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REPORT MADE AT <b>St. Paul, Minn.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-17-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3-16, 17-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. N. NOTESTEEN</b>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1232; etal. Edward George Bremer - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: The Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit at St. Louis, Missouri, has filed opinions in the appeals of CASSIUS McDONALD and HARRY SAWYER affirming the convictions of both of these defendants. The U.S. Atty., St. Paul, in review of the Bremer Kidnaping Case has communicated with Attorney General for suggestion as to the disposition to be made of indictments still pending.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. N. Notesteen, St. Paul, 12-19-36.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>Mr. George F. Sullivan, United States Attorney at St. Paul, advised that the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, St. Louis, Missouri, has filed opinions in the appeals of CASSIUS McDONALD and HARRY SAWYER in the Bremer Kidnaping Case affirming the convictions of both of these defendants.</p> <p>Mr. Sullivan stated under date of March 9, 1937, he had directed a communication to the Attorney General in substance as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"In review of the Bremer kidnaping cases, I advise you of the following dispositions of the various indictments returned:</p>			
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Docket No. 6096 charging conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer.

Arthur R. Barker	)	tried and found guilty
Elmer Farmer	)	by jury; Elmer Farmer
Harold Alderton	)	pleaded guilty during
John J. McLaughlin, Sr.	)	trial.
James J. Wilson	)	
Oliver A. Berg	)	

Philip J. Delaney	)	tried and acquitted
William E. Vidler	)	

Jess Doyle	)	
Edna Murray	)	case dismissed
"Whitie" true name	)	
Bruno Austin or Putas.	)	

Volney Davis	)	entered pleas
Byron Bolton	)	of guilty.

Alvin Karpis	)	
Harry Campbell	)	
William Weaver	)	
Harry Sawyer	)	not arraigned;
William J. Harrison	)	case still pending.
Joseph P. Moran	)	
Myrtle Eaton	)	
John Doe	)	
Richard Roe	)	

Docket No. 6095, charging kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

The only person to plead guilty to this indictment was Byron Bolton, and he was sentenced on that plea of guilty. The defendants who were arraigned and entered pleas of not guilty were Arthur R. Barker, Elmer Farmer, Harold Anderson, Harry Sawyer, William Weaver. No disposition was made of their cases, however. Other defendants named were never arraigned. The case is pending as to the following named defendants:

Alvin Karpis	Harry Sawyer
Arthur R. Barker	William J. Harrison
Volney Davis	John Doe
Harry Campbell	Richard Roe
Elmer Farmer	Harold Alderton
William Weaver	

Docket No. 6174, charging conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer

On September 27, 1935, the conspiracy indictment (6096) was enlarged to include Cassius McDonald. The following dispositions were made in this case:

Harry Sawyer	)	Tried and found guilty by jury
Cassius McDonald	)	
William Weaver	)	
Harry Campbell	)	Entered plea of guilty.
Alvin Karpis	)	Not arraigned.
Arthur Barker	)	Case still pending
Volney Davis	)	
William J. Harrison	)	
Byron Bolton	)	
Elmer Farmer	)	
Harold Alderton	)	

You will observe that the indictment charging the substantive offense is pending as to all defendants, save and except Byron Bolton, who entered a plea of guilty to same, and that the conspiracy indictments #6096 and #6174 are still pending as to the defendants named above. I should appreciate your advice and suggestions as to the dismissal of the indictment charging the substantive offense, and the remaining defendants named in the two conspiracy indictments.

Your advice and suggestions as to the disposition of the undisposed of phases of the above cases will be appreciated. Our next term of court in the Third Division will convene at St. Paul on April 6, 1937, and if not too inconvenient, I should appreciate your advice before that date."

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

ST. PAUL FIELD DIVISION

About April 15, 1937, will confer with the United States Attorney as to the disposition to be made in connection with the still pending indictments.

PENDING.

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FILE NO. **7-30. EPL.**

REPORT MADE AT <b>BOSTON, MASS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-18-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3-15-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>G. E. PELLETIER.</b>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMMEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232, et al., EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**ANALYSIS OF FACTS:**

Dr. Wm. C. Inman, Danvers, Mass. and various classmates of Subject Moran, contacted with reference to dental history, without result. Dr. Roger E. Hubbard, Greenfield, Mass. states Subject Moran possessed good set of teeth and recalls that he had a few gold teeth in upper front and a few gold caps in upper left. However, not certain as to the number or positions.

- P. -

**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett, Boston, Mass., dated December 20, 1935.  
Letter from Chicago Division, dated March 3, 1937.  
Cleveland Division telegram dated March 12, 1937.

**DETAILS:**

This joint investigation was conducted by the writer and Special Agent N. D. Valentine.

**AT DANVERS, MASSACHUSETTS:**

On March 15, 1937 Special Agent N. D. Valentine contacted Dr. William C. Inman, formerly residing in Peabody, Massachusetts and presently attached to the staff of the Danvers State Hospital for the Insane, relative to Subject Moran's dental history. Dr. Inman stated

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that he has not seen nor heard from Subject Moran since they graduated from Tufts Medical College over ten years ago. He further stated that he did not know Subject Moran outside of school for the reason that Dr. Moran was a War Veteran and his education was under the sponsorship of the Federal Government, whereas he, Dr. Inman, commuted daily between Lynn and Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. Inman was unable to give any information as to Subject Moran's dental history, except that medical students, if they required any dental attention, would have the work done at the Tufts Dental School.

Reference report of Agent P. M. Plunkett, indicates that Tufts Dental School does not have any dental records of work performed prior to the year 1927.

AT NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS:

In accordance with reference report of Agent Plunkett, reporting Agent ascertained at the Post Office that Dr. R. E. Hubbard now resides and practices medicine in Greenfield, Massachusetts.

AT GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS:

Dr. Roger E. Hubbard, 58 Federal Street, Room 37, advised reporting Agent that he remembered Subject Moran; that he was of sallow complexion and "tough" looking. At the time Subject Moran was married he had an automobile and always seemed to have plenty of money. Dr. Hubbard further stated that Subject Moran was a member of the Alpha Kappa Kappa Fraternity, and that he chummed around with a dentist named David Gallison of Boston, Massachusetts.

With reference to Mr. Moran's dental history, Dr. Hubbard stated that he remembered that at the time, (which was 1924) Subject Moran had a few gold, upper, front teeth and a few gold caps, upper left, and was positive that he had no false teeth. Dr. Hubbard was not certain as to the number of gold teeth or the position of same.

Dr. Hubbard possessed no further information of value, and suggested that Agent contact Dr. Richard Norton, a dentist of Boston, Massachusetts, Dr. Joseph Stanton, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Boston and Dr. David Gallison, Boston.

The result of the interview with Dr. Stanton at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Boston, is reflected in reference report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett.

Dr. Richard Norton, 31 Bay State Road, who is an oral surgeon advised that he had a faint recollection of Subject Moran but did not possess any information of value as to his dental history. He further advised, after searching his records, that he never performed any dental work for Subject Moran.

Dr. David Gallison, 520 Commonwealth Avenue had a faint recollection of Subject Moran, having graduated in the same class from Tufts Medical School, but he had no information of value as to Subject's dental history. He advised Agent that Subject Moran did pathological work under Dr. F. H. Dunbar of Tufts Medical School, for about two years, and he suggested that Agent contact Dr. Dunbar.

Dr. F. H. Dunbar, connected with the Leary Laboratories, 43 Bay State Road, Boston, Massachusetts, stated that he remembered Subject Moran; that Subject Moran was married during his sophomore year at Tufts Medical School, and did research work during the years 1923 and 1924, in the Pathological Department, under him. He further stated that Subject Moran was a brilliant student and a good man to have around the laboratory. He further advised that a few months after Subject Moran left the school a box of slides was missing, and it was suspected that Subject Moran had taken these slides. However, they had no more definite information along this line. Dr. Dunbar did not possess any information regarding Subject Moran's dental history, and suggested that inasmuch as he was a disabled Veteran, possibly the Veterans Administration might have a complete description and information as to the condition of Subject Moran's teeth. However, this lead is being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

On March 18, 1937 the above information was telegraphed to the Chicago, Cincinnati and Cleveland Divisions.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 3/19/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/12 to 17/37	REPORT MADE BY H. C. LESLIE
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 FUG- ITIVES - NATL. FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>FRED WILLIAMS not known at West 143rd Street, New York City in 1921. E. G. COLLARD and PETER F. BRADLEY, U. S. Customs, unable to locate list of guns seized on S. S. East Side. No record of JIM FARR alias JIM PHARR at New York City Police Dept. or State Dept., New York. Mutual Life Insurance Company issued policy to GEORGE G. RORKE; beneficiary changed in 1933 to daughter NANCY; policy lapsed 1934. RORKE employed by Safe Cabinet Co., Wash. D.C., prior to 1920. CHARLES ROGERS and ROBERT LEFEVRE, Washington, D.C. can furnish information concerning RORKE.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent H. C. Leslie, New York City, dated 12/31/36; Report of Special Agent J. A. Murphy, Trenton, N. J., dated 1/18/37; Letter from Little Rock Division to New York Division dated 2/8/37; Report of Special Agent M. H. Price, Buffalo, N. Y., dated 2/23/37.</p> <p><b>COPIES DESTROYED</b> <b>161 JAN 4 1967</b></p> <p>DETAILS: In an effort to locate FRED WILLIAMS, who, according</p>			
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to information was located at 100 West 143rd Street, New York City in 1921, inquiries were made at the above address, which is a three story building used for business purposes.

Mr. GOLDSTEIN, who conducts a jewelry store and pawn shop on the ground floor, advised that he is the only tenant located in this building previous to and during 1921; that the building has changed hands as well as agents, several times since 1921. He stated that he does not recall anyone named WILLIAMS or FRED WILLIAMS, as having been engaged in business, or employed by any concern or individual in the building at any time.

