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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio.

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REPORT MADE AT Louisville, Ky.	DATE WHEN MADE 11/4/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/31/36	REPORT MADE BY F. E. HURLEY CAK
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232 - FUGITIVE; et al; EDWARD J. BREMER - Victim;			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Benson Groves, with aliases, not known at Henderson, Ky. Henderson Credit Bureau closed business in 1934 and absorbed. Present employees have no record of correspondence with Groves in 1931 and 1932 while incarcerated in the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Letter from Inspector E. J. Connelley, dated 10/12/36 at Cleveland, Ohio.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: AT HENDERSON, KY.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Agent's inquiries developed that there is no such concern as the Henderson Credit Bureau in business at the present time; that there was such a company in 1931, 1932 and 1933, but that it was absorbed by the Interstate Finance Corporation of Kentucky in 1934; that the present manager of the latter concern is Mr. Russell G. Carlisle, #4 Farmers Bank & Trust Company Bldg., Henderson. It was further ascertained that a Mr. Duke Devasher, the former executive officer in charge of the Henderson Credit Bureau, is now somewhere in Missouri; that his first assistant was Mrs. Hattie Chaney, a Secretary in the employ of the State Highway Commission, Frankfort, Ky. Her home address in Frankfort is #426 Shelby Street.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Mr. Russell G. Carlisle and his assistant, a Mr. R. W. Woodside, searched their records and reported that there are several cards of former accounts on file in the name of Groves and Grayson; that there is no card of</p>			
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record, past or present, in the name of George Wilson or Burns Corby; that the name of Grayson and Groves is very common in the vicinity of the City of Henderson and Henderson County. Carlisle produced a card showing that one Ben Grayson, Merritt Drive, Henderson, opened an account with the former Henderson Credit Bureau on September 9, 1931, or rather, Grayson owed the A. T. Callender Coal Company of Henderson \$27.50 which Grayson had neglected to pay; that the Credit Company under Mr. Devasher, attempted to collect the debt from Grayson up to February 24, 1933, on which date the account was closed as "uncollectable." Messrs. Carlisle and Woodside furnished several names of persons named Graves and Groves who might be able to give some idea who Benson Groves might be. Nothing of additional value was learned from these cooperators.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Robinson, 2nd & Elm Streets, Henderson, were interviewed by Agent and Mr. Woodside. Mrs. Robinson, an experienced clerk at Mr. Carlisle's office, is sick at her home at present. Nothing was learned as to Subject other than it is possible that Groves, alias Ben Grayson, might have been connected with one Grim/Hollowell and one Sales, 221 Tenth St., Evansville, Ind., two well-known bootleggers. According to Mr. Robinson, Hollowell and Sales, particularly the latter, would know of a Ben Grayson who was associated with them in the bootlegging racket a few years ago; that he, Robinson, knew that there was a Ben Grayson who was prominent in the bootlegging racket with Sales and that he is of the opinion that Grayson was arrested and sent to some penitentiary, the name of which is not certain. Mr. Sales is said to be residing on New York Street, Evansville.

Miss Christine Moss, an experienced clerk at the Henderson Sales Finance Co., #8, Farmers Bank & Trust Bldg., searched her records but found nothing as to Subject Groves, alias Grayson. She was unable to furnish any information as to this man. Mr. King, the Manager, was also interviewed with negative results.

Sheriff John T. Reed and his Deputies, Howe and Gregory, were interviewed without results. However, Agent, accompanied by Gregory and Howe, made inquiries at the home of a trusted informant near that of Ben Grayson, a former State convict. It was ascertained that Grayson has lived in Henderson for nearly 40 years; that he has served time at the State Penitentiary, Eddyville, for horse stealing; that he has no living sister or no relative named Mrs. Ida Fryar of Hammond, Ind.; that his description does not tally with that of Subject Groves. It further developed that it was this Ben Grayson who owed money to the A. T. Callender Coal Company in 1931 and 1932. So far as this well informed informant is advised, Ben Grayson never lived in Ohio or elsewhere in Kentucky other than in Henderson within the past

30 years. Furthermore, that this Grayson is well known to Messrs. Gregory and Howe as well as Officers Clyde Adkins, E. H. Brown, George Williams and others at Police Headquarters, Henderson. Nothing of a definite character was learned from any of the several law enforcement officers listed above. No such person as Groves, alias Grayson, alias Corby, etc., who has served time in the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., is known to them. They could give no information or leads that might result in locating Subject Groves in view of the fact that the identity of Subject could not be clearly placed and that the date and place of his conviction and commitment to the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, was not disclosed.

During the course of the several inquiries as to Subject Groves, Agent suggested to the several officers that they contact their confidential informants and friends with the view to locating someone who might know Groves, a former Federal prisoner at Atlanta. These suggestions were carried out with negative results. Agent interviewed Will A. Graves, 1307 O'Byrne Street in this connection.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE at Evansville, Ind.

Ascertain whether Grim Hollowell and an associate named Sales is now located in Evansville as reported above. Discreetly interview them through cooperators or under pretext as to Subject Groves, alias Ben Grayson. A record as to this man may possibly be obtained through the police, U. S. District Clerk or the U. S. Marshal at Evansville. Copy of letter of Agent Connelley dated October 12, 1936 is enclosed herewith.

THE CLEVELAND OFFICE at Cleveland, Ohio.

Is requested to ascertain from Inspector E. J. Connelley at Cleveland, the date and place of Subject's Groves' conviction and for what violation he was committed to the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., in 1931. This information is desired for elimination purposes at Henderson, Ky., in cooperation with the police and the Sheriff.

THE LOUISVILLE OFFICE at Frankfort, Ky.

Mrs. Hattie or Hallie Chaney, State Highway Commission Office, or 426 Shelby St., Frankfort, will be interviewed relative to any information she may remember as to her writing the Ben Grayson named in this case sometime between July 10, 1931 and September 10, 1932, at a time when he was incarcerated in the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. Chaney is reported to have an excellent memory and was chief assistant to Mr. Devasher, the Manager of the Henderson Credit Bureau in 1931 and 1932.

At Henderson, Ky., further investigation will be conducted at the Sheriff's office and elsewhere when additional information is received from Cleveland as to Groves.

P E N D I N G

November 5, 1936

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith copies of a memorandum dated October 29, 1936 prepared from the information contained in the Bureau's files regarding the murder of Police Officer Miles Cunningham at Chicago, Illinois on September 22, 1933.

At the time you interview Mr. James P. Allman, Commissioner of Police, Chicago, Illinois concerning the Saint Valentine's Day massacre as previously instructed, I desire that Mr. Allman be acquainted with the information contained in the enclosed memorandum, and furnished with a copy of same.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

October 29, 1936.

MEMORANDUM

RE: MURDER OF POLICE OFFICER
MILES CUNNINGHAM

On September 22, 1933, five men in two automobiles held up two messengers and two guards of the Federal Reserve Bank, Chicago, Illinois at Jackson Boulevard near LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, and stole three bags containing mail which was being transported from the Chicago Post Office to the Federal Reserve Bank.

After the robbery those responsible fled in a Hudson sedan, but had an accident with the car at Adams and Halsted Streets, Chicago, Illinois. Police Officer Miles Cunningham of the Chicago Police Department and a fellow officer stopped to investigate the accident, and as they approached one of the cars involved in the accident five men fled from it, two or more of them being armed with machine guns. These men opened fire on the officers and killed Officer Cunningham. At the time Officer Cunningham and his fellow officer began the investigation of the automobile accident they did not have knowledge of the robbery which had been perpetrated a few minutes before on Jackson Boulevard.

Volney Davis advised Special Agents that the Hudson car used in this robbery contained several extra sets of license plates, photographs of which appeared in Chicago newspapers. One of these license plates was a Minnesota tag bearing #B-141145, and he recognized this plate as being one of the several plates which he had stolen for members of the Karpis-Barker gang, this particular plate being stolen by him in Duluth, Minnesota.

He stated that shortly after the robbery Arthur "Doc" Barker came to his house and had his hand bandaged. Davis further advised that since he has been in Federal custody he was furnished information by Elmer Farmer that on the night of the robbery Bryan Bolton, who had been a participant, had shot "Doc" Barker accidentally through the little finger of his left hand with a machine gun. He stated that Farmer further advised him that on this night Harry.

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Sawyer, Fred Barker, Arthur "Doc" Barker, Fred Goetz, alias George Zeigler and Alvin Karpis came to Farmer's home in Bensenville, Illinois, and it was these individuals who were responsible for the robbery and murder of Miles Cunningham.

Bryan Bolton has furnished the information that the persons responsible for the murder of Miles Cunningham are Fred Goetz, Fred Barker, Arthur "Doc" Barker, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis and Harry Sawyer, and claims that he obtained this information from Fred Goetz.

During the course of the questioning of Alvin Karpis by Special Agents concerning the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer of St. Paul, Minnesota, he was also questioned concerning the murder of the Police Officer. Karpis stated that Harry Sawyer was not in the robbery and inferred that it was Bolton rather than Harry Sawyer who was a participant, and that Bolton shot a stone out of "Doc" Barker's ring with a machine gun.

During the interrogation the statement was made to Karpis by Special Agents that Karpis and other members of his gang did not give Miles Cunningham a chance, but shot him down without warning. To this remark Karpis replied, "That is not so, he was told to stick up his hands."

Karpis would make no direct admission concerning his guilt in connection with this matter, but stated that he had positive reasons to know that Harry Sawyer was not implicated in the murder of Miles Cunningham.

POST OFFICE BOX 812,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

November 6, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

In re: BREXID

Reference is made to letter from this office to the Kansas City office dated November 3, 1936, a copy of which was furnished the St. Paul Bureau office.

A review of the file in this case reflects that Charles Carroll was arrested by the St. Paul Police Department on April 14, 1933, and that this information was conveyed to Fred Spohn, fingerprint expert, Sheriff's Office, Chardon, Ohio. In the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, dated at Detroit, Michigan, December 3, 1934, there is set out on page 12, a letter addressed to Fred Spohn and signed "Frank J. Noonan, per E. Cook", in which it was suggested that Mr. Spohn write to St. Paul and Washington in an effort to secure some information on Carroll.

It is kindly requested that you have an Agent immediately call at the St. Paul Police Department in an effort to locate any letters which Mr. Spohn may have written to them relative to the status of Carroll. If such a letter is located, it is suggested that a transcript of same be made and that the name of the person who is competent to introduce the same in evidence be secured. Kindly designate a copy of your report for the United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio, and give this matter your prompt attention, as it is contemplated that this case will be presented to a Federal Grand Jury at Cleveland, Ohio, in a few days.

Very truly yours,

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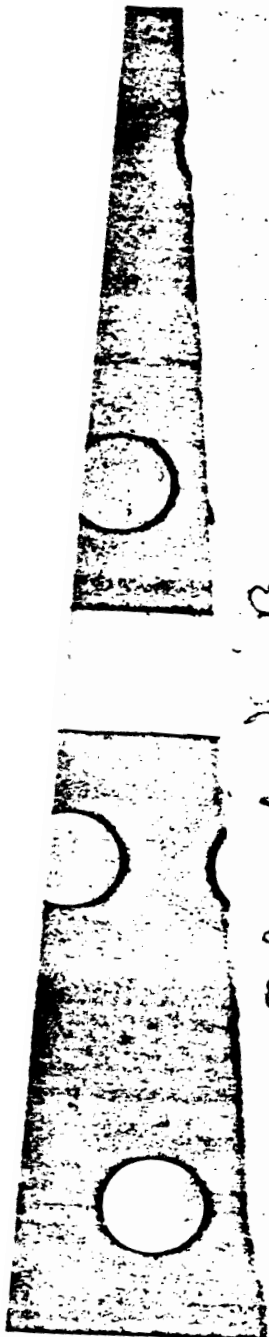
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Edward J. Bremer

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FILE NO. 7-36

REPORT MADE AT Okla. City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE 11/3/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/27 to 30/36	REPORT MADE BY L. E. Kingman
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnaping; Obstruction of Justice; Harboring of Fugitives; National Firearms Act
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No indication that Milt Lett has been in the vicinity of Coffeyville, Kans., South Coffeyville, Okla., or his home near Wann, Okla. Ted Thornton is not operating a joint at South Coffeyville. Mrs. Constance Ferris, mother of Lett's wife, has not heard from her daughter. Mail cover renewed at Wann, Okla. Postmaster there states very little mail going or coming to the Lett family. Lett was seen by Jake Myers, Jr. of Nowata, Okla. in the early part of Aug., 1936 at Jay, Okla. Relatives of Lett in the vicinity of South Coffeyville, Okla. have heard nothing of him, and contacts made with the view toward accomplishing his surrender.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent A. Paul Kitchin, Cleveland, 9/8/36, and report of Special Agent V. W. Gillen, Kansas City, 9/22/36.</p> <p>DETAILS: At Nowata, Oklahoma.</p> <p>Gene Haverfield, police officer, and Hugh Owens, Deputy Sheriff, were contacted. These two officers have maintained constant watch in the vicinity of Milt Lett's home, and have endeavored to secure information as to his whereabouts. Mr. Owens stated that he had been unable to develop any information indicating the present whereabouts of Lett, but that he was certain that Lett</p>			
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had not been in the vicinity of his home, because if this were true, he would have received some information to that effect, at least after Lett had made his visit. Gene Haverfield stated that the only information he had been able to develop was that Jake Myers, employed by the Stanolind Pipe Line Company at Nowata, Oklahoma, had told him some time ago that his (Myers) son had seen Milt Lett at Jay, Oklahoma in August, 1936.

Jake Myers was interviewed at his place of employment at the Stanolind Pipe Line Company. Mr. Myers said his son, Jake Myers, Jr., age fourteen, was at Jay, Oklahoma in the early part of August of this year, and that when his son returned home to Nowata he stated he had seen Milt Lett at a little cafe in Jay eating a couple of hamburgers; that Lett was driving a black Ford V-8 Coupe, and that when he saw Myers he hurriedly left the restaurant, jumped into his car, and drove away. Jake Myers, Jr. confirmed this statement, and stated that Lett was alone, and that he was positive of the identity as he had seen Lett several times at Nowata in 1934 during a trial when Lett was accused of having stolen some guns which belonged to the elder Mr. Myers. Jake Myers, Jr. said he did not get the license number from the automobile, and had never seen Lett since that occasion. Mr. Haverfield stated that he had maintained contact with Jake Myers, Sr., and that Myers, with other persons around Nowata who knew Lett, would immediately furnish him any information which they were able to obtain that might be of assistance in locating Lett.

At Wann, Oklahoma.

Chauncey Strain, Postmaster, was contacted. He stated that the Lett family, which receives mail on a rural route, was receiving very little mail at this time, the most frequent letters coming from Mrs. Collins, sister of Lett at Wichita, Kansas. Mr. Strain stated that he had not been forwarding tracings of mail to the Oklahoma City office because recently during a visit to Wann, George Hill, Post Office Inspector at Tulsa, had informed him that it was not necessary for him to take duplicate tracings, but that the tracings which Strain was forwarding to the Post Office Inspectors at Tulsa at their request would be available to agents of this Bureau. A renewal of the mail cover was requested, and Mr. Strain stated that henceforth he would furnish tracings to both the office of the Post Office Inspectors at Tulsa and to the Oklahoma City office of the Bureau. Mr. Strain stated that he and John R. Hendrixson, the carrier on the rural route serving the Letts, were maintaining watch of the mail dispatched by the Lett family, and that very little mail was sent out by this family, most of it being letters to Sears Roebuck & Company or similar communications. Mr. Strain is of the opinion that if Maggie Lett is communicating with Milton Lett she is doing so by some other means than the Wann Post Office.

John R. Hendrixson, rural route carrier, stated that he was maintaining constant watch on both incoming and outgoing mail to the Lett family, and had observed nothing of interest. He stated that he also kept watch of the roads and highways throughout his route each day for some indication that Milt Lett might be in that vicinity, and that he was certain Milt Lett had made no visits to his mother's home, at least during daylight hours.

A letter is being directed to Mr. Strain, the postmaster at Wann, Oklahoma, requesting a renewal of the mail cover on mail addressed to the Lett family.

Walter Anderson, brother-in-law of Milt Lett, was interviewed at his farm six miles east of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. He stated he does not believe Maggie Lett or Charlie Lett or Sig Lett, mother and brothers of Milt Lett, had heard anything from Milt. He has not seen the Lett family for about four or five weeks, and stated he has not seen Milton Lett since last fall when he got scared and left that part of the country, and has not even heard of him being in the vicinity of Wann or South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. He stated he does not have the slightest idea where Milt Lett could be found. He also stated that he sees Earnest Walker, who resides five miles southwest of South Coffeyville, very frequently. Earnest Walker is another brother-in-law of Milt Lett, and the Walkers receive mail on rural route #5 out of Coffeyville, Kansas. Mr. Anderson stated that he was positive the Walker family was not hearing from Milt Lett, and had no idea where he could be located.

In order that the data might be accurate as to the relatives of Milt Lett, agent discussed the identity of these relatives and their present location with Mr. Anderson. There are some exceptions noted as to the list of relatives set out in the report of Special Agent Kitchin, dated September 8, 1936 at Cleveland; therefore, the following list is given:

Relatives of Milt Lett

Maggie Lett, mother, R. R. #2, Wann, Oklahoma.
Charles Lett, brother (age about 19), R. R. #2, Wann, Oklahoma.
Sig Lett, brother (age about 16), R. R. #2, Wann, Oklahoma.
Jane Lett Collins, sister (wife of Ora Collins), 150 Lula St.,
Wichita, Kansas.
Ora Collins, brother-in-law, 150 Lula St., Wichita, Kansas.
Clifford Collins, nephew (son of Ora Collins), 150 Lula St.,
Wichita, Kansas.

Lela Mize, sister (wife of Raymond Mize), 4003 Hydraulic St.,
 Wichita, Kansas.
 Raymond Mize, brother-in-law, 4003 Hydraulic St., Wichita,
 Kansas.
 Ethel Walker, sister (previously given as Ethel Lett Forth),
 wife of Earnest Walker, R. R. #5, Coffeyville, Kansas.
 Earnest Walker, brother-in-law, R. R. #5, Coffeyville, Kansas.
 Ella Anderson, sister (wife of Walter Anderson), six miles east
 of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma.
 Walter Anderson, brother-in-law, six miles east of South Coffey-
 ville, Oklahoma.
 Hazel Anderson, niece, (daughter of Walter Anderson), 21 S.
 Allen Street, Chanute, Kansas.
 Thelma Fritz, niece, (daughter of Walter Anderson), 21 S. Allen
 Street, Chanute, Kansas.
 Herman Fritz, nephew by marriage (husband of Thelma Fritz), 21
 S. Allen Street, Chanute, Kansas.
 Roy Collins, brother-in-law, Tyro, Kansas.
 Tony Collins, nephew (son of Roy Collins), 1455 Fannie Street,
 Wichita, Kansas.
 Fred Collins, nephew (son of Roy Collins), presently residing
 with Walter Anderson, six miles east of South
 Coffeyville, Oklahoma.
 Ruby Perkey, niece (daughter of Roy Collins), 410 S. 2nd Street,
 Ponca City, Oklahoma.
 Lucille Ferris Lett, wife, address unknown. Her father, A. V.
 Harris, resides at 803 E. Walnut, McPherson, Kansas.
 Her mother, Mrs. Constance Ferris, resides at 605 W.
 10th Street, Coffeyville, Kansas, and is employed in
 the WPA sewing room at Coffeyville.

Mr. Anderson stated that Fred Collins, nephew of Milt Lett, who
 formerly resided at 410 S. 2nd Street, Ponca City, Oklahoma, is presently
 working on a farm and living part of the time at the Anderson Home; that he
 had married recently a girl whose last name is McCarty, daughter of a neighbor
 to Mr. Anderson. Fred Collins is known to have formerly associated with
 Milt Lett. Mr. Anderson stated that he was positive that Fred Collins had
 no information which would be of value in locating Milt Lett, as he had talked
 with Collins on several occasions about Milt Lett, and that Collins would
 have had no reason to withhold information from Mr. Anderson. Mr. Anderson
 stated further that he did not believe Maggie Lett was hearing from Milton
 Lett because at this time she has no money, and on the occasion of her last
 visit to the Anderson home, about four or five weeks ago, stated that she was

not able to plant any crop of wheat this fall because she had been forced to sell her seed wheat for money to live on. During the interview with Walter Anderson agent indicated that Milt Lett was wanted by this Bureau merely for questioning in the hope that he would be able to assist the Bureau in clearing up the situation with reference to harboring charges now under investigation in Ohio. Mr. Anderson expressed the opinion that it would be much better for Milt Lett and all of his relatives if he were in the custody of this Bureau rather than to be in the custody of some other law enforcement agency which might be seeking him, and that he, Anderson, would at the first opportunity convey this idea to Maggie Lett, mother of Milt Lett, and to all the other relatives. Mr. Anderson stated he had very little association with the Collins branch of the family at Wichita; that there was a possibility that some of the Collins family at Wichita might be hearing from Lett, and through them he communicated with his mother, Maggie Lett, but if this were true, Mrs. Lett was certainly very secretive about it, and did not tell other relatives anything about having heard from Milt Lett.

Following out the suggestions made in the reference report of Special Agent Kitchin, contacts were had with several of the persons mentioned.

With reference to Pearl Stanley, who resides on a farm east of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, it was ascertained that this woman still maintains her home at this location. Agent was advised by Gene Haverfield, police officer at Nowata, and by George Tobler, Jr., Deputy Sheriff at Coffeyville, Kansas, that there was no indication at the present time that this woman was harboring any thugs; that she would furnish no information to any officer, and that a contact with her from an investigative standpoint would avail nothing, even if she knew anything about Milt Lett, which was seriously doubted by these officers. Agent drove by her place, which is a two story brick house, and there was no indication of any activity around these premises.

Charley McCabe, who operates the McCabe filling station at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, was contacted. He apparently, at the present time, is perfectly willing to assist this Bureau in locating Milt Lett, or in any other matter regarding the apprehension of fugitives. This attitude on his part has shown improvement since the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell, as he was probably fearful of the consequences if he furnished any information prior to their apprehension. McCabe stated he had endeavored constantly to ascertain some information that would be of assistance in the location of Milt Lett, and that he was positive that Milt Lett had not been in the vicinity of South Coffeyville or his home at Wann, Oklahoma since he left Coffeyville, Kansas last winter. Mr. McCabe stated that his brother, Les McCabe, who formerly worked for him at the McCabe filling station is now located in the

oil fields on a drilling job near the first little town north of Russell, Kansas. Mr. McCabe stated he saw Charles Lett, brother of Milt Lett, at least once a week, and has approached him several times on the subject of Milt Lett's whereabouts; that he has even gone so far as to ply Charles Lett with beer and liquor in the hope that he would loosen up and tell something about Milt Lett, but that these efforts have been unsuccessful. He stated he would continue his contacts with Charles Lett, and all others who might be in a position to furnish such information. He stated he knew how to communicate with the Oklahoma City office, and would not hesitate to furnish any information which he obtained.

In order that data might be contained in this file giving accurate information as to the Hill family, Charley McCabe was questioned. He stated that the Hills around South Coffeyville, Oklahoma consisted of four members; that Gus Hill and Fred Hill are brothers, and are cousins to Tom Hill and Claude Hill, who are brothers. Mr. McCabe stated that Gus Hill is presently serving a sentence in the Kansas State Penitentiary; that Fred Hill is presently living at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, and is working for Tom Hill. He stated that Tom Hill is presently in South Coffeyville, and is on appeal bond, his case pending review by the Court of Appeals for a life sentence given him at Independence, Kansas. It is not believed that Tom Hill at this time would furnish any information to any officer, as he is very bitter over this conviction. Claude Hill is presently serving a jail sentence of six months in the county jail at Independence, Kansas.

During the visits of agent to South Coffeyville, Oklahoma and contacts had with Charley McCabe, it was ascertained that Dollie Hill, wife of Gus Hill, was not at home and was on a temporary visit somewhere. This woman is a close contact and informant of George Tobler, Jr., Deputy Sheriff at Coffeyville, Kansas. It should be here noted that George Tobler, Jr. is a distant cousin of the Hills. This relationship apparently does not deter Tobler from his efforts as a law enforcement officer. When Tobler was contacted at Coffeyville he stated he had been contacting Dollie Hill frequently; that he asked her if she had any information relative to Milt Lett, and she always stated she did not know anything about where he could be located.

It was ascertained that Lynn Hicks and Charley Harris are associated together, and operating the State Line Filling Station and the Hicks Night Club on the state line south of Caney, Kansas. Neither of these parties has any close connections at the present time at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. Deputy Sheriff George Tobler, Jr., Coffeyville, Kansas, stated he made casual calls on Lynn Hicks and Charley Harris at their places of business, and they had no information concerning Milt Lett. Mr. Tobler stated

he was certain that if these parties ever come into possession of any information concerning Lett they will communicate with him immediately.

Harry Sherman, mentioned as a contact, also known as "Boogy Woogy," operates the Nut House, a night club at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. According to Charley McCabe, this person is entirely unreliable. George Tobler, Jr. and officers at Nowata, Oklahoma also consider this person unreliable. He should not be approached directly for any information. There is no reason to believe that he is in possession of any information concerning Lett, and it is also believed that should Lett contact Harry Sherman, Charley McCabe or the officers mentioned would learn of the incident, and the information would be conveyed to the Oklahoma City office.

The same situation exists as to Al Sherwood, who still resides at South Coffeyville and is employed by Tom Hill in Tom Hill's night club, the Casa Del Camino.

Mrs. Ester Twilley, 1401 South Elm Street, Coffeyville, Kansas, was contacted, and she stated that Mrs. Constance Ferris, mother of Lucille Ferris Lett, is now living at 605 West 10th Street, Coffeyville, Kansas, and is employed in the WPA sewing room at Coffeyville. Mrs. Twilley stated that she had no positive information to furnish at this time concerning the whereabouts of Milt Lett, but that she possessed the address and telephone number of the Oklahoma City Bureau office, and would furnish any information she obtained to the Oklahoma City office. Mrs. Twilley is the mother-in-law of Ted Thornton, who operates the night club between Fort Scott, Kansas and Nevada, Missouri, where the last contact was had with Milt Lett. She stated Ted Thornton still operates this night club, and that he is not operating any joint at South Coffeyville. Mrs. Twilley does not believe Ted Thornton knows at the present time anything as to the whereabouts of Milt Lett, as she repeatedly questions Ted Thornton whenever he comes to Coffeyville. She pointed out, however, that the associates of Ted Thornton in the operation of this night club are Earl Morris, who is married to another daughter of Mrs. Twilley, Edith Morris, and Roy Risner. Mrs. Twilley stated that she is of the opinion that if Milt Lett ever made any visits to Ted Thornton's night club, he would stay in one of the tourist cabin shacks which are located on a farm owned and operated by Roy Risner. She stated that neither Earl Morris nor Roy Risner will ever furnish any information to Bureau agents which might assist in the apprehension of Milt Lett. She pointed out that Earl Morris was the person who had furnished Milt Lett a car when Lett got away from the night club at Nevada, Missouri and later from Fort Scott, Kansas. Mrs. Twilley stated her daughter, Edith Morris, could be made a valuable informant relative to any connections that Milt Lett might have or might establish with Ted Thornton, Earl Morris or Roy Risner. She cautioned that Edith Morris be contacted only in the absence of her husband. She stated that Edith Morris

could be found at 124 State Street, Fort Scott, Kansas, and that any agent contacting her should not mention any specific statement concerning Milt Lett, but that Mrs. Morris would be able to furnish data as to the location of the Roy Risner farm and the tourist cabin shacks which Mrs. Twilley mentioned above. Mrs. Twilley is of the opinion that if Milt Lett comes to that vicinity he and his wife may stay in one of these shacks. Mrs. Twilley stated that she is in a position to obtain information concerning Lett's movements around his home and around South Coffeyville, but that she had heard rumors to the effect that Maggie Lett, Milt Lett's mother, knew that Bureau agents had been contacting Mrs. Twilley, and she was, therefore, not able to contact Mrs. Lett directly. While Mrs. Twilley is somewhat erratic in her statements and inclined to exaggerate, it is believed that if she obtains any information of value she will not hesitate to furnish same to this Bureau. It is believed that she has also been approached by Post Office Inspectors, and is considered an informant by them, as during the conversation with this agent, she confused George Hill, Post Office Inspector, with Paul Hansen, former Special Agent.

It was ascertained by the contact with Mrs. Twilley and with George Tobler, Jr., Deputy Sheriff, that Vivian Hollingsworth Mantooth has separated from her husband. This girl was a former sweetheart of Milt Lett, and is presently living with her mother at 1502 S. Elm Street, Coffeyville, Kansas, and is employed as a bar maid at Glen Kemmerer's cafe at 922 S. Walnut Street, Coffeyville, Kansas. The abovementioned person was used by Postal Inspectors fruitlessly as an informant. The Inspectors went so far as to furnish her with an automobile for about two weeks, and she produced no information of value for them.

