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AND
PRIVACY ACTS**

SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG

BREMER KIDNAPPING

FILE NUMBER: 7-576

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Los Angeles, California.
December 18, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter dated November 8, 1936, requesting that appropriate investigation be conducted in this district at the residence of Mrs. G. A. Webster, 1227 1/2 West 38th Place, Los Angeles, California, looking toward the apprehension of Benson Groves.

Neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of the residence of Mrs. G. A. Webster revealed that that party is still residing at that address together with her son, William Edward Webster and through Mrs. Eva Culbertson, 1229 1/2 West 38th Place, who has resided in this vicinity for the past sixteen years, it was ascertained that no one answering the description of Benson Groves has been observed visiting the Webster residence.

A thirty-day mail cover has been placed on these parties at the expiration of which it is the intention of this Field Division to interview both Mrs. and William Edward Webster.

Request was made of the California State Department of Motor Vehicles as to whether there has been any registration or operator's license issued under the name of the known names and aliases of Benson Groves, and this Field Division has been advised that no such registrations under either the names or description of Groves are recorded in that Department's records.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

December 22, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir: MR. HENDE.

With reference to your letter of December 17, 1936, inquiring as to the disposition of the mail fraud case against WILLIAM KIMMELHEAD, you are advised that Hendes was convicted at Jacksonville, Florida, on October 7, 1936, and on October 14, 1936, was sentenced to serve two years in the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, and to pay a fine of \$5,000.00.

Very truly yours,

R. A. WYMAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Detroit, Michigan.

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RE: BREKID

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

December 22, 1936.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 2118,
Detroit, Michigan.

Edw. J. Connelley

Dear Sir: RE: BREKID

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated November 29, 1936, which contains a lead for this Field Division to search the records of the Peninsular & Occidental Steamship Company, Jacksonville, Florida, as to the possibility that one THE PRESTON traveled from Miami to Havana, Cuba, during the period from May 1, 1935, to date.

Contact has been had by Special Agent Richard E. Smith with Mr. Roy Rainey, Auditor, Peninsular & Occidental Steamship Company, Florida National Bank Building, Jacksonville, who advised that it would require a period of at least several days to check the manifests of his company, inasmuch as approximately 30,000 passengers have been transported from Miami to Havana since May 1, 1935. Mr. Rainey also advised that the Munson Line also carries passengers from Miami to Havana. He further suggested that it would probably be more simple to check the records in the office of the Immigration Department at Jacksonville, where records are kept of all passengers between Miami and Havana. Mr. Rainey stated that these records are separated as to American citizens and others and are typewritten and could be more readily searched than those of the Steamship Company.

A contact was had by Agent Smith with Deputy Immigration Officer McAndrews at Jacksonville, and it was determined that a search of the Immigration records can be made in approximately three days. Mr. McAndrews advised that prior to September, 1935, a large number of passengers departed for Havana, leaving from Key West, Florida. Accordingly, in making the check, the records from Key West will be examined as well as those of passengers departing from Miami. This examination of the records will be made at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge.
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1300 Liberty Trust Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

December 22, 1936.

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

Re: GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P.
MORAN, with aliases-FUGITIVE;
I.O. 1232; etal; EDWARD GEORGE
BREMER-Victim; KIDNAPING; OBSTRU-
TION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF
FUGITIVES; NAT'L FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your communication of
December 11, 1936 in which on page 6 it is requested that
we again interview Joseph McGarrity in an endeavor to ascer-
tain from him the present whereabouts of Frank Williams and
Rorke.

Please be advised that Special Agent J.L. Fallon
of this office has made an effort to contact McGarrity on
three different occasions and on each occasion he was informed
by McGarrity's employees that McGarrity is out of the city
and will not return until after the holiday season, his where-
abouts being unknown. After his return to this district, he
will be questioned as to the parties mentioned in this letter.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Vetterli
R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: B R E K I D

Reference is made to my letter dated December 17, 1936, with reference to the machine guns sold in the state of Kansas by the Federal Laboratories, Incorporated. In the last paragraph of that letter it is noted that reference is made to my previous letter of December 15, 1936, in which the number of one of the machine guns at the Kansas State Penitentiary is noted as 1433.

Please be advised that this was a typographical error and the number should be 14311. Accordingly, this accounts for all of the machine guns sold to the Business Manager of the State of Kansas, all of them being in the possession of the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas.

At Fort Scott, Kansas, Special Agent D. L. McCormack examined the submachine gun in the possession of the Sheriff's Office. This gun bears number 7852, and, according to Sheriff Clarence Bulla, was bought from the Federal Laboratories through Dick Russell, salesman out of Wichita, Kansas.

Special Agent D. L. McCormack examined the Thompson sub-machine gun in possession of the Police Department at Pittsburg, Kansas, and found it to bear serial number 5364. According to Tom Stowers, Identification Officer, this gun was purchased through Dick Russell, Federal Laboratories, out of Wichita, Kansas.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith

W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Post Office Box #1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
December 21st, 1936.

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Mr. E. J. Connelley, Inspector,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are
the logs for December 15, 16 and 17, 1936, covering
the telephone taps being maintained in Hot Springs,
Arkansas.

Very truly yours,

JOHN B. LITTLE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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December 22, 1936.

AIR MAIL

Special Agent in Charge,
San Francisco, California.

RE: GEORGE TIMMUS;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,
I. O. #1232;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -
VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

Dear Sirs

Your attention is invited to Bureau letters dated October 22, and December 2, 1936, in which you were instructed to make discreet inquiries at Alcatraz regarding the story the Associated Press is alleged to have obtained to the effect that Alvin Karpis had furnished Warden Johnston of Alcatraz with considerable information relative to his criminal activities.

A report should be immediately submitted to the Bureau in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

December 22, 1936.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 2118,
Detroit, Michigan.

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Dear Sir: RE: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter of December 17, 1936, which refers to letter from this Field Division to the Director concerning the pauper's oath taken by Myrtle Eaton upon the completion of her jail sentence.

You are advised that consideration was given to the property where William Sawyer and Myrtle Eaton were residing at the time of their apprehension, and to the automobile which was in her possession. She claims that the property was deeded by her while at St. Paul to some relative of her husband, Doc Eaton, and the automobile was used as a payment to her Jacksonville attorneys in connection with her defense in the trial here. This latter statement was confirmed by one of the attorneys who represented her at the time of the hearing. Investigation has not been conducted by this Field Division as to the truth of her statement concerning the disposition of the property at Fort Orange, Florida. However, appropriate inquiries in this connection will be made.

Very truly yours,

R. B. MATHEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

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December 22, 1936.

Honorable Emerich B. Freed,
United States Attorney,
Federal Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREYED

Dear Sir:

I am furnishing you herewith two copies of the charge
of United States District Judge William F. Atwell of Dallas,
Texas to the jury in the harboring case of Floyd Garland Hamilton,
et al.

Very truly yours,

J. P. KAC FARKER
Special Agent in Charge.

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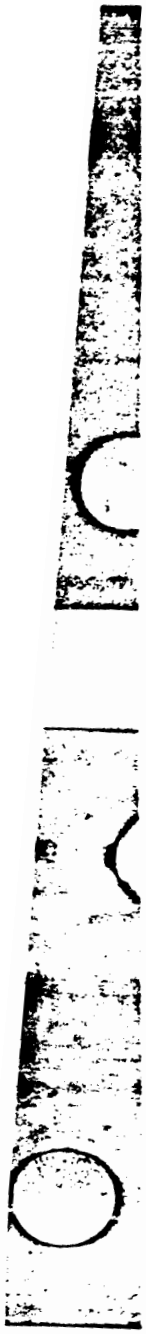
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Edward B. Freeman



Post Office Box 4917,
Jacksonville, Florida.

December 22, 1936.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 2118,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID.

Reference is made to your letter of December 17, 1936,
which refers to a communication forwarded by Dolores Delaney, Milan,
Michigan, to the U. S. Court Clerk at Jacksonville, Florida, relative
to the \$1,000.00 bill which was previously in the possession of Joe
Adams.

It is my understanding that this \$1,000.00 bill is in the
possession of Mr. Palmer Rosemond, Deputy United States District
Court Clerk, Miami, Florida. Contact with the Clerk at Jacksonville
has developed information that Mr. Rosemond is presently absent from
Miami but it will be definitely determined as soon as possible whether
he does have possession of the bill at this time, it being recalled
that he took this bill to St. Paul during the past winter in connec-
tion with the trial there. This bill will undoubtedly be necessary
in connection with the trial of Joe Adams and Henry (Luke) Randall.

In compliance with your letter a contact will be had with
the United States Attorney concerning the efforts of Dolores Delaney
to obtain possession of the money.

Very truly yours,

R. S. KATHEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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December 14, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: TOLEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Bureau is in receipt of a newspaper clipping from the Toledo News Bee, dated November 10, 1936, in which it is stated that a vice clean-up was ordered in Toledo and that a general drive against gambling and vice and all other types of law violations would be made.

Captain Clarence Xauble was removed as head of the Police Vice and Gambling Squad and was replaced by Lieutenant John Russell. The article states that among the officers appointed to the new Squad are James Lafelski, John Michalak and A. W. Brown. For your information, these three officers were previously on the Vice Squad under Captain George Timiney, and also on the so-called "Hoodlum Squad" under Timiney during the years 1934 and 1935 when it is known that Timiney was collecting graft from the houses of prostitution in Toledo. These officers were also visitors at the Casino Club at Point Place during the time that members of the Karpis-Barker gang were frequenting that place.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

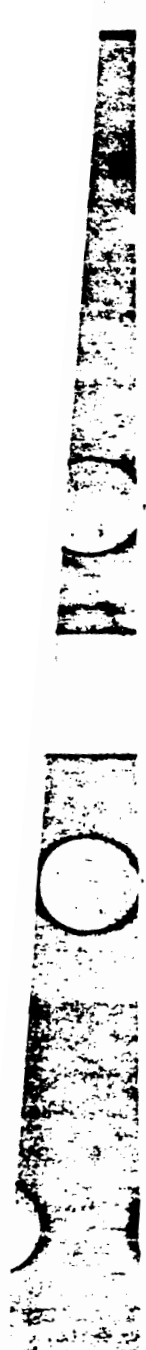
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December 22, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: GEORGE TIMNEY;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN;
I. O. #1232; EDWARD
GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM -
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to Bureau letter dated
October 15, 1936, regarding the sale of Thompson Submachine
Gun #7609, which was sold by P. Von Frantsius to Frank
Thompson, Kirkland, Illinois.

The Bureau desires that this matter receive prompt
attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: GEORGE TIMINEX; Dr. Joseph P. Moran,
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232;
et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim;
Kidnaping; Obstruction of Justice;
Harboring of Fugitives; National
Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

As you know the Bureau has information which indicates that Dr. Joseph P. Moran, the remaining fugitive in the instant case, was murdered by his associates during the latter part of July, 1934, but to date his body has not been recovered. In view of the fact that the body of Moran has not been recovered, positive information that he has been murdered is not available.

It is therefore believed desirable that your field division from time to time determine the activities of Betty Tracy, the former fiancée of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, who is employed by the Civil Service Commission of the City of Chicago. If Betty Tracy should leave the City of Chicago, her activities should be checked in order to ascertain definitely whether she is in communication or contact with Moran.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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FILE NO. **7-30 GEN**

REPORT MADE AT BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE 12-26-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-23-36	REPORT MADE BY S. E. DENNIS
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TITLE GEORGE TILNEY; 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.
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: George G. Rorke left 79 Shawmut Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts, which is the Seavey Settlement, about six weeks ago, destination unknown. Rorke left forwarding address of General Delivery, Roxbury, Massachusetts, where it was ascertained he has not received any mail and not been seen for past month. Nancy Rorke, daughter of George G. Rorke, thought to be living at Amsterdam, New York.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. P. Burruss, Washington, D. C. dated November 30, 1936 and Bureau letter, dated December 11, 1936.

DETAILS: AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS:

The Boston telephone and city directories failed to reflect the name of George G. Rorke. It was determined that 79 Shawmut Avenue is the address of the Fred H. Seavey Settlement, part of the Morgan Memorial.

At the Seavey Settlement, it was ascertained from Mr. C. R. Weddelton, Social Secretary of this organization, that George G. Rorke had come to this settlement in a "down and out" condition about six months ago and had left about six weeks ago, without leaving a forwarding address or giving any information as to where he was going. Mr. Weddelton advised that Rorke, while at this settlement house worked in the office for him;

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that at times, he would go on drunken sprees and appeared to be erratic in his activities. Mr. Weddelton advised that Mr. Rorke's daughter, Nancy, about twelve years of age was presently residing with Miss Katherine R. Taylor, who has married and is now living in Amsterdam, New York. Mr. Weddelton did not know Miss Taylor's married name. Mr. Weddelton was of the opinion that if Rorke would return to Boston, he would contact him (Weddelton), in which event he, Weddelton, will confidentially advise the Boston Field Division of Rorke's location, the address and telephone number having been left with him for this purpose.

Mr. J. V. Costello in the office of the Postmaster, advised that on October 22, 1936, Rorke requested that his mail be forwarded from 79 Shawmut Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts to General Delivery, Roxbury, Massachusetts, a suburb of Boston.

At the Roxbury, Massachusetts Post Office, agent was informed by Mr. Fred O. Hunt, Superintendent, that Rorke has inquired there for mail, but has not made any such inquiry in the last month and has never, at any time, received any mail there.