Inquiries at the Post Office concerning removal of FRED WILLIAMS were without result.

Agent again interviewed Mr. E. G. COLLARD, Seizure Room, U. S. Customs, 201 Varick Street, New York City. Mr. COLLARD advised that he made a further search for record of gun seizure on the SS. East Side after Agent's last visit in December 1936, without locating any records beside those previously furnished, and which were set out in the reference report of the writer dated December 31, 1936.

He stated that he took the matter up with Mr. PETER F. BRADLEY, who advised him that while he recalled the seizure on the SS. East Side, he could not recall any of the details. Mr. COLLARD called Mr. BRADLEY by telephone at Staten Island, New York, in order that Agent could speak personally to him relative to the seizure of guns on the SS. East Side.

Mr. BRADLEY stated that he recalls the seizure, but cannot now remember whether he made any list of the guns seized at the time. Agent advised Mr. BRADLEY that the records of the U. S. Attorney's Office at Trenton, New Jersey, reflect that he addressed a letter to the Solicitor of Customs, which letter bore the date of January 23, 1921, and in which he advised there had been 196 guns seized on the SS. East Side; that 382 of the guns had the numbers obliterated, and setting out the numbers of the remaining 114 guns in his letter. He stated that he could not recall the letter in question, and that in his opinion, if the gun bearing #950 was one of the guns seized at the time, it would have been included in the list he sent to the Solicitor of Customs, unless the number was obliterated.

He stated that both he and Mr. COLLARD made a search for the records concerning the seizure, but could not locate any additional papers containing information other than that previously furnished Agent by Mr. COLLARD.

It is to be noted, as set out in the reference report of this Agent dated December 31, 1936, that all records and correspondence of the U. S. Customs up to 1926 have been destroyed.

For the purpose of determining whether there was a criminal record on JIM FARR alias JIM PHARR, this name was furnished to the Bureau of Criminal Identification of the New York Police Department, the State Parole Board, the State Department of Correction and the State's Attorney's Office. Replies from these sources, however, indicated that there was no record on file for any individual named FARR or PHARR.

Special Agent M. J. CONROY contacted the Mutual Life Insurance Company, 34 Nassau Street, New York City, concerning policy issued to GEORGE G. RORKE. The records reflected that policy #2747674, in an amount of \$2,000., had been issued to GEORGE G. RORKE. At the time of the issuance of this policy, RORKE gave his occupation as salesman for the Safe Cabinet Company and the L.C. Smith Typewriter Company; also as Sales Manager of National Sales & Service Company, Washington, D.C. The last correspondence from RORKE was on July 5, 1933, when the beneficiary was changed from Mrs. RORKE to his daughter NANCY. The policy lapsed May 11, 1934.

According to the records, RORKE was born February 21, 1891, at Marshall, Missouri. His last known address was in 1933 when he was located with R. F. DOWNING, Woodward Building, Washington, D.C.

Mr. W. L. CLARKSON, Personnel Manager, Remington-Rand, Inc., 315 Fourth Avenue, New York City, was interviewed concerning RORKE, and advised that he did not recall him or his having been employed by that company, and that their records were located at their Headquarters Office in Buffalo, New York. Mr. CLARKSON referred Agent to Mr. J. B. GRANT, also of the Remington-Rand, Inc.

Mr. J. B. GRANT advised that he did not recall RORKE but that possibly, RALPH DICK or F. B. CUTTER of the Economics and

Marketing Bureau located in the Daily News Building, 42nd Street, New York City, would probably know RORKE, as they were both formerly connected with the Safe Cabinet Company.

Mr. GAUS, who was interviewed in the absence of Messrs. DICK and CUTTER, advised that he recalled RORKE; that RORKE had been employed by the Safe Cabinet Company in Washington, D.C., and that Mr. R. L. WALCOTT of the Do-More Chair Company, 300 Fourth Avenue, New York City, had formerly been Manager of the Safe Cabinet Company at their offices in Washington, D.C. Mr. GAUS also advised that the Safe Cabinet Company merged with Remington-Rand, Inc. in 1925 and that Remington-Rand, Inc. had taken over all the old records of the Safe Cabinet Company.

Mr. R. L. WALCOTT was contacted, and advised that he employed RORKE in Washington, D.C. as a salesman for the Safe Cabinet Company, and that RORKE was with the company for about one year. He stated however, that he has not seen RORKE since about 1920; that subsequent to that time RORKE became involved in running guns to Ireland, and Mr. WALCOTT stated that he met RORKE through a Mr. CHARLES ROGERS, who at the time was with the L. C. Smith Typewriter Company but is presently located with the Underwood people in Washington, D.C. He also stated that ROGERS had told him four or five years ago that RORKE was a private secretary to some wealthy man in New Jersey.

Mr. WALCOTT further advised that RORKE was a particular friend of Mr. ROBERT LeFEVRE of the Procurement Division, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., and he felt certain that Mr. ROGERS or Mr. LeFEVRE could furnish RORKE'S present address.

Agent contacted Mr. THOMAS A. DUFFEY of the L.C. SMITH & CORONA TYPEWRITER COMPANY, 330 Fifth Avenue, New York City, concerning RORKE'S employment with this company. Mr. DUFFEY advised that they retained no records of employees at the New York Office, but that this information was obtainable at the Home Office located at 701 East Washington Street, Syracuse, New York.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION will contact the NATIONAL SALES & SERVICE COMPANY, Washington, D.C. - Mr. R. F. DOWNING, Woodward Building, with whom RORKE was associated in 1933, for any

information in his possession.

Will also contact Mr. CHARLES ROGERS, Underwood Typewriter Company, Washington, D.C., and Mr. ROBERT LeFEVRE, Procurement Division, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., for the same purpose. According to information set out herein, the latter named, Messrs. ROGERS and LeFEVRE, are well-acquainted with RORKE, and can possibly furnish his present address.

The BUFFALO FIELD DIVISION, will contact Remington-Rand, Inc. at Buffalo, New York, concerning RORKE'S employment with the Safe Cabinet Company, which company merged with Remington-Rand, Inc. in 1925, and records of the Safe Cabinet Company are in the possession of Remington-Rand, Inc. at the present time.

Will also contact the L. C. Smith & Corona Typewriter Company, 701 East Washington Street, Syracuse, New York, for any information they may have concerning GEORGE G. RORKE.

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United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles, California  
March 16, 1937

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Mr. J. E. Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Reference is made to your letter of March 8, 1937 (7-576), in connection with the case involving Joseph H. Adams and others, charged with harboring subjects in the Bremer kidnaping case, and particularly to the statements of Mr. T. R. Knight, the father-in-law of Adams, to the effect that I was supposed to have made certain statements to him concerning the employment of an attorney.

This is to advise that I have no recollection whatsoever of having made the statement that is attributed to me by Mr. Knight. I might also state that at the inception of this investigation I had heard many rumors about the alleged political affiliations and activity of Mr. T. R. Knight, with the result that I endeavored to be particularly cautious in dealing not only with him but, also, with Joseph H. Adams, his son-in-law. I made every effort to be careful and cautious in my contacts with these two gentlemen.

Some time after Adams was arrested by the U. S. Marshal and released on bond by the U. S. Commissioner in connection with this case I recall that Knight contacted me at the Cortez Hotel. At that time Knight stated to me that he was desirous of doing everything possible for Adams, mentioning that he thought Adams had apparently been indiscreet in his dealings with the individuals who turned out to be Karpis, Barker and Harry Campbell. Knight mentioned, as I now recall, that Adams was without any funds to defend himself, adding that Adams did not even have an attorney. He mentioned that the counsel who had represented Adams at the Commissioner's hearing was a friend of Adams, who was employed as attorney for the Biscayne Kennel Club. I do not recall the name of this attorney at this time but I remember that Knight stated that he had no confidence in this particular lawyer in connection with criminal matters.

I also recall that Mr. Knight complained that Bart Riley, an attorney in Miami, who is regarded there as the leading criminal lawyer, had indicated that he wanted, as I recall now, either five or ten thousand dollars to handle Adams' case. I paid no particular attention to these

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remarks of Mr. Knight, inasmuch as at that time it did not occur to me that they had any bearing whatsoever on the investigation I was engaged in; consequently, such as with the fee that Riley was supposed to have asked for, I am not certain of the figures but, to the best of my recollection, they are as I have stated.

As I now recall, Mr. Knight complained that Riley, in his opinion, was asking for an excessive fee and Knight talked about the fact that neither he nor Joseph Adams was able to raise the necessary money. I recall definitely that Mr. Knight inquired as to when Adams would be tried in connection with this case and what the procedure was in a criminal matter, and I distinctly recall of courteously explaining to him the meaning of a complaint being filed before the U. S. Commissioner, of the right of the defendant to ask for a hearing before the Commissioner, then of the activity of the Grand Jury with the arraignment after an indictment had been returned, etc. I also distinctly recall explaining to him how a defendant could enter a plea of guilty at a Commissioner's hearing, which only meant that he was waiving hearing; further, that after an indictment was returned, a defendant had a choice of entering a plea of guilty, one of not guilty, or a plea of nolo contendere. I remember that Mr. Knight appeared to be interested in the plea of nolo contendere, asking numerous questions as to the meaning of it, all of which I explained to him to the best of my ability.

As I have indicated above, I have no recollection of having made the statement that has been attributed to me by Mr. Knight. Personally, I feel that this statement from Mr. Knight is like one that he made when on the witness stand in the recent hearings in Miami to the effect that I had assured him that his son-in-law, Joseph H. Adams, would not be arrested. Of course, I had not made any such statement to Mr. Knight.