Another contact mentioned in reference report of Special Agent Kitchin was Nate Smith, Special Agent, Missouri Pacific Railroad, Coffeyville, Kansas. He was not in Coffeyville at the time of agent's visit, and could not be contacted. George Tobler, Jr., Deputy Sheriff, stated that Nate Smith was a cooperative officer, and that he had frequent contacts with him, but that he knew of no reason why Nate Smith would be in possession of any information concerning Milt Lett.

Mrs. Constance Ferris, mother of Lucille Ferris Lett, was contacted at the WPA sewing room at Coffeyville, Kansas. She stated that she now resides at 605 West 10th Street, Coffeyville, where she has a room. She has been separated from A. V. Ferris, father of Lucille Ferris Lett for some time. Mr. Ferris resides at McPherson, Kansas. Mrs. Ferris said she had heard nothing from her daughter since she left home to marry Milt Lett, and has no idea where she can be presently located. Mrs. Ferris stated that recently she met Maggie Lett on the streets of Coffeyville, Kansas, and with

no one else present informed Mrs. Lett that she no longer had any malice toward Milt Lett for marrying her daughter, would not seek to annul this marriage, and that her only desire was to hear from her daughter and to know that she was safe and in good circumstances. She stated that she begged Mrs. Lett that if she knew anything about where Milt and Lucille could be found to give this information to her confidentially, and Mrs. Lett stated she did not know where they were, and had not heard from Milt for months, but if she knew she would be glad to tell Mrs. Ferris where they could be found. Mrs. Ferris stated she did not believe any of the former girl friends of her daughter knew anything about where she could presently be located.

Agent was informed by George Tobler, Jr., Deputy Sheriff, that he had been approached by Walter Johnson, Marshal of the City Court at Coffeyville, and Johnson had asked if there was any reward being offered for the location of Milt Lett, and indicated that he either had some information or was in a position to develop some information concerning Lett's whereabouts.

Walter Johnson was contacted, and stated he believed he could assist in the location of Milt Lett, providing money was forthcoming to pay his expenses, but when Johnson was questioned relative to any information in his possession he apparently had none other than what is well known to the Bureau. He stated that Lett hung around Ted Thornton's place on the highway between Fort Scott and Nevada; that he had recently made a trip to Nevada, and was a close friend of Ade Tow, Chief of Police at Nevada, and he thought he would be able, through Mr. Tow, to locate Lett. Agent did not disclose to Mr. Johnson that agents from the Kansas City office were already in close contact with Ade Tow, Chief of Police at Nevada. Johnson was furnished the address of the Oklahoma City office, and was informed that no reward had been offered, but that any data he could supply would be appreciated. He stated he would make efforts to obtain information, and would impart same to the Oklahoma City office if anything developed.

At Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Harold "Fats" Wright, who presently resides at 1721 South Baltimore, Tulsa, and is employed at nights in the offices of the Empire State Express, was interviewed, and for the information of the offices concerned, it should be herein stated that this individual is a brother of Glenn LeRoy Wright, former associate of Harry Campbell. Harold Wright stated he had never known any person by the name of Milt Lett, and that so far as he knew Glen LeRoy Wright had never associated with any such person. Wright stated that the only contacts he had ever had with Bureau agents was a contact with Paul Hansen, former Special Agent, and that he had furnished Agent Hansen with all the data in his possession concerning the associates of Glen LeRoy Wright, Gene Johnson and Harry Campbell prior to the time that Harry Campbell joined the Barker-Karpis mob. He stated he could not have mentioned to Hansen or anyone else at

any time that he had a former friend named Lett, as such was not the case, and he did not know anything about Milt Lett.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE

At Fort Scott, Kansas, will make discreet contact with Mrs. Edith Morris, 124 State Street, in the absence of her husband, and will develop data as to the location of the shacks on the farm of Roy Risner, which might be used as a hideout for Milt Lett, and will seek to develop her as an informant.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

At Nowata, Wann and South Coffeyville, Oklahoma and at Coffeyville, Kansas, will continue contacts with persons who may be in position to furnish information concerning the location of Milt Lett.

P E N D I N G

November 16, 1936

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Dwight Brantley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent L. E. Kingman, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, November 8, 1936, in which the information is contained that Chasney Strain, Postmaster at Eam, Oklahoma, failed to furnish tracings of mail received by relatives of Milton Lett at Eam, Oklahoma, to the Oklahoma City Office on instructions of George Hill, Post Office Inspector at Tulsa, Oklahoma, Mr. Strain stating that Mr. Hill had advised him that it was not necessary for him to make duplicate tracings as the tracings furnished to the Post Office Inspectors at Tulsa would be available to Agents of the Bureau.

I desire that you advise me of the details concerning the placing of the cover on the mail addressed to the relatives of Milton Lett at Eam, Oklahoma, and whether George Hill, the Post Office Inspector, at any time advised your office that mail tracings were being received by him which tracings were available to you. It is noted in the report of Special Agent Kingman that Mr. Strain agreed to furnish these tracings directly to your office in the future, and it is requested that immediate attention be given to all such tracings received and that auxiliary offices be notified by telegram or telephone if necessary, to conduct the necessary investigation concerning the persons corresponding with the Lett family.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Dwyer
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Lester
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy

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St. Paul
Cincinnati
Cleveland

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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CLEVELAND OHIO
November 5, 1936

E. E. Conroy
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
501 Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

BREKID REFERENCE LETTER OCTOBER THIRTY FIRST EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION
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1440 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

November 6, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

Transmitted herewith are the following serials forwarded to this office under date of August 11, 1936, for the use of Special Agent S. K. McKee:

- Report of Special Agent K. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated 9/19/34;
- " " Special Agent in Charge William Larson, Detroit, Michigan, dated 9/28/34;
 - " " Special Agent K. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated 10/1/34;
 - " " Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, dated 10/3/34;
 - " " Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, dated 2/25/35.

Very truly yours,

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J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
November 6, 1936

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Mr. Ryan:

This will acknowledge receipt of photo-
static copy of letter dated October 17, 1936, written
by Wynona Burdette, an inmate of your institution,
to her sister, Mrs. R. D. Wilson, Nowiny, Oklahoma.

Thanking you for your cooperation in
this matter, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Herold H. Reinecke
Special Agent in Charge

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Edward H. Bremer

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau letter dated October 22, 1936, I proceeded to West Plains, Missouri, for the purpose of interviewing Sheriff J. D. Threlkeld, and County Attorney Floyd Bean, with reference to the murder case which they have against Alvin Harpis at that point. Upon interviewing them I ascertained that neither of these men held any official position in the county at the time of the murder, which occurred on December 19, 1931, and that the investigation which was conducted immediately after this murder was conducted by a large number of citizens in the community, many of whom had no official position.

Consequently, in order to ascertain all the facts at investigation was necessary for me to also interview Mrs. C. R. Helley, widow of the sheriff who was killed by Harpis; Mr. James R. Bridges, carpenter, who was Chief Deputy Sheriff at the time of the crime; Mr. W. C. Davidson, owner of the garage in which the murder occurred and Mr. Clarence McCallon, proprietor of a clothing store in West Plains. The information set out hereinafter is a summary of the information obtained from all of these individuals:

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

About the middle of October, 1931, one A. W. Dunlop rented a farm one and one-half miles from Thayer, Missouri. He was accompanied by a woman who was supposed to be his wife but has since been identified as being Kate Barker. Fred Barker and Alvin Harpis were in and out of this particular farm, driving a DeSota Sedan. On December 17, 1931, the clothing store of Clarence McCallon was burglarized and about \$2000. worth of clothing stolen. After the burglary some one recalled having seen a strange automobile cruising alleys in the vicinity of the store a few days prior to the burglary. Some one had jotted down the license number (no one knows what this license number was) and gave it to Sheriff Helley. Sheriff Helley told the men working in the garage of W. C. Davidson this license number and requested in the event they should see it again to notify the Sheriff.

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At about 8:30 on the morning of December 19, 1931, a DeSota Sedan backed into the garage of C. M. Davidson in West Plains. Present in the garage at the time were Davidson and two of his mechanics, Raymond Tiner and Plez James. There were three men in this automobile. One of them got out and later identified himself as Robert Cross, of Paragould, Arkansas, who was hitchhiking and had been picked up by the two men at Thayer, Missouri, and had ridden with them the distance of twenty five miles to West Plains, Missouri. The two men who stayed in the car were later identified as Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker, who requested that the spare tire on the car be repaired. Tiner and James proceeded to repair this tire.

Upon seeing that this car bore the same license number as the Sheriff had previously given him, Mr. Davidson went across the street, met the Sheriff at the Post Office and told him the car bearing the license for which he was seeking was then in his garage. The Sheriff went over to the garage and accosted the two men in the car. He walked up to the driver of the car and told the men they would have to get out of the car as he desired to search them and the car. The driver, later identified as Alvin Karpis, got out of the car backwards and whirled around with a .45 caliber automatic in his hand. He shot the Sheriff in the abdomen. As the Sheriff was shot he clutched the arms of Karpis. The other man in the car, identified as Fred Barker, shot the Sheriff through the arm with a .38 caliber revolver. Several shots were fired, after which Karpis ran out of the front door of the garage and turned into an alley and ran down this alley. Some one in West Plains saw him running down the alley and saw him put a new clip in the automatic. The identity of this person is unknown at the present time. Some one else saw Karpis enter a red Chevrolet Coupe about two blocks from the garage, this leading to the supposition that there were evidently other members of the Karpis-Barker mob in town that morning and were probably intending to rob the bank but their plans went awry when the shooting started. Barker drove out the front door in the DeSota Sedan and it was later found abandoned near Thayer, Missouri. When he drove out of the garage Plez James shot at the car with a .22 caliber rifle and two bullet holes were found in the rear of the DeSota when it was recovered, but the bullets did not penetrate the body very far.

It appears that Sheriff Kelley and others had been conducting investigation at the farm near Thayer, Missouri, where Kate Barker and the boys were living prior to this occurrence inasmuch as word had been received that suspicious characters were seen there. Consequently a raid was staged by a number of citizens on this farm on the night of the murder and a considerable portion of the loot from the burglary was found at this place. There were also a number of photographs, among them being photographs of Karpis and Barker, which were used in the identification of these individuals by the various witnesses.

A few days after the robbery Mrs. Dorothy Karpis came to West Plains looking for Karpis and was taken into custody and questioned concerning Karpis, but no information of value was obtained from her.

WITNESSES.

++ RAYMOND TINER and FLEE JAMES, West Plains, Missouri, can both identify Karpis as having been the man who fired the shots which killed the Sheriff. Both Tiner and James were in the garage and saw the actual shooting.

+ ROBERT CROSS, Paragould, Arkansas, can testify that he rode with these individuals from Thayer, Missouri, to West Plains, Missouri, and had a good opportunity to observe them, and can also identify Karpis. Cross was standing behind the automobile watching the other men repair the tire and saw the shooting occur.

- W. C. DAVIDSON, West Plains, Missouri, while in the garage at the time of the shooting states he cannot identify Karpis, but can testify relative to the shooting.

- OO CLARENCE McCALLON, West Plains, Missouri, was approaching the garage when the shooting occurred and saw the side of the man shooting. He cannot identify him but states that when the hideout near Thayer was raided a brown suit was found therein which he identified as being identical with the suit worn by the man who was doing the shooting. No one knows what happened to this suit.

O RICHARD CREW, Attorney, West Plains, Missouri, can identify Karpis as being a person seen by him in a cafe in West Plains the night before the murder.

O BE HENR, cafe owner, West Plains, Missouri, can identify Karpis as being in his cafe the night preceding the murder.

O DR. F. A. DAINES, Thayer, Missouri, can state that he visited the hideout on several occasions and that he saw Karpis there, whom he was treating for gonorrhea, and that Karpis also called at his office on several occasions for treatment.

+ AUDREY and CECIL CAMPBELL, filling station operators at Thayer, Missouri, can testify that the DeSota Sedan which was used in this murder, and which they saw after it had been abandoned, had been driven to their place several times for gasoline, oil, greasing and washing, and can identify Karpis as being the man who drove this automobile.

+ IR. GOLDIE TRIMBLE, garage operator, Thayer, Missouri, can testify that he identified the car used in the murder as being

one which a person, whom he identified as Karpis, had driven into his garage on several occasions prior to the murder.

Mr. ALONZ BEAN, Prosecuting Attorney, West Plains, Missouri, can testify that on the day preceding the burglary a man came to his office pretending to be a typewriter repair man. Bean's office was located next door to the store which was burglarized. He can identify this man as being Karpis and can also identify a scarf which Karpis was wearing at that time and which Karpis lost in the alley when he was fleeing from the garage. Mr. Bean believes that Karpis merely came into his office under a pretext in order to look over the surroundings of McCallon's store before it was robbed.

With reference to ballistic evidence, two bullets were recovered. A review of the files in the Kansas City Office reflects that these bullets were sent to the Bureau by the Kansas City Office by letter dated June 6, 1934, in the case entitled "Vernon C. Miller (Deceased), et al - Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner". It is suggested that these bullets be compared with test bullets fired from any guns which may have been recovered from the Karpis-Barker gang in the event this has not already been done by the Technical Laboratory.

CONCLUSION

From the witnesses listed above, it is my opinion that were Karpis to be tried for murder at West Plains, Missouri, he would be convicted. There is some doubt, however, as to whether he would receive the death penalty as the death penalty has never been inflicted in that county. In the past few months a murderer was tried who had killed one of his relatives and then burned the body of his relative in an automobile, but he was given a life sentence.

Mrs. Kelley, widow of the slain sheriff, expressed herself as being opposed to trying Karpis for the murder. She stated she believed he was receiving adequate punishment at the present time, and that if he were to be returned to West Plains he would probably escape.

It is to be noted, however, that I did not suggest to any of these persons that Karpis should be tried at West Plains, nor was it suggested to them that steps should be taken to get him back for trial. I merely stated, in getting this information, it was desired so that our files would be complete with reference to all of the crimes which Karpis might have committed.

At the present time there is no adequate jail at West Plains to keep Karpis were he to be taken there. A new Court

house is now being built which will probably be completed within the next year which will have an adequate jail in it.

The present Prosecuting Attorney and Sheriff leave office on January 1, 1937, at which time new officers who have not as yet been elected will take over the duties of these offices. It is, of course, not known what the attitude of such officials might be toward the prosecution of Karpis. The present Prosecuting Attorney stated that the procedure which would have to be followed in case of a trial would be to bring Karpis to West Plains for a preliminary hearing on an Information, at which time he would be bound over for action at the next term of the Circuit Court, the terms of the Circuit Court being in February, June and October of each year.

While I did not suggest to the Prosecuting Attorney that he take any action with reference to getting Karpis back for trial, he said he had been thinking about writing to the Attorney General requesting that Karpis be brought to West Plains to be tried for this murder, and he indicated he might write such a letter. The impression I gained was that he would like to get such publicity as might accrue to him in bringing Karpis back for a preliminary hearing, although any actual prosecution for the murder would be in the hands of the new Prosecuting Attorney who takes office January 1, 1937.

In view of these facts it is my recommendation that no action be taken until the new Prosecuting Attorney takes office after the first of the year and at that time his attitude be ascertained relative to prosecution. In the event he indicates himself favorable toward a prosecution of Karpis it can then be suggested to him that he correspond with the Attorney General requesting that appropriate arrangements be made to have Karpis returned to West Plains, Missouri, for trial on the murder charge, as I believe he could be convicted although I am doubtful as to whether he would be given the death penalty.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith
W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

L.H.T.M.F.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

November 3, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Special Agent in Charge Newman has conducted inquiries at West Plains, Missouri to determine the strength of the state case against Alvin Karpis upon charges of murdering Sheriff Kelley on December 19, 1931. Briefly, there is available at the present time the following evidence:

Positive Evidence

Raymond Tiner and Plez James, West Plains, Mo., can both positively identify Karpis as being the man who fired the shots in the garage which killed the Sheriff. These men were in the garage and saw the shooting.

Robert Cross was standing behind the automobile watching Tiner and James repair a tire and saw the shooting occur. He had previously ridden from Thayer, Mo., to West Plains, Mo. in the car with Karpis and can positively identify him as being the driver of the car.

Adorey and Cecil Campbell can testify that the DeSota sedan which was used in the murder and which they saw after it had been abandoned, had been driven to their place several times for gasoline, oil, greasing and washing by Karpis.

Goldie Trimble, garage operator, can testify that he identified the car used in the murder as being the one which Karpis had driven into his garage on several occasions.

Affirmative Evidence

Richard Green and Ed Kerr can testify that they saw Karpis in a cafe in West Plains, Mo. the night before the murder.

Dr. F. A. Barnes can testify concerning his treatment of Karpis at the premises occupied by Karpis prior to the shooting.

Floyd Bean can identify Karpis as being a man who came to his office on the day preceding the murder, ostensibly in the capacity of a typewriter repairman, but actually it appears in order to case the bank which was located next door to Bean's office. Bean can also positively identify a scarf which Karpis was wearing when he called at his office and which scarf Karpis lost in the alley when he was fleeing from the garage after the murder.

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Negative Evidence

W. C. Davidson was in the garage at the time of the shooting but cannot identify Karpis.

Clarence McCallon was approaching the garage when the shooting occurred and saw the side of a man shooting, this man fleeing in a brown suit, which was afterwards found in the hideout near Thayer, where Karpis had been residing. The suit has disappeared, however, and it does not appear that it would be probable for the prosecution to show that Karpis wore the brown suit.

Conclusion

Mr. Newman states and I concur in his belief, that Karpis could be convicted for this murder. Mr. Newman states, however, that he doubts that the death penalty would be imposed, since it has never been inflicted in that county. Mrs. Kelley, the widow of the slain sheriff, expressed herself as being opposed to Karpis' being tried for this murder on the ground that he was receiving adequate punishment at Alcatraz.

There is no adequate jail at West Plains in which Karpis could be held. A new Court House is being built which will be completed next year. The present Prosecuting Attorney and Sheriff leave office on January 1, 1936, and their successors will not be known until after the current election. Terms of court are held in February, June and October of each year. It appears, therefore, that we should wait until after the new attorney is inducted into office, contact him, ascertain whether he will proceed against Karpis and whether he will endeavor to obtain the death penalty. If trial is undertaken it would be necessary under the state procedure to bring Karpis to West Plains for a preliminary hearing on an information, after which he would be bound over for the next term of the Circuit Court. It would appear that this procedure should be followed that is, the bringing of Karpis back to West Plains only at a time immediately preceding a term of Court.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

*Approved. I think
that if there is sufficient
evidence to convict him
of this murder he should
be tried for it provided the
prosecuting attorney really
intends to get the death sentence.*

11/4/36 J. G. N.

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November 7, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL McMAHON

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I am in receipt of information from the Jacksonville Office of this Bureau that the trial of Joe Adams and Henry "Duke" Randall for the harboring of Alvin Karpis has been set for February 15, 1937 at Miami, Florida.

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Will you please advise me whether Mr. Walter L. Barlow will try this case as originally planned, or whether another Special Assistant to the Attorney General will be designated to prosecute the case against Adams and Randall.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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REPORT MADE AT Kansas City	DATE WHEN MADE 11-7-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-29-36	REPORT MADE BY H. A. SNOW wk
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232, ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. Eva Hooper, 1107 South 33rd Street, St. Joseph, Missouri, denies having any information as to the present whereabouts of Milton Lett or his wife, Lucille Ferris Lett. Mrs. Hooper's attitude not cooperative at present.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. B. Brown, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 9-15-36.</p> <p style="padding-left: 150px;">Summary report of Special Agent A. Paul Kitchen, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 9-8-36.</p> <p>DETAILS: At St. Joseph, Missouri.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Agent interviewed Mrs. Eva Hooper (not Hopper) at her residence, 1107 South 33rd Street. Mrs. Hooper's attitude during the interview was not cooperative in the least and she first stated that she had been worried and harassed by other Government officers (probably Post Office Inspectors) and also some state officers, whose identity she did not know, causing her much embarrassment and worry. Agent endeavored to secure the cooperation of Mrs. Hooper by pointing out to her that it would probably cause the mother of Lucille Ferris considerable pleasure to locate her daughter and that if she had any information whatever same should be voluntarily given. Mrs. Hooper advised that she has</p>			
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had no word as to the whereabouts of her niece, Lucille Ferris Lett, since shortly after she heard that they were married. She stated that she had only seen Milton Lett on one occasion and that for only a few minutes while he stood on her front porch with his wife and conversed with her for a short period. Since that time she has had no word, either directly or indirectly, from either Lett or his wife, Lucille.

Mrs. Hooper stated that on one occasion some officers searched her premises and scared her and her neighbors to death in an effort to locate Lett, but she certainly did not and would not allow him to remain in her home after learning that he is wanted. When requested by Agent to inform the Kansas City Office of any information which she might receive in the future Mrs. Hooper replied in the negative, but it is felt that should her acquaintance be cultivated it might result in some possible information being received in the future as to the location of her niece, Lucille, and possibly Lett himself. At present, however, her attitude is that she does not wish to be bothered, does not know where her niece or Lett are located, and would not inform the Bureau if she did know. She advised further that she is and appeared to be ill over the worry occasioned her by officers in the past in an effort to locate Lett. However, Mrs. Hooper gave the impression of being a rather conscientious and hard working woman and whose cooperation could be counted upon should she promise same.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The KANSAS CITY OFFICE at St. Joseph, Missouri, will, after the lapse of a reasonable length of time, again contact Mrs. Eva Hooper, 1107 South 33rd Street, and endeavor to secure her cooperation in locating her niece, Lucille Ferris Lett.

-- P E N D I N G --

RIT:cw.

1308 Masonic Temple Building,
New Orleans, La.
November 6, 1936.

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

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

On October 27, 1936, Superintendent of Police George A. Reyer, New Orleans, Louisiana, telephoned me for some information on the National Stolen Property Act and also on the Federal Fleeing Felon Act. Mr. Reyer has been out of town most of the time since I have been in charge of this office, and since this was my first contact with him, I suggested that he give me an appointment for a conference at a date convenient to himself. Mr. Reyer obliged me in this matter, and on Friday, October 30, 1936, Special Agent C. E. Weeks, Special Agent (A) V. R. Clary, who is the Number One man at this office, and myself had a conference with Mr. Reyer in his office. Mr. Reyer had all of his Captains of Detectives present, and the agents accompanying me and myself had an opportunity to meet most of the high ranking officers on the New Orleans Police Force.

This meeting afforded me an opportunity to inform Mr. Reyer and his officers concerning the National Stolen Property Act and the Federal Fleeing Felon Act, as well as to discuss other interesting phases of law enforcement.

Towards the conclusion of our visit, Mr. Reyer mentioned the incident which occurred at Fred Hunter's apartment on Canal Street, just after Hunter and Alvin Karpis were apprehended by yourself and Agents of the Bureau. In bringing this matter up, he did so in a manner which suggested to myself and all present that it had caused some unpleasant feelings at the time but should be forgotten. In a very few words, I agreed with Mr. Reyer, and I believe that the incident has been put in the background for good. Captain of Detectives William G. Bell approached me after I left Mr. Reyer's office and said that he had been the officer to whom a Bureau Agent's remarks had been directed, and that he no longer felt offended in any way. Captain Bell and I exchanged very few words, and with a laugh and a hand shake we parted.

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I am writing this letter primarily to inform you that this incident does not appear to retain any further importance with the New Orleans Police Department, and, of course, it is a closed subject with myself and the other agents here.

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I also desire to inform you that I consider the visit by myself and the other agents with Mr. Reyer and his officers to have been highly successful in tending to create a more friendly and cordial relationship between our two offices.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Tollett,
Special Agent in Charge.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-37**

REPORT MADE AT Kansas City, Missouri	DATE WHEN MADE 11-7-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-5-36	REPORT MADE BY A. E. FARLAND os
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Original letters from Fred C. Spohn, F.P.E., Sheriff's Office, Chardon, Ohio, dated 7-15-34 and 7-24-34, together with carbon copies of replies, obtained from Mr. C. W. Wilson, Record Clerk, Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas.

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Letter from Chicago Bureau Office dated 11-4-36.

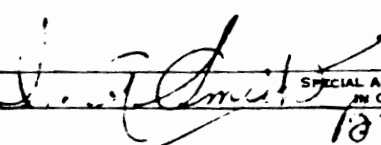
DETAILS:

At the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, C. W. Wilson, Record Clerk, was interviewed and the files in the case of Charles Carroll, Number 1049, former inmate of that institution, were examined. The following letter, dated at Chardon, Ohio, 7-15-34, signed by Fred C. Spohn, F.P.E., Sheriff's Office, was found:

"on secret information received i am writing you for information if you have it, on one Charles Carroll Transferred from Reformatory to Kansas Pen in 1924 or 29 i would like very much to have a photo-Record and finger print class of him.

with thanking you in advance, i Remain

A reply to this letter signed by Mr. Wilson was also found in the files and is quoted as follows:

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"Agreeable to your request of July 15th, I am herewith enclosing a descriptive photograph of our Charles Carroll.

Trusting this to be the desired information, I am

A letter signed by the same individual dated 7-24-34 at Chardon, Ohio, was also located, and is quoted as follows:

"Mr. Wilson

Dear Sir:

In Re - to Charles Carroll we would like a little more information if it isent too much bother, was this man paroled - and have you any idea where this man is now or where he can be Located, and if he has Relatives were can they be located, we would like very mutch to locate this man, with thanking you in advance

I remain

Yours truly

The following letter was written by Mr. C. W. Wilson, Record Clerk, dated July 26, 1934, in answer to the above:

"I have your letter of July 24th relative to our Charles Carroll. Be advised that this man was not paroled from this institution, but was discharged by expiration. He served two terms in the Oklahoma Penitentiary, the first one being 1 year, 3 months and 25 days. The second one being of 2 years, 5 months and 9 days duration. He was discharged on both these terms. At the time he entered this institution he asserted that his parents were both dead and gave no other relatives. The last report we have on this man was his arrest in St. Paul, Minn. April 13, 1933, same name."

The original letters signed by Fred C. Spohn, dated 7-15-34 and 7-24-34 at Chardon, Ohio, together with carbon copy replies by Mr. C. W. Wilson, dated July 18, 1934 and July 26, 1934, are being forwarded herewith to the Chicago Office for whatever action they deem advisable. These letters should be returned to this office when they have served their purpose so they may be placed in the files at the penitentiary. The proper person to subpoena for the purpose of identifying these letters is C. W. Wilson, Record Clerk, Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, he having placed his initials at the top of same for identification purposes.

The following statement of Charles Carroll with regard to his escape March 9, 1929 in company with Hill, O'Keefe and Karpis,

dated March 15, 1929, was also found in the files of the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas:

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March 15th, 1929.

Statement of Charles Carroll, #6968 in regards to his escape March 9th, 1929 in company with Hill, O'Keefe and Karpis.

Carroll states that the padlock at the rear of No. 3 cell house was picked and that O'Keefe did the work and it took him about 5 minutes to open it; then O'Keefe and Karpis went back to the garage door and broke that lock. He (Carroll) and Hill were at the rear of the cell house watching for them. After the locks were fixed they all came back and got into there cells for count.

After count they all left the cell house at about the same time, went into the garage broke into the tool room and got the saws. Carroll and O'Keefe sawed the bar. After they got out all went to the railroad tracks and agreed to part. Hill and Carroll going to the right down the tracks and the other two taking the direction to the left. (From this on his story is the same as Hills.)"

The carbon copy of the above, procured from the penitentiary, is also being transmitted herewith to the Chicago Office to be returned to this office when it has served its purpose.

Descriptive photograph of Charles Carroll, Number 1049, Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, is being forwarded to the Chicago Office. Descriptive photograph of Carroll is also being forwarded to the Cleveland Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE KANSAS CITY BUREAU OFFICE. Further investigation will be conducted at the Kansas State Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, for the purpose of ascertaining the prior association of Karpis and Carroll while inmates of that institution. It was ascertained that D. J. Wilson was Assistant Superintendent of the Kansas State Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, in April 1928, and at the time of the escape of the above mentioned individuals. The Record Clerk in that institution now is a Mr. Ford, who will be interviewed for the purpose of ascertaining any information he might have.

P E N D I N G.

SANFORD BATES
DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
BUREAU OF PRISONS
WASHINGTON

October 24, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Your memorandum of October 22, 1936, has been received, and, together with the letter from Mrs. Newbold, sister of Alvin Karpis which you enclosed, has been forwarded for the attention of the Board of Parole.

In connection with the case of Dolores Delaney I cannot help but feel that the publication of the letters from her to Karpis and from Karpis back to her, which appeared in last month's American Magazine, which article was attributed to you, was a mistake.

I inquired of the Superintendent of the Detention Farm at Milan as to how these letters happened to be released and he stated that the originals were sent to your Special Agent at Detroit at his request. They were returned and after censorship were forwarded to the addressees.

I believe that this Bureau should register its objections to the publication of these letters for two reasons; first, because it is the policy of this Bureau not to publicize such matters. The letters were delivered to your Agent for the specific purpose of giving confidential information about the prisoners. We have always tried to cooperate in every way with your Agents and have worked on the assumption that confidential material turned over to them would remain confidential. The care, custody and control of United States prisoners is the function of this Bureau. It is our contention, therefore, that the publication of confidential matter affecting these prisoners should not be made against the objection of this Bureau.