For the information of the Buffalo Field Division, for which a lead is being set out herein to discreetly determine from Nancy Rorke, the daughter of George G. Rorke, the address of the latter, it is stated that it appears it will be necessary to interview George G. Rorke for possible information concerning a Thompson submachine gun, number 950, which was formerly in the possession of Alvin Karpis. It was requested in reference report that it be discreetly determined where Rorke can be reached and the Washington Field Division be informed immediately, before taking further investigative action.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE BUFFALO FIELD DIVISION AT AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK: Will conduct discreet investigation to ascertain the address of Nancy Rorke, daughter of George G. Rorke, with the view of establishing the present address of George G. Rorke. Nancy Rorke is requested to be residing with the former Miss Katherine R. Taylor, who formerly resided at 21 Hamilton Boulevard, Kenmore, New York, but who has since married and now lives at Amsterdam, her married name being unknown. In this connection the New York Field Division was requested in reference report to conduct the above investigation at Kenmore, New York, and as a result of which may have determined the present address of Miss Taylor.

In all probability, Nancy Rorke, thought to be about twelve years of age, is attending school at Amsterdam, New York. If Rorke's present location is established, the Washington Field Division should be immediately notified before taking further investigative action.

THE BOSTON FIELD DIVISION is regarding this case as referred upon completion to the office of origin, pending further information indicating that Rorke is in the Boston Field Division district.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

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January 8, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

Re: GREGG YIMMAY; DR. JOSEPH J. MORAN,
with aliases - FUGITIVE; I. O. 1232;
ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL
FINANCE ACT.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent S. E. Dennis, dated at Boston, Massachusetts, December 21, 1936, regarding the efforts of your field division to locate George O. Horke in Boston, Massachusetts, for interview in connection with machine gun No. 939, which was recently recovered from Alvin Karpis.

It is desired that your field division maintain this case in an active status until such a time as Horke is located. The informants in your field division should be interviewed at frequent intervals in order to definitely ascertain whether Horke is located in Boston, Massachusetts.

You should furnish the Buffalo field division with complete information concerning this matter, which is set forth in the report of Special Agent E. P. Murrain, Washington, D. C., dated November 30, 1936, and in Bureau letter dated December 11, 1936, so in the event Horke is located at Westchester, New York, he can be appropriately interviewed. This matter should receive your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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December 23, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: GEORGE TIMMEY;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,
I. O. #1232;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -
VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted to you under separate cover by registered mail four volumes of the transcript of testimony in the hearing before the Civil Service Commission regarding the discharge of Thomas A. Brown from the St. Paul, Minnesota Police Department.

This transcript of testimony has been reviewed at the Bureau and it may now be returned to City Attorney John L. Connolly, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

FILE NO. 7-39

REPORT MADE AT PITTSBURGH, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE 12-24-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/14,15/36	REPORT MADE BY F. G. TILLMAN
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.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Benson Groves has not for 8 yrs. been in contact with Clark Sprouts and Anna J. Everett, cousins, or Ed Southern, friend, Benwood, W.Va.; Fred Hepe, friend, Bellaire, O.; Ida B. Groves, sister, Hammond, Ind. and Ida Groves, stepmother, Dayton, O. or William Porterfield, friend, at Detroit, Michigan.

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REFERENCES:

Letters from Cleveland Field Division, both dated November 20, 1936.

DETAILS:

AT WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA.

Sergeant Fidelis Strouse, Police Department, Wheeling, advised that the postoffice department at Wheeling had distributed circulars, describing BENSON GROVES as being wanted as one of the participants in a mail robbery, throughout this vicinity and that these circulars had been called to the attention of the various members of the Wheeling Police Department.

Sergeant Strouse suggested CLARK SPROUTS, former Burgess of Benwood, West Virginia, and former councilmen, as a reliable informant, who was widely acquainted with all the residents and former residents of Benwood. The question of Mr. Sprouts' reliability was discussed with JOHN W. KINGELBERGER, United States Commissioner, at Wheeling, who also advised that Sprouts was widely acquainted in Benwood and that confidence could be placed in him.

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AT BENWOOD, WEST VIRGINIA.

CLARE SPROUTS, 431 Main Street, stated that he was under the impression that BENSON GROVES was dead because IDA B. GROVES and IDA GROVES had written his sister, MRS. ANNA J. EVERETT, inquiring as to the truth of this rumor. At this point Mr. Sprouts advised that he was a cousin of Groves. No further inquiries were directed to him other than concerning the reputed death of Groves.

Mr. Sprouts is aware of the postoffice circulars describing Groves as being wanted.

AT MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA.

Deputy Sheriff SAM MAHOOD advised that postoffice circulars were distributed to his office. In connection with Groves' relatives, Mahood advised that he, Groves, boarded at the home of MRS. ANNA J. EVERETT, hereinbefore noted, a cousin of Benson Groves.

With reference to the persons to whom Benson Groves directed letters while confined in the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, from 1917 to 1920, Mr. Mahood furnished the following information: -

Fred Hepe, no relative, South Bellaire, Ohio.
Hepe's brother, Louis, presently resides at 524 Water Street, Benwood, West Virginia.

Luke Guovey, whose correct name is Gokey, now deceased.

John Meyers, unknown.

Ida B. Groves, sister, now residing at Hammond, Indiana.

Ida Groves or Ida B. Groves, stepmother, resides at Dayton, Ohio, and is said to be a housekeeper for an elderly gentleman.

Charles Everett, Deceased. His wife, Anna J. Everett, a cousin, resides at 443 Main Street, Benwood, West Virginia.

E. H. Groves, a nephew of Benson Groves, is presently a fugitive from a Contempt of Court Warrant, issued at Moundsville, which is in the possession of Deputy Sheriff Mahood.

Clark Sprouts, 431 Main St., Benwood, W.Va., a cousin of Groves.

Mr. Mahood stated that Ed Southern, 522 Main Street, Benwood, West Virginia, a friend of Groves, would probably be the person whom Groves would visit if he returned to Benwood.

Mr. Mahood further stated that FRANK PORTERFIELD, now deceased, operated a small hotel at Detroit, Michigan, which he understood was a hang-out for crooks; that upon Porterfield's demise the running of the hotel was taken over by his mother, MRS. EMMA PORTERFIELD and his brother, WILLIAM PORTERFIELD. Mahood is of the opinion that these persons would harbor Groves and believes Groves may be now with them. Mr. Mahood could furnish no further information concerning the location of this hotel or rooming house other than that set out above.

Mr. Mahood stated as did Clark Sprouts that Groves has not been in Benwood for the past eight years and has not corresponded since that time. In this connection Sprouts stated he based his belief that Groves was dead on the fact that he, for a number of years, had sent money home once each year for the care of his mother's grave, which he has not done during the period stated.

P.J. Scully, Chief of Police, Benwood, stated that he has not seen nor heard of Benson Groves since his sentence at New Jersey for postoffice robbery. Mr. Scully is also in possession of the postoffice circulars regarding Groves.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA FIELD DIVISION at HARMOND, INDIANA, is requested to conduct immediately an appropriate investigation to determine whether or not Benson Groves is in contact with his sister, IDA B. GROVES.

THE DETROIT, MICHIGAN FIELD DIVISION at DETROIT, MICHIGAN is requested to conduct a similar investigation to determine if Groves is in contact with Mrs. Emma Porterfield or Frank Porterfield's brother, William Porterfield.

THE CINCINNATI, OHIO FIELD DIVISION at DAYTON, OHIO is also requested to determine if Groves is in contact with his stepmother, IDA or IDA B. GROVES, who is supposed to be a housekeeper in this city for an elderly gentleman.

It is noted that letter of reference containing description and history of Benson Groves has been sent to all field offices.

P E N D I N G

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio.

FILE NO. 7-9

REPORT MADE AT Indianapolis, Indiana	DATE WHEN MADE 12-22-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-7,8,9, 12-15-36	REPORT MADE BY Eugene X. Humphrey
TITLE GEORGE TIMNEY 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 FUGI- TIVES - NAT'L FIREARMS ACT	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation at Hammond, Ind., indicates that Charles Sprout, Groves' uncle, died at the home of James Horner of Dayton, O., on Oct. 7, 1936, and that his widow, Gertrude, wrote a card to Mrs. Ida Fryer, Groves' sister, early in December from Mahoningtown, Pa. No evidence that Groves has contacted his sister since recent inquiry at Hammond. Arrangements made to discover if he attempts to contact her at Christmas time by means of Western Union, Postal Telegraph, or Railway Express Agency.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>Reference Report of Special Agent Eugene X. Humphrey, Indianapolis, Indiana, 11-30-36; Cleveland Field Division letter to Indianapolis Field Division, November 20, 1936; Cleveland Field Division telegram dated December 17, 1936.</p> <p>Details At Hammond, Indiana</p> <p>Mr. WALTER HERRBERG, Superintendent of Mails at the Hammond Post Office, was contacted in an effort to verify the information previously set out that CHARLES SPROUT, an uncle of BENSON GROVES, had recently died at Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Herrberg advised that he had got that information from the Hammond Times in an issue printed in early October, 1936. He searched his file of old newspapers and discovered that a clipping had been removed from the Hammond Times issue of October 8, 1936, which he believed to have been the article relating the death of Mr. Sprout. Mr. Herrberg stated that he had recently noticed that MRS. GERTRUDE SPROUT, widow of Charles Sprout who used</p>			
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to write to MRS. IDA FRYER from Dayton, Ohio, had in early December of this year written a card to Mrs. Fryer from Mahoningtown, Pennsylvania, which is located near New Castle, Pennsylvania. Mr. Herrberg advised that, although he could not recall the message on the card, he had sent the message to a MR. HETRICK, a Post Office Inspector of Cleveland, Ohio, as he had similarly sent previous messages and cover information.

At the [redacted] Agent ascertained that records of that organization indicate that Charles C. Sprout died at Dayton, Ohio, on October 7, 1936. The information was allegedly obtained from the Hammond Times of October 8, 1936.

At the office of the Hammond Times, Agent purchased a copy of the issue of that newspaper of October 8, 1936, and found in it an article indicating that on October 7, 1936, CHARLES C. SPROUT had died at the home of his brother-in-law, JAMES HORNER. The article mentioned that Sprout had been a former member of the Hyde Park Methodist Church of Hammond, Indiana. The clipping is being transmitted to the Cincinnati Field Division with copies of this report, and that Division is being requested to contact the Probate Commissioner or Clerk of the Probate Court at Dayton to determine whether Sprout has as yet an estate in Probate, from which may be secured some leads as to the whereabouts of Benson Groves.

Records of the Hyde Park Methodist Church, 6256 Harrison Avenue, Hammond, Indiana, were shown to Agent by the present minister, but no forwarding address was on file for Mr. Sprout. Captain Sandor Singer of the Hammond Police Department, a neighbor of the Fryer family who knew Mr. Sprout, and Frank Molesberger of 6238 Van Buren Street, were contacted, but neither could give any more definite address for Sprout in Dayton. However, it is felt that the Cincinnati Field Division will be able to locate the home of James Horner if this should prove necessary and will be able to verify the death of Sprout by death notices in the Dayton newspapers shortly after October 7, 1936, or by other means.

As there is evidence that Mrs. Sprout was in Mahoningtown, Pennsylvania, in early December of this year, copies of this report are being furnished the Pittsburgh Field Division, and that Division is being requested to make discreet inquiry to determine whether Mrs. Sprout is still there and whether she is probating a will of Charles Sprout or has taken out papers of administration on his estate there. The widow's name is Gertrude. For the benefit of the Pittsburgh Field Division, the Bureau as yet has no Federal warrant for Benson Groves but is desirous of interviewing him as soon as he is located. However, the interview should not be made and no action should be taken to scare him off until the Cleveland Division is contacted for instructions. The Postal authorities are looking for Groves as the fifth participant in the Garrettsville mail robbery, and he is a potential subject in a harboring case now being conducted by the Cleveland Division.

Groves is also known as "Soup" Groves, George Wilson, Burns Corby, Benjamin Grayson, and Benjamin Greyson. He answers the following description:

Born	July 25, 1880, in West Virginia
Height	5' 6½"
Weight	171 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Florid
Build	Medium stout
Scars and marks	Tattoo on rt. forearm, "B.G." and "B.G." on shield; left forearm, girl in tights, sailor, and others; obl. sc. 3/4" long above right corner of mouth
Occupation	Salesman
Education	Seventh grade
Residence	Toledo, Ohio
Habits	Tobacco and liquor
Religion	Methodist
Parents	Dead
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By contacting life insurance companies in Hammond, Indiana, ascertained that MR. and MRS. FRYER of 68363 Van Buren Avenue have policies of insurance with the Prudential Life Insurance Company, 5451 Hohman Avenue, Hammond. After contacting Mr. S. Scott, District Superintendent, Agent contacted Mr. H. Schuman who collects premiums at the Fryer home, and Joe Benny who did so until a year ago and who holds a minor executive position in the Hammond office of the company. Neither of these men had ever seen a man resembling Groves in the Fryer home, although Benny thought he had seen the man somewhere in Hammond about a year ago.

BENNY volunteered to go to the Fryer home and endeavor to get the address of Groves, if known to Mrs. Fryer, on the pretext that the company had a paid-up policy upon which money is due to one Benson Groves, and that the company was unable to locate him. Benny advised that the company has thousands of such cases each year, and that he felt that he could obtain the information without arousing Mrs. Fryer's suspicion, as she has known him as an employee of the company for years. As he seemed intelligent, discreet, and trustworthy, Agent took advantage of Benny's offer. Benny later reported that he went to Mrs. Fryer but that she denied knowing anyone by the name of Benson Groves and states she was not interested in the proceeds of the policy.

Mr. Frank Molesberger and Mr. Palmer Singleton both advised that they had not seen or heard of Groves from his sister. Both men stated that they have the address and telephone number of the Indianapolis Division and will notify that Division if Groves contacts his sister. Singleton advised that he will be at home on Christmas Day and will pay particular attention to see if Groves should visit the Fryer family on that date.

Through reliable contacts, which individuals requested that their names be left out of any reports made, Agent arranged to have the Indianapolis

Division notified if Groves contacts his sister and her husband during the holiday season by means of Western Union, Postal Telegraph, or sends them a package by means of the Railway Express Agency office at Hammond, Indiana.

