assigned to traffic duty. Mrs. Binger, upon interview, advised that the correct spelling of her name was Buenger; that her name was Marie and that neither she nor her husband had ever lived at 3443 West 119th Street; further, that she knew of only one person named

Lillian Binger, which is the one whom this agent previously interviewed and that she was her sister-in-law, but had changed the spelling of the name to Binger; further, that the nurse, Lillian, had never resided at the address on West 119th Street, since she had been away from home a good many years at school and nursing.

Upon request of Special Agent J. E. Brennan, Mr. Frank J. Wiesenberger called at the Cleveland office and was again interviewed with reference to a conversation he related he had overheard in the saloon of Sellers in front of the old Harvard Club, wherein one of the individuals in the saloon was heard to state that Karpis used to frequent the club. This is covered in report of Special Agent S.K. McKee, Cleveland, dated 8-25-36.

Mr. Wiesenberger stated he had been unable to think of any additional information since the last interview; that he cannot recall who was present when the conversation took place and that he does not know whether or not Sellers was present when the remarks were made. He stated that he is anxious to cooperate and that if he goes out to Sellers and talks to various people there he might happen upon something that will serve to refresh his memory, in which event he will get in touch with Special Agent McKee.

Don F. Carroll, former clerk at the Mecca Hotel, was located by Special Agent John E. Brennan at the Allerton Hotel, Cleveland, where he is now employed as a waiter. It has been reported that Al Foerster, a dealer at the Harvard Club, has stated that Milton Lett formerly stayed at the Mecca Hotel. Photographs of Lett, Karpis, Campbell et al were shown to Carroll, who stated that he does not recall having seen any of the persons represented by these photographs in the Mecca Hotel or at any other place.

On October 8, 1936, Inspector E. J. Connelley and Special Agent S. K. McKee endeavored to locate Mayor Jerry Sticha, both at the Town Hall and at his residence in Newburgh Heights, Ohio, for interview as to the operation of the Harvard Club, his connections with the proprietors of this place and concerning the harboring of fugitives in this case in Newburgh Heights. The mayor could not be located at either place, and his whereabouts was not known either at his office or home.

Town Marshal Frank Ptak was located at his home, 4008 East 53d Street, Newburgh Heights, Ohio, where interview was held. Ptak advised in response to questions that he holds elective office and that he is now serving his second term as town marshal. In response to ques-

tions he stated that he did not know what type of business is conducted at 4601 Harvard Avenue or who operates this place, but that he believes the people who reside upstairs at this address have something to do with the place. He stated he did not know what type of business is conducted in the premises adjoining Otto's Cafe at 42nd and Harvard Avenue and that he is not acquainted with Art Hebebrand, Shimmy Patton or Toots Talbot, altho he mentioned the fact that he has possibly heard the name of Shorty Conway somewhere.

Ptak was told that Hebebrand and Patton are now operating a gambling joint at 42nd and Harvard Avenue, altho Talbot and Conway are "fronting" for them at this place and that the same individuals formerly operated the joint located in the old Walkathon Building on Harvard Avenue; that certain persons connected with this place had been engaged in harboring prominent fugitives and definite information in our possession indicated that the marshal and other persons in Newburgh Heights were cognizant of the entire situation. Ptak was told that we would possibly talk with him again and that his actions in the meantime in the way of taking care of his duties as a sworn officer of the law would be taken into consideration in connection with possible action against him as to the harboring situation.

On several occasions during the course of the investigation involving Ardell Quinn in connection with the White Slave Traffic Act violation U. S. Attorney E. B. Freed, Cleveland, brought up the subject of the harboring investigations being conducted in the Northern District of Ohio by the FBI and mentioned that the facts as to the harboring situation and the Garrettsville mail train robbery are so inseparably connected that the two cases are almost one and the same. He stated that he has certain evidence before him regarding the mail robbery which he knows to be of value to a harboring inquiry, and at this point he stated it was very important that we interview John Brock, as well as the Zetzer brothers of Port Clinton, Ohio, as he knows from personal interview with these individuals that they can furnish very important information and evidence with respect to the harboring investigation. Mr. Freed advised the writer that he knew from certain newspaper articles and from his knowledge of the mail robbery investigation that certain friction exists between the Post Office Inspectors and this Bureau, but, he stated, that he did not want to have anything to do with any dispute as he has high regard for both organizations. He said he realized that as U. S. Attorney for this district he will eventually have the job of prosecuting both the harboring and the mail robbery cases; that he knows certain persons such as Brock and the Zetzer brothers are

potential witnesses in both cases; that because of this situation he cannot deal with these persons very well in connection with one case when he is confronted with the problem of possibly using them as witnesses in a second prosecution.

Mr. Freed stated that he regarded it as highly important that we interview John Brock at as early a date as possible, in order that what information he has concerning the harboring situation here might be available both for investigative and evidentiary purposes. He stated that he would produce Brock either in his office or in the Cleveland FBI office at any time we would talk with him but that he wanted to talk with Post Office Inspector S. J. Hetterick first and advise him of this action in order to preclude any comment on the part of Hetterick which might bring further publicity as to the existence of friction. He stated that if Hetterick objected to the proposed interview, he would advise him that he was requesting the interview as U. S. Attorney of this district, inasmuch as the matter of dealing with witnesses was one entirely for his consideration.

The above situation was presented to Inspector E. J. Connelley and instructions were received to accept the offer of Mr. Freed and conduct the interview with John Brock and also with the Zetzers whenever they were produced. Arrangements have been made to conduct these interviews in the near future.

During conversations between Agent S. K. McKee and U. S. Attorney Emerich B. Freed the matter of whether Milton Lett is in custody of the Post Office Inspectors was also brought up, and Mr. Freed offered to learn from Post Office Inspector Hetterick whether Lett is in custody. Mr. Freed was requested to secure this information in line with certain rumors which have come to us that Lett has been in custody in the vicinity of Tulsa, Oklahoma, for some three months, also as a considerable saving would result to the government if Lett was in custody and we had the information. Mr. Freed contacted Mr. Hetterick and later advised Agent McKee that the postal authorities had never had Lett in custody and had no information concerning his location.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. B. Fitzgerald on 10-8-36 and reference is made to report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 8-18-36.

Captain Alfred Jones and Anthony Kocivar, Detective Bureau,

Cleveland Police Department, were interviewed relative to Henry Hirsch who was arrested by the Marshal at Avon Lake, Ohio, 12-24-36 on a speeding charge and later said by Captain George J. Connelley of the Cleveland Illuminating Company to be the same person whom Detectives Balzar and Kocovar were inquiring about as the missing "Sam" in the Garrettsville mail train robbery.

These officers stated that they did not make any investigation relative to a Henry Hirsch in connection with the said mail robbery and never heard of such a person but they did talk to Captain Connelley at his office about a man named Hirshkovitz, who at the time was suspected by them of being the missing unknown robber in the said job. They stated, however, that Abe Hirshkovitz was later apprehended and sent to the Ohio State Penitentiary for fifteen years, and at that time, early in 1936, it was definitely established that he had no connection with the mail robbery. These officers stated that Captain Connelley of the Illuminating Company must have gotten the names, Hirsch and Hirshkovitz confused when he stated that they were inquiring about Hirsch.

Captain Jones and Detective Kocovar went on to relate that the missing holdup man in the Garrettsville mail robbery has been positively identified as BENSON GROVES with aliases, a man who was in June 1931 convicted of mail robbery with Tip O'Neil of Cleveland, Ohio, and that this man is said to be a friend of Marty O'Boyle, Cleveland beer baron, and a frequenter of the Harvard Club and places where Tip O'Neil is known. They said that Groves is wanted by P. O. Inspector Hetterick for this job at Garrettsville and at the Bureau of Identification, Cleveland Police Department. A notation on this man's record dated 8-26-36 reflects that he is wanted by P. O. Inspector Hetterick.

The following description was obtained from said Bureau of Identification:

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| Name | - BENSON GROVES aliases: B. J. Grayson |
| Age | - 50 8-25-80 George Wilson |
| Height | - 5' 6 1/2" |
| Weight | - 169 lbs. |
| Hair | - dark chestnut |
| Eyes | - azure blue |
| Complexion | - ruddy |
| Build | - muscular, heavy build; pot belly |
| F P C | - 25 1 16 Cleveland, Ohio PD #13823 |
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Criminal record

Arrested Cleveland 1915, safe cracking; sentenced 5 yrs., Atlanta Fed. Pen. June 1931 (mail robbery with Tip O'Neil) August 26, 1936, WANTED by PO Inspector S. J. Hetterick, Cleveland, Ohio

Tattoo marks

church scroll, star beneath in heavy circle F.A. outer - girl F.A. inner "B.G" F.A. outer; "B.G" Fan - F. A., Shield F. A. inner.

Photographs of Benson Groves have been obtained from the Atlanta Penitentiary and field offices in which inquiries are to be made have been requested to conduct appropriate investigation to locate this man. These requests are in line with the identifications made as to Groves by Clyde and Amanda Rochat of Newton Falls, Ohio, as the man who spent the night at their home with Harry Campbell and John Brock on the night prior to the Garrettsville job and who met Karpis and Hunter a short distance from the home shortly before the robbery was pulled. Interviews with the Rochats will be found elsewhere in this report.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. L. Madala on October 3, 1936 at Newton Falls, Ohio.

The writer called at the farm of Clyde Rochat, Rural Route #3, Newton Falls, Ohio, on October 3, 1936, to ascertain whether he had any information additional to what is contained in his signed statement reflected in report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 4-22-36, particularly relative to the activities of Fred Hunter in the way of harboring Karpis and Campbell shortly after their escape from Atlantic City, NJ, on 1-20-35.

Agent interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Rochat jointly at their home and they advised that about six weeks ago Post Office Inspectors S. J. Hetterick and Jess Cordrey called upon them, at which time they exhibited a photograph to them which they stated John Brock identified as being the fifth man in the Garrettsville train robbery and who has been heretofore referred to as "SAM". Both Mr. and Mrs. Rochat advised that they positively identified this photograph for the Post Office Inspectors as the individual who came to their home with Carl Atkins, since identified as Harry Campbell, on the night of November 6, 1935. They stated that the Inspectors informed them that Brock thought the photograph in question was an excellent likeness of the man concerned and that they recognized the resemblance immediately.