In the second place, I believe that with a considerable section of the population such letters may develop sympathy for the prisoner and thus make the task of the Parole Board more difficult.

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E. J. Connelley

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Why can't we get together on some occasion and discuss some of the policies which affect our joint enterprises?

Samuel Sater
Director.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
November 2, 1936.

Time - 4:07 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Harboring Cases in Ohio.

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Mr. Connelley telephoned me from Ohio and said that they talked to the Judge about this matter today; that the Judge will call the grand jury for November 30, 1936, and no sooner; the warrants will be authorized on the 21st and the Judge will call the Commissioner into his chambers and instruct him that there is to be no possibility of any leak as to the matter. It was further agreed that there would be no hearing between the 21st and the 30th, and such time thereafter as the grand jury would require to return the indictments.

Mr. Connelley understands that the reason the Judge put this time up so far is because he is going away on some trip about the middle of the month in connection with a football game of some sort. Mr. Connelley said that he believes the USA made every effort he could to get the Judge to agree to an earlier date, but the Judge would not consider anything prior to that time.

In the meantime, there are a few investigative leads to be covered in that vicinity, and then, too, we want to start getting a definite line on the subjects so that we won't have any difficulty in finding them when the time comes for them to be picked up. Mr. Connelley said that he thought possibly the time here could be spent in laying some kind of ground work in Hot Springs, Arkansas. We are also going to have to move on the Miami situation in a short time, too.

I told Mr. Connelley that I would get this information in to you and see what your reaction is.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm
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November 17, 1936

Mr. Frederick D. Abodeely,
1129 Ontario Street,
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of November 7, 1936, complaining of conditions prevailing in Toledo and requesting that I suggest to you some manner in which you may take appropriate action to remove from office candidates elected at the recent November election.

I regret to advise you that it is impossible for me to offer any suggestion to you in this matter, but recommend that you consult a reputable attorney for appropriate advice.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Cleveland

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CLEVELAND OHIO
November 8, 1936

D. M. Ladd
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois

BREXID INSTRUCT AGENTS SULLIVAN AND MADALA TO REPORT TO ME AT LITTLE ROCK

OFFICE TUESDAY MORNING

CONNELLY

cc-Bureau ✓

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

CLEVELAND OHIO
November 8, 1936

C. W. Stein
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
404 New York Building
St. Paul, Minnesota

BREKID HAVE AGENT NOOKAN LEAVE ST PAUL NOT LATER THAN MONDAY AND REPORT TO
AGENT MOORE AT JACKSONVILLE OFFICE STOP NOOKAN WILL RETURN CLEVELAND ABOUT
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CONNELLY

cc-Chicago
Cincinnati
Bureau ✓

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1308 Masonic Temple Building
New Orleans, Louisiana
November 6, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

Complying with the request contained in your letter dated at Chicago November 4, 1936, I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter dated at this office October 26, 1936, having reference to the tracing of certain guns.

In the future, copies of all reports and communications will be furnished your office in every instance.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Tollett,
Special Agent in Charge.

Enc.

cc-Bureau ✓
Cincinnati
Cleveland (Enc.)

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

November 7, 1936

Mr. J.J. Wynn
Post Office Box 383
Toledo, Ohio

RE: BURKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent William Larson dated at Detroit, Michigan September 28, 1934, in the above entitled case. It will be noted on page 5 of this report that Mr. Larson conducted some investigation at the address 1711 - 12th Street, Toledo, Ohio, which address was furnished by William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton to Mrs. Millgrube at the time they rented a house from them at Grand Forest Beach, Ohio. It was ascertained by Mr. Larson that this address is that of an apartment house, and that Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton resided there for two weeks in May, 1934.

The persons interviewed were unable to furnish any other information concerning Weaver and the latter woman except to state that Bill Weaver had informed them that he was contemplating going to work for Ted Angus at the Casino Club on Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio.

It was noted that the investigating agent failed to report the name under which Bill Weaver and Myrtle Eaton were residing at 1711 - 12th Street, Toledo, Ohio, and in this connection it will be recalled that they used the name Mr. and Mrs. Thornton while residing in Aurora, Illinois just prior to this period. It will also be recalled that shortly subsequent thereto Bill Weaver purchased an automobile under the name of J.A. Orhood, and in view of this it is likely that Bill Weaver used either the name Thornton or Orhood while residing at the above mentioned address.

It is requested that another inquiry be made at 1711 - 12th Street, Toledo, Ohio, for further detailed information regarding the occupancy of Eaton and Bill Weaver at that place in May, 1934. It is suggested that a signed statement be obtained from that person who was informed by William Weaver that he was contemplating going to work for Ted Angus.

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It is further suggested that you check with the three newspapers in Toledo, Ohio in an effort to ascertain whether any of the below named persons and places were subscribers to any of the Toledo newspapers during the year 1934-35:

Edith Marks (paranour of George Timiney in 1934)
Bert Angus - residence
Ted Angus - residence
Casino Club
Joe Moscoe - residence
Broadway's 42nd Street Cafe
Joval Club
Private Cab Service Company
Frank P. Greenwald - residence
Rene Holst - residence
Thelma Holst - residence
Lucien Fleming - residence
Goulet's Grill
Fred Goulet - residence
Edward McGraw - residence
Art Langendorf - residence
Edith Barry

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

JLM:FB
cc Bureau
Cleveland
Cincinnati

Post Office Box 814
Chicago Illinois

November 7, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Idna Murray, an important witness in the coming trial of George Timiney, et al, at Cleveland, Ohio, is expected to testify that during the latter part of January, 1934, or the first part of February, 1934, Fred Barker requested her and Wynona Burdette to go with Willie Harrison to Toledo, Ohio, and obtain a set of Ohio license plates for his automobile; that upon their arrival in Toledo, Ohio Wynona Burdette, Willie Harrison and she proceeded to the Casino Club and at this place Harrison contacted Coolie Monroe, a subject in this case, and asked him to secure a set of license plates in the name of T. C. Blackburn, he giving Coolie the title to Fred Barker's car.

Idna Murray will further state that on the following evening Willie Harrison in her presence secured the license plates from Coolie Monroe at the Casino Club, after which they proceeded to Chicago, Illinois.

A review of the files in the Chicago office reflects that in January, 1934, Fred Barker apparently possessed two automobiles in the name of T. C. Blackburn. It appears that one was a 1933 model Ford standard sedan, motor No. 18-493020, and the other was possibly a Buick sedan, motor No. 2853090, serial 2703063.

With the foregoing information in mind, it is suggested that you have an agent check at the record division Bureau of Motor Vehicles at Columbus, Ohio in an effort to ascertain whether any car was registered in the name of T. C. Blackburn in Lucas County, Ohio during January or February, 1934. If such a registration is located, it is suggested that a photostatic copy of same be obtained and forwarded to the Cleveland Bureau office. It may be that the handwriting appearing on this document can be proven to be identical with that of Coolie Monroe.

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It is suggested that the above investigation be conducted as early as possible as it is contemplated that this case will be presented to the Federal grand jury at Cleveland, Ohio, in the near future.

Very truly yours,

D. M. IADD
Special Agent in Charge

JLV:FB ✓
cc Bureau
Cleveland

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

November 3, 1936.

Time - 2:55 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Courtney Ryly Cooper telephoned me from New York City and said that in checking on the William Elmer Meade matter, he noticed where he was indicted in 1922 for the fraud down in Florida; that he was in the penitentiary at Cannon City, Colorado, between the years of 1923 and 1925, and was released in 1925. He said he was wondering why the Post Office Inspectors did not pick him up when he was released from prison in 1925. Then, too, he said he was wondering if Meade's wife, San Francisco Kate Smith, had any criminal record.

After checking the files in this matter, I advised Mr. Cooper that according to available records, the Post Office Inspectors took Meade into custody when he was released from the Cannon City, Colorado, Penitentiary on September 4, 1925, and that he evidently posted bond at this time, although it cannot be verified from any available records. Subsequently, however, on August 11, 1933, the Post Office Inspectors again apprehended Meade at Chicago, Illinois, where he posted bond on August 24, 1933, which bond he subsequently jumped, and Meade was a fugitive on this latter bond when he was apprehended by the Bureau Agents.

I informed Mr. Cooper that the wife of Meade, San Francisco Kate Smith, had no criminal record.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
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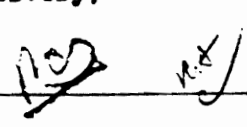
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI

ATL FILE NO. 7-3

REPORT MADE AT ATLANTA	DATE WHEN MADE 11-6-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-6-36	REPORT MADE BY L. C. TAYLOR
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1323, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Criminal and correspondence records of Colin Munro, USP, Atlanta, Ga., #39536 and George Eberly with aliases, USP, Atlanta, Ga., #39537 obtained from USP and set forth herein. Additional correspondence records Benson Groves, USP, Atlanta, Ga. #6998 obtained and set forth herein. Photographs of Munro and Eberly forwarded to Cleveland Bureau Office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Atlanta, dated 10-12-36; Bureau letter to Mr. E. J. Connelly, Cleveland, 10-13-36; Report of Special Agent L. C. Taylor, Atlanta, 10-31-36; Letter from the Cleveland Office, 10-31-36.</p> <p>DETAILS: The records of the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, reflect that Colin Munro, #39536 was received at the Penitentiary from the Northern District of Ohio for violation of the National Prohibition Act (transportation) under sentence of one year and one day, on November 5, 1931; that said sentence had been imposed on September 24, 1931; that he was discharged by expiration of sentence July 22, 1932 and was given transportation to his home in Lorraine, Ohio.</p> <p>The records of the Penitentiary also reflect that George Eberly, with aliases, Whitey Eberle, Daniel Joseph Eberly, #39537 who was a co-defendant with Munro was discharged from the Penitentiary on October 2, 1932 and furnished transportation to Toledo, Ohio.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. E. Conroy</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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While incarcerated in the Penitentiary, Munro had no visitors. The records, however, reflect that he corresponded with the following persons:

LETTERS SENT

D. W. Munro	1340 W. Monroe St.	Phoenix, Arizona
Russel Appeman or Apperman	Friend	Vermillion, Ohio
Hymie Darling	Friend	5th Ave & Stephenson St.
		% Nathan, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Harold Williams	Friend	% Carl Ernie Kelly's
		Island, Ohio
Cyrus Donnelly	Attorney	Toledo, Ohio
Davey Smith	Friend	Danburg, Ohio
Mr. O. K. or H. Pohl	Friend	18-10th St., Toledo,
		Ohio
Mr. Mike Peen or Punn or Pern	Friend	634 Broadway, Lorraine,
		Ohio
Roy or Ray Moorehead	Friend	Toledo, Ohio
Mr. Stephen Finjehas	Attorney	Toledo, Ohio
Mr. D. M. Munro	Son	26 W. Congress St.
		Hartford, Conn.
Mr. Thomas Berry	Friend	794 N. 41st St.
		E. St. Louis, Ill.
Guy Tibbles or Pibbles	Friend	Danburg, Ohio

LETTERS RECEIVED

W. F. Peer	Friend	Lorraine, Ohio
"Don"	Brother	Hartford, Conn.
"Chattanooga News"		
"Buster"		Danb. (probably Danburg,
		Ohio)
"Buster"		Kelly's Island, Ohio
"Berry"	Friend	E. St. Louis, Mo.
"Don" or "Dan"	Friend	Toronto, Canada
"Nellie"		St. Johns N.B., Canada
Roy Moorehead,	Friend	Toledo, Ohio
U. S. District Court		Toledo, Ohio

Under date of November 23, 1931 the Bureau furnished the Penitentiary with the following criminal record for Colin Munro:

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[REDACTED]

The following information appears on above print:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The following notation appears on the above print:

[REDACTED]

The following description of Munro was obtained from the records of the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta:

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Age	[REDACTED]
Height	[REDACTED]
Weight	[REDACTED]
Build	[REDACTED]
Hair	[REDACTED]
Eyes	[REDACTED]
Complexion	[REDACTED]
Occupation	[REDACTED]
Nationality	[REDACTED]
Religion	[REDACTED]
Relatives	[REDACTED]
PPC	[REDACTED]

Six photographs of Munro were obtained from the U. S. Penitentiary and are being forwarded with copies of this report to the Cleveland Office by air mail, special delivery.

The records of the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, contained the following description of George Eberly, with aliases:

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Age
Height
Weight
Build
Hair
Eyes
Complexion
Nationality
Occupation
Residence
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A photograph of Eberly was also obtained from the Penitentiary and is being forwarded to the Cleveland Office, air mail, special delivery, with copies of this report to that office.

In reviewing Eberly's correspondence record at the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, it was noted that he corresponded with a number of individuals with whom Munro also corresponded. For this reason a complete list of persons to whom and from whom Eberly sent and received letters is being set forth below:

LETTERS SENT

Miss Alice Lester	General Delivery	Amherstburg, Ont. Canada
J. A. Finch		Washington, D. C.
Chas. Davis	Friend	1111 Moore St., Toledo, Ohio
Miss Gretchen Windnagle,	Friend	223E Madison St., Sandusky, Ohio
		Lakeside, Ohio
Mrs. Stella Eberly	Mother	
Mr. Geo. or Joe or Goe Lazzara		
	Friend	223 Center, Sandusky, Ohio
Mr. Hymie Darling	Friend	5th Ave & Stephenson, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mr. G. W. Hoffman	Friend	124 W. Front, Perrysburg, Ohio
Mr. Theo Hilt	Friend	Shoane Hotel, Sandusky, Ohio

Tom Hansor	Friend	Sandusky
Miss Marion Eberly	Sister	Lakeside, Ohio
Julian Shade	Friend	Sandusky
Miss Lola Lange	Friend	Sandusky
Miss Goldie Russell	1709 Center St.	Winston, Salem, N. C.
Mrs. Alice Nolan		221 Decatur St.,
		Sandusky, Ohio
Roy Moorehead	Friend	Toledo, Ohio
C. Goodchild	Friend	Amherstburg, Ont.
Harol Williams	Friend	Danburg, Ohio

LETTERS RECEIVED

Mother		Lakeside, Ohio
"Charley"	Friend	Toledo, Ohio
Budd and Bobby		Amherstburg, Ont.
Theo A. Hut or Hirt		Sandusky, Ohio
Marian	Sister	Lakeside, Ohio
Emma C. Duagle	Friend	Lakeside, Ohio
"Lola"	Friend	Sandusky, Ohio
Dept. of Justice		Washington, D. C.
U. S. Attorney		Toledo, Ohio
Harold		Sandusky, Ohio
Mrs. Joe Robel	Friend	Lakeside, Ohio

While incarcerated at the Penitentiary and on March 18, 1932 Eberly was visited by Mr. and Mrs. John Grow, Post Office Box 404, Lakeside, Ohio.

Under date of November 24, 1931 the Bureau furnished the Penitentiary the criminal record of George Eberly from which it was noted that

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The original file on Benson Groves, #6998 at the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, reflects

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b7C The file mentioned reflects that on February 9, 1917

The original file on Benson Groves further reflects that his

original file mentioned also contained the following correspondence record for Groves:

<u>LETTERS SENT</u>	<u>1917</u>	
Mrs. Ida Fryor,	Sister	Gen'l Delivery, Hammond, Ind.
Mr. Larry Witte or		
Witte	Friend	Foreign Exchange Bank,
		Bellaire, Ohio
Mr. Fred Hepe	Friend	526 Water Street, Benwood,
		W. Va.
Mr. Luke Guovey or		
Guovey	Friend	Parkersburg, W. Va.
Mr. John Myers	Friend	620 Water St., Benwood, W. Va.
Mr. James Crowley or		
Crawley		Oak Cafe, Canton, Ohio
Ida B. Groves		3110 Sacramento St.,
		Pittsburgh, Pa.
E. J. Goff		Martins Ferry, Ohio
	<u>1918</u>	
Fred Hepe		526 Water St., Benwood, W. Va.
Mrs. Ida Fryar		RR 1, Hammond Ind.
Leonard Goeglien		% Fred Hepe, 3515 Belmont
		St., Bellaire, Ohio
Charles Everett		710 Main St. Benwood, W. Va.
	<u>1919</u>	
Mrs. Ida Fryar	Sister	933 Erie St., Hammond, Ind.
Fred Hepe		3515 Belmont, Bellaire, Ohio
	<u>1920</u>	
Mrs. Ida Fryar		Hammond, Ind.
Fred Hepe		Bellaire, Ohio
Charles Everett		Benwood, W. Va.

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1917

Ida Fryar
H. H. Groves
Ida B. Groves
"Meyers"
Fred Hepe
Ida B. Groves
E. P. Goff
J. M. Myers
Ida B. Groves

Friend

Aunt

Hammond, Ind.
Wheeling, W. Va.
Brenwood, W. Va.
Cincinnati, Ohio
Benwood, W. Va.
Dayton, Ohio
Martin's Ferry, Ohio
Canton, Ohio
Pittsburgh

1918

E. P. Goff
Ida Fryar
Fred Hepe
Ida B. Groves

Aunt

Martins Ferry, Ohio
Hammond, Ind.
Benwood, W. Va.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

, 1919

Chas. Everett
Ida Fryar
Ida B. Groves
Fred Hepe

Benwood, W. Va.
Hammond, Ind.
Dayton, Ohio
Bellaire, Ohio

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Ida Fryar

Hammond, Ind.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE ATLANTA OFFICE at Macon, Georgia will follow out the leads set forth in the reference report of Special Agent L. C. Taylor.

PENDING

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
November 3, 1936.**

Time - 3:20 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

During a telephonic conversation which I had with Mr. Connelley at Cleveland, I mentioned to him your desire that we prosecute Tom Brown if possible in connection with the Bremer and Hamm Cases.

Mr. Connelley said that he is frankly doubtful if we can secure a conviction of this man, although they would be glad to prepare a summary report on this particular angle right there in Cleveland, which can be submitted to the United States Attorney for his opinion as to prosecution. Mr. Connelley pointed out that in the hearing which the Civil Service held out there for this man, they did not necessarily have to stick to the hard and fast rules of evidence, and introduced much hearsay during the course of the proceedings. He said that when they got all of their so-called evidence and hearsay introduced on both the Bremer and Hamm cases, it looked pretty good, and they practically had Tom Brown kidnaping both Bremer and Hamm. When we have to stick to the rules of evidence, and all that sort of thing, the possibilities of a conviction are very remote, and even if we did secure one, mainly on the public feeling which is existing out there, the court of appeals would undoubtedly throw it out.

However, Mr. Connelley said that they would prepare this summary. We have a transcript of the Civil Service hearing in St. Paul, which Supervisor Suran is reviewing at this time, and when we get the summary which Mr. Connelley is preparing, the two will be checked to see if our evidence can be strengthened.

Respectfully,

EAT
E. A. TAMM.

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

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

November 7, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

It is suggested that all Cleveland newspapers be searched for the period around March 31, 1935, in an effort to locate an Associated Press dispatch from St. Paul, Minnesota, which relates to a confession purported to have been made by Jesse Doyle concerning the Fairbury, Nebraska, and Third Northwestern Bank of Minnesota bank robberies.

An examination of the summary reports of Special Agent H. J. Lynn and S. K. McLee dated Cleveland, Ohio October 25, 1936, and October 26, 1936, respectively, fails to reflect any mention of such an article appearing in any of the three newspapers at Cleveland, Ohio.

This information is deemed necessary in corroborating John Brock's statement as it will be recalled that he overheard Alvin Karpis talking with John E. "Shark" Gorman about the publicity accorded to Jesse Doyle's purported confession, and some discussion and concern was had regarding whether Jesse Doyle knew about the ^{gang} contacts in Cleveland Ohio; that apparently in view of the foregoing they temporarily suspended activities in connection with the contemplated robbery of the mail truck which later was perpetrated at Warren, Ohio on April 25, 1935.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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POST OFFICE BOX 812,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

November 6, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

Reference is made to letter from this office dated November 4, 1936, in which it was suggested that certain investigation be made relative to Frank J. Noonan. In line with this matter it was noted in the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall dated at Detroit, Michigan, December 3, 1934, on page 15, that according to Mr. Noonan the following named persons were in his employ during 1934: Reed Hess, Ed Cook, Cliff and Rose Seaton and an undercover man whose name he refused to divulge, Rose Seaton acting as a stenographer. Reference is now made to the report of Special Agent E. J. Lynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, July 13, 1936, wherein it is noted on page 16 that Alvin Karpis when interviewed by Inspector E. J. Connelley at St. Paul, Minnesota, would not openly admit that he had a credential card of the Noonan Detective Agency, but later tentatively admitted the same by saying that he did not secure this identification card from Frank J. Noonan, but that he had gotten it from a subordinate.

It might be well to re-interview Ed Cook, he having previously admitted writing a letter to Fred Spohn at the direction of Mr. Noonan, requesting that he secure the criminal record of Charles Carroll, and obtain a signed statement from him setting forth all conversation he had with Mr. Noonan relative to this matter. It is also suggested that Mr. Spohn be re-interviewed regarding this particular angle and a similar written statement be secured from him with particular reference being made to his efforts in securing Carroll's record. The interviews had with Ed Cook and Fred Spohn are contained in the reports of Special Agent D. E. Hall dated at Detroit, Michigan, December 25, 1934, and December 3, 1934. This office has directed letters to the Kansas City and St. Paul Bureau offices requesting them to locate the original letters written by Mr. Spohn and also to secure the names of those witnesses who are competent to introduce these letters as evidence if it becomes desirable.

In view of the fact that Frank Noonan admitted that the criminal record of Charles Carroll was secured at his request, and in

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view of the varying explanations as to his interest in this individual and the further fact that apparently Charles Carroll and Alvin Karpis served time and escaped together from the State Industrial Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas, on March 9, 1932, and also considering the subsequent finding of the said criminal record in the house formerly occupied by Alvin Karpis in Cleveland, Ohio, it is believed that there is sufficient evidence on hand to warrant an indictment against Noonan. It would appear that this evidence, coupled with anything we might develop with reference to the credential card which Karpis carried in 1934, would be of material value in our case against Noonan.

In interviewing Mr. Reed Hess it is suggested that you call to his attention the letter contained on page 24 in the report of Special Agent D. M. Hall dated at Detroit, Michigan, December 3, 1934, and have him admit that he dictated the same at the direction of Frank J. Noonan. Efforts should also be made to obtain a copy of this letter either from Mr. Fred Spohn, who appears to have the original copy, or from the files of the Noonan Detective Agency, at which place, according to the reference report of Agent Hall, a carbon copy of this letter is contained.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul

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November 9, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

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

Dear Sir:

It is noted that your office has been receiving photostatic copies of the outgoing correspondence written by DOLORES DELANEY, at the U. S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan.

It is requested that several photostatic copies of these letters be furnished the Bureau, in order that the Technical Laboratory will be supplied with specimens of the handwriting of DOLORES DELANEY.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director.

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Post Office Box 612
Chicago Illinois

November 6, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BRAXID

Dear Sir:

Confirming the telephone conversation had by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan with Special Agent S. K. McKee on this date, please be advised that a review of the files in the Chicago Bureau office on this case reflects considerable information concerning the Silver Grill at 28th Street and Detroit Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio. Mention is made in the report of Special Agent G. E. Smith, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, July 21, 1936, that inquiry at the [redacted] indicated that this place was owned by James Patton. Apparently from the information contained in the report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated October 20, 1936, the legal title to the building in which the Silver Grill is located is in the name of Julia Patton, wife of James "Shirney" Patton. Previous interviews with [redacted] Wilbane, the present manager of the Silver Grill, and with Ed Gallagher, former manager, resulted in the information that this grill was operated and the business owned by them.

Mention is made in the statement of John Brock that in the latter part of March, 1935, he, Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter, "Sharkey" Gorman and another unknown man had a meeting in a back room at the Silver Grill. Dolores Delaney has likewise stated that during the summer of 1934 she with Alvin Karpis visited a tavern, which she described identically with the description of the Silver Grill, on several occasions and that Karpis appeared to be well acquainted with various employees in that place.

It will be recalled that at the time that Doc Barker was arrested in Chicago, Illinois on January 8, 1935 there was found on his person a memorandum book which contained the following notation:

"6282 Main 28th & Detroit Friday 1 o'clock".

This notation apparently has reference to a meeting of some kind that Doc Barker either had or would have at the Silver Grill.

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In view of the above information it is suggested that further investigation be made in an effort to definitely connect James "Shimmy" Patton, Art Leberbrand, Tony Amersbach, John "Sharkey" Gorman and Frank J. Noonan with the Silver Grill. Inasmuch as the files in the Chicago Bureau office do not reflect that investigation was conducted at Cleveland, Ohio concerning the telephone number Main 6222, it is suggested that this number be checked for the years 1934 and 1935 to ascertain whether it was listed either to the Silver Grill or any of the persons above mentioned or their associates and that further inquiry be made at the [redacted] to learn the source of the information contained in their files to the effect that James Patton was the owner of the Silver Grill. It is probable that this information was obtained in the usual manner by [redacted] personally interviewing James Patton.

Reference is made to the statement of Lillian Karea in which she makes mention that "Sharkey" called at Edith Barry's house in the spring of 1935 in a green Graham coupe. It is known that Tony Amersbach is the owner of a green Graham-Paige automobile and it is probable that "Sharkey" borrowed this automobile from Tony Amersbach at the time that he visited Edith Barry's house at Toledo, Ohio. It is noted in the interview recently had with "Sharkey" Gorman that he denied ever having used Tony Amersbach's Graham automobile. In view of the above it is suggested that in the interviews being conducted at the Cleveland Bureau office, that inquiry be made to ascertain whether "Sharkey" was ever known to have borrowed the automobile of Tony Amersbach. Any information that would indicate that "Sharkey" had made a trip either to Toledo, Ohio or Detroit, Michigan in Amersbach's car would be of value in disproving the assertion made by "Sharkey" that he at no time borrowed Amersbach's car and to some extent would corroborate the testimony of Lillian Karea. If it can be shown that "Sharkey" has borrowed Amersbach's car in the past, it is suggested that definite information be obtained concerning the description of the Graham-Paige owned by Amersbach. It is noted from the files in the Chicago Bureau office that Tony Amersbach registered his Graham-Paige automobile in the State of Ohio in 1935 under registration number HY655.

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There is no available copy of the report of Special Agent D.E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, dated February 25, 1936, in the Chicago Bureau office files. It is requested that a copy of this report, which is charged to Special Agent S. K. McKee, be forwarded to the Chicago Bureau office. If further use is had of this report at Cleveland, same will be returned to Special Agent S. K. McKee.

Very truly yours,

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Cincinnati
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D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

CLEVELAND OHIO
November 8, 1936

C. Fletcher
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
500 Rector Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

BREXID I WILL BE LITTLE ROCK TUESDAY AND PREFER YOU BE THERE IF IT WILL NOT
INTERFERE ANY PREVIOUSLY PLANNED WORK

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

November 9, 1936.

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

Dear Sir: RE: BREKID

Confirming telegram from this office on November 2, 1936, you are advised that on that date the trial of the indictments against JOSEPH H. DUES and HENRY (DUKE) RANDALL was set for February 15, 1937. Judge Holland is disqualified in this case by reason of his previous service as United States Attorney. He indicated that Judge A. V. Long of the Northern District of Florida would be requested to preside at these trials.

Very truly yours,

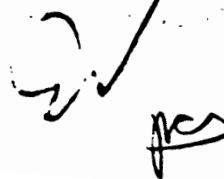


R. P. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Chicago
Cincinnati
Cleveland,
St. Paul

Jax # 7-24-

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Post Office Box 817,
Chicago, Illinois.

November 1, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir,

A review of the file in the Chicago Bureau Office reflects that on Page 57 of the report of Special Agent E. J. Ryan, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, on June 13, 1936, that [redacted] advised Agent Ryan that he had talked with Bert Ford and "Hughie" Minel, at which time Bert Ford mentioned that Chris Brennan and Frank Delora, former members of the Hoodlum Squad under Captain George Timiney, had been in Fred Coulet's Grill many times and that prior to the time Harry Campbell was arrested he had observed the above mentioned detectives play the marble machine with Harry Campbell at Coulet's Grill.

[redacted] further advised that Bert Ford likewise told him that a taxicab driver named "Greenie" knew Harry Campbell well and that he drove Campbell around Toledo, Ohio before the latter bought an automobile.

In view of the above information, it is suggested that Bert Ford be again interviewed in order to have him repeat this information to an Agent of the Bureau and for the purpose of ascertaining the source from which Bert Ford obtained this information.

It has also been noted that during the time that a tap was maintained on the telephone at the Casino Club during September and October, 1934, that a woman named Rose Herman, a waitress at the Dutch Village night club, residence 1401 Miami, telephone number Taylor 1663, frequently conversed with Bert Angus and apparently was his sweetheart.

Two women named "Hazel" and "Margaret", and who resided at the same address as Rose Herman, likewise called the Casino Club on various occasions during that time.