While this case is being referred upon completion to the Division of Origin with this report, it will be re-opened upon receipt of information from any of the sources set forth in this report or in the event the Cleveland Division desires to have Mr. and Mrs. Fryer contacted. In the telegram of reference the Indianapolis Division was instructed not to interview Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Fryer at this time.

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CINCINNATI FIELD DIVISION, at Dayton, Ohio: Will make further inquiry through the Clerk of the Probate Court and other sources to verify the death of Charles C. Sprout at the home of James Horner, Dayton, Ohio, (said possibly to reside on a rural route), and will determine whether Gertrude Sprout or anyone else has taken out papers of administration or is probating the will of Charles C. Sprout. If such is the case, will gather what leads there are in the set-up as to the location of Groves.

PITTSBURGH FIELD DIVISION, at Mahoningtown, Pennsylvania: Will discreetly inquire of the Postmaster and such other sources as are available whether Mrs. Gertrude Sprout is still at Mahoningtown; and, if she is, will examine the public records of the Clerk of the appropriate court to determine whether Mrs. Sprout has taken out papers of administration or filed for probate a will left by Charles O. Sprout.

Learn if Benson Groves is a resident of Mahoningtown or if a removal address is available for him. Discreetly learn if he is living with Mrs. Sprout. Endeavor to develop an informant who can discreetly learn from Mrs. Sprout where Benson Groves is. This lead should be expedited. A photograph of Benson Groves is attached.

See mimeographed letter from the Cleveland Division dated November 20, 1936, to all Field Divisions with reference to Benson Groves.

- Referred Upon Completion to the Division of Origin -

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January 6, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE TIMINNY; W. JACOB J. LEWAN,
with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1202;
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - Victim;
LIXAL 120; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL
VICARIOUS ACT.

Reference is made to the report of
Special Agent Eugene A. Humphrey, Indianapolis, Indiana,
dated December 22, 1936, which contains the results of
the investigation by your field division at Hammond,
Indiana, to locate Hanson's house.

It is desired that this case remain
in an active status in your field division and frequent
contacts be made with the informants at Hammond, Indiana,
in order to definitely determine whether Groves is
in communication with his sister at that place.

Further inquiries should be made to
develop additional informants at Hammond, Indiana.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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December 23, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL McMAHON

Re: George Timiney; Dr. Joseph P. Moran,
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232;
et al; Edward George Brener - Victim;
Kidnaping; Obstruction of Justice;
Harboring of Fugitives; National Firearms
Act.

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a
signed statement obtained from Sally Jackson, dated at
Cleveland, Ohio, November 11, 1936, which contains in-
formation concerning individuals who harbored Alvin
Karpis and Harry Campbell at Cleveland, Ohio, during
the year 1935.

There is also transmitted herewith a copy of
a signed statement obtained from Florence Casany, dated
at Cleveland, Ohio, November 11, 1936, regarding the
same matter.

These statements are being transmitted to you
for consideration in connection with the proposed harboring
prosecutions.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Cleveland, Ohio,
November 11, 1936.

"I, Pauline Jasany, make the following free and voluntary statement to A. Neil Mitchem and E. J. Gynn, special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice:

"In 1935 my sisters, Pauline and Florence Jasany, and myself were operating the Twilight Tavern located at 6698 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

"On or about February 24, 1935, I went to the hospital for an operation. I recall that it was on or about February 24th, because my birthday is on George Washington's birthday, February 22nd, and it was just a few days after my birthday that I went to the hospital. I was confined in the hospital for about three weeks, being released about the middle of March 1935. While I was in the hospital I was visited by my sisters, Pauline and Florence, who told me about some men who were visiting the Twilight Tavern and who were spending quite a good deal of money, and they referred to these men as Slim and Fred.

"After being released from the hospital I returned to the Twilight Tavern where we three sisters lived, and a day or so after I returned I met the men who were called Slim and Fred. From a large number of photographs I have selected the photograph which I am told is that of Alvin Karpis, and I identify it as the man known to me as Slim. I have also selected the photograph of a man I am told is that of Fred Hunter, and I positively identify this photograph as being that of the man referred to as Fred.

"On the occasion my first meeting them they were accompanied by another man, but I do not know his identity, and I never saw him again. These three men, that is Slim, Fred and the unknown man, remained in the sleeping quarters at the Twilight Tavern over night and left about noon the next day. They had revolvers in their coat pockets and Slim asked me where he could put his hardware, meaning his guns.

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"I have known Tony Wiersbach for about four years and he was a customer at the Twilight Tavern as were several of the gamblers from the Harvard Club. After Slim, Fred and the third man left, perhaps the day thereafter, Tony came into the Twilight Tavern and referred to Slim and Fred and told me that he had given me a good break by steering such good customers to our tavern. I do not know whether it was at this particular time, or at a subsequent time that Tony Wiersbach told me that Slim and Fred were big time gamblers, but I do know that he did tell me this. I had no reason to doubt his word about this and I do know that Slim and Fred had plenty of money on their persons at all times.

"It was in the latter part of March, or the first part of April 1935, that Slim and Fred again visited the Twilight Tavern, arriving there about seven or eight P.M. At this time they were accompanied by a man whom they called George. I had previously heard about George from my sister, Pauline, but I had never met him. George, on this occasion, was very drunk. These three men remained until about two or three A.M. and I know they had revolvers on their persons at this time because I saw them. From a large number of photographs shown to me I have selected the photograph of a man I am told is Harry Campbell, and I positively identify this photograph as being that of the individual referred to as George.

"Thereafter, in the course of the next month, Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter and Harry Campbell, who as I have said, were known to me respectively as Slim, Fred and George visited the Twilight Tavern on several occasions and it may be that they remained over night on several occasions, but I am not particularly clear as to this.

"Some time in the latter part of April 1935, I recall that one morning between 3 A.M. and 4 A.M., Art Hebebrand, whom I have known for several years as the operator of the Harvard Club, at which place I have visited and gambled, came to the Twilight Tavern accompanied by Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, a gambler from the Harvard Club known as Dan, and a fifth man, whom I had never seen before, and have never seen since. I had just closed the Twilight Tavern and was in my room preparing to retire when I saw a car drive into the driveway, and I went down to open the door, and Pauline, my sister, came downstairs with me. I was hesitant about opening the door, and I called and asked who was there. A man's voice responded, 'Art', and not being sure just who it was, I pulled the shade and saw Art Hebebrand, and I admitted the men. Art Hebebrand immediately went into the dining room with Alvin Karpis and ordered a quart of Scotch, and told me

to leave the Scotch on the table. He then told me to pull all the shades in the dining room, to lock the front door, and not to let anyone in. George, the gambler Dan, and the unknown man stood at the bar while Art Hebebrand and Alvin Karpis sat in the dining room drinking the Scotch and talking privately. On this occasion Art Hebebrand gave me instructions not to disturb the conversation he was having with Alvin Karpis. These two men remained in conversation for an hour or more and came out of the dining room and Art Hebebrand gave me a \$20 bill in payment for the bottle of Scotch and then immediately the five men left in the large automobile in which they had arrived at the tavern.

"I can place the date of this particular incident, recalling that it was just about three weeks before a big chicken fry, which we had at the Twilight Tavern on May 19, 1935. Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell came to this chicken fry arriving at the tavern together. Shortly after they arrived, at about possibly eleven P. M., Tony Amersbach, accompanied by a gambler from the Harvard Club known to me by the name of Butch, came to the tavern and ate, and as I recall they sat at their own table while eating. Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell exchanged setups of drinks with Tony and the gambler called Butch, that is, Karpis and Campbell would buy Tony and Butch a drink and have it sent to their table, and Tony and Butch would return the favor. This kept up all evening.

"About three A. M. Art Hebebrand and his girl friend, Ruth, came to the tavern, and by this time Alvin Karpis had become so drunk he passed out and was upstairs in bed. All of the individuals, that is Harry Campbell, Tony Amersbach, the gambler Butch, Art Hebebrand and the latter's girl friend, Ruth, got together in a big party. As I recall, Ruth's last name is Spangler. All of these persons were having a great time and they called me over to their table on several occasions and insisted that I take a drink. Art Hebebrand and Ruth left about eight A. M.

"I recall that when Karpis became so drunk it was apparent he was going to pass out, I helped him upstairs and he went to bed. He had two pistols on him and he insisted that I put them away. He also had a wallet stuffed with bills and I would say that he had several thousand dollars. I might say that both Karpis and Campbell carried large sums of money, and they had packages of \$50 bills with the bank wrapper around them, and they flashed their money very openly.

When Art Hebebrand and Ruth left, Art said he would take care of the bill for the whole party and told me to come to the Harvard Club and collect it, but I told Art that I would not do that and Tony, who was present at that time, pulled out a large roll of bills and paid Art's bill. I recall that Art Hebebrand's bill was \$49.00. Immediately after Art Hebebrand and Ruth left, Tony Amersbach and Harry Campbell went upstairs and went to sleep in the room where Alvin Karpis was sleeping. After they had been asleep for several hours I went up and knocked on the door and looked in and all three were in the room in conversation. Shortly afterwards Tony Amersbach came down and told me he had to get over to the Harvard Club to work, so I cooked his breakfast and he left right away. I drove Tony to the Harvard Club to work.

"As I have stated, Tony Amersbach, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell slept in the same room upstairs and I saw them there in conversation. When Tony came down to get his breakfast he pretended not to know who Karpis and Campbell were and asked me how they came there. If I recall correctly he said, 'How did you get acquainted with those fellows?' I was surprised because my sisters Florence and Pauline told me that Tony Amersbach had made arrangements for these men before they ever came to the tavern. This statement of Tony Amersbach, in view of this, and also in view of the fact that he had told me previously that these men were big time gamblers, struck me as being peculiar, especially since at this particular time he said that the men looked like big time bootleggers. I told Tony Amersbach at that time that he brought the men to the tavern and I asked him what he meant by denying that he knew them. He told me that I must be mistaken.

"Butch the gambler, who was there the night before at the chicken fry, and did not stay over night, and I think he took the automobile in which he and Tony had arrived at the tavern, to go home in.

"Shortly after Tony Amersbach left, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell came downstairs and I cooked their breakfast for them. I recall that Campbell asked me for Art Hebebrand's bill, stating that he would pay it, and I told him that it was already taken care of, and he seemed somewhat surprised. Campbell paid the bill for himself and Karpis. I remembered that Karpis' bill was \$32.00, but I cannot recall the amount of Campbell's bill. I recall that Tony Amersbach's bill was \$20.00, which he paid in the morning before he left for work.

"After Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis had breakfast they left, but returned to the tavern late in the late afternoon and

I recall that they insisted on having steaks for supper, and I went out with Campbell and bought some steaks and came back and my sister, Florence, cooked the steaks for them. For some reason Karpis became peeved and went upstairs and went to bed and did not come down to eat. Butch, the gambler, arrived at the Twilight Tavern and he asked for the boys. However, Karpis would not come downstairs, whereupon Butch remained and ate Karpis' steak and then Butch left. The next day Karpis and Campbell left and as I recall in about a week they returned and they had with them a fellow they called Willie. From a large number of photographs I have selected the photograph of a man I am told is Milton Lett, and I positively identify this photograph as being the man called Willie. They sat around and drank and then left. Thereafter, Milton Lett visited the Twilight Tavern with Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell on two or three occasions, more particularly with Harry Campbell, as I recall that on several occasions Milton Lett and Harry Campbell came to the Twilight Tavern and sat around and drank for several hours at a time.

"I have known Sharkey Gorman for about four years, having seen him at the Harvard Club where he was employed. I have selected a photograph of Sharkey Gorman from a large number of photographs exhibited to me.

"One day, some time in July 1935, as best I can recall, Sharkey Gorman came to the Twilight Tavern. I presume someone drove him there because I did not see a car parked around the place. He came in and asked for Slim and George. Karpis and Campbell had been at the Twilight Tavern earlier that day and seemed to be nervous about the time because they kept looking at the clock and wanted to know whether it was right. When Sharkey Gorman arrived, as I have stated, I told him that Slim and George had been there but had left, and I told him that they would be back later as they told me to tell that to Sharkey Gorman when he came to the tavern. Sharkey Gorman loafed around the tavern and kept looking out toward the road and finally I noticed a high-powered car drive by and Sharkey went out, got into this car and was driven away. I do not know whose car this was, or who was in the car.

"I recall that on one occasion Sharkey Gorman and Alvin Karpis came to the Twilight Tavern and sat around and drank liquor and talked for quite some time. I did not hear what they said because they seemed to be talking privately. This is the only time that I saw Sharkey Gorman with Karpis at the Twilight Tavern.

"I recall that Charkey Gorman, on at least three or four occasions during the summer of 1935, would come to the Twilight Tavern and apparently loaf around, but would always watch the road, and on those occasions I would notice him leave the tavern and get into an automobile which pulled by the tavern at a high rate of speed and stopped down the road. I recall that one time he came there, but the big car did not come down the road so I called a cab for him to go back to the Harvard Club. On this occasion he seemed to be disappointed and asked me if the boys, meaning Karpis and Campbell, had been there, and I told him that they had not.

"Charkey Gorman was not a regular customer and it appeared that when he came to the tavern he always had the purpose in mind of meeting Karpis and Campbell, because he would always ask me if Slim and George had been around.

"Some time during the month of July 1935, Karpis and Campbell and Fred Hunter came to the Twilight Tavern in a Ford coupe which they parked in my garage. Karpis became drunk on this occasion and went to sleep and before going to sleep he gave me his guns, wallet and the keys to his car to take care of. I went out and looked in the rumble seat of the car and I saw several guns in this compartment, including a machine gun.

