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FILE NO. 7-43

REPORT MADE AT <b>CINCINNATI, OHIO.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11-3-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11-2-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>G. M. TYNER</b> <div style="text-align: right;"><b>COC</b></div>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1323, et al. Edward George Bremer - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><b>Eli Stewart</b> sentenced to Northeastern Penitentiary on 6-2-33. <b>Frank Grabowski</b> sentenced to one hour in custody U. S. Marshal at Dayton, Ohio, on 5-19-33.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-left: 100px;">P.</p> <p><b>Reference:</b> Teletype message from Cleveland to Atlanta, 10-30-36; teletype message from Atlanta to Cincinnati, 10-31-36.</p> <p><b>Details:</b> <u>AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.</u></p> <p>The records of the U. S. Attorney's office at Cincinnati, Ohio, reflect that <b>Eli Marion Stewart</b> entered a plea of guilty on 6-2-33 to three counts in connection with a Post Office robbery at Steubenville, Ohio, in 1931. On the first count, he was sentenced to serve two years in a Penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$4,000.00, to stand committed until paid, sentence of imprisonment to commence at expiration of sentence imposed in District Court of New Jersey. On the other two counts, he was sentenced to serve terms of five years in a Penitentiary, to run concurrently with the sentence imposed in the District Court of New Jersey. Correspondence in the case reflects that Stewart was to be incarcerated in the Northeastern Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.</p> <p>The file further reflects that an indictment was returned on 6-4-30 at Newark, N.J., Case #1910B, charging Stewart, Grabowski and others with a Post Office robbery at Asbury Park, N.J., some time in 1929. No further information concerning New Jersey Case #1910B was found.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>E. J. Connelley</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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The following is the record of Eli Marion Stewart  
as disclosed by the files of the Identification Unit:

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The following notation appears on the records of the  
Identification Bureau:

The records of the U. S. Attorney's office, Cincinnati,  
Ohio, reflect that Frank Grabowski entered a plea of guilty to participation  
in a robbery of the Steubenville, Ohio, Post Office, on 5-19-33. He was  
sentenced to serve one hour in the custody of the U. S. Marshal. It appears  
that Grabowski was a Government witness in this case, and for this reason,  
was granted leniency.

The following is the record of Grabowski, as reflected  
by the files of the Identification Unit:

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The following notations appear in the records of  
the Identification Unit:

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The Cleveland Bureau office in its teletype of 10-30-36, requested that the correspondence records, photographs and criminal records of Eli Marion Stewart and Frank Grabowski be obtained and forwarded immediately to the Cleveland Bureau office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE TRENTON OFFICE at Newark, N.J., will examine the file of Criminal Case #1910B in the office of the Clerk of the U. S. District Court to determine what disposition was made of the charges against Grabowski and Stewart. If it is determined that Grabowski was convicted in this case, the Trenton office should set out an appropriate lead to secure a photograph, correspondence record and any further criminal record, and arrange to have this information transmitted as soon as possible to the Cleveland Bureau Office.

THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE at Lewisburg, Pa., at the Northeastern Penitentiary, will obtain any further criminal record, photograph

and correspondence record of Eli Marion Stewart, and forward the same immediately to the Cleveland Bureau Office.

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Mr. Nathan	
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Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812  
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November 3, 1936

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Under date of March 28, 1936 this office forwarded to the Bureau, upon request, the original signed statements of Wynona Burdette dated at St. Paul, Minnesota January 18, 1936 and Dolores Delaney dated January 22, 1936, for use in the trial of Joseph Adams and Duke Randall in Florida.

The Cleveland Bureau office by letter dated October 31, 1936 requested that these statements be immediately forwarded to that office for use in the harboring investigation which is contemplated to take place at Toledo, Ohio in the near future.

Inasmuch as Dolores Delaney is expected to be a defendant in the instant harboring prosecution and since it is anticipated that her statement will be used as evidence against her, it is respectfully requested that the Bureau forward her signed statement to the Cleveland office at an early date in order that the same may be available to the United States Attorney at Cleveland.

There is contained in the Chicago Bureau office files a carbon copy of the signed statement of Wynona Burdette dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, January 18, 1936, which bears Miss Burdette's signature, and the same, together with the Burdette woman's original signed statement dated at Chicago, Illinois, January 31, 1936, is being forwarded to the Cleveland Bureau office by registered mail with a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. LADD,

Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in the letter from the Chicago Office to the Bureau dated November 3, 1936, there are transmitted herewith the original signed statement of Dolores De Lancy, dated January 22, 1936 and a signed carbon copy of the statement of Wynona Burdette, dated January 18, 1936.

These statements were forwarded to the Bureau by the Chicago Office under date of March 28, 1936.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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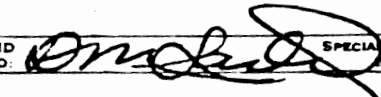
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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11-5-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/30/36 &amp; 11/5/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>D. P. SULLIVAN</b> <span style="float: right;">DPS:FWV</span>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMNEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1252; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> <b>JAMES J. WILSON</b> interviewed at Northeastern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania; denies he aided in operations performed by Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN on members of BARKER-KARPIS gang; states met gang 3 or 4 months after Bremer kidnaping; refused to speak of his own and the gangs activities and associates at Toledo, Ohio during 1934 and denied that he ever did anything to aid or harbor any member of the BARKER-KARPIS gang in Toledo, Ohio. States DOC BARKER told him he had seen DR. MORAN in Detroit, Michigan about July 15, 1934.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>P</b></p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Bureau letter dated October 17, 1936.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> Upon instructions of Inspector E. J. CONNELLEY, the writer proceeded to the Northeastern Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania on October 30, 1936 for the purpose of interviewing JAMES J. WILSON for information concerning his activities and the activities of other members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang during the time they were residing in Toledo, Ohio during the spring and summer of 1934. Agent interviewed Major HILL, Warden of the Northeastern Penitentiary, and he secured the file on JAMES J. WILSON and stated that this man was transferred to the Northeastern Penitentiary from Chillicothe, Ohio on August 11, 1935. Major HILL stated that the file indicates that WILSON is eligible for parole on February 6, 1937 but he added that there is little probability of WILSON making parole in the near future because of the notorious character of the BARKER-KARPIS gang, with whom he was associated. Major HILL further stated that WILSON is presently employed in the penitentiary hospital as a hospital clerk and technician and that his work, primarily, consists of aiding the penitentiary psychiatrist.</p>			
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JAMES J. WILSON was interviewed . He was disinclined to speak of his activities or of the activities of the BARKER-KARPIS gang, and stated that he had expected that there was a possibility of his being paroled in February, 1937. During the course of the interview had with him WILSON stated that contrary to general belief, he was not a nephew of Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN; that, in fact, he was only related to Dr. MORAN through marriage of his sister to Dr. JAMES MORAN, a brother of Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN. WILSON stated that Dr. JAMES MORAN is practicing medicine at Springvalley, Illinois. He stated that prior to the time that Dr. MORAN became acquainted with members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang he was engaged in the legitimate practice of medicine and did not have hoodlums for clients. When asked directly whether Dr. MORAN was introduced to members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang through LOUIS ALTERIE (deceased Chicago gangster) WILSON did not directly answer, but stated that Dr. MORAN undoubtedly became involved with members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang because of greed for money; that he firmly believes that Dr. MORAN did not know the true identities of the gang when he was first acquainted with them, basing his opinion on the fact that Dr. MORAN was in great fear of becoming involved in any way with a violation of a law over which the United States had jurisdiction. WILSON stated that he was making no excuses for what he had done but he had become associated with members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang through Dr. MORAN.

Upon further questioning WILSON stated that he did not meet members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang until 3 or 4 months after the Bremer kidnaping and that he never aided in any operations performed by Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN on members of the gang; that these operations had already taken place before he met them; that after Dr. MORAN had become acquainted with members of the gang he was forced to go along with them to protect himself; that he, WILSON, likewise continued his association with members of the gang and later found out their true identities. WILSON would not state exactly when he first learned of the true identities of members of the gang.

WILSON was advised that he probably would be indicted for harboring ALVIN KARPIS and DOC BARKER at Toledo, Ohio during the spring and summer of 1934. At this point he denied that he ever did anything to aid or harbor any members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang at Toledo, Ohio during that time. Specific mention was made by Agent of the occasion when he purchased a Ford automobile from the Jess J. Ellis Sales Agency at Toledo, Ohio and of his act in renting an apartment in the Burdella Apartments for VOLNEY DAVIS and EDNA MURRAY, but WILSON made no comment. Mention was likewise made of the occasion when he had an accident in HARRY CAMPBELL'S car on May 16, 1934 at Toledo, Ohio. WILSON did not directly answer this question and merely stated that he did not consider it to be harboring to drive another persons automobile. Reference was likewise made to his constant association with all the members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang at the Casino Club and elsewhere at Toledo, Ohio during the summer of 1934 but WILSON would make no comment concerning this association.

WILSON stated that he had no animosity to the Bureau because of the fact that he was convicted for conspiracy to kidnap EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, but he stated he felt that he had served sufficient time for whatever part he played in the activities of the BARKER-KARPIS gang. He stated that he realized that if he were indicted for harboring, this indictment would act as a detainer and prevent his parole; that he did not know exactly what he would do in connection with a harboring charge as it meant that he would have to serve out the remainder of the three years on the sentence he is presently serving and might possibly have to serve an additional two years; that he did not know whether he would plead guilty or not guilty to a harboring charge. WILSON mentioned that he realized that the Government would have little difficulty in convicting him if only for the reason that he was considered a member of the BARKER-KARPIS gang.

Agent questioned WILSON at great length concerning the possibility of his testifying as a witness for the Government. He stated that he could not see any possibility of his being a Government witness because such an action would mean that his life would be endangered after he returned to the penitentiary; that in any event he would prefer to serve even a 12 or 15 year sentence at the penitentiary with the assurance of knowing that he would be free at the termination of such sentence rather than testify as a Government witness and feel certain that some inmate of the penitentiary would stab him in the back because of the fact that he had testified for the Government.

In answer to most of the questions asked him WILSON would answer "I have nothing to say" and especially when a question had any reference to his activities or the activities of members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang at Toledo, Ohio during the summer of 1934.

During the course of the interview the conversation turned to DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN and WILSON stated that he at times wondered whether DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN was in fact dead, and upon questioning provided the following information, most of which is contained in his signed statement dated September 25, 1935 which he provided to Special Agent J. L. MADALA. He stated that about the middle of July, 1934 DOC BARKER told him that DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, DOC BARKER and two or three others of the gang went to a restaurant in downtown Toledo and DR. MORAN was quite intoxicated and they left him in the car which was parked outside the restaurant; that when he, DOC BARKER, and the others came out of the restaurant one of the car doors was open and DR. MORAN was gone; that they looked around for him but were unable to find him and he, DOC BARKER, had not seen DR. MORAN since.

WILSON further stated that about two weeks later, around the first of August, 1934, he was still residing at the home of HARRY CAMPBELL in Point Place, Ohio; that HARRY CAMPBELL and other members of the gang had already left Toledo and he was staying at this house alone; that he saw DOC BARKER one day and DOC BARKER volunteered to drive him to Chicago, Illinois; that on the way DOC BARKER stated that he had seen DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN in a "swanky" night club in Detroit a short while before this occasion; that DR. MORAN was accompanied by a young woman

whom DOC BARKER described almost identically with DR. MORAN'S sweetheart BETTY TRACY; that there were two or three other men with DR. MORAN and they had a black Dodge coupe; that DR. MORAN had two railroad tickets and he stated to DOC BARKER that he and his girl were going AWAY AND WERE NOT going to tell anyone where they were going. DOC BARKER further told WILSON at that time that DR. MORAN had told him that JIMMY WILSON should go to Chicago, Illinois and obtain from DR. MORAN'S girl some money that belonged to WILSON. WILSON stated that these instructions somewhat puzzled him as from the description given by DOC BARKER of the girl seen by him at Detroit answered the description of BETTY TRACY and he could not understand how she could also be in Chicago.

WILSON stated that on arriving in Chicago he contacted BETTY TRACY and got some money from her. WILSON explained that he and DR. MORAN ordinarily left their money with BETTY TRACY for safe keeping and this money was some that he had previously earned; that he did not mention to BETTY TRACY what DOC BARKER had told him about seeing DR. MORAN and a girl in Detroit, Michigan. WILSON stated that thereafter he asked SLIM GIBSON whether he had heard from DR. MORAN but GIBSON told him that he had no information as to where DR. MORAN could possibly be. WILSON stated that he never heard from any members of the gang that DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN was dead and he still hopes that DR. MORAN may still be alive. WILSON would not expand on any of the statements made as set out above.

WILSON was questioned at great length and he stated on several occasions that he had no ill feeling because of his conviction; that as an assistant to the penitentiary psychiatrist he interviews every inmate that enters the penitentiary; that he realizes fully that a life of crime is not a paying proposition; that he feels that he has learned his lesson and is anxious to be released from the penitentiary; that he has several friends who have promised to aid him upon his release; that he will give considerable thought and consideration to what action he will take in the matter of his probable prosecution for harboring ALVIN KARPIS and ARTHUR "DOC" BARKER at Toledo, Ohio.

P E N D I N G

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

November 3, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to letter from the Cleveland Office dated October 31, 1936, requesting the original criminal record of Charles Carroll, FBI #30222, and which refers therein to a laboratory report and letter from the Bureau dated September 20, 1936. This letter should have been referred to as being dated September 20, 1934.

Very truly yours,

DML:LJM

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Cincinnati  
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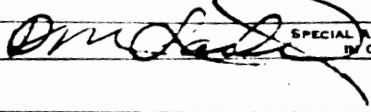
# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

**CHICAGO**

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>Nov. 3, 1936</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>Oct. 30, 1936</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN L. MADALA</b> <span style="float: right;">JLM:JMS</span>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINEX; DOCTOR JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NAT'L FIREARMS ACT</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>MARIE GALLUP also known as "PRACHES" BUTLER upon re-interview identifies FRED HUNTER, JOHN BROCK and JOHN F. "SHARKEY" GORMAN as persons she had dates with at house of prostitution of EDITH BARRY during the time KARPIS and CAMPBELL resided there. She states KARPIS paid bills for her services rendered to these men. She relates that SHARKEY on one occasion brought KARPIS to BARRY'S house and then left later that day with KARPIS and CAMPBELL. She identifies BENSON GROVES as patron of EDITH BARRY'S place prior to 1930.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois October 3, 1936. Report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio October 24, 1936. Report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Cleveland, Ohio October 31, 1936.</p> <p><b>DETAILS: AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN:</b></p> <p>In view of recent information obtained from LILLIAN MEREIA to the effect that MARIE GALLUP alias "PRACHES" BUTLER, together with EDITH BARRY, discussed JOHN F. "SHARKEY" GORMAN with ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY CAMPBELL, after which GORMAN appeared at EDITH BARRY'S house and contacted KARPIS and CAMPBELL, it was deemed advisable to re-interview the GALLUP woman and obtain from her additional information relative to</p>			
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Bureau - 3 Cincinnati - 2 Milwaukee - 1 Cleveland 3 (U.S. Atty. Cleve. - 1) Chicago - 2 <i>cc to the Bureau 12/11/36</i>		<div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">7 576 - 13174</div> <div style="text-align: right;">NOV 5 1936</div> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">NOV 10 1936</div>	

this matter, it being noted that no mention of the individual named "SHARKEY" was made during the initial interview with her.

Upon instructions of Inspector E. J. Connelley the writer proceeded to Milwaukee, Wisconsin on October 30, 1936 where MARIE GALLUP was contacted by telephone and requested to call at the Milwaukee office, at which time she was interviewed and the following signed supplementary statement obtained from her, the original of which is being retained in the Cleveland office files:

Milwaukee Bureau Office  
October 30, 1936.

I, MARIE GALLUP, do hereby make the following supplementary 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 recall that on a Saturday, January 19, 1935 I slipped on the ice and broke my wrist. About three or four days later, on or about January 23rd or January 24th, 1935 I met ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY CAMPBELL, whom I knew as "Sonny" and "Buff", in the kitchen of Edith Barry's house. I recall that KARPIS remarked that he was sorry I had broken my wrist. I do not know when they arrived there, or how they got there, as at that time I usually went to bed around nine or ten o'clock, as I could not work on account of my injured wrist.

KARPIS and CAMPBELL at this time remained at Edith Barry's house for approximately ten days, they occupying the spare bedroom which is located on the east side in the front. During the time these boys were there they remained in their room most of the time, and occasionally would come downstairs to drink and play the phonograph and radio. Edith frequently served them drinks in their room, and other times they ate downstairs with Edith and myself. Edith Barry always made up their bed and cleaned their room, and I recall that I was in their room on only one occasion, and that was upon their invitation to have a drink with them. I do not recall any visitors that KARPIS and CAMPBELL might have had during this period. I remember that KARPIS and CAMPBELL left one night around ten or eleven o'clock and upon leaving KARPIS came into my room and handed me \$40.00 stating that this money should help pay my doctor bill for my broken wrist. I do not know in

what manner KARPIS and CAMPBELL left Edith's place, nor do I recall anybody coming there to take them away.