Agent questioned the Rochats whether they recalled seeing the name on the photograph displayed to them, and they advised that they had, but are now unable to recall it. Mr. Rochat stated that he did not pay any particular attention to what was contained on the back of the photo in question but does definitely recall that the age of the man was indicated as 44 years; that he had heretofore described him as being 50 years of age, and in this connection Inspector Hetterick remarked to him that he wasn't far off on the man's age, indicating at this time that the photograph was taken five years ago.

Mrs. Rochat recalled that Inspector Hetterick remarked that the man in question was released from a penitentiary shortly prior to the robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, on November 7, 1935; that he apparently had other previous arrest records, as the Inspectors, likewise, exhibited to them earlier police photographs of this man. Mrs. Rochat advised that the name of GUS was frequently mentioned by the P. O. Inspectors in talking about the Garrettsville train robbery to them, and altho she is not entirely certain, she believes that they were referring to the individual concerned. The Rochats advised that they were not informed at which penitentiary the above person was supposed to have been confined, and upon showing them the various photographs which agent had in his possession at the time, they selected that of James Tip O'Neil as the one closely resembling the type displayed to them by the P. O. Inspectors in this matter. It was noted that the photograph in question was taken of O'Neil at the time he was received at the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, and from this it is very likely that the said individual likewise served time in that penitentiary and possibly may have known O'Neil while incarcerated there. In this connection previous information obtained indicates that possibly James O'Neil may have given the P. O. Inspectors the tip which resulted in the identification of the unknown SAM, and with this in mind it is not unreasonable to presume the above possibility.

The foregoing information was transmitted to the Atlanta office by letter on October 3, 1936, with request that appropriate investigation be conducted at the U. S. Penitentiary in an effort to have the unknown SAM identified.

It will be recalled that at the time the Rochats were interviewed by FBI agents on April 2, 1936, they were unable to identify the photo of Harry Campbell as the man whom they knew as CARL ATKINS. Also at that time the photo of John Brock was not available to the Bureau, and as a consequence one could not be displayed to them for identification of the man who accompanied Alvin Karpis to their home on the nite of November 6, 1935. The Rochats, likewise, denied on the occasion of the first interview with them that Fred Hunter had any connection with Alvin Karpis or the 30ers who stayed overnight

at the farm preceding the Garrettsville robbery. The writer at this time exhibited to the Rochats numerous photographs of the Barker-Karpis mob, and they readily selected that of Harry Campbell as being identical with Carl Atkins, heretofore mentioned. They likewise, positively identified the photo of John Brock as the man who accompanied Karpis to the farm on the early morning of November 7, 1935. They also admitted at this time that Fred Hunter vouched for Karpis and Campbell on the occasion of their first visit to their home in February 1935 and that it was principally on this recommendation that they permitted Karpis and Campbell to live there. Mr. Rochat further admitted at this time that Fred Hunter was with Alvin Karpis in the grey sedan which picked up Campbell, Brock and the unknown SAM, shortly prior to the Garrettsville train robbery, which incident is mentioned in Rochat's signed statement contained in the report of Agent Wynn.

In view of the recent identification of Harry Campbell and John Brock and the disclosure of the fact that Fred Hunter was closely allied with Karpis and Campbell, it was deemed advisable to secure an amended signed statement from Clyde Rochat setting forth therein the additional pertinent information obtained from him. The statement was obtained in the presence of Mrs. Rochat, and agent had her sign her name to the same as a witness. The same reads as follows, the original of which is being retained in the Cleveland office file:

Newton Falls, Ohio
October 5, 1936.

"I, Clyde Rochat, do hereby make the following signed statement to John L. Madala, whom I know to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, no threats or promises having been made to me.

"I have been acquainted with Fred Hunter for approximately fifteen years, having first met him when he came to my home in Warren, Ohio to purchase acoon dog. Thereafter I saw him several times, and in 1932 and 1933 he lived with my wife and me at our home in Leavittsburg, Ohio. This was sometime after he was released from the Ohio State Penitentiary.

"I have been shown a photograph of Alvin Karpis, Kansas State Penitentiary #1539, and I positively identify the same as an individual known to me as Ray Miller and also Sonny Miller. I recall that he first came to my home at Leavittsburg, Ohio around the first of February 1935. He was alone on this occasion, and he talked to me

about buying a bird dog. A few minutes after Miller arrived at my house, Fred Hunter came in, and it appeared that Miller and Hunter were acquainted with each other. I recall that Miller informed me that he was a representative of the Standard Oil Company and that he was working in the territory around Warren and Youngstown, Ohio. Fred Hunter later asked me whether Miller and a friend of his could stay at my house, stating that they were all right and indicated that he met them through some gambling operations.

"I might state that the reason Miller suggested staying at my house was because he was interested in buying a bird dog, which he wanted to assist in training. He and I talked about training this dog, and apparently he wanted to see how it was done, and at the same time become better acquainted with the dog.

"After talking with my wife I agreed to let Miller and his friend stay at our house, and it was understood that they pay us \$12 per week each for room and board. Thereafter Fred Hunter and Ray Miller left together, and the next day Miller returned with his friend whom he introduced as Carl Atkins. I have viewed the photograph of Harry Campbell, and I positively identify the same as being identical with Atkins. I believe that these two men came to the house in a 1935 model Ford coupe which carried Ohio license plates.

"Ray Miller and Carl Atkins lived at our home for approximately one week on this occasion, during which period Fred Hunter came to visit them almost daily. I believe that Hunter was living with his girl friend, Mary Yoho, in Warren, Ohio around this time, although I am not certain as to this.

"When Miller and Atkins left, Miller took with him the bird dog which he purchased from me. He paid \$150 for the animal. They did not indicate where they were going or when they would be back. I recall that Fred Hunter was with them when they left, but do not know whether he drove away with them. It seems to me that Hunter had a Ford coupe of his own.

"About a week later Ray Miller (Alvin Karpis) returned to our home with the dog which he had previously purchased from me. He stated that the dog would get sick riding in an automobile, and wanted to know whether he could have another one in place of it. I let him select his own dog, and it was agreed that he pay me \$50 additional for it. Miller took the dog away with him, and thereafter during the

month of March and April 1935 Miller and Atkins (Harry Campbell) came to our house on three or four different occasions. At some of these times Fred Hunter was with them, and on one occasion Miller and Atkins stayed overnight.

"On October 15, 1935 I purchased my present home on Rural Route #5, Newton Falls, Ohio, and two or three days afterward Miller and Atkins again paid me a visit. I recall that Miller was driving a Terraplane coupe on this occasion. At this time Atkins (Harry Campbell) purchased a bird dog from me at the price of \$150 but he did not take the dog with him.

"On the night of November 6, 1935, at about 11 pm Ray Miller came to our house in the company of a tall, slender man. I have been shown a photograph of John Brock, Oklahoma State Penitentiary #24696, and I positively identify the same as Miller's companion. I recall that this man was very quiet and did not have much to say. Miller told me that this man was a friend of his, and that I should put him up for the night. He also advised me at this time that Atkins and another man would be at the house some time later, and that I also should let them stay for the night. Miller appeared to be in a hurry, and when he left he said he was going to Youngstown, Ohio.

"About two in the morning, November 7, 1935, Carl Atkins and an elderly man came to the house in a 1934 model Ford V-8 coupe, bearing 1935 Ohio license number H 732 V. The latter man was a stranger to me, and I was not introduced to him during the time he stayed at my house. I do not recall whether he was referred to by name in my presence. About six weeks ago Post Office Inspectors S. J. Hettrick and Jess Gordrey exhibited to me a photograph of a man whom I have positively identified as Atkins' companion on the above occasion. I recall that the Post Office Inspectors referred to him as Gus and that they advised he was around 49 years of age.

"Both this elderly man and Carl Atkins stayed at my house overnight, and on the following morning this two men together with the man whom I identified as John Brock had breakfast which my wife prepared. I forgot to state that on the day before when Miller (Alvin Karpis) called on me, he asked how long I had to work the next day, November 7, 1935. I told him that I had to work until twelve o'clock noon. He mentioned that that was good, and then stated that he wanted me to drive the above three men (Harry Campbell, John Brock and GUS) to the four corners which is about two miles distance from my home. I agreed to do this.

"I returned home from work at about 12:15 pm on November 7, 1935, and the above mentioned three men were waiting for me at the house. I was told to drive Atkins' Ford coupe, and I drove the three men in

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in this car to the designated point. Shortly after we arrived here, a grey sedan drove up and I observed Ray Miller (Alvin Karpis) at the wheel and Fred Hunter sitting beside him in the front seat. The three men got out of the Ford coupe and entered the grey sedan in which Miller and Fred Hunter were seated. This car thereafter drove in a westerly direction on a cinder road in the direction of Garrettsville, Ohio, and after they departed I returned home with Atkins' Ford coupe. I had this car in my possession until I returned home with Atkins' Ford coupe. I had this car in my possession until April 2, 1936, when my home was raided by special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. At this time I showed the agents where this car was located, and I wish to state that the said car is the same which Carl Atkins (Harry Campbell) left in my custody on the morning of November 7, 1935.

"The last time I ever saw any of the men mentioned in this statement was when they drove toward Garrettsville, Ohio, in their grey sedan at around 12:30 pm on November 7, 1935.

"I have read the foregoing statement which consists of three typewritten pages, and I swear that the same is true to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

/s/ Clyde Rochat

Witnesses:

/s/ Amanda Rochat, wife,
Newton Falls R 3

John L. Madala, Special Agent,
FBI, U. S. Dept of Justice
Cleveland, Ohio

It might be stated that Clyde Rochat advised agent that he did not disclose to the Post Office Inspectors the information that Fred Hunter was seated in the car with Alvin Karpis at the time Harry Campbell, John Brock and the unknown SAM were picked up shortly prior to the Garrettsville robbery, as is mentioned in the latter portion of Rochat's signed statement. In explanation he stated that he, more or less, feels sorry for Fred Hunter, and for this reason he does not want him to get into any more trouble than he already is in.