"I cannot recall all the occasions on which these individuals visited the Twilight Tavern, but I do recall that in September 1935, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter came to the place in two automobiles and as I recall they were Ford cars. They had a man with them they called Tommy. I recall that this man Tommy had gold teeth and talked in a rather hoarse voice. Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell said that he was an old time friend of theirs. From a large group of photographs I have selected one which I am told is that of Sam Coker, which is marked on the front with numbers 14023, and I positively identify this photograph as being the man referred to as Tommy. These men were talking about going to the Max Baer-Joe Louis fight in New York City, and told me that they had chartered a plane to make the trip. I recall that about a week later these men, that is Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Fred Hunter and Sam Coker, came back to the Twilight Tavern together and I think they were driving two Ford automobiles. They went into great detail telling me about their trip to New York and mentioned that they had been to Jack Dempsey's restaurant and that Sam Coker won a Ford sedan from Alvin Karpis on the outcome of the fight. On this occasion they arrived in the morning and remained around all day and did not leave until about ten o'clock that night. They left once in the afternoon and came back in the evening. I recall that on this occasion Harry Campbell and my sister, Pauline, went out in the orchard and picked a basket of pears.

When the men left on this occasion they told me that they would be gone for three or four weeks as they were going to California. I recall that on August 25, 1935, we had a clan bake at the Twilight Tavern and as was my custom before we held such affairs, I went to the Harvard Club in order to sell tickets. As I went into the Harvard Club, to my left in the barber shop, I noticed Alvin Karpis, Campbell, and Fred Hunter standing and talking. I did not make any sign of recognition to them at the club. I later found Art Hebebrand in the club and sold him a number of tickets to the clan bake.

"Harry Campbell told me on one occasion that he visited the Twilight Tavern that he worked at the Harvard Club as a dice switcher, that is, when dice got hot for a customer he would inject himself into the game and palm the hot dice and throw some cold dice into the game. He said this was a nerve-racking business and that he made as much as \$300 or \$500 a night doing it, and that there was danger in it as he had to be backed up by someone so that if anyone saw the switch and started trouble the customer could be persuaded to calm down.

"On or about October 2, 1936, I was questioned at the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio, together with my sisters Pauline and Florence. Afterwards we went to 7403 Denison Avenue where Pauline and I run a tavern. Tony Amersbach has an interest in this tavern.

"Several weeks before this, in the tavern on Denison Avenue, Tony Amersbach told me that he had been questioned about the Karpis gang and that undoubtedly I would be questioned. He also told me that a lot of boys at the Harvard Club were questioned. He told me that if I were questioned at the Standard Building I would be shown a large number of photographs, including those of Karpis and Campbell, and that I was not to identify any photographs except those of himself and Art Hebebrand, or some of the local boys at the Harvard Club, whose photographs I might see. He told me I could be sentenced to the penitentiary for five years for harboring criminals. He told me to make no admissions, but to tell the Federal Agents that the Twilight Tavern was a public place and that Karpis and Campbell might have been in there, but I paid no particular attention to the customers inasmuch as it was a public place. When he questioned us after we were talked to at the Standard Building he asked me if I had been shown a large number of photographs and I told him I had and he asked me if I had made any identifications and I told him that I had not, except that I had identified the photograph of Art Hebebrand. At this time he again cautioned me about making any admissions and told me to deny that I had ever seen any of these men.

"Just about a week ago at the tavern on Neilson Avenue, Tony Amersbach and Sharkey Goran came in the door and they again questioned me, wanting to know if I had been questioned again by the Federal Agents. Sharkey at this time told me not to let the Federal Agents "burn me up", telling me that was the way they worked, and if they figured I was hot tempered they would get me mad in order to get me to say something.

"As I have stated, Karpis, Campbell, Fred Hunter, and Sam Coker, after their return to Cleveland from New York, visited the Twilight Tavern for one whole day and then left, stating they would be gone for three or four months. I never saw them any more after this time, nor did I ever see Milton Lett again.

"On May 1, 1936, I had to go to the hospital for an operation and while in the hospital I was visited by my sisters, Florence and Pauline, and they brought the newspapers with the pictures of Alvin Karpis and Campbell, and it was at this time that I learned for the first time the true identity of the men who visited the tavern, who were known to me as Slim and George.

"Several times during the past few weeks Tony Amersbach has made reference to my having been questioned by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. About two days following the time I was first questioned I was at a party at the Airport Tavern with Tony Amersbach, Ruth Spangler, Pauline, my sister, and several other people, and several times on this occasion Tony Amersbach made reference to my having been questioned and told me not to say anything and to make no admissions. On one occasion while he was talking with me he became quite abusive in his language and we had an argument and he told me that some morning he would take me for a ride and not bring me back.

"On one occasion, Milton Lett, known to me as Willie, spent the night with Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell at the Twilight Tavern. I do not remember the exact date of this occasion, but I know they all stayed in the same room.

"I make this statement for the purpose of telling all I know with respect to this matter and give it freely and voluntarily.

WITNESSES:

/s/ SALLY JACKSON

A. Paul Kitchin E. J. Wynn
Special Agents, Federal Bureau of
Investigation, U. S. Department of
Justice, Cleveland, Ohio.

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this
11th day of November, 1936.

(SEAL)

Alice Helen Hughes, Notary Public,
My commission expires 12/12/38."

"I, FLORENCE JASANY, 1431 Castle Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, make the following statement to P. J. Synn and A. B. Fitchin, Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, freely and voluntarily:

"I am 19 years of age and reside with my parents at the above address.

"From August 18, 1934, until December 23, 1935, I was working at the Twilight Tavern intermittently and from on or about February 22, 1935, until December 23, 1935, I was working continuously at this tavern. This tavern was located at 6696 Pearl Road and was owned by my sister, Sally Jackson. During the period that I worked at this tavern Pauline Jasany, another sister of mine, was also employed at this tavern.

"I have known Tony Amersbach for approximately two years and from the beginning of the time that my sister opened the Twilight Tavern, Tony Amersbach was a regular customer at this place.

"On or about February 24, 1935, my sister, Sally Jackson, went to the hospital, leaving Pauline Jasany and me at the Twilight Tavern to operate same. A few days after my sister Sally went to the hospital, Tony Amersbach and Sharkey Gorman, whom I had known for several months, came to the Twilight Tavern, at which time Tony Amersbach told me that he was expecting some friends of his to come to the Twilight Tavern and that upon their arrival, I should accept these men and take care of them as they were friends of his.

"On the evening of this same day, Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter, and an unknown man came to the Twilight Tavern. From a number of photographs exhibited to me, I have picked out the photographs of Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter as being the men known to me as Slim and Freddie respectively, and as the same men that came to the Twilight Tavern with the unknown party as stated above.

"Very shortly after the arrival of Slim and Freddie and the unknown man at the Twilight Tavern, Tony Amersbach arrived at the tavern alone. He asked me at this time whether the 'boys', meaning Slim and Freddie, were at the tavern and after I told him that they were, he went into the dining room and seated himself at the table, which was at that time occupied by Slim, Freddie and the unknown man. He talked to these men for about a half an hour and then left the Twilight Tavern alone. After the departure of Tony Amersbach, Slim, Freddie and this unknown man left the Twilight Tavern.

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"A day or two later, Freddie and Slim returned to the Twilight Tavern about 9 P. M. and asked me to prepare dinner for them; they stated that they wanted a special kind of sala, whereupon Slim and Freddie left the Twilight Tavern and returned shortly with the necessary vegetables. Shortly after Slim and Freddie returned to the tavern with the vegetables, Tony Amersbach arrived at the tavern. Tony Amersbach, Slim and Freddie had dinner together on this occasion at the tavern and conversed together for approximately one hour and then Tony left the tavern alone. Shortly after his departure, Slim and Freddie left the tavern.

"The next time I saw either Slim or Freddie was the day after my sister Sally returned from the hospital, at which time Slim, Freddie and another unknown man came to the tavern. On this occasion they remained over night and left the following day about noon. This occasion was around the middle of March 1935.

"The latter part of March or the first of April, I returned to the tavern about 11 o'clock at night and found at the tavern Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter and Harry Campbell, who was later known to me as George. From several photographs shown to me, I have selected the photograph which I identify positively as being the man known to me as George and have been told that this is a photograph of Harry Campbell. On this occasion, these three men remained at the tavern until about 2 or 3 o'clock the following morning, at which time they left.

"Around this time, Tony Amersbach, in referring to Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Fred Hunter being at the Twilight Tavern, told me that these men were 'big shot gamblers.'

"Between this time and May 19, 1935, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter came to the Twilight Tavern on several occasions, and on May 19th they remained over night.

"On May 19, 1935, we had a chicken fry at the Twilight Tavern and on this night Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell came to the tavern some time before 11 o'clock and about 11 or 11:30 o'clock Tony Amersbach and a gambler known to me by the name of Butch arrived at the tavern. During this particular night, I was working entirely in the dining room and waited on the tables occupied by both Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, and Tony Amersbach and Butch. During the first part of this night, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis would buy a drink and have it delivered to the table of Tony Amersbach and Butch and in turn Tony Amersbach and Butch would buy a drink and have it served at the table of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. This trading of favors happened several times in the forepart of this evening. About 2:30 or 3 o'clock in the morning, Alvin Karpis had become quite intoxicated and had gone upstairs and

gone to bed. At this time Harry Campbell seated himself at the table then occupied by Tony Amersbach and Dutch. Shortly after Alvin Karpis went upstairs to go to bed, Art Hebebrand, whom I know on sight and had known for approximately six months, arrived at the tavern with his girl friend, Ruth Spangler. Art Hebebrand and Ruth Spangler obtained a table alone but shortly thereafter, they joined Tony Amersbach, Harry Campbell and Dutch at Tony's table.

"About 8 or 8:30 on the same morning, Art Hebebrand and Ruth Spangler left the Twilight Tavern and shortly thereafter Tony Amersbach and Harry Campbell went upstairs and went to bed in the same room that was at that time occupied by Alvin Karpis. About 10:30 or 11 on this same morning, I recall seeing Tony Amersbach come downstairs and inquire about his breakfast. I also recall Tony left the Twilight Tavern shortly thereafter.

"About a half an hour after Tony had left the Twilight Tavern, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell came downstairs and came into the kitchen where I was at that time helping my sister, Sally. After Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell had their breakfast, I saw them give my sister Pauline \$10.00 as a tip for her services on the previous night. Shortly after this, I heard Harry Campbell inquire of my sister Sally what the bill for the party on the previous night amounted to as he wanted to pay the bill of Art Hebebrand. I heard my sister Sally tell Harry Campbell that Art Hebebrand's bill had been paid, whereupon Harry Campbell remarked that he was sorry about this as he wanted to pay Art Hebebrand's bill. He then asked concerning the bill of Alvin Karpis and himself and he paid both of these bills at this time. I recall that the bill of Alvin Karpis was \$32.00 but I do not recall the amount of Harry Campbell's bill.

"Shortly after this, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell left the Twilight Tavern. Both of these men returned about 8 o'clock the same evening and remained at the tavern and drank until about 11 or 12 on this same night. They remarked about wanting some steak for dinner, whereupon my sister Sally and Harry Campbell went out and bought four steaks. When they returned with these steaks, Alvin Karpis was upstairs and refused to come down and eat. Shortly after this, Dutch, whom I have mentioned heretofore, came to the tavern and asked for 'the boys', meaning Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. At this time Dutch was told that Alvin Karpis was upstairs and had refused to come down, whereupon Dutch seated himself at the table and ate the steak that was intended for Alvin Karpis. Both Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis remained at the Twilight Tavern over night and around noon the following day left the tavern.

Three or four days later, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell returned to the Twilight Tavern, at which time they brought with them Milton Lett, who was introduced to me as Willie. From several photographs exhibited to me, I have selected the picture of an individual known to me as Willie and have been told that this is a photograph of Milton Lett. According to this photograph is 'Akron, Ohio, 26337 10-20-35.' These men remained at the tavern for several hours but did not stay over night on this occasion.

"On three or four occasions after this, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Milton Lett and Fred Hunter came to the tavern but I do not recall the exact occasions. After about the third or fourth time after the chicken fry, Alvin Karpis did not come to the tavern for several weeks.

"Along the latter part of July, Alvin Karpis returned to the Twilight Tavern. On this occasion Fred Hunter and Harry Campbell came to the tavern and told us that they had a surprise for us and a few minutes later, Alvin Karpis walked into the tavern. A few days after this, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell came to the Twilight Tavern and waited around for about an hour. During this time they appeared nervous and continuously looked at the clock. About 10:30 on this morning, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell left the Twilight Tavern and stated that should Sharkey Gorman come to the tavern, he should be told that they would return later in the afternoon. A short time after Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell left the tavern, Sharkey Gorman came to the Twilight Tavern and asked if 'the boys' were there. He waited around the tavern for about an hour and after a big automobile passed the tavern, Sharkey Gorman went out to the curb and this automobile turned around and picked up Sharkey Gorman. I do not know who was in this automobile or the kind of car it was.

"Around the latter part of July, Fred Hunter, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell again came to the Twilight Tavern, at which time they remained over night. On this night Alvin Karpis became quite intoxicated early in the evening and went upstairs and went to bed.

"Although I can not recall any specific dates, I do know that Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Fred Hunter, and sometimes accompanied by Willie, came to the tavern thereafter off and on.

"Around the middle of September 1935, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter and Sam Coker, who was introduced to me as Tommy, came to the Twilight Tavern, at which time they said they were going to New York to attend the Max Baer and Joe Louis prize fight. From several photographs exhibited to me, I have positively

identify the photograph of an individual known to me as Tommy, and have been told that this is a photograph of Sam Coker. On this photograph appear the numerals 14023. On this occasion, I think they were driving two automobiles. I heard one of these men say at this time that they had chartered an airplane to take this trip to New York in.