The next time I saw both KARPIS and CAMPBELL again was about two or three weeks later. I do not know how they came to EDITH BARRY'S house on this occasion, but believe they came there in an automobile, as I recall something about "LOU" parking their car for them near the Jarvis Apartments around this time. To the best of my recollection, a day or so after the boys arrived Edith came into my room around 11.00 P.M. and told me that I was to have an all night date, and that she would let me know when this party was ready to go to bed. I recall asking her whether I should collect the money from him, and Edith said that "SONNY" meaning KARPIS, would take care of the bill. Shortly thereafter MISS BARRY brought the said party into my room, and from a group of photographs I have selected and identified the photograph of FRED HUNTER as the man above referred to. I recall that this man told me he was a gambler from Cleveland, Ohio, and during the course of a conversation which followed the name of SHARKEY was mentioned. I recall telling HUNTER that I had met SHARKEY many years previous in Cleveland, Ohio, and it appeared that HUNTER was likewise acquainted with SHARKEY. I believe he told me that SHARKEY was a gambler from around Cleveland.

I also recall FRED HUNTER telling me on this occasion that he had stayed in the same room we were in sometime previously, and that I was not the same girl he had at that time. I told him that I likewise had not seen him before, and that I must have been out when he was there on the said occasion. HUNTER remained with me overnight and left around twelve o'clock noon the next day. As far as I know he left by himself, as I definitely recall that KARPIS and CAMPBELL were still at the house after he left.

The next time I again saw KARPIS and CAMPBELL at EDITH BARRY'S house was about three or four days prior to my birthday, which was on March 29, 1935. I recall that around this time "LOU" was supposed to have taken their car to a garage to be fixed, and I also recall "LOU" leaving the house the next morning with a roll of bills, and I was made to understand that she was going to get the car out of the garage. I did not hear that she had purchased a new car. I also recall that around this time "LOU" frequently parked the boys' car in the vicinity of the Jarvis Apartments, and at night she would go to the car and turn on the parking lights.

I have been shown a photograph of JOHN BROCK, and I identify it as a man with whom I had an all night date during the period KARPIS and CAMPBELL were at EDITH BARRY'S house on the above occasion. I recall that EDITH told me not to mention any money to him, as "SONNY" would take care of his bill. He remained with me all night and left the following afternoon. I do not know with whom he left on this occasion. I recall that in the morning when we got up, I brought this fellow, whom I identified as JOHN BROCK, downstairs and I observed him talking with KARPIS and CAMPBELL who also were downstairs at that time.

I have been shown a photograph of JOHN F. GORMAN, and I positively identify him as a man known to me as SHARKEY. I first met this individual about ten years ago when EDITH BARRY and I went to Cleveland, Ohio. EDITH BARRY had a date with JIMMY O'NEIL and that night the three of us went to PATSY KILBANE'S place in Cleveland, Ohio. JIMMY O'NEIL knew SHARKEY and introduced him to EDITH and me. That night the four of us and some other people went to the Club Madrid and various other places. I recall that O'NEIL did not want SHARKEY in the party, as he thought him to be a roughneck. I recall that during the time KARPIS and CAMPBELL were at EDITH BARRY'S place around my birthday, Edith and I had a conversation with them about SHARKEY. It appeared that KARPIS and CAMPBELL knew SHARKEY, as I recall KARPIS remarking that SHARKEY was a silly kid. I remember that shortly after this conversation KARPIS left Miss Barry's house by himself, and that about two days later returned with SHARKEY, although I did not see them come in together. As I recall this occasion EDITH BARRY awakened me around seven o'clock in the morning, and said that I should come into her room and meet an old friend of mine whom I had not seen for a long time. I got dressed and went into Edith's room, and there I recognized SHARKEY. He was partially drunk, and I recall that while we were drinking in the room, SHARKEY asked Edith where "SONNY BOY" had gone. Edith replied that "SONNY" had gone to bed, and that he had plenty to drink already. We drank in Edith's room for several hours, and after it appeared that SHARKEY had enough to drink, Edith told me to take him to bed with me. I informed Miss Barry that I was menstruating, and suggested that she call a girl for him. Edith said that "SONNY" wouldn't like that arrangement, and that I should do what I could with him. Thereafter I took SHARKEY into my room and he slept until four p.m. that afternoon. I recall that in the morning when he and I were talking he told me that he was employed as a gambler at the Harvard

Club in Cleveland, Ohio; that he was married and had two children, and also that JIMMY O'NEIL was married. I also recall that on this morning Edith had "LOU" park SHARKEY'S car away from the house, she giving "LOU" the keys.

After SHARKEY awoke on the afternoon of the above occasion, he took a bath and then went into the front right bedroom and visited with KARPIS and CAMPBELL. I recall that SHARKEY was very much sick after he got out of bed that afternoon, and couldn't eat or drink a thing. He said that that was the first time he had anything to drink in a long time. It seemed to me that while KARPIS and CAMPBELL were eating dinner that night, SHARKEY was away from the house for some reason. I think he went to get a shave.

Shortly after dinner KARPIS and CAMPBELL started to pack their things and while they were in their room EDITH came up and told KARPIS that SHARKEY was waiting for them downstairs. They left shortly thereafter, and although I did not see KARPIS and CAMPBELL leave with SHARKEY, I know from conversation I overheard that they left with SHARKEY. This was the last time I saw any of the above named individuals.

Although I did not see SHARKEY, I recall that EDITH BARRY mentioned to me on one occasion previously that he had been at the house. I do not recall at this time the circumstances of this visit.

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

MARIE GALLUP.

Witness:  
John L. Madala  
Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio."

The writer interviewed MARIE GALLUP at great length concerning JOE ROSCOE. She advised that she is personally acquainted with this individual and that she has on several occasions seen him in the house of EDITH BARRY. She further stated that she does not know of her own knowledge that JOE ROSCOE visited KARPIS and CAMPBELL during the times they resided at EDITH BARRY'S place during the forepart of 1935. She went on to relate that she never heard KARPIS, CAMPBELL or EDITH BARRY discuss JOE ROSCOE and that the only mention of JOE ROSCOE which was ever made in her presence was in 1934 when CHARLES J. FITZGERALD informed her that he together with KARPIS and CAMPBELL on this occasion had won considerable money at the gambling place of JOE ROSCOE at Toledo, Ohio.

With further reference to JOHN F. "SHARKEY" GORMAN, she was definite in her statements that she saw "SHARKEY" at EDITH BARRY'S house only on one occasion during the various times that KARPIS and CAMPBELL resided there. However she mentioned that it is entirely possible that he visited there at other times and she did not know of it, because at that time she spent very little time in the house of EDITH BARRY. She was certain that she had heard EDITH BARRY mention on one occasion prior to the time that she (MARIE GALLUP) saw SHARKEY at EDITH BARRY'S house that he had been there. However she does not recall the circumstances of his visits nor does she know of her own knowledge whether SHARKEY at that time either contacted or visited KARPIS and CAMPBELL.

A photograph of BENSON GROVES was shown to her and she immediately identified it as that of a person known to her as BEN. She stated that she saw this individual about six or seven years ago at which time he was in the company of JAMES "TIP" O'NEIL who is an old sweetheart of EDITH BARRY. She went on to state that she heard that BENSON GROVES was sent to a Federal penitentiary for mail robbery around 1930, and that as far as she knows he is still in the penitentiary.

MARIE GALLUP was again questioned relative to any contacts that KARPIS and CAMPBELL might have had in Cleveland, Ohio and in this connection the names of ART HEBERBRAND, SHIRLEY PATTON, WILLIAM MITCHELL and FRANK J. NOONAN were mentioned to her, but to no avail.

She is fully aware of the fact that she may be subpoenaed before the Grand Jury at Toledo, Ohio in the near future and stated that she is willing to proceed to Toledo at such time and tell all she knows to the Grand Jury. Agent questioned MARIE GALLUP about the present whereabouts of MYRTLE LOIS PRICE, another former prostitute inmate of EDITH BARRY'S house, and she advised that MISS PRICE is presently out

of the city but that she is expected to return to Milwaukee in a few days. She further stated that Miss PRICE is now residing with her at apartment 402, 2711 West Wells Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, telephone West 0254-J. She stated that MYRTLE PRICE likewise anticipates being subpoenaed before the Grand Jury at Cleveland, Ohio, and that neither she nor MISS PRICE will make any effort to avoid giving testimony should they be called upon to do so.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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WASHINGTON

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November 4, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

The enclosed letter from Archie Negleman was received through the prisoners mail box and has just come to my notice. This prisoner, has also written to the Attorney General asking to be transferred from Atlanta Back to Lewisburg. He has also written me offering to help convict officers at Lewisburg of bringing liquor into the institution provided I will send him back to Lewisburg.

I am inclined to call his bluff and do this on the understanding that if he doesn't make good he will be sent back to Atlanta again.

If you desire to have one of your agents contact this man and will so advise me, I will notify you as soon as he is returned to the Lewisburg penitentiary.

/s/ Sanford Bates

Director.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
November 4, 1936

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AIR MAIL

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

RE: BREXID

Dear Sir:

Please forward, for use in investigation here, six photographs of Harry Campbell taken since his apprehension at Toledo in May, 1936. Please expedite.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT 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, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.O. #1232;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of November 4, 1936, there are transmitted herewith six photographs of Harry Campbell taken since his apprehension at Toledo, Ohio on May 7, 1936.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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AIR MAIL

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Paugh .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
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Mr. Nichols .....  
Mr. Rosen .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Mr. Carson .....  
Mr. Hendon .....  
Mr. Jones .....  
Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Nease .....  
Miss Gandy .....

*[Handwritten signature]*

*[Handwritten initials]*

404 New York Building  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
November 3, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

BREXID

Reference is made to the Chicago Office letter  
of November 2, 1936, requesting certain statements be forwarded  
to your office.

Enclosed herewith are the following:

Statement of Paula Harmon dated at Chicago, Illinois,  
September 21, 1934, but notarized September 23, 1934;

Statement of James J. Wilson dated at Chicago, Illinois,  
September 25, 1934;

Signed copy of statement of James J. Wilson dated at  
Chicago, Illinois; September 25, 1934;

Statement of James J. Wilson dated at Chicago, Illinois,  
September 7, 1934;

Statement of Wynona Burdette dated at Chicago, Illinois,  
September 13, 1934;

Statement of Gladys Rita Sawyer dated at Chicago, Illinois,  
September 16, 1934;

Statement of Clara Gibson dated at Chicago, Illinois,  
January 13, 1935.

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Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge

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November 3, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN *HN*

Re: Unknown Subjects;  
Charles Schlörer - Victim; )  
Extortion.

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From time to time Field offices have been forwarding samples of the known handwriting of gangsters, kidnapers and known extortionists which have been searched generally through the anonymous files. There has just been completed another general search of the following individuals:

Edna Murray  
Homer Van Meter  
Harold Alderton  
Lloyd Barker  
Elmer Farmer  
Mrs. G. E. Barker  
Volney Davis

John Hamilton  
Harry Campbell  
Thomas H. Robinson,  
Junior  
Mrs. Dixon (writing  
for G. E. Barker)

Lester J. Gillis  
Jess Doyle  
Alvin Karpis  
Fred Hunter  
Oliver A. Berg  
Fred Barker  
Frank Vitolo

This brings the general search up to date in the absence of some specific request from the Investigative Division.

No match was found.

File 9-759 - Unknown Subjects; Charles Schlörer - Victim; Extortion in the Philadelphia office reveals some similarities to the writing of Vitolo and his mode of operation. The similarity in writing is not sufficient to warrant a conclusion, it being possible that he did not write the letters.

The purpose of submitting a report in this manner is so that the Investigative Division may decide how many and what offices should be advised with reference to the handwriting of the known gangsters and what instructions should be issued, if any, concerning the Philadelphia office and Vitolo.

Respectfully,

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E. P. Coffey.

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H. O. HILL

Sheriff of Geauga County

Chardon, Ohio 8/9-34

Mr. Hoover

Dear Sir

We would like to locate a man by the name  
of Charles Carroll alias Charles Winterhalter  
maybe this man is locked up in some jail or prison  
and what maybe that you have some recent information  
on him that we would very much like to get

With thanks you in advance

Respectfully yours

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Fred L. Johnson FPE

Sheriff's Office

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Mr. J. W. Hill,  
Sheriff,  
Deane County,  
Richardson, Ohio.

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Attention: Mr. Fred C. Spohn,  
Fingerprint Expert.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication dated August 9, 1934,  
in attaching the record revealed through a search of the  
identification files of this Division in the case of the  
following:

CHARLES CARROLL, Oklahoma State Penitentiary  
No. 10508.

Please be advised that a notation has been made in  
our file to the effect that this individual is wanted by you,  
and in the event information is received relative to the  
above subject's whereabouts you will be promptly notified.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

November 4, 1936.


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

Dear Sir: In re: BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 26, 1936, setting out information concerning a letter written by Fred C. Spohn to the Bureau dated at Chardon, Ohio. A review of the file fails to reveal a copy of this letter and it is requested that in connection with the harboring investigation presently being conducted at Cleveland, Ohio, a photostatic copy of the above mentioned letter be forwarded to the Cleveland office.

It is noted in paragraph two of the above mentioned Bureau letter that the date of the letter of Fred C. Spohn to the Bureau is given as September 9, 1934. In paragraph three it is noted that the date of the same letter is given as August 9, 1934. This latter date is apparently the correct date.

Very truly yours,

  
D. M. LADD,  
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. No. 1232; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of October 31, 1936, there are transmitted herewith the originals of registration cards Nos. 868 and 870 of the Hotel Danmor, Atlantic City, New Jersey, reflecting the registrations on January 18, 1935, of Mrs. A. B. Graham and sister, of Macon, Georgia, and R. S. Carson and G. C. Cameron, of Rock Harbor, Florida, respectively.

The above described registration cards will be necessary at the trial of Joe Adams and Henry "Duke" Randall at Miami, Florida, on February 15, 1937, and your office should make the necessary arrangements to insure their return to the Bureau several days prior to that date.

As requested in your letter of November 4, 1936, there is forwarded herewith a photostatic copy of a letter dated August 9, 1934, addressed to me by Fred C. Spohn, of Chardon, Ohio, requesting the criminal record of Charles Carroll alias Charles Winterhalter. A photostatic copy of the Bureau's reply to Mr. Spohn's communication, dated August 17, 1934, is also attached hereto.

Further, in connection with the instant case, I desire that you immediately furnish the Bureau all the information which has been obtained by your office concerning Wayne Preston, who it is believed is involved in the robbery of the mail truck at Warren, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

Inclosure No. 1020628  
REGISTERED MAIL

cc Cincinnati Chicago  
Jacksonville St. Paul

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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POST OFFICE BOX 812,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

November 4, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Sir: In re: BREKID

It is requested that you forward to the  
Chicago Bureau office a copy of your letter to  
the Louisville office dated October 26, 1936,  
having reference to the tracing of certain guns.

Copies of all reports and communications  
should be designated for the Chicago office in  
every instance.

Very truly yours,

D. W. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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October 30, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

With reference to the possible prosecution of the various subjects in connection with the harboring charges at Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio, together with Agents S. K. McKee and E. J. Wynn, on October 29, 1936, I conferred with United States Attorney E. B. Freed, and first assistant United States Attorney Roote, and furnished Mr. Freed with copies of the summary reports prepared by Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated October 26, 1936, and Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated October 25, 1936, and discussed in a general way the entire situation as to the various persons who would be charged with the offense in question in keeping with the evidence set out in our summary reports. It was indicated to Mr. Freed that we believed an early Grand Jury should be had for the hearing of witnesses in order to secure early indictments in this. However, previous to indictments and preferably about the late afternoon of November 6, 1936, we should secure warrants for all subjects who are at liberty, secretly through the United States Commissioner, in order that on the following day, Saturday, November 7, 1936, we might take into custody the various persons involved, which would give us ample opportunity to thoroughly question these individuals on Saturday night and Sunday before it would be necessary to take them before the United States Commissioner for arraignment; that the four subjects who are outside the Northern District of Ohio would be apprehended by Agents from other offices, and that they should be furnished with certified copies of the complaint and warrant for the arrest of these individuals, secretly in accordance with our arrangements at Cleveland and Toledo. However, provided these four defendants outside the Northern District of Ohio would sign waivers of removal, we would arrange to have Agents transport them to Toledo where prosecution would be had.

United States Attorney Freed in substance agreed with our arrangements but indicated he would like to read the reports before the warrants are issued; that as to the Grand Jury it would be

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necessary to consult with United States District Court Judge Hahn at Toledo, as to when he could ask for a Grand Jury during November at Toledo. It is possible that they may be able to arrange a Grand Jury for the latter part of the week of November 9, 1936, and that with this idea in mind prior to the convening of the Grand Jury we could arrange for the apprehension of the various persons on the night of November 10, 1936, which would allow us November 11, 1936, Armistice Day, a holiday, to question these individuals somewhat on the order planned as to Saturday and Sunday. United States Attorney Freed indicates that if the judge agreed to call a Grand Jury at a specific date, our plan, as previously above outlined, will be carried out and we will obtain warrants as to the arrest of the various subjects in this Saturday preceding the coming week in which the Grand Jury will be called. This plan, of course, will be entirely in accordance with the general idea worked out as to when and how these persons will be arrested. United States Attorney Freed is to confer with United States District Court Judge Hahn of Toledo, Ohio, on November 3, 1936, and I shall see United States Attorney Freed at Toledo, Ohio, on November 3, 1936, in order to discuss further with him the plans we are to carry out in connection with the above situation. If it is carried out in accordance with our request, which it is believed will be the case, we plan on arresting at Toledo, Ohio, George Timiney, Bert Angus, Ted Angus, Coolie Monroe, Frank Greenwald, Joe Roscoe, Edward McGraw, Mrs. Clara McGraw, and Madeline Angus. At Cleveland, Ohio we will arrange for the arrest of John F. "Sharkey" Gorman. We will arrange for the Philadelphia office to arrest Thelma Holst, and arrange for her removal. We will arrange for the Cincinnati office to arrest Rene Holst and Lucian "Ludy" Fleming, and their removal to Toledo. We will arrange for the Detroit office to arrest Ruth Wells and to remove her to Toledo.