In addition to his signed statement, Clyde Rochat advised that Fred Hunter worked on a WWA project at Warren, Ohio, during 1933 and 1934; that thereafter Jim Mucine, who has known Hunter for many years, gave him a job in his gambling place at Warren, Ohio; that apparently Hunter made good money at this place, as he later purchased

a quarter interest in the Single "G" Club, a combination night club and gambling place located immediately outside or inside of the city limits of Warren, Ohio.

Mr. Rochat advised that during the time Fred Hunter worked for the C W A he lived with them at their home in Leavittsburg, Ohio; that during this period he had no money, wore shabby clothes and was generally bad off; that he, Rochat, very frequently loaned Hunter money with which to buy shoes and other wearing apparel.

The Rochats were questioned at great length in an effort to secure a more exact period as to when Karpis and Campbell first visited and stayed at his home at Leavittsburg, Ohio, and he advised that he only recalls it as being sometime during February 1935. He, likewise, could not recall definitely as to how long they remained there on that occasion. Mr. Rochat was positive that it was at least a week. He also was positive that Karpis had a 1935 model Ford coupe in February 1935.

The photographs of Milton Lett and Sam Coker were again displayed to the Rochats, but to no avail. They were positive that neither of these individuals visited Karpis and Campbell while they were living at their home. In this connection they stated that Fred Hunter was the only person they ever saw with either Karpis or Campbell.

The Rochats still persist that they were not aware of the true identities of Karpis and Campbell until the agents displayed their photographs to them; that they were always made to understand by Fred Hunter and also by Karpis and Campbell; that these two men were employees of the Standard Oil Company and were working in the territory around Youngstown and Warren, Ohio.

Subsequent to securing a signed statement from Clyde Rochat which is hereinbefore set out, Agent J. B. Fitzgerald in talking with an official in the Cleveland Police Department ascertained that the fifth man involved in the Garrettsville mail train robbery on November 7, 1935, is Benjamin Grayson alias Benson Groves. The details of the interview relative to this identification is set out in another portion of this report.

Upon the receipt of Benjamin Grayson's photograph from the US Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, Agents S. K. McKee and J. L. Madala

proceeded to Newton Falls, Ohio on October 10, 1936, and exhibited the said photograph to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Rochat, who previously advised that they will identify this individual's photograph for the Bureau if and when one is displayed to them. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rochat readily identified the photograph in question, and the following signed statements were obtained from them:

Newton Falls, Ohio
October 10, 1936

"I, Clyde Rochat, do hereby make the following supplementary signed statement to S. K. McKee and John L. Madala, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

"On this date I have been shown a photograph of Benjamin Grayson whose correct name is BENSON GROVES, Atlanta Penitentiary #38605, and positively identify him as the man who came to my house at Newton Falls on the early morning of November 7, 1935, with Harry Campbell. He also is the man who stayed overnight at this time with Harry Campbell and John Brock, he sleeping in the same room with Brock. This man also is the individual who I drove, together with Campbell and Brock, to the four corners on the afternoon of November 7, 1935, and who was then picked up by Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter in a light colored car.

/s/ "Clyde Rochat"

Witnesses:

/s/ John L. Madala)
S. K. McKee,) Special Agents,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
US Department of Justice,
Cleveland, Ohio

The original copy of the above signed statement is being retained in the Cleveland office files:

Newton Falls, Ohio
October 10, 1936

"I, Mrs. Amanda Rochat, do hereby make the following statement to S. K. McKee and John L. Madala, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, US Department of Justice.

"On this date I have been shown a photograph of Benson Groves alias Benjamin Grayson, Atlanta Penitentiary #38605, and I posi-

tively identify him as the man who came to my house at Newton Falls, Ohio, on the early morning of November 7, 1935, with Harry Campbell. He also is the man who stayed overnight at this time with Campbell and John Brock. He and Brock occupied the same room that night, and on the following day, November 7, 1935, he left the house in company of Harry Campbell and John Brock around 12 o'clock noon.

/s/ Amanda Rochat

Witness:

John L. Madala and S. E. McKee,
Special Agents, FBI, US
Department of Justice, Cleveland, Ohio

The original of Mrs. Rochat's signed statement is being retained in the Cleveland office files.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent John L. Madala on October 7, 1936:

While at Youngstown, Ohio, agent called upon Clayton Hall, who is employed at the Holland Furnace Company, Wick Avenue, for any additional information he might have relative to this case, it being recalled that he was in association with Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter at various times during 1935 and 1936.

Clayton Hall advised that about three weeks ago Post Office Inspectors S. J. Hettrick and Tavener called upon him at his home and exhibited to him a photograph which they informed was that of the fifth man involved in the Garrettsville train robbery. Hall advised that he could not identify this photograph, and in this connection advised agent that he honestly had never seen the said individual in his life. He further stated at this time that the Inspectors, likewise, questioned him concerning Joe Rich of Canton, Ohio, whom they indicated was possibly involved in the Warren mail truck robbery which occurred on April 25, 1935. Hall stated they informed him that when Joe Rich was arrested by US Narcotic agents in the early part of this year, he had from \$14,000 to \$16,000 in his possession; that he also owned a new LaSalle coupe and it was ascertained that in the past eighteen months he purchased considerable real estate, placing it in the name of his paramour, Edna Haney. Agent was advised by Hall that the Inspectors are making every effort to secure an identification on Rich, as they desire to prosecute him together with the former Postmaster of Warren, Ohio, for this robbery.

Hall advised that he personally believes that Joe Rich participated in the said truck robbery, and when questioned as to why he thought so, he informed that Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter frequently talked about Rich in his presence, and from what he was able to overhear he gathered that Joe Rich drove the car in the robbery. He advised that he did not inform the Post Office Inspectors of this information, as he does not want to become involved in that case. Hall went on to relate that Fred Hunter did not actually participate in this robbery for the reason that he is too well-known in Warren, Ohio; that Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Joe Rich were the actual participants, the latter being approached to take part by Hunter who apparently has known Rich for a long time. Hall continued that Fred Hunter and Joe Rich used to operate together and at such times when they broke into an office to burglarize a safe and where a watchman was present, Rich would hold up the watchman while Hunter worked on the safe endeavoring to get it open. Hall advised that Fred Hunter was always very careful in not exposing his face to any witnesses during the commission of a crime.

Continuing, Mr. Hall stated that immediately after the Post Office truck robbery at Warren, Ohio, on 4-25-35 Hunter and Karpis drove to Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Harry Campbell went to live in Toledo, the exact place unknown; that a few weeks thereafter Karpis and Hunter returned to Youngstown, Ohio, and lived at his home for several days; that during this period he assisted Karpis and Hunter in wrapping two packages which contained \$5,000 and \$1,000, respectively; that he later learned thru Hunter that the \$5,000 was delivered to the former Postmaster at Warren, Ohio, for his confidential inside information which made it possible for them to rob the truck in question and that the \$1,000 was given to Hunter's father merely as a gratuity. Mr. Hall further advised that Fred Hunter and the above-mentioned ex-Postmaster have known each other for a long time, they both being from the town of Warren, and after the latter was let out of Government service, the information goes that he approached Hunter advising that he would 'finger' a payroll delivery to the Post Office, providing he could secure the services of some experienced gunmen to take the same.

Continuing, Hall related that Fred Hunter and a man known to him only as "The Irishman", and who is a doorman at the Harvard Club in Cleveland, have known each other for some time; that after Hunter was approached by the ex-Postmaster, as hereinbefore indicated, the former contacted "The Irishman" and asked whether he

knew of two or three experienced gunmen who would be capable of pulling the said job; that about this time Karpis and Campbell had escaped from Atlantic City, NJ, and made their way to Toledo, Ohio. Hall advised that from what he was able to pick up from conversations he overheard between Karpis and Hunter, it appears that Karpis and Campbell lived in Toledo, Ohio, for approximately a week after their escape in Atlantic City; that thereafter Karpis came to Cleveland, Ohio, alone and contacted the "Irishman" at the Harvard Club, it being that he and Karpis knew each other during the time Karpis and the others lived in Cleveland, Ohio, in the summer of 1934.

Hall advised that both Karpis and Campbell were broke after their break from Atlantic City and that Karpis' primary purpose for going to Cleveland on this occasion was to borrow some money; that the "Irishman" apparently told Karpis about the possibilities of the job "cased" by Fred Hunter, and probably interested him in the contemplated robbery. This, of course, is conjecture on the part of Hall, but in this connection he definitely advised that the "Irishman" directed Karpis to Fred Hunter's place in Warren, Ohio, where he later made a contact with him. Hall does not know whether the Irishman accompanied Karpis to Warren on this occasion or whether Karpis went down there by himself at the Irishman's direction. Hall advised that at any rate Hunter got Karpis interested in the matter, and thereafter Karpis brought Hunter to Cleveland, Ohio, and since that time the two were inseparable up until the time of their arrest in New Orleans. Hall was emphatic in saying that the above are the true circumstances as to how Karpis first became associated with Fred Hunter.

Agent questioned Clayton Hall at great length concerning the identity of the person referred to as the Irishman, and he advised that all he knows about this individual is that Karpis knew him in 1934 and that he is a doorman at the Harvard Club. He stated that he never personally saw this man and, therefore, would be unable to identify him. From the description and circumstances provided by Hall it is believed that this individual known as the Irishman is identical with John "Sharkey" Gorman who has been employed as a doorman at the Harvard Club, Cleveland, for the past two years. This, of course, will be given vigorous attention.

Mr. Hall further advanced the information that Karpis on one occasion informed him that he borrowed \$4,000 from one Art, who is supposed to have an interest in the Harvard Club. In this connection, Hall advised that the money in question was picked up by Fred Hunter,

and that he, Hall, drove Hunter to the Harvard Club at the time it was gotten; that Hunter delivered the money in his presence to Karpis at Youngstown, Ohio, this being sometime during the month of March or April of 1935. Continuing, Hall stated that sometime during the fall of 1935 while he was with Karpis at Hot Springs, Arkansas, Karpis made mention of the fact that he owed Art this money and at that time wondered how he could deliver the money to him without going to Cleveland himself.