"About a week or ten days later, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter and Sam Coker returned to the Twilight Tavern and on this occasion, they were driving two automobiles. At this time Sam Coker, who was known to me as Tommy, stated that he had won a new automobile from Alvin Karpis as a result of a bet on the prize fight.

"About 7 o'clock on this afternoon, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Fred Hunter and Sam Coker left the Twilight Tavern, after they had said good-bye to my sisters and me, stating that they would not return for several months as they were going to California. About an hour later, all four of these men returned to the Twilight Tavern, at which time Harry Campbell and my sister Pauline went into our orchard and gathered a basket of pears. They remained at the tavern until about 10:30 o on this evening. Since they left the Twilight Tavern on this occasion, I have not seen either of these individuals.

"On May 1, 1936, my sister Sally was in Deaconess Hospital and on this date the Cleveland newspapers carried the photographs of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell and an article that stated that Alvin Karpis had been captured in New Orleans, La. My sister Pauline and I went to the hospital and showed these pictures to my sister Sally and it was at this time that I first learned the identity of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell.

"During the time that Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Fred Hunter and the rest of this gang were frequenting the Twilight Tavern, on numerous occasions, I saw pistols on the persons of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Fred Hunter. I saw these individuals give their pistols to my sister Sally, handing them across the bar, stating, 'Sally, put the hardware away.'

"I know, having learned from my sister Sally, that Fred Hunter worked at the Harvard Club, and on one occasion was told by Harry Campbell that Milton Lett was also employed at that club. I have never visited the Harvard Club except on one occasion and at that time I did not see any of the members of this gang.

"On or about October 2nd, I was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio, and on the day following this interview, I was at 7403 Denison Avenue. At this place I had conversation with Tony Amersach and he inquired as to what I had told the Agents when I was interviewed and he told me at this time that I should not identify any photographs except the boys at the club. Shortly

after this, I was at the Clinton Club in the presence of Tony Amerbach, at which time he told me that if I did admit anything to the government men 'that I would only be putting myself in the bag.'

On Friday, November 6, 1936, I was again at the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and when I returned to 7403 Denison Avenue, Tony Amerbach again asked me what I had told and why I had been at the above office; he again told me that I should not identify any of the photographs or admit anything relative to this investigation. My sister Pauline was present during the above conversation.

"I make this statement freely and voluntarily for the purpose of giving all information in my possession in reference to this matter.

WITNESSES:

/s/ FLORENCE JASANY

A. P. Kitchin
E. J. Lynn,
Special Agents,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1110 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

(SEAL)

NOTARY PUBLIC)
SS.
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA)

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence by
Florence Jasany, this 11th day of November 1936.

Alice Helen Hughes
Notary Public
My commission expires 12/12/38."

General Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
629 First National Bank Building
Omaha, Nebraska

Dec. 22, 1936

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

RE: GEORGE TIMONEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,
with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1232, et al;
Kidnaping; Obstruction of Justice;
Harboring of Fugitives; National
Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

Parole - Jess Doyle.

In compliance with the instructions in your letter of
December 16, 1936, Special Agent J. L. Flood, conducted the following
inquiries.

Joseph O'Grady, Warden of the Nebraska State Penitentiary
at Lincoln, Nebraska had no information concerning the release of
Doyle. Neither has he received an official notice to release this
convict to a representative of the Government. He examined the jacket
of Doyle at the Penitentiary which has very little information in it
and none bearing on his Parole. It was noted Doyle was received at
the Penitentiary on August 24, 1935 and was assigned #12369. He
entered a plea of guilty in State Court at Fairbury, Nebraska on
June 13, 1935, and his sentence of ten years begins on this date.
Doyle was convicted for intimidating officers and Bank Robbery. He
would have been released on good time on July 12, 1942 and his full
time expires on June 12, 1945.

Agent Flood interviewed Post Office Inspector J. W. Bradley,
Post Office Building, Lincoln. He said that Post Office Inspectors
H. A. Roland, Kansas City, Missouri and George Hill, Tulsa, Oklahoma,
both talked to Doyle a few months ago at the Penitentiary and that
Doyle told them he could clear up some Post Office robberies they were
interested in, including a Post Office robbery at Coffeyville, Kansas.
Doyle was involved in the latter robbery and I gather from Mr. Bradley
that Doyle furnished the names of his accomplices several of whom it
seems are confined at the present time in penal institutions. Mr.
Bradley claimed not to know any of the details of tip-offs Doyle
furnished Inspectors Roland and Hill as he was out of town the day
they talked to Doyle. He did learn, however, thru correspondence with

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Inspectors Roland and Hill, the latter two men intended to either appear before the Pardon Board at Lincoln, or write them, asking for the release of Doyle whom they could convict on a Federal charge.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Barlow Nye, Lincoln, Nebraska, advised Agent Flood, he has no information in regard to instant matter. He has not been forwarded any papers for removal of Doyle to some other Federal District and no Post Office Inspector has consulted him about Doyle.

Mr. Mike Kracher, Secretary of the Pardon Board, State Capitol Building, Lincoln, Nebraska, produced Doyle's Jacket file. Mr. Kracher is very cooperative and said that any file or record in his office is open to the inspection of our Agents. Like all the others interviewed, Agent Flood gave him the impression he was only interested in knowing the address of Doyle, should he be paroled from the Penitentiary. The members of the Pardon Board are Governor Roy L. Cochran, Secretary of State, Harry Swanson and Attorney General William Wright. Mr. Kracher advised that Doyle never would have been paroled in view of the fact he was convicted on Bank Robbery, however, Post Office Inspectors Roland and Hill have been very active in behalf of Doyle's release. These Post Office Inspectors wrote to the Pardon Board and said if Doyle was paroled, they would take him to Kansas and see that he was convicted for participating in the robbery of the Post Office at Coffeyville; that further he would be given 25 years. The Post Office Inspectors also said that Doyle has given them his word he would clear up several Post Office robberies for them if paroled and he agreed to enter a plea of guilty to robbery of the Coffeyville Post Office. After consulting the different board members, Mr. Kracher had Doyle make a formal application for Parole. The Pardon Board met on December 9, 1936 and Doyle appeared before them and was granted a parole the same day.

The members asked Doyle what Post Office robberies he had participated in or at least had knowledge of. Doyle simply said he did not care to discuss these things. Mr. Kracher said the stipulation in the Parole recites that Doyle will be sentenced per agreement with the Post Office Inspectors to a twenty-five year sentence in a Federal Penitentiary for the Coffeyville job. Doyle will be paroled to Post Office Inspector H. A. Roland, who will have to come to Lincoln, and sign the Parole papers. The terms also stipulate Doyle is to be paroled for nine months. The nine monthly reports will be signed by Roland and

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forwarded to Mr. Kracher. At the end of nine months Doyle will be discharged entirely from his ten year sentence in the Nebraska State Penitentiary. Mr. Kracher said that within the nine months, the agreement is that Doyle will be sentenced by a Federal Court, otherwise he will be returned to the Nebraska Penitentiary to serve the remainder of his sentence; further that Doyle is to be taken in custody by Mr. Roland or a Federal Officer when he is released from the Nebraska Penitentiary and incarcerated in a County Jail or Penitentiary, pending disposition of the Federal Charge.

Mr. Kracher is in receipt of a letter dated December 16, 1936, from Mr. Roland at Kansas City, in which the latter advised he will not be able to come after Doyle until after the Christmas Holidays. Doyle is still confined in the Nebraska Penitentiary. Mr. Kracher wrote to Judge Frank Messmore at Fairbury, who sentenced Doyle and Judge Messmore offered no objections to the release of Doyle under the above conditions. Mr. Roland apparently has been careful not to furnish any pertinent information to Mr. Kracher relative to the jobs Doyle expects to clear up. Mr. Roland did, however, mention that Doyle was going to be a Federal witness in the Coffeyville case.

Very truly yours,



R. A. ALT,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: B R E K I D

Further reference is made to the investigation being conducted with reference to machine guns sold in the state of Kansas by the Federal Laboratories, Inc.

The investigation enumerated below was conducted by Special Agent D. L. McCormack:

The Thompson submachine gun in possession of the Coffeyville, Kansas Police Department was examined by Agent and found to have number 72220. It will be noted that reference letter supplying numbers of machine guns in possession of officers and others in the Kansas district shows the Police Department at Coffeyville to have machine gun number 8548. Chief of Police Long advised that machine gun number 72220, to his knowledge, is the only machine gun ever owned by the Coffeyville Police Department.

The machine gun in possession of the Sheriff's Office at Sedan, Kansas, was checked by Agent and found to be number 9040, which is the number recorded for that office.

The machine gun in possession of the Sheriff's Office at Fredonia, Kansas, was checked by Agent and found to be number 5858, which is the number recorded for that office.

The L. C. Adams Mercantile Company, Cedarvale, Kansas, does not now possess a machine gun. The machine gun recorded for this company, bearing number 5740, was sold to Claud Hinson, Sedan, Kansas, who was then Sheriff. Hinson is now out of office and his whereabouts could not be ascertained, although it is believed he is now living in Arkansas. Jim Mills, former deputy under Hinson was telephonically interviewed and advised that this Thompson sub-machine gun was sold by Hinson to the Police Department at Lawrence, Kansas.

Hubert Cox, Manager of the hardware department of the L. C. Adams Mercantile Company, advised Agent that he also sold

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Thompson submachine gun number 5786 to the Police Department, at Winfield, Kansas.

In no instance could Agent determine from whom above guns were purchased. This information was not in possession of the officers interviewed.

Very truly yours,



W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Oklahoma City

December 16, 1936.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Juanita (Bobby) Robbletto.

The following memoranda are submitted for the purpose of advising you regarding the circumstances under which Juanita (Bobby) Robbletto of Toledo, Ohio, furnished information which led to the apprehension of Harry Campbell and Sam Coker at Toledo, Ohio, on May 7, 1936.

On the afternoon of May 6, 1936, Special Agent F. J. Wynn and the undersigned conducted an investigation at the Mercy Hospital in Toledo, Ohio, at which institute Sam Coker, under the alias of Robert Pratt, had secured certain treatments. During the questioning of several doctors and nurses in the hospital, information was obtained that one of the nurses who had attended him, namely Miss Robbletto, could in all probability supply a considerable amount of information, inasmuch as she had associated with him on numerous occasions after his discharge from the hospital. Attempt was made to contact Miss Robbletto at 124 Irving Street, Toledo, Ohio. The information was subsequently obtained from the telephone company that she had moved to 459 Arcadia Avenue. Special Agent Wynn and the undersigned immediately proceeded to 459 Arcadia Avenue, and the undersigned interviewed Mrs. Robbletto, mother of Juanita, under pretext that Juanita Robbletto's services were required in a confinement case. Mrs. Robbletto advised that her daughter was then at the home of Dr. Howard Murphy, 5315 Parkwood Avenue, Toledo, who was Sam Coker's attending physician at the Mercy Hospital.

Agent Wynn and the undersigned immediately proceeded to the home of Dr. Murphy, at which he was interviewed, stating in effect that he had first met Sam Coker as Robert Pratt at the Lorain Hotel in Toledo, at which hotel he is the house physician. Dr. Murphy was unable to supply any pertinent information and advised that he had caused the patient to be removed to the Mercy Hospital where he remained until November 25, 1935. At this time, the Dr., in a more or less confidential manner, advised the Agents that in his opinion Miss Robbletto had more intimate information

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with reference to Sam Coker, inasmuch as he understood that she had seen him on numerous occasions since his release from the hospital.

Miss Robbletto was then interviewed in detail. She identified the photograph of Sam Coker as being identical with the patient she knew as Robert Pratt. She admitted seeing him on numerous occasions since he had been released from the hospital, but at this time refused to supply any information as to Coker's whereabouts, giving several conflicting statements "that Robert Pratt had left town"; "I don't know where he is at the present time"; and, "I may be able to give you some information tomorrow". After talking with Agent Wynn and the undersigned for some time, she more or less conveyed to Agents the thought that she had information to furnish but was seemingly hesitant about doing so. At this time the situation was such that it was deemed advisable to contact Inspector E. J. Connelley to present the situation to him for his advice as to detaining Miss Robbletto.

Special Agent Wynn left Dr. Murphy's house to contact Inspector Connelley from a coin telephone. During Agent Wynn's absence, the undersigned advised Miss Robbletto the seriousness of this situation and she at this time admitted she knew the whereabouts of Sam Coker, advising that he was either at her house, 439 Arcadia Avenue, at that time, approximately 6:45 P. M., or in all probability would return about 10:30 or 11:00 that night. In addition, Miss Robbletto identified the picture of Harry Campbell as Robert "Bob" Miller, who was a very good friend of Sam Coker's and had on several occasions driven Coker to her home. She also advised that she had been out on several occasions with Sam Coker, Bob Miller and his wife, Gertie Miller.

At this time, Miss Robbletto furnished the information that Harry Campbell was residing above Goulet's Grill at 2150 $\frac{1}{2}$ Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio. In accordance with instructions received from Inspector E. J. Connelley, the undersigned accompanied Miss Robbletto away from Dr. Murphy's house in Miss Robbletto's automobile,

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and in accordance with previous arrangements made with Special Agent F. J. Fynn, parked the automobile outside of Bud & Luke's, a restaurant in the near vicinity of the Hotel Hillcrest, Toledo, Ohio. During a general conversation had with Miss Robbette, I mentioned to her I regretted it was necessary to remain with her at all times and that on occasions, it was necessary to prevent any information as to our activities leaking out. At this time Miss Robbette stated that in all probability if we had released her after questioning at Dr. Murphy's house, she would have informed Sam Coker that she had been interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as to his hospitalization in the Mercy Hospital and that we had been inquiring as to his present whereabouts and the individuals with whom he was associating.