It is suggested that Rose Herman be located and interviewed and that the identities of "Hazel" and "Margaret" be learned so that they also can be interviewed concerning the persons they saw at the Casino Club during the time that they frequented it in September, 1934, and probably prior thereto. It is possible that these women may be in possession of valuable information concerning members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

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gang who visited the Casino Club, as well as Captain George Rindner and other persons involved in the harboring of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang at Toledo during the summer of 1934.

In reviewing the file in the Chicago Bureau Office, it was noted that there were several persons interviewed at Toledo, Ohio, who apparently were in a position to have obtained considerable information concerning the activities of members of the Barker-Karpis mob during the time they resided at Toledo in the summer of 1934, but who, upon interview, denied practically all knowledge concerning this gang. The names are being listed below so that consideration may be given to calling these persons as material witnesses before the grand jury when this case is presented:

Jack "Cum Cum" Schmidt) Waiters at Casino Club
Jack Furtha) in summer of 1934.
Al Yonkers
Walter Belpash
"Dennie" Weiss alias Nise (A friend of "Big" Cousins).
Ethel Scholtz (Paramour of "Big" Cousins in the
summer of 1934).
Geroldine "Jerry" Mosiker alias "Jerry" Jordan.

Very truly, yours,

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D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge

CC-Bureau
Cincinnati

November 9, 1936.

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

There are transmitted herewith two vouchers in favor of the Hertz Drive-Yourself Stations, Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, in the amounts of \$24.90 and \$15.70, which represent payment for the rental of automobiles by Special Agents of this Bureau.

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

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

Cleveland FILE NO. 7-1

REPORT MADE AT Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 11/9/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/28 to 11/5/36	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>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Kenneth Francis, former driver of Private Cab Company, unable to identify photograph of Benson Groves. Efforts to locate "Big Bertha", who was on party with Edna Murray, Captain George Timiney and others at Casino Club in 1934, were unsuccessful. Fred Cranston, Jr., previously referred to as Harry Krantz, states he visited Casino Club during 1934 and 1935, but unable to identify photographs of members of Barker-Karpis gang as persons he saw there. Perry Hicks, commonly called "Red", a former cook at Middle Island during 1933, 1934, and 1935, furnished information regarding employees of Middle Island, but unable to identify photographs of Barker-Karpis gang. Mrs. Edith Marks states George Timiney now residing Lorraine Hotel and expects move to Y.M.C.A., Toledo. U. S. Attorney's records, Toledo, Ohio, reflect that Colin Monroe, when arrested and convicted in Federal Court in 1931, gave address as Lorain, Ohio. [REDACTED] states Ludy Fleming and Rene Holst [REDACTED] they are now residing Cleveland, Ohio; [REDACTED] Wayne Preston, who participated in mail truck robbery, Warren, Ohio, spring of 1935, is now in Cuba. Investigation discloses Coolie Monroe still on Middle Island, but expected to return to mainland within a week.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 11/3/36.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J.P. [Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>RM</i>	
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DETAILS:

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

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

Reference is being made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, October 3, 1936, wherein it is noted that Kenneth Francis drove Karpis, Coker, and a third unknown individual to and from McGraw's about December 21, 1935.

Francis was located at the Private Cab Company, 520 Cherry Street, Toledo, and when shown a photograph of Benson Groves stated that he had never seen this individual, and that he was positive that Groves was not the third individual above mentioned.

He further informed that he had only given Joe Roscoe service on one occasion, at which time he helped Roscoe start his car last winter, when it was stalled in front of the Jovial Club.

He further advised that he never took a message from Edith Barry's to Roscoe at the 42nd Street Cafe, or elsewhere.

In this connection, Agents contacted Ed Winseman, 1932 North 14th Street, Toledo, who informed that the photograph and name of Benson Groves were unfamiliar to him, nor did he at any time, while in the employ of the Private Cab Company, deliver messages to or from Edith Barry, Joe Roscoe, or Benson Groves.

Agents also contacted William Wilson Wirick, 415 Third Street, Toledo, Ohio, who informed that the photograph of Benson Groves was unfamiliar to him, nor did he at any time, while driving for the Private Cab Company, deliver any message to or from Edith Barry to Joe Roscoe or Benson Groves.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 29 and 30, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, November 3, 1936, wherein it is noted that Constance Burkhardt, a former entertainer at the Casino Club, advised that one "Big Bertha", with two girls, were at the Casino Club with Edna Murray and Captain George Timiney and four other police officers.

In an effort to determine the identity of "Big Bertha", Agents contacted Mrs. Margaret Slater, Women's Bureau, Toledo Police Department, who advised that Bertha Thompson, a former bootlegger on Suter Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, was known to her as "Big Bertha", but that she was unaware of her present whereabouts. Inquiry by Mrs. Slater's assistant, of the vice squad, indicated that she might be located through Ruth and Doc's Beer Tavern, Hawley and Western Streets, Toledo, Ohio.

Inquiry at the latter address revealed that a woman known as "Big Bertha" resided at the corner of Baden and Walbridge Streets, Toledo, Ohio. However, interview with this woman at 356 Baden Street revealed that her name was Bertha Starr, and that she had only been in the Casino Club on one occasion, at a dance marathon, and that the identity of the patrons of this place was unknown to her.

She directed Agents, however, to Bertha Thompson, who resided on Maple Street, who, to Mrs. Starr's knowledge, was a former bootlegger.

Mrs. Bertha Thompson, 3214 Maple Street, was interviewed and advised that she had never visited the Casino Club, and that the patrons of that place were unknown to her. She informed that when she was bootlegging about six years ago, a Bertha Bandurek, who operated a call house near Summit and Suder Streets, Toledo, Ohio, was also known as "Big Bertha" and was often confused with her.

Inquiry in the vicinity of Summit and Suder Streets, revealed that Sophie Bandurek, operated a beer tavern at 3527 Summit Street, Toledo. Interview with this woman disclosed that she is now known as Sophie Blalock, and that her sister, Bertha Bandurek, has resided in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for the past seven years, and advised that she is not aware of her sister's present address.

Sophie further advised that she had visited the Casino Club on several occasions in 1934, but knew nothing of the activities or identities of the patrons of that place. However, without hesitation, she selected the photographs of Willie Harrison and Jimmy Wilson, as photographs of persons whom she had previously seen, but could not positively state that the Casino Club was the place where she had seen these two individuals.

Interview was also had with her sister, Irene McDonough, 1636 1/2 Sylvania Avenue, who informed that she had visited the Casino Club on several occasions in 1934, but was unable to recognize any of the photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang which were exhibited to her. She recalled, however, that she frequented the place only when Big Nell, a colored woman, was the entertainer there.

Interview was also had with Bertha Isenberg, housekeeper for Mrs. Clark, who operates a call house at 1234 Monroe Street, Toledo. She informed that she had never visited the Casino Club at Point Place, and had no information to offer concerning the patrons of that place. It should be noted that this woman adopted a very hostile attitude, and informed that henceforth, she did not wish to be bothered about any matters in which she had no concern.

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

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, dated July 11, 1936, wherein it is noted that John Murtha, a former employee of the Casino Club, advised that one Harry Krantz had informed him that a bunch of "hots" out of Chicago were frequenting that place in 1934.

Murtha, when again contacted at his home, the Mayfair Apartments, 1802 Cherry Street, where he resides with his sister, Edith Schlotz, the former wife or paramour of "Nig" Cousins, advised that he recalled that Krantz' given name was Fred, and that he was in the roofing business at that time.

Inquiry at various roofing concerns in and around Toledo, revealed that in 1934, a Fred Cranston, Jr., 835 Lincoln Avenue, was a copartner with Ray Sherman in the Toledo Roofing Company at 1228 Dorr Street, Toledo.

Agents located Cranston at the Oldsmobile automobile agency, 1127 Sylvania Avenue, where he is presently employed as a salesman.

He informed that he was a steady patron of the Casino Club at Point Place in 1934, and up until the spring of 1935, when the place was taken over by Charlie Haymaker.

He related that he had known Bert and Ted Angus for about ten years, and that he was also well acquainted with Nig Cousins and Ethel Schlotz, Ludy Fleming and his former wife, Joe Roscoe, Rene and Thelma Holst, Madeline and Ruth Angus, Mildred Clark, Captain George Timiney and Edith Marks.

He informed that he could not recall exactly when he began patronizing the Casino Club in 1934, but remembered that during the time he visited the place, Big Nell, the colored entertainer, had a negro orchestra at the place. He further related that one Sunday evening, the girl named Jerry, who had formerly been a waitress at the Dutch Village, sang at the club.

He further advised that he recalled that Marie, the cook at the club, prepared excellent food, and for that reason, Nig Cousins, Ethel Schlotz, himself and a girl named Hattie Danley, who operates a millinery shop at 4361 Overland Parkway, Toledo, ate their dinner at the Casino Club practically every Sunday that Marie was working. Cranston informed that very few people patronized the place on Sunday nights, but that he and Hattie Danley visited the place frequently during that period, on week nights, usually coming into the club after midnight. He related that they always sat at the bar with Bert and Ted Angus, and on one occasion, Timney, Toddy Marks (Edith Marks) and Sally Buckley, who is employed at George Sullivan's Turf Bar, on Monroe Street and St. Clair, joined them and bought them drinks.

When shown photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang, he informed that he could recognize none of them as likenesses of persons he had previously seen or met at the Casino Club, and the names, aliases, nicknames of members of the gang, and their women were called to his attention, as well as incidents which happened at the club, but he informed that he was not familiar with any of them. He related that this was unusual, in that if any of these persons were known to the Angus brothers, Roscoe, Cousins, Ludy Fleming, and had they been present at the club when he was there, he was positive that he would have been introduced to them, in that he had been at the Casino Club on numerous occasions when the above-mentioned people were there. He also stated that he was well acquainted with Coolie Monroe, Charlie Becker and Gum Gum Smith, and that he occasionally played golf with Smith, but no mention was ever made to him of this gang frequenting the place.

He further denied that he had ever made a statement to the effect that a gang of "hots" from Chicago were frequenting the Casino Club, and was unable to account for the origin of such a statement, in that he stated he would not have been in a position to obtain such information, and further, that he never saw anything at the Casino Club at that time to arouse his suspicions.

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

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy dated at Cleveland, Ohio, October 31, 1936, wherein it is noted that Charles Sweet advised that one "Red", who operated a billiard parlor at Bellevue, Ohio, had been employed for a few summers at Middle Island, as a cook.

Inquiry at various billiard parlors at Bellevue, Ohio, revealed that Perry Hicks, who operated at billiard parlor at 108 1/2 Main Street, Bellevue, was known as "Red."

Upon interview, Hicks informed that he is fifty years of age, and resides at 315 Kilborn Street, Bellevue, Ohio. He stated that he was a cook by profession, and prior to August 1933, had been employed at the Jovial Club, Toledo, Ohio, as a chef for five years. He then related that Joe Roscoe sent him to Middle Island in the latter part of August 1933, to take the place of Gus Warnke, and he then worked at the island through the season of 1934 from May to November, and nearly the entire season of 1935, as a cook.

He advised that in 1933 Bert Angus was managing the Island for Joe Roscoe, and in 1934, it was managed by Dewey Schmidt, who was later employed as a bartender at the Algeo Hotel, Toledo. In addition to himself, he informed that the following persons were employed during the 1934 season: Buster Williams, caretaker; Coolie Monroe; Tate Angus, son of Bert Angus, waiter; and Bill, whose last name Hicks was unable to recall. He advised however, that Harry Earley, manager of the Elks Club at Toledo, was a steady patron of the Island at that time and he procured the job for Bill through Joe Roscoe.

Hicks further informed that during the 1935 season, the Island was managed by Walter Belpash, and the following persons were employed there in addition to Monroe and Williams: Paragon McCormick, who resides on Piele Island; and Cecil and Bill, two high school students, whom Roscoe brought from Toledo.

When shown photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis gang, Hicks informed that he was unable to identify any of them as persons known to him as having been patrons of the Island. He related that he was not in a position to observe who the guests might be, and further that he never used intoxicants, and therefore never mingled with the patrons. He recalled, however, that in 1934, a well

was dug on the Island, as related by Edna Murray, but he stated that he could not recall any of the gang at the Island at that time. He informed that from July 2 to 7, 1934, he was in Toledo having dental work done, and upon his return to the Island, recalled that Buster Williams informed him that Ted Angus and Nig Cousins had been over to the Island with a big gang during his absence.

He recalled that Nig Cousins was a frequent visitor at the Island during 1934, but he could not recall that he ever came in the company of anyone other than Joe Roscoe, or one of the Angus brothers. He further recalled that Detective Art Langendorf was a weekly visitor with Joe Roscoe and almost without exception, came over for every week end. He could only recall that Captain George Timiney visited the Island on two occasions, in company with Edith Marks, known to him as Toddy Marks, and once with Joe Roscoe. He remembered them particularly in that they never failed to bring him a box of candy.

He partially identified the photograph of Benson Groves known to him as Ben, a person who was a steady patron of the Jovial Club seven or eight years ago. He related that the last time he saw Ben was in the latter part of the 1935 season, when he visited the Island on a week end with Joe Roscoe.

Hicks informed that he believed that Coolie Monroe lived in the vicinity of Leamington, Canada, a short distance from Piele Island, in that Buster Williams' parents, whose name he believed to be McGee, were truck farmers near that town, and Williams and Monroe always went home together to Leamington, Canada. Hicks stated that he was almost positive that Monroe was a Canadian citizen, in that in 1934, the Canadian Customs inspectors visited the Island and requested that all employees procure visitors' permits thereafter. He recalled that Canadian Customs Inspector Henderson, stationed at Piele Island, and now retired, knew Monroe to be a Canadian, and informed him that he, Monroe, would not be required to abide by the rules of the Canadian authorities, inasmuch as he was a Canadian. He further related that Coolie Monroe spent the entire winter of 1935 and 1936 with Walter Belpash, but had not seen him since that time. However, he related that he spends most of his time at the Jovial Club in Toledo, and if he, Hicks, wanted to contact or locate Coolie Monroe, he would do so through the members of the Jovial Club.

Following investigation was conducted at Toledo, Ohio, by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy on October 31, 1936:

Mrs. Edith Marks, former paramour of George Timiney, was interviewed at her new place of business, the Coral Room of the Lorraine Hotel, Toledo, with reference to any further knowledge she might have concerning activities of Captain George Timiney of the Toledo Police Department. She advised that in view of the fact she no longer has anything to do with Captain Timiney, she has no information which she has not already furnished to Agents, except the fact that George Timiney is now residing at the Lorraine Hotel, but expects to move to the Y.M.C.A. within the next few days. She stated she heard that Timiney remarked that his reason for moving from the Lorraine Hotel was to prevent his seeing any violations of law she, Mrs. Marks, might commit in the operation of the Coral Room, which is a cocktail bar.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, on October 31, 1936:

In an endeavor to locate the present whereabouts of Coolie Monroe, or Colin Munro, a check of Toledo city directories for the years 1927 to 1936 was made to ascertain if Monroe ever was listed with a local address. These directories do not show a listing for Coolie or Colin Monroe, Munroe, or Munro.

On November 2, 1936, the United States District Court criminal docket at Toledo, Ohio, for the year 1931, was checked, which reflects that in Docket Case #7059, United States vs. George Zebrly, alias Whitey Eberle, and Colin Munro, these defendants were indicted at Toledo, Ohio, September 11, 1931, for violation of Title 1, par. 805, Tariff Act of 1930, and Section 6, Title 2, National Prohibition Act; that on September 24, 1931, Zebrly, upon plea of guilty, was sentenced to serve a term of fifteen months in Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, and on the same date, upon plea of guilty, Colin Munro was sentenced to serve a term of one year and one day in the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia.

On November 2, 1936, an examination was made of the closed file in the office of the United States Attorney, Toledo, Ohio, on case U. S. vs. George Zebrly, alias "Whitey" Eberle, and Colin Munro, to ascertain if same contained any personal history or addresses of antecedents of Colin Munroe. This file reflects that in August 1931, when Zebrly was arrested for smuggling liquor, he gave his address as 331 Perkins Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio, and Colin Munro gave his address as 1843 E. 31st Street, Lorain, Ohio. Further investigation will be made at Sandusky and Lorain, Ohio, in this connection.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents E. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, on November 3, 1936:

In an endeavor to secure information concerning present whereabouts of Coolie Monroe, or Colin Munro, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was interviewed [REDACTED]. He stated he is not personally acquainted with Coolie Monroe, although he has heard of him; that he has no knowledge of Monroe's nativity, and does not know where he would reside after he has left Middle Island, if he was employed there last.

[REDACTED] further stated that [REDACTED] Rudy Fleming and his wife, the former Rene Holst, visited in Toledo, [REDACTED] that Fleming and his wife are now residing in Cleveland, Ohio, and he is in some kind of a muscle racket, working for Maxie Diamond of Cleveland; that he is of the opinion that it may be bootleg liquor racket.

[REDACTED] that one of the persons who robbed the mail truck at Warren, Ohio, during the spring of 1935, was in Cuba on the "lam", and that his name is Wayne Preston.

Also, [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] that Bureau Agents had worried a gambler by the name of "Whitey", who was employed at the Jovial Club in Toledo, to such an extent that it was necessary for him, Roscoe, to transfer "Whitey" to the Harvard Club in Cleveland, Ohio, and that it is his opinion that Joe Roscoe has some interest in the Harvard Club in Cleveland.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents E. B. Dill and J. W. Murphy at Toledo and Lakeside, Ohio, on November 4 and 5, 1936:

As previous investigations have developed that persons going to and from Middle Island, in Lake Erie, usually depart and arrive at Brown's boatworks in Lakeside, Ohio, which is the nearest point to Middle Island where boat livery may be obtained, Agents proceeded to Lakeside, Ohio, on November 4, 1936, and made inquiry of one of the employees of Worthy R. Brown & Son, Inc., (boat works) as to whether or not Middle Island was still in operation, and this employee, whose name was not obtained, stated that Middle Island has been closed for the season, but he does not know who is still on the Island; that Alex Metzko, who operates the livery boat to Middle Island and other points, is well acquainted with employees of Middle Island and their plans, and Alex should be in a position to furnish the names of persons still on the Island; that Alex was at that time on a trip to Put-In-Bay Island.

On November 5, 1936, Agents returned to Lakeside, Ohio, to the boat works of Worthy R. Brown & Son, Inc., where Alex Metzko was interviewed. Alex stated he did not know where Coolie Monroe was located, and did not know anything about any persons or any activity on Middle Island. It was apparent from the attitude adopted by Alex Metzko that he was not willing to furnish any information he might be in possession of concerning Middle Island. Agents did not reveal their identity to Metzko.

Mr. William Brown, Manager of Worthy R. Brown & Son, Inc., Lakeside, Ohio, was interviewed at his office. He stated that he did not know who was on Middle Island at the present time, as the Island had been closed about two or three weeks for the season; that he knows Coolie Monroe, but does not know whether he is still on the Island. He stated that the work boat "Jo-Jo", used at Middle Island does not put up for the winter at his boat works, but is stored at Herman's boat works, Bay View Yacht Club, Toledo, Ohio, and he does not know when this boat will go there for winter storage.

Agents proceeded from Lakeside, Ohio, to the Bay View Yacht Club, Toledo, Ohio, where inquiry was made of an employee of Herman's boat works concerning the boat "Jo-Jo." During this conversation, the boat "Jo-Jo" was seen entering the channel, coming to Herman's boat works. It was noted when this boat tied up, there were two men on board. Agents E. J. Wynn and A. Dickstein, who had been waiting at this boat works for the arrival of the "Jo-Jo", interviewed one of the men on this boat, who is called "Mack" (McCormick), and "Mack" advised that Coolie Monroe was still on Middle Island building an ice

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Laboratory Report

Case: Brekid. November 7, 1936. Number: 7-576-13162

Specimens: 49. One photostat containing copies of the reverse side of five C.C.D. package receipts, all signed "E. Bronson" and dated July 11, 1934.

Examination requested by: Cleveland Office
Date received: 11/3/36
Examination requested: Document
Result of examination: Examination by: Appel

The signatures appearing on the photostat designated above as 49 were compared with the known handwriting specimens of the following:

G. McDonald	Volney Davis	Edna Murray
Fred Barker	Arthur Barker	Mrs. G. E. Barker
Elmer Farmer	Oliver Berg	John Hamilton
Lester Gillis	Jess Doyle	Alvin Karpis
Harry Campbell	Homer Van Meter	Fred Hunter
Mrs. Dixon	William Weaver	Henry Randall
Joe Adams		

No identification was effected.

These signatures were also compared with the name "Chas. Bronson" appearing on the application for duplicate transfer of title certificate but no conclusion was reached.

The handwriting of Dolores Delaney was not compared as the only specimens in the Bureau's files were signatures on fingerprint cards.

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P. O. Box 1525,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

November 9, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
CLEVELAND, OHIO.

RE: BREKID

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From previous reports submitted in this case, it does not appear that DAISY FARMER is sought for further interview. It is noted, however, in the report of Special Agent Smith, hereinbefore referred to, that DAISY FARMER, immediately upon the termination of the interview, packed her clothes, picked up her son and left town, her whereabouts being then unknown.

If an interview is desired with DAISY FARMER, it is suggested that the Pittsburgh Office be notified, in order that her location in Pittsburgh might be ascertained at this time.

Very truly yours,

R. L. SHIVERS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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 November 3, 1936.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 26, 1936.

Time - 12:10 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

During a telephonic conversation which I had with Mr. Connelley at Cleveland, he had the following suggestions to offer with regard to the proposed press release on the harboring cases in that vicinity:

Page 1, paragraph 3. It is indicated that Harry Sawyer and Kate Barker received protection in Toledo. Mr. Connelley said that neither of these individuals was ever at Toledo.

Page 2, paragraph 1. It is stated that Russell Gibson was killed on January 8, 1936. This individual was killed on January 8, 1935..

Page 2, paragraph 2. It is stated that William J. Harrison had formerly conducted a partnership business at Hammond, Indiana. This should be Calumet City, Illinois.

Page 2, paragraph 3. It is stated that Karpis and Barker left their women in Toledo and return to Chicago for operations. Karpis had remained in Chicago all of this time, and did not go to Toledo until after he had had his operation. Fred Barker, however, was in Toledo and came to Chicago to be operated on, after which both of them went to Toledo.

Page 3, last paragraph, wherein it is stated that immediately after the arrest of McLaughlin, Karpis and Barker fled to Toledo. Mr. Connelley said that at that time, Karpis and Barker were in Toledo, while Doc Barker, Gibson and Moran apparently were negotiating the handling of the ransom money with McLaughlin, and Doc Moran, Volney Davis and William Weaver were at Aurora at that time with the money. Mr. Connelley suggested that the paragraph remain as it is, with the deletion of the reference to Karpis and Barker, and adding the words "fled to Toledo" at the end of the paragraph.

Page 4, first paragraph, stating that Gibson, Moran and Berg made temporary headquarters at the Algeo Hotel in Toledo. Mr. Connelley said these were at the Fort Meigs Hotel in Toledo.

Page 4, paragraph 2. Mr. Connelley said that it might be well to have the reference to Theodore Angus changed to "Ted"; that while Theodore is probably his correct name, everyone knows him as "Ted", while he probably would not be known as "Theodore". In the same paragraph, Mr. Connelley believes that the sentence "Timiney at times also was the drinking companion of various members of the fugitive band" should be deleted entirely in view of the fact that

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he believes the reference to Sheriff O'Reilly later in the memorandum should also come out. Mr. Connelley also believes that the sentence following the above quoted sentence pertaining to Lucian Fleming should also come out, because it gives an indication of what the possible evidence against Fleming is.

Page 4, paragraph 3. Mr. Connelley believes that the first sentence should come out entirely, pointing out that our best witness in this matter is going to be Berry, and if this advance information on this particular subject comes out, someone will probably go over there and "work on" this man and probably intimidate him to such an extent that he will not make a good witness.

Page 4, paragraph 4. The reference to "April, 1934" should be June, 1934.

Page 5, paragraph 1, line 7. Mr. Connelley suggests that this read "operated by Arthur W. Heberbrand and others", or "operated by Arthur W. Heberbrand and James "Shimmy" Patton", since everyone knows that Patton is involved in this situation anyway, and according to Mr. Connelley, Patton is probably the tougher of the two.

Page 5, paragraph 1, line 10. Mr. Connelley suggests that the word "immediate" should come out, since this statement would probably be made exception of by the Cleveland Police Department by stating that they were the ones who made the first investigation. Mr. Connelley said that they were in there first; as a matter of fact, they fixed the situation up so that no one else could do anything on it.

Page 5, paragraph 4. Mr. Connelley said that he believes this entire paragraph should come out, since this would tend, if left in, to show Colin Monroe that Greenwald is going to testify against him. No one knows the information in this paragraph at this time, and the only one who could tell it would be Greenwald, and while Greenwald is going to be arrested with the others, he is going to be a principal witness.

Page 6, paragraph 1. Mr. Connelley suggests that the reference to Esther Goulet be left out, since the impression which is left in this paragraph is that she harbored the subjects, and if this is so, the question will be raised as to why we don't arrest her, and she is not to be made one of the defendants. Immediately following this, Mr. Connelley suggests that the reference to John Brock be left out, since he is to be one of our best witnesses, and we are going to press no charges against him. Mr. Connelley further suggests that the next sentence in that paragraph, beginning with "The fugitives" and ending with "Lewisberg, Pennsylvania." be left out entirely, for the reason that we make definite allegations of harboring by Patton and Heberbrand, and we are not filing on them at this time. Then, too, Benson Groves is mentioned

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more specifically later in the memorandum. In connection with Benson Groves, Mr. Connelley said that he understands the Post Office Department is issuing a circular on him, although he has not seen it, and he was wondering if they might take exception of the fact of our mentioning him in connection with the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery. I told him that I could not see why they should take exception to this, and pointed out that it was my opinion we should take advantage of every opportunity to get this man's name in the paper in connection with investigation being conducted by the Bureau, so that if we later have an opportunity to take him into custody, the public will have already been apprised of the fact of the Bureau's association with him.

Page 6, paragraph 2. Mr. Connelley believes that the sentence reading "Joe Roscoe participated in the plans to rob the mails and shared in the loot" should come out, since there is only one way we could know that, and that is to disclose what Brock has said. The following sentence, relating to the harboring by Joseph and John Zetzer should in Mr. Connelley's opinion be taken out.

Page 6, paragraph 3. Harry Campbell married Gertrude Billiter on May 29, 1935 rather than May 27th.

Page 6, the following sentence is included: "Campbell was frequently in company with Sheriff O'Reilly, with whom he drank, attended parties and for whom he worked by getting voters in Lucas County to register to insure them being eligible to vote for the reelection of O'Reilly to the office of Sheriff of Lucas County * * *". Mr. Connelley believes that in view of the fact this release will probably be made on Monday morning prior to election, the references to Sheriff O'Reilly should be taken out, since otherwise we would be charged with releasing information detrimental to the sheriff prior to election day. I told Mr. Connelley we would get your decision on this particular point.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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November 6, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to the attached telephone memorandum addressed to you under date of October 26, 1936 and received in your office on October 31, 1936, you are advised that it was not my intention, because of the nature of this memorandum, to forward it to your office. The memorandum containing details of Connelley's suggested changes in a press release in the Cleveland-Toledo harboring matters was reviewed by me for accuracy and sent to Mr. Suran, the supervisor handling this matter, for appropriate changes in the press release. Mr. Suran made the necessary changes, initialed the memorandum and intended to route it to the files section. The memorandum inadvertently went into your office, without ever having been signed by me, and as indicated to you, was not intended that this memorandum would be sent to you.

Respectfully,

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house and had about a week's work to do before he would leave the Island. "Mack" stated that Coolie Monroe would come into Lakeside, Ohio, as soon as he had finished his work. Buster Williams, who accompanied "Mack" on the "Jo-Jo", was interviewed by Agents Murphy and Dill, and furnished in substance the same information obtained from "Mack", in addition to which he stated they brought the "Jo-Jo" in for the winter.

In view of the information furnished by "Mack" and Buster Williams, Agents Wynn and Dickstein, H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy, proceeded to Lakeside, Ohio, the evening of November 5, 1936, and contacted Mr. William Brown at his residence. Mr. Brown stated he is acquainted with Buster Williams, and Williams is a peculiar person; that when he comes to the mainland he seldom stayed more than one day before returning to Middle Island, and he usually returns to the Island from Lakeside, Ohio, by one of his, Brown's, boats driven by Alex Metz; that if Coolie Monroe is on Middle Island awaiting the return of Williams, Monroe may come to Lakeside, Ohio, on the boat which Williams goes back to the Island in.

Mr. Brown stated that Alex Metz, who drives the boat used in livery service between Lakeside, Ohio, and Middle Island, is well acquainted with Buster Williams, Coolie Monroe, and other persons who frequent Middle Island, but as Metz depends very much on the trade of such persons for his livelihood, he would not furnish any information concerning anyone who works on Middle Island or frequents that Island, if he thought it might work to their detriment.