Hall suggested that he give the money to him and that he would deliver it to Art upon his return to Ohio. According to Hall, Karpis said that that wouldn't be desirable, as Art would "raise hell" if he thought that anyone else knew that he had loaned him this money. Hall did not know how the \$4,000 was ultimately repaid, if it was, but advanced the belief that Sam Coker took it to Toledo and that Harry Campbell personally delivered it to Art.

Hall did not know the last name of the Art above referred to, but it is believed that this individual is Art Hebebrand, part owner of the Harvard Club. It will be recalled that John Brock informed the Post Office Inspectors that Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton financed the preparations of the Warren mail truck robbery. It is believed that Hall has more information in his possession relative to this matter, and he will be again interviewed from time to time in an effort to secure this from him.

Agent asked Clayton Hall whether he thought that Milton Lett and Fred Hunter were acquainted with each other prior to February 1935, it being recalled that J. T. Dunn of Akron, Ohio, advised that Lett and Hunter used to come into his gambling place together as early as three years ago. Hall advised that he is positive Lett and Hunter did not become acquainted until sometime after February or March of 1935; that it is his information that Lett and Harry Campbell knew each other for years back and that after the escape at Atlantic City Campbell caused Lett to come to Ohio and run errands for him; that thereafter Karpis got both Hunter and Lett a job at the Harvard Club.

Hall further stated that when Karpis first came to his home in Youngstown, Ohio, which was sometime in February 1935, he was driving a model A Ford sedan, dark slate in color; that he later saw this automobile in the possession of Milton Lett, and on one occasion sometime thereafter he heard that the car was given to an employee at the Harvard Club. Hall did not know where this car was purchased, but believed that it was bought in either Toledo or Cleveland, Ohio.

Hall now admits that Harry Campbell resided at his home in Youngstown, Ohio, on two or three occasions during 1935. He also advised that he knows that Fred Hunter purchased a 1935 model Hudson coupe for Harry Campbell at the Manning-Marino Company at Youngstown, Ohio, at which time a 1935 model Ford coupe was traded in on the deal; that several weeks later Campbell accompanied Hunter to the said automobile company and sold the instant car back to him at a considerable loss. It was Hall's information that Hunter transacted the deal and that Campbell did not go in the salesroom.

With further reference to the Manning-Marino Company, which concern, it has been developed, sold several cars to members of the Barker-Karpis gang in 1935, Hall advised that both he and Fred Hunter have known Andy Marino, co-owner, for some time; that Marino knew who he was when he and Hunter purchased a Hudson coupe for Alvin Karpis in the name of E. F. Parker in October, 1935 and that he also knew Fred Hunter when he bought and sold a Hudson coupe for Harry Campbell in the name of Charles Miller at this company in the fall of 1935. Continuing, Hall related that shortly after he and Hunter purchased Hudson coupes for Karpis and Campbell, respectively, and on one occasion while he and Hunter were at the Manning-Marino Company having one of the cars serviced, Andy Marino informed them that the police were checking on the two Hudson cars bought by them. He stated that he was interviewed relative to this matter and that he informed the officers that he knew either Parker or Miller to be a chewing gum salesman. Hall advised that he informed Karpis of what was told them, and as a result, both Karpis and Campbell thru Hunter and himself, Hall, sold the said cars back to Manning-Marino at a price much lower than the original purchase price; that Marino was specifically instructed by Hunter and himself to take the license plates off of the cars in question and refrain from selling them until the "heat" on them blew over; that he agreed to do this, and it was for this reason that he gave them such a low price on the repurchase of these cars.

Hall further advised that Karpis and Campbell lived in Cleveland and Warren, Ohio, during March and April 1935; that on one occasion while he was riding with Fred Hunter in Cleveland, the latter pointed out an apartment building, stating that Ray (Karpis) lived there at one time. Hall advised that he does not believe he would recognize this building if he ever saw it again.

He stated that occasionally in 1935 Karpis lived with an old man who has about seven children in Warren, Ohio; that this individual is a close friend of Fred Hunter, who arranged for Karpis to stay there. Hall indicated that he knew the identity of this old man, but refused to divulge his name, stating that he does not want him to become involved in this case. Further efforts will be made to secure this information from him. Hall also indicated at this time that Karpis and Hunter resided with the Rochat family in Leavittsburg, Ohio, for three weeks in April 1935 and when Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Rochat were later confronted with this information they strenuously denied that these subjects stayed at their place for any period more than a week, as indicated in their statement contained in another portion of this report.

Continuing, Hall stated that Fred Hunter frequently told him about an eating place on the outskirts of Cleveland, which is supposed to be operated by three sisters; that on one occasion he drove Hunter by this place, and the latter pointed it out to him. Hall is reasonably certain that he will be able to recognize this place if he ever saw it again. He further stated that from what Hunter told him it appeared that he and Karpis frequently visited this eating place and they kept company with two of the sisters; that Hunter had sexual relations with the girl he went with, but that Karpis did not; that on one occasion while Karpis and Hunter were in the place, Karpis was very much intoxicated and was buying drinks and cigars for everyone in the house; that he especially bought many drinks and cigars for a man whom he first met that night, and during the course of the evening this man revealed that he was a Cleveland detective, whereupon Karpis got frightened and hurriedly left the place.

Hall advised that Milton Lett stayed at his home overnight on only one occasion while Karpis was there, this being in October of 1935. He also advised that Hunter told him on one occasion that he took Alvin Karpis to Archie Negleman's place at Donora, Pennsylvania, at which time they remained overnight. Hall denied that Negleman ever saw Karpis or Campbell or Lett at his home in Youngstown, Ohio, as he alleged when interviewed by Special Agent L. C. Taylor of the Pittsburgh office. He admitted though that about two years ago Fred Campbell, a confidence man from Chicago, Illinois, lived at his place for several weeks, and that Ed Siemund also lived there during this period; that Siemund and Negleman were very close, and to the best of Hall's recollection Negleman visited Siemund at the house, while Fred Campbell was there. In this connection Hall advised that Negleman possibly had reference to

Fred Campbell when he asserted that Harry Campbell lived at his, Hall's, home. It was noted that Negleman could not identify the photograph of Harry Campbell which was displayed to him.

Continuing, Hall advised agent that Grace Goldstein and Connie Morris visited him about one month ago; that they drove up from Hot Springs, Arkansas, in Grace's Buick coupe and lived with him and his family at Milton Lake, Ohio, for four days. Hall advised that apparently Grace Goldstein is still not suspicious of him as having been an informant for the Bureau, as she talked very freely to him. He stated that the Goldstein woman informed him that Dutch Akers, Chief of Detectives at Hot Springs, Arkansas, has been making trouble for her ever since Karpis' capture at New Orleans, Louisiana; that he believes she turned him in to the government and is "sore" because she did not divulge this information to him, so that he could have collected the reward which was outstanding for him at that time.

She further indicated to Hall that Chief Wakeland is still friendly with her and that, as a matter of fact, if it weren't for him, Dutch Akers would have run her out of Hot Springs a long time ago.

Hall at this time admitted that he had in his possession approximately \$14,000 worth of government bonds, which were taken in the Garrettsville train robbery and that when he left Hot Springs, Arkansas, on February 20, 1936, these bonds were left with Grace Goldstein. He further advised that Karpis and Hunter had quite a discussion about the disposition of the said bonds, and it appeared that Karpis wanted them burned, but that Hunter objected to this, stating that the bonds could be sold after the "heat" on the Garrettsville robbery blew over. Hall stated that he asked Grace Goldstein about these bonds on her visit last month, and she replied that she burned them immediately after Karpis was apprehended. This apparently is a falsehood as a portion of the bonds identified as part of the loot taken at Garrettsville, Ohio, on November 7, 1935, recently turned up in Texas, at which time a man giving the name of Hudson endeavored to sell them.

Grace Goldstein also advised Clayton Hall on the above occasion that she threw the guns, which Karpis left on her farm, in the river, also shortly after his arrest. It is to be noted that the guns above referred to were recovered by FBI agents and were not disposed of, as above indicated.

On October 8, 1936, Clayton Hall appeared at the Cleveland office at which time he was interviewed by Inspector E. J. Connelley. He reiterated the foregoing information to Mr. Connelley at this time, and it was agreed to retain Hall as a confidential informant in this case. Mr. Hall will be contacted from time to time in an effort to secure additional information from him pertinent to the investigations now under way in Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, in connection with this case.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent John L. Madala at Akron, Ohio:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. P. Kitchin, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, September 8, 1936, wherein there is set out a lead to interview J. T. Dunn at Akron, Ohio, it being recalled that this individual was contacted by Fred Hunter on October 19, 1935, in an effort to have him secure bail for Milton Lett's release. Mr. Dunn had been previously interviewed by agents of this Bureau, at which time he exhibited a cooperative attitude, and it was thought possible that his aid might be solicited in the way of notifying this office should Lett return to the city of Akron.

The writer located J. T. Dunn on October 3, 1936, at his place of business, 43 E. Market Street, Akron, Ohio, where he is operating a pool parlor and gambling place. He advised that he also owns a gambling place located at 598 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio; that he is originally from the state of Alabama and has been in business at Akron for the past fifteen years. Mr. Dunn at this time reiterated in substance the information previously furnished to agents of this Bureau relative to his experience with Fred Hunter and Milton Lett. He added that shortly after the arrest of Milton Lett on October 19, 1935, and after it became known that he vouched for Lett at police headquarters at the instance of Hunter, he was contacted by Post Office Inspector Claggett and his aide solicited to locate Lett thru his connections in and around Akron, Ohio. Mr. Dunn advised that he informed Claggett that he on several occasions saw one Charlie Helton of Warren, Ohio, in the company of Hunter and Lett when they came to Akron; that it appeared that Helton was very close to Milton Lett, and since Helton at one time worked for Dunn, Inspector Claggett

suggested that he contact Helton at Warren, Ohio, and obtain from him, if possible, any information which would have led to the location of Lett and Hunter. Dunn advised that he was successful in making a contact with Charlie Helton at Warren, Ohio, and on this occasion learned from him that Lett and Hunter were then in New Orleans, Louisiana, which information he, Dunn, subsequently furnished to Inspector Claggett. It might be stated that Mr. Dunn is under the impression that Karpis and Hunter were located and apprehended thru his success in securing the above-indicated information.