Respectfully,

J. M. Jones,
Special Agent.

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Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

I invite your attention to the report of Agent F. G. Tillman, Pittsburgh Field Division, dated 12-24-36, in this matter and the lead contained therein for this Division to determine whether or not Benson Groves is in contact with his sister, Ida B. Groves.

It is believed that Ida B. Groves is now Mrs. Harvey Fryer. Past investigation, as is reflected in the reports of Agent Eugene I. Humphrey of this Division dated 11-30-36 and 12-22-36, does not indicate that Benson Groves is in contact with his sister. You will also recall that under date of December 17, 1936, you telegraphed this Division that an interview with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Fryer be not effected at that time.

In view of the above, therefore, the lead submitted in the report of Agent Tillman will not be given attention.

Very truly yours,

John A. Dowd,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

At 2:22 P. M. on December 3, 1936, Miss Juanita (Bobbie) Robletto, Toledo, Ohio, telephoned the Bureau from that city and talked with Mr. Suran.

You will recall that Miss Robletto is the nurse who took care of Sam Coker at the Mercy Hospital, Toledo, Ohio, and who furnished the direct information which resulted in the apprehension of Harry Campbell and Sam Coker.

Miss Robletto advised Mr. Suran that she was all upset about the publicity appearing in the Toledo papers relative to the part she played in the apprehension of the fugitives. She stated that she had been in contact with an Agent in Toledo, (Special Agent E. J. Wynn), but had been unable to secure any satisfaction from him, and that she was about to suffer from a nervous breakdown.

Miss Robletto was asked specifically what she desired of the Bureau and she stated that she had been unable to secure work as a nurse since she aided the Bureau in the apprehension of Campbell. She asked if she might come to Washington for a talk with the Director, and was advised that the likelihood of your being in the city upon her arrival would be only problematical but one of your assistants would always be available to talk with her. She then stated that she believed she was entitled to some money for her services. She did not specifically state that she believed she was entitled to the \$2,500 reward offered for information leading to the apprehension of Harry Campbell, but she, no doubt, had this in mind. She was advised that it would be rather expensive for her to make a trip to Washington to discuss the matter and it was of such a nature that the matter of paying money to her would have to be considered and thereafter she could be advised by letter.

In this connection, Miss Robletto stated that she had written two letters to the Bureau and had received no response, stating that she believed something was happening to her mail. She was advised that she was advised P. M. DEC 29 1936

Disposition of this should be made promptly if she was promised anything we should line up to St. Be quiet. Connelley's advice.

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that only one letter had been received by the Bureau from her, which letter had been received within the last few days and had been acknowledged.

The report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated May 19, 1936, sets forth the information secured from Miss Robletto by Special Agents J. M. Jones and E. J. Wynn prior to the apprehension of Campbell and Coker.

After learning at the Mercy Hospital, Toledo, Ohio, that Miss Robletto was the nurse who attended Coker, it was learned that she resided at 439 Arcadia Avenue, Toledo, which is her present address. At this address Special Agent Jones, under pretext that he desired to secure Miss Robletto's services in a confinement case, was advised that she could be located at the home of Dr. Howard Murphy. Special Agents Jones and Wynn immediately proceeded to the home of Dr. Murphy and there located Miss Robletto. She was not interviewed at this time, it being deemed advisable to first interview Dr. Murphy. This occurred on the afternoon of May 6, 1936.

Dr. Murphy furnished the Agents with the information that he attended Sam Coker while the latter was ill in Toledo, but suggested that Miss Robletto would possess considerable information concerning the whereabouts of Coker as she had been with him on numerous occasions since Coker's release from the hospital.

Miss Robletto was then interviewed in detail out of the presence of Dr. Murphy and the latter's wife. She was in a very nervous state and as the interview progressed she became decidedly more nervous. She identified the photograph of Sam Coker as being identical with the patient she knew as Robert Pratt. During the interview with the Agents she stated she had seen Coker since he had been released from the hospital, stating that she had been to the home of Ed and Clara McGraw, 2011½ Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio, where she had associated with Coker.

The Agents talked with Miss Robletto for some time and were of the opinion that she possessed considerable more information than she had furnished. She was exceedingly hesitant and it appeared

Ed McGraw

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for a while that it would be necessary to detain her for lengthy questioning. Special Agent Wynn then left the doctor's house and telephonically communicated with Inspector Connelley presenting the situation to him, and thereafter Agent Wynn telephoned to Agent Jones at Dr. Murphy's residence and was advised by Agent Jones that the girl had finally started to talk, relating definite information as to the whereabouts of Sam Coker and the probable whereabouts of Harry Campbell, admitting that she had seen Harry Campbell recently. After continued questioning a complete story was obtained from Miss Robletto which resulted in the apprehension of both Coker and Campbell.

From the above it will be noted that Miss Robletto was located through the investigative efforts of the Agents and did not voluntarily come forward to the Bureau and furnish information concerning the whereabouts of Harry Campbell, she contending that she did not know the true identity of Campbell. After she was located it appears that it took considerable persuasion before she furnished the information. In view of the above facts, Mr. Suran expresses the opinion that the Bureau is not obligated to Miss Robletto in the matter of paying her a reward.

Mr. Suran advises that during the time he was in Toledo, Ohio, in connection with the harboring investigation at that place, Miss Robletto was brought to the temporary offices in the Edison Building by Special Agents Madala and Criss, at which time Miss Robletto advised those Agents that the Post Office Inspectors had interviewed her subsequent to the apprehension of Campbell and suggested to her that she was entitled to a reward and that if she had worked with the Post Office she would have received a reward. This, no doubt, gave Miss Robletto the idea of endeavoring to obtain money from the Bureau.

A letter has been addressed to Inspector Connelley to ascertain his advice in this matter. Special Agent J. M. Jones is presently in the Re-training Class and will be asked to furnish information as to whether mention was made of the reward to Miss Robletto at the time she furnished information concerning

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the whereabouts of Harry Campbell. Agent Jones is presently with the Re-training Class at Quantico, Virginia, and will be questioned upon this matter immediately upon his return to Washington.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm.

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7-576-13490 December 24, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: GEORGE TIMNEY;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1232; et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;
KIDNAPING; HARBORING FUGITIVES;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL
FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sirs:

On December 9, 1936, Miss Juanita (Bobbie) Roblette, Toledo, Ohio, telephoned the Bureau from that city and advised Mr. R. C. Suran that she believed she was entitled to some money in payment of her services in connection with the apprehension of Sam Coker and Harry Campbell. Miss Roblette did not specifically state that she believed she was entitled to the \$2,500 reward offered for information leading to the apprehension of Harry Campbell, but did definitely state that she believed she was entitled to some compensation.

This matter has been considered by the Bureau and the conclusion has been reached that she is not entitled to remuneration, and it is desired that an Agent of your Field Division interview Miss Roblette in the very near future at Toledo, Ohio and diplomatically advise her that the Bureau is not obligated to her in any way.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice

501 Healey Building,

Atlanta, Georgia.

December 28, 1936

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

RE: GEORGE TIMINEY;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. 1232; et al
KIDNAPING, HARBORING FUGITIVES,
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE,
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

Dear Sir:

This is with reference to Bureau letter dated December 16, 1936, Bureau file 7-576, requesting that Fred Hunter, #48668, United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, be interrogated relative to his contact with Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell in Oklahoma during April or May, 1935, and regarding the manner in which Karpis and Campbell secured guns in Tulsa, Oklahoma during August of the same year.

Fred Hunter, who is presently confined in the prison hospital with tuberculosis, stated that he is unable to recall his whereabouts at any time during April, 1935, but that during the entire month of May, 1935, he was alone in Hot Springs, Arkansas under a doctor's care. Hunter further stated that at that time he had not as yet "hooked up" with Karpis and that he has never associated with Campbell. Hunter emphatically denied that he has ever met George "Burrhead" Keady or was ever in Karpis' house. Hunter admitted that he has heard others speak of "Burrhead", but declined to disclose the nature of their remarks.

When Hunter was informed of John Brock's statements, he expressed the opinion that any statement made by Brock with regard to anything is "phoney" and that instant statements, which are untrue, can be attributed to Brock's attempt to win favor from the Government. Hunter advised that he has been informed that Brock furnished the post office inspectors with "a lot of bunk" during their investigation of the Garrettsville robbery. However, Hunter stated that he

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is unable to disclose the nature of Brock's statements to the post office inspectors. Every detail of the Brock account of Hunter's movements during April or May, 1935, was discussed with Hunter, who branded the entire story as a lie.

With reference to the guns recovered from Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter at New Orleans, Louisiana on May 1, 1936, Hunter stated that none of these guns belonged to him and that Karpis so informed the Director at the time. Hunter further stated that he knows nothing concerning these weapons, their vendors or purchasers. Hunter professed ignorance with regard to the manner in which Karpis or Campbell secured guns at any time.

Hunter informed that he does not expect to live long enough to serve his present sentence.

Very truly yours,



E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
DECEMBER 28, 1936

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: B R E K I D

Further reference is made to the investigation being conducted with reference to machine guns sold in the state of Kansas by the Federal Laboratories, Inc.

Special Agent F. R. Hammack ascertained that the Pratt, Kansas Police Department has a Thompson submachine gun bearing serial number 7589. The records of the City Clerk's office, at Pratt, Kansas, show this gun was purchased from the Federal Laboratories, Inc., on November 23, 1933, through salesman Sam Russell.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith

W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-43

REPORT MADE AT Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 12-29-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/2-15/36	REPORT MADE BY J. A. Cimperman - acr
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY; 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: Investigation at residences of wife and father of Wayne Preston indicates he has not been seen for considerable period of time. Mail cover placed on both wife and father.			
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REFERENCE: Letter from Cincinnati Field Division to Cleveland Field Division dated 11-18-36.			
DETAILS: <u>AT COLUMBUS, OHIO</u> Agent contacted Mr. R. Fry, Asst. Superintendent of Mails, U. S. Post Office, Columbus, Ohio and had a 30 day mail cover placed on all mail received by Mrs. Anne L. Preston, wife of Wayne Preston, 1106 Oakwood Ave., Columbus, Ohio. This mail cover was placed on 12-2-36 with the request that all tracings be sent to the Cincinnati Field Division. Agent also contacted Mr. J. L. Resch, mail carrier who covers that route, 1106 Oakwood Ave., and he stated that he has been on that route for the past 12 years and that both Wayne Preston and his wife are known to him personally. He stated that he had not seen Wayne Preston at that address for about a year and a half, at which time he left his wife, the latter still staying at that address with her brother, John Wirthman. He stated that Wirthman is a war veteran, is incompetent, and that Mrs. Preston is his guardian. He also stated that the only mail he delivers at that address is for John Wirthman who receives only one letter a month from the Government which is his compensation check. He also stated that Mrs. Preston's mail is mostly local, and that he has never noticed her getting any out of state mail, particularly from her husband. He further stated that he delivered several letters at that address for Wayne Preston but that they were all returned by his wife, who is a very temperamental			
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person, and that when he asked her if she could furnish him Wayne's forwarding address she told him that she did not know where he was and did not want the mail left at her address and requested that if he (Wayne Preston) received any other mail in the future, this mail should be returned to the sender because she did not know where he was. He stated that the last letter he delivered at that address for Wayne Preston, and which was subsequently returned to the sender as unclaimed, was about 8 months ago.

Mr. Resch also advised that he sees Mrs. Preston practically every morning in front of her residence about 8:30 AM as she usually waits for a taxicab at about that time to take her to work, and that he is rather friendly with her. He also stated that Mrs. Preston is employed as a bookkeeper at the Columbus Buggy Parts Co. She is also listed in that manner in the Columbus City Directory. In the event he obtains any information pertaining to Preston's whereabouts, he advised that he would immediately notify the Cincinnati Field Division.

Dr. Anton Oelgoetz, office 1025 E. Whittier, whose house is on the corner of Whittier and Oakwood Ave., about two houses away from the residence of Mrs. Anne L. Preston, was interviewed by agent and he stated that the apartment occupied by Mrs. Preston and her brother, John Wirthman, is owned by him and that the Prestons have occupied same for several years. He also stated that he has not seen Wayne Preston for over a year and was informed by Mr. Wirthman, who usually pays the rent, that Wayne Preston has deserted his wife and that they do not know his whereabouts. He stated that Wirthman did not speak very highly of Preston and was inclined to believe that he does not know of his whereabouts. He also advised that he is positive that Wayne Preston does not come to the apartment to visit his wife nor does he stay there as the janitor would have informed him of same. He added that the janitor is a very alert and observant man.

Dr. Oelgoetz also advised that the next time John Wirthman comes to pay the rent, he would usually question him concerning the whereabouts of Preston and whether he and his wife are seeking a divorce, and that should he obtain any information that might lead to his whereabouts, he would immediately notify the Cincinnati Field Division.

Mr. R. Dorsey, negro, who is the janitor of the apartment building in which Mrs. Preston resides, was also interviewed and he stated that the only parties staying at 1106 Oakwood Ave. are Mrs. Preston and her brother, John Wirthman, who is an old war veteran and too feeble to do any work. He also stated that he has not noticed any other parties around that apartment, particularly Wayne Preston, and that if he ever did come there, it was between the hours of 1 and 4 AM. He also advised that he would advise the Cincinnati Field Division should Wayne Preston ever show up at the apartment.

Mr. Fred Ross, owner Fred's Barber Shop, 1085 Oakwood Ave., was also interviewed and he stated that Wayne Preston used to come to his place frequently to get hair-cuts but that he had not seen him for over a year, at which time he allegedly deserted his wife and has not been heard from since. He had no information concerning the whereabouts of Preston and stated that he is certain that his wife does not know his whereabouts. He also advised that Mrs. Preston's brother, Leo Wirthman, occasionally comes to his barber shop.