Very truly yours,

*J. H. Hanson*  
J. H. HANSON

Special Agent in Charge

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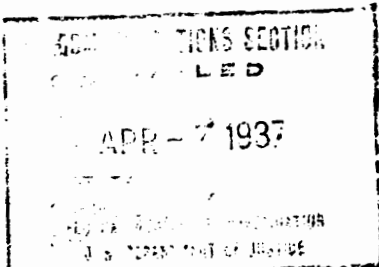
April 7, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOSEPH B. KEENE,  
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Reference is made to your memorandum of February 9, 1937, with which there was transmitted a memorandum prepared by Mr. Charles H. Carr relative to the allegations made by Bart A. Riley, Attorney, and T. R. Knight, of Miami, Florida. Mr. Carr's memorandum contained a statement to the effect that Mr. Knight had claimed that in talking to Special Agent John H. Hanson of this Bureau, Hanson had advised him as follows:

"Don't be foolish and pay out any money for a lawyer. If you have to have a lawyer get some young fellow just out of school and give him a hundred dollars".

Although the memorandum of Mr. Carr indicates that he conferred with Special Agent Hanson concerning this statement and advised that Hanson had informed him there was no foundation for such a statement, I nevertheless have communicated with Special Agent Hanson and he has assured me that he endeavored to be particularly cautious in his dealings with Mr. Knight and has no recollection whatever of having made the statement attributed to him by Knight. This Bureau is conducting no further investigation in this matter in the absence of a specific request from you.



Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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*E.H.*



# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
MARCH 18, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter of October 19, 1936, (Bureau file 7-576) to the Oklahoma City Field Division, a copy of which was furnished Kansas City, which listed sub-machine guns sold by the Federal Laboratories, Inc., in the state of Kansas, from 1928 to January 6, 1936, included among which were machine guns sold to the Sheriff's Office at Sharon Springs and the Police Department at Emporia, Kansas.

Please be advised that Special Agent W. W. Baker made inquiries at Sharon Springs, where he interviewed former Sheriff Frank Woodburn, who stated that in April, 1934, he was Sheriff and upon authority of the County Commissioners he purchased directly, by mail, from the Federal Laboratories, Inc., at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Thompson submachine gun number 5272. This gun was personally examined by Agent Baker with the permission of Orville Walker, the present Sheriff, and the number thereon was found to be 5272, which is identical with the gun alleged to have been sold to the Sheriff on May 7, 1934.

Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, at Emporia, Kansas, contacted the City Clerk and it was ascertained from him that Thompson submachine gun number 12452 was purchased on May 19, 1933, from an Agent of the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The name of the Agent who sold the gun was not available. It is to be noted that the number of this machine gun, 12452, is identical with the number listed on the photostatic copy of such weapons furnished this Field Division by the Bureau.

With respect to the instructions contained in Bureau letter of March 9, 1937, to the Oklahoma City Division, copy of which was furnished Kansas City, you are advised that there

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are only a few remaining inquiries to be made with respect to this matter, which will be completed at the very earliest practicable time, and the results thereof furnished the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

March 18, 1937

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of Inspector E. J. Connelley, dated at Tacoma, Washington, March 16, 1937, wherein he states his belief that it will be feasible to expend \$50.00 for the purpose of financing Tal Sullivan of Canton, Ohio in contacting Tip O'Neil of Cleveland, Ohio, for the purpose of ascertaining the present whereabouts of Benson Groves.

Please be advised that Tal Sullivan is a half-brother of Jumbo Crowley, deceased, the latter, as previous reports in this case have indicated, having, during his lifetime, been the chief contact of various underworld characters at Canton, Ohio, including Benson Groves, Tip O'Neil and other notorious "Soup" men. Tal Sullivan was recently contacted by agents of this division, and expressed his willingness to visit Cleveland, Ohio for the purpose of contacting Tip O'Neil in an effort to ascertain the present whereabouts of Benson Groves.

Sullivan was very close to Jumbo Crowley, and by virtue of this association came to know many of the underworld contacts of Jumbo Crowley. He is at the present time a man sixty-eight years of age, and without funds. It is his opinion, as well as the opinion of numerous past contacts of Benson Groves, that Tip O'Neil is the best possible source of information with reference to Groves's present whereabouts.

Bureau authority is hereby requested for the expenditure of a sum not exceeding \$50.00, to be paid to Tal Sullivan for the purpose of financing a trip for him from

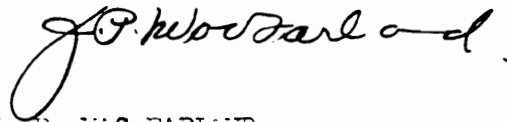
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Canton, Ohio to Cleveland, Ohio, in order to have him contact Tip O'Neil in an effort to obtain information as to the present location of Benson Groves.

Very truly yours,



J. P. MFC FARLAND,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Inspector E. J. Connelley, Tacoma  
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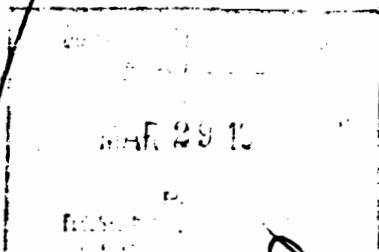
Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:      Re:   GEORGE TIMINEX; DR. JOSEPH P.  
                         MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
                         I. O. 1232; ET AL; EDWARD  
                         GEORGE BREMER - Victim; KID-  
                         NAPPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
                         HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
                         NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

With reference to your letter dated March  
18, 1937, requesting authority to expend a sum  
not exceeding \$50 to be paid to Ted Sullivan of  
Canton, Ohio to finance a trip from Canton to  
Cleveland, Ohio, in order to contact Tip O'Neil  
in an effort to obtain information concerning the  
present location of Benson Groves, please be ad-  
vised that you are hereby authorized to expend a  
sum not exceeding \$50 for this purpose.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



A handwritten signature or set of initials, possibly "JPH", written in cursive.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

732 Rust Building  
Tacoma, Washington

March 16, 1937

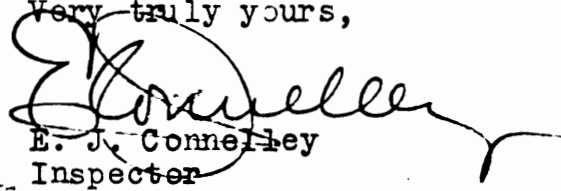
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of copy of letter of the Cleveland Field Division dated March 11, 1937, together with copy of enclosure representing a memorandum prepared by Special Agent E. J. Wynn showing a review of the summary submitted by Special Attorneys Foster and Shanahan of the Department, and it is my opinion that additional information referred to by Special Agent E. J. Wynn as previously reflected in summary report of the Cleveland office submitted to the United States Attorney should be carefully considered in determining what individuals should be considered as potential subjects in the harboring prosecution and particularly with reference to those subjects who apparently were not included as prospective subjects in the memorandum submitted by the Special Attorneys.

Very truly yours,

  
E. J. Connelley  
Inspector

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 3/18/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/1, 11, 15, 16 & 17/37	REPORT MADE BY V. E. CRISS VEC:mwc
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.a., FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: CLARA GIBSON reinterviewed and in a signed statement gave some additional information on her stay in Toledo, Ohio, with RUSSELL GIBSON during a two to three week period in 1934.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from Cleveland Field Division dated February 16, 1937.</p> <p>DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</p> <p>Mrs. GEORGE GUYMON, 4316 North Clarendon Avenue, telephone Bittersweet 8251, was interviewed and advised that Mrs. CLARA GIBSON would be returning to Chicago on Sunday, March 14, 1937.</p> <p>Mrs. CLARA GIBSON, with aliases, was interviewed at the Chicago Field Division, questioned, and shown all available pictures of persons known to have harbored, or suspected of harboring, any of the principal Subjects in instant case at Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio.</p> <p>She willingly, and apparently to the best of her ability, was only able to amplify to a small extent her statement made to Special Agent K.R. McINTIRE, dated January 13, 1935, at Chicago, Illinois, which is set out in the report of Agent McINTIRE, dated at Chicago, Illinois, January 25, 1935.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">She made the following signed statement:</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3-Bureau 2-Cincinnati 2-St. Paul 2-Cleveland (Enc) 2-Chicago		<div style="text-align: right;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</div> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">7-576-13811</div> <div style="text-align: right;">MAR 22 1937</div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"><i>[Signature]</i></div>	

1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.  
March 17, 1937.

I, CLARA GIBSON, do make this free and voluntary statement to V. E. CRISS, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, without any threats or violence, or promises of reward of any kind.

I was married to RUSSELL GIBSON on February 24, 1923, at Independence, Missouri. After being married, we lived in Kansas City, Missouri, where RUSSELL GIBSON, known as "Slim", worked as a professional gambler for JOHN LAZIA, who at that time controlled the liquor traffic, slot machines, gambling and sugar houses in Kansas City, as well as operated a finance office.

During the latter part of 1927, RUSSELL was sentenced to serve two years in the penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, on a charge of assault with a dangerous and deadly weapon. I went to Jefferson City and lived next to the penitentiary where I could visit with him. He served between 12 and 14 months of his sentence and about February, 1929, he was paroled and we returned to Kansas City to live. We lived together at Kansas City for about two months when he started to run around with other women. We separated and he went to Oklahoma.

With a brother of mine I came to Chicago to live, which was about May, 1929. RUSSELL again became involved with the law in Oklahoma and while in the County Jail, escaped therefrom and came to Chicago about September of 1929. I had obtained work in Chicago and he took up gambling, which was his profession. We lived in various apartments in Chicago under the name of Mr. and Mrs. ROY GRAY.

About three or four years after arriving in Chicago, RUSSELL in some way met OLIVER BERG and another man known to me as "HEINE". Both of these men had served time in Joliet Penitentiary and had only been recently released therefrom. Through them RUSSELL met Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN, who had been a doctor at Joliet Penitentiary while he was incarcerated there. RUSSELL was induced to go to Dr. MORAN for treatments for a social disease which he had.