In order that Agents might observe the return of the livery boat of Browns boat works from Middle Island, arrangements were made with Mr. William Brown whereby he would notify Special Agents Wynn and Dickstein at the Island House, Port Clinton, Ohio, of the departure of the livery boat, driven by Alex Metz, for Middle Island, in order that these Agents might go to Lakeside, Ohio, and observe the livery boat when it returned to Lakeside to see if Coolie Monroe is aboard. Mr. Brown stated that another way persons on Middle Island might return to the mainland would be to go to Kelly's Island by outboard motorboat, which is kept at Middle Island for use of Buster Williams; then call his, Brown's, boat works at Lakeside, Ohio, to send over a livery boat, which is done quite often without stating who the boat is for, and persons may then be driven to Lakeside, Ohio. Also if a person is brought to Kelly's Island by outboard motorboat, they can take the ferry from Kelly's Island to Sandusky, Ohio.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

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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U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

November 4, 1936

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREMID

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Dear Sir:

With reference to the possible arrest of the various subjects in the harboring cases at Toledo and Cleveland, U. S. Attorney E. B. Freed conferred with United States District Court Judge Hahn at Toledo on November 2, 1936, as to when it would be possible to call a Grand Jury at Toledo and the judge insisted on the date of November 30, 1936 for calling the Grand Jury, although the U. S. Attorney indicated that it might be well to call same at any earlier date.

With this in mind the U. S. Attorney advised that it would be arranged then to arrest the various subjects on November 21, 1936, which will give us an opportunity to interview them on the Sunday following (November 22, 1936). The U. S. Attorney, in accordance with an understanding with the judge, says that it will not be necessary to have a hearing for the persons arrested until after the Grand Jury has had time to act, which will avoid disclosure of our case before a commissioner in a hearing on the charges, which would, due to the charges contemplated, make a rather lengthy and expensive hearing. As to the secret warrants, the judge advises he will call the U. S. Commissioner into his chambers for this and insist on absolute secrecy.

Mr. Freed advised that if we believed it necessary or advisable to have the arrests at any earlier date than above indicated, he would approve of this but that he believed it would be necessary to have a hearing at an early date before the Grand Jury could act if we were to arrest them at an earlier date. Mr. Freed advised that he did not think it advisable for us to take any action which would cause us to disclose our case to the defense before the trial of the case and as to this I also believe such action would hurt the successful prosecution of the subjects if we placed ourselves in position to disclose our witnesses and subject them to cross-examination before trial.

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The above confirms my telephone conversation with Mr. E. A. Tamm on November 2, 1936.

As to the further work necessary in this case at Cleveland and Toledo, we will arrange for Agent Norstrom to return to his headquarters on November 4, 1936 with instructions to return to Toledo on the morning of November 18, 1936 in order to be available in the arrest of the numerous subjects who are to be picked up and this will allow ample time to locate the subjects who are to be arrested on November 21, 1936.

Agents Dill, Murphy and Dickstein will remain at Toledo and endeavor to locate or obtain leads on this party Benson Groves, with aliases, who is wanted as the fifth man in the Garrettsville train robbery of November 7, 1935, and who is also responsible for harboring Campbell and Karpis. We have also some indication that the third man in the Warren, Ohio truck robbery of U. S. Mail is one Wayne Preston and they will try to get any and all possible information as to him in order, particularly, to identify him and get a picture for such latter purpose. They will also follow up the location of Colin Munroe who is last reported as being at Middle Island but expected to return to Toledo the last of the present week. It may be necessary to pick up Munroe as he is reported as planning on going to Canada. He could be, if willing, an invaluable witness against Timiney and other members of the hoodlum squad.

Special Agent E. J. Wynn will be at Cleveland to consult with U. S. Attorney Freed while he, Freed, is making a study of the report and later Mr. Freed expects to go to Toledo where he can devote his entire time to this, together with Assistant U. S. Attorney Openlander, and Agent Wynn will then be at Toledo to consult with him as to this. Agents Wynn and Kitchin will follow up leads also at Cleveland on Hebebrand and Benson Groves.

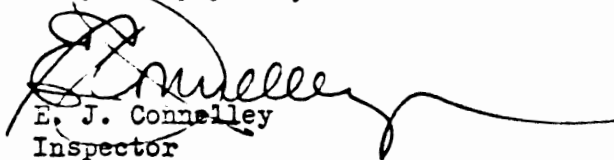
During the two weeks we are awaiting the pick up at Toledo and Cleveland, it is planned to have Agents Sullivan and Madala proceed to Hot Springs, Ark., for the purpose of making the preliminary set up there, which will be several telephone taps on such as "Dutch" Akers, Chief of Police Wakelin, Mayor McLaughlin, et al, both as to their homes and such other places as it may be indicated they are carrying on their negotiations as to the "pay-off". Agents Sullivan and Madala, at Chicago, are now checking the summary reports in the harboring cases against the file and index to verify that we have not omitted any detail and I will arrange to meet them in Little Rock the last of the present week in order to instruct them and plan the work at Hot Springs. All agents will return to Cleveland and Toledo for the pick up arrests on November 18, 1936 in order to definitely locate those to be arrested on November 21, 1936.

Agent S. K. McKee will be joined at Jacksonville, Florida by Agent R. T. Noonan in order to check all files which pertain to the Miami situation and particularly any informants such as Danny McFarland, et al, who are available, after which they will proceed to Miami and lay out the plan of operation which is to be pursued during the present season. They will meet in Jacksonville to start the work about the end of the present week. They will return for the pick-up arrests here unless something unusual develops at Miami during the next two weeks.

As the taps are established in Hot Springs, we will require at least two agents for each tap. This work will be started about the end of the present week when I arrive at Little Rock and line up what is needed.

As the situation is determined in Florida, we will require additional men there.

Very truly yours,


E. J. Connelley
Inspector

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

November 9, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

I am attaching hereto a copy of each of the following letters obtained by the Kansas City Office from the files of the Kansas State Penitentiary:

Letter dated July 18, 1934, signed "Fred C. Spohn, F.P.E., Sheriff's Office, Chardon, Ohio";

Letter dated July 18, 1934, signed "C. W. Wilson, Record Clerk";

Letter dated July 24, 1934, signed "Fred C. Spohn, F.P.E., Sheriff's Office, Chardon, Ohio";

Letter dated July 26, 1934, signed "C. W. Wilson";

Copy of a statement of Charles Carroll dated March 15, 1929.

Photograph of Charles Carroll, Kansas State Penitentiary #1049.

It is suggested that in interviewing Fred C. Spohn that the above mentioned letters be exhibited to him for identification purposes, and that these letters be made a part of the Cleveland Bureau Office file for use in any future prosecution had in this case in the Cleveland District.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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November 10, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter under date of November 7, 1936, in the above entitled case, which refers to the purchase of a set of Ohio License plates by Edna Murray and Wynona Burdette on behalf of Fred Barker at Toledo, Ohio, during January or February, 1934.

It is noted that you suggest the license plates purchased may have been for 1933 Ford Sedan, Motor #18-493080 (not #18-493020) or Buick Sedan Motor #2858090, Serial #2703063 both of which cars were at one time owned by Fred Barker under the name of T. C. Blackburn.

I wish to advise that a review of the file at the Cincinnati office indicates that the above mentioned Ford was registered under 1933 Ohio License C25-771, under the name of T. C. Blackburn, 4214 N. Lockwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, on September 26, 1933 and the Buick in question was registered under 1933 Ohio License C25-783 on September 28, 1933, the same name and address being used. It has previously been ascertained from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio, that neither of these cars was registered in Ohio during the year 1934. It also appears from report of Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, St. Paul, 6-9-34, that the Ford in question was transferred from T. C. Blackburn to R. E. Nelson, 212 St. Peter Street, St. Paul, on December 8, 1933.

It appears therefore that the license plates referred to by Edna Murray were probably for some other automobile. If the file at the Chicago Office reveals any other automobiles which might have been in the possession of Fred Barker during January and February, 1934, please advise this office so that

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a further check for registrations can be made.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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PHONE. PROCEEDING THREE FIVE PM MISSOURI PACIFIC TRAIN EIGHT
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FOUR ELEVEN THIRTY TWO PM ARRIVE CINCINNATI SEVEN FIFTY FIVE
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BREKID LETTER OUTLINING IN DETAIL WORK AND RESPONSIBILITIES
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Post Office Box #1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas.
November 6th, 1936.

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Mr. E. J. Connelley, Inspector,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1130 Enquirer Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In accordance with instructions contained in your letter of October 14th, 1936, I proceeded to Hot Springs last week and had a conference with Grace Goldstein, at which time I inquired as to whether she had any of the property of any of the Subjects in this case, particularly Karpis, now in her possession. I impressed her with the fact that in the event this property should later turn up in her possession, or be found in the possession of some person through whom it could be traced to her, that she would probably be in serious difficulty and could look for no aid from this Bureau.

Grace Goldstein appeared to be rather frank and while she did not mention to me the fact that she at any time had any bonds in her possession, I had to bring the subject up myself and inquired of her whether she had not had some money, bonds, or other property belonging to Karpis in addition to the machine guns, which were turned over to me.

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She advised that on the date of her release from this office that she proceeded to Shreveport, Louisiana, thence to Texarkana and later to her home near Paris, Texas, where she took from a place where it had been buried, a small black suitcase, which Karpis had given her - the contents being a number of blue prints, maps and other papers, of which she had no knowledge. She also said that in this suitcase was a brown envelope, which was sealed with wax and which she had never opened. She said that this was in the suitcase at the time Karpis gave it to her and that he then informed her this envelope was the property of Fred Hunter and did not inform her of its contents. She stated that upon arrival in Paris, Texas, she was most fearful of the Post Office Inspectors and what might happen to her if these papers were found in her possession and feeling that they were of no further value to either Karpis or Hunter and certainly none to her, that she burned the entire contents of this suitcase. I inquired of her whether she had any idea as to the contents of the brown envelope and she said that she had none, other than recently while she was visiting in the East she was told by a mutual friend of herself and Karpis, as well as Hunter, that the envelope contained bonds which were stolen in the Garrettsville robbery. She did not mention the name of this friend, but informed me that the purpose of her visit in the East, at which time she was accompanied by Connie Morris, was to take her Great Dane dog there to breed it to a dog belonging to this friend of her's, from which I have no doubt that the friend referred to is Clayton Hall.

I am inclined to believe that Grace Goldstein was truthful in her statement to me, however, from past experience, before writing to you, I wanted to wait a day or two and see if she would either call or visit me at the office, which

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she has not done, therefore, I am more inclined to believe that her statement is probably true.

I did not turn over to Grace at this time the \$300.00, which you sent me in the form of a draft, as I felt that I would like another opportunity to talk with Grace in a further effort to secure some information and, therefore, will make it a point to go to Hot Springs again within the next week or ten days, at which time I will cash the draft and turn over to her this amount of money and at the same time endeavor by further questioning to secure the information which you desire.

During the course of our conversation I inquired of Grace how she was getting along with the officers in Hot Springs and she informed me that "Dutch" Akers left her entirely alone - had nothing whatever to say to her, but that Chief of Police Joe Wakelin was on most friendly terms with her. She said that she did not want, of course, to be out with "Dutch" Akers, but that his action toward her did not cause her any particular worry, as it was not "Dutch" Akers at all through whom she had her influence with the authorities. She mentioned no names at this point, but I am of the opinion that she referred to the Mayor, Leo P. McLaughlin and that Chief of Police Joe Wakelin is her go between with the Mayor.

Until the time of my next interview with Grace Goldstein I will retain the serials which you enclosed in your letter, unless you have some immediate need for them, as some question may come up during the course of my interview with her that is covered in these serials.

For your general information, I might say that "Dutch" Akers apparently is cooperating with this office one hundred per cent

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at the present time and has done so ever since your visit to Hot Springs. Of course, all we get from Akers is an occasional motor theft case, but he is at least trying to give us the impression that he is on friendly terms with this office and the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMAN FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

November 11, 1936

Transmit the following message to: CLEVELAND

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MAINTENANCE OF TEMPORARY OFFICE TOLEDO

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
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PHONE. BREKID. AUTHORITY REQUESTED EXPEND EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS FOR RENT AND UTILITIES TEMPORARY OFFICE EDISON BUILDING, TOLEDO, OHIO, FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER.

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Copy to Mr. Tamm

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE,
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EDISON BUILDING, TOLEDO, FOR NOVEMBER.

HOOVER.

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REPORT MADE AT St. Paul, Minnesota	DATE WHEN MADE 11-10-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-4-36	REPORT MADE BY E. N. NOTESTREIN
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1323; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

All indictments pending in this case in this district continued over the term and the matter referred to the Attorney General of the United States for instructions as to whether further prosecution will be undertaken or the indictments quashed.

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DETAILS:

At the November term of the United States District Court at St. Paul, Minnesota, on November 3, 1936, the following indictments in this case were continued over the term on motion of the United States Attorney:

6095 Alvin Karpavicz,
alias Alvin Karpis,
Arthur R. Barker,
alias "Doc" Barker,
Volney Davis,
alias "Curley" alias "Cotton",
Harry Campbell, alias
George Winfield, alias "Dave",
Elmer Farmer,
Harold Alderton,
alias Harold Allerton,

ACT JUNE 22, 1932 (18 USCA 408a)
1 et: Transporting Edw. G. Bremer
in interstate commerce &
holding him for ransom.
1-22-35 Indictment.
Pleas of N/G entered by
Barker, Farmer, Alderton,
Sawyer, Weaver

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. N. Notestrein</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7 1571 2/22/37 NOV 12 1936
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William Weaver,
 alias "Bill" Scott
 " Phoenix Donald
 " Charles M. Lucas,
 Harry Sawyer,
 alias Harry Sandlovich,
 William J. Harrison,
 alias "Willie"
 " Elmer Howe,
 John Doe
 Richard Roe.

6096 Alvin Karpavicz,
 alias Alvin Karpis,
 Harry Campbell,
 alias George Winfield
 " "Dave"
 William Weaver,
 alias "Bill" Scott,
 " Phoenix Donald,
 " Charles W. Lucas,
 Harry Sawyer,
 alias Harry Sandlovich,
 William J. Harrison,
 alias "Willie"
 " Elmer Howe
 Joseph Patrick Moran,
 alias Doctor Joseph P. Moran,
 "Whitie", true name Bruno Austin
 or Bruno Putas,
 Myrtle Eaton,
 alias "Mert"
 Joe Doe
 Richard Roe.

ACT JUNE 22, 1932 (18 USCA 408a)
 1 et: Conspiracy to kidnap Edward
 G. Bremer, transport him to
 Bensenville, Ill., and there
 hold him for ransom.

1-22-35 Indictment.

5-6 " Order discharging "Whitie",
 or Bruno Austin (Putas)
 from custody.

6174 Alvin Karpavics
alias Alvin Karpis,
Arthur Barker
alias "Doc" Barker,
Volney Davis,
William J. Harrison,
Byron Bolton,
alias Monty Carter,
Elmer Farmer,
Harold Alderton,
alias Harold Allerton,

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9-27-35 Indictment.

Assistant United States Attorney George Heisey advised that a communication was being directed to the Attorney General of the United States for instructions as to whether further prosecutive action would be taken, or motion made to quash these existing indictments. Mr. Heisey further advised that the above, as listed, are all of the indictments now pending in this district in this case.

In connection with the hearing held in the United States District Court at Kansas City, Missouri, on October 23, 1936, Mr. Heisey advised that this was a hearing upon a motion made at the instance of Mrs. Cassius McDonald to secure his release on bail so that he might make certain business arrangements relative to his property. This motion was heard on the above date before Federal Judges Stone and Van Valkenburg, and was denied.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTORRE: VICE, GAMBLING AND POLICE CORRUPTION IN
TOLEDO, OHIO.

On May 20, 1936, the Bureau began an investigation in Toledo, Ohio, in connection with individuals who were responsible for harboring members of the Karpis - Barker Gang at that place, and during the course of this investigation telephone taps were maintained in that city. Various persons, including operators of houses of prostitution, prostitutes, police officers, and informers, were interviewed, who provided information concerning vice and corruption in the city of Toledo as it existed at the time of the investigation and prior thereto.

The investigation resulted in the information that houses of prostitution were openly operated. Interviews were had with former and present members of the Vice Squad of the Toledo, Ohio Police Department and also with Chief of Police Ray Allen, and it was evident that the presence of such houses of prostitution in Toledo were known to the various officers. The interviews disclosed that apparently these houses of prostitution operated with the sanction of the Toledo Police Department. They were considered necessary evils and there was no effort made to suppress vice in that city. What efforts were made to regulate the houses of prostitution, were by prohibiting what is known as "street walking" by the prostitutes, prohibiting soliciting by the prostitutes from the windows and doorways, and further requiring the girls to have periodic medical examinations.

During the course of the investigation, Agents conducted a survey of 17 houses of prostitution which were found to be openly operating in Toledo. It was found that there was one house of prostitution operated by a negro woman, by the name of ELEANOR CROCKETT, alias Beatrice Fuller, who had colored inmates in the house, but only white patrons were permitted to enter. Eleanor Crockett admitted that she operated this house of prostitution in Toledo for 29 years and had only been arrested three times, the last time she was arrested being five or six years ago.

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At the time this investigation was instituted by the Bureau, KENNETH LARSON, police officer of the Toledo Police Department, confidentially advised that after Special Agents had interviewed several landladies of the houses of prostitution in Toledo, the "pay-off" for the month of June had been made; that due to the investigation conducted by the Bureau the houses closed and the collector of the graft money had to "kick back" part of the protection money.

As evidence of "pay-offs" and protection money, one HATTIE HARRIS, colored, furnished the Agents with information that she was employed as a housekeeper in houses of prostitution at Toledo, Ohio from 1926 until 1935; that in 1930 she was in the employment of a madam of a house of prostitution by the name of FAY CLARKE, and had complete charge of two houses of prostitution operated by the Clarke woman, and that every month, from about 1930 to 1932, upon the instructions of Fay Clarke, she, Hattie Harris, went to the residence of TED ANGUS and personally paid him \$100 as protection money for the privilege of operating the two houses of prostitution. Hattie Harris also advised that on occasions when the "heat" was considered to be on the town, some member of the Vice Squad would call at the houses of prostitution and leave word for the houses to close up. These occurrences would happen during the so-called purity drives by the Police Department.

MRS. EDWARD JOYCE, alias Maude Noble, advised Agents that she had operated a house of prostitution in Toledo, Ohio for more than four years and that about four years ago she had operated a house at 202 Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio, and at that time she was advised by other operators of houses of prostitution that in order to remain open she would have to see TED and BERT ANGUS, at the Casino Club in Point Place; that it would be necessary for her to pay \$100 per month protection money; that she paid \$100 for one month, during which time she was not bothered by the Toledo, Ohio Police Department, and the following month, when she did not pay, the Vice Squad continually visited her house and arrested her on one occasion; that they made it so miserable for her she had to go out of business temporarily. She stated that about June or July, 1935 she was not paying protection money and the Vice Squad frequently visited her house; that at the suggestion of one JULIUS DAVIS she paid \$50 protection money for one month and was not bothered by the Vice Squad. This woman died on September 1, 1936.

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The other operators of houses of prostitution interviewed by Agents refused to admit that they were paying protection money, and in some cases the women claimed they were operating only rooming houses. However, the prostitutes interviewed at these houses all admitted practicing prostitution.

On June 11, 1936, when Agents were making investigation in the house of prostitution operated by PAULINE WEINSTEIN, 921 Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio, WILLIAM FISK of the Toledo Police Department called at this house of prostitution in a casual manner. When he was questioned by Agents, he stated that he was looking for violations of the liquor laws. OFFICER KENNETH LARSON later confidentially advised that he had obtained information that OFFICERS FISKE and KLINE, of the Liquor Squad, were collectors of protection money from houses of prostitution. This information could not be verified.

On the night of June 12, 1936, while Agents were making investigation at the house of prostitution operated by KITTY SPERRY, alias Kitty Diamond, 616 Lafayette Street, Toledo, Ohio, the telephone rang and the maid answered it. A Special Agent approached the telephone and overheard the man who was calling ask for "Kitty" and when the maid advised that Kitty was busy, the man calling left a message for Kitty to call Adams 4141. This telephone is listed to the Toledo Police Department.

While Agents were making an investigation at the house of Kitty Sperry on June 11, 1936, DETECTIVES DONALD McCREGOR and W. COOK, members of the Vice Squad, entered this house of prostitution in a jaunty manner as though they had been there frequently and were welcome. They explained their presence by stating they were making a routine inspection; that they had been on the vice squad one month and had made no arrests. These officers, as well as other officers, subsequently interviewed, stated that they did not make an arrest in a house of prostitution unless they caught a man with an inmate, in her room. Other officers advised that unless this situation existed, the Municipal Court Judges would not find the prostitutes guilty.

At about 10:30 P.M. on the night of June 16, 1936, Special Agents saw a uniformed police officer leave a house of prostitution at 43 Vance Street, and enter a Toledo Police Department Squad car, bearing 1936 Ohio plates OR-886. Captain CHARLES HENNESSEY confidentially advised that this squad car was used on the night of June 16, 1936, by

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OFFICERS STEEL and SEADERS; that these officers had no reason to call at 43 Vance Street in connection with their official duties, and that there was no record made by them as having made such a call.

Apparently as part of the system of protecting houses of prostitution, in exchange for protection money paid by them, certain police officers assigned to the Vice Squad have in the past been prevented from entering houses of prostitution and were assigned exclusively on working on the streets in arresting "street walkers". OFFICER L. D. MILLS stated that in January or February, 1934, he was assigned to the Vice Squad, under CAPTAIN GEORGE TIMINEY; that Timiney called the various members of the Squad into the Chief's office, and, in the presence of the Chief of Police, told the Squad that the Vice Squad should only work the streets and arrest only "street walkers", and when he, Mills, told Timiney he did not believe this order was consistent with the duties of an officer of the Vice Squad; that he believed the Vice Squad should be permitted to conduct investigations in houses of prostitution, Timiney remarked, "You take care of the streets and I will take care of the - - - houses." Mills stated that he was removed from the Vice Squad two days later. Other officers who were on the Vice Squad at that time verified the information that they were assigned to work exclusively on the streets, arresting prostitutes who were soliciting.

MRS. EDITH MARKS, former paramour of Captain George Timiney of the Toledo Police Department, has furnished Agents with the information that during the administration of MAYOR SOLOM KLOTZ, Toledo, Ohio, years 1934 - 1935, Timiney, CHARLES MATTHEWS, former Welfare Director of the City of Toledo, and Mayor Klotz, split the "pay-off" money collected by Ted Angus from various houses of prostitution in Toledo, and that she derived her knowledge concerning this by various conversations she had with Timiney.

Mrs. Marks stated that prior to 1930 a negro politician by the name of VENA was the collector of protection money in Toledo; that when MAYOR JACKSON came into office in Toledo, Ohio, in the year 1930, George Timiney ousted Vena as the collector, and allied himself with Ted Angus. Mrs. Marks stated that she was certain that Mayor Jackson himself personally benefited by the protection money collected; that this set-up continued throughout Jackson's administration and thereafter for a short time under MAYOR ADDISON Q. THATCHER, who came into office in the year of 1932; that Ted Angus was ousted as the collector, but Timiney continued to share in the "pay-off", but after the election of Klotz as Mayor, Ted Angus again began operating as the collector. Mrs. Marks stated that she did

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not know definitely, but that she understood that during the time Klotz was Mayor of Toledo, Ohio, a total amount of protection money each month would amount to between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

MISS DEANE ALLEN, another paramour of George Timiney, with whom Timiney lived prior to the time he began living with Edith Marks, furnished information that it was common knowledge that Ted Angus collected graft from the houses of prostitution at the rate of \$5 for each inmate per week, and that from rumors and other sources not disclosed by her she learned Timiney personally collected graft money from the gambling places in Toledo. She related that prior to 1932 she would visit the Casino Club, operated by Ted Angus, and that on one occasion she drove with Timiney in the latter's automobile to the vicinity of the "red light" district, and while she was waiting in the car on Orange Street in Toledo she noticed Ted Angus come out of a house of prostitution, making a notation on a piece of paper which he later handed to Timiney; that some time later she went through Timiney's clothes and found a list with the names of 93 disorderly houses.

Evidence was obtained during the investigation conducted at Toledo, Ohio that the conditions found in that city during June and July, 1936 did not differ in a great measure from that which apparently existed in previous years. In March, 1934 a comprehensive confidential report was made by an investigator of the Social Hygiene Council, setting up the results of an inquiry made into vice and corruption in that city. The results of this investigation are summarized as follows:

(1) that the hotels furnished prostitutes, or prostitutes would be furnished through bell boys of hotels in Toledo.

(2) that every house of prostitution was compelled to "pay off" from \$15 to \$25 for the smaller places, more for the larger places, in order that these houses could continue to operate.

(3) that George Timiney, then head of the Vice Squad, controlled the collection of "pay-offs", according to statements made by madams of houses of prostitution that were interviewed.

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(4) that the "pay-off" was divided between police officers and politicians.

(5) that no effort was made to close known houses of prostitution, but orders were issued to such houses to refrain from window tapping, et cetera.

(6) that the madams of houses of prostitution carried sufficient influence to change the ideas of the Mayor of Toledo to best suit the madams of such houses.

(7) that the so-called periodic "vice" and "purity" drives were but temporary and had little effect in suppressing vice.

(8) that the investigator visited 39 houses of prostitution where 88 white prostitutes and 9 negro prostitutes were interviewed, or information was obtained concerning them. Of this number, only 4 prostitutes, 2 white and 2 negro, were not sexual perverts. The other 93 perverts offered their services at prices ranging from \$1 to \$3.

A copy of this report is said to have been furnished to Mayor Klotz and his Safety Director, JOHN PRICE. It is further said that a copy of this report was furnished to the present city manager, JOHN EDY, and Chief of Police, Ray Allen.

Special Agents at the time investigation was conducted concerning houses of prostitution of Toledo learned that with few exceptions the inmates of these houses were all sexual perverts and would sell their services for from 50¢ to \$1.

MABEL GREEN, MAXINE BELMONT, ROSIE BUCH, and SADIE DANN, appeared to be the most prominent madams of houses of prostitution in Toledo, at the present time. Telephone taps were maintained on the telephones of Maxine Belmont and Sadie Dann, and information was obtained which would substantiate the allegation that the various police officers were in frequent contact with Maxine Belmont.

The telephone tap on the Belmont woman's telephone disclosed that Municipal Court Judge HOMER RAMEY visited the Shelby Hotel, a house of prostitution operated by Maxine Belmont.

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REVEREND CHARLES B. HARRISON furnished Agents with information contained in a confidential report prepared by him under date of June 3, 1935, which disclosed that during that month the following gambling places were openly operating in Toledo:

THE JOVIAL CLUB, 631 St. Clair Street,
operated by ED WARNEK.

THE RECREATION CLUB, 515½ Jefferson Street,
operated by HARRY LEVINE.

THE SUPERIOR, 120 Superior Street,
operated by BERNY HARRIS.

THE BUCKEYE, 227 Superior Street,
operated by BERNY ARANOFF.

THE R. and K. SMOKE SHOP, 429½ Superior Street,
operated by "NIG" COUSINS.

RALPH DUGGAN'S PLACE, 625 St. Clair Street.

During the investigation by Agents in June and July, 1935, it was found that the above described gambling places were being operated openly. All of these places are located in the downtown business district in Toledo. Information was obtained that JOE ROSCOE, a subject in the harboring investigation, was interested in the operation of the JOVIAL CLUB; that "NIG" COUSINS, who also associated with the Karpis - Barker Gang in Toledo, operated the R. and K. SMOKE SHOP, which is a "bookie" joint.

The Agents determined, by passing, that the SUPERIOR was evidently a gambling place because the announcing of race results in this club could be heard on the street. Agents found no difficulty in entering any of the gambling places.

Police officers interviewed in connection with the gambling conditions in Toledo, all had knowledge of the operation of these places and used as an excuse for not taking action against them the fact that the operators of these clubs knew their identity and by the time the ef-

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Officers entered the places no gambling would be in evidence.

The telephone tap maintained on the telephone of the Amusement Games and Novelty Company, operated by JOE and BEN FRETTI, disclosed that the FRETTI brothers were in control of the operation of slot and pinball machines in the city of Toledo. Ben Fretti, when interviewed by Agents, stated that he knew he was engaged in an illegal business and mentioned that for a number of years he had dabbled in politics in Toledo and controls approximately 1500 votes, and that from time to time makes contributions to both the Democratic and Republican parties. The telephone tap on the Fretti place of business was operated from August 17, 1936 to September 24, 1936, and established that:

(1) Pinball machines operate in Toledo, paying off in money and slugs, which are redeemed in money or merchandise.

(2) After passing of a local ordinance compelling the licensing of each pinball or slot machine device considered to be an amusement device and not a gambling machine, pinball machines and slot machines continued to operate openly in Toledo.

(3) Ben and Joe Fretti are the apparent heads of the local syndicate at Toledo, Ohio, controlling the pinball business in that city.