Mr. W. E. Haas, postmaster, U. S. Post Office, Delaware, Ohio was also contacted and he stated that A. D. Preston, father of Wayne Preston, was presently residing at 416 W. William St., Delaware, Ohio. He stated that A. D. Preston bears a good reputation in that community, that he is a retired high school teacher, was a member of the Delaware City Council for four years, and occasionally does a few jobs painting. Mr. Haas also stated that he knows the family very well and that he (A. Preston) has a brother, G. L. Preston, residing at 333 W. Central Ave., Delaware, Ohio. He also conducted an examination of the Postal Directory but they had no record of Wayne Preston or a forwarding address for that name. Arrangements were also made with Mr. Haas for the placing of a 30 day mail cover on the mail of Mr. A. D. Preston, 416 W. William St., and all tracings of same will be transmitted to the Cincinnati Field Division. This cover was placed 12-11-36.

Mr. Charles Simpson, Delivery Clerk, U. S. Post Office, Delaware, Ohio stated that he knew Wayne Preston well and had known him since childhood and used to attend school with him but that he has not seen him for a great number of years and was unable to give any information as to his whereabouts. He also stated that he has charge of the Delivery Department but that he has no recollection of ever having run across a letter for Wayne Preston, or of a letter being forwarded to him at another address in some other city after having been unclaimed in Delaware.

Mr. Ralph Wilson, mail carrier, was interviewed and he stated that he lives across the street from G. L. Preston, brother of A. D. Preston. He advised that G. L. Preston has resided on Central Avenue for several years and that the only ones residing with him are the members of his own family. Wayne Preston is unknown to him but he is positive that he is not residing with G. L. Preston. He also advised that he would question G. L. Preston under some pretext concerning the whereabouts of Wayne Preston, and that if he should obtain any information in that respect, he would notify the Cincinnati Field Division.

Mr. Archie McCoy, mail carrier who delivers mail at the residence of A. D. Preston, 416 W. William St., father of Wayne Preston, was interviewed and he stated that he had not at any time delivered mail at that address for Wayne Preston. He stated that A. D. Preston receives the aver-

age amount of mail, most of it being local, but that he has no recollection of ever having seen a letter addressed to anyone in the Preston family that had the return address of Wayne Preston thereon. He advised that he would notify the Cincinnati Office if he obtained any information of value. The mail tracings are also to be made by him but same will be forwarded to the Cincinnati Field Division by the Postmaster.

Mr. Lester Jewett, another mail carrier, who lives across the street from Mr. A. D. Preston, 416 W. William St., father of Wayne Preston, upon being interviewed stated that A. D. Preston is a retired school teacher and is presently residing at the above address with his second wife, with whom he has been living for the past 10 years. He also stated that he has not seen Wayne Preston for a great number of years and is certain that he has not visited his father, otherwise he would have seen him or heard from the neighbors that he had paid his father a visit. He stated that A. D. Preston has a daughter, a Mrs. Russell (Mildred) Main, whose husband manages the Kroger Store in Prospect, Ohio.

Mr. Jewett added that if he obtained any information he would notify the Cincinnati Field Division.

No attempt was made at this time to contact the parents of Wayne Preston or his wife inasmuch as there is a possibility that they will hear from him during the Christmas holidays.

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1130 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

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December 28, 1936.

PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL.

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID.

There are returned herewith to you copies of the log on telephone taps at Hot Springs, Arkansas for December 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, 1936, and due to other commitments I will have to consider these logs at a later date, in connection with the original copies retained in your office.

I have certain copies of other logs at Cleveland and Detroit which I will arrange to have returned to you within the next few days.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Inspector.

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Post Office Box #1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
December 29th, 1936.

Mr. E. J. Connelley, Inspector,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.



RE: BREXID

Dear Sir:

It will be noted that to each of these logs is attached a memorandum by Special Agent B. L. Dameron. In accordance with the Bureau's instructions Agent Dameron will submit weekly reports on the logs and in reviewing them he recognized some names and incidents. In an effort to clarify the logs as much as possible I have instructed Agent Dameron to submit a memorandum with each log in the future.

Very truly yours,

JOHN B. LITTLE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Saint Paul, Minnesota
December 29, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir: **BRKID**

The St. Paul Police Department has requested one copy of each of the following photographs for the completion of its files. This Division also desires one copy of the photographs of each of these individuals:

- Dolores Delaney
- J. J. McLaughlin, Sr.
- Bruno Austin
- Duke Randall
- W. H. Heller
- M. Gleason.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STAIN
Special Agent in Charge

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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Juanita (Bobby) Robbletto.

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The following memoranda are submitted for the purpose of advising you regarding the circumstances under which Juanita (Bobby) Robbletto of Toledo, Ohio, furnished information which led to the apprehension of Harry Campbell and Sam Coker at Toledo, Ohio, on May 7, 1936.

On the afternoon of May 6, 1936, Special Agent E. J. Wynn and the undersigned conducted an investigation at the Mercy Hospital in Toledo, Ohio, at which institute Sam Coker, under the alias of Robert Pratt, had secured certain treatments. During the questioning of several doctors and nurses in the hospital, information was obtained that one of the nurses who had attended him, namely Miss Robbletto, could in all probability supply a considerable amount of information, inasmuch as she had associated with him on numerous occasions after his discharge from the hospital. Attempt was made to contact Miss Robbletto at 124 Irving Street, Toledo, Ohio. The information was subsequently obtained from the telephone company that she had moved to 439 Arcadia Avenue. Special Agent Wynn and the undersigned immediately proceeded to 439 Arcadia Avenue, and the undersigned interviewed Mrs. Robbletto, mother of Juanita, under pretext that Juanita Robbletto's services were required in a confinement case. Mrs. Robbletto advised that her daughter was then at the home of Dr. Howard Murphy, 5315 Parkwood Avenue, Toledo, who was Sam Coker's attending physician at the Mercy Hospital.

Agent Wynn and the undersigned immediately proceeded to the home of Dr. Murphy, at which he was interviewed, stating in effect that he had first met Sam Coker as Robert Pratt at the Lorain Hotel in Toledo, at which hotel he is the house physician. Dr. Murphy was unable to supply any pertinent information and advised that he had caused the patient to be removed to the Mercy Hospital where he remained until November 25, 1935. At this time, the Dr., in a more or less confidential manner, advised the Agents that in his opinion Miss Robbletto had more intimate information

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with reference to Sam Coker, inasmuch as he understood that she had seen him on numerous occasions since his release from the hospital.

Miss Robbletto was then interviewed in detail. She identified the photograph of Sam Coker as being identical with the patient she knew as Robert Pratt. She admitted seeing him on numerous occasions since he had been released from the hospital, but at this time refused to supply any information as to Coker's whereabouts, giving several conflicting statements "that Robert Pratt had left town"; "I don't know where he is at the present time"; and, "I may be able to give you some information tomorrow". After talking with Agent Wynn and the undersigned for some time, she more or less conveyed to Agents the thought that she had information to furnish but was seemingly hesitant about doing so. At this time the situation was such that it was deemed advisable to contact Inspector E. J. Connelley to present the situation to him for his advice as to detaining Miss Robbletto.

Special Agent Wynn left Dr. Murphy's house to contact Inspector Connelley from a coin telephone. During Agent Wynn's absence, the undersigned advised Miss Robbletto the seriousness of this situation and she at this time admitted she knew the whereabouts of Sam Coker, advising that he was either at her house, 439 Arcadia Avenue, at that time, approximately 6:45 P. M., or in all probability would return about 10:30 or 11:00 that night. In addition, Miss Robbletto identified the picture of Harry Campbell as Robert "Bob" Miller, who was a very good friend of Sam Coker's and had on several occasions driven Coker to her home. She also advised that she had been out on several occasions with Sam Coker, Bob Miller and his wife, Gertie Miller.

At this time, Miss Robbletto furnished the information that Harry Campbell was residing above Goulet's Grill at 2150 1/2 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio. In accordance with instructions received from Inspector E. J. Connelley, the undersigned accompanied Miss Robbletto away from Dr. Murphy's house in Miss Robbletto's automobile,

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and in accordance with previous arrangements made with Special Agent E. J. Wynn, parked the automobile outside of Bud & Lukes, a restaurant in the near vicinity of the Hotel Hillcrest, Toledo, Ohio. During a general conversation had with Miss Robbletto, I mentioned to her I regretted it was necessary to remain with her at all times and that on occasions, it was necessary to prevent any information as to our activities leaking out. At this time Miss Robbletto stated that in all probability if we had released her after questioning at Dr. Murphy's house, she would have informed Sam Coker that she had been interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as to his hospitalization in the Mercy Hospital and that we had been inquiring as to his present whereabouts and the individuals with whom he was associating.

Respectfully

J. W. Jones.

J. W. Jones,
Special Agent.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
December 29, 1936

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: B R E K I D

Dear Sir

Referring to Bureau letter of November 25, 1936, (#7-576), enclosing the Technical Laboratory Report on the comparison of the specimens of handwriting of Dolores Delaney submitted by this division with the signatures "E. Bronson" on the package receipts (Specimen number 7-576-12162-Q9), wherein the Technical Laboratory requested additional specimens of Dolores Delaney's handwriting, Special Agent Charles H. Olson of this division interviewed Dolores Delaney at the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, on December 3, 1936, and secured from her the enclosed specimens which are to be submitted to the Technical Laboratory for comparison.

The page beginning "I am giving" is written in ink, while the page beginning "Edward Brown" is written in pencil. Both specimens contain the name "E. Bronson," as requested by the Laboratory.

The contents of both specimens were dictated to Dolores Delaney, who sat at a table where she was able to rest her arm. She stated that she had just been ironing and was very nervous and that she could not write naturally and therefore declined to furnish any additional specimens other than those secured.

Very truly yours

Herold H. Reinecke
Herold H. Reinecke
Special Agent in Charge

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Laboratory Report

Case: Re: Brekid

Number 7-576-13498

Specimens:
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Examination requested by: Detroit

Date received: 1-4-37 jwp 4:00 PM

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

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Laboratory Report

Case: Re: Brekid

Number: 7-576-13498

7-576-13498 K3. Two pages of the known handwriting of Dolores Delaney.

Examination requested by: Detroit

Date received: 1-4-37 jwp 4:00 PM

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination: *Not identical*

Examination by: Pickering (AE)

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Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
December 29, 1936

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: B R E K I D

Dear Sir

Referring to Bureau letter of November 25, 1936, (#7-576), enclosing the Technical Laboratory Report on the comparison of the specimens of handwriting of Dolores Delaney submitted by this division with the signatures "E. Bronson" on the package receipts (Specimen number 7-576-12162-49), wherein the Technical Laboratory requested additional specimens of Dolores Delaney's handwriting, Special Agent Charles H. Olson of this division interviewed Dolores Delaney at the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, on December 3, 1936, and secured from her the enclosed specimens which are to be submitted to the Technical Laboratory for comparison.

The page beginning "I am giving" is written in ink, while the page beginning "Edward Brown" is written in pencil. Both specimens contain the name "E. Bronson," as requested by the Laboratory.

The contents of both specimens were dictated to Dolores Delaney, who sat at a table where she was able to rest her arm. She stated that she had just been ironing and was very nervous and that she could not write naturally and therefore declined to furnish any additional specimens other than those secured.

Very truly yours

Herold H. Reinecke
Special Agent in Charge

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

404 New York Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota
December 31, 1936

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: BREKID

Please furnish this Division two
copies of each of the photographs of Duke Randall,
K. H. Heller, and M. Gleason, subjects or former
subjects in this case.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Stein

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Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: GEORGE TIMINEX; Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping; Obstruction of Justice; Harboring of Fugitives; National Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter dated December 31, 1936, there are transmitted herewith two copies each of the photographs of Henry "Duke" Randall and Nathaniel Heller.

The Bureau is not in possession of a photograph of Matthew Gleason.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #10-8254

Mr. Tolson	
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Post Office Box 4907,
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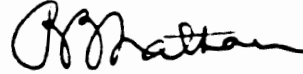
Director,
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: RE: BREKID

Confirming telegram from this office dated December 30, 1936, you are advised that Special Agent Royal J. Untreiner informed me on December 30, 1936, that the Deputy United States Clerk at Miami had advised him that Judge Alexander Akerman will preside in Federal Court at Miami on January 25 and 26, 1937, and at that time will hear the various motions previously filed in connection with the cases against Joseph H. Adams and Henry (Duke) Randall.

Agent Untreiner was further advised that the Term of Court set for February, 1937, has been cancelled by Federal Judge Holland and the trial of the Adams case, and other cases set for February, has been continued until the April term of Court, the opening day set for criminal cases being April 25, 1937.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 4907,
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Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREMER

Reference is made to the letter of Inspector Connelley dated December 17, 1936, and to your letter dated December 19, 1936, concerning the \$1000.00 bill which is being claimed by Dolores Delaney.

You are advised that on December 28, 1936, Mr. Martin Sack of the Law Firm of Baker and Baker, Atlantic Bank Building, Jacksonville, was referred to this office by the office of the United States Attorney at Jacksonville. Mr. Sack stated that his firm had received a communication from Samuel Lipschultz, Attorney, St. Paul, who is apparently representing Mr. Bremer in connection with this bill. Mr. Sack indicated that his firm would probably file a petition on behalf of Mr. Bremer relative to the bill. Since that contact Mr. Sack called me by telephone requesting information as to the serial number of the bill in question. Inasmuch as this Field Division is not advised as to the identity of any attorney representing Mr. Bremer, I have not furnished Mr. Sack with this information. It is suggested that you may desire to furnish the information to the proper persons in St. Paul for use in any contemplated proceedings. It might be stated that the firm of Baker and Baker are considered reputable in Jacksonville but I have had no prior contact with any members of the firm.