This represents a total of fourteen subjects who will be prosecuted in connection with this case, and in order to make available at the trial of this case any and all evidence, particularly the conversations between the various conspirators during the operation of the conspiracy to harbor, we will suggest to the United States Attorney that he include certain other subjects in this case who are presently confined in penitentiaries, namely, Fred Hunter, James J. Wilson, Charles J. Fitzgerald, Oliver A. Berg, William Weaver, Volney Davis, Dolores Delaney, Harry Campbell, John Brock, and Sam Coker.

It is to be noted that the conspiracy to harbor, in 1934, concerns the harboring of Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, presently confined in the penitentiary.

Possibly there should also be included in the indictment William J. Harrison, deceased; Russell Gibson, deceased; Fred Barker, deceased; and Dr. Joseph P. Moran, believed to be deceased.

In this connection it is believed that at least James J. Wilson, Dolores Delaney and Sam Coker should be returned to Toledo for trial in connection with the prosecution of other individuals indicated. Whether or not the other individuals in prison should be returned is a matter to be left to the discretion of the United States Attorney. It is to be recalled that James J. Wilson and Dolores Delaney have previously made very definite, lengthy statements in this situation which they subsequently tried to repudiate, and which, of course, can be introduced in their respective trials. John Brock, previously mentioned above, it is expected will be a witness in this case for the Government. The only other two subjects who might be involved would be Milton Lett, and Benson Groves, with aliases, the so-called fifth man in the Garrettsville train robbery. The handling of the situation as to Edith Barry, informant of the Bureau, has been discussed previously with the United States Attorney in order to acquaint him with the situation, and in order to, if possible, live up to any obligations we may have in connection with her as an informant, and also to possibly encourage her to testify in this case, it being noted that she was possibly involved, to a certain extent, at the time of the Warren, Ohio mail truck robbery, occurring in April 1935, inasmuch as the subjects met at her house prior to the time this job was carried out.

In arranging the above arrests we will, of course, during the coming week in so far as possible discreetly determine where each of the subjects is located in order to facilitate their arrests, if these are to be carried out on November 7, 1936.

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Very truly yours,

*Connelley*  
R. J. CONNELLEY,  
Inspector.

POST OFFICE BOX 812,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

November 4, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter to the Cincinnati office dated October 28, 1936, requesting information concerning the retention of certain "flash cards" placed on automobiles known to have been used by members of the Barker-Karpis gang, and on certain individuals with the Veterans Administration and other agencies in Washington, D. C.

Reference is made to the letter of Inspector E. J. Connelley dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, July 18, 1936, a copy of which was designated for your office, which set out that "stops" should be maintained on the following two automobiles:

1935 Plymouth sedan, motor No. PJ-322772, and  
1935 Ford V-8 Tudor sedan, motor No. 2044337.

Your attention is directed to the letter from the Cleveland office dated September 12, 1936, a copy of which was designated for each field office, requesting that all "stops" be withdrawn on 1934 Ford coupe, model 40, motor No. 18-429014. It is requested that if such has not already been done as requested, the "flash card" on this car be withdrawn, but that the "flash cards" on the first two above mentioned automobiles be maintained until further notice.

Flash cards on William J. Harrison with the Veterans Administration and the United States Navy Department should be withdrawn, as it is definitely known that this man is now deceased. It is requested, however, that the "flash card" on Dr. Joseph P. Moran be retained at the Veterans Administration.

Very truly yours,

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D. E. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 812,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

November 4, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

A review of the file in the Chicago Bureau office reflects considerable information concerning Frank J. Noonan, owner of the detective agency bearing his name. It will be recalled that Dolores Delaney when interviewed at St. Paul in January, 1936, stated that she believed that the detective credentials carried by Alvin Karpis were issued by the Noonan Detective Agency at Cleveland, Ohio, and that these credentials also contained a photograph of Alvin Karpis. During the various interviews had with Frank Noonan in the past he has given varying explanations for the presence of pay envelopes of his detective agency found in the house located at 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, shortly after it was abandoned by Alvin Karpis and other members of the gang on September 6, 1934.

There is little doubt that Noonan was associated in some way with Alvin Karpis and other members of the gang residing at Cleveland, Ohio, and it is believed that further efforts should be made to determine how Alvin Karpis obtained possession of the detective credentials apparently of the Noonan Detective Agency. It is suggested that investigation be conducted to ascertain the identities of all of the permanent employees of the Noonan Detective Agency for the years 1934, 1935 and 1936, particular attention being paid to such employees as were working in the office of the detective agency. It is suggested that such employees be thoroughly interviewed and that the books and records of this detective agency be examined to ascertain whether any record was kept of credentials or other means of identification issued to persons employed by that firm. The possibility exists that some employees may be able to identify Alvin Karpis as having been a visitor at the Noonan Detective Agency.

In the questioning of employees of the Noonan Detective Agency, it is likewise suggested that an effort be made to learn whether the photographs placed on credentials of this detective agency are ordinarily taken by one commercial photographer. In the questioning of witnesses connected with the Harvard Club or with potential subjects in instant harboring case who are located at Cleveland, Ohio, it is suggested that they also be questioned for all possible information.

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concerning Frank J. Noonan, and that an effort be made to associate him with Alvin Karpis or any other members of the Barker-Karpis gang during the time they were either residing at or visiting Cleveland, Ohio.

If it is at all possible, it is suggested that a sample credential card of the Noonan Detective Agency such as was used during the year of 1934 be obtained in order that it may be shown to witnesses to whom Karpis displayed the credential card in question.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Bureau  
Cincinnati

Post Office Box 612,  
Chicago, Illinois.

November 3, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir,

Re: BREKID.

Confirming telephone conversation had on this date with Special Agent S. A. McKee, please be advised that interview was had with Mr. J. B. Stewart of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company, Room 1131, 208 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Stewart stated that the barge "Fritz" of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company left Chicago, Illinois on October 24, 1936, bound for winter quarters at Toledo, Ohio; that it would take from eight to nine days to complete this trip; that it would therefore probably dock at Toledo on November 3, 4 or 5, 1936; that the crew would be laid off for the winter after the barge arrived at its winter quarters at Toledo.

Further information was obtained from Mr. Stewart that Captain McElroy, Fleet Captain, is in charge of the ships anchored in the lagoon at Toledo, and that he can be located at the Steamship Company headquarters in the Rockefeller Building at Cleveland, Ohio; that in the absence of Captain McElroy, Chief Engineer J. F. Wood, also located at the Pittsburgh Steamship Company's headquarters at Cleveland, Ohio, can provide information concerning the location of the barge "Fritz".

Mr. Stewart stated that the members of the crews employed by his Company ordinarily receive a bonus after their services have been terminated for the season and for this reason the Company ordinarily has the permanent addresses of the various men employed on their ships during the summer season; that these addresses are undoubtedly in the files of the offices of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company at Cleveland.

As suggested in the telephone conversation with Agent McKee, inquiry should be made of Captain McElroy or Chief Engineer Wood

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of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company at Cleveland, Ohio, to definitely ascertain what date the barge "Fritz" will arrive at Toledo, Ohio, and the approximate date that the crew of that barge will be relieved from duty, and if possible, the permanent address of Charles Becker on file at the Steamship Company should be obtained. Also, Special Agent E. J. Wynn should be advised of the results of the investigation made at Cleveland, Ohio, for any appropriate action that may be desired at Toledo at this time.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge

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SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREXID.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to report of Special Agent J. S. Johnson, Cincinnati, 5-27-36, verifying previous information to the effect that Rene Holst and Ludy Fleming were residing at 2301 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, apartment #211 under the name of L. C. Reynolds.

You are now advised that L. C. Reynolds and the woman with him left this address on July 8, 1936, leaving a forwarding address to R.R. #3, Ferrysburg, Ohio, on the outskirts of Toledo.

It is thought that the Cleveland Office will desire to verify this address at Ferrysburg.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 812,  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

In connection with the harboring investigation at Cleveland, Ohio, in which Frank J. Noonan, owner of the Noonan Detective Agency, 1900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, is a potential defendant, please be advised that on September 6, 1934, there was found on the premises formerly occupied by Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney, which is located at 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, a copy of the criminal record of Charles Carroll, F.B.I. No. 302222.

Subsequent investigation disclosed that Fred S. Spohn, fingerprint man in the Sheriff's office at Chardon, Ohio, requested of the Bureau, at the instance of Frank J. Noonan, to forward the criminal record of Charles Carroll to Sheriff H. O. Will at Chardon, Ohio. The Bureau complied with this request on August 14, 1934, and immediately upon the receipt of the said criminal record, Fred Spohn turned the same over to Mr. Frank J. Noonan. Mr. Noonan was interviewed at various times concerning his interest in securing Carroll's criminal record and also for an explanation as to how this criminal record came into the possession of Alvin Karpis. In this connection Noonan told several different stories, none of which apparently are true, and at no time did he admit that he secured the criminal record for the benefit of Alvin Karpis. There was also found in the apartment of Alvin Karpis at 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, after he abandoned the same, a quantity of pay envelopes of the Noonan Detective Agency, these envelopes bearing the name of H. G. O'Ilgreth written on them in longhand. H. G. O'Ilgreth is the alias Karpis used while living at Cleveland, Ohio, during the summer of 1934. Information has been obtained to the effect that Karpis carried on his person around this period a commission card which identified him as a representative of a private detective agency, name of which not known but believed to have been the Noonan Detective Agency.

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The abstract of the criminal record of Charles Carroll with aliases, which was furnished to this office by the Bureau, disclosed that this individual as Charles Carroll alias Charles Winterhalter, No. 6968, was received at the State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, on December 18, 1923, to serve a sentence of five to ten years for burglary in the second degree. This record further reflects that Carroll escaped from said institution on March 9, 1929.

An examination of the criminal record of Alvin Karpis reveals that he was received at the State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, as No. 7071, on February 25, 1926, to serve a sentence of ten years for burglary in the second degree and that he escaped from the reformatory on March 9, 1929.

It will be noted that both Charles Carroll and Alvin Karpis apparently escaped from the State Industrial Reformatory at the same time.

With the foregoing information in mind, it is respectfully requested that you immediately conduct an investigation at the reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas, and ascertain the identity of the person or persons who can testify to the fact that Charles Carroll and Alvin Karpis escaped together on March 9, 1929, and also, if possible, the names of witnesses who can testify as to the prior association of these two men during the time they were incarcerated in the State reformatory.

Reference is now made to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, February 2, 1935, wherein it is noted on page twelve that an examination of the file of Charles Carroll, No. 1049, at the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, disclosed that it contained a letter from Fred C. Spohn, F.P.E. (fingerprint expert), Sheriff's office, Geauga County, Chardon, Ohio, dated July 24, 1934, asking if Carroll were a parole violator.

It is kindly requested that you ascertain at the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, the name of the person who is competent to introduce Mr. Spohn's original letter as above described, as evidence in the contemplated trial at Cleveland, Ohio. Kindly have a transcript of Mr. Spohn's letter made and furnish the same to the Cleveland Bureau office as soon as possible for the information of the United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio.

It is requested that you expedite the foregoing investigation and in submitting your report please designate one copy for the United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

D. W. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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October 30, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

*[Handwritten signature]*

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 24, 1936, to which was attached a copy of suggested press release with reference to subjects who are to be apprehended in connection with the harboring investigation, and in this connection the following references are made to such memorandum with suggestions as to what should be included:

With reference to such attached memorandum, on page one, last paragraph, it is to be noted that Harry Sawyer and Kate Barker were not, in accordance with our best information, at Toledo, Ohio, at any time.

On page three it is noted that the death of Russell Gibson was at Chicago on January 8, 1935, rather than January 8, 1936.

With reference to page two, second paragraph, where it is indicated that Bert Angus had a saloon at Hammond, Indiana. This should be indicated as Calumet City, Illinois.

With reference to the last paragraph on page two, it is to be noted that Alvin Karpis remained at Chicago, and that Freddie Barker returned from Toledo to Chicago when both of them had their fingerprints changed by Dr. Moran.

With reference to page three, last paragraph, Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker, it is believed, were in Toledo at the time of the money changing in connection with "Boss" McLaughlin; that the money changing was primarily carried on by Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, and Russell Gibson, with the assistance of Dr. Moran, and also Ollie Berg, and Volney Davis and William Weaver, who were then located at Aurora, Illinois.

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With reference to page four of this memorandum, Russell Gibson, "Doc" Barker and Ollie Berg were at the Fort Meigs Hotel, rather than the Algeo Hotel.

With reference to the second paragraph on page four, it is believed that Theodore Angus should be referred to as Ted Angus, which is the name he is commonly known by at Toledo, Ohio.

In connection with paragraph two, page four, that with reference to the open houses of prostitution and bookie joints should be eliminated as this might infer that these individuals went every place anyone else would go, which would be the possible defense of subjects charged in this case. The name of Captain George Timiney is as indicated, rather than being Timoney. It is noted in this same paragraph that Timiney is referred as the drinking companion of various members of fugitive band, and it is believed that this should be eliminated as this has been the defense of James J. O'Reilly, which we have been unable to break down, and might be resorted to upon our own statements by Timiney. In this same paragraph the last sentence as to Ludy Fleming should be eliminated as this strikes too definitely at the evidence we expect to present as against Fleming, which at best is rather limited.

In the third paragraph on page four reference is made to Bert Angus having assisted "Doc" Barker, et al, in the purchase of automobiles and fronting for them. This is believed to be one of our good points of evidence to introduce against Bert Angus, and should be eliminated from the release, as the main witness in this, one Barry, who sold these cars, if approached by Angus might be unduly intimidated.

In the fourth paragraph on page four the date should be June instead of April.

In the first paragraph on page five, first line "In August 1934" should be changed to read, "In June 1934."

In the first paragraph on page five, it is believed that attention should be called to the fact that Art Hebebrand is not as yet a defendant in this case.

Next to the last sentence, paragraph one, page five the reference to immediate investigation should be changed by eliminating the word, "immediate", inasmuch as we did not make the first inquiry in this situation, same having been made by the Cleveland Police.

In connection with the last paragraph on page five, it is believed that reference to the activities of Colin Conroe and Frank Greenwald picking up Karpis and Campbell should be eliminated inasmuch as this surprise evidence should not be disclosed at this time.

In connection with the first paragraph on page six, wherein reference is made to Esther Goulet, it is to be noted that as yet we do not have sufficient evidence to prosecute her as a subject. It is believed that the name of John Brock should be eliminated in this same paragraph, as well as the reference to Milton Lett, Lett being in the status of a wanted person at this time. In this same paragraph the reference to James "Shimmy" ~~atton~~ and Art Hebebrand as to their criminal activities should be eliminated as well as the reference to Benson Groves.

In connection with the second paragraph on page six, the name of Benson Groves should be eliminated; also information as to the participation of Joe Ros <sup>CPA</sup> in the mail train robbery; also with reference to the fact that Karpis and Campbell fled to Port Clinton, Ohio, inasmuch as this goes into information which we expect to prove by John Brock and John Zetzer.

In the last paragraph on page six, the reference to the investigation subsequent to the mail train robbery should be worded differently.

The date of the marriage of Harry Campbell was May 29, 1935.

With reference to the last paragraph on page six, concerning Sheriff James J. O'Reilly it is believed that this should be eliminated notwithstanding the fact that it covers the same subject matter previously covered in the newspapers, by reason of the fact that it might be considered as an attack by us on O'Reilly at this time without any particular value being had by doing so in the absence of any definite information which would warrant his prosecution at this time.

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Very truly yours,

  
J. J. CONNELLEY  
Inspector.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

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November 2, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: THOMAS A. BROWN, St. Paul,  
Minnesota Police Department.

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Schilder  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

On July 17, 1936, Thomas A. Brown, a detective in the St. Paul Police Department was suspended from that Department pending investigation concerning statements made during the trial of Jack Peifer in the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., that Brown aided and abetted the kidnapers of Mr. Hamm. On August 5, 1936, Brown was dismissed from the service of the St. Paul Police Department. Brown appealed his dismissal, and a hearing on this appeal began before the Board of Appeals or Referees of the City of St. Paul on August 21, 1936, and was concluded on October 2, 1936.

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The Board of Appeals or Referees for the City of St. Paul found from the testimony given before them that on and between May 15, 1935 or thereabouts, and June 15, 1935, Brown willfully aided and abetted John E. (Jack) Peifer, Fred Barker, et al in a conspiracy to kidnap William Hamm, Jr.; that Brown failed to obey the orders of his superior, Thomas J. DeHill, then Chief of Police of the City of St. Paul, to conduct an investigation concerning the occupants of 204 Vernon Avenue, these occupants being Paula Harmon, Fred Barker and other members of the Karpis-Barker gang, who were responsible for the kidnaping of Mr. Hamm, and that Brown did willfully communicate with the occupants of 204 Vernon Avenue that they were under suspicion and would be investigated by the police officers. The Board further found that between September 15, 1935 and January 17, 1936 in the City of St. Paul, Brown aided and abetted Alvin Karpis and others of the Karpis-Barker gang in a conspiracy to kidnap Edward George Bremer, and conveyed to Harry Sandlovitch alias Harry Sawyer information concerning the movements and activities of the police officers and officers of the Federal Government in an attempt to apprehend the kidnapers. The Board found as a conclusion of law that Brown was 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, Minnesota, and ordered that he be removed and discharged from the employment of the City of St. Paul effective August 5, 1936.