Further information advanced by J. T. Dunn indicates that one Walter Fay, also of Warren, Ohio, was, likewise, close to Milton Lett and Fred Hunter. In this connection Dunn stated that he frequently saw Fay in the company of Lett and Hunter when the latter two would come to Akron. He does not know where Fay is located at the present time.

Mr. Dunn was asked whether he knew where Lett or Hunter was living during the time they frequented his place, and he advised that it must have been in Warren, the exact address unknown. He stated that he is certain neither of them ever lived in Akron.

Agent questioned Mr. Dunn at great length concerning the length of time he knew Lett, and he maintained as before that he has known him for approximately three years. Recent information secured from other sources indicates that Harry Campbell caused Milton Lett to come to Ohio shortly after January 20, 1935, when Karpis and Campbell escaped in Atlantic City.

During the course of the interview with Mr. Dunn, he remarked that Inspector Claggett informed him some three or four months ago that Milton Lett had been picked up around Tulsa, Oklahoma, and was being held in Texas. Nothing was indicated by Mr. Claggett as to by whom and when Lett was supposed to have been picked up. He further advised agent that prior to the receipt of the above information from Inspector Claggett, the latter and Detective V. E. Cross of the Akron Police Department made frequent contacts with him in an effort to locate Lett, but that after Claggett told him that Lett had been picked up, neither he nor Cross ever contacted him again in this regard.

Mr. Dunn was advised that the FBI is particularly anxious to locate Milton Lett and that should he receive any information which might indicate his present location, he should furnish the same to the Cleveland office, which he promised to do.

The writer interviewed Detective V. E. Cross at the Akron Police Department on October 2, 1936, relative to this matter. Mr. Cross advised that he is presently acting as Chief of Detectives, and during the course of agent's interview with him he indicated that he is a personal friend of Post Office Inspector Claggett and would do anything in the world for him. Detective Cross advised that after Milton Lett was arrested on October 19, 1935, by his department, and after J. T. Dunn endeavored to secure bail for Lett's release, he made quite an extensive investigation relative to Lett's connections, and ascertained that he was then traveling around with the Karpis-Barker gang. He advised that he also learned that Lett was very close to Fred Hunter, of Warren, Ohio, and that Hunter was in Akron with Lett on the day the latter was arrested.

Detective Cross further advised that he also learned that Lett had on the day of his arrest paid a \$15 deposit on a new car at the Universal Motor Sales Company in Akron; that he was employed at the Harvard Club in Cleveland as a shiller and that the address which he gave in Cleveland was fictitious. Detective Cross was asked point blank whether he had knowledge that Milton Lett had been picked up in the past three or four months, and after some hesitancy asked why the Bureau was looking for him. He was informed that the Bureau was interested in locating Lett for questioning in connection with the several bank robberies which occurred in the central part of the state during the fall of 1935, it being mentioned to Cross that the Bureau had information on hand which indicated that Lett might have been one of the principals in these robberies.

After some thought Detective Cross advised that as far as he knows Milton Lett has not been picked up since his arrest on November 7, 1935, at Coffeyville, Kansas, and that he has no idea where he might be at the present time. Agent informed Cross that the Bureau is very anxious in locating Lett and that any assistance he could render in this regard would be greatly appreciated. He promised to notify the Cleveland office immediately upon receipt of any information valuable to Lett's whereabouts.

Agent checked Milton Lett's arrest record in the office of the Clerk of Municipal Court, Akron, Ohio. Mr. Walter Rice, Deputy Clerk, produced the said record for agent's examination, and the same revealed that Lett as Thomas Shaw, Akron PD No. 43057, was arrested by Detectives I. J. Davis and Steenberg on October 19, 1935; that he was booked for suspicion at 7:35 pm, October 19, 1935, and at that time Shaw or Lett gave as his address, 125 Church Street,

Cleveland, Ohio, and his occupation as laborer. The record further disclosed that Detective I.J. Davis executed an affidavit and warrant for suspicious persons against Thomas Shaw (Milton Lett) on October 19, 1935, and that at 10:15 am on October 21, 1935, Shaw was sentenced by Municipal Judge Alva J. Russell to serve thirty days in the City Workhouse, said sentence being suspended on the condition that Shaw leave town within 24 hours.

The writer interviewed Detective I. J. Davis at his home, 443 Brown Street, Akron, Ohio, on October 2, 1936. He advised that during October 1935 he was engaged on an investigation involving two women operating a badger game and during the course of this investigation he received information to the effect that their attorney was to meet a third party involved in the case in front of the Portage Hotel in Akron at 12 o'clock noon, October 19, 1935. He advised that he proceeded to that point alone around 11:30 am on said date with the intentions of arresting the party making the contact with the attorney, and while on surveillance there he observed two men who acted rather suspicious; that he observed these two men for approximately 20 minutes and thinking that they might be involved in the case he was then investigating, he picked them up and brought them to the Akron Police Department. He advised that this arrest occurred at approximately 12 o'clock noon, and that the men gave their names as Thomas J. Shaw and Clayton Hall. Mr. Davis further advised that he found around \$900 in Shaw's possession, and when questioned as to this, Shaw informed that he won this money gambling at Cleveland, Ohio, and that he was in Akron, Ohio, for the purpose of purchasing a new car. Shaw also advised Detective Davis that he was employed at the Harvard Club in Cleveland and that he knew his companion, Clayton Hall, only casually, stating that he met him in a gambling place in Akron, Ohio, a few days previous. Detective Davis advised that, in addition to the above money, he also found a new car order form of the Universal Motor Sales Company, which reflected that Shaw paid a \$15 deposit on a car on the morning of the arrest.

As to Clayton Hall, Mr. Davis advised that this individual only had \$3 or \$4 in his possession at the time of his arrest, and since he appeared frank and honest in his statements, he was turned loose in the evening of October 19, 1935. He told the police that he had known Shaw or Lett for only a short time. Davis further

advised that they found on Hall's person a bill of sale showing title of ownership of a Reo sedan, and at the station Hall told them where this car was located in Akron; that the car was thereafter driven to the station and thoroughly searched for evidence, but nothing of value could be found.

Continuing, Detective Davis advised that after he brought Shaw and Hall to the police station, their case was assigned to Detective Steenberg, and he ascertained, probably from J. T. Dunn that one Harold King came to town with Shaw and Hall on the day of their arrest; that thru information supplied by Dunn it was later determined that Harold King was identical with Fred Hunter.

Detective Davis further advised at this time that he recently heard thru the "grapevine" in the Akron Police Department that Milton Lett was picked up by the Post Office Inspectors somewhere in Texas, but was subsequently released. He advised that he does not now recall the person who gave him this information, but is positive that it was someone in the police department. Detective Davis was informed that the FBI is very anxious to locate Milton Lett, and in this connection solicited his aid, it being felt that he could be of considerable assistance in this regard, inasmuch as he knows Lett by sight. Mr. Davis promised to do whatever he could, and assured that he will call the Cleveland office if such information comes into his possession.

At the time of agent's departure Detective Davis advised that he heard some months ago from a source which he will not divulge that Karpis and Campbell were taken by Milton Lett to Jack Freeman's place in Wadsworth, Ohio, shortly after their escape out of Atlantic City, NJ. He further advised that it is his information that Lett and Jack Freeman are closely allied, and in view of this it is possible that Lett may contact this place in the future.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, April 22, 1936, which reflects that a 1934 model Ford coupe, motor #18-888666 was found on the farm of Clyde Rochat at the time same was raided by FBI agents on the morning of April 2, 1936. Papers found in the home of Rochat disclosed that the said car was purchased in the name of Carl Atkins on October 19, 1935, from the Universal Motor Sales Company, Akron, Ohio. Carl Atkins was subsequently identified as Harry Campbell, and, according to Rochat, this subject left the car in question on the farm on the night of November 6, 1935. It might be stated that the said Ford is still in the possession of Clyde Rochat, he having registered it in Trumbull County, Ohio, for the year 1936.

At the Universal Motor Sales Company, 391 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio, agent interviewed Mr. R. W. Brightman, sales manager. He advised from his records that 1934 model Ford coupe, motor #18-888666 was sold by his company on October 19, 1935, to Carl Atkins, who gave as his address the Howe Hotel, Akron, Ohio; that the sale is reflected on the company's invoice #6634, and the price paid for the car is indicated as \$383 plus \$20 filing fee and \$11.55 state sales tax. Mr. Brightman stated that the car apparently was paid for in cash, and no other vehicle was taken in on a trade-in; that Martin Strause was the salesman who handled the deal. The original used car order blank for this automobile was produced at agent's request, and it was noted that the date indicated thereon is October 20, 1935.

Mr. Brightman advised that this apparently is in error, as the date October 20, 1935, falls on a Sunday and that no business is conducted on that day. He stated that the date should be October 19, 1935. The order further reflected the original signature of Carl Atkins, Howe Hotel, written in pencil; also the cash price of the car as \$383.40, the sales tax as \$11.55, the filing fee as \$2, the license as \$3.65, and the deposit on the car as \$45. It was further noted that the purchaser requested that the battery be checked, a new floor mat be put in the car, the tires be checked, the car greased, and the oil checked before the same was delivered.

Inasmuch as the above paper contained the handwriting of Carl Atkins as the purchaser of instant car, agent procured same from Mr. Brightman for future evidential purposes, and it will be retained in the Cleveland office files.

According to Clayton Hall, confidential informant, the above-described Ford coupe was purchased in his presence by Fred Hunter on October 19, 1935, at which time they observed Milton Lett at the Universal Motor place, Akron, Ohio, Lett having also arranged for the purchase of a car, on which Lett paid a deposit of \$15. Previous investigation, heretofore reported, disclosed that Lett used the name of Thomas Shaw when negotiating for the said car. In view of the above, agent had Mr. Brightman check his cash receipts record to determine whether the same disclosed the receipt of two deposits on the same day at about the same time: namely, the deposit of \$45 by Atkins, and the \$15 deposit by Shaw. The above record reflected that the amount of \$45 was received from Carl Atkins on October 19, 1935, and immediately below this entry there appeared the \$15 deposit made by Thomas Shaw, which means in substance that the latter deposit was paid at about the same time or shortly after the Atkins' deposit was paid. This conclusively substantiates the information

provided by Clayton Hall as above indicated.