He took me to Dr. MORAN's office which was located in about the 4400 or 4800 block on Irving Park Boulevard, and it was through this means that I became acquainted with Dr. MORAN. There I met "JIMMIE" or JAMES WILSON, supposedly a distant relative of MORAN, and who MORAN stated he was going to send through school. I also saw at Dr. MORAN's office an old man who I learned was "Boss" McLAUGHLIN, and who Dr. MORAN said was a very sick man who had only about six months to live, and who was also "broke".

About the latter part of 1933 or the first part of 1934, RUSSELL and I signed a lease for a year on an apartment at 626 Waveland Avenue and had been there a short time when on an occasion about the latter part of April, 1934, RUSSELL came home and said that Dr. MORAN and "JIMMIE" were in a little trouble and that they, (not knowing who but referring to some officers), were checking Dr. MORAN's records and that we would have to leave for a while or undoubtedly we would be questioned due to the fact that he was a patient of Dr. MORAN and his name appeared on his records, and we could not afford to be questioned. RUSSELL told me that I should leave the apartment and not return to it until he told me to; that he was going out of town on a trip for a week or two and that I should take a room somewhere in Chicago for a couple of weeks. I moved from place to place.

During the period that RUSSELL was away from Chicago, I learned through a colored helper from the garage where we had our Buick automobile stored that the Police were in the garage and watching the car. In about two weeks, RUSSELL returned to Chicago and through an old lady, a Mrs. KUHN, with whom OLIVER BERG had lived, learned where I was. He said he had been to Toledo and that gambling was "wide open" there, and that he had an opportunity to obtain a position on a percentage basis in a gambling place. We then left for Toledo, Ohio. This was about the middle of May, 1934.

We left in RUSSELL's Ford automobile. Upon arriving at Toledo we spent the first night at a hotel which I believe was the one occupied by Dr. MORAN and "JIMMIE". I do not recall the name under which we registered.

The next day we rented an apartment on Collingwood Avenue. The apartment was located in a duplex building. As I remember,

there were three of these buildings together. We had the upper apartment in the building adjacent to the corner. I believe that the names we used were Mr. and Mrs. J. or JAMES ROGERS or ROBERTS. We lived in this apartment for about two or three weeks. RUSSELL started to run around again, which resulted in our separation, and I came back to Chicago.

During the period that we were in Toledo, OLIVER BERG lived with us for a portion of the time. I also saw Dr. MORAN and JAMES WILSON. These were the only people that I now recall that I knew by name.

We ate out most of the time. As I recall, one of the places where we ate was a Chinese restaurant, which was located close to the apartment.

Another place where we ate most of the time was located on what was known to me as "The Point" and it required about one-half to three-quarters of an hour to drive to it from our apartment. At this particular place, I believe they had a large black and white dog which I used to play with. The place, I don't know if it was called a restaurant or tavern or what, was very large and as you entered, the bar was on the left-hand side next to the wall. In front of the bar were a large number of tables and in the rear was the kitchen. The cook was a lady about 45 to 50 years of age, who could be observed cooking while one sat at the tables. She served very good food which was similar to home cooking. I believe that on one occasion while at the place where they had the large black and white dog, I met a girl known as "MERT", who was very drunk, and who RUSSELL told me had to have a quart of whiskey a day.

At the time there were present OLIVER BERG, JAMES WILSON, Dr. MORAN and others whom I did not know. RUSSELL and I went up to the bar and were introduced to the bartender, a large man, whose girl friend was very small. His girl friend was also introduced to us and she was sitting on a stool in front of the bar. I believe that this place was also being reconstructed at the time I was there.

On one occasion at this place I remember that we stayed until after midnight and everyone became fairly well intoxicated.

They had a colored orchestra consisting of two men and a colored girl. Dr. MORAN danced with the colored girl. I remember that on this occasion I observed four men, who clearly appeared to be plainclothesmen, come into this place. I became frightened and mentioned to RUSSELL that we had better leave. He stated that "they are all right. They are merely here to get a drink themselves," which they did. I do not know if these were city of Toledo police, deputy sheriffs of the county in which Toledo is located, or State or Federal Prohibition officers.

There was another place that we often frequented which was also located on "The Point", to which one had to drive a car through an entrance. The car was parked in a small parking lot near the building. The building appeared to be an old residence, the front part of which contained a large room which was made into a dining room and which also contained a bar. At the rear of this house there was a trap-shooting field. OLIVER BERG and RUSSELL often spent much time shooting clay pigeons at this place. RUSSELL seemed to know the bartender at this place very well.

I often stayed at home and cooked the meals but RUSSELL came home late in the evening or the morning and when I would ask him where he had been, he would state that he was at "NIG's" gambling.

On one occasion I heard "JIMMIE", while drunk, mention about RUSSELL and he and the others being out with women. I asked RUSSELL about it and he would not deny it, so I left and came to Chicago, leaving RUSSELL at Toledo.

Upon returning to Chicago, I took a room at the Hayes Hotel on the south side, remaining there about four days. I then moved to a room in the 6400 block on Kimbark Avenue. At each of these places I used the name of either CLARA or SUE ROGERS. About a week after returning to Chicago, accompanied by my sister I was coming out of the entrance to Marshall Field's store when I ran into RUSSELL, who was coming out of the alley back of Marshall Field's store. He told me he was living at the Harrison Hotel. I then went back to live with him.

RUSSELL and I remained at the Harrison Hotel about four days. OLLIE came to visit us there. He said that he left Toledo due to the fact that the living was too high. RUSSELL never told me why he left Toledo.

The only conversation I ever had with RUSSELL about Toledo was about a boat ride he had taken. This was in a boat which he had thought something about buying when we were in Toledo. As I remember he said it had been out of the water for sometime, but was a very nice boat and he could buy it for \$100.00. Apparently someone who knew how to run the boat had taken JIMMIE WILSON, his girl, RUSSELL and perhaps some others for a ride in this boat and they were almost drowned as something fell off the bottom.

I never did hear any conversation between RUSSELL and OLLIE BERG in which they talked about Toledo or people living there. I never heard RUSSELL mention Cleveland, Ohio.

RUTH HEIDT, WILLIE HARRISON'S former wife, came to live with me as she was out of work. Subsequently, I met BYRON BOLTON as ANDY ALLEN, and ARTHUR BARKER as JOE MORLEY. This was as I recall about three months after I left Toledo. I do not believe I ever heard JOE MORLEY speak more than a dozen words. When he came to visit us, RUTH and I were ordered to or knew that we were to leave the room. I often sat in the room and heard conversations between RUSSELL and OLLIE or RUSSELL and ANDY ALLEN but they never talked about Toledo or Cleveland.

I have read this statement consisting of five pages and I have initialed or signed each and every page. It is a true statement to the best of my recollection.

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CLARA GIBSON

WITNESSES:

VERNON E. CRISS, Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Mrs. GIBSON was shown pictures of all Subjects in instant case including EDWARD McGRAW, GEORGE TIMINEY, BERT ANGUS, FRED HUNTER, BENSON GROVES, MILTON LETT and wife. There were no available pictures of JOSEPH ROSCOE or THEODORE ANGUS. She was able to identify pictures of BYRON BOLTON, ARTHUR (DOC) BARKER, MYRTLE EATON, Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN, JAMES WILSON, WILLIAM HARRISON and CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD alias "Pretty Boy", as persons she had known.

The names and aliases of all Subjects and probable Subjects, as well as names of taverns, clubs, hotels, apartments, and addresses, were mentioned to her but she maintained that she did not know or could not recall hearing of these persons or places through RUSSELL GIBSON or his associates except those persons mentioned in her statements to Agent McINTIRE and this Agent.

The original of the incorporated statement is being forwarded to the Cleveland Division with this report.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1300 Biscayne Building  
Miami, Florida

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March 18, 1937

~~PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In connection with the trial of Joe Adams, et al, which as the Bureau knows, has been set for June 7, 1937 before the Honorable Alexander Akerman, Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, who resides in the Tampa Division, this is to advise that on the Sixteenth instant I was in Tampa and while paying my respects to Judge Akerman he casually mentioned the Adams case and stated that when the question of suppressing the confessions of Adams, et al was recently presented to him in Miami he decided that the question was not properly before the Court but he informed me that if the statements of the defense as to the manner in which these confessions were obtained are true, he would "throw them out the window". I did not go into the question with him at the time as to how the statements were obtained and made no comment on his remark.

Judge Akerman is very strict in seeing that the rights of the defendants in his court are safeguarded and in my opinion he is inclined to give the benefit of the doubt to the defendants if a question is raised and there is not overwhelming proof to the contrary. If the confessions in question are suppressed, I am of the opinion that act by the Court will in itself reflect upon the Bureau. I believe I can get the matter presented to the Judge in its proper light beforehand if the Bureau thinks it would be proper. I would not, of course, present it to him personally but would deal through the Chief Deputy Clerk of the United States District Court, Mr. Julian Flake, at Tampa, a personal friend of mine in whom the Judge has every confidence.

Very truly yours,

*A. L. Shivers*  
A. L. SHIVERS  
Special Agent in Charge

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March 27, 1937.

Mr. R. L. Shivers,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
1300 Biscayne Building,  
Miami, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE THURNEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
with aliases, Fugitive - I. O. #1232;  
ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL  
FINANCIAL ACT.

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated  
March 18, 1937, relative to your recent interview  
with Judge Alexander Akerman concerning the question  
of suppressing the confessions which may be used by  
the Government in the prosecution of Joe Adams.