The St. Paul office has furnished the Bureau with a transcript of the testimony and hearing. This transcript is being reviewed to ascertain whether there is additional information contained therein concerning Brown's connection with the kidnaping cases involved which has not been heretofore furnished to the United States

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Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Statute of Limitations has expired as to the  
kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr. but the Statute does not run as to the  
kidnaping of Mr. Bremer until February 9, 1937, or it is probable  
that the Statute could extend until three years from the date of the  
last overt act, which was the exchange of ransom money in Cuba,  
September, 1934.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. Tamm

General Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1442 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

November 3, 1936.

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

Dear Sir: RE: BREKID

Transmitted herewith are three copies of an index which has been prepared for use in connection with the summary reports of Special Agents E. J. Wynn and S. K. McKee, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, October 25 and 26, 1936, in the above entitled case. Copies of this index are being forwarded to the several offices which received copies of the reports in question.

Very truly yours,

*J. P. MacFarland*  
J. P. MacFARLAND  
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This index relates to the summary reports of Special Agents E. J. Wynn and S. E. McKee, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, October 25, 1936, and October 26, 1936, respectively, in the case entitled George Timiney, ET AL; Edward George Bremer, VICTIM; Kidnaping, Harboring of Fugitives, Obstruction of Justice, National Firearms Act. All persons, addresses, automobiles, and other relevant data have been included; however, no reference has been made to individuals who are either defendants or potential defendants.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Further investigation at Canton, Ohio, unproductive as to information involving Edna Haney. William R. Scott, alias Scottie, denies having ever driven the LaSalle automobile of Joe Rich, and could supply no information relative to Karpis' stay at the Haney house. Long distance telephone calls from the Haney house obtained, but no calls made from this place during period in question. Additional interviews with Mrs. O. W. Blackman and Mrs. Peter Karcher, Cleveland, Ohio, reveals statement by Slade of the Hebebrand Real Estate Organization that the house subsequently occupied by Karpis was not for rent. Slade denies talking to Mrs. Karcher prior to the time Karpis vacated the house at 3973 West 140th Street.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted at Canton, Ohio, and vicinity, by Special Agents A. Paul Kitchin and R. T. Noonan, during the period October 21 to 23, 1936:

At the McKinley Airport, Canton, Ohio, Earl G. Kail, not Kial as formerly reported, in charge of this port, was again interviewed. At this time photographs of both John Stover and his wife were displayed to Mr. Kail and he positively identified both as being photographs of the pilot and the woman accompanying him who drove a Ryan Cabin Plane into this airport on or about January 19, 1936. At the time this plane landed Mr. Kail stated he was up in a plane with a student, giving instructions and therefore did not see the occupants and does not know how many came in same, other than the pilot and his wife, who remained to put the plane away. Mr. Kail does not recall the pilot making any statement as to anyone being with him on the trip. After the plane was put away Mr. Kail drove the pilot and his wife, whom he identifies as Mr. and Mrs. John Stover, to the Courtland Hotel. At that time the pilot did not know just when he intended to leave, but called Mr. Kail later that night and told him he wanted to get an early start in the morning and made arrangements for Mr. Kail to be there to gas up the plane and assist in getting it ready. In making this identification from the photographs shown to him, Mr. Kail stated that the pilot was dressed just the same as in the photograph shown to him, and walked with a decided limp. He recalled that others were around and some helped to put the plane in the hangar, but at this time he was unable to state just who they were, except it was known one was Vernon Finzer. Kail repeated other information similar to that set out in report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated April 22, 1936, at Cleveland, Ohio, and also report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated July 7, 1936.

With reference to the departure of this plane, the following morning, which he places as Monday morning, January 20, 1936, Kail again mentioned the fact that the same green LaSalle cabriolet, which had met the plane the night before, drove out that morning with a man and a woman, who waited in the car until the plane was warmed up and ready to go and that he then assisted in the loading of the baggage, there being a large amount, about five bags or more, and he also believes he may have assisted the woman into the plane. He recalls that the plane was a five passenger plane and that the large amount of baggage caused the four passengers to be cramped for room, and he further recalls



that the pilot and his wife had, as he believes, only one and not more than two bags, when he took them to the Courtland Hotel the night previously. Kail was unable to positively identify the photograph of Grace Goldstein as that of the woman accompanying Karpis on this trip, but did state that the photograph looked like the woman. He again positively identified Karpis from the various photographs shown to him. Upon further interview he furnished the following description of this woman: Age, about 30 years; average or a little more in height, fixing it at 5'6" or 7"; weight, 135 to 145 pounds; medium heavy build, brunette, not very good looking, wearing a dark coat with some fur on it, but could not say whether or not it was entirely made of fur.

It is noted that Kail again positively identified Joe Rich as the man who brought Karpis and this woman to the airport the morning of January 20, 1936, and he also advised that this same car, a green LaSalle cabriolet, met the plane the previous evening and left before he, Kail, landed from a flight on which he made this observation of the arrival of the Ryan plane.

Vernon Finzer, Sugar Creek, Ohio, advised that he drove a taxicab in Canton, from January to April, 1936, but during the same time was taking flying lessons from Earl Kail at the McKinley Airport. On the night of the arrival of this Ryan Cabin plane about which he has previously been questioned and the date of which arrival he fixes as being some time in January 1936, he was at the McKinley Airport. When this plane landed no one got out of it until a green LaSalle cabriolet (coupe with canvas top) drove up to the plane and a woman, whom he described as short and stocky and dark complexioned, got out of the plane and got into the car. This is the only one who got out of the plane, whom he saw, but he stated that when the LaSalle was driving away there were two women in it along with the man who was driving. The pilot and his wife remained at the airport and he, Finzer, helped put the plane in the hangar. Others helped with the plane, but he could not now recall who they were. He thought one Frank Parker might have helped. Finzer described the pilot as being short and slender and as walking with a limp, and his wife as being very attractive. From photographs shown to him Finzer stated that the photographs resembled the pilot and his wife. When shown the photograph of Grace Goldstein he could not say whether or not it was a photograph of the woman who got off the plane. He did state that this woman had on a fur coat.

Further inquiry revealed that U. A. Whitaker and G. P. Daiger, employees of the Hoover Plant, North Canton, Ohio, were student flyers at the McKinley Airport at that time. Both were interviewed and advised that they could not recall this incident at all and that, therefore, in all probability they were not present at the field upon the arrival or departure of this plane.

Mr. Kail was unable to state what other student flyer could have been there at that time except possibly Graydon Evans, Bolivar, Ohio. Mr. Kail called Mr. Evans by telephone in Agents' presence and questioned him regarding this incident and Evans advised that he was not present at the time. In interviews with Mr. Kail, and Mr. Whitaker, they stated that after the first interview by Agents of the Bureau the incident was discussed among the student flyers and it was never determined that anyone of them, other than Finzer, was present at the time this plane landed. The mechanic on duty now at the airport was questioned by Agents, and Mr. Kail, and he stated that he was not present on the day of the arrival of this Ryan plane. Mr. Kail, Mr. Whitaker, and Mr. Finzer could not say definitely whether or not Frank Parker was present at this time, he being at that time a student flyer. The address of Frank Parker in care of Mrs. Annabelle Gilhausen, 78 Mt. Vernon Street, Richfield Park, New Jersey, was secured from Mr. Whitaker. He is presently located on 146th Street, New York City, but the exact address was not in possession of Mr. Whitaker, but he advised that Mrs. Annabelle Gilhausen at the above address would know where Frank Parker is now located.

The report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, Kansas City, dated July 29, 1936, sets forth interview with Joe Rich wherein Rich stated that one "Scottie" worked for Edna Haney and also Min Staley and that this individual sometimes drove Rich's car.

William R. Scott, who is known as "Scottie", was located at Edna Haney's home, 309 Fourth Street, SE, by Detectives Bennett and Beresford and brought to the Courtland Hotel where he was interviewed by Agents. He stated that he is 39 years of age and has spent practically all of his life in Canton, Ohio; that he has had various jobs, most of them odd jobs, for the past few years due to an injury received some years ago; that he formerly worked for Edna Haney and Joe Rich at 410 Fourth Street, SE, during the spring and summer of 1935, but left in the early summer and went to live with his sister, Alvina Greenfield, 2048 Second Street, NE. From that

time until about May 1936, he stated that he saw Edna and Joe only occasionally when he would drop in there for a visit. About a week before Joe Rich went to the penitentiary, in April or May 1936, he stated that he again went to work for Edna Haney as a handy man around the house and took care of odd jobs.

Scott was shown numerous photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang, with four different photographs of Karpis, but he stated that he had never seen Karpis in his life and that he was positive that Karpis never stayed at the Haney home during the time he was there. He admitted having read in the local papers about Karpis allegedly having stayed at Edna Haney's but claimed not to know anymore about it than that. Scott stated that the photograph of Fred Hunter was that of a person whom he had seen some place around Canton in the past, possibly at the Derby saloon, but he could give no other information.

With reference to the green LaSalle car which belonged to Joe Rich, William R. Scott stated that he never drove that car and moreover that he never was in the car either with Joe Rich or anyone else, but that Edna Haney had a Studebaker 1935 sedan which he often drove, generally to run errands for Edna. She traded this car off on her furniture.

William R. Scott could furnish no further information of value. He stated that he at one time knew the girl named Dolly Rogers, who worked for Edna Haney, but that she had left long ago and her present whereabouts was unknown, except that at one time since her departure from Canton, Ohio, she was working in a house of prostitution in Akron, Ohio. A girl by the name of Gladys Manners is at present working for Edna Haney with Helen Ross, but she has been there only two months. Scott also admitted an acquaintance with Eddie Brennan, Ed Siemund, Jake Gilmore, and Carl Studer, but claimed to know nothing about their business except that at one time Brennan operated the Delmonico on East Tuscarawas Avenue in Canton, and Jake Gilmore and Siemund operated the Dew Drop Inn, and that Brennan operated the above place while Studer was in the penitentiary. He described Brennan as age, 35 years, height 5'8" or 9", weight, 180 pounds, medium complexion, light brown hair, thin on top. He further stated that Brennan operated the Derby in Canton in 1934, and at one time operated the Grand Lunch. Scott admitted having served fourteen months in the state penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio, for riding in a stolen car, and also other arrests for drunkenness, by the city police in Canton, Ohio.

Helen Ross was contacted at the house of prostitution of Edna Haney at which time she voluntarily agreed to accompany Agents to the Courtland Hotel where she was interviewed.

Helen Ross was questioned at length, but no further information could be obtained from her. She again positively denied having ever seen Karpis and insisted that he did not stay at Edna Haney's place. She also insisted that had he ever been there she would have known it and that it was not possible for him to have resided there over night on one or more occasions without her knowledge. She did state, however, that during the period in question, she was not residing at Edna's but went there each morning about nine or ten o'clock and remained until bedtime.

Helen Ross submitted the following statement, the original of which is being retained in the Cleveland office file:

"Canton, Ohio  
"October 22, 1936.

"I, HELEN ROSS, make this statement to A. Paul Kitchin and R. T. Noonan, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, of my own free will, no threats or promises having been made to me.

"I have known Edna Haney for about three years. When she resided at 422 Walnut St., about three years ago I worked for her for a few months. Then I again went to work for her at 410 Fourth St., S.E. when she moved there about May 1935 and have worked for her ever since. She moved to her present location, 309 Fourth St. S.E., in the latter part of January 1936, and I came there with her and continued to work for her as a prostitute, and am so employed at the present time.

"Several photographs have been shown to me of Alvin Karpis and I have been asked whether or not he ever stayed at the home of Edna Haney to my knowledge and whether or not I ever heard any remark made to indicate that he had been there. I will state that Alvin Karpis never stayed at Edna Haney's home during the time I worked there, and that if he had I would have known of it, and I further state that I never heard Edna or her husband Joe Rich state that they knew or ever had Karpis at their home.

"I have read the above statement and the same is true.

WITNESSES:

/s/ HELEN ROSS

R. T. Noonan  
A. Paul Kitchin  
Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice, 1448 Standard Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio."

Francis Bishop, 2019 Fifteenth Street, SE, Canton, Ohio, the son of Edna Haney, was interviewed at length, but no information of value was obtained from him. He stated that he is the son of Edna Haney by her first marriage and that he has lived separate and apart from her for the past six or seven years; that he is married and has three children, whom he supports from his employment at the Timkin Roller Bearing Company. He stated that he goes to Edna's house occasionally but that he never makes any point to delve into her affairs and therefore never asks any questions relative to her business. He also stated that he has not spent the night at his mother's home since her marriage to Joe Rich, whom he knows only slightly. He professed no knowledge whatsoever relative to the business operated by his mother and stated that he knew no one who resided with her. After a considerable length of time it was determined that this man probably was in no position to have any direct knowledge of the fact that Karpis stayed at Edna Haney's and it is possible that his mother never mentioned this matter to him.

Mrs. James Best, who resides next door to the place occupied by Edna Haney at 410 Fourth Street, SE, and whose husband operates a feed store at this address, was interviewed and she stated that she has resided at this same address for the past twenty years; that she knows Edna Haney but that she has never visited in her home. She stated that she does not associate with this class of people and that she never came into contact with the Haney woman except to meet her on the street and exchange a casual greeting. She stated that the rear of the former Haney residence, in which Min Staley now resides, adjoins the property of her husband, and the rear of the house is adequately visible for her to notice anyone who comes and goes from the rear of this place, but that the front of the house is not visible to her and therefore she does not know anything relative to who might go into the front of the house.

She stated that she recalled the article which appeared in the newspaper following the arrest of Joe Rich, stating that Alvin Karpis was supposed to have stayed at the home of Haney, but that she never noticed anyone resembling the photo of Karpis as having ever frequented the Haney place. She stated that there is a blacksmith's shop which adjoins the property in the rear and that this shop has a room over it in which someone stays; that it could have been possible for Karpis to have stayed in this place and that she would not have seen him. She stated that this shop is operated by one John Davis and that Davis would probably tell Agents if he had any information relative to this matter.

At the property next door to the former Haney residence to the west, there was a funeral taking place, and many people were gathered at this residence. Due to this fact no interview was had with these people.

John B. Davis, blacksmith, 404 Rex Avenue, SE, informed Agents that he has been at this address for the past six years and that he knows Edna Haney. He also stated that he has the business of the Saddle Club and therefore has seen Edna Haney quite frequently at this club. He states that when Edna Haney resided in the house now occupied by Min Staley, he occasionally saw her at the rear of this property but that he never noticed any man, other than Joe Rich, residing at this place. He was shown the photographs of Karpis and he stated that he never recalls having seen this individual. He stated that there is a room over his shop which has been occupied for the past six years, ever since he has had the shop, by an old man by the name of Jordan, who works as a handy man at the Salvation Army. He stated that no one other than this man has ever stayed in this room and that he is sure that no one would stay in this room during the winter months due to the fact that this old frame building would be very uncomfortable in cold weather.

Edna Haney was again interviewed at 309 Fourth Street, SE, but no further information was obtained from her other than the fact that she purchased the property in which she now resides from Mrs. Stella Pfeffer. She stated that she paid a considerable down payment on this house and lot and has been making payments, monthly, to the bank ever since. She further stated that she does not know the present address of Mrs. Pfeffer as she has not had the occasion to see her for the past several months. She also denied having ever seen Karpis, or having ever heard Joe Rich speak of him until after Joe was arrested and the newspapers carried the article about Karpis allegedly staying at the Haney house, Joe made some remark about the absurdity of same. She stated that she knew Eddie Siemund, Eddie Brennan and Jake Gilmore and also knew that Joe Rich at one time associated with these men. She denied any knowledge as to their whereabouts at the present, stating that she has not seen either of these individuals since a considerable time prior to her marriage to Joe Rich; that she may have seen them since but that she does not recall it at present.

Edna Haney was questioned relative to the whereabouts of Dolly Rogers, but she denied knowing her present whereabouts, stating that the last time she heard of her, Dolly was in Akron, Ohio, but she does not know where she was located in that city.

Edna Simpson, maid at the Haney house of prostitution, was again questioned but she supplied no further information than that recited in the report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, July 28, 1936, in this case.

At the office of the County Recorder, there was located in Deed Book #1133, page 521, deed #36709, an entry which reflects that on January 3, 1936, the property in which Edna Haney now resides was transferred from Stella Pfeffer to Edna T. and Joseph J. Rich. The consideration mentioned in this instrument was "one dollar and other valuable consideration" and no purchase price was mentioned.

It was ascertained from the Superintendent of Mails, Canton, Ohio, that Mrs. Stella Pfeffer was residing at 823 Case Place, NE.

Inquiries at this address disclosed that Mrs. Pfeffer had gone to Los Angeles, California, and her present address was not obtained. Mrs. Pfeffer's sister stated to Agents that she knew the address of Mrs. Pfeffer but that she had been told by her not to divulge same to anyone. She stated that she would not give this address to anyone without the permission of Mrs. Pfeffer.