Mr. Brightman endeavored to locate for agent the original new car order blank filled out by the salesman at the time Thomas Shaw negotiated for the purchase of a new car on October 19, 1935, but without success. He advised that the record undoubtedly was destroyed after it developed that Shaw would not go thru with the deal. The above cash receipts record is the only evidence on hand in the office of the Universal Motor Sales Company, which shows that Shaw negotiated for the purchase of a new car on October 19, 1935. Mr. Brightman advised that he recalls that William Goodman, salesman, handled the Shaw deal; that he is no longer connected with the said company and is presently working as a salesman for the Farabough-Mansfield, Inc., 498 East Exchange Street, Akron, Ohio; that Martin Strause who handled the Atkins' car is, likewise, no longer connected with the Universal Motor Sales Company and is now working for the John Stucker Motor Company, 275 East Market Street, Akron, Ohio.

Agent endeavored to locate Salesman William Goodman at the Farabough-Mansfield, Inc., 489 East Exchange Street, Akron, Ohio, but was advised at this place that he left the employ of this company on September 7, 1936, and is presently working for the largest Ford agency in Chattanooga, Tennessee, the exact name and address of the place being unknown.

At the John Stucker Motor Company, 275 East Market Street, Akron, Ohio, agent interviewed Martin Strause on October 5, 1936. The original used car order blank, heretofore described, was displayed to him in order to refresh his recollection, and he immediately recalled the instant transaction. He stated that there were two men: a tall, heavy-set man, and a short man, who purchased the car in question; that, as he recalls it, he was standing in front of the sales room of the Universal Motor Sales Company on the morning indicated and that about 9:30 am he observed two men walk by the building with a newspaper in their hands and from the conversation he was able to overhear between them, it indicated that they were out "shopping" for a new car. He stated that he asked these men whether they were in the market for a car, and they replied that they were, stating that they had \$400 with which to get an automobile, preferably a 1933 Ford coupe. Mr. Strause advised them that he had such a car on the company's used car lot and prevailed upon them to look at it; that after examining several automobiles they finally selected the instant 1934 Ford coupe.

Continuing, Mr. Strause advised that the shorter of the two men did all of the talking, and it appeared that he was well-acquainted with the mechanics of an automobile; that after they decided on the said car, he asked the men for a small deposit and also for an advance with which to purchase license plates for the car, which they requested him to do; that the short man give him \$50 in small denominations, \$45 of which was to be considered a deposit, and the remainder to be applied against the expense of filing fees and the registration of the car. He stated that they also requested certain service done on the car before delivery, and after the deal was consummated he promised that the car would be ready for delivery at 1:00 pm that afternoon. Mr. Strause advised that the entire deal was effected in 20 minutes time and that they at no time indicated who they were, where they were from, or what they did for a living.

Agent had Mr. Strause describe the men involved in the purchase of the car, and the description given of the tall man answers that of Clayton Hall. Photographs of Fred Hunter, Milton Lett, Harry Campbell, John Brock and Alvin Karpis were displayed to Mr. Strause, and he advised that the photographs of Lett and Hunter looked familiar to him and after further consideration stated that he is positive that Lett purchased the automobile in question. He went on to relate that the man whom he identified as Lett came back to the used car lot around four o'clock that same afternoon and took delivery on the car, paying him at that time the balance due.

It appears that the salesman in this case is apparently mistaken in his identification of Milton Lett, as it has been conclusively shown that Lett was in the custody of the Akron Police Department at the time the instant car was said to have been delivered. In furtherance of this, it is to be recalled that Clayton Hall advised that Fred Hunter purchased the Ford car in question, and since Hunter was not arrested with Lett and Hall on that same day, it would appear that Hunter was free to pick up and pay for the car.

On October 10, 1936, Special Agent A. Paul Kitchin, interviewed Chief of Police George Matowitz of the Cleveland Police Department relative to any request for information from the Akron Police Department concerning the address and employment of Milton Lett in Cleveland, such inquiry allegedly being made subsequent to the arrest of Lett under the name of Shaw by the Akron Police on October 19, 1935.

Chief Matowitz stated that he had no personal recollection of this matter but stated that had any such inquiry been made by telegram, telephone or correspondence, he would have a record of same. He caused the records of his office to be searched but no record could be found of this matter. Chief Matowitz stated that if some detective from Akron personally came to Cleveland in regard to this matter, this detective would naturally go to the Detective Bureau of his department and make such an inquiry as was necessary and if same was desired, the Detective Bureau would send a local detective with this individual to the Harvard Club. He stated that in this event, he would have no record concerning this in his office, but all long-distance telephone calls, whether to his office or to the Detective Bureau, are recorded in his office and is a permanent record.

Chief Inspector of Detectives, Joseph Sweeney, was interviewed by this agent, at which time he stated that he had no personal recollection of this matter and after a search of his files, he stated that there is no record in his office that any such inquiry was made by the Akron Police.

Inspector Sweeney stated that he had heard Detective Casey mention the name of Lett and he also was shown a photo of Lett by Casey and was informed that this man was wanted in connection with the Garrettsville Mail Train Robbery of November 7, 1935. He stated that he is of the impression that Casey obtained this information from the Akron Detectives on a visit to Akron on some other matter early in the Spring of this year.

In connection with the Harvard Club, Sweeney stated that during the year of 1934 and up to November 1935, Shimmy Patton had a nephew in the Detective Bureau of his department and that he, Sweeney, never trusted this man. This statement

was made by Sweeney in connection with the fact that Lett stated to the Akron Police that he was employed at the Harvard Club when he was arrested in Akron. The name of this nephew of Patton's was not obtained from Sweeney as it was not thought advisable to further question him at this time, but same can be obtained at any time that it is thought to be desired.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent John L. Madala on October 9, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, October 10, 1936, relative to the possibility of certain shipkeepers employed with the Pittsburgh Steamship Company furnishing information as to the activities within the Casino Club in the Spring of 1934.

Agent interviewed Mr. Emmet Moher at his home, 1302 Winslow Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Moher advised that about six weeks ago he became incapacitated while working on one of the boats of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company, and since that time up until last week he has been in the hospital at Toledo. He stated that during the Spring of 1934, he worked as a Second Mate on the freighter BAKER, and that from November 1933 to May 10, 1934, he was in charge of an inspection crew that worked on the boats which were docked in Bayview Harbor.

Mr. Moher admitted that he is acquainted with Charlie Becker, and advised that Becker worked on his crew for a period of two weeks prior to May 10, 1934; that he knows of his own personal knowledge that Becker worked at the Casino Club in Toledo as a handy man and bartender prior to the above period, as he frequently heard Becker talk about wiring up the place. Mr. Moher stated that he visited the Casino Club on only one occasion, and that was sometime in the latter part of October 1934; that he was in a party of six other shipmen at this time, and that he distinctly recalls that Becker was tending bar on this occasion. He advised that he had previously heard some of the men talk about the Casino Club, and from their conversations he gained the impression that the same was a gambling place operated by Jimmy Hayes, now deceased; that he was very disappointed in the place after he saw it.

Agent asked Mr. Moher whether he recalls a rumor prevalent around that period which indicated that a bunch of "hots" from Chicago were hanging around the Club, and he advised that he had not. Agent also asked him whether

he ever saw a group of men and women riding a speed boat in the harbor prior to the time he left Toledo on May 10, 1934, and he again answered negatively.

All photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang were displayed to Mr. Moher, but he could make no identification therefrom. The names of Bert and Ted Angus, Ludy Fleming, Joe Roscoe, and Captain George Timiney were submitted to Mr. Moher, and he advised that he has never heard of these men.

Mr. Moher advanced the information that Howard Bell, who resides at either 3607 or 3706 Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio, was very close to Charlie Becker in 1934, and it is possible that he may be able to provide considerable information as to the activities within the Casino Club around that period. Mr. Moher also furnished the name of Thomas Husby who is presently on the freighter CORNELL with Captain George C. Chambers as a possible source of information relative to this matter. He advised that Husby likewise was very friendly with Charlie Becker in 1934, and he frequently heard Husby talk about the good times one could have at the Casino Club.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent John L. Madala on October 10, 1936:

Inasmuch as Guy Tibbles is a potential subject in this case, inquiry was made in the vicinity of his home at Danbury, Ohio, for sources of information concerning his associates and activities. It was ascertained that Steve Kovachy and Walter Van Luitz of Cleveland, Ohio, rent cottages from Guy Tibbles, and that they are located in the vicinity of the latter's home.

A check of the Cleveland City Directory revealed that Steve Kovachy resides at 2511 West 25th Street, and word was left at this address for Mr. Kovachy to appear at the Cleveland Bureau Office.

Mr. Steve Kovachy was interviewed by agent and he advised that he purchased a parcel of land from Guy Tibbles approximately six years ago; that thereafter he built his own cottage on this land and since that time he and his family have lived there during the summer seasons. Mr. Kovachy admitted being very friendly with Guy Tibbles, and he referred to him as a good neighbor. He also admitted knowing Joe Roscoe, advising that he frequently met Roscoe at Tibbles' home; that up until three years ago Joe Roscoe, Larry Taylor, and Guy Tibbles operated the resort on Middle Island, and when Roscoe and Tibbles had an argument around that time, Roscoe bought Tibbles and Taylor out; that Roscoe is now running the resort for his own profit.

Mr. Kovachy further stated that he on frequent occasions accompanied Guy Tibbles to Middle Island during 1932 and 1933; that Tibbles operates a boat livery, and the majority of his business consists of transporting persons to the Island. He stated that he visited the Island on only few occasions, and at such times he saw Joe Roscoe there; that Bert Angus was manager of the resort on Middle Island during the season of 1933.

Agent asked Mr. Kovachy whether he was acquainted with John and Joe Zetzer of Port Clinton, Ohio, and he advised that on one occasion about two years ago, he accompanied Guy Tibbles to Zetzer's garage to purchase a propeller for his speed boat; that he also saw Zetzer at Tibbles' place on several occasions. Agent also asked Mr. Kovachy at this time whether

he thought that Zetzer and Joe Roscoe were acquainted, and he advised that although he has never seen these two together, he is reasonably certain that they are acquainted, as Zetzer also is in the boat livery business, and undoubtedly transports passengers to and from Middle Island. In this connection Mr. Kovachy advised that he has seen John Zetzer on Middle Island several times, but that at no time has he seen him in conversation with Roscoe.