Very truly yours,

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R. B. MATHEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati**

S. A. FILE NO. **7-41**

REPORT MADE AT San Antonio, Tex.	DATE WHEN MADE Dec. 30 '36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/19, 29, 30/36	REPORT MADE BY H. C. Van Pelt
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: <p style="text-align: center;">Ira Lett questioned at the Nueces County Jail at Corpus Christi, Texas, in an attempt to develop a White Slave Traffic Act violation, advised he is a first cousin of Milton Lett, with aliases, and furnished family connections which may be of assistance in locating the latter. R.U.C.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="text-align: center;">In the investigation of a White Slave Traffic Act case at Corpus Christi, Texas, entitled Ira Lett; Billie Lee Thomas; Norena Thomas; Edna Hepkie, Victim, San Antonio File #31-1479, Agent interrogated the aforementioned subject Ira Lett on December 19, 1936, as to his personal history and background and determined that he is a first cousin of Milton Lett, with aliases, wanted by the Bureau for questioning relative to the harboring situation existing in this case.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ira Lett disclosed that Milton Lett has the following immediate relatives:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Father, McQuillard Lett, died about 12 or 13 years ago at Wann, Okla. Mother, Margaret Lett, Rural Route 2, Wann, Okla. Sisters: Mary Collins, married to an oil field worker named Roy Collins and lives at Tyro, Ks. Janey Collins, married to a restaurant proprietor named Ora Collins and lives at Wichita, Ks. Ella Anderson, married to a farmer named Walter Anderson, and lives at Coffeyville, Ks. Ethel Walker, married to a farmer named Ernie Walker, and lives about 9 miles south of Coffeyville, Ks.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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Lela ----- (Ira Lett mentioned that he believes she is married but that he does not know her husband's name or occupation nor their whereabouts.)

Brothers: Bud Lett killed in an explosion over ten years ago.
Chas. Lett, whereabouts and occupation unknown.
One more brother name, whereabouts and occupation unknown.

Ira Lett advised that he himself is a nephew of McQuillard Lett but insisted that he had not seen any of Milton Lett's above mentioned relatives since he attended McQuillard Lett's funeral at Wann, Okla, 12 or 13 years ago. He said he did not correspond with any of said relatives and that he has no idea as to where Milton Lett may be located. He claimed that he did not know Milton Lett had married or what his occupation is, etc. He recognized only one of Milton Lett's aliases, that of J. M. Letz, and explained that a Constable from Sycamore, Ks. (name unknown) had made inquiry of his sister there, Mrs. Margaret Thomas, about three years ago as to whether he, Ira Lett, was J. M. Letz who was associated with the Jarrett boys in a robbery or shooting scrape near Coffeyville, Ks. Ira Lett explained that he knew nothing about the matter and did not know the Jarrett boys at all.

The interrogation of Ira Lett was based upon an attempt to develop a White Slave Traffic Act case at Corpus Christi, Texas, but no violation was established. He completed a ten day sentence for the theft of an automobile tire at the Nueces County Jail, Corpus Christi, Texas, on December 19, 1936, and was released. He advised that he was going to return to his farm at Bethel, Ks.

Ira Lett's description based upon Agent's personal observation and interrogation is as follows:

Age, 40 years
Born March 1, 1897 at Centralia, Okla.
Height, 5 feet 9 inches
Weight, 165 pounds
Build, medium
Hair, dark curly, somewhat bald in front
Eyes, blue
Complexion, reddish
Marital status, divorced
Occupation, teamster, laborer and farmer

Agent was advised by Jailer John Gance at the Nueces County Jail that a report from the FBI Identification Division at Washington, D.C. disclosed that Ira Lett had no previous criminal record.

No leads are being set out in this report and the information is being furnished mainly for assistance of the Oklahoma City and Kansas City offices in the development of the leads set out in report of Special Agent A. Paul

Kitchin, Cleveland, Ohio, dated September 8, 1936, and report of Special Agent L. E. Kingman, Oklahoma City, dated November 3, 1936.

Referred upon completion.

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1130 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

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December 30, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Cleveland Division under date of November 11, 1936, concerning information secured from [redacted] to the effect that [redacted] had told him that Wayne Preston was one of the persons who robbed the mail truck at Warren, Ohio, in the Spring of 1935.

Attention is also called to the report of Special Agent J. A. Cimperman dated at Cincinnati, Ohio, 12-29-36, relative to Wayne Preston.

I wish to advise that mail cover on the father of Wayne Preston at Delaware, Ohio, has resulted in information to the effect that a Christmas Card was sent by Wayne Preston to his father and mother, which was postmarked at Pearson, Ga., December 22, 1936. This card was signed "Wayne" and contained this message: "Dad Am sending a little box but it may be a few days late, Wayne". There is no return address given at Pearson, Ga.

Advice is requested as to whether Wayne Preston has been identified from photograph previously furnished by this Division. If identification has been made it is suggested that appropriate leads be set out immediately for the Atlanta Division relative to the location of Wayne Preston.

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The photograph forwarded to you of this individual should be returned to the Cincinnati Division in order that it may be returned to the Ohio Liquor Control Department.

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Very truly yours,

H. D. HARRIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Bureau
Chicago

Edward G. Brennan
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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a clipping from the Topeka State Journal, December 29, 1936, in which Governor-Elect Walter Burman, of Kansas, is quoted as charging that the Kansas State Highway Patrol has exceeded its authority, and in which he states it is his desire to have the State Legislature definitely define the duties of the Highway Patrol.

There is also enclosed herewith a clipping from the Kansas City Journal Post, December 30, 1936, which quotes from a reply which Colonel Wint Smith, Superintendent of the State Highway Patrol, is said to have made to the charges of Governor-Elect Burman. It will be noted that Colonel Smith is quoted as saying the Highway Patrol should be given credit for having supplied information to the Bureau which resulted in the apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 12/31/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/18/36	REPORT MADE BY H. C. LESLIE
TITLE GEORGE TIMNEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - Fugitive, I.O. 1232, et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING, HARBORING FUGITIVES, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records at office of Peter F. Bradley, Seizure Room, U.S. Customs, Varick St., New York City, reflect that 495 guns and accessories were seized from SS Eastside 6/13/21. 490 guns were returned to McGarrity 9/19/25. There were 5 guns missing from the lot, three of which were shipped to U.S. Attorney General, one to the U.S. Attorney, Newark, and one gun that was not returned by the U.S. Customs Patrol. The 3 guns shipped to U.S. Attorney General bore Nos. 758, 800 and 833. There was no record of serial numbers of guns seized and returned to McGarrity. Malcolm M. Slaughter advises Martin D. Liss has been in the cafe and restaurant business for the past 15 years and as far as he knows bears a good reputation.

FROM REGISTERED S. P. L.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent R. P. Burruss, Washington, D.C., November 30, 1936.
Bureau letter, December 11, 1936.
Bureau letter to Cleveland Division, December 17, 1936.

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DETAILS:

Mr. H. C. STEWART, Special Deputy Collector, U.S. Custom House, New York City, was interviewed concerning disposition of guns seized by the U.S. Customs from the SS EASTSIDE at Hoboken, N.J. on or about June 15, 1921. Mr. Stewart referred agent to Mr. SCHWARTZ, of the Law Division, who advised, after checking his records, that he had no record of the seizure of guns by the Customs from the SS EASTSIDE.

Agent subsequently interviewed Mr. J. E. DUBIG and Mr. G. W. SYLVESTER of the Record Room, who advised that all records and correspondence had been destroyed up to January 1, 1926.

Agent called at the office of Mr. PETER F. BRADLEY, Acting Deputy Collector of Customs, Seizure Room, 201 Varick Street, New York City, and interviewed Mr. E. G. COLLARD, assistant, who located the records concerning the seizure of the guns from the SS EASTSIDE. The records were examined by the writer and the following information obtained therefrom:

There was a memorandum dated 6/13/21 received from the SS EASTSIDE, which is as follows:

495 guns
490 stocks
1392 magazines
290 magazines, drums C
174 magazines, drums L
486 cleaners
434 pamphlets
2500 cartridges

- 9/17/21 - 3 guns to Washington.
- 9/17/21 - 1 gun, 9 magazines, 3 pamphlets to U.S. Attorney, Newark.
- 8/18/24 - 1 gun, 15 magazines, 6 cleaners and 6 pamphlets to CMP.

There was a letter from Mr. M. O. ANDERSON, Solicitor of the Treasury Department, dated September 9, 1921 to Mr. Bradley requesting that three of the guns that were seized on the EASTSIDE be withdrawn; that those that had not had their serial numbers obliterated should be selected; and that these guns be forwarded to the Attorney General at Washington, D.C.

The same letter gives instructions to forward to the U.S. Attorney at Newark, New Jersey, one gun, three copies of pamphlets and nine magazines.

There is a letter on the letterhead of the Treasury Department acknowledging receipt from Mr. Bradley of one complete sub-machine gun, which was taken from the SS EASTSIDE. The signature on this letter is illegible, the writer's title being given as Assistant U.S. Attorney. This was evidently a receipt for the gun that was sent to the United States Attorney at Newark, N.J.

There is a letter dated August 4, 1924 from Mr. H. C. STEWART addressed to PETER F. BRADLEY, in which Mr. Stewart advised he could see no objection to the Chief of the Customs Patrol having samples of guns for the purpose of demonstration. Mr. Bradley was authorized in this letter to delivery several guns to the Customs Patrol to serve their purpose.

There is a receipt dated August 4, 1924 signed by M. S. SWEENEY - A. RANKIN, of the Customs Guard, for six machine guns, six magazines, twelve boxes, six cleaners and six pamphlets.

On March 10, 1935 there is a memorandum which reflects that eleven guns were returned by the Customs Department, 27 clips, 9 magazines, 5 cartridge belts, 5 cases of cartridges, and that there were still to be returned one gun, three magazines, nine clips, six cleaners, six pamphlets and twelve boxes.

There is on file a Government Bill of Lading No. 328142, U.S. Customs Service, dated September 17, 1921, for delivery of one case containing 3 Thompson Sub-Machine Guns to the United States Attorney General at Washington, D.C. These guns were numbered 758, 800 and 833.

There is a U.S. Customs Government Bill of Lading No. 328144 to U.S. Attorney General, Washington, D.C., covering shipment of one case containing nine magazines, three pamphlets.

There is a letter on file signed by Mr. E. BARNES, Assistant Solicitor, Treasury Department, addressed to P. F. BRADLEY, dated September 17, 1925, referring to the seizure of 495 machine guns which were taken off the SS EASTSIDE in violation of the Espionage Act. This letter authorized that Mr. Bradley return these guns upon payment of twenty-five dollars for maintenance and custody; that these guns would be called for by JOSEPH McGARRITY, who was the agent in fact for one FRANK WILLIAMS.

There was a receipt signed by JOSEPH McGARRITY for 48 packages containing 490 guns, 485 stocks, 1359 magazines, 290 drums C, 174 drums L, 486 cleaners and 434 pamphlets; also 2500 cartridges.

The above receipt was dated September 19, 1925.

Mr. COLLARD advised, after checking the file, that apparently there was no record made of the guns that were seized from the EASTSIDE and no record made when the guns were returned to McGARRITY; that apparently the only record they have was for the three guns that were shipped to the U.S. Attorney General, which are set out herein.

Mr. MALCOLM SLAUGHTER, real estate agent, 148-150 West 46th Street, was interviewed concerning his knowledge of MARTIN D. LISS, who formerly conducted a cafe and restaurant at this address. Mr. Slaughter advised that he first met LISS about three years ago; that LISS has been in the liquor business, conducting cafes and restaurants in the vicinity of West 46th Street for the past fifteen years; that LISS rented a store at 148-150 West 46th Street with a man named SHERMAN about three years ago; that they operated a cafe and restaurant up to January 1936 when LISS sold out to SHERMAN, who also sold out the business to the present owners. The place is now known as Roxy's Grill. Mr. Slaughter states that as far as he knows LISS has always been engaged in the cafe business and never operated a racket of any kind to his knowledge; that he has never been in any trouble with the police that he knows of. He stated that LISS recently contacted him and inquired where there was a good location in the neighborhood as he intended to open another cafe in the event he could find a good location. Mr. Slaughter stated that all his dealings with LISS had been very satisfactory and that he has always found him to be honorable in his dealings.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

NEW YORK DIVISION

Will make an effort to determine the present addresses of GEORGE GORDON BORKE, FRANK WILLIAMS and his brother, FRED WILLIAMS, as requested in reference Bureau letter addressed to the Cleveland Division dated December 17, 1936.

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois
December 30, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
St. Paul, Minnesota

Re: BREKID

Dear Sirs

I am enclosing herewith two copies each of the photographs of Dolores Delaney, J. J. McLaughlin, Sr., and Erunc Austin. This division does not have photographs of Duke Randall, N. H. Keller or M. Gleason, in its files.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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This statement, made to two reporters, was later confirmed by Mr. Flynn, who said, however, that he did not realize he was talking for publication.

Mr. Flynn's belief that it would have been "better" to accept Harwood's resignation was probably stemmed from his attempt, while acting as director in one of Mr.

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Ness' absences, to let Harwood resign and retire on full pension. This action was reversed by Director Ness on his return.

Mr. Flynn also had been criticized on other occasions.

Once when he appointed Frank J. Cadek Jr., nephew of Capt. Louis J. Cadek, convicted bribe-taker, to the police force, although he stood eighth on the list of eligibles.

Another was when he ordered the return of 120 slot machines seized by police.

Revokes Appointment

The Cadek appointment later was rescinded by Mr. Ness, who also delayed the return of the slot machines but later permitted them to go back.

Mr. Flynn was the first occupant of the post of "executive assistant," created by the Burton administration. He was popularly known as the "politician" of the Safety Department.

Capt. Harwood's conviction stunned the seven other members of the police force awaiting trial on similar indictments. They had viewed the jury's prolonged deliberations as an indication of his acquittal.

It was reported attorneys for one or more of them already had begun to sound out County Prosecutor Frank T. Cullitan on what his attitude would be toward a guilty plea.