This address can, no doubt, be obtained through the postal authorities at Los Angeles, but at this time no lead is being set out for that office to locate her.

Prior to leaving Cleveland, Ohio, this Agent contacted Mr. Christman, manager of the Department of Public Relations, Ohio Bell Telephone Company, and Mr. Christman telephoned to Mr. A. Williams, manager of the Ohio Bell Telephone Company office in Canton, Ohio, and instructed Mr. Williams to turn over to this Agent a list of the long distance telephone calls made from or to the phone of Edna Haney or Joe Rich.

The above-mentioned list of long distance telephone calls charged to the phone of Edna Haney, #37353, was obtained from Mr. Williams and same comprises all calls from October 20, 1935, to May 15, 1936. It was ascertained from Williams that Edna Haney had a telephone in her name at 422 Walnut Street from August 1934, to February 15, 1935, but that no telephone was listed to her until October 18, 1935, when a telephone bearing #37353 was installed at 410 Fourth Street, in her home. When Edna Haney moved from this address to her present address, she had the number transferred and her telephone is still listed under the same number.

<u>Outgoing call</u>	<u>Date</u>
Lorain, Ohio, #6-1433	10/20/35
Akron, Ohio, Blackstone 8585	10/21/35
(2) to Akron, Ohio, Franklin 7265	10/28/35
Akron, Ohio, Franklin 7265	10/31/35
Lorain, Ohio, #6-1433	11/3/35
Akron, Ohio, Franklin 7265	11/3/35
Cleveland, Ohio, Washington 3095	11/9/35
Akron, Ohio, Franklin 7265	11/9/35
" " " "	11/11/35
" " " "	11/12/35
Lorain, Ohio, #6-1433	11/13/35
" " " "	11/14/35
Akron, Ohio, Plaza Hotel, Jefferson 0970	11/16/35
Lorain, Ohio, #6-1433	11/17/35
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Kenyon Bowling Alley, 823 Federal St., Cedar 9371	11/22/35
Alliance, Ohio, Charles Whitmore, #4205	11/26/35
Akron, Ohio, Gus Bolas, Sawyerwood, Blackstone 0427	11/29/35
Massillon, Ohio State Hospital, #5141	12/2/35
Akron, Ohio, Blackstone 0427	12/9/35
" " " "	12/11/35
" " " "	12/13/35
" " " "	12/16/35
" " " "	12/18/35
" " " "	12/20/35



<u>Outgoing call</u>	<u>Date</u>
Akron, Ohio, Blackstone 8585	12/23/35
" " " "	12/25/35
 <u>Incoming call</u>	
Lippe at Blackstone 3411, Akron, Ohio (Collect)	12/26/35
Joe Rich at Hemlock 3159, Akron, Ohio (Collect)	12/31/35
" " " " " "	1/2/36
 <u>Outgoing call</u>	
Charles Whitmore, 1024 Front Street, Alliance, Ohio, #4205	1/29/36
Massillon, Ohio, #6302	2/29/36
Akron, Ohio, Jefferson 0170 (9:38 PM)	3/18/36
" " " " (6:25 PM)	3/18/36
Akron, Ohio, Franklin 3529	3/18/36
 <u>Incoming call</u>	
Lutz talking from Akron, Ohio, Jefferson 0170 (Collect)	3/18/36
 <u>Outgoing call</u>	
Akron, Ohio, Jefferson 0170 (11 A. M.)	3/16/36
" " " " (10:52 A.M.)	3/16/36
" " " 5055	3/16/36
" " Blackstone 0427 (Gus Bolas, Sawyerwood)	3/15/36
Akron, Ohio, Jefferson 5055 (Dave Luskey)	3/27/36
Cleveland, Ohio, Main 3293 (Mark Wolpaw, Society for Savings Bldg.)	3/25/36
Akron, Ohio, Blackstone 8585	3/21/36
Akron, Ohio, (Mike Croucher, Ohio St. Life Ins. Co.)	4/14/36
Akron, Ohio, Franklin 3529 (Mike Kossler, Ohio St. Security Building Co.)	4/13/36
Akron, Ohio, Jefferson 3916, Jenkin Bonding Co.	4/4/36

<u>Outgoing call</u>	<u>Date</u>
Akron, Ohio, Franklin 3529 (Jenkin Security & Bonding Co.) Note: 35 Mills St. Agent - Mike V. Rossey, 1327 Midland Road.)	4/4/36
Cleveland, Ohio, Main 3293 (Mark Wolpaw, Society for Savings Bldg.)	4/3/36
Cleveland, Ohio, Main 3293 (Mark Wolpaw, same address)	5/15/36
" " " " " " " "	5/13/36
Akron, Ohio, Jefferson 0170	5/7/36
" " Jefferson 5055	5/7/36

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It will be noted that there were no long distance telephone calls from January 2, 1936, to January 29, 1936, such period covering the period from January 15th to January 21, 1936, when Karpis is alleged to have stayed at the Haney house.

It should be noted that in the statement of Earl G. Kail, in report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated July 7, 1936, that he states that this Ryan plane landed at the McKinley Airport on January 19, 1936, and departed on January 20, 1936; that he fixes these dates due to the fact that his general ledger shows a sale of gasoline for this plane on the morning of January 20, 1936. However, in the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated April 22, 1936 at Cleveland, Ohio, and on page 62 thereof, it is reflected that the records of the Courtland Hotel, Canton, Ohio, show the registration of Mr. and Mrs. John Stover, Hot Springs, Arkansas, at 6:15 P. M., January 20, 1936. It is thought that the last referred to records establish the correct date of the arrival of the plane piloted by Stover as being on January 20, 1936, due to the fact that the records maintained by Kail at the McKinley Airport are kept in a very unsystematic manner.

Ira Manderbaugh, Chief of Police, was questioned as to any information he may have relative to the newspaper article which stated that Karpis had been in Canton, Ohio, and had stayed at Edna Haney's house. He stated that he had no information whatsoever except the same rumor. He stated that he would not be surprised at Joe Rich associating with Karpis, or any other killer, as he considers Joe Rich a worthless criminal. As to Edna Haney, he stated that Edna is a shrewd woman and has been in the prostitution racket for a number of years and

that it would be very hard to extract any information from her relative to the activities of Joe Rich or his associates. He stated that he obtained some information recently, from an unrecalled source, that Eddie Brennan is at present allegedly in Akron, Ohio, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol was expecting immediate results relative to his location and arrest. He stated that he has no information whatsoever relative to the whereabouts of Eddie Siemund and Jake Gilmore, except as told to Agents Smith and Fitzgerald that they were supposed to be in Toledo, Ohio.

Chief Vanderbaugh stated that he had two men on the vice squad that he trusted implicitly and that they may have some further information relative to the whereabouts of Dolly Rogers, or the activities of Edna Haney. He introduced Agents to Sam Bennett and Lieutenant George Beresford.

These men were questioned generally relative to Edna Haney and the rumor that Karpis was supposed to have stayed at her house. These men could not provide any further information other than that in the possession of this Bureau.

Patrolman W. H. Grossglus, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Massillon, Ohio, was interviewed relative to the facts concerning Eddie Brennan. He stated that he had no record whatsoever relative to Brennan and he was positive that his department was not conducting any investigation relative to the location and apprehension of this man. He stated that he had some notation in his files that Jake Gilmore and Eddie Siemund were wanted in connection with the hi-jacking of some whiskey trucks but that he knew of no active investigation being conducted relative to these individuals. Grossglus was requested to place a note in his identification files that in the event either of these individuals was located that the Cleveland Bureau office be advised as it was the desire of this Bureau to interview these men with reference to an investigation now being conducted.

Mr. Francis A. Onesto, manager of the Onesto Hotel, Canton, Ohio, was interviewed relative to the registration records of his hotel concerning the persons registered there from January 15, 1936, to January 21, 1936. He stated that he was extremely busy in the preparation of a dinner for a convention on this evening, but that on the following day he would forward to the Cleveland office the entire registration records from January 14 to 22, 1936, inclusive.

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

On October 26, 1936, the above records were received by the Cleveland office and same were thoroughly examined, but no registration was found among this group for Grace Goldstein or Alvin Karpis. The above records were returned to Mr. Onesto via registered mail on October 27, 1936.

Due to the fact that sufficient details are not recited in the interview with Mrs. Peter Karcher, 1580 Laramont Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, in the report of former Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, dated April 9, 1935, concerning the efforts made by her to rent the house located at 3973 West 140th Street, she was reinterviewed by Special Agents A. Paul Kitchin and R. T. Noonan. The interview with Mrs. Karcher will be set out later in this report.

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Mrs. O. W. Blackman, 3969 West 140th Street, was interviewed in the Cleveland Bureau office. She stated that prior to June 15, 1934, she was residing in Lakewood near her sister, to whom she is very devoted; that on this date, both she and her sister, Mrs. Peter Karcher, received notices that they must vacate the premises that were at that time occupied by them. She stated that she immediately began endeavors to locate another residence and in this manner she found the house in which she now resides; that she rented this place at 3969 West 140th Street, from a Mrs. Cycle, on June 19, 1934, and although she did not move into this place until June 30, 1934, she immediately began to renovate the place and prepare her yard and garden. She stated that on June 20, 1934, she was at her place when she saw the neighbors, who resided at 3973 West 140th Street, drive up to their place; that she at this time engaged in conversation with this woman and ascertained that her name was Mraz. She stated that Mrs. Mraz was very angry and on this occasion told her that she was being ejected from the premises and that she was compelled to move within the next few days. Mrs. Blackman stated that upon ascertaining this, she immediately informed her sister of the proposed vacancy and both she and her sister on this same day, or the following day, went to see Mrs. Walter Mraz and at that time ascertained from her that the property belonged to the Hebebrand Real Estate Organization. Mrs. Blackman stated that she is positive that Mrs. Karcher made a telephone call to the Hebebrand organization relative to the rental of these premises and that this call was made from the Blackman home. She also stated that she is positive that her sister ascertained during this telephonic conversation that the premises were not for rent, but that they were for sale at some very exorbitant price, which she does not recall. She stated that either on this same day or the following day, Mrs. Karcher went to the Hebebrand Organization at which time she talked to a Mr. Slade. Mrs. Blackman did not go with Mrs. Karcher on this occasion but states that her sister told her of the results of this interview with Slade in that she could purchase the place but that it was not for rent under any circumstances as they had a friend who was going to move into the house.

Mrs. Blackman stated that prior to being furnished with information as to the house at 3973 West 140th Street, Mrs. Karcher had made a deposit on the place in which she is now residing, and, therefore, due to the fact that she could not come to any agreement with the Hebebrand Organization, Mrs. Karcher moved into the house on which she had made a deposit on June 28, 1934. This is shown due to the fact that Slade, as will be later reported, denied talking to Mrs. Karcher prior to the time the house in question was vacated by Karpis, and the above dates show that arrangements for the rental of the place must have necessarily been made between June 20 and 28, 1934, as Mrs. Karcher gave up the idea and moved into her present address on June 28, 1934.

Mrs. Blackman stated that on June 28, 1934, Mrs. Walter Kraz vacated the house at 3973 West 140th Street; that she recalls this date due to the fact that it was the same date on which her sister moved into her present address. She stated that on June 29, 1934, she was again at 3969 West 140th Street, making preparations for moving, when a man, whom she identifies as Alvin Karpis came to her door and asked her if she had the keys to the house next door; that she informed him that she did not have these keys, and that to her knowledge, the house next door was not for rent. She stated that Karpis turned to her and said, "I know it, but the owner is a friend of mine and he is going to let me live there."

Mrs. Blackman stated that she moved into her new place on June 30, 1934, and about that time she was subpoenaed to the Federal Court at St. Paul, Minnesota, to testify in the case concerning Harry Sawyer and William Weaver, and that she was gone from Cleveland for about one week; that when she returned to Cleveland she ascertained that a couple had moved into the house next door and she places this date as being July 6, 1934, as to when this couple moved in. She stated that she saw this couple very often and identifies them as being Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney; that they lived at this address continuously until about 5:45 A. M. on the morning of September 6, 1934, when they vacated the premises. She stated that she was awakened on this morning by the noise next door and the sound of automobiles starting and that she looked out of her window and saw two small coupes and a large sedan drive hurriedly away from this address.

Mrs. Blackman identified the photograph of William J. Harrison, deceased, as being the individual who stayed at this residence with Karpis and Dolores Delaney, stating that he apparently lived at this

place with them. She stated that she had several general conversations with Harrison and is positive of his identification. She identified the photograph of Harry Sawyer as having visited the house on one or two occasions. She stated that she identified Sawyer in St. Paul, Minnesota, in person and is also very positive of this identification. She also identified the photographs of Gladys Sawyer and Wynona Burdette as being two of the women who, on one occasion, visited this place at which time they left a chow dog and a small girl, about five or six years of age, with Karpis and drove off in an automobile with Dolores Delaney and one or two women.

Mrs. Blackman stated that she is positive that there was never exhibited any sign or placard at this address showing this place to be for rent or sale and that no signs were placed on the premises otherwise showing that they were vacant.

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Mrs. Peter Karcher, 1580 Larchmond Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, was interviewed at her residence by Special Agents R. T. Noonan and A. Paul Kitchin. Mrs. Karcher advised that prior to June 15, 1934, she was residing in Lakewood, Ohio, near her sister, Mrs. O. W. Blackman, and on that date received a notice to vacate the premises at that time occupied by her. She stated that on or about this same date her sister, Mrs. Blackman, made arrangements to rent the premises located at 3969 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. According to Mrs. Karcher, she had resided near her sister for the greater portion of her life, and she was very desirous of obtaining a residence in the immediate neighborhood of the premises rented by her sister. Accordingly, Mrs. Karcher made further inquiry relative to the rental of the premises in that neighborhood, and on or about June 20, 1934, she was advised by her sister that the premises located next door to 3969 West 140th Street, were to be vacated in the very near future. She stated that as a result of this she and her sister contacted Mrs. Walter Mraz at 3973 West 140th Street, at which time Mrs. Mraz advised her that she was being ejected from the premises by the Hebebrand real estate company and that she must vacate within the next few days. Mrs. Karcher stated that she immediately made a telephone call from the residence of Mrs. Blackman to the Hebebrand company, located on Denison Avenue. Mrs. Karcher related that she was advised by some man, during this telephonic conversation, that the premises at 3973 West 140th Street, were not for rent under any circumstances, but were for sale. According to Mrs. Karcher she made an appointment to see someone at the Hebebrand company, and that either on this same date or the day following she personally contacted a Mr. Slade at the Hebebrand company on Denison Avenue. At this time she was advised by Mr. Slade that the premises located at 3973 West 140th Street were not for rent as a friend of his, or of the organization, was going to move this house, but that this property was for sale at a price of \$5,400. Mrs. Karcher stated that she had a lengthy discussion with Slade at this time relative to the fact that this price seemed exorbitant, and that Mr. Slade gave her the impression that he was not anxious to sell this property at this time. Mrs. Karcher stated that after she failed to make any arrangements relative to the property located next to her sister, she, on June 28, 1934, moved into an apartment in which she now resides at 1580 Larchmont Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio.

Mrs. Karcher stated that she visited her sister quite frequently during the next few months, but that she never observed closely the occupants of the house located next door, and that she

would not attempt to make any identification. She stated that on the Sunday following the date that Alvin Karpis vacated the premises at 3973 West 140th Street, Mr. Slade telephonically inquired of her if she were still interested in the purchase of the property at the above location. She stated that at this time Slade talked as if he were interested in quoting a smaller price, whereupon she made an appointment with him to view the premises, and on this same Sunday she was accompanied by Mr. Slade and viewed the premises at 3973 West 140th Street. Mrs. Karcher stated that the furniture belonging to Karpis was still in this house, and that she asked Mr. Slade whether or not portions of this furniture could be purchased by her, and he replied that this furniture could not be sold until after the lapse of one year as they had not obtained actual possession of the same.

Mrs. Karcher stated that Mr. Slade is the only man with whom she ever had any dealings at the Hebebrand organization, and for a period of approximately six or eight months after the premises were vacated by Karpis, she had numerous conversations with Slade relative to the purchase of this property, but due to the exorbitant price quoted she did not make any arrangements to purchase same. She did state, however, that subsequent to the place being vacated by Karpis, that Mr. Slade seemed very anxious to dispose of the property and quoted a price of \$5,100, stating that he could make some arrangements at the West End Branch of The Cleveland Trust Company to purchase the pass books which were used for payment on the mortgage held by this bank on this property, thereby reducing the price \$200.00 or \$300.00.