(4) Joe and Ben Fretti are allied with various police officers and their interests are protected by such officers. Evidence of collusion and condonation of law violations are shown as follows:

- (a) Meetings of Joe Fretti and SERGEANT CLINT KNUDEL, at Knudel's home, for the purpose of Knudel conveying to Fretti official orders issued to the police concerning pinball machines.
- (b) Various meetings of Joe Fretti with Sergeant Knudel and other police officers of the Toledo Police Department under suspicious circumstances.

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- (c) Definite information indicating that police officers of the Toledo Police Department make efforts to foster the interests of Joe and Ben Fretti in their operation of pinball machines in the city of Toledo, Ohio, and that Joe and Ben Fretti have knowledge of proposed police activities before such intended action is taken.
- (d) Indications that violations of law concerning the suppression of pinball machines are fixed in Court.
- (e) Checking on the activities of investigating officers and threatening police officers who might be investigating pinball machines operated by Joe and Ben Fretti, and the use of the local police at Toledo, Ohio to aid in stamping out operators of competing pinball machines.
- (f) Racketeering methods used in coercing individuals to use Regal Beer, distributed by Joe and Ben Fretti.

A telephone tap was maintained on the telephone listed in the name of Wittenberg, Jacobs, and Berenson, Toledo, Ohio, from July 6, 1936, ending August 8, 1936. Conversations over this telephone indicated that this firm, composed of three Wittenberg brothers, Earl, Dave and Nyer, together with Ben Berenson, and Jacobs, is practically the only professional bailing and bonding firm in Toledo, Ohio, dealing exclusively in criminal bail bonds. The conversations over this telephone indicated that this firm is in close contact with the Police Department and is the Municipal Court "fixer"; that the firm is particularly in close contact with the Turnkey's office in the City Hall, and that the various Turnkeys, as well as police matrons, furnish the firm with information with reference to prisoners who are in the City Jail, and in several instances the Turnkeys were heard to comment whether the people who were arrested were good prospects for bail purposes.

Conversations over the telephone further reflected that this firm makes a practice of "fixing" tickets given by the Traffic Department

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of the Toledo Police Department for violations of the traffic laws; that their ability to do this is apparently through connections in the City Clerk's office. In addition to the foregoing activities, conversations over the telephone indicated that members of this firm are able to obtain certain confidential information from the City Clerk's office with reference to certain criminal warrants and to use their influence to have false returns made on the warrants or to delay their execution.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

POST OFFICE BOX 818,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

November 10, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

A review has been made of the file in this case at the Chicago Bureau office by Special Agents John L. Madala and D. P. Sullivan.

Additional information to that contained in the summary reports of Special Agents E. J. Wynn, dated October 25, 1936, and S. K. McKee, dated October 26, 1936, has been obtained as a result of this review of the file. This information has been set out under the names of such witnesses as can properly introduce the testimony.

The witnesses who can testify to those matters bearing on the Cleveland angle of the harboring charges presently pending in that district are as follows:

S. K. MCKEE (Interview of Alvin Karpis)
JOHN L. MADALA (Interview of Dolores Delaney)
W. B. MATNEY (Interview of Dolores Delaney)
W. B. MATNEY (Interview of Dolores Delaney)
CHARLES CARROLL
FRED C. SPOHN
C. E. WILSON
T. E. PETER (Interview of Frank J. Noonan)
E. J. CONNELLEY (Interview of Frank J. Noonan)
JOHN FRANK BROCK
E. J. CONNELLEY (Interview of Alvin Karpis)
PATRICK JAMES KILBANE
OMNY D. McDERMOTT
ROBERT DONLEY
RUTH WINFIELD RECORDED
MRS. O. E. BLACKMAN &
O. ERIC NAFER INDEXED
JAMES MURPHY
W. E. PETERS
S. K. MCKEE (Interview of Anthony J. "Tony" Anersbach)
CHRIS BOTOFF
E. J. CONNELLEY (Interview of Arthur W. Hebebrand)
S. K. MCKEE (Interview of John F. "Starkey" German)

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The following witnesses can testify particularly as to the harboring case at Toledo, Ohio:

WYNONA BURDETTE
WILLIAM R. BROWN
HARRY ZARELY
LYMAN D. ARNOLD
C. ERWIN WAYER
R. J. RANKIN

Testimony of the three witnesses last named refers to the automobiles for which Colin "Coolie" Monroe obtained license plates at Toledo, Ohio, during January or February, 1934. Edna Murray will probably testify that Colin Monroe obtained license plates for both of the automobiles mentioned, one set of plates being obtained the latter part of January, 1934, when she, Wynona Burdette and William J. Harrison made a trip from Chicago, Illinois, to Toledo, Ohio, and the other set of plates being obtained by Volney Davis for his automobile through Colin Monroe early during the month of February, 1934.

This testimony is not being set up under a separate report, but should be considered as merely supplemental testimony to that contained in the reports of Special Agents T. J. Lynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 25, 1936, and S. K. McKee, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 26, 1936. If the United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio, or the Cleveland Bureau Office so desires, this testimony can be inserted in its proper place in either of the above mentioned reports. A copy of this additional testimony is designated for the United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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S. K. McKee

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Will testify that on May 3 and 4, 1936, he and Special Agent R. C. SURAN questioned ALVIN KARPIS at St. Paul, Minnesota, and that at that time a group of about fifty photographs was exhibited to ALVIN KARPIS, certain of which photographs he identified and others which he refused to identify; that ALVIN KARPIS advised that the photographs which he refused to identify might be photographs of some persons whom he knew, but whom he would not identify or make any statement concerning.

That ALVIN KARPIS selected and identified a photograph of FRED BARKER and stated he became acquainted with this individual while both were confined in the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, prior to 1931, FRED BARKER being the first of the so-called BARKER-KARPIS gang with whom he became acquainted.

Will testify that during this interview ALVIN KARPIS spoke of the following persons:

FRED BARKER
ARTHUR R. "DOC" BARKER
FRED GOETZ
CHARLES J. FITZGERALD
BRYAN BOLTON
ELMER FARMER
VOLNEY DAVIS
BELLE HORNE
HARRY SAWYER
HARRY CAMPBELL
JAMES J. WILSON
WILLIAM J. HARRISON
RUSSELL GIBSON
KATE BARKER
DOLORES DELANEY
FRED HUNTER
WILLIAM WEAVER
SAM COKER

~~ALVIN KARPIS~~
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EDNA MURRAY
PAULA HARMON
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN
BERT ANGUS
TED ANGUS
GLADYS SAWYER
ART HEBERBRAND
JAMES "SHIMMIE" PATTON
JOE ROSCOE
HAROLD "NIG" COUSINS
WYNONA BURDETTE
OLIVER A. BERG
MYRTLE EATON
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Will state that ALVIN KARPIS identified a photograph of ARTHUR R. "DOC" BARKER and he stated that he met "DOC" BARKER in the fall of 1932 at St. Paul, Minnesota, and that he, KARPIS, and FRED BARKER furnished the money through which "DOC" BARKER was released from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

That he was first introduced to FRED GOETZ at St. Paul, Minnesota, some years ago, but really became acquainted with him during the spring of 1933 when GOETZ was living with his wife, IRENE, and a little boy at Elmhurst, Illinois.

That he identified a photograph of CHARLES J. FITZGERALD and ALVIN KARPIS stated that he became acquainted with FITZGERALD in Chicago, Illinois, in the summer of 1932 and first met FITZGERALD at the OP Inn operated by "DOC" STACEY.

That he identified a photograph of BRYAN BOLTON and he stated that he became acquainted with this man at about the same time that he met FRED GOETZ.

That he identified a photograph of ELMER FARMER and stated that he met ELMER FARMER at a saloon in Bensenville, Illinois, but he did not specify when it was that he first met ELMER FARMER.

That ALVIN KARPIS identified a photograph of VOLNEY DAVIS, but he did not mention when he first became acquainted with this man; that, however, ALVIN KARPIS mentioned that VOLNEY DAVIS was living with FRED BARKER in a cottage at Long Lake, Illinois, during the summer of 1933 and that while

this cottage was occupied by FRED BARKER, VOLNEY DAVIS, PAULA HARMON and EDNA MURRAY, he, ALVIN KARPIS, made two visits to this cottage.

That ALVIN KARPIS identified a photograph of EDNA MURRAY and stated that he had seen her at the cottage of FRED BARKER and VOLNEY DAVIS located at Long Lake, Illinois, during the summer of 1933;

That ALVIN KARPIS identified a photograph of HARRY SAWYER and stated that he first met HARRY SAWYER during the fall of 1931 or the early part of 1932 when he, ALVIN KARPIS, first came to St. Paul, Minnesota; that he also admitted that he had come in contact with HARRY SAWYER during the summer of 1934 at Cleveland, Ohio.

That ALVIN KARPIS identified a photograph of HARRY CAMPBELL and stated that he has known HARRY CAMPBELL for about five years, but that CAMPBELL did not become connected with the "mob" until about the fall of 1933 at Chicago, Illinois; that HARRY CAMPBELL lived with WYNONA BURDETTE during the fall of 1933 and the year 1934 and that after WYNONA BURDETTE was arrested at Cleveland, Ohio, she subsequently returned to her home in Oklahoma and HARRY CAMPBELL went to Oklahoma and drove her to Florida where CAMPBELL and WYNONA BURDETTE lived until the date of the killing of FRED BARKER and his mother at Oklawaha, Florida; that ALVIN KARPIS further stated that he last saw HARRY CAMPBELL during November, 1935.

That ALVIN KARPIS identified a photograph of JAMES J. WILSON and stated that he became acquainted with WILSON through DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN at Chicago, Illinois, and that WILSON also visited the various members of the gang in Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio; that ALVIN KARPIS refused to go into further detail concerning this individual other than to state that WILSON was always trying to be a "big shot" and that the sentence which WILSON received after his conviction in the Bremer kidnaping case was a just sentence; that he stated that JIMMY WILSON took care of HARRY CAMPBELL after DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN had operated upon him.

That he identified a photograph of WILLIAM J. HARRISON and stated that he first became acquainted with this man at Calumet City, Illinois, when HARRISON was running a saloon at that place with one of the ANGUS brothers of Toledo,

Ohio, but that he, ALVIN KARPIS, could not recall the circumstances surrounding his meeting with WILLIE HARRISON; that he last saw WILLIE HARRISON in Miami, Florida, during the latter part of 1934 at which time he, ALVIN KARPIS, gave HARRISON some money to go to California for the purpose of opening a filling station and with the idea in mind that HARRISON would turn "legitimate"; that ALVIN KARPIS stated that WILLIE HARRISON assisted members of the gang in renting various apartments and running other errands for the mob.

That ALVIN KARPIS identified a photograph of RUSSELL GIBSON as an individual known to him as "SLIM" and who associated with members of the gang; that ALVIN KARPIS provided no further information concerning this individual.

That ALVIN KARPIS identified a photograph of KATE BARKER, mother of FRED and ARTHUR R. "DOC" BARKER, and stated that he associated with her frequently and lived in the same apartment with KATE and FRED BARKER on various occasions at Kansas City, Missouri; St. Paul, Minnesota, and Chicago, Illinois, and that he, ALVIN KARPIS, was very friendly with KATE BARKER.

That ALVIN KARPIS identified a photograph of DOLORES DELANEY, but would not state definitely when he first began living with her, but insinuated that it was during the spring of 1933 at about the time he rented an apartment at River Forest, Illinois; that he never married DOLORES DELANEY, but that during the winter of 1934 at Miami, Florida, he and DOLORES DELANEY planned going through a marriage ceremony in view of the approaching birth of her child, but that this proposed marriage did not take place inasmuch as he did not know whether he in fact was still married to another woman and he felt that if the marriage if performed would not be legal.

That he identified a photograph of FRED HUNTER and stated that he met this man in Ohio; that he knew FRED HUNTER as a gambler and as a salesman for gambling equipment and refused to elaborate further on his acquaintanceship with this individual.

That he identified a photograph of WILLIAM WEAVER and stated that he met "BILL" WEAVER shortly after the latter's release from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary sometime in 1931 and that in fact he, ALVIN KARPIS, gave BILL WEAVER his first

suit of clothes after his release from the penitentiary; that he associated with BILL WEAVER from that time until the summer of 1934 when BILL WEAVER left the gang.

That ALVIN KARPIS identified a photograph of MYRTLE EATON and stated that this woman and BILL WEAVER resided together as man and wife, but refused to discuss MYRTLE EATON further, giving as his reason the fact that he did not know whether there were any charges in connection with the Bremer kidnaping still pending against this woman.

That he, ALVIN KARPIS, identified a photograph of SAM COKER and he stated that he first met this man in Oklahoma during 1931; that he and SAM COKER were jointly involved in the robbery of a jewelry store at Henrietta, Oklahoma, following which robbery COKER was sentenced to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary; that KARPIS further stated that COKER had a lot of gold teeth in the upper front part of his mouth and that COKER had these teeth put in after being shot through the nose or roof of his mouth; that COKER was part Indian and was released from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in September 1935.

Will testify that about a month after he and DOLORES DELANEY left River Forest, Illinois (probably in the summer of 1933) they lived together at the Country Club Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, and were taken to this hotel by FRED GOETZ.

That ALVIN KARPIS stated that he lived in an apartment at Maywood, Illinois, for possibly a month under the name of DAWSON and that shortly after he moved out of this apartment VOLNEY DAVIS and EDNA MURRAY moved into the same building.

That during the time he and DOLORES DELANEY were living in an apartment at River Forest, Illinois, WILLIAM A. HALL, JR., was kidnaped and that during the kidnaping DOLORES DELANEY remained at the River Forest apartment.

That a few months prior to the Bremer kidnaping HARRY CAMPBELL joined members of the gang at Chicago, Illinois and that shortly thereafter he, with other members of the gang whose identity he would not reveal, proceeded to Reno, Nevada, where they resided until a short time prior to the kidnaping of EDWARD G. BREMER at St. Paul, Minnesota; that the gang at that time left Reno, Nevada, and returned to St. Paul, Minnesota.

That he, ALVIN KARPIS, personally returned to Chicago, Illinois, where he remained for a short while before coming to St. Paul, Minnesota, to participate in the kidnaping of EDWARD G. BREMER; that during the time that EDWARD G. BREMER was held captive by the gang, he ALVIN KARPIS, had an apartment on Yates Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, and that DOLORES DELANEY remained at that place during this period of time.

That after the ransom money collected from the kidnaping of EDWARD G. BREMER was obtained he went to Chicago, Illinois, from St. Paul, Minnesota, and subsequently to Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio; that about this time he made at least two visits to the apartment occupied by HILL WEAVER in Aurora, Illinois; that between the time that the Bremer ransom money was collected and the time that he proceeded from Chicago, Illinois, to Toledo, Ohio, DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN operated on his fingertips and face at the Irving Hotel at Chicago, Illinois; that at the same time DR. MORAN also performed operations on FRED BARKER; that he left Chicago, Illinois, around April 1934 and went to Toledo, Ohio, and he stated that he was acquainted with BERT and TED ANGUS, but refused to discuss these individuals further at this time.

That ALVIN KARPIS stated that HILL WEAVER at first refused to enter into the plot to kidnap EDWARD G. BREMER, but due to certain circumstances WEAVER was more or less forced to participate.

Will state that ALVIN KARPIS admitted that he received mail at General Delivery at Cleveland, Ohio, from HARRY SAWYER, advising him that SAWYER and his wife, GLADYS, were coming to Cleveland, Ohio.

That ALVIN KARPIS stated that at Cleveland, Ohio, during the summer of 1934 he frequented the Harvard Club; that at this place he was acquainted with ART HEBERBRAND, "SHIMMIE" PATTON and "TIP" O'NEILL and that at one time he contemplated going into the slot machine business with ART HEBERBRAND; that he also at one time planned putting some money into slot machines which were to be placed in foreign countries, but that this deal was never consummated.

That ALVIN KARPIS admitted that he was instrumental in securing a copy of a criminal record of CHARLES CARROLL, alias CHARLES WINTERHALTER, which criminal record was later found in the house occupied by him at 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, during the summer of 1934; that ALVIN KARPIS declined to state for what purpose members of the gang desired this criminal record and further refused to state just how this record was secured.

That ALVIN KARPIS was questioned concerning the identification card of a detective agency which he was reported to have possessed during the summer of 1934 at Cleveland, Ohio, and that ALVIN KARPIS would not admit that he ever possessed such an identification card, but did state that he was acquainted with FRANK NOONAN, a private detective at Cleveland, Ohio, whom ALVIN KARPIS described as being connected with the Harvard Club; that in referring to FRANK NOONAN, ALVIN KARPIS stated "I know the man is crooked, but aren't all private detectives crooked? He helped me when I needed help and I won't say anything to help get him in trouble;" that ALVIN KARPIS refused to elaborate on these statements.

That ALVIN KARPIS stated that he was acquainted with JOE ROSCOE and that he had heard that JOE ROSCOE was supposed to be a boy friend of EDITH BARRY; that he was acquainted with EDITH BARRY and was at her home on at least two occasions; that these visits were not for the purpose of obtaining the services of a girl prostitute, but that he declined to specify the reason for these visits; that while visiting the house of EDITH BARRY he became acquainted with two girls who were known to him only by the names of "PEACHES" and "LOU", but denied that he ever had a date with either of these two women.

That ALVIN KARPIS stated that he was acquainted with "NIG" COUSINS, whom he knew as a person who operated a cigar store at Toledo, Ohio; that he also was acquainted with a man who was supposed to be a caretaker at Middle Island, but that he did not know this individual's name; that KARPIS would not go into detail with respect to persons known to him at Toledo, Ohio.

That ALVIN KARPIS stated that after the arrest of GLADYS SAWYER, WYNONA BURDETTE and PAULA HAMMON at Cleveland, Ohio, in September, 1934, he and FRED BARKER left the house wherein the circular bearing FRED BARKER'S fingerprints was later found; that after leaving the house he and FRED BARKER

recalled that they had left this wanted circular behind and decided to return to get it, but that upon approaching the house they observed Police Officers surrounding the place and they immediately departed; that after this occurrence he told DOLORES DELANEY to go to Toledo, Ohio, and register under the name of BEAUDRY and that he subsequently met DOLORES DELANEY at this hotel, the name of which he did not mention, and told her to go to a hotel in Chicago, Illinois, where he would contact her; that ALVIN KARPIS stated that he did contact DOLORES DELANEY at this hotel by telephone and instructed her to go to the Diversey-Arms Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, and instructed her where she should meet KATE BARKER; that he told her he would get in touch with her at that place, which he did. Following this he and DOLORES DELANEY proceeded to Miami, Florida; that ALVIN KARPIS stated that this was the last time that he was in Chicago, Illinois, prior to the date of his arrest.

That ALVIN KARPIS was questioned concerning his flight from Miami, Florida, after the killing of FRED BARKER and his mother at Oklawaha, Florida, in January, 1935, and ALVIN KARPIS stated that when he departed from Miami, Florida, in January, 1935, he instructed "DUKE" RANDALL to give to JOSEPH ADAMS, the Manager of the El Comodoro Hotel at Miami, Florida, the balance of the \$1,000.00 bill that was being kept for him at the El Comodoro Hotel after the cost of the railroad tickets of WYNONA BURDETTE and DOLORES DELANEY had been deducted.

That ALVIN KARPIS was questioned concerning his association with CASSIUS "CASH" McDONALD and he stated that McDONALD visited his, ALVIN KARPIS', home at Miami, Florida, on Christmas, 1934; that ALVIN KARPIS refused to either affirm or deny that McDONALD was involved in the exchange of Bremer ransom money at Havana, Cuba, during September, 1934, but did state that during the time he was in Cuba he went to a bank in order to get change for some hundred dollar bills and that the bank teller gave him in exchange for his money several packages of five and ten dollar bills issued by the Federal Reserve Bank at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and that he immediately formed the conclusion that they were a part of the Bremer ransom money; that he was afraid to spend the money at Havana, Cuba, and kept it until he left Cuba.

That ALVIN KARPIS stated that before he was captured in May, 1936, and while he was a fugitive he regularly

bought all detective magazines to read stories about his various activities in order to ascertain in which magazine his photograph appeared; that he also read all newspapers in those cities where he was living at a particular time; that during the two trials in the Bremer case at St. Paul, Minnesota, he read all of the St. Paul newspapers in order to follow the trials and ascertain what evidence was being presented by the Government.

That when ALVIN KARPIS was questioned concerning his escape from the Danmore Hotel at Atlantic City, New Jersey, on January 20, 1935, he, ALVIN KARPIS, advised that when he and HARRY CAMPBELL entered the lobby of this hotel they noticed a couple of men "burning" (closely watching) them, but that they registered at the hotel regardless of this, as both of them felt that they might be unduly suspicious; that on the morning when he and HARRY CAMPBELL escaped, Police Officers got hold of him at the hotel; that he merely inquired of them what it was all about and when they asked concerning CAMPBELL he told them that this man was drunk, but that he would go into his room and get him up; that he did go into the room and came out shooting with a machine gun; that ALVIN KARPIS stated that he and HARRY CAMPBELL were successful in getting away from the Police Officers.

Will state that ALVIN KARPIS was questioned concerning the kidnaping of DR. HUNSICKER near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and he, ALVIN KARPIS, stated that he and HARRY CAMPBELL stopped this man on the road somewhere near Allentown, Pennsylvania; that this man (DR. HUNSICKER) was driving a four-door Plymouth Sedan and that they inquired of him if he knew the road to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and when he said he did not they referred to road maps and drove north and then west, leaving Pennsylvania at Newcastle on Route 224; that they kept on this route across Ohio to a point somewhere near Toledo; that ALVIN KARPIS would not state upon questioning where he and HARRY CAMPBELL released DR. HUNSICKER and he, ALVIN KARPIS, stated that he did not know at what point he and HARRY CAMPBELL left Route 224, remarking that the map that they had been using blew out of the automobile; that ALVIN KARPIS admitted that he and HARRY CAMPBELL "tied the Doctor up" but refused to give further details concerning this; that ALVIN KARPIS stated that he and HARRY CAMPBELL abandoned the Plymouth automobile outside of Toledo, Ohio, but he would not answer any questions concerning his movements after this automobile had been disposed of.

That ALVIN KARPIS was questioned further concerning his activities at Toledo, Ohio, and he admitted that he frequented the Casino Club, operated by TED and BERT ANGUS and stated that he used to go to this place and drink.

That in referring to OLIVER A. BERG, ALVIN KARPIS stated that OLLIE BERG acted as a guard of the money during the time it was being exchanged at Chicago, Illinois; that he considered the life sentence received by OLLIE BERG was unjust; that he did not believe that BERG should have been given more than other persons who were guilty of changing Bremer ransom money.

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Will, in addition to the testimony set out beginning on page 84 of the summary report of Special Agent E. J. WYNN, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, October 25, 1936, testify further that in company with Special Agent D. P. SULLIVAN he interviewed

DOLORES DELANEY

Defendant and
Possible Witness

at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 22, 1936, and will introduce the written statement she signed at that time, a portion of which is as follows, and Agent Madala:

Will testify that DOLORES DELANEY discussed the following individuals with whom she was acquainted at Cleveland, Ohio, during the summer of 1934:

ALVIN KARPIS
FRED BARKER
PAULA HARMON
HARRY SAWYER
GLADYS SAWYER
WILLIAM J. HARRISON
HARRY CAMPBELL
WYNONA BURDETTE
"TONY" AMERSBACH
ARTHUR R. "DOC" BARKER

Will testify that DOLORES DELANEY stated that about a week after the time that she and ALVIN KARPIS arrived at Cleveland, Ohio, during May of 1935, she and ALVIN KARPIS were residing in an apartment building which she believed was on 159th Street, immediately off of Euclid Avenue; that at that time ALVIN KARPIS drove to Toledo, Ohio, and returned with FRED BARKER and PAULA

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HARMON; that thereafter FRED BARKER and PAULA HARMON lived with her and ALVIN KARPIS for about three days; that this couple then moved to another apartment somewhere in Cleveland, the address of which she did not know; that she, DOLORES DELANEY, visited this apartment on only one occasion; that sometime thereafter ALVIN KARPIS stated that he was going to rent an unfurnished apartment; that she stated that he apparently did so inasmuch as ALVIN KARPIS took her out to visit a house which was located on Flamingo Street in Cleveland, Ohio; that she, DOLORES DELANEY, stated she had purchased furniture for this house at various furniture stores in Cleveland, Ohio, and about two weeks later had it delivered and moved into the house which ALVIN KARPIS had rented; that a few days after she and ALVIN KARPIS moved into this house, FRED BARKER visited the house alone and thereafter he visited ALVIN KARPIS and herself on several occasions; that on one occasion he was accompanied by PAULA HARMON.

Will state that DOLORES DELANEY advised that on or about June 1, 1934, ALVIN KARPIS drove her to the Cleveland Hotel, KARPIS stating to her that he was going to meet some friends; that in her presence he asked the room clerk at the Cleveland Hotel what room "MR. JAMES" was living in; that when the clerk advised him of the room number she accompanied ALVIN KARPIS to that room and there met HARRY SAWYER and GLADYS SAWYER and their young daughter, FRANCINE; that HARRY SAWYER asked ALVIN KARPIS what had been keeping him; that he had been waiting for two days at the hotel; that ALVIN KARPIS at that time invited HARRY SAWYER, his wife, GLADYS, and their daughter, FRANCINE, to live with her and ALVIN KARPIS until the SAWYERS located an apartment in Cleveland, Ohio; that ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY SAWYER left the hotel later that same day and thereafter she, DOLORES DELANEY, GLADYS SAWYER and FRANCINE SAWYER also left the hotel and returned to the house occupied by her and ALVIN KARPIS; that the SAWYERS remained overnight with them at this house and on the following day PAULA HARMON came over, after which GLADYS SAWYER, PAULA HARMON and herself proceeded to the Cleveland Hotel to check out the SAWYERS; that at that time the floor clerk stated that a long distance telephone call from New York City had come to the hotel for MR. and MRS. FRANK JAMES during their absence and that the party calling gave the room in which they were registered; that GLADYS SAWYER remarked to PAULA HARMON and DOLORES DELANEY that she did not understand who could have made this call because nobody knew where she and

HARRY SAWYER were; that GLADYS SAWYER was greatly worried about this telephone call and in conversation with PAULA HARMON and DOLORES DELANEY, GLADYS SAWYER mentioned the possibility that it might have been "the coppers" checking up on them.

That GLADYS SAWYER checked out of the hotel and all three of the above mentioned women, including herself, made a roundabout trip to DOLORES DELANEY'S home; that on the way they feared they possibly might be followed; that on arriving at her house they told HARRY SAWYER and ALVIN KARPIS about the telephone call; that both were very much worried concerning it, HARRY SAWYER especially so; that thereafter ALVIN KARPIS went to a public telephone and called the long distance telephone operator who advised ALVIN KARPIS that she had no record of such a long distance telephone call.

Will state that DOLORES DELANEY advised that during the time that HARRY and GLADYS SAWYER were living with ALVIN KARPIS and herself that FRED BARKER and PAULA HARMON also visited the house on several occasions; that quite frequently HARRY and GLADYS SAWYER and ALVIN KARPIS visited the apartment of FRED BARKER and PAULA HARMON at Cleveland, Ohio; that she, DOLORES DELANEY, did not visit this apartment during this time as she did not get along very well with PAULA HARMON; that when the others were away she, DOLORES DELANEY, generally remained at home with FRANCES SAWYER.

That about the first part of July or the latter part of June, 1934, she, DOLORES DELANEY, and ALVIN KARPIS moved into a house on West 140th Street, the exact address of which she could not recall; that after they had been in this house about a week WILLIAM J. HARRISON moved in with them; that PAULA HARMON and FRED BARKER visited this house on one occasion with HARRY CAMPBELL, GLADYS and HARRY SAWYER.

That DOLORES DELANEY stated that about this time ALVIN KARPIS took her to a gambling place located on the outskirts of Cleveland, Ohio, and DOLORES DELANEY described this place as a large gambling house having a large parking lot located immediately outside. She recalled that on the first occasion that ALVIN KARPIS took her to this gambling place he said, "Hello" to the man at the front door as though he had been previously acquainted with this doorman; that thereafter

ALVIN KARPIS took her to this gambling place on several occasions and that she, DOLORES DELANEY frequently visited this gambling place alone; that on one occasion she saw PAULA HARMON and FRED BARKER there, but she did not speak to them.