At this time Agent exhibited to Mr. Kovachy all photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang, and he selected that of Wynona Burdette as the likeness of a young lady whom he saw talking with Mrs. Joe Roscoe on one occasion during 1934. He recalled nothing else about this woman, nor under what circumstances he noticed her. Agent asked Mr. Kovachy whether he ever heard, particularly in 1934, about a bunch of "hots" from Chicago hanging around Middle Island, and he advised that he did not.

The names of Ludy Fleming, Bert and Ted Angus, and Captain George Timiny were mentioned to Mr. Kovachy, and he advised that he distinctly recalls meeting Ludy Fleming on one occasion in the home of Guy Tibbles; that Tibbles introduced Fleming to him, and he recalls that Fleming was at that time a State Prohibition agent. Mr. Kovachy did not know what business Fleming had with Tibbles.

Continuing Kovachy stated that he is personally acquainted with Shimmy Patton, having known him for the past 25 years; that he has never frequented the Harvard Club, although he has heard that Patton has some interest in the place. He stated that he never saw Patton at the home of Guy Tibbles, and that the names of Art Hebebrand, Sharkey Gorman, and Tony Amersbach are unknown to him.

At this time Mr. Kovachy advised Agent that Dewey Smith tended bar on Middle Island in 1933 and 1934, and that it is possible he may be able to provide considerable information as to what went on at Middle Island during the summer of 1934. He advised that Smith is presently working at the Glass Bar in Toledo. It should be noted that Dewey Smith has already been interviewed relative to this case and a signed statement obtained from him.

Mr. Kovachy also furnished the name of Mr. Sanderson who is employed with the Cleveland Packard Company, 93rd and Carnegie Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio, as a possible source of information relative to Middle Island. In this connection he advised that Mr. Sanderson was a frequent visitor to Middle Island during 1934, and on a few occasions he stayed there three to four days sobering up.

Continuing Mr. Kovachy advised Agent that Joe Roscoe owns one of the best speed boats on Lake Erie, and that he usually keeps it docked at Lorain, Ohio; that it is called "The Rainbow", and is an eight passenger boat.

Mr. Kovachy also admitted knowing 'Cooley' Monroe, and advised that he is presently working for Roscoe on Middle Island.

The following summary of information obtained through the telephone taps on Ardell Quinn and Arthur W. Hebebrand during the period of this report was prepared by Special Agent A. P. Kitchin:

On October 7, 1936, during a conversation between Ardell and Nate Weisenberg, it was ascertained that Ardell has about \$500.00 worth of slot machines in Akron but upon Nate's advice these machines are being brought to Cleveland, Ohio.

Subsequently, nothing else of any consequence was obtained from this tap and same was discontinued at 2 P.M. on October 8, 1936.

On October 5, 1936, Roy Gall called Art's residence, at which time he asked for Art. While talking to Mrs. Hebebrand, he said he was very desirous of getting in touch with Art as one of his (Gall's) men had been arrested in Newburg Heights and he wanted either Art or Shimmy to get him out. Mrs. Hebebrand replied that she was sure that Art could "fix it". He requested her to get in touch with Art or Shimmy and have them call him at Cherry 7620. This number is listed to the Siegl's Lady's Apparel Co., 1014 Swetland Building.

On this same date Mrs. Hebebrand called Boulevard 7331 and talked to a Mr. Milgreth and inquired if Art was there. This is an unlisted number and is in the name of A.W. Hebebrand, 21256 Morewood Parkway.

It should be noted that the name "Milgreth" was used by Karpis in renting the premises he occupied both on Flamingo and 140th Street. It may be advisable to look into whether or not this Milgreth is a regular employee of Art, and if so, he should be interviewed, bearing in mind that thru association Karpis could have obtained his alias from this man and the fact that the premises could have been rented by this Milgreth and due to this fact Karpis continued to use this name.

The above number is in the new home of Hebebrand.

On October 7, 1936, Roy Call or Gaft talked to Art and told him one of his drivers by the name of Pete O'Shenky was arrested in Newburg Heights for being overloaded; that the truck belongs to the Consolidated Cartage Co. and the case will come before Judge Cheseck on Friday. Art said he could "fix it O.K." Art immediately called Cherry 6204 and asked for Judge Cheseck but he was not in.

Nothing else of any significance happened on this tap and same was discontinued at 2:30 P.M.

No undeveloped leads are being set out in this report as investigation is being assigned to the various Agents in memorandum form.

- P E N D I N G -

October 15, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: Anonymous letter concerning Governor Landon of Kansas.

The examiner reports that the typewriting on the anonymous typewritten letter which begins "We see every day" and the envelope postmarked "Chicago, Illinois 29, October 7, 1936, 6 P. M.", was produced by a Corona or Smith-Corona typewriter equipped with Pica type and billing numerals.

The typewriting on this letter and envelope was compared with the file of anonymous typewritten letters maintained in the laboratory and was found to be identical with the typewriting on a letter to Mr. E. F. Kostka which was signed "Alias Karpis", this letter being submitted in the Brekid case, designated as specimen 7-576-10767-A. It has been ascertained that the typewriting on this letter in the Brekid case has previously been identified with typewritten letters submitted in the following cases:

- 9-1645 - Unknown Subjects; E. G. Herb Company, Chicago, Illinois - Victim, Extortion.
- 9-1466 - Unknown Subjects; Michael L. Igoo - Victim; Extortion.
- 9-1569 - Unknown Subjects; John Rosaskiewics - Victim; Extortion.
- 9-311 - Unknown Subjects; Local Loan Company - Victim, Extortion.

The anonymous letter concerning Governor Landon was typewritten on a sheet of smooth white finish paper which had been torn from a larger sheet, reducing it to its present dimensions of approximately 5 3/4 by 8 1/2". There is no watermark in this paper.

The envelope submitted with this letter measures approximately 6 1/2 by 3 2/3", has a smooth white finish, and contains no watermark.

The submitted letter and envelope were treated for latent fingerprints but none of value was developed; however, latent fingerprints have been developed on some of the typewritten letters submitted in the other cases mentioned above with which the instant letter has been

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identified, and these prints may be of value for comparison with fingerprints of suspects in the present case.

Photographic copies of the letter concerning Governor Landon and the envelope in which it was enclosed are attached hereto.

Information concerning this identification has not been transmitted to the Chicago Office, pending further instruction.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey.

501 Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia
October 17, 1936

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of October 10, 1936, regarding Benson Groves, with aliases, in which request is made that investigation be conducted at Gordon, Georgia, concerning the identity and present location of Mrs. O. D. Fountain, who is possibly Groves' wife, in order that inquiries might be made through her for the purpose of locating Groves.

Investigation at Gordon, Georgia, revealed that one family of Fountains resides within the town limits of Gordon. Mrs. Louis Fountain, the head of this family, advised that Mrs. Obe Fountain resides nine miles from Gordon on the road between Gordon and Jeffersonville, Georgia. She said Mrs. Obe Fountain is a widow, her husband having died last year after having been bitten by a rattlesnake.

While making inquiry for the purpose of locating the home of Mrs. Obe Fountain the Agent was directed to Mrs. Ernest Fountain, formerly of that vicinity but who now resides in Macon, Georgia.

Mrs. Ernest Fountain, whose present address is 132 Willingham Street, Macon, Georgia, advised that Obe Fountain's initials were "O. D.". She verified the information that O. D. Fountain died about a year ago from a snake bite. She stated her husband, who died eight years ago, and O. D. Fountain were distantly related.

Kenneth Fountain, 132 Willingham Street, Macon, Georgia, who is the fourteen year old son of Mrs. Ernest Fountain, was interviewed when not in the presence of his mother. He stated that O. D. Fountain, before he died, was a bootlegger and had served time in the penitentiary at Atlanta for violation of the Prohibition laws. He volunteered that O. D. Fountain had often acted as an informant for law enforcement officers in turning in other Prohibition violators.

Kenneth stated that two or three men usually stayed around the O. D. Fountain home while the latter was engaged in his bootlegging activities, one of whom was Jack Hollis, now employed as a cotton mill operative with the Bbb.

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Manufacturing Company, East Macon, Macon, Georgia. Kenneth was not certain but he thought that Benson or Benson Groves was another who made the O. D. Fountain home his headquarters while Hollis was there. He stated he had never seen the man and could not describe him but thought he had heard him spoken of in family circles. He was either guarded in his remarks or not clear in his memory, but he conveyed the impression that one Benson Groves or Benson Grayson at one time made his home with the O. D. Fountains.

Mrs. O. D. Fountain, E. F. D., Gordon, Georgia, stated that she had never known anyone named Benjamin Grayson or Benson Groves. She denied that he might have been an associate of her husband or that she had received mail from him while he was confined in a penal institution, although she admitted her late husband had in the past associated with Jack Hollis. As it appears from the correspondence that Groves communicated with Mrs. Fountain either under the name of Groves or Grayson, it was not deemed expedient to mention all the aliases of Groves to her inasmuch as it was not desired that the Agent at that time reveal his identity to her.

While at the Fountain home an opportunity was afforded the Agent to view a good portion of the interior of the small house and to view also the immediate premises but there appeared to be no people living at the place other than Mrs. Fountain, who is an elderly woman, and a small girl.

The above interviews were conducted by Agent without his identity having been revealed. It might be mentioned that in the case of the interview with Mrs. O. D. Fountain, the pretext of settling an insurance legacy was used and the interest professed by her gave rise to the belief she was misrepresenting the facts in stating she had never heard of such a person as Benson Groves or Grayson.

Jack Hollis was not available for interview during the course of this investigation at Macon, being at the time engaged at work in the cotton mill of the Bibb Manufacturing Company. It is possible he may have been at the O. D. Fountain home with Groves. Hollis will be interviewed in the near future and the Cleveland Office advised as to the result.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Bureau
Chicago
Cincinnati
E. J. Connelley, Chicago.

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May Request Transcript Of Evidence

Expect Connolly Will Be Called To Tell Of Charges Against Ousted Officer.