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Mr. Edwin P. Slade, 1445 Prospect Avenue, Rocky River, Ohio, was contacted at the Beachcliff Realty Company, Rocky River, Ohio, at which time he voluntarily agreed to accompany Agents to the Cleveland Bureau office where he was subsequently interviewed. Mr. Slade was again questioned relative to the details of the rental of the property located at 3973 West 140th Street to Alvin Karpis under the name of H. G. Milgreth, and he related the same information as has heretofore been reported. Mr. Slade was questioned relative to the fact that Mrs. Peter Karcher personally contacted him prior to the rental of this property, prior to Karpis having rented the house, but he emphatically denied that he had seen Mrs. Karcher or had any telephonic contact with her prior to the time this property was vacated by Karpis. He stated that the first time he met Mrs. Karcher or talked with her relative to the rental



of this property was a few days after this property was vacated by Karpis, when he recalls accompanying her to the premises. Mr. Slade stated that for six or eight months following this time he endeavored to sell this property to Mrs. Karcher, but no arrangements could ever be effected.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

Cleveland FILE NO. 7-1

REPORT MADE AT Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 11/3/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/22 to 29/36	REPORT MADE BY J. V. MURPHY EJB
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY; 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; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Signed statement obtained from Constance Burkhardt, who was entertainer with Jerry Massiker at Casino Club in summer of 1934. She identifies photographs of Jimmie Wilson, Harry Campbell, William Harrison, Wynona Burdette, Russell Gibson, Charles J. Fitzgerald, Dolores Delaney, Edna Murray and Dr. Joseph P. Moran as persons frequenting the Casino Club while she worked there. She stated that Captain George Timiney and other Toledo Police Department detectives drank at the Casino Club during the period of her employment. She recalls that last week in June 1934, Dr. Moran, who was drunk and boisterous, was taken from the Casino Club by Russell Gibson and two unknown persons; that these three returned without Dr. Moran, and she never recalls seeing Dr. Moran after that time; that Ted and Bert Angus, Jimmie Wilson, Slim Gibson, Harry Campbell and Nig Cousins went to Middle Island together on a fishing trip. Al Wilson, who lived at the Burdella Apartments with Thelma Holst during 1934, unable to identify photos of Barker-Karpis gang. Ed Nagle, who kept company with Mildred Kuhlman during summer of 1934, identified photo of Charles J. Fitzgerald as person known to him as "Pops", but unable to positively identify other photos of members of the Barker-Karpis gang. Charles Sweet stated Coolie Monroe left Middle Island 10/19/36, for his home in Canada, address unknown. Deane Allen furnished no additional pertinent information. John J. McAlister identifies photo of Benson Groves as person known to him as Old Ben, who frequented Courtesy Club prior to August 1936. Efforts to locate Benson Groves unsuccessful. Ethel Julert, waitress at 42nd Street Cafe, identifies photo Benson Groves as person frequenting that cafe and talking to Joe Roscoe prior to April 1936.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. P. McFarland</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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Frances Belander, former servant at home of Joe Roscoe, identifies photo of Benson Groves as Ben, who visited there prior to May 1936; that Mrs. Roscoe informed her that Ben is now in California. Mrs. Jimmie Hayes furnished no information with regard to vice and gambling payoffs in Toledo.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 10/24/36.

DETAILS: This report covers the investigative activities of Special Agents E. B. Dill, A. Dickstein, A. J. Norstrom, and J. V. Murphy.

AT TOLEDO, OHIO

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 22, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent H. D. Harris, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 19, 1936, wherein it is noted that Jarry Massiker advised that one "Connie" had been a fellow entertainer at the Casino Club.

Ed Schlatter, Goody House Bar, Sylvania & Phillips Avenue, advised that he does not know the location of "Connie" nor does he know her full name.

Inquiry at numerous night clubs and taverns in Toledo, revealed that this woman used the name of Connie Brinkman, and that she resided in the vicinity of Dorr Street and Detroit Avenue. After neighborhood inquiry, it was determined that she resided at 1458 Dorr Street, Toledo, where she was located and brought to the temporary offices for interview,

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at which time it was learned her true name is Constance Burkhardt, and the following signed statement was obtained, the original of which is being retained in the Cleveland office file:

"513 Edison Building  
"Toledo, Ohio  
"October 22, 1936.

"I, CONSTANCE BURKHARDT, known professionally as Constance Brinkman, 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 reward. I give this statement because I wish to tell the whole truth of what I know concerning this matter.

"I am 25 years of age, am single, and reside at 1458 Dorr Street, Toledo, Ohio. I am an entertainer by profession, having begun such profession on April 15, 1934, for Ed Schlatter, at 2501 Detroit Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. I arrived in Toledo, from Cleveland, Ohio, on above date, and Joe Brinkman, a driver for the Community Traction Company of this city, introduced me to Schlatter. Jerry Massiker, an entertainer, had been working there several weeks previously, and Schlatter invited me to try out with Jerry Massiker. We harmonized perfectly, and Schlatter employed us as a sister team, known as the Massiker Sisters, the Personality Girls. I played the piano and sang, while Jerry sang and did an Oriental dance as a special feature. We stayed with Schlatter until the middle of June 1934, when Charlie Kennedy, who was the head of the Bartenders Union of Toledo, offered to manage us, and said that he had a proposition for us at Angus' Casino Club. Jerry was going with Kennedy at the time, and paid him nothing for his services. Kennedy took us out to the Casino Club on Summit Street, in Point Place, and the Angus' gave us an audition, and hired us immediately. I believe this occurred on a Friday night, and the following Tuesday night we began work.

"We started work about June 19, 1934, at about 9:00 P. M., and worked until six or seven o'clock the following morning. For our services we received \$35.00 a week a piece, and our salary was paid out of tips alone, and all tips over and above our salary were split between the house, and Jerry and myself.

"The first night we entertained at the Casino Club, we played to a large crowd. I have been shown photographs of the

Barker-Karpis gang, and I identify those of Jimmie Wilson as a person known to me as Jimmy Jackson, Harry Campbell known to me as Buff, William Harrison known to me as Willie the Clown, Wynona Burdette, known to me by that name, Russell Gibson known to me as Slim, Charles J. Fitzgerald known to me as "Pops", Dolores Delaney, known to me by that name, Edna Murray and Doctor Joseph P. Moran, who I recall seeing at the Casino Club, but whose names I never knew. All those persons named above, were regular patrons of the club, and all of them were present every night that I played at the club.

"Jerry and I were also known as the Massiker Sisters at the Casino Club. We were hired by Ted Angus for one week's engagement, and Ted Angus kept us over for a second week. We also worked on the night of July 17, 1934, when Angus had the Waiters and Bartenders Annual Frolic at the Casino.

"The aforementioned persons kept to themselves, and we were afraid to approach them, as their girls were snobbish, and they were not friendly to us.

"About the third night that we were there, Jimmy came up to the piano and asked for the 'Boulevard of Broken Dreams', his favorite song, and Jerry sang the number for him at his table. Wynona, Buff, Slim and Willie the Clown were at the table, and after the song Jerry and Jimmy danced together. Jimmy waited to take Jerry home, but she refused, as Jerry and I always went home together. From that night on, Jerry was crazy about Jimmy.

"These people whom I have identified, always grouped together, and always took possession of the place no matter how many persons were there. Bert and Ted Angus never beefed about the gangs carrying on, and they both seemed to be right in with them, although they pulled a lot of rotten stuff off. This gang was very generous with their tips. Jimmy always paid us \$1.00 or \$2.00 for a song, and I remember that Willie gave us \$5.00 once and \$7.00 another time for a tip. Willie always took the kitty box around the crowd, and he was the only one who was not on the make, as far as we were concerned. Slim was always trying to make us, and one night he asked to take Marie Barley, our cook, to her hotel, the Navarre. He tried to get smart with her, so she got out of the car and took a bus to her hotel. She wasn't on speaking terms with him after that, and before that Slim was always hanging around the kitchen.

"I was pretty green about things at that time, and I will never forget what happened at the Casino Club during the time I was employed there with Jerry the latter two weeks of June 1934.

"About the fourth night we were there, the whole gang was there and they were all lit up. They were drunk and carried on. We couldn't entertain decently because of their foolish pranks. Jerry was singing a number, and Willie got out on the middle of the floor and began to disrobe. Willie was always clowning on the floor, but this night he took all his clothes off, down to his shorts. Jerry told me to bang on the piano, as we were pretty embarrassed. 'Pops', the old man was standing at the bar, and walked over to Willie, and jerked the buttons off the shorts with his cane. Willie's shorts fell off and he dashed off the floor and went downstairs, completely nude, all but shoes and socks. Bert and Ted Angus both watched this affair and both got a big kick out of it. Bert usually occupied the second booth near the door, and always sat alone smoking a cigar, unless Nig Cousins sat with him.

"Nig Cousins and his wife were at the Casino Club a lot during this time. Mrs. Cousins was very jealous of Mrs. Ted Angus, whose given name I do not know. Nig Cousins didn't appear to be associated with the gang, although he laughed a lot at their maneuvers. Ted usually sat on the last stool at the bar, next to the door where we went downstairs.

"One night a woman known as 'Big Bertha', who ran a house of prostitution in Toledo, was at the Casino with Mrs. Ted Angus at a table. The woman whose photograph I identify as Edna Murray, also sat at their table, with two of 'Big Bertha's' girls, a blonde and a brunette. The brunette was a dope head and was really high, and I remember she did a low down dance on the floor. Five detectives followed 'Big Bertha' in, and among them was a detective whose photograph I identify as Captain George Timiney. I didn't know they were detectives or who they were, but they joined 'Big Bertha's' party.

"The little brunette was standing at the piano, and one of the detectives told me he would give me \$50.00 dollars for a date. I refused to talk to him, and the little brunette told him that if he wanted that sort of stuff, he should come down to her place. The brunette then told me that they were a gang of coppers, and not to pay any attention to them.

"Captain Timiney was drinking, but was not drunk, but the rest of the detectives were plenty drunk. I don't think the rest of the gang was present that night, outside of Mrs. Angus and Edna Murray. The place was wild that night and 'Big Bertha's' party stayed for an hour. That's the name the brunette girl called her, but I do not know any additional information about her.

"During the above two weeks, I remember one night Jerry and Jack 'Cum Cum' Smith, a waiter at the club, were caught in a downtown hotel by two detectives from the Toledo Police Department. Jerry was pretty drunk when she left the job that night, and she was using dope at the time and was pretty wild. She used to go to Dr. Rosenberger on Huron Street, the Medical Center, and got a shot in the arm every night, after she got through with her job.

"This particular night, the police found Jerry in bed with 'Cum Cum' and Jerry was naked. The detectives took Jerry to the police station and called in her brother, Merle Massiker, a Toledo policeman. Jerry told me that she and 'Cum Cum' drove back to the Casino Club after Merle slapped her face, and Jimmy Wilson pulled a gun on 'Cum Cum' for getting Jerry in that jam. 'Cum Cum' didn't show up at the job for two nights, as the gang ribbed him so much that he was scared of them. Bert and Ted Angus couldn't wait till I got to work to tell it to me, and they were all laughing about it. I think that this incident was a put up job on Jerry's part, although she never told me. Jerry had a reputation for being quite wild around the city of Toledo.

"We completed our first week at the Casino Club, and because the gang insisted, Bert and Ted Angus kept us for another week. The first Sunday night of the second week, Slim told Jerry that Jimmy was down at Willow Beach with another woman. It was just before we went to work that evening, and we had sufficient time to drive down there. Slim, Jerry and myself drove down to Willow Beach, and we saw Jimmy leaving the pier with another woman, whose identity I don't know. Jimmy and this woman had been riding on some amusements, and when Jerry met Jimmy, she just told him that he had a good alibi and left him. He had told her he couldn't be at the Casino that night, because of another engagement.

"Jimmy was living at the Jarvis Apartments, and Jerry told me that she had slept with him a couple of nights. At his apartment every morning when we left work, she would drive past his apartment to see if his car was parked there, as she was awfully jealous of him.

"The beginning of the second week, I remember that Doctor Moran was awfully drunk at the Casino Club, and he seemed to be talking too much, as far as I could observe. I thought the boys were taking him home, as three of the gang left the Casino with Moran. Jimmy stayed at the Casino, while Slim and two other fellows, whose identities I could not recall, took Dr. Moran out of the Casino. I had never noticed Moran before that night, but he was awfully loud and the boys were arguing with him.

"Slim returned between three or four hours later, awfully excited and nervous, and Slim asked Ted Angus for towels, wash-rag and soap. He only had pants and the top of his B.V.D's on, and he said he was awfully dirty and wanted to wash up. Moran didn't come back with Slim and the others, and I never saw him after that time. Slim acted awfully upset, and acted as though he were afraid of something. Slim went over to a table and drank, ordering straight shots of whiskey. The whole gang acted worried a few days thereafter, and they seemed to be afraid that something was going to happen, so Ted Angus suggested a fishing party to Middle Island.

"Slim asked me, and Jimmy asked Jerry to go on the party with them, and Ted told us girls it would be all right for us to go along. I asked him if Mrs. Angus was going to accompany Ted, and when he said no, Jerry and I refused to go. Bert Angus was left in charge of the Casino Club, and Ted Angus, Slim, Jimmy Jackson, Buff and Nig Cousins went along on the fishing party. They were gone for three days and the girls were not in touch with them. Edna Murray, Wynona Burdette, Mrs. Cousins, and Mrs. Angus stayed at the Casino Club and raised hell about not hearing from the party. They became worried, got drunk, and raised hell. Edna was particularly angry, as she sure used filthy language all the time they were gone.

"The fishing party lasted for two nights and three days, and the gang got back before Jerry and I got to work. The couples were quarreling between themselves, when we got to work that night, and from that night on everything was pretty quiet with the fellows.

"About the time of their return, I got the idea that something was wrong with the gang, and I couldn't confide in Jerry because she was so close with Jimmy. I mentioned to her the night that Slim asked for the towels, that there was something wrong with Slim, and she told me that if I knew when I was well off, I would keep my mouth shut, or I wouldn't be able to open it.

"At the end of the two weeks, the gang lost interest in us, and our tips were cut down, and Ted didn't seem to care if the place did any business or not. Jimmy wouldn't take Jerry out after she refused to go on the fishing trip with him, and they both had a falling out.

"The last Sunday night of the second week, Ted Angus told us he was going to change entertainment, and for us to go get a new job. We had been popular with the public crowd, and they really liked us, and I couldn't understand why he was letting us go. He then hired Scottie and Ross, a girl, to follow us.



"Before Jerry and I left, he asked us to have a drink with him at the bar, as he wanted no hard feelings, Slim seemed taken back, but Jimmy had lost interest in Jerry. I might state that Edna was trying to break Jimmy and Jerry up anyway."

"We played for the Frolic at the Casino on July 17, 1934, from 9:00 P. M., in the evening until 7:00 A. M., the next morning, but I never saw any of the gang there that night, and Ted didn't say anything to us about them."

"I didn't go to the Casino and never saw the gang after that. However, about two months ago, while playing at Ka See's Night Club at 4014 LaGrange Street, Toledo, Ohio, at which time Ted Angus and Nig Cousins came out, and Ted Angus gave me \$5.00 for a song. Ted wanted me to work at the New Casino at \$50.00 per week, but I turned him down."

"I have read the foregoing statement consisting of five typewritten pages, and the facts given therein are the truth to the best of my knowledge and recollection. I have made my own corrections after reading this statement."

WITNESSES:

/s/ CONSTANCE BURKHARDT

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

It should be noted that Constance was unable to identify photographs of Doc Barker, Fred Barker, Paula Harmon, Volney Davis, Ollie Berg, and Alvin Karpis. She informed that if any of these persons had been conspicuous in their presence at the club, she would be in a position to recognize their photographs. With particular reference to Dolores Delaney, she recalled having seen her, but could not recall incidents or circumstances attendant to such meeting. She further informed that she recalled Edna Murray vividly, because of her lewd and filthy speech, but that she never saw her in the company of a man. As she recalled, Edna posed as Jimmy Wilson's sister. She further related that the gang seemed to be antagonistic toward Edna, and that she constantly quarrelled with them.

Constance further informed that she did not know Ludy Fleming or Joe Roscoe, and never saw them at the Casino. Neither did she recall having met Coolie Monroe or Charlie Becker at the Club, although she stated that there were employees of the club, whom she had seen, but whose names she did not know. She explained this by stating that the Anguses never confided in her, although they did to Jerry Massiker, and that she endeavored to mind her own business, in so far as possible, and not to make too many inquiries.

She further related that Wynona and she became very friendly and that Wynona frequently sang at the club. She recalled that she and Jerry had dinner at the club on three afternoons during their engagement, and that all of the above-mentioned persons were present on these occasions, drinking and carousing. She related that they spent money freely, but that she never learned of their occupations or activities, and because of Jerry's attitude, made no inquiries.

She informed that Wynona Burdette had just recovered from an appendectomy at that time, and appeared to be very weak. Wynona advised her that Buff and her were married and that they were from Texas.

Constance further recalled that after the incident when Willie Harrison disrobed, she asked Jerry about the advisability of giving up the job as the actions of these people were extremely suspicious, and that the Anguses appeared to heartily endorse anything that the gang did. She was of the opinion that the Anguses and these persons were in some illicit enterprise.

It should be noted that at the time Agents located Constance, she was in the company of one Bud Horn, whom she introduced as her husband. Horn was reluctant to permit her to talk with Agents and maintained a surly attitude toward the proposed interview.

However, she later informed that Horn was not her husband, and that although they lived together she posed as his wife for the sake of decency. She further informed that Horn contemplated obtaining employment in Florida, shortly, but that she, although unemployed, would remain in Toledo throughout the winter. She further informed that she will move to 1648 Dorr Street, on October 26, 1936, and can be located at any time at that address. She further related that Fred Burkhardt, a brother of hers works in the map department of Sears-Roebuck in Chicago, Illinois, and that she ordinarily kept contact with him.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 23, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated August 29, 1936, at Cleveland, Ohio, wherein it is noted that Mildred Kuhlman advised that she lived at the Burdella Apartments, Collingwood and Cherry Streets, Toledo, Ohio, with Thelma Holst and Al Wilson, following her return from Texas in May or June 1934.

Al Wilson was located at his residence, by Agents, at the Madison Court Apartments, 813 $\frac{1}{2}$  Madison Avenue, and was requested to appear at the temporary offices, 513 Edison Building, Toledo, Ohio, for interview.