In view of the attitude of Adams and his  
attorney, it is believed advisable to inform Judge  
Akerman of the facts surrounding the obtaining of  
these statements. Accordingly, the Bureau desires  
that at your first opportunity you arrange for an  
interview with Judge Akerman and discreetly explain  
to him the actual facts surrounding the obtaining  
of the confessions, so he will be in possession of  
firsthand knowledge of same when the case is brought  
to trial.

Following this interview, the Bureau should  
be promptly advised of the results thereof.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth  
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Mr. Ladd  
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Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

MARCH 19, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: B R E K I D

Please refer to a letter from the Omaha Field Division to the Bureau dated March 16, 1937, which requests the Kansas City Field Division to obtain certain information with respect to Jess Doyle.

You are advised that Special Agent B. P. Cruise made inquiry at Topeka, Kansas, concerning this matter. The records in the office of the United States Attorney, Topeka, Kansas, show that Jess Doyle was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury, Topeka, Kansas, February 18, 1937, along with Jack Rich, John Langdon, Clarence Sparger, Tom Hill and Floyd Isaacs for violation of Section 320, Title 18, U.S.C., and the bond for each was placed at \$35,000. according to Miss Doris Kendle, Chief Clerk in the United States Attorney's office. Jess Doyle plead guilty to the indictment before U. S. District Judge Richard J. Hopkins, Topeka, Kansas, on March 1, 1937, and his sentence was deferred to an unset later date.

Miss Geneva Fletcher, Deputy United States Marshal, Topeka, Kansas, referred to her records and informed that on March 5, 1937, Jess Doyle was removed by the U. S. Marshal's office from the County Jail, Topeka, to the Douglas County Jail, Lawrence, Kansas, at which latter jail Doyle is presently incarcerated as Federal prisoner.

Miss Kendle further informed that the above mentioned Federal indictment is a Third Division case and that the criminal docket pertaining thereto will be found in the office of the U. S. District Court, Fort Scott, Kansas, where this is case number 1209.

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Miss Kendle stated that Jess Doyle had been taken to Independence, Kansas a week or so ago to testify in State Court. The United States Attorney's file showed Doyle was desired as a witness (having given a statement to Joe Anderson, of the Kansas

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Highway Patrol) at the preliminary hearing of Al Sherwood on March 5, 1937, on a charge of robbery of the County Treasurer, Independence, on January 30, 1935. The file showed that Sherwood is alleged to have fingered the robbery for Jess Doyle, Volney Davis and John Langdon.

When sentence is passed upon Doyle, data with respect thereto will be obtained and furnished the Bureau and interested Field Divisions.

Very truly yours,

  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

DE:os

cc - Oklahoma City  
Cleveland  
Cincinnati  
Chicago  
St. Paul

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

March 18, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas

RE: BREXID

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of February 12, 1937,  
you will find enclosed a picture of Frank E. Thompson.  
His description in 1929 as obtained from the Chicago  
Police Department is as follows:

Age:	42 to 45 years
Height:	5' 6 or 7"
Weight:	Approximately 165 to 170
Complexion:	Dark
Hair:	dark brown mixed with gray.
Face:	Smooth shaven
Scars:	Small scar on right side of neck; nose broken and slightly flat on end.
Appearance:	Good dresser and very neat about himself.

Very truly yours,

D. W. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1300 Liberty Trust Building,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

March 19, 1936.

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

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Referring to Bureau teletype of even date, I am transmitting herewith, via registered mail, the following:-

Statement of William A. Morley, dated 1-21-35.  
Statement of Mrs. Elizabeth Morley, dated  
1-21-35.  
Affidavit of William Roberts, dated 1-20-35.  
Statement of Daniel Francis Young, dated  
1-22-35.  
Statement of Samuel E. Morley, dated  
1-22-35.

The report of former Special Agent J. R. Sharp, Philadelphia, Pa., dated 2-5-35, on page 30, reflects that the note written by Duke Randall referring Dolores Delaney to the Danmore Hotel, was transmitted with copies of that report to the Jacksonville Office and I have, by teletype, requested the Jacksonville Bureau Office to furnish that note immediately to the Bureau.

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& Very truly yours,  
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R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

St. Louis

FILE NO. 7-43

REPORT MADE AT <b>St. Louis, Missouri</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-19-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3-17-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. S. BUSH</b> <span style="float: right;">DB</span>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMNEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. 1232 et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> William B. Hite is approximately 42 years of age, married, resides at Webster Groves, Mo., and sells gambling devices. Has resided in Webster Groves for number of years. Apparently has no police record, and credit record apparently satisfactory.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Letter from Kansas City Field Division dated 3-15-37.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> Upon receipt of the letter of reference, Agent ascertained that the St. Louis County Directory for 1936 listed William B. Hite Jr. as residing at 20 East Big Bend Boulevard, Webster Groves, Missouri. This directory further indicated that his wife Elsie L. Hite, resides at that address and that Hite's business is "Amusements". However, no business address was shown in the St. Louis County Directory or the City of St. Louis Directory.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">b2d</p> <p>It was ascertained [REDACTED] that Hite was 35 years of age in 1931, and stated he was a candy jobber operating at the East Big Bend Boulevard address; that he had formerly been connected with the Blanke-Wenneker Candy Company, now defunct, and that he formerly resided at 4916 Itaska Street, St. Louis, Missouri [REDACTED]</p> <p>Desk Sergeant J. W. Tice of the Webster Groves Police Department was interviewed, the nature of the investigation not being disclosed to Sergeant Tice, Agent merely advising him for the purpose of procuring the desired information, that he was desirous of securing</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>V. W. [Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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information regarding one Hite, who formerly resided in Webster Groves, and who was believed to have been a plumber. Sergeant Tice stated that the only Hite he knew was William B. Hite of 20 East Big Bend Boulevard, who was in the Pin Ball Machine business, and who probably also handled slot machines. He stated that William B. Hite was approximately 42 years of age, and that his parents, now believed to be deceased, had owned the frame house at that address for a number of years; that William B. Hite also had a brother, name unknown, and that either William or his brother had served a term in the Missouri State Penitentiary several years ago on a burglary and larceny charge. It was Sergeant Tice's opinion that William was the one who had been sent to the penitentiary and that he had been convicted at St. Louis. However, no record of Hite could be found at the St. Louis Police Department or at the Sheriff's Office, Clayton, Missouri.

The only additional descriptive data Sergeant Tice could furnish of Hite was that he is tall, thin, and has a pale complexion. He further stated that Hite drove a tan Ford sedan, which, to the best of his recollection, was a 1931 model and that Hite had never engaged in any business other than handling Pin Ball Machines and other machines of that type.

Agent observed several automobiles parked in the rear of the Hite house but was able to procure the license number of only one of these cars which was a 1933 model Ford sedan bearing 1937 Missouri license 278-349, which, investigation revealed, was issued to William H. Vierling who is listed as a painter, residing at 705 E. Swon Avenue, Webster Groves, Missouri.

No additional investigation will be conducted at St. Louis, Missouri with reference to Hite, unless requested by the Little Rock Division.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION at Jefferson City, Missouri will ascertain whether or not Hite has served a sentence in the Missouri State Penitentiary procuring all information available regarding him at that institution.

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FBI JACKSONVILLE

3-19-36

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DIRECTOR

PHONE BREAKID. JAMES DONN PRESIDENT EXOTIC GARDENS INC. 2790 NW 17TH AVENUE MIAMI FLORIDA HAS ORIGINAL TELEGRAM DELIVERED TO HIS COMPANY BY WESTERN UNION NOVEMBER 29, 1934 FROM HENRY KRUGER FLORIST OCALA READING AS FOLLOWS "MR AND MRS JOE ADAMS EL COMODORO HOTEL EARLY TOMORROW ONE DOZEN YELLOW AND WHITE LILYS SIX DOLLARS CARD P C BLACBURN MRS G. E. RYAN". THIS MESSAGE SENT NIGHT LETTER AND IS RECORDED IN RECORDS EXOTIC GARDENS UNDER NUMBER 1-6196. THOMAS DONN MANAGER DOWNTOWN BRANCH EXOTIC GARDENS INC. 2 NW NORTH RIVER DRIVE HAS ORIGINAL RECEIPT SHOWING DELIVERY OF FLOWERS TO PERSONS INDICATED SIGNED G. E. GRAY. THIS RECEIPT IS RECORDED IN RECORDS OF EXOTIC GARDENS DOWNTOWN OFFICE UNDER NUMBER 6196. WILL COMPLETE INQUIRIES OCALA SOON AS POSSIBLE AND

*Press investigation as it may prove interesting.*

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Miss Gandy .....

FBI JACKSONVILLE 3-20-36 3-35 PM LFS

DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREMID. RETELETEYPE YESTERDAY WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY Ocala  
ADVISES DESTROYED MESSAGE IN QUESTION ABOUT DECEMBER FIRST NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE  
IN ACCORDANCE ESTABLISHED PRACTICE AFTER EXPIRATION TWELVE MONTHS. ONLY  
RECORD IN POSSESSION THAT COMPANY IS CARBON COPY OF STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT OF  
HENRY KRUGER FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR WHICH CONTAINS A  
CHARGE OF FOUR TWO CENTS FOR MESSAGE TO MIAMI ON NOVEMBER TWENTY EIGHT  
NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR. T. D. FARQUHAR MANAGER WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY  
OCALA HAS CUSTODY OF THIS RECORD.

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732 Rust Building  
Ticona, Washington

March 16, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

With reference to the situation as to furnishing the possible testimony of Special Agent E. J. Wynn and myself as against Edith Barry which was previously prepared in memorandum form, it is believed the U. S. Attorney should be furnished this information in detail with the indication thereon that Edith Barry furnished information to us as to Harry Campbell. We should indicate to the U. S. Attorney that at the time Edith Barry furnished us this information I advised her that if she furnished us with definite information as to the location of Karpis and Campbell I would make a definite recommendation to the U. S. Attorney having jurisdiction that she not be prosecuted for harboring Karpis and Campbell.