Will testify that DOLORES DELANEY stated that on or about September 5, 1934, ALVIN KARPIS and she retired for the night one evening about 9 p.m.; that WILLIE HARRISON, who had been living with ALVIN KARPIS and herself, had left Cleveland four or five days previous to this time; that at about 11 p.m. while she and ALVIN KARPIS were in bed HARRY CAMPBELL, FRED BARKER and "DOC" BARKER came to the house and ALVIN KARPIS admitted them; that FRED BARKER told ALVIN KARPIS at that time that WYNONA BURDETTE, GLADYS SAWYER, PAULA HARMON and herself, DOLORES DELANEY, had been arrested; that ALVIN KARPIS told FRED BARKER that she, DOLORES DELANEY, had not been arrested; that she was in fact in bed in the house at that time; that FRED BARKER then told ALVIN KARPIS that WYNONA, GLADYS and PAULA were arrested at the Cleveland Hotel for causing some sort of a disturbance; that ALVIN KARPIS thereupon told her, DOLORES DELANEY, to get dressed and go into the living room and maintain a lookout; that HARRY CAMPBELL and "DOC" BARKER laid down to get some sleep while FRED BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS talked privately, none of which conversation she overheard; that about an hour or so later ALVIN KARPIS and FRED BARKER went out and returned about forty-five minutes later, stating that there were cops and squad cars all around FRED BARKER'S house; that while she was still maintaining a watch from the front window, it being about 4:30 a.m., two Police squad cars drove slowly by the house; that these cars appeared to be watching the house; that the cars drove up the block some distance and returned again, driving slowly by the house; that she, DOLORES DELANEY, immediately called to ALVIN KARPIS and told him of what she had seen and ALVIN KARPIS instructed her at that time to start packing only those things that they would absolutely need and to forget about the rest; that she, DOLORES DELANEY, began packing and about fifteen minutes later ALVIN KARPIS awakened FRED BARKER, "DOC" BARKER and HARRY CAMPBELL and that all of these individuals then departed in three automobiles, the time being about 5 a.m.; that she and ALVIN KARPIS drove away in the Pontiac Coupe belonging to ALVIN KARPIS, and they proceeded to a highway where by prearrangement they met the other two cars which had taken different routes from the one that she and ALVIN

KARPIS had taken; that she got into the Pontiac and ALVIN KARPIS, FRED and "DOC" BARKER and HARRY CAMPBELL got into the other two cars; that ALVIN KARPIS thereupon instructed her to drive to Toledo, Ohio and to check into the Algeo Hotel where he would telephone her; that she thereupon drove to Toledo, Ohio, and checked into the hotel as instructed;

That DOLORES DELANEY stated that ALVIN KARPIS telephoned her at the Algeo Hotel that same afternoon and that she met him in downtown Toledo at which time he told her to take a train to Chicago, Illinois, and to register at the Southmoor Hotel.

Will testify that DOLORES DELANEY stated further that she did proceed to Chicago, Illinois, by train and did register at the Southmoor Hotel; that thereafter at Chicago, Illinois, she associated with the following persons:

ALVIN KARPIS
KATE BARKER
RUSSELL GIBSON
WILLIAM J. HARRISON
FRED PARKER

that two days after she arrived at Chicago, Illinois, ALVIN KARPIS telephoned her and told her to go to an apartment on the north side of Chicago where he would again telephone her on the following day; that she thereupon got an apartment located on Diversey Avenue possibly in the Diversey-Park Arms Hotel, but continued to reside at the Southmoor Hotel; that on the following day ALVIN KARPIS telephoned her at the Southmoor Hotel and she met him outside of the hotel and that she and ALVIN KARPIS went to KATE "MOTHER" BARKER'S apartment and thereafter "MOTHER" BARKER accompanied ALVIN KARPIS and herself to the apartment she had rented on Diversey Avenue; that three or four nights later ALVIN KARPIS called this apartment and told her to pack her belongings, advising her that they were going to Miami, Florida, and told "MOTHER" BARKER that FRED BARKER would see her in a couple of days; that she and ALVIN KARPIS left that night for Miami, Florida; that on arriving at Miami, Florida, she and ALVIN KARPIS proceeded to the El Comodoro Hotel where ALVIN KARPIS asked the room clerk for MR. ADAMS, whom DOLORES DELANEY knew under the name of JOE ADAMS, the Manager of the El Comodoro

Hotel; that on the following morning she and ALVIN KARPIS left Miami, Florida, and proceeded to Havana, Cuba, where they stayed for approximately one week; that thereafter they obtained a cottage at Varadero Beach, Cuba, where they resided from about the first of October, 1934, until about November 15, 1934; that on or about this latter date she and ALVIN KARPIS returned to Miami, Florida.

Will testify that DOLORES DELANEY stated that at Miami, Florida, she associated with

ALVIN KARPIS
WILLIAM J. HARRISON
HARRY CAMPBELL
WYNONA BURDETTE
RUSSELL GIBSON
ARTHUR R. "DOC" BARKER
FRED BARKER
KATE BARKER

that on arriving at Miami, Florida, she proceeded to the El Comodoro Hotel where she met WYNONA BURDETTE and remained overnight with her; that thereafter through JOSEPH ADAMS, Manager of the El Comodoro Hotel, she rented a house in Miami, Florida, under the name of MRS. S. A. GREEN; that she and ALVIN KARPIS resided at this house until January 16, 1935; that during this time KATE BARKER, FRED BARKER, HARRY CAMPBELL, WYNONA BURDETTE, WILLIAM J. HARRISON, RUSSELL GIBSON visited ALVIN KARPIS and herself.

Will testify that during November and December, 1934 and January, 1935, FRED BARKER and his mother resided at Oklawaha, Florida, and that ALVIN KARPIS visited them during this time; that HARRY CAMPBELL and WYNONA BURDETTE resided for a time with FRED BARKER and his mother at Oklawaha, Florida; that during the early part of Jan., 1935, she, DOLORES DELANEY, read in the newspapers that RUSSELL GIBSON had been killed at Chicago, Illinois, while resisting arrest by Government Agents; that on the night of January 13, 1935, WYNONA BURDETTE and HARRY CAMPBELL came to the house occupied by ALVIN KARPIS and herself at Miami, Florida, and remained with them until January 16, 1935; that on this latter date while HARRY CAMPBELL and ALVIN KARPIS were fishing, at approximately 10 a.m. she and WYNONA BURDETTE heard over the radio that it was believed that two of the Bremer kidnapers had been trapped in a house which was then being gassed; that

about an hour later she and WYNONA BURDETTE heard over the radio that "MA" and FRED BAKER had been killed in a house at Oklawaha, Florida; that when ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY CAMPBELL returned from fishing at about 7:30 p.m. that same day, she and WYNONA BURDETTE told them of what had happened; that thereafter that same night ALVIN KARPIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, WYNONA BURDETTE and herself met "DUKE" RANDALL on a road outside of Miami, Florida. At that time she, DOLORES DELANEY, gave \$500.00 to ALVIN KARPIS; that KARPIS at that time told her that "DUKE" RANDALL would give her \$1,000.00 the following morning; that ALVIN KARPIS told her at that time that "DUKE" RANDALL would take WYNONA BURDETTE and herself to some place where they could spend the night and he instructed that they were to take a train on the following morning for Atlantic City, New Jersey; that thereafter WYNONA BURDETTE, "DUKE" RANDALL and she proceeded to the Ti-Miami Hotel at Miami, Florida, where she and WYNONA BURDETTE remained overnight.

Will testify that DOLORES DELANEY stated that on the following morning "DUKE" RANDALL came to the bedroom occupied by WYNONA BURDETTE and herself and while WYNONA BURDETTE was in the bathroom, RANDALL gave her an envelope which contained \$800.00 and RANDALL also gave her at that time a sealed note addressed to the people who operated the Danmore Hotel at Atlantic City, New Jersey, the note mentioning that the bearer of the note was a good friend of "DUKE" RANDALL'S and that he desired that good care be taken of them.

Will state that DOLORES DELANEY advised that she and WYNONA BURDETTE boarded a train about 9 a.m., the date being January 17, 1935, and arrived in Philadelphia the following afternoon; that they thereupon took a train to Atlantic City and arrived late the same afternoon, where they checked into the Danmore Hotel under the name of LOUISE GRAHAM as ALVIN KARPIS had instructed her; that she delivered the note which "DUKE" RANDALL had given her to the man who appeared to be the Manager of this hotel. About two or three o'clock the following morning ALVIN KARPIS came to her door and stated that they, apparently referring to himself and HARRY CAMPBELL, had just arrived in town and had registered in another room; that ALVIN KARPIS did not stay with her that night, but returned at eight or nine o'clock the following morning with HARRY CAMPBELL.

Will state that DOLORES DELANEY mentioned that she, ALVIN KARPIS, HARRY CAMPBELL and WYNONA BURDETTE remained at the

hotel on January 19 and spent the night there.

The above information was contained in the signed statement of DOLORES DELANEY dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, January 22, 1936, which statement also contains the information provided by DOLORES DELANEY to Special Agents JOHN L. MADALA and D. P. SULLIVAN as set out under the testimony of Special Agent JOHN L. MADALA as contained on page 84 of the report of Special Agent E. J. WYNN, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 25, 1936.

Will testify that DOLORES DELANEY orally admitted to him in the presence of Special Agent D. P. SULLIVAN that she was staying at the Danmore Hotel at Atlantic City, New Jersey, with ALVIN KARPIS, WYNONA BURDETTE and HARRY CAMPBELL in the morning of January 20, 1935; that early that morning Police Officers came to the fourth floor of the Danmore Hotel where she, ALVIN KARPIS, HARRY CAMPBELL and WYNONA BURDETTE were located, and that the Police Officers were looking for KARPIS and CAMPBELL; that a gun battle ensued and KARPIS and CAMPBELL shot their way out of the hotel with a machine gun and escaped; that during this gun battle, she, DOLORES DELANEY, was shot in the leg and that she and WYNONA BURDETTE attempted to escape and left the hotel; that they were forced to return to the hotel because of the wound that she had suffered and because both she and WYNONA BURDETTE were barefooted and could not stand the intense cold; that on returning to the hotel she and WYNONA BURDETTE were placed under arrest.

Will testify that DOLORES DELANEY stated upon questioning that to her knowledge ALVIN KARPIS frequented only two places at Cleveland, Ohio, during the summer of 1934, one of them being the large gambling place located on the outskirts of Cleveland, Ohio, which has been previously described, and the other is a small tavern.

That DOLORES DELANEY stated that WILLIE HARRISON introduced KARPIS into that tavern and that subsequently she and ALVIN KARPIS frequented the place on several occasions during the summer of 1934 and that she observed that KARPIS was well acquainted with the employees at that tavern; that the tavern is located outside of the downtown district of Cleveland, Ohio; that to her best recollection it was located about one block off Euclid Avenue; that in leaving the downtown district of Cleveland

and going out Euclid Avenue one crosses a bridge and that the tavern she referred to is located on the far corner of the first block beyond the end of the bridge; that there are a few tables in the front part of the tavern and some tables and chairs in a back room.

Will state that during the time that she and ALVIN KARPIS frequented the large gambling place which has been previously described and which is located on the outskirts of Cleveland, Ohio, KARPIS appeared to be well known to several employees working there, but that she was unable to furnish any information other than that given above concerning the identities of these persons.

Will testify that DOLORES DELANEY stated that while she and ALVIN KARPIS were living on Flamingo Street in Cleveland, Ohio, KARPIS on one occasion displayed to her a commission card bearing his photograph and which card identified him as a private investigator for a detective agency and that the name of the Noonan Detective Agency appears familiar to her in connection with this commission card; that the photograph appearing on this credential card was an excellent likeness of ALVIN KARPIS; that she stated that she did not know where this photograph was taken nor could she advise under what circumstances KARPIS obtained this commission card.

Will testify that DOLORES DELANEY stated that while she and ALVIN KARPIS were living in Cleveland, Ohio, she purchased a vacuum cleaner and that when the cleaner was delivered to her she gave the salesman four \$10.00 notes issued on the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, California; that the salesman apparently became suspicious because of the type of notes she gave him and he made inquiries of MR. MITCHELL of the Mitchell Realty Company, Cleveland, Ohio, concerning the identity of his tenants; that MR. MITCHELL relayed this information to ALVIN KARPIS and when the salesman returned to their home several days later ALVIN KARPIS exhibited to the salesman the commission card previously described and threatened to have the salesman put in jail if he continued to annoy him.

That upon viewing a photograph of MILTON LETT, DOLORES DELANEY stated that the person appearing thereon seemed very familiar to her, but she was unable to state where she had seen him, but that it was quite possible that she saw this man at the gambling place previously described during the time that she and ALVIN KARPIS frequented it during the summer of 1934.

Will testify that when the name of "TONY ALERSBACH" was mentioned to DOLORES DELANEY she stated that this individual might possibly be the doorman at the gambling place, above described, who appeared to be well acquainted with ALVIN KARPIS and whose name she recalled as being "TONY"; that she never learned the last name of the man known to her as "TONY."

D. P. SULLIVAN, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 1448 Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio, will testify that he and Special Agent JOHN L. MADALA questioned DOLORES DELANEY at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 22, 1936, and that he was present when she signed a written statement on that date and he will verify the truth of the testimony of Special Agent JOHN L. MADALA, both as to the matter contained in the signed statement of DOLORES DELANEY and the oral admissions made by her.

W. B. MATNEY,
Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

This witness will testify that he interviewed

DOLORES DELANEY

at the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, on February
1, 1936, with reference to

ALVIN KARPIS
FRANK J. NOONAN

and that at this time he exhibited to Miss DELANEY fourteen pay envelopes of the Noonan Detective Agency, which envelopes bear the signature of H. L. MILGRETH; that upon examining these pay envelopes, Miss DELANEY informed this witness that she had seen these envelopes in the possession of ALVIN KARPIS on numerous occasions during the summer of 1934 while they resided in Cleveland, Ohio; that she, however, was unable to state where KARPIS secured these envelopes.

This witness will further testify that on the occasion of this interview with Miss DELANEY, she likewise informed him that ALVIN KARPIS had a leather case similar to the ones carried by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, stating further that this folder contained a card which was filled out and had the picture of ALVIN KARPIS attached to it.

This witness will testify that Miss DELANEY informed him that ALVIN KARPIS carried this commission card on his person at all times during the period they resided at Toledo during the summer of 1934; that she also advised that she at no time questioned ALVIN KARPIS concerning this commission card but that he displayed the same to her on numerous occasions; that she does not know where he secured the same.

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W. E. LATNEY,

Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio

Will testify that on or about January 31, 1936, he interviewed DOLORES DELANEY at the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan; that he showed her a diagram of the intersection of Detroit Avenue, West 25th Street and Superior Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio; that DOLORES DELANEY examined this diagram and stated that the beer tavern which she described to Special Agents JOHN L. MADALA and D. P. SULLIVAN at St. Paul, Minnesota, in January, 1936, is located about a block or a block and a half from the above mentioned intersection.

Will testify that DOLORES DELANEY described this tavern as follows:

That the entrance to the tavern was located on the corner of the building; that she recalled that on the right of the entrance there was located a large plate glass window about sixteen feet long which covered the right side of the entrance; that she recalled that the building in which this tavern was located was about three stories high and was a dark brick structure; that the interior of the tavern was approximately sixteen feet wide and about thirty feet long and contained only one table and that the bar ran the entire length of the tavern; that after entering the tavern, entrance could be made through a door in the rear to another room which contained only two tables; that there was nothing else located in the room besides these tables.

CHARLES CARROLL

#16749,
Iowa State Penitentiary,
Fort Madison, Iowa.

This witness will testify that he became incarcerated in the Iowa State Penitentiary at Fort Madison, Iowa, on March 14, 1935; that he was received from Dubuque, Iowa, on a five-year larceny conviction after he plead guilty before the state district court, Judge P. J. Nelson, on March 14, 1935.

He will further testify that he served time with Alvin Karpis in the Kansas State Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas, and that he escaped with him from that institution in 1929.

(The foregoing testimony was furnished by Charles Carroll to Special Agent G. H. Wilson at the Iowa State Penitentiary, Fort Madison, Iowa, in March, 1936.)

FRED C. SPOHN

e/o Sheriff's Office
Geauga County
Chardon, Ohio

Will in addition to the testimony set forth on Page 4 in the report of Special Agent S. M. McKee dated October 26, 1936, at Cleveland, Ohio, testify that at the request of the Frank J. Noonan Detective Agency of Cleveland, Ohio, he communicated with the Kansas State Penitentiary during July, 1934, for the purpose of obtaining a photograph and information concerning the criminal record of one CHARLES CARROLL.

Will identify the following letter written by him on July 15, 1934:

"Dear Sir:

"On secret information received I am writing you for information if you have it, on one Charles Carroll Transferred from Reformatory to Kansas Pen in 1924 or 29 I would like very much to have a Photo - Record and finger print class of him

"With thanking you in advance

"I Remain

"Yours Truly

/s/ "Fred C Spohn F.P.E.
"Sheriff's office
"Chardon
"Ohio"

Will testify that he received a descriptive photograph of CHARLES CARROLL in a letter from the Kansas State Penitentiary dated July 18, 1934, in response to his letter dated July 15, 1934.

Will identify a copy of the photograph of CHARLES CARROLL, Kansas State Penitentiary #1049, as being a photograph similar to the one received with the above mentioned letter dated July 18, 1934,

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and will identify a copy of the following letter dated July 18, 1934, as being a copy of a letter received by him with the photograph of CHARLES CARROLL:

"Mr. H. O. Hill,
Sheriff Geauga Co.,
Chardon, Ohio.

"Dear Sir:

"Agreeable to your request of July 15th, I am herewith enclosing a descriptive photograph of our Charles Carroll.

"Trusting this to be the desired information,
I am,

"Yours very truly,
/s/ "C. W. Wilson
C. W. WILSON
RECORD CLERK."

Will testify that at the request of the Frank J. Noonan Detective Agency, Cleveland, Ohio, he wrote for additional information concerning CHARLES CARROLL, and will identify the following letter dated July 24, 1934, as a copy of a letter written by him to the Kansas State Penitentiary:

"Mr. Wilson

"Dear Sir

"in Re: to Charles Carroll we would like a little more information if it isent too much bother, was this man paroled - and have you any idea where this man is now or where he can be located, and if he has Relatives were can they be located, we would like very much to locate this man, with thanking you in advance

"I Remain
"Yours truly
/s/ "Fred C. Spohn F.P.E.
"Sheriffs office
"Chardon
"Ohio

"P.S.
"How long did this man serve in Oklahoma Prison and was he paroled there"

Will identify copy of a letter dated July 26, 1934,
as a copy of a letter received by him from the Kansas State Peni-
tiary in response to his letter dated July 24, 1934. (This letter
is quoted in testimony of Fred C. Spohn set out on Page 104 in the
report of Special Agent S. M. McKee dated October 26, 1936.)

C. W. WILSON

Record Clerk
Kansas State Penitentiary
Lansing, Kansas

Will testify that he is employed as the Record Clerk of the Kansas State Penitentiary, and as such, the following records of the Kansas State Penitentiary are kept in his custody:

Will identify a copy of a letter dated July 15, 1934, signed "Fred C. Spohn, F.P.E. Sheriff's Office, Chardon, Ohio" as a letter received at the Kansas State Penitentiary. Will testify that this letter is kept under his custody.

Will testify that on July 18, 1934, he mailed a descriptive photograph enclosed in a letter of the same date signed by him, and will identify a copy of this letter which was taken by him from the files of the Kansas State Penitentiary, and will testify further that this letter is kept under his custody.

Will identify a letter dated July 24, 1934, signed "Fred C. Spohn, F.P.E., Sheriff's Office, Chardon, Ohio" as a letter received at the Kansas State Penitentiary, and as a part of the records kept under his custody and taken by him from the files of the Kansas State Penitentiary.

Will testify that in response to the above mentioned letter dated July 24, 1934, he addressed the following letter, dated July 26, 1934, to "Mr. Fred S. Spohn, F.P.E., Sheriff's Office, Chardon, Ohio," and will identify a copy of this letter as being a part of the records of the Kansas State Penitentiary kept under his custody:

Mr. Fred S. Spohn,
F.P.E. Sheriff's Office,
Chardon, Ohio

"Dear Sir:

"I have your letter of July 24th, relative to our Charles Carroll. Be advised that this man was not paroled from this institution, but was discharged by

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expiration. He served two terms in the Oklahoma Peni-
tentiary, the first one being 1 year, 3 months and 25
days. The second one being of 2 years, 5 months and 9
days duration. He was discharged on both these terms.
At the time he entered this institution he asserted that
his parents were both dead and gave no other relatives.
The last report we have on this man was his arrest in
St. Paul, Minn. April 13, 1933, same name.

"Yours very truly,

/s/ "C. W. Wilson
C. W. WILSON
RECORD CLERK"

W. E. PETERS

1340 Russ Bldg.,
San Francisco, California.

In addition to the testimony set out beginning on Page 107 in the summary report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, October 26, 1936, this witness will testify further that on November 14, 1934, he, together with former Special Agent D. E. Hall and Inspector Samuel P. Cowley (now deceased), interviewed

FRANK J. NOONAN

in Room 325 of the Federal Building, Cleveland, Ohio, and that NOONAN at this time advised that he had spent all his life in Cleveland, Ohio, and that since 1927 he has operated a private detective agency known as the Noonan Detective Agency, at 1900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio; that during the summer months he furnishes watchmen and police to various racetracks and enterprises of a similar nature in the vicinity of Cleveland, Ohio; that he also engages in a private detective practice but handles no domestic relations cases; that he has in the past furnished detectives, guards, and watchmen for various gambling establishments in Cleveland and the vicinity; that prior to January, 1934, he had been employed to furnish guards and detectives at the Harvard Club for the protection of guests and to prevent robberies of the club.

This witness will further testify that he questioned MR. NOONAN specifically as to the interested persons or owners in the Harvard Club and he advised that while he did not know positively he would say that the following are actively interested in this club: William or Billy Furgis, A. W. Heberbrand, and William J. Mitchell; that Furgis as a rule acts as general manager of the club during gambling hours and is assisted by Heberbrand and Mitchell.

Will testify that on this occasion when he interviewed FRANK J. NOONAN he specifically questioned him relative to the pay envelopes of his detective agency found at the residence of Alvin Karpis at 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, and that after MR. NOONAN viewed them he readily admitted that they were the property of his agency; that, however, he was unable to account for the manner in which they came into the possession of Alvin Karpis.

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Will testify that MR. NOONAN further informed him that his detective agency was hired to protect the Bainbridge and Thistle-down Racetracks, located near Cleveland, Ohio, during the summer of 1934, and that pay envelopes of his agency were kept at the temporary offices at the track and that no record was kept by him of the stock on hand; that he expressed the opinion that it was possible that these pay envelopes might have disappeared at this time or might have been taken by someone without authority.

Will further testify that he exhibited to FRANK J. NOONAN numerous photographs of the so-called Barker-Karpis gang, and that MR. NOONAN advised that he had never seen any of them with the possible exception of Fred Barker, whose face he stated appeared familiar to him as someone he might have seen at one of the tracks.

This witness will further testify that on this occasion he displayed to FRANK J. NOONAN the criminal record of Charles Carroll, alias Charles Winterhalter, FBI #30222, which was found at the residence formerly occupied by Alvin Karpis, Dolores DeLaney, and Willie Harrison at 3975 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio; that MR. NOONAN advised him that Fred Spohn was formerly a deputy sheriff at Chardon, Ohio, and that he is now a fingerprint expert in that office and takes care of all the fingerprint work and identification work for the sheriff; that he had employed Spohn for temporary periods, and that Spohn had obtained many criminal records for him; that he did not know Spohn had obtained any records from the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, D. C., as most of them had previously been obtained from the Ohio State Bureau of Criminal Identification at Columbus. On the occasion of this interview MR. NOONAN advised this witness that he could not recall ever having requested Fred C. Spohn to obtain this particular record but that he did recall seeing it; that he likewise could not recall that it was a record from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and that to the best of his recollection this record was returned to Mr. Spohn. At this time this witness exhibited to MR. FRANK J. NOONAN a photograph of Charles Carroll, and MR. NOONAN advised that he was unable to identify the photograph in question and went on to state, however, that he believed he had had a line on this individual in connection with counterfeiting activities at one of the tracks; that he was unable to recall any further details as to this.

This witness will further testify that MR. FRANK J. NOONAN informed him that he often frequented the Harvard Club to gamble prior to September, 1934, and that in his opinion this club is the largest gambling resort in the metropolitan Cleveland area; that the afternoon sessions are devoted principally to bets on horse races and the evening sessions to numerous gambling games.

E. J. CONNELLEY

Inspector,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Will testify that on February 9, 1936, he interviewed

FRANK J. NOONAN

in the presence of Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland at the Cleveland Bureau Office, 1448 Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio; that at this time FRANK J. NOONAN was asked whether he ever issued a private detective commission card to Alvin Karpis, and that FRANK J. NOONAN denied that such a credential was ever issued to Alvin Karpis with his knowledge.

This witness will further testify that he asked FRANK J. NOONAN whether he ever saw Dolores DeLaney or Alvin Karpis in Cleveland, Ohio, during the summer of 1934, and he informed that he had not.

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JOHN FRANK BROCK,

Cuyahoga County Jail,
Cleveland, Ohio

Will testify that the saloon in Cleveland, Ohio, that he and ALVIN KARPIS visited in the latter part of March, 1935, and where they met FRED HUNTER, SHARKEY and another unknown man (as described on page 133 of the report of Special Agent S. K. McKEE, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 26, 1936), was located on the southwest corner of 28th and Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio; that the exterior of this saloon answers the description of the tavern which DOLORES DELANEY stated that she and ALVIN KARPIS frequented during the summer of 1934.

Will testify that there is a side door on the 28th Street side that leads into a small back room which is partitioned off from the barroom; that he recalls that this room contained one table and some chairs; that while he was at this saloon, he and the others above mentioned who were with him, did not enter the barroom because there were people in there drinking; that from the small room he could see that the bar was on the left hand side of the saloon.

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E. J. CONNELLEY,

Inspector,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio

Will testify that he interviewed ALVIN KARPIS at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, on May 29, 1936, and June 3, 1936, in the presence of Special Agent R. C. SURAN; that at that time ALVIN KARPIS was questioned by him concerning a credential card of the Frank J. Noonan Detective Agency, Cleveland, Ohio, which it was believed that KARPIS possessed at Cleveland, Ohio, during the summer of 1934, and that at that time ALVIN KARPIS stated that he did not get the credential card from FRANK NOONAN, but that he got it from a subordinate and that he, ALVIN KARPIS, recalled the occasion when he exhibited this credential card to a salesman who called at his home at Cleveland, Ohio, in the summer of 1934.

Will testify that ALVIN KARPIS stated that ART HEBERBRAND and JAMES "SHIMMIE" PATTON welcomed him around the Harvard Club at Cleveland, Ohio, and they solicited him to go in on the slot machine racket, but he insisted that HEBERBRAND and PATTON did not know his real identity.

R. C. SURAN, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 1448 Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio, will testify that on May 29, 1936, and June 3, 1936, he was present when Inspector E. J. CONNELLEY interviewed ALVIN KARPIS at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, and will verify the truth of the admissions made by ALVIN KARPIS at that time as have been testified to by Inspector E. J. CONNELLEY.

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PATRICK JAMES KILBANE
Residence - 10707 Clifton Boulevard
Business - 2801 Detroit Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Will testify concerning the following persons:

ART HEBERBRAND
JAMES "SHIMMIE" PATTON
JOHN F. "SHARKEY" GORMAN

and will state that he has operated a saloon at the address 2801 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, since February, 1935; that before he took over this place he knew that this place was operated by one EDDIE GALLAGHER under the name of the Silver Grill; that EDDIE GALLAGHER was in a bad financial condition and that he knew that the premises where the Silver Grill was located belonged to Mrs. JULIA PATTON, wife of JAMES "SHIMMIE" PATTON; that he went to see Mrs. PATTON and arranged to take over the place by paying the outstanding bills and that he has operated a saloon at this address since that time; that he employs only one bartender named OWNY McDERMOTT, who works from 7:00 P.M. until closing time; that he, PATRICK KILBANE, works from 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. daily.

Will identify the photograph of ART HEBERBRAND and state that he has known HEBERBRAND for about ten years and knows that HEBERBRAND is a close friend of JAMES PATTON and that HEBERBRAND is one of the operators of the Harvard Club; that HEBERBRAND visits his saloon occasionally to buy drinks and also to keep engagements with persons he has arranged to meet.

Will identify a photograph of JAMES "SHIMMIE" PATTON and state that he has known PATTON all his life; that he recalls that PATTON was formerly in the bootlegging business on the west side of Cleveland, Ohio and that during recent years he has been one of the operators of the Harvard Club; that PATTON frequently visits his saloon to meet people but that PATTON does not drink.

Will identify a photograph of JOHN F. "SHARKEY" GORMAN and will state that he has known GORMAN all his life; that he knows that GORMAN is employed at the Harvard Club and that GORMAN frequently visits his saloon to drink but that he has never seen GORMAN in the place in company with any strangers.

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Will testify that he is unable to recall ever having seen any members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang at his place of business; that he has known JAMES "TIP" O'NEIL all his life and was raised with this man and will state that O'NEIL visits his saloon from time to time to buy drinks; that he, KILBANE, is acquainted with many of the men who work at the Harvard Club and that they come to his place of business to drink.

If necessary JOHN L. MADALA and S. K. MCKEE, Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 1448 Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio, can testify that on October 9, 1936 they interviewed PATRICK JAMES KILBANE and he provided the above information to them at that time.