Probable criminal prosecution of ousted Detective Thomas A. Brown loomed today as it was learned by The Daily News that the grand jury is "interested" in the case and will consider it at its next meeting Nov. 5.

Members of the jury, it was revealed, have requested that the report of the civil service board of appeals, which this week upheld for the former police chief's ouster on its findings that he conspired and participated in the William Hamm, Jr., and Edward Bremer kidnappings, be submitted to them for study. It also was indicated that John L. Connolly, city attorney who represented Commissioner G. H. Barfuss in the ouster proceedings, will be summoned and may be asked to present a copy of the transcript in the case.

Pearson To Sift "Leads."

Meanwhile, John Pearson, first assistant county attorney, was continuing with his announced plan to "follow through" several "leads" in the case, which were only "touched upon" at the hearing. He pointed out that criminal prosecution was not possible on the evidence presented at the hearing, which did not require as much proof as is needed in criminal actions.

Mr. Pearson said he plans to interview Mr. Barfuss and government agents who investigated the kidnappings.

Will Investigate Finances

"Leads" which arose during the hearing and which were not delved into deeply include reference to Brown's financial affairs. He admitted making loans to individuals and changing a \$1,000 bill, among other acts.

That the federal government has not sufficient evidence upon which to prosecute the former police officer was indicated by U. S. Dist. Atty. George Sullivan during the John Peiffer trial. Ouster action was taken following references to alleged dealings between Brown and members of the kidnap gangs made during the Peiffer trial.

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Baughman
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Dewey
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Glavin
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TOM BROWN AIDED KIDNAPERS, BOARD FINDS

Firing Upheld On All Counts In Two Crimes

Dismissed Detective Had Part in Both Hamm and Bremer Abductions, Statutory Body Holds; Malfeasance, Misfeasance and Nonfeasance Charges Sustained; Orders of Dahill to Search House Declared Ignored.

DETAILED STORY OF ALLEGED OFFENSES CONTAINED IN STATEMENT OF CIVIC GROUP

The discharge of Thomas A. Brown from the St. Paul police force was upheld today in an order handed down by a statutory board which named him as a participant in both the William Hamm and Edward G. Bremer kidnapings.

The board, which heard Brown's appeal from his dismissal, is composed of John B. Probst, chief St. Paul Civil Service examiner; Walter Ryan, attorney, appointed to the board by the City Council, and H. W. Austin, city purchasing agent, appointed by Mayor Gehan.

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Brown, a former police chief, was discharged from the force by Public Safety Commissioner Gus Barfuss on charges that he aided the Barker-Karpis mob in staging the abductions in question. He was a police detective at the time of his dismissal.

CRIMINAL MOVE UNLIKELY.

Despite the board's action, there is no immediate prospect of any criminal prosecution against the ousted police officer. Both George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, and John A. Pearson, first assistant county attorney, said the evidence presented at the appeal hearings would be insufficient to sustain serious criminal charges in court.

They added, however, that their respective offices will be prepared to prosecute in case sufficient additional evidence is obtained.

Mr. Pearson, assigned to the case by County Attorney M. F. Kinkead, recommended that the investigation of Brown's activities be continued and stated his office will contact the various investigating agencies with this in view.

Mr. Sullivan stated that "the federal government never stops investigating" and said he would be ready to prosecute Brown "when and if" evidence sufficient to sustain kidnaping charges comes to light.

FINDINGS OF BOARD.

The "findings of fact and conclusions of law" as set forth in the board's order are:

"That said board finds that on and (Please Turn to Page 8, Col. 4.)

between May 15, 1933, or thereabouts, and June 15, 1933, or thereabouts, in the city of St. Paul, Thomas A. Brown willfully aided and abetted John P. (Jack) Peifer, Fred Barker, Arthur (Doc) Barker, Alvin Karpavicz, alias Alvin Ray Karpis, Charles J. Fitzgerald, Byron Bolton, alias Monte Carter, Elmer Farmer and Edmund C. Bartholmey in a conspiracy to kidnap William Hamm Jr. and to hold him against his will for ransom.

"The board further finds that on June 15, 1933, and thereafter, in the city of St. Paul, Thomas A. Brown willfully aided and abetted the aforementioned group of conspirators in the kidnaping of William Hamm Jr. and in transporting him to Bensenville, Ill., there to be held against his will until a ransom of \$100,000 was to them paid and delivered.

"The board further finds that on the nineteenth day of June, 1933, Thomas E. Dahill, then chief of police of the city of St. Paul, ordered Thomas A. Brown to investigate the actions, conduct and identity of the occupants of the premises known as 204 Vernon avenue in said city, which premises were, in fact, then actually occupied by Paula Harmon, Fred Barker, Arthur (Doc) Barker, Alvin Karpavicz and other members of the gang who conspired to and who actually did kidnap William Hamm Jr. and hold him for ransom.

"The board further finds that Thomas A. Brown did, at said time, willfully fail and neglect to carry out said order, but did, on the contrary, willfully communicate to the occupants of said premises the fact that said persons were under suspicion and would be investigated by police officers of the city of St. Paul.

"The board further finds that between September 15, 1933, or thereabouts, and January 17, 1934, or thereabouts, in the city of St. Paul, Thomas A. Brown willfully aided and abetted most of the group previously mentioned and Phoenix Donald, alias William Weaver, Harry Alderton, Harry Sandlovich, alias Harry Sawyer, Harry Campbell and Wolney Davis in a conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer of the city of St. Paul and hold him against his will for ransom.

"The board further finds that on January 17, 1934, and thereafter, in the city of St. Paul, Thomas A. Brown willfully aided and abetted the aforementioned group in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer and transporting him to Bensenville, Ill., there to be held against his will until a ransom in the sum of \$200,000 was to them paid and delivered.

"The board further finds that on or about January 24, 1934, Thomas A. Brown, while a detective in the service of the city of St. Paul, did then and there willfully and in violation of orders disclose confidential police information to one Harry Sandlovich, alias Harry Sawyer, as to the movements and activities of the police officers of the city of St. Paul and the officers of the Federal government in their attempts to apprehend and hunt down the kidnapers of the said Edward G. Bremer.

"The board further finds that Thomas A. Brown is guilty of inefficiency, breach of duty, misconduct, misfeasance, malfeasance and nonfeasance in the performance of his duties as an employe of the city of St. Paul and is guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer or employe of the city.

"As a conclusion of law, the board finds that Thomas A. Brown is guilty of inefficiency, breach of duty and misconduct in the performance of his duties as a police officer in the classified service of the city of St. Paul and that he should be

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permanently removed and discharged from such employment, effective August 5, 1936."

L. L. Anderson, attorney for Brown, said his client is out of town, but did not give his whereabouts. Asked if an appeal from the board's order would be taken to Ramsey County District court, the attorney said:

"If the decision rested with me, I would have the case reviewed in court, but I cannot say what will be done until I confer with Mr. Brown."

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: Identification made in anonymous letter file in connection with the case entitled, Anonymous Letter Concerning Governor Landon of Kansas, #9-2168.

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I respectfully wish to call your attention to another identification made from the Laboratory's anonymous letter file.

While searching a typewritten letter received in connection with the case entitled, Anonymous Letter Concerning Governor Landon of Kansas, #9-2168, through the file of anonymous typewritten letters maintained in the Laboratory, Mr. F. J. Major made an identification of the typewriting on this letter with the typewriting on a letter to Mr. E. F. Kostka, signed "Alias Karpis", designated as specimen 7-576-10767-A, a copy of this letter being in the file of anonymous typewritten letters.

Alvin Karpis

The typewriting on this letter to Mr. Kostka submitted in the Brekid case was ascertained to have been previously identified as being identical with the typewriting on letters received in connection with the following cases:

Unknown Subjects; E. G. Herb Company, Chicago, Illinois - Victim, Extortion, File #9-1645.

Unknown Subjects; Michael L. Igoe - Victim, Extortion, File #9-1466.

Unknown Subjects; John Romaszkiwics - Victim, Extortion, File #9-1569.

Unknown Subjects; Local Loan Company - Victim, Extortion, File #9-311.

A complete report on the laboratory examination of the anonymous letter to Governor Landon is being made the subject of a separate memorandum.

Respectfully,

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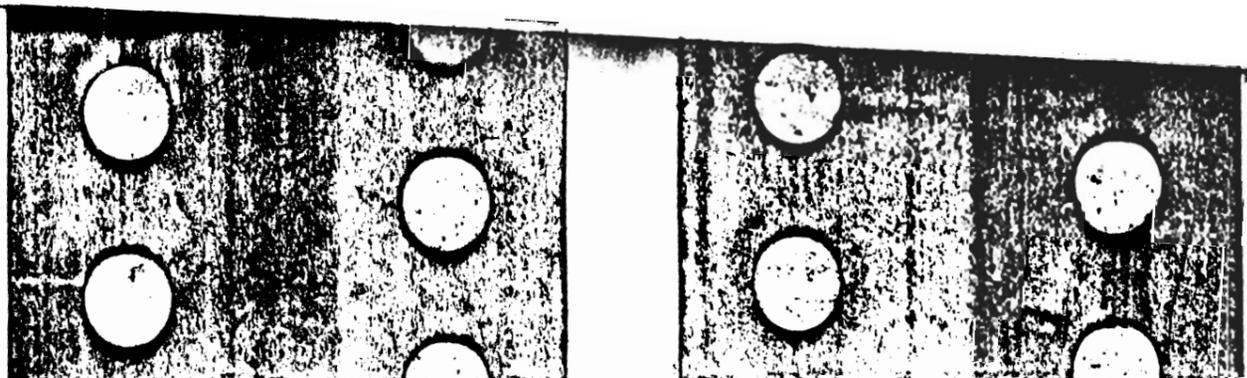
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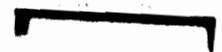
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Appeals of SAWYER and McDONALD to be heard 12/7/36 at St. Louis, Missouri.

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DETAILS:

Assistant United States Attorney George Halsey has advised that the appeals of HARRY SAWYER and CASSIUS McDONALD will be heard by the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals at St. Louis, Missouri, December 7, 1936.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

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After December 7, 1936, will report the outcome of the appeals.

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