In connection with the consideration being given the employment of Tal Sullivan, Canton, Ohio, as an informant to possibly locate Benson Groves through particularly Tip O'Neil, it is believed that the expenditure of approximately \$50.00 would be well spent for this purpose in paying his expenses to contact O'Neil at Cleveland.

I do not know the terms of the \$2000 reward offered for Benson Groves or the limitations placed upon same by the Post Office Department as to whom such information should be furnished in order to qualify for the payment of such reward; however, I believe this is covered in the general provisions of the Post Office Department offering \$2000 reward to anyone who furnishes information leading

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to the arrest of a person guilty of mail train robbery, particularly wherein the postal employees' lives have been subjected to danger by dangerous weapons. It is suggested that the postal rules and regulations be consulted as to this in order that we may be in position to know whether or not, provided Tal Sullivan furnishes us with information leading to the arrest of Benson Groves and we therefore apprehend Benson Groves, he could be qualified for the reward. We should be careful not to commit yourself in this situation unless we definitely know this can be done in your discussions with Sullivan.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley  
Inspector.

EJC:B  
cc Bureau  
Cincinnati  
Chicago

EAT:CDW

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

March 20, 1937.

Time - 11:05 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Doc Moran.

Special Agent E. J. Wynn telephoned me from the Cleveland Office with reference to the exhuming of the body at Toledo, Ohio, thought to be that of Doc Moran. He said they contemplate going to Toledo next Monday and make the necessary arrangements to exhume this body.

Mr. Wynn said they have received from the Chicago and Boston Offices reports setting forth all of the information in the possession of those two offices which could be used in identifying the body. From the Chicago Office, the report indicates that the best possibility of identification lies in the report that Doc Moran had a piece of shrapnel in his lung tissue, and possibly a broken rib or two. It appears that the Veterans Administration file relative to Doc Moran has been misplaced or lost, and the Veterans Administration officials have not been able to find it. Mr. Wynn said that if the ribs of the dead man are still in such a condition that they can be X-Rayed, it may be possible to determine that the ribs were broken, and that the shrapnel, which is alleged to be about as large as a pea, is still there. The report from Boston indicates that from the personal recollection of former associates and dentists, there is a possibility of Doc Moran's having had gold teeth. No charts, however, were ever apparently made.

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Mr. Wynn said that at the time inquiry was made at Toledo about this matter, a reputable physician indicated that it was impossible to tell as to the condition of the bones without seeing the body, but that there was a possibility if the bones had been broken, there might be a cartilage which formed over the break still evident.

Mr. Wynn said that they will probably start on the disinterment sometime Monday. He said they don't have to go through any court procedure in connection with this matter; the coroner has to get permission to make the disinterment from the Public Health Officer, and this is the only procedure they have to go through. Mr. Wynn said that as he indicated to the Bureau in a letter, the only possibility of publicity will be through these two county officials, but he is going to impress upon them the secrecy of this situation, and further impress upon them that if publicity does come out, we will know where it comes from because they are the only ones who know about it. Mr. Wynn will keep the Bureau advised as to developments.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MARCH 22, 1937.

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

SAC,  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS.

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BREKID. MR. WATERS, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, HAS  
MADE INQUIRY REGARDING RESULTS OF INTERVIEW RECENTLY HAD BY AGENT  
MEDELLA WITH CASSEUS McDONALD FOR ANY INFORMATION McDONALD MAY HAVE  
GIVEN WHICH MIGHT BE USED IN THE TRIAL OF JOE ADAMS. BUREAU HAS NO  
REPORT OF THIS INTERVIEW. ASCERTAIN IMMEDIATELY WHETHER MEDELLA SUBMITTED  
REPORT AND IF NOT ARRANGE FOR PROMPT SUBMISSION OF SAME TO BUREAU.

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*Edw. V. Egan*  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-36

REPORT MADE AT Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE 3/18/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/7/37	REPORT MADE BY C. O. Hurt
TITLE GEORGE TIMNEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.C. #1232; Et Al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnaping; Obstruction of Justice; Harboring of Fugitives; National Firearms Act.

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Investigation around Eagletown, Okla. reveals "Bass" Thompson has lived in this community about four years and has had no strangers living at his home. Thompson, upon interview, stated he knew numerous Police characters around Tulsa, Okla.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent John R. Welles, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 12/31/36.

**DETAILS:**

Agent was advised by L. C. Roundtree, Deputy Sheriff, Broken Bow, Oklahoma, that he first met "Bass" Thompson when he moved to Broken Bow about four years ago and has seen Thompson three or four times a week since Thompson has lived in this community. Roundtree stated he formerly lived near the Thompson farm and went by there each time he went to town; that he frequently stopped and visited with Thompson but never noticed any strangers or strange automobiles around the Thompson farm.

Gene Harris, City Marshal, Broken Bow, Oklahoma, stated he is well acquainted with "Bass" Thompson and has on numerous occasions been to the Thompson farm but never at any time noticed any strange automobiles or strange men around the Thompson place; that since Thompson has lived in the Broken Bow community, he has lived the life of an honorable and upright citizen and he does not believe Thompson ever harbored anybody at his farm.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>C. W. Little</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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Deputy Sheriff Roundtree and City Marshal Harris accompanied Agent to the Thompson farm, where an interview was had with "Bass" Thompson. He stated he was born and reared around Bartlesville, Okla. and for the past several years has been in the dog racing business all over the United States and in Cuba; that during this time he met and became acquainted with numerous Police characters such as the Barker brothers, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, "Burrhead" Keady, "Dutch" Moncrief and others; that Moncrief is the only one of these outlaws who ever frequented his home and Moncrief was only in his home one time shortly after he escaped from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

Thompson stated he met several of these individuals through his brother, Guy Thompson, but since he moved to the Broken Bow community about four and one-half years ago, he lost track of all of these outlaws except what he read in the papers; that at no time since he has lived in the Broken Bow community, have any of these outlaws ever frequented his home.

No neighborhood inquiry was made for the reason that Forney Jones, the only neighbor living within sight of the Thompson farm, according to Deputy Sheriff Roundtree and City Marshal Harris, is a wholesale whiskey distiller and very unreliable, who would furnish no information.

It might also be noted that investigation at Broken Bow, Oklahoma revealed Thompson owns and has in his custody about 1500 acres of land which he is farming and using as pasture, and that Thompson has prospered in the community by raising cattle.

The following description of "Bass" Thompson was obtained from personal interview:

Age - 50  
Height - 5' 7½"  
Weight - 160 lbs.  
Hair - brown, partially bald  
Eyes - blue  
Face - round  
Marks or scars - left eye out.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-1

REPORT MADE AT CLEVELAND, OHIO	DATE WHEN MADE 3/20/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/2,3/37	REPORT MADE BY E. J. WYNN
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Victor Gajdos, Byron Carson, J. Hamley and Helene Kachmere corroborated certain phases of statements furnished by Florence Jasany and Sally Jackson.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent A. P. Kitchin, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, November 17, 1936.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. W. Wynn</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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It is to be recalled that Sally Jackson and Florence Jasany furnished signed statements, dated November 11, 1936, with reference to the association of Anthony J. Amersbach and Art Hebebrand with several members of the Barker-Karpis gang at the Twilight Tavern, Parma, Ohio.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and E. J. Wynn, in an effort to corroborate certain angles of the statements furnished by the sisters above referred to.

On March 2, 1937, Victor Gajdos, 3455 West 52nd Street, was interviewed, at which time he stated that he was a member of an orchestra, comprised of himself, Byron Carson and J. Hamley; that he recalled that in the spring of 1935, his orchestra played at a Chicken Fry at the Twilight Tavern, operated by Sally Jackson and her two sisters; that although he could not remember the exact date of this Chicken Fry, he could recall that it was on Sunday and that it was an all-night drunken brawl.

He stated that there were numerous people at this particular Chicken Fry and that as the night progressed, the crowd became hilarious; that he, Gajdos, recognized Arthur Hebebrand and Anthony J. Amersbach at the Chicken Fry, knowing them from previous acquaintance at the Harvard Club. He identified photographs of Anthony J. Amersbach and Arthur Hebebrand, and as a token of his identification, he signed his name on the reverse sides of the photographs.

Gajdos stated that there was one man in particular who tipped the orchestra very generously and requested old time pieces; that he particularly recalled that this man had a very large roll of money, and consistently insisted that the "Missouri Waltz" be played. He was shown photographs of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Fred Hunter, Sam Coker and John F. "Sharkey" Gorman, but was unable to identify any of these photographs as being the likeness of the man who gave him the very generous tips.

He was unable to identify any of the persons who associated with Arthur Hebebrand and Anthony J. Amersbach on the night in question, and was unable to state at what hour Arthur Hebebrand left the Twilight Tavern, but did say that when he, Gajdos, left the Twilight Tavern at 5:15 A.M., Anthony J. Amersbach was still there.

He further stated that he only played at the Twilight Tavern on one other occasion and then but for a very short time, inasmuch as a fight occurred at about 8:00 P.M., resulting in the place closing up.

Byron Carson, 3124 West 53th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, a member

of Victor Gajdos' orchestra, stated that he recalled the occasion of playing at the Twilight Tavern on a Sunday in the spring of 1935 at a time that the Twilight Tavern had a Chicken Fry, which was well attended by patrons and which lasted all night; that he played until about 5:15 A.M., when he left with the other members of the orchestra; that the orchestra originally contemplated leaving the place at about 1:00 A.M., and as a matter of fact, they were packing up their instruments at that time, when a man came up and gave him \$10.00 to have the orchestra continue playing. This particular man, at frequent intervals during the remainder of the night, gave other tips to the orchestra, always insisting that old time pieces be played, particularly the "Missouri Waltz;" that as the night progressed, this particular man became very drunk and pulled up a table near the orchestra and finally dozed off to sleep; that he, Carson, asked Sally Jackson who this man was and she replied that it was her brother.