OWEN D. McDERMOTT
Residence - 3155 W. 112th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Will testify that he has been employed as a bartender at the saloon operated by PATRICK J. KILBANE at 2801 Detroit Avenue for approximately the past year and one-half, and will testify concerning the following individuals:

JOHN F. GORMAN
ART HEBERBRAND
JAMES PATTON

and will identify a photograph of JOHN F. "SHARKEY" GORMAN and state that he has seen GORMAN at the saloon where he, McDERMOTT, is employed; that GORMAN usually comes into the saloon alone and that he is unable to remember ever having seen GORMAN come into this place in company with anyone else.

Will identify a photograph of JAMES "SHIMMIE" PATTON and state that he has seen this man visit the saloon where he, McDERMOTT, is employed.

Will identify a photograph of ART HEBERBRAND and state that he has seen HEBERBRAND at the saloon located at 2801 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Will state that he understands that all of the above mentioned persons are employed or connected with the Harvard Club; that he has come to this opinion from conversations of these persons which he has overheard.

ROBERT DONLEY

c/o George A. Falke Motor Co.
17600 Detroit Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

will testify that in 1934, he was working as a salesman for the George A. Falke Motor Company, 17600 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio; that he will identify the photograph of ALVIN KARPIS as a man who came to the sales room of the said company on the afternoon of July 19, 1934, and giving the name of CHARLES BRONSON, stated that he desired to purchase a Ford coupe with black body and black wheels; that CHARLES BRONSON (identified as ALVIN KARPIS) gave his address as 1312 Brockley Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, and instructed that he, DONLEY, secure the license and have a new car as he described ready for delivery the following day.

Will further testify that about 4:30 P.M. the following day, July 20, 1934, BRONSON called for the car and paid for same in cash (amount not specified).

Will testify that when CHARLES BRONSON first came to the garage he was driving a Ford V-8 coupe, which he stated belonged to a friend of his.

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RUTH WINFIELD

c/o George A. Falke Motor Co.
17600 Detroit Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

This witness will testify that she was the bookkeeper of the George A. Falke Motor Company, 17600 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, and that she was so employed in the year 1934.

She will identify a photograph of

ALVIN KARPIS

as that of a man whom she met as CHARLES BRONSON, and who made a purchase at the above mentioned company of the automobile described by witness ROBERT DONLEY on July 20, 1934.

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MRS. O. W. BLACKMAN

3969 West 140th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

In addition to the testimony set out beginning on page 47 in the summary report of Special Agent S. K. McKee dated at Cleveland, Ohio, October 26, 1934, this witness will testify that during the time that the MILGRETHS, whom she identified as ALVIN KARPIS and DOLORES DELANEY, lived at 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, in the summer of 1934, there were two cars on the premises almost all the time; that one car was dark blue or black late model Pontiac coach which was kept in a garage most of the time; that as soon as this car was driven into the driveway it was never permitted to stand in the driveway any longer than was necessary to open the garage doors, at which time it was driven into the garage and the doors locked. She will testify that the other car she observed was a dark blue or black, red trimmed, Ford V-8 coach bearing -

1934 Ohio license
No. 711-696

that this car was permitted to stand in the driveway quite often, and for this reason she had a good opportunity to observe it.

This witness will further testify that at about 1:00 A.M. on September 6, 1934, she observed a car drive up the driveway of the residence at 3973 West 140th Street, and four men get out and go into the house; that as they entered the house they pulled down all the shades and turned out all the lights; that they remained in the house for approximately a half hour, during which time they made several trips from the house to the cars and thereafter made a hurried departure. When they left, these men were driving the car in which they arrived, namely, the Ford automobile bearing 1934 Ohio license No. 711-696, and the Pontiac coach which was stored in the garage.

G. ERWIN NAHER

Chief of Record Division
State of Ohio
Bureau of Motor Vehicles
Columbus, Ohio

will in answer to subpoena duces tecum produce
Bureau of Motor Vehicle Records showing that in 1934,

Ohio license No. 711-696

was issued for a

1934 Ford coupe
motor No. 18-1037480
in the name of CHARLES M. BRONSON,
1312 Brockley Avenue
Lakewood, Ohio
Ohio bill of sale No. 2057601.

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JAMES MURPHY

1312 Brockley Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

will testify that he and his family have resided at 1312 Brockley Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, for sixteen years prior to 1934, and specifically on July 20, 1934; that he is employed with the Midwest Forge Company of Cleveland, Ohio; that a photograph of ALVIN KARPIS was displayed to him, and will state that he is not acquainted with this individual, nor does he know anything about him; that ALVIN KARPIS has never resided with him and his family, and that he has no knowledge concerning anyone by the name of CHARLES BRONSON; also that he has no knowledge of the 1934 Ford coupe bearing 1934 Ohio license No. 711-696.

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W. E. PETERS
1340 Russ Building
San Francisco, California

Will testify that during September, 1934 he was employed as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, and that on or about September 6, 1934 he, with former Special Agents J. K. COLLINS and L. D. SOCKY and Special Agent W. E. HOPTON, made a search of the premises at 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, and found a slip of paper containing the following information:

"PHILLIP AMERSBACH 7124 Clark Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio, Edward Summers, Charles
Ward, Jessie Donovan".

W. E. PETERS
1340 Russ Building
San Francisco, California

S. K. McFEE, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1443 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Will testify that on or about September 24, 1936 he interviewed

ANTHONY J. "TONY" AMERSBACH;

that at that time AMERSBACH provided information concerning the following individuals:

ART HEBERBRAND
JAMES "SHIMMIE" PATTON
MILTON LETT
FRED HUNTER
JOSEPH ROSCOE.

Will testify that AMERSBACH stated that he was born in Cleveland, Ohio and that in the year 1919 he was at Columbus, Ohio and stole an automobile and was subsequently sentenced to the Ohio State Penitentiary for this offense; that AMERSBACH further stated that shortly after his release from the Ohio State Penitentiary he was again arrested in Cleveland, Ohio in the year 1921 on a charge of burglary in which connection a police officer was shot, and that he was again sentenced to the Ohio State Penitentiary, on this offense, and that he remained there until 1932; that upon his release from the penitentiary in the year 1932 he secured a job through ART HEBERBRAND as doorman at the Harvard Club and that he is still engaged in that work.

Will testify that AMERSBACH selected and identified a photograph of ART HEBERBRAND and a photograph of JAMES PATTON, whom he stated were the operators of the old Harvard Club and as the owners of the new Harvard Club; that AMERSBACH identified a photograph of MILTON LETT and that AMERSBACH stated he knew this individual as "The Kid" and that this man was also known to him as "WILLIE"; that he recalls that MILTON LETT worked at the black-jack tables at the Harvard Club as a "shiller" a year or more ago; that AMERSBACH likewise identified a photograph of JAMES "TIP" O'NEIL and stated that this man is connected with the Harvard Club in some capacity and that he knows that JAMES "TIP" O'NEIL is a close friend of JAMES "SHIMMIE" PATTON.

Will testify that AMERSBACH selected and identified a photograph of FRED HUNTER and that AMERSBACH stated that he knew this man only as "FREDDIE" and recalled that FREDDIE worked at the Harvard Club as a black-jack dealer about a year ago.

Will testify that AMERSBACH selected and identified a photograph of CASSIUS McDONALD and stated that he met this individual twice at the Mayfair Casino a couple of years ago and that this man was in the company of ART HERKBRAND; that photographs of ALVIN KARPIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, WILLIAM J. HARRISON, FRED BARKER, ARTHUR R. "DOC" BARKER, were exhibited to AMERSBACH but he denied ever having seen any of these individuals; that AMERSBACH stated he had read in the Cleveland newspapers items concerning the arrest of three women at the Cleveland Hotel a couple of years ago and AMERSBACH stated that these news articles referred to the fact that members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang had frequented the Harvard Club and that these articles also mentioned the fact that various members of the gang had rented houses from ART HERKBRAND and BILL MITCHELL; that AMERSBACH denied that he had ever seen any of these individuals either at the Harvard Club or elsewhere. AMERSBACH stated that he had never turned down a convict when he needed help.

Will testify that AMERSBACH stated that his principal duties at the Harvard Club do not involve remaining at the door, but that the only duty he has is to take money to the bank every afternoon; that AMERSBACH further stated that he has known JOE ROSCOE for several years; that he knew that ROSCOE was originally from Cleveland, Ohio; that the only trip that he could remember taking to Toledo, Ohio was one made sometime during the summer of 1935 and that this trip was made for the purpose of getting some dealers; that he went to Toledo, Ohio in his Graham-Paige sedan and was accompanied by JOHN F. "SHARKEY" GORMAN and that he obtained a dealer at Toledo, Ohio who was named "PRETTY CHARLIE" and who was at that time working at the Joval Club in Toledo; that he understood that JOE ROSCOE had an interest in the Joval Club.

Will testify that he questioned TONY AMERSBACH as to whether he had any information concerning members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang visiting the Silver Grill at 28th Street and Detroit Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, and AMERSBACH stated that he had only been in this place on one or two occasions and that the only thing he knew about it was that JAMES "SHIMMIE" PATTON was supposed to have had an interest in the Silver Grill at one time; that during the course of this interview AMERSBACH stated that he would not do anything or say anything to get anybody in trouble for the reason that he knew what it was to do time in a penitentiary; that AMERSBACH stated that he resides at 7124 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio and that he has a brother named PHILLIP AMERSBACH who is an inmate of the Marquette Prison, Marquette, Michigan.

CHRIS BOTOFF, alias BROWN
7314 Carnegie Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Will testify concerning the following individuals:

MILTON LETT
JOSEPH ROSCOE
ART HEBERBRAND
JAMES "SHIMMIE" PATTON

and will state that he has been continuously employed at the Harvard Club since about July 7 or 8, 1934 except for a short period of time when the Harvard Club was closed around the beginning of the year 1936, and will identify a photograph of MILTON LETT as a man who worked as a "shiller" at the Harvard Club during the year 1935; that he did not know LETT'S name but recalls that LETT worked for about two days in the "Coop" about one and one-half months before the Christmas of 1935 and that this man then disappeared and that he, BROWN, has not seen him since.

Will testify that he has seen MILTON LETT, whom he will identify from a photograph exhibited to him, talking to both ART HEBERBRAND and JAMES "SHIMMIE" PATTON on occasions and that LETT on one occasion told him that he was from St. Louis, Missouri.

Will state that he has seen JOE ROSCOE visiting the Harvard Club on numerous occasions in the past but has not seen ROSCOE at the Harvard Club since it moved to its new location during the early part of the year 1936.

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E. J. CONNELLEY

Inspector,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Will testify that on February 7, 1936, he interviewed

ARTHUR W. HEBERBRAND

in the presence of Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland at the
Cleveland Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This witness will testify that he informed ARTHUR W. HEBERBRAND that the Federal Bureau of Investigation definitely knew that he had been associated with members of the Barker-Karpis gang at Cleveland, Ohio, during the summer of 1934 and subsequent thereto, and that his actions were such that he would, at a suitable date and the facts warranting same, be prosecuted for having harbored the fugitives;

That ART HEBERBRAND at this time informed him that he knew "Cash" McDonald, of Detroit, Michigan, and when a photograph of this individual was displayed to MR. HEBERBRAND he claimed that he was unable to identify the same;

That at this time he was shown photographs of the following individuals:

Charles J. Fitzgerald,
Paula Harmon,
William Elmer Mead,
William J. Harrison,
Harry Campbell,
Dolores DeLaney,
Wynona Burdette,
Clara Gibson,
Arthur R. "Doc" Barker,
Harry Sawyer,
Volney Davis,
Russell Gibson,
Belle Born,

Gladys Sawyer,
Jess Doyle,
William Weaver,
Joe Adams,
Edna Murray,
Dr. Joseph P. Moran,
Jimmie Wilson,
Charles Carroll,
Oliver A. Berg,
Myrtle Eaton, and
Byron Bolton;

That MR. HEBERBRAND stated that he was unable to identify any photographs of the above-named individuals as ever having been in contact with him or having been patrons of the Harvard Club.

This witness will further testify that he likewise displayed to MR. HEBERBRAND the photograph of Alvin Karpis, and that HEBERBRAND advised that he knew his picture by having seen it in the newspapers but that he had no recollection of ever having come in contact with Karpis.

This witness will further testify that he questioned ARTHUR W. HEBERBRAND concerning some flowers which were delivered to him in November of 1934 from a party by the name of T. C. Blackburn; that MR. HEBERBRAND admitted having received these flowers around Thanksgiving of 1934 from Ocala, Florida, but that he had no idea as to who T. C. Blackburn, the sender, was.

This witness will further testify that ART HEBERBRAND advised him that he is personally acquainted with Frank J. Noonan, a private detective of Cleveland, Ohio, and that he on several occasions had put to work at his place employees of the Noonan Detective Agency, merely as a favor to Noonan.

This witness will further testify that ART HEBERBRAND informed him that he was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on March 30, 1897; that he has been in the contracting business at Cleveland, Ohio, building private residences in Cleveland and vicinity, and that after the depression he associated himself with the gambling business, and that he has an interest in the Harvard Club, located in the vicinity of Cleveland, Ohio; that MR. HEBERBRAND further informed him at this time that he had been prosecuted for gambling and served thirty days in the fall of 1935 at Cleveland, Ohio, in the County Jail; also, that he had been arrested at one time in Cleveland on a manslaughter charge, he having killed a man with his automobile, and that this charge was subsequently dismissed.

S. K. McKee, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Will testify that on or about September 18, 1936 he, with Special Agent C. E. SMITH, interviewed JOHN F. "SHARKEY" GORMAN and that GORMAN at that time was questioned concerning the following individuals:

WILLIAM J. HARRISON
ALVIN KARPIS
MILTON LETT
FRED HUNTER
ART HEBERBRAND
JAMES "SHIMMIE" PATTON
JOSEPH ROSCOE
TONY AMERSBACH
FRANK GREENWALD
BERT ANGUS
TED ANGUS

that at that time GORMAN stated that he has been employed as doorman and dealer at the Harvard Club for approximately the past 4 years; that he stated that he had received his job from ART HEBERBRAND and JAMES PATTON whom he had known for many years; that GORMAN at that time was shown a group of photographs and he identified a photograph of WILLIAM J. HARRISON and stated that he knew this man only by the name of "WILLIE"; that he could not recall ever having seen "WILLIE" at the Harvard Club but that he did recall seeing and talking with him in a bootleg joint operated by CHARLIE SELLERS; that as near as he could recall this was during the summer of 1934; that he drank beer with "WILLIE" on one occasion during his relief from the blackjack tables; that he could not recall the nature of the conversations had with "WILLIE"; that "WILLIE" disappeared about two weeks before the women (WYNONA BURDETTE, GLADYS SAWYER and PAULA HARMON) were arrested by the Cleveland Police Department. GORMAN stated, when shown a photograph of ALVIN KARPIS, that he recalled that he had dealt blackjack to this man who was known to him only as "SLIM"; that he had also seen "SLIM" in the bootleg joint operated by SELLERS on one or two occasions but that he could not recall in whose company he had seen SLIM; that shortly before the three women were arrested in the fall of 1934, SLIM did not show up at the Club any more and that he did not hear any more about him until after the arrest of the women, when various dealers around the Harvard Club had newspapers that carried the story of the three women as being friends of members of the BARKER-KARPIS gang; that these newspapers also carried the names and photographs of the men these women were connected with and several of the dealers remarked that they had seen ALVIN KARPIS at the Harvard Club; that when GORMAN was questioned he stated he was unable to recall the names of any of the dealers at the

Harvard Club who had remarked that they had seen ALVIN KARPIS there.

Will testify that GORMAN selected and identified a photograph of FRED HUNTER as a man known to him; that GORMAN stated that he first noticed this man around the Harvard Club about the year 1935 and that he was under the impression that this man was possibly a blackjack dealer as he seemed to recall seeing this person dealing at the tables on occasions; that GORMAN stated that he knew FRED HUNTER only by the name of "SLIM" and remembers that this man did not mix very much with the rest of the men employed at the Harvard Club; that GORMAN stated that he was of the opinion that SLIM (FRED HUNTER) was from down around Warren, Ohio but he was unable to state where he had obtained this information, and that GORMAN stated that he did not know who hired HUNTER or how he happened to be employed at the Harvard Club and expressed ignorance of the fact that FRED HUNTER had ever sold dice to the Harvard Club.

Will testify that GORMAN selected and identified a photograph of MILTON LETT as a man who was known to him only by the name of "WILLIE"; that LETT had told him on one occasion that he was formerly from St. Louis, Missouri and had worked in a gambling joint in that town; that he recalls that LETT worked at the Harvard Club during the summer of 1935 as a "shiller" and stated that he did not know who hired LETT or under what circumstances LETT first appeared at the Harvard Club for a job; that GORMAN recalled that LETT owned a Ford sedan and that GORMAN borrowed this car on several occasions; that he accompanied LETT on or about 4 times, at which time they had stopped at a saloon on West 28th Street and Detroit Avenue; that they did not frequent that place very much as the bosses of the Club frequently stopped there and they did not like to see the employees drinking; that when questioned as to who he meant by the bosses of the Harvard Club GORMAN stated that APT and SHIMMIE and one or two others who worked at the Harvard Club seemed to have more to say than any of the other employees; that GORMAN was questioned whether he knew that FRED HUNTER was acquainted with MILTON LETT and he stated that he did not know whether these two men were acquainted or not; that GORMAN was asked whether he knew where LETT resided during the time that LETT was employed at the Harvard Club, and GORMAN stated that one night he drove LETT home and left him out of the car at the school yard located across the street from West 31st Street and Denison Ave. and that LETT had walked across the street from a row of houses and had at that time informed that he lived in the vicinity and was boarding with some woman whose name he did not mention; that GORMAN stated that this was the only information he had concerning the place where LETT resided.

Will testify that GORMAN stated that he was acquainted with JOSEPH ROSCOE and had heard of EDITH BARRY, BERT ANGUS, TED ANGUS and Captain GEORGE TIMINEY but was not acquainted with these latter individuals; that in referring to JOE ROSCOE GORMAN stated that he had met this man about 11 years ago in a bootleg joint operated by JIMMIE KILBANE on the West side of Cleveland, Ohio; that GORMAN stated that he did not know what business ROSCOE was engaged in at that time;

that since that time he has met JOE ROSCOE possibly ten or fifteen times until he obtained employment at the Harvard Club, at which time he again met ROSCOE who apparently visited various dealers from Toledo, Ohio who were employed at the Harvard Club; that GORMAN, upon questioning, stated that he could not recall seeing JOE ROSCOE conversing with ART HEBERBRAND or JAMES "SHIMMIE" PATTON, but he stated that ROSCOE was known to them.

Will testify that when GORMAN was asked how often he visited Toledo, Ohio, he stated that his wife had been residing in Detroit, Michigan and that he used to drive to Detroit about once or twice a month including the years of 1934 and 1935 for the purpose of visiting her and that sometimes on his return from Detroit, Michigan he would stop and visit the cafe owned by BROADWAY, a relative of JOSEPH ROSCOE, and have a drink; that on one occasion about a year ago while at this above mentioned cafe JOSEPH ROSCOE asked him if he cared to go to the Casino Club with him and that he agreed and that at the Casino Club ROSCOE talked with BERT and TED ANGUS but ROSCOE did not introduce him to either of the ANGUS brothers; that a photograph of BERT ANGUS was exhibited to GORMAN and he stated that he was unable to identify it; that he and ROSCOE stayed at the Casino Club for about one-half an hour or an hour on this occasion and that he then returned to Cleveland, Ohio; that he has heard that JOE ROSCOE has an interest in the Joval Club, a gambling place at Toledo, Ohio.

Will testify that GORMAN stated that during the past summer he and TONY AMERSBACH visited Toledo, Ohio in the green Paige sedan owned by AMERSBACH and that they stopped at the saloon located beside the Joval Club and had a couple of drinks and that TONY AMERSBACH went to the Joval Club alone; that shortly thereafter they returned to Cleveland, Ohio; that GORMAN was questioned as to whether he had ever borrowed the automobile belonging to TONY AMERSBACH and whether he had visited any houses of prostitution and he stated that he had never made a practice of visiting houses of prostitution in Toledo, Ohio and that he had not at any time borrowed the automobile of TONY AMERSBACH; that when GORMAN was questioned as to whether he had not visited the house of prostitution operated by EDITH BARRY at Toledo, Ohio, he stated that while he knew of EDITH BARRY he did not even know where her house was located; that his knowledge of EDITH BARRY was obtained from hearing various dealers at the Harvard Club who came from Toledo, Ohio, talk about it and compare EDITH BARRY'S house of prostitution with the house of prostitution operated by ARDELL QUINN; that GORMAN denied that he had ever carried any messages for anybody to EDITH BARRY or JOE ROSCOE and he was questioned as to whether he was acquainted with FRANK "GREENIE" GREENWALD, a taxicab owner at Toledo, Ohio, and he stated that he was not acquainted with this man.

WYNONA BURDETTE,

United States Detention Farm,
Milan, Michigan

Will testify in addition to the testimony set out in the report of Special Agent E. J. WYNN, dated October 25, 1936, at Cleveland, Ohio, that during the time she and HARRY CAMPBELL were residing at the Jarvis Apartments in Toledo, Ohio, shortly after they arrived there from Chicago, Illinois, in February, 1934, they were visited by TED ANGUS, RUTH ANGUS and some members of the gang.

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WILLIAM R. BROWN
Worthy R. Brown & Son, Inc.
Lake Erie Boathouse
Lakeside, Ohio.

Will testify concerning the following individuals:

GEORGE TIMINEY
ART LANGENDORF
JOSEPH ROSCOE
WILLIAM J. HARRISON
BERT ANGUS

and will state that he has operated the boathouse of Worthy R. Brown & Son, Inc. located at Lakeside, Ohio and that he has known JOE ROSCOE for a number of years; that ROSCOE owned a large speed boat called "The Rainbow" and that ROSCOE occasionally stops at his dock to buy fishing tackle and in the case of bad weather ROSCOE ties up for several days at a time at his dock; that ROSCOE also sometimes drops by on the way from Middle Island; that on frequent occasions he has seen Detective ART LANGENDORF of the Toledo, Ohio Police Department riding with JOE ROSCOE in his boat; that LANGENDORF frequently visits Middle Island for the purpose of fishing.

Will testify that he recalls being introduced to a Captain TIMINEY of the Toledo Police Department on several occasions when this man was in the company of JOSEPH ROSCOE in ROSCOE'S boat but that he is not certain that he can identify Captain TIMINEY; that he recalls that during the summer of 1933 BERT ANGUS was acting as manager of Middle Island; that on one occasion during that summer he, WILLIAM R. BROWN, with several friends, visited Middle Island and there met a man who was known to him as WILLIE and he will identify a photograph of WILLIAM J. HARRISON as being the same person who was known to him as WILLIE; that he recalls that WILLIE was quite a "cut up" and was dressed in brown pajamas and danced and pranced around and that WILLIE was accompanied by a beautiful blonde young woman who was called DOLLY and another man who had one hand and a forearm bandaged.

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HARRY ZAHRLY

Browning-Zahrly Construction Co.
Colton Building
Toledo, Ohio.

Will, in addition to the testimony set out on Page 194 of the summary report of Special Agent E. J. WYNN, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, October 25, 1936, testify concerning the following individuals:

JOSEPH ROSCOE
TED ANGUS
BERT ANGUS
ART LANGENDORF

and will state that about the year 1932 he went fishing with JOE ROSCOE in ROSCOE'S boat almost every week-end and during these trips visited Middle Island where he first became acquainted with BERT ANGUS who was at that time managing Middle Island; that on these fishing trips Detective ART LANGENDORF frequently accompanied JOE ROSCOE and himself and that occasionally Captain GEORGE TIMINEY also accompanied JOE ROSCOE and he, HARRY ZAHRLY; that after the fishing season of 1932 was over he met TED ANGUS and BERT ANGUS at the Casino Club, which place they were operating at that time.

Witnessed by
Witnessed by

LYMAN D. ARNOLD

c/o Lyman D. Arnold, Inc.,
10th and Adams Street,
Toledo, Ohio,

will produce all records in his possession with
reference to the sale of

1933 Ford standard sedan,
Motor No. 18-493020

sold on September 26, 1933 to T. C. BLACKBURN, 4214 Lockwood
Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

Will testify that several days after September 15, 1933,
one C.W. WOODS, who had previously had repair work done in the garage
of the Lyman D. Arnold Company, came into the office and asked the
witness whether he would be interested in making a cash sale on an
automobile, and how much commission could he expect from him if the deal
was consummated; that he agreed to pay WOODS something for his efforts.

This witness will further testify that on the following
day or thereafter, C. W. WOODS returned to the garage with an individual
whom he introduced as T. C. BLACKBURN, at which time BLACKBURN purchased
a new Ford V-8 sedan, color blue, motor No. 18-493020, wire wheels;
that BLACKBURN paid cash therefor in one hundred dollar bills and a
few smaller ones; that the title papers were immediately executed by
one of the clerks for T. C. BLACKBURN, and Ohio license plates were
obtained by the company for that individual before the car was delivered;
that BLACKBURN accepted delivery of the car and drove away with it in
the company of C. W. WOODS.

MR. ARNOLD will testify from his records that the
date of this sale was on September 26, 1933.

(NOTE): MR. ARNOLD was unable to identify any
photographs of the BARKER-KARPIS mob which were displayed to him.
However, at that time a photograph of WILLIAM J. HARRISON, who is
alleged to have purchased the car, was not available, and one
will be exhibited to him at the time MR. ARNOLD is called upon to
provide testimony as above related.

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G. ERWIN NAHER,

Chief of Record Division,
State of Ohio,
Bureau of Motor Vehicles,
Columbus, Ohio

Will upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum produce the records of the State of Ohio, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, containing information concerning

1933 Ford Coupe
Motor No. 18-328420

licensed on February 10, 1934, under the name of E. V. DAVIS,
1209 Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio, under

1934 Ohio license No. C018348.

Will produce sworn statement of ownership dated February 10, 1934, showing that this car was previously registered for the year, 1933, in the State of Minnesota, under Minnesota license plates

No. B 473567

under the name of E. V. DAVIS, Box 52, Lakeville, Minnesota.

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R. J. RANKIN,

c/o Cary Roofing Company,
1209 Summit Street,
Toledo, Ohio

Will testify that his wife owns the building located at 1209 Summit Street and that he is manager of the Cary Roofing Company, which is located on the ground floor of the address, 1209 Summit Street; that he has charge of the rentals of the flats located in this building and will testify that he has never known anyone by the name of DAVIS to either rent or reside at 1209 Summit Street, and is not acquainted with any person by the name of E. V. DAVIS.

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POST OFFICE BOX 812,
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November 10, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

A review has been made of the file in this case at the Chicago Bureau office by Special Agents John L. Madala and D. P. Sullivan.

Additional information to that contained in the summary reports of Special Agents E. J. Wynn, dated October 25, 1936, and S. K. McKee, dated October 26, 1936, has been obtained as a result of this review of the file. This information has been set out under the names of such witnesses as can properly introduce the testimony.

The witnesses who can testify to those matters bearing on the Cleveland angle of the harboring charges presently pending in that district are as follows:

S. K. MCKEE (Interview of Alvin Karpis)
JOHN L. MADALA (Interview of Dolores Delaney)
W. B. MATHIEY (Interview of Dolores Delaney)
W. B. MATHIEY (Interview of Dolores Delaney)
CHARLES CARROLL
FRED C. SPOHN
C. E. WILSON
E. E. PETERS (Interview of Frank J. Noonan)
E. J. CONNELLEY (Interview of Frank J. Noonan)
JOHN FRANK BROCK
E. J. CONNELLEY (Interview of Alvin Karpis)
PATRICK JAMES KILBANE
OWEN D. McDERMOTT
ROBERT DONLEY
RUTH WINFIELD
MRS. O. W. BLACKMAN
G. ERWIN NAHER
JAMES MURPHY
W. E. PETERS
S. K. MCKEE (Interview of Anthony J. "Tony" Amerbach)
CHRIS BOTOFF
E. J. CONNELLEY (Interview of Arthur W. Hebebrand)
S. K. MCKEE (Interview of John F. "Sharkey" Gorman)

The following witnesses can testify particularly as to the harboring case at Toledo, Ohio:

WYNONA BURDETTE
WILLIAM R. BROWN
HARRY ZARELY
LYMAN D. ARNOLD
G. ERVIN NAFER
R. J. RANKIN

Testimony of the three witnesses last named refers to the automobiles for which Colin "Coolie" Monroe obtained license plates at Toledo, Ohio, during January or February, 1934. Edna Murray will probably testify that Colin Monroe obtained license plates for both of the automobiles mentioned, one set of plates being obtained the latter part of January, 1934, when she, Wynona Burdette and William J. Harrison made a trip from Chicago, Illinois, to Toledo, Ohio, and the other set of plates being obtained by Volney Davis for his automobile through Colin Monroe early during the month of February, 1934.

This testimony is not being set up under a separate report, but should be considered as merely supplemental testimony to that contained in the reports of Special Agents T. J. Synn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 25, 1936, and S. K. McKee, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 26, 1936. If the United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio, or the Cleveland Bureau Office so desires, this testimony can be inserted in its proper place in either of the above mentioned reports. A copy of this additional testimony is designated for the United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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