He informed that he is presently employed at the Courtesy Club, 513 $\frac{1}{2}$  Jefferson Street, Toledo, Ohio, as a crap dealer, having first been employed at that place ten years ago under Jimmy Hayes, and now employed by Benny Levine, who with Herb Lange took over Hayes' interests, following the death of Hayes at the hands of racketeers in Detroit in 1935.

He informed that he is 36 years of age, divorced. He stated he first met Thelma Holst in 1933, when she and Rene Holst were bootlegging at the Jarvis Apartments in Toledo, Ohio, and that he lived with her thereafter until January 1935. He informed that they continued to live at the Jarvis Apartments until the spring of 1934, at which time they moved to an apartment in the 1800 block on Franklin Avenue. He further related that in the fall of 1934, they moved to the Burdella Apartments, where they occupied an apartment on the third floor.

He insisted that this was in the fall, in that they would be required to heat their apartment on Franklin Avenue, and for that reason moved to the Burdella Apartments. He further related that shortly thereafter Mildred Kuhlman came to live with them at the Burdella Apartments, which was rented in the name of Al Wilson, and Mildred paid one-half of the rental. He stated that Rene came to live with them also and that she was keeping company with Ludy Fleming at that time, while Mildred Kuhlman was keeping company with Ed Nagle.

When shown photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang he informed that none of them bore likenesses of persons he had previously met or known. He advised that during this period of time he worked nights at the Courtesy Club from 7:00 P. M., until 5:00 A. M., the following morning, and never had the opportunity to go out with Thelma during that time of the evening. He further advised that he occasionally

stopped at the Casino Club on Summit Street, after working hours, but that he never recalled having seen any members of the Barker-Karpis gang, Thelma, or Mildred at the Club on occasions of such visits. He advised that the Casino Club was the only place he could buy liquor at that hour, and that he was always in the company of Bill Erwin, Jimmy Gray, John Schmeckle, and Ed Brunschweiger, all employees of the Courtesy Club. He advised further that he recalled meeting Ludy Fleming and Rene there on several occasions. He further advised that he met Joe Roscoe at the Casino Club on one occasion in the early morning, and recalls having met Walter Belpash there on several occasions, although he could not give the exact time. He advised that he frequented the Casino Club, while living on Franklin Avenue, as well as the Burdella Apartments.

He further stated that Thelma never informed him whom she met at the Casino Club, although he knew that she was there quite often when he worked, nor does he recall that Thelma, Rene or Mildred ever discussed meeting any Auto-Lite strike breakers at that place. He also advised that he did not know that Volney Davis, or Edna Murray ever resided at the Burdella Apartments, and that the only visitors to the apartment whom he knew were, Mrs. Charlie Haymaker, who resided on the second floor, Bert and Madeline Angus, Mr. and Mrs. Hoel, and Danny Holst, Rossford, Ohio, parents and cousin, respectively, of Thelma.

He further advised that the first intimation he had that the Barker-Karpis gang had been in Toledo was following the arrest of Mildred Kuhlman with Doc Barker in Chicago in January 1935. He informed that he quarrelled with Thelma Holst about Mildred having lived with them while associating with such a notorious character, and that a week or so thereafter, he left Thelma when she accused him of running around with other women. He advised that he saw her shortly thereafter at the Casino Club one morning with two other girls from the Auto-Lite plant at Toledo, where she was working, but has never heard from or seen her since.

He insisted that while living with Thelma, he was not interested in her affairs, and never questioned her activities, and that she never confided in him, nor did she ever advise him, even following Mildred's arrest, that she had known or associated with members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 26, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent M. C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, August 29, 1936, wherein it is noted that Mildred Kuhlman advised that during the summer of 1934, she was keeping company with Ed Nagle, and that Nagle, when he discovered the type of people frequenting the Casino Club, was displeased with her, but that he had nothing to do with the gang.

Nagle was located at the James E. Nagle & Sons, Electroplating Company, 2042 Hawthorne Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, of which company he is the vice-president. Upon request of Agents, he appeared at the temporary offices for interview.

He informed that he is 33 years of age, single, and that prior to the death of his father a few months ago, had been a regular patron for years of all the night life places of Toledo. He informed that he had always been a free spender, and was apparently well known in Toledo as a so-called "play boy." He informed that in 1932, he met Mildred Kuhlman at Thelma Holst's apartment at the Jarvis Apartments, Toledo, Ohio, where Thelma was bootlegging. Thereafter Mildred moved to the Georgia Manor Apartments in Toledo in 1934; when he renewed his acquaintance and kept company with her for several months. He informed that practically every night in the week, he and Mildred visited various night clubs in Toledo, stopping at each place only long enough to have a drink, doing this to avoid staying in one place long enough to become intoxicated.

He informed that thereafter Mildred left Toledo, and that he did not use liquor or frequent night clubs from January to June 1934, in that he had seriously neglected his business, theretofore. However, he recalled that either in June or July of 1934, he again began frequenting these places, and for about a month kept company with Mildred. He informed that at that time, Mildred was living at the Burdella Apartments with Thelma, and Rene Holst and Al Wilson, and that Thelma and Rene were frequently at the Casino Club on Summit Street, Point Place.

He informed that he and Mildred occasionally visited the Casino Club, but although he saw Thelma and Rene there on a number of occasions, he refused to join them. He advised that he did not know the identities of anyone at the Casino, other than Bert and Ted Angus, and Mig Cousins, but that the Casino had the reputation of being a hangout for all the local hoodlums, and he didn't want Mildred to patronize the place. He further advised that at this time Mildred

seemed to be comfortably fixed, although she had no visible income, but he chided her for associating with Thelma and Rene, and the type of people who frequented the Casino Club. He further informed that Rene was keeping company with Ludy Fleming, and that he particularly disliked Fleming, as he had heard from numerous bootlegging friends that Fleming was a double-crosser.

When shown photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis gang, Nagle informed that some of them were very familiar, but that he was at a loss to state definitely where he had seen these persons. He informed that he had met so many people about Toledo, that unless he was introduced to them, he would be unable to place them. He further informed that Mildred never spoke to these people, and because of his business activities, never associated with people whom he saw in the various places which he frequented.

He stated that the photograph of Charles J. Fitzgerald was the likeness of a man known to him as "Pops", whom he had seen in various bootlegging joints in Toledo a number of years ago, but whom he had not seen in recent years. He further advised that he recalled the photograph of William J. Harrison as that of a habitue of Jackie Kennedy's Studio Club. He further informed that he believed that the photographs of Dr. Joseph L. Moran and James J. Wilson were the likenesses of persons he had seen standing at the bar in the Casino Club, but could not be positive in his assertion, other than he believed that Dr. Moran always wore a hat.

He further informed that the names, aliases, or nicknames of these persons were not familiar to him. He also advised that he could not definitely state at what time he had seen Nig Cousins at the Casino, and stated that he could not remember ever having seen Ludy Fleming, Captain George Timiney, or Detective Art Langendorf at that place, although they were all known to him. He explained, however, that his visits at the Casino Club were always of short duration.

With reference to the photograph of Harry Campbell, he recalled having seen this individual at Al Vollmer's Cafe, now known as the Mayfair Nite Club, Adams and 17th Streets, Toledo, Ohio. He advised that this occurred last winter, as he remembered that he saw this individual there on several occasions, as the waiters at the place called him "limpy" and they advised Nagle that he was "good", meaning a liberal tipper.

He informed that he did not know of Vollmer's present location, but that two of his former bartenders are now employed at a recently opened tavern on Sylvania Avenue at Revere Street, Toledo.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents J. J. Norstrom and A. Wickstein on October 26, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, dated September 12, 1936, wherein Mrs. Elsie Sweet advised that her husband, Charles Sweet, had been employed as a cook at the 42nd Street Cafe and was then at Middle Island.

Agents located Sweet at his home, 612 Lotus Street, Toledo, Ohio, and he was requested to appear at the temporary office, at which place he was interviewed. He advised that he was presently unemployed, in that Middle Island closed for the season on October 19, 1936, and that the only employee presently on the Island is Buster Williams, caretaker, who resides at the Island permanently. He further stated that Walter Belpash has returned to Toledo, but does not know his present address. He also stated that Coolie Monroe has returned to his home in Canada, but that he does not know his address.

Sweet advised that he obtained employment from Joe Roscoe at the Jovial Club, 631 St. Clair Street, as a cook six years ago. Two years ago, Roscoe gave him a job at the 42nd Street Cafe, and in May 1936, he requested permission to work on Middle Island for the summer, as he had heard that the patrons at the Island were liberal tippers, which he later found to be untrue. He further stated that he took his wife and family to the Island, and that they lived in a tent at that place until July 4, 1936, at which time he and his family returned to Toledo for three weeks, at which time Tex Williams accepted his job.

He returned, however, in the latter part of August to the Island, and both Tex and he worked in the kitchen. When shown photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang, he informed that none of them was a likeness of persons he had previously seen at the 42nd Street Cafe, or elsewhere. He advised that he is exceedingly nearsighted, and is unable to recognize people except at close view, which may be true, in that he wears very thick lensed eye glasses.

Sweet further advised that despite his employment by Roscoe for a period of six years, he knew little about him, as Roscoe never spoke to him or anyone else, and never confided in anyone, to the best of his knowledge. Neither have the employees of the Island ever spoken of the presence of any members of the Barker-Karpis gang at that place.

Sweet informed that the only former employees of the Island other than those above mentioned that he had ever heard of were Gus Arnke, and a cook named "Red", who worked at the Island for several years, and this individual is now believed to operate a



poolroom at the town he believes to be Bellevue, Ohio.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, October 23 and 24, 1936:

Reference is made to reports of Special Agent L. C. Taylor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, dated March 5, 1936 and April 17, 1936, incorporating interviews had with Archie Negleman, an inmate of the Northeastern Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. It is noted in the report of Special Agent Taylor dated March 5, 1936, that he mentions he was introduced by Ed Seaman to a person whom he later learned was Harry Campbell; that this introduction took place in a rooming house operated by a German woman in Toledo, Ohio, who had a daughter by the name of Mary teaching school. Negleman stated he did not know the address of this rooming house, but furnished descriptive information as to how it might be reached.

Efforts were made by Agents to locate the house mentioned by Negleman, without success.

In a recent interview an Agent of the Cleveland office had with a German woman, who operates a call house at 124 West Bancroft Street, Toledo, she stated to the Agent that information which she had furnished had been instrumental in the apprehension of Harry Campbell at Toledo, Ohio. It was also ascertained by the Cleveland office Special Agent that this German woman has a daughter who is teaching school.

Believing this German woman might be the one referred to by Archie Negleman, she was interviewed by Agents at her residence, 124 West Bancroft Street. She stated that her name is Elta M. Gurin; that she is now operating a rooming house at her present address, where she has resided since 1918. Mrs. Gurin stated that she has a married daughter, Mrs. Gwendolyn K. Day, who resides in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and is teaching school there at the present time. She also stated she has another married daughter, Mrs. Atha Fitzgerald, who resides in Fostoria, Ohio; that she does not have a daughter by the name of Mary.

With regard to information Mrs. Gurin claims she furnished which she believes was responsible for the apprehension of Harry Campbell, she stated that while working as a nurse she learned indirectly that Harry Campbell was working on Adams Street; that she gave this information to her attorney, Mr. Jacobson, whom she believed in turn gave the information to Assistant United States Attorney Openlander. She



stated she furnished this information to her attorney about four or five weeks before the apprehension of Harry Campbell.

Photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis gang, which included those of Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis, as well as those of Eddie Siemund, and Jake Gilmore, were exhibited to Mrs. Gurin. She stated she is unable to identify any of them as persons she had ever seen. She selected the photograph of Harry Campbell and stated she believed she had seen his photograph in the Toledo newspapers, after his apprehension.

Archie Negleman, in his instructions as to how to reach the rooming house where he was introduced to Harry Campbell, mentioned above, stated that just before reaching this house he crossed a narrow bridge. After interviewing Mrs. Gurin, Agents made a survey of the neighborhood, but was unable to locate a bridge of any kind in the vicinity of 124 West Bancroft Street.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, October 26, 1936:

Deane Allen, who was previously interviewed in detail, as set out in report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, June 27, 1936, was reinterviewed at her apartment, 24 Seney Apartments, 16th and Monroe Streets, Toledo, to obtain any additional information she might be able to furnish regarding this matter.

She was questioned as to whether or not she had been on any parties at Johnny Thomas night club, the Market Business Men's Club, at which time Sam Coker, Harry Campbell and Edith Barry were present. She stated she has never been on a party with those persons, and has not been in Johnny Thomas' club in over three years; that she is not personally acquainted with Edith Barry, but knows of her by reputation. She stated that the only time she ever saw Harry Campbell and Sam Coker was at Goulet's Grill, where she visited quite often to drink beer, prior to the apprehension of Campbell and Coker. She stated she never had any conversation with either of these two men. Miss Allen also stated that she learned from some one at Goulet's Grill, whom she does not recall, that Sam Coker and several others were drinking at Goulet's Grill on St. Patrick's night, 1936, and after Goulet's Grill closed that night, they all went to the Owls' Club, which is operated by her sweetheart, John J. McAlister; that she was not present at the Owls' Club on this occasion, and her informant also told her that Harry

Campbell and wife were not in the party with Sam Coker, also that Edith Barry was not a member of this party. She stated that her informant told her that Sam Coker and party went to the Owls' Club and drank and were there only a short time.

Photograph of Benson Groves was exhibited to Deane Allen, and she stated she cannot identify same as being the likeness of any one she ever saw.

She was further questioned in detail with regard to her knowledge of George Timiney's connection with Ted Angus concerning vice, gambling, and payoffs in Toledo and Lucas County, Ohio. She did not, however, furnish any information in addition to that set out in report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, above mentioned.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents F. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, October 26, 1936:

As Deane Allen, when interviewed on October 26, 1936, mentioned that Sam Coker and others, whom she does not know, visited the Owls' Club on the night of March 17, 1936 (St. Patrick's Day), which club is operated by John J. McAlister, her sweetheart, John J. McAlister was located at apartment 24, Seney Apartments, where he resides. He was interviewed and stated that after Sam Coker was arrested in Toledo, Ohio in the early part of May 1936, he learned that Coker and some other persons had visited the Owls' Club on St. Patrick's Day, 1936, but he did not recall seeing him there. He stated that he does not recall ever having seen Harry Campbell.

McAlister was questioned as to whether or not he knew a character in Toledo, Ohio, who was called "Old Ben", and at the same time the photograph of Benson Groves was exhibited to him. He stated that he does know a person called "Old Ben", and identified the photograph of Benson Groves, U. S. Penitentiary, No. 38605, as the photograph of this person. He stated he has known Benson Groves for about 19 years; that he first met him at the Arcadia Tavern in Erie, Pennsylvania, where he, McAlister, formerly resided; that at the time he knew Groves in Erie, Pennsylvania, Groves was associated with Jack Pier (phonetic), who at that time was the bootleg boss in the state of Pennsylvania; that for this reason he, McAlister, assumed that "Old Ben"

was a "front" man for a bootlegging ring. McAlister stated that after "Old Ben's" vacation (a term in the penitentiary) he came to Toledo, Ohio, and stayed until about July or August of this year (1936); that prior to about six or seven weeks ago he, McAlister, was employed as door man at the Courtesy Club, 513<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Jefferson Avenue, and "Old Ben" Groves visited this club about three or four times a week for about a year and a half prior to July or August 1936; that he, McAlister, often talked with "Old Ben" as much as two hours at a time at the Courtesy Club on current events; that "Old Ben" was quite a well-read man and was conversant on the subject of mechanics, having served an apprenticeship as a mechanic. He stated that "Old Ben" usually left the club around midnight; that although he talked to "Old Ben" on many occasions, he never asked him what his present occupation was or where he was living. McAlister stated that "Old Ben" was very conservative in dress as well as his living and never appeared to have an excessive amount of money. McAlister stated that the photograph of Benson Groves, U. S. Penitentiary #38605, is a very good likeness of him. He stated he has no idea where "Old Ben" might be at the present time, and does not know his present associates.

McAlister stated he knows Edward Clarence "Boiler" Webb, but that he is certain that "Old Ben" does not associate with Boiler Webb, in view of the fact that Webb is a very boisterous type of person and not dependable, while on the other hand "Old Ben" is a quiet conservative person and one who could be depended upon.

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

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 24, 1936, page 45, and letter of the Cincinnati office to the Cleveland office, dated October 14, 1936.

It will be noted from an interview with John J. McAlister, set forth elsewhere in this report, that McAlister states Benson Groves is a mechanic, having served an apprenticeship in that trade. As set forth on page 45 of reference report it will be noted that one George Wilson, 934 Barry Street, Toledo, Ohio, who registered an automobile in or near Toledo, Ohio, in the year 1936, in the name of George Wilson, which is an alias used by Benson Groves, is listed in the 1936 Toledo City Directory as a mechanic employed by the Toledo Machine & Tool Company. In view of McAlister's statement that Benson Groves is

a mechanic, investigation was made at 934 Barry Street, on October 23, 1936, where Mrs. I. Wilson was interviewed. She stated that George Wilson, residing at that address, is her son, age 29 years, and he is employed as a mechanic for the Toledo Machine & Tool Company.