Byron Carson, from a number of photographs shown him, selected the photograph of Alvin Karpis as being somewhat the likeness of the man observed by him, but in this regard, stated that he could not be positive, inasmuch as this incident occurred so long ago, and that there was nothing other than the generous tips provided by this individual to attract his attention to him.

Carson was unable to identify the photographs of Arthur Hebebrand and Anthony J. Amersbach, or any members of the Barker-Karpis gang as having been observed by him at the Twilight Tavern.

J. Hamley, 3415 Valley View Drive, Parma, Ohio, a member of Victor Gajdos' orchestra, recalled having played at the Twilight Tavern on a Sunday night in the spring of 1935, at a Chicken Fry. From a large number of photographs exhibited to him, he stated that he was able to partially identify Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis, as having been at this particular Chicken Fry, but would make no positive statements with reference to his identification, explaining that he had his back to the crowd. His identifications were very hazy.

Helene Kachmere, 1588 Lakewood Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, was interviewed by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and E. J. Wynn on March 2, 1937, at which time she stated that she recalled being a waitress at the Twilight Tavern on a Sunday night in the spring of 1935 on the occasion of a Chicken Fry, which lasted all night; that she recalled that there was a party attending this Chicken Fry, by the name of "Tony," and that a great deal of excitement was caused by his presence, and as she put it, "It was Tony this and Tony that and Tony soforth," and that because of all this interest in him, she was anxious to find out who he was, and learned from some source that he was from the Harvard Club.



From a large number of photographs, she picked out the photograph of Anthony J. Amersbach as being identical with the "Tony" she saw at the Chicken Fry, as above related.

From a number of photographs exhibited to her, she also selected the photograph of Art Hebebrand as having been present at the Twilight Tavern on the occasion of the Chicken Fry, and stated that there was a woman with him, who was called "Ruth."

Helene Kachmere further stated that when she prepared to leave the Twilight Tavern after having finished her work, Anthony J. Amersbach gave her \$2.00, with which to hire a taxicab to transport her home.

She was unable to identify the photographs of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Fred Hunter, Sam Coker or John F. "Sharkey" Gorman, and in this regard stated that the Chicken Fry was the only occasion of her employment at the Twilight Tavern.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

MARCH 23, 1937.

Transmit the following message to: SAC CLEVELAND.

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AT TOLEDO SHOULD BE BLUE SLIPPED.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

NY FILE NO. 62-5690 RLB

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 3/22/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/18/37	REPORT MADE BY H. C. LESLIE
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE; I. O. #1232, et al., EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NAT'L. FIREARMS ACT

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

At the time F. C. TUTTLE, Cincinnati, Ohio, was defrauded, WILLIAM ELMER MEAD, subject in instant case, was a suspect. Identity of individuals who defrauded Mr. TUTTLE was determined and carried under the title: ARTHUR HAPPENIE, with aliases, et al, FREDERICK C. TUTTLE, Victim, N. Y. File 87-223.

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**REFERENCE:**

Reports of Special Agent H. D. Harris, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 6/23/36 and 8/3/36; letter from Special Agent in Charge, E. J. Connelley, Cincinnati, Ohio, to New York Division, dated 7/24/36.

**DETAILS:**

The above reference reports and letter pertain to unknown individuals who defrauded F. C. TUTTLE, Cincinnati, Ohio.

At the time of investigation, WILLIAM ELMER MEAD, subject of instant case, was a suspect. The identity of the individuals who defrauded Mr. TUTTLE was later determined and the case

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was carried under the title: ARTHUR HAPPENIE, with aliases, et al, FREDERICK C. TUTTLE, Victim, National Stolen Property Act, New York File 87-223.

Three of the subjects, namely, ARTHUR HAPPENIE, CHARLES ERNEST ROBINSON and SAMUEL ALLEN, were convicted and sentenced in Charleston, S. C.; the fourth subject, FRANK C. DAVIS is a fugitive.

This case is accordingly being

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO DIVISION OF ORIGIN.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-1

REPORT MADE AT CLEVELAND, OHIO	DATE WHEN MADE 3/20/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/25, 3/1-15/37	REPORT MADE BY E. J. WYNN
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, was; 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:**

Unsuccessful investigation conducted to corroborate the details given by Sally Jackson and Florence Jasany; facts which corroborate statements set out in separate report. Charlie Becker, in signed statement, details intimate association among members Barker-Karpis gang and Angus brothers; also visits of various "madams" to Casino Club to pay off. J. J. (Tal) Sullivan, Canton, Ohio, a likely confidential informant, indicates Groves recently married in Toledo or Detroit, and that Tip O'Neil best source of information on Groves; that Dave (Blackie) Watson, Ohio State Penitentiary, former associate of Groves. Pat Riffle, William B. Kimmel, Danny Jones and Gladys Gould, Canton, Ohio, have no information on Groves. Walter Frank Grabowski not located Cleveland. Solon T. Klotz, former Mayor Toledo, Ohio, denies "pay-offs." Groves thought to be associated with Pete Mason of Wyandotte, Michigan.

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**REFERENCES:**

Report of A. P. Kitchin, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, November 17, 1936.  
Report of E. J. Wynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, February 5, 1937.  
Report of Harry A. Loughran, dated at Detroit, Michigan, February 25, 1937.

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DETAILS: It is to be recalled that Sally Jackson and Florence Jasany, as set out in the report of Special Agent A. P. Kitchin, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, November 17, 1936, alleged that Louis Killmer, City Marshal, Parma Heights, Ohio, visited the Twilight Tavern on several occasions when Karpis and several of his associates were present, and that particularly on one occasion, Karpis gave Killmer a handful of cigars.

Louis Killmer was interviewed by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and E. J. Wynn on March 1, 1937, at which time he stated that he had on several occasions visited the Twilight Tavern while that place was operated by Sally Jackson and her sisters; that on a few occasions, he drank with customers of the Tavern and recalled that on one occasion, some customer handed him several cigars, but that he had no recollection of any individual ever having handed him a fistful of cigars. Although questioned in detail and shown various photographs, City Marshal Louis Killmer was unable to identify any members of the Barker-Karpis gang ever having been observed by him at the Twilight Tavern. On the whole, Mr. Killmer impressed Agents as being a more or less ignorant type of individual.

Sally Jackson, as referred to in the report of Special Agent A. P. Kitchin, stated that a piano player, whose first name she thought was "Howard," played request numbers at the Twilight Tavern for Alvin Karpis and his associates, stating in this regard that this particular individual could be located through one "Walter," last name unknown to her, an ice man. Investigation developed that the ice man is Walter Kapferer, 7519 Ridgely, Parma, Ohio, and information received from him established that the piano player referred to by Sally Jackson is Lloyd Lemmerman, who resides at 7715 Ridgely, Parma, Ohio.

On March 3, 1937, Lloyd Lemmerman, who is presently employed as a substitute mail carrier out of the Brooklyn Station, Cleveland, Ohio, was interviewed by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and E. J. Wynn. He stated that in 1935, he was playing in a three piece orchestra, composed of himself, Bernie Hoob, 6907 Thornton Drive, Parma, and Walter Kapferer, 7519 Ridgely, Parma; that he recalled that in the spring and summer of 1935, this orchestra played at the Twilight Tavern, operated by Sally Jackson and her sisters; that he particularly recalled that on one occasion, the orchestra was packing up to leave, when Sally Jackson told him that a customer was particularly delighted with his piano playing and that this customer came over to him and gave him \$5.00 to play an extra hour; that when this hour was terminated, the customer gave him an additional \$5.00 to play for another hour; that this customer particularly desired old numbers, such as the "Missouri Waltz," which number he recalled that the customer especially desired; that Sally Jackson told him that the cus-

tomers desired her to secure his name and address so that he could be called at a future time if the customer again came to the Tavern; that this customer was associated with another man; and that he gathered they were racket men from Akron, Ohio; that he never thereafter saw this particular customer nor did he ever learn his true identity. He was shown various photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang but was unable to identify the photographs of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Sam Coker, Fred Hunter or any of the other of Karpis' associates, as being identical with the man who gave him the tips.

Walter Kapferer, 7519 Ridgefield, Parma, was interviewed, and in general, corroborated the story of Lloyd Lemmerman, with reference to the occasion mentioned by the latter at the Twilight Tavern, when he was requested to stay over and play request numbers. Mr. Kapferer was unable to identify the photographs of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Fred Hunter or any of the other of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang, nor was he able to identify the photographs of Art Hebebrand and Tony Amersbach.

Mr. Kapferer stated that he recalled the Chicken Fry which was held at the Twilight Tavern in May 1935, but that, however, he was not present at this melee; that he delivered ice to the Twilight Tavern the next morning and noticed that the place was in a very disorderly condition, with several drunks flopped on the floor in front of the bar; that he recalled a man being there who somewhat resembled the photograph of Tony Amersbach, but stated in this regard that he could not be sure of the identification.

Bernie Roob, 6907 Thornton Drive, Parma, the third member of this particular orchestra, was interviewed on March 3, 1937, by Special Agents Murphy and Wynn, at which time he stated that he recalled the incident of Lloyd Lemmerman having been held over at the Twilight Tavern by two men, whom he understood to be Akron, Ohio, racket men, to play request numbers; that he paid no particular attention to the incident nor to the men who requested Lemmerman to play especially for them, and therefore was unable to identify any photographs.

With further reference to the interview with Sally Jackson, as set out in the above mentioned report of Special Agent A. P. Kitchen, it is to be recalled that she mentioned that one Tony Zaponi was in attendance at the Twilight Tavern on the occasion of the Chicken Fry on May 19, 1935.