On October 24, 1936, investigation was made at the Toledo Police Department, Identification Division, to ascertain whether or not there was any local record on Benson Groves. A file was found on Benson Groves, in the Identification Division, and examination of this file disclosed that the Toledo Police Department had record of numerous old arrests on this man, and in the file were several photographs of Groves, which were not of recent date. There was also found in this file a fugitive wanted descriptive circular, with photograph of Benson Groves, U.S.P. #209, issued October 5, 1936, by the Post Office Department, office of Inspector in Charge, Cincinnati, Ohio, case #99941-D, stating that Groves is wanted in connection with the holdup and robbery of mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio, on November 7, 1935. This circular was received by the Toledo Police Department on October 24, 1936. This circular does not offer a reward for the apprehension of Groves.

Criminal record of Edward Clarence Webb, alias "Boiler", was examined at the Toledo Police Department, Identification Division and same discloses that Webb served a term in the Federal penitentiary for robbery of U. S. Post Office at Steubenville, Ohio. It is noted from report of Special Agent F. J. Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 22, 1936, that Benson Groves was indicted by Federal Grand Jury in company with James F. "Tip" Neil, Clarence Webb and others for robbery of the U. S. Post Office at Steubenville, Ohio, on which charge Groves was sentenced to serve five years in the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, from June 6, 1931. The Clarence Webb mentioned in Agent Smith's report, is, no doubt, the same person as Edward Clarence Webb, alias "Boiler."

Edward Clarence Webb resides in room 327, Hotel Algeo, Toledo. Observation of this hotel, and surveillance of Edward Clarence Webb over a period of the past week has failed to disclose to date that he has contacted any person who resembles the photograph of Benson Groves. During this period of surveillance, Webb visited at various times the Turf Bar, the Algeo Hotel Bar, the Buckeye gambling club at 229 Superior Street, and the Lafayette Cafe, corner of Jefferson and St. Clair Streets.

On October 27, 1936, Special Agents A. Dickstein and A. J. Norstrom interviewed City Detective Harry Hanson, Toledo Police Department, and Hanson informed them that Clarence "Boiler" Webb is presently

residing at the Algeo Hotel, Toledo, and Webb is a close associate of City Detective Art Langendorf; that Webb can usually be found at the Turf Bar, the Algeo Bar and the Goulet Grill; that Webb is a close friend of Jack MacDonald, alias Jack Mack, a brother of Kate Goulet, who is an ex-convict and is now bartender at Goulet's Grill.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 26, 1936:

Ethel Miert, 216 Marion Street, Toledo, Ohio, advised Agents that the photograph of Benson Groves was that of an individual known to her as Ben, a former patron of the 42nd Street Cafe. She informed that Ben was a very close friend of Joe Roscoe, as Groves visited the cafe practically every night during the past winter, and would sit with Joe Roscoe at a table located at the corner of the bar from 10:00 P. M., to closing time, and neither of them would speak a word during the entire time.

She further informed that Ben rarely drank liquor, but that he would occasionally order a short shell of beer, tipping the waitress twenty-five cents on each order. She also stated that Ben was well known to all employees at the cafe, and that Harry Melles, a former bartender, would occasionally drive Ben home, although she was not aware of his address. She also stated that Ben was always wearing glasses on each occasion he had been at the cafe.

She further advised that she has not seen Ben since April 1936, but that if he puts in his appearance again at the cafe, she would immediately communicate with Agents.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. Dickstein and A. J. Norstrom at Toledo, Ohio, October 28, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, October 24, 1936, page 45.

Frances Gelandner, 264 Marion Street, Toledo, Ohio, advised upon being shown a photograph of Benson Groves, that this individual was known to her as Ben, and that he was a frequent visitor to the home of Joe Roscoe last winter. She further stated that she has not seen Ben since May or June 1936; that about two months ago she inquired of Mrs. Joe Roscoe as to the present whereabouts of Ben, and

Mrs. Roscoe advised her that Ben was in California and that he ordinarily returns to Toledo each winter. Miss Selander further advised that she contemplates returning to Roscoe's to work, if her mother will permit it, and she will then endeavor to obtain additional information as to Ben's whereabouts.

Irving Greenspoon, bartender at the Market Business Men's Club, operated by Johnny Thomas, 216 1/2 Superior Street, Toledo, was also contacted, and a photograph of Benson Groves exhibited to him. He advised that this individual bears no likeness to any person he has previously seen at the club, and he could not identify Groves as a person he has ever seen around Toledo, Ohio. However, Greenspoon, advised that he will make discreet efforts to ascertain the identity and possible location of Benson Groves, and if successful, will advise Agents.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, October 28, 1936:

Gertrude Billeter Miller was reinterviewed at the home of her mother, Mrs. Gertrude Billeter, on Kopernik Avenue. She stated that Harry Campbell was first introduced to her by Clara McGraw, at McGraw's rooming house, as "Bob", and later Clara told her that Campbell's name was "Bob Brown", her cousin; that she never knew Campbell by any other name until the night before she and Harry were married, and on that night she was sitting in a room at McGraw's rooming house with Ed and Clara McGraw and Harry Campbell, at which time Harry Campbell stated in substance that since he was going to marry her, Gertrude, he might as well tell her his name, and then stated that his name was Charles Miller; that when they applied for a marriage license at Bowling Green, Ohio, on May 29, 1935, Campbell gave his name as Clarence Charles Miller. She stated she never knew Harry Campbell's true identity until the day he was arrested. She was questioned as to why she called Campbell by the name of "Bob", and she stated she did not know other than that was the first name he gave her and she continued to call him by that name.

With regard to Alvin Karpis, Gertrude stated she knew Karpis only by the name of "Sonny", and did not learn his true identity until he was apprehended in New Orleans about May 1, 1936, at which time his picture appeared in the Toledo newspaper. She stated two or three weeks prior to the date Karpis was apprehended

she saw in the Toledo newspaper a picture of Karpis, listing him as Public Enemy No. 1, and offering \$5,000 reward for his arrest or information leading to his apprehension; that she thought she recognized Karpis' picture as being that of same person she met at McGraw's and known to her as "Sonny" and she took the paper to her husband (Harry Campbell) who was lying on the bed, and asked him who he thought it looked like, and he said he did not know, and she asked him if he didn't think it looked like "Sonny" and he said it was not, as the picture of the man in the newspaper had higher cheek bones than "Sonny". She stated that no mention was ever made to her by her husband (Harry Campbell) concerning the apprehension of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans about May 1, 1936.

Gertrude stated she never noticed a photograph of her husband (Harry Campbell) in the newspapers until after he was apprehended on May 7, 1936, and did not see a photograph of Harry Campbell in the newspapers at the same time that of Karpis appeared therein.

With reference to that part of Esther Goulet's statement concerning Harry Campbell carrying a pistol, as set out in report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, October 24, 1936, page 32, Gertrude Billeter Miller stated that her husband (Harry Campbell) carried his pistol stuck in his belt in the back, and she never questioned him as to why he was carrying a pistol; that she believed he was carrying it because he always had a large amount of money on his person; that she never told anyone that Harry carried a pistol to safeguard the diamonds he and she wore.

Gertrude stated that she and Harry had never been to the New Casino Club in Toledo, and at no time did either she or Harry suggest going to that place. She stated that she and Harry did visit the Dugout on one occasion, and this was during the time she and Harry were living in their trailer car at her mother's home near the Dugout. She stated she recalls this visit to the Dugout was about 5 P. M. on July 4, 1935; that her mother was going to give a weiner roast that night, and during the late afternoon she and Harry were at McGraw's rooming house; that her mother invited Clara and Ed McGraw to the weiner roast, but Clara could not go, and Ed McGraw accompanied her and Harry to her mother's home, and upon arriving there they went over to the Dugout to have a couple of drinks before going on the weiner roast party; that on entering the Dugout, as they did not have membership cards which were required to gain entrance, membership cards for Ed McGraw, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller were made out and given them. She stated the three of them sat at a table and after having a drink, Harry excused himself and went to the men's rest room in the basement; that while he was gone some drunken man came to their table and seated himself in Harry's chair, and commenced to annoy her; that



Ed McGraw asked him to leave, which he would not do, and when Harry returned to the table an argument ensued, and as a result the door-man of the Dugout requested that they return their membership cards and leave; that Harry returned the card given to him for her and him, but Ed McGraw refused to return the card given him, although all three of them left the place immediately, and never returned to that club again.

Gertrude stated she recalled that on one occasion when she and Harry were at the Granada Gardens, operated by Jim Coleman, they had an argument with some other guests there, which was caused by those guests pushing their seat back, pushing her and Harry against the table; that as these guests, whose names she does not know, were leaving the Granada Gardens, one of the men made a remark to Harry which caused Harry to invite him outside to fight; that Jim Coleman, the proprietor, quieted Harry down and Harry did not leave the place to fight this stranger.

Gertrude stated that at no time while she lived with Harry Campbell did he ever take her to the Little Club, formerly the Little Casino Club, nor did he ever mention to her that he had ever visited that place.

Gertrude was again questioned with reference to her knowledge that Harry Campbell might have an investment in slot machines in Toledo or Lucas County. She stated she has never written to Harry regarding same, and has otherwise been unable to ascertain that he had such an investment.

She stated she has not as yet started annulment proceedings, in view of the fact that her husband (Harry Campbell) may effect his release from the Federal penitentiary some time in the near future, and she feels that she should wait a while before starting any proceedings to annul her marriage.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, October 29, 1936:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, July 11, 1936, wherein an undeveloped lead was set out for the Detroit office at Harbor Springs, Michigan, to interview Mrs. Jimmie Hayes and obtain any information she might have knowledge of concerning payoffs in the vice and gambling rackets in Toledo. A letter was received from the Detroit office, dated October 23, 1936, advising that Mrs. Hayes left Harbor Springs, Michigan, approximately October 15, 1936, and is now at her home 2709 Collingwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, where she will remain until about November 1st, when she



is expected to leave for the south.

Mrs. Elenore M. Hayes, widow of James Hayes, deceased, was interviewed at her residence 2709 Collingwood Avenue, Toledo. She was questioned in detail concerning payoffs in Toledo to allow gambling and vice to operate in Toledo unmolested. It is noted that Mrs. Hayes' husband, known as Jimmie Hayes, prior to the time he was murdered in Detroit by gangsters in the fall of 1934, was reputed to be the king of gambling racket in Toledo, and it is alleged that he made payoffs to allow gambling to operate unmolested. Mrs. Hayes stated that she knew absolutely nothing about her husband's business operations; that he was very close-mouthed, and never discussed his business with her; that this made it quite hard on her, in view of the fact that she had to take over known business after his death, and on account of not knowing anything about his business dealings, it is possible he may have had investments in businesses which she knows nothing about, and which she has no doubt lost. Previously conducted investigation at Toledo has disclosed that Jimmie Hayes was very close-mouthed and never talked about his business dealings; also that Jimmie Hayes, prior to his death, had an interest in the Jovial Club, 631 St. Clair Street, and the Courtesy Club at 513 Jefferson Street, Toledo, which are gambling clubs. In this connection, Mrs. Hayes stated that her husband never had any interest in the Courtesy Club; that he did have an interest in the Jovial Club about 1926 or 1927, but disposed of same, and if he had an interest in the Jovial Club at the time of his death, she knew nothing about it.

With regard to businesses operated by her husband, Mrs. Hayes stated he operated a night club known as The Villa, located on the Dixie Highway, U. S. Highway #25; that this club was closed for the two seasons preceding her husband's death, and is no longer operated by her; that to her knowledge, her husband never made any payoff to anyone to allow this club to operate. She further stated she contributed her husband's success to the fact that in connection with his gambling operations, he never mentioned anybody's name.

Mrs. Hayes was questioned as to whether or not she knew Ted and Bert Angus, and she stated she is not personally acquainted with them, although knows who they are; that she never heard that Ted and Bert Angus were collectors of payoff on rackets in Toledo at any time. She stated she never visited the Casino Club on Summit Street; that she was in Florida during the winter of 1933-34, and returned to Toledo in March 1934, where she remained a short time; then she and her husband went to Harbor Springs, Michigan, to open their resort, and they remained there during the summer until they closed their resort the first part of October 1934.

Continuing, Mrs. Hayes stated that she and her deceased husband had known George Timiney for a number of years; that her husband and Timiney were very good friends, and often played golf together; that Timiney had been to her home to see her husband a number of times, prior to her husband's death. She stated she does not think Timiney would attempt to harbor any of the Barker-Karpis gang, for it would be a "feather in his cap" to cause their apprehension; that he made a good name for himself in cleaning up the Italian gang (Licovoli gang), and she believes he is a good, honest officer; that Timiney spent about ten days' vacation at her resort at Harbor Springs, Michigan, in August 1936.

Mrs. Hayes stated that John B. McMahon, 1118 Edison Building, Toledo, was her husband's attorney for a number of years, and is at present her attorney; that Mr. McMahon could furnish definite information as to the dates on which her deceased husband sold his interest in the Jovial Club, if such information is desired. She stated her deceased husband at one time had an interest in the old Brooklyn Race Track at Cleveland, Ohio, which was an unsuccessful business venture.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Toledo, Ohio, will continue further investigation. No leads are being set out herein, inasmuch as leads are being assigned in memorandum form.

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Mr. Chauncey Strain,  
Postmaster,  
Wann, Oklahoma.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

You were recently contacted by Special Agent  
L. E. Kingman of this office, who requested a renewal of the  
cover on all mail going to and from the Lett family, who  
receive mail out of your Post Office.

You requested Mr. Kingman to furnish you with  
self-addressed envelopes for the mailing of tracings to this  
office, and also a supply of onion skin paper for the purpose  
of making the tracings. A supply of both envelopes and this  
paper is being forwarded to you herewith.

Your cooperation in the past has been deeply  
appreciated by this office, and we shall appreciate very  
much your forwarding tracings of all first class mail received  
and sent by this family to this office.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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## Specimens:

8. One application for purchase of dangerous or deadly weapons  
#A 704 dated August 17, 1935 in name of Roy Eckles.  
K1. One page bearing specimen signatures of Roy Eckles.

Examination requested by: Oklahoma City

Date received: 10-31-36

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel

After a comparison of the signature on the application form listed above as 8 with the specimen signatures of the suspect no conclusion was reached because of the inadequacy of the specimens submitted. It is requested that more specimens of the suspect be submitted if other conditions warrant. These should be handwritten in pencil on ruled paper. Also some information should be given as to whether the handwriting appearing in the body of the application is written by the same person as that of the signature.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau October 31, 1936.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure:

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118

Detroit - Michigan

November 6, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith, in duplicate, copy of a letter written by Wynona Burdette to her sister, Mrs. R. D. Wilson, Hominy, Oklahoma, under date of October 17, 1936. Copies of this letter are also being transmitted to the offices listed below.

A photostatic copy of the original letter was received at the Detroit Office through Mr. John J. Ryan, Superintendent of the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan.

Very truly yours,

*Herold H. Reinecke*

Herold H. Reinecke  
Special Agent in Charge

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Letter addressed:  
Mrs. R. D. Wilson,  
Hominy, Oklahoma

Milan, Mich.  
Oct. 17, 1936

Darling sister and family:

How are all of you getting along? Esther dear I thought I would wait to answer your letter until I got my papers and had them filled out. I just got them finished. Gee they are sure darbies to fill out, and how, and me with this wonderful memory of mine. I sure had a time. I sure had a time. I guess I let my self get too nervous. I have a nice big headache. But I was so afraid I would make a mostake that I didn't know what to do, and I really want to make parole, and turn over a new leaf in life. I really think I have had my share of trouble in this world.

How's our little girl Gwen getting along? I guess she is back in school now isn't she? I want to be there for her graduation so bad, doesn't she graduate this year? Has she got very many things in her hope chest? I'm making a lunchion set. And the darn thing is to pretty to part with, I mean to part with to sell downstairs, and I was just wondering if she wouldn't like to have it. don't say anything to her about it, and when I finish it, I'll see if I can send it to her.

Do you ever hear from Eunice? I must have said something in one of my letters that hurt her feelings but I can't recall what it could have been. I haven't heard from her in 2 monthes, and I know she gets my letters because I send them to Millies address, maybe Charles won't let her write any more. I wish Jim & Ruth would write me once in awhile, in with Eunices letter. I had a letter from Art, Helen, and Helens mother the other day. they are getting along just fine again, that big brother of ours is sure a changeable guy, don't you think? ha ha, one letter I get from him he says he's going to leave Helen, and the next time I hear from him they are doing swell. I look any time to hear that he's on his way to Oklahoma (or) the stork has visited them. ha. really he has me guessing. He's a little knockout. Oh gee, there is the prettiest music on the Radio right now, a pipe organ, they're playing the Doll Dance. Music really can drown a person's troubles can't it? I love it.

We have a few instruments up here and I try to play them all. I would, huh? We have a Guitar, Banjo Uke, Drum, Violin, and Organ. We have quite a time. When we're all in the humor of talking and singing together, which is very seldom, but the girl I run around with, she and I play and sign most every night.

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Ester, where is Ellen Louise at now? I sure hope she is getting on good, she is so sweet and tiny. Where is she going to school?

Have you got your teeth yet? You have never said any more about them. I hope you are all well and happy. I'll ring off for this month, my head and neck is hurting, leaning over here writing.

I hope I can let you know about the parole in a couple of monthes. I send my papers down in the morning but it may be a month or more before the board meets, see? But will let you know as soon as I find out.

Answer soon.

With Loads and Loads of love  
from your Baby sis & Aunty,

Nona B.