Special Agents J. V. Murphy and E. J. Wynn, on March 1, 1937, visited Tony Zaponi's Spaghetti House at West 87th and Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, and noted that the place was crowded with

men of foreign extraction, for the most part Italian, having definite earmarks of being racket men. It is understood that this Spaghetti House caters to this type of trade. At the time Agents visited this place, they were subject to close scrutiny by the customers and hangers-on of the place. It was decided not to make any contact with Tony Zaponi but to delay interview with him until a future date, inasmuch as it was felt that any interview with him would result in Tony Amersbach's knowing the complete details of the interview. It is felt that he can be appropriately interviewed at a future date after Tony Amersbach and Art Hebebrand have been picked up on warrants.

Investigation conducted with reference to the statements of Sally Jackson and Florence Jasany, which tends to corroborate the facts given by them with reference to the association of Karpis and Campbell at the Twilight Tavern, is being reported in a separate report for the benefit of the United States Attorney.

Byron Carson, a member of Victor Gajdos' Orchestra, which played at the Twilight Tavern on the occasion of the Chicken Fry on May 19, 1935, was interviewed and the facts furnished by him are included in the separate report. However, it is well to note here that he stated that a former well known Cleveland burlesque queen, by the name of Billy Bailus, who operates a joint in the form of a beer tavern or "honky tonk" night club, between East 12th and East 22nd Street on St. Clair Avenue, in Cleveland, Ohio, was present on the night of the Chicken Fry, and put on an exhibition; that she, at that time, had her own piano player. No efforts at this time are being made to interview Billy Bailus, because of her reputation, it being advisable to delay the interview with her until there is some definite indication as to the prosecution in the harboring case, as it is not desired that an investigation, with reference to the corroboration of Sally Jackson and Florence Jasany, be conducted in such a manner as to become known to Art Hebebrand and Tony Amersbach.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. Dickstein and H. B. Dill on February 25, 1937, at Toledo, Ohio.

Reference is made to the memorandum dated February 5, 1937, at Washington, D. C., by Special Agent E. J. Wynn, in which a request was made that Charles Becker of Toledo, Ohio, be located and interviewed at length, and that this interview should be held in a room at the Federal Building, Toledo, Ohio, in order to obtain the best possible results.

Subsequent to an extensive investigation, Charles Becker was located at 4209 Lockwood Avenue, the home of Ted Angus, and he



was requested to accompany Agents to the Federal Building, Room 212, Office of United States Attorney, at which place Becker was interviewed at length and in detail, and the following information was obtained.

Charles Becker furnished the following signed statement, the original of which is being retained in the Cleveland Field Division files in this case.

United States Attorney's Office  
Federal Building - Room 212  
Toledo, Ohio.  
February 25, 1937.

"I, Charlie Becker, do hereby furnish the following signed statement to Special Agents A. Dickstein and H. B. Dill, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1448 Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio, of my own free will, without threats or promises of reward made to me by the Agents. I have also been advised that I need not furnish this statement, however, I voluntarily give this statement knowing true and well that the statement made herein by me, may be used against me in any criminal proceedings, or otherwise, in any court of competent jurisdiction.

"I am 52 years old, widowed, was born in New York City, N.Y., and first came to Toledo, Ohio in 1913. I am an engineer by trade, and have worked for the Pittsburgh Steamship Company, at Cleveland, Ohio, on and off since 1913. My first acquaintance with Ted Angus was in 1927, at which time I was employed by Angus as a carpenter in a Smoke Shop and Bootlegging joint which was operated and run by Ted and his brother Bert Angus. The Smoke Shop was located at that time on Huron Street, off of Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio. I worked for Ted Angus for about two years, when I left to work for the Pittsburgh Steamship Company. The next time I returned to Toledo, Ohio in 1930, I found Ted and Bert Angus operating the Casino Club, located on Summit Street, Point Place, Ohio. I was again employed by the Angus' as carpenter, handy-man, and bartender at the Casino Club. I have always obtained employment with the Angus brothers, whenever the boats stopped running during the winter months.

"I have been shown a group of photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis gang, and after carefully reviewing these photographs I have identified the following list of photographs bearing the likenesses of persons I have seen at the

Casino Club, Point Place, Ohio, during the summer of 1934:

Alvin Karpis	- late photograph, wearing black sweater, white shirt and collar buttoned, and no tie. Scar at temple above and slightly in front of left ear, bust photograph.
Harry Campbell	- picture showing subject wearing slip over sweater, white shirt and tie.
Arthur (Doc) Barker	- late picture. Dressed only in under-shirt.
Russell Gibson	- full view photo. Dressed in double-breasted suit, shirt and tie, wearing spats.
Joseph P. (Doc) Moran	- numbered 2382-E.
Willie Harrison	- Hammond P.D. #1829.
William Weaver	- wearing dark suit, white shirt and striped tie.
Volney Davis	- U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz #271.
Ollie Berg	- wearing glasses, white shirt, collar open, gray coat and vest.
Jimmie Wilson	- Gray suit, collar and tie, white shirt.
Charles J. Fitzgerald	- wearing light striped shirt, collar open, and wearing suspenders.
Ted Angus	- Number 9617 - wearing white shirt, knitted tie and dark suit.
George Timiney	- wearing dark suit, white shirt and figured tie.
Wynona Burdette	- dark dress, three triangular buttons appearing on each shoulder, profile showing full view of ear.
Delores Delaney	- dark dress, with ruffle top, bobbed hair, reaches the top of the collar of the dress.

"The above photographs which I have identified, I have also marked them with my initials for identification.

"Alvin Karpis - I have known this man by the name of Slim, and a girl who had been with him, I now identify as Delores Delaney. During the month of May 1934, I saw Karpis come into the Casino Club on four different occasions, and on two of these occasions I saw Karpis and Ted Angus sit together at a table or drink together at the bar. To my best recollection, Karpis had visited the Casino Club during the daytime, and on one or two occasions, I saw Delores Delaney with Karpis. Whenever Karpis came to the Club, he remained only fifteen or twenty minutes, and then departed.

I did not know where Karpis lived with his lady friend.

"Harry Campbell - I have known this man by the name of 'Buff,' and the lady with him, I now identify as Wynona Burdette. I have also seen these two individuals visit the Casino Club at Point Place during the months of May and June 1934, and both of them would sometime visit the club about two or three times a day. Campbell would most times be in company with Wynona Burdette, and they visited days and nights. Upon each of their visits, they would drink with either Ted or Bert Angus. Campbell would visit but fifteen or twenty minutes, however, he was at the Casino Club more often than was Karpis. About the latter part of May or the first week in June 1934, Campbell, who was known to me as 'Buff,' came to Ted Angus, and spoke to Ted in front of the Casino Club, telling Ted that he, Campbell, was expecting a moving van and asked Ted would he let his furniture be stored in the upper floor of the building next to the Casino Club, which place was also run by Ted Angus. Ted consented to do so, and instructed me to assist the movers in moving Campbell's furniture from 2831 - 131st Street, Point Place to the Casino Club. Then 'Buff' told me that he expects the truck soon. At the time Campbell asked Ted Angus for the space of the Casino Club for storing his furniture, there was Ted, 'Buff,' and myself standing in front of the Club, as it was quite warm that day. When the moving truck arrived (the name of which I do not know), I proceeded with the truckers to 2831 - 131st Street, Point Place and when we had the truck half loaded with Campbell's furniture, a heavy down-pour of rain started, and the driver told us to return the furniture to the house, as the rain was too heavy, and the furniture might get wet. This we did, and the following day, the truck van again arrived, and I joined them to the 131st Street address. We loaded all the furniture, and the truckers delivered all this furniture which was taken from Campbell's house and all of the stuff was placed in the upper floor of the building next door to the Casino Club. This property was also operated by Ted and Bert Angus. Ted instructed me to see that I show the movers where to place the furniture upon its arrival. When I left the Casino Club to work on the boats, I believe that the furniture was still stored at the Casino Club, however, I heard rumors that this furniture was to be moved out of town.

"Arthur 'Doc' Barker - is an individual known to me as 'Doc' and 'Shorty,' and this individual was seen by me at the Casino Club during May and June 1934, and I always saw Barker during the afternoons inside the club, drinking

at the bar or at the table with Ted and Bert Angus. I also saw this individual, known to me as 'Shorty,' wearing Yacht Caps, and Slim Gibson and Harry Campbell also were wearing these Yacht Caps. I was told by Willie Harrison that all of this gang (whom I know now to be members of the Barker-Karpis gang) were bootleggers. For this reason I never paid much attention to them, in view of the tremendous amount of bootlegging that was going on in that vicinity of Point Place, Ohio.

"Joseph P. 'Doc' Moran - is an individual known to me as 'Doc.' I have seen this individual during the month of April and the first week of May 1934, after which time, this man suddenly disappeared. I have always observed this man drinking heavily, and was very talkative. I never saw this individual mix very much with any of the other members of the gang, and never saw him in company with any girls. He drank by himself, and sometimes sat at a table with Ted or Bert Angus, and sometimes would see him sitting with other members of the gang, those of whom I have previously identified.

"William Weaver - is the individual known to me as 'Bill,' and I saw this man at the Casino Club on four different occasions during the month of May 1934. At the time Weaver visited the Club he stood at the bar and drank with 'Shorty' whom I now know as Arthur 'Doc' Barker. Weaver came to the club during the day and remained for about one-half to three-quarters of an hour. Otherwise there are no particular incidents which I can relate at this time connecting this individual with anyone but 'Doc' Barker, and also the fact that occasionally I saw Weaver drink at the bar with Ted or Bert Angus.

"Ollie Berg - is the individual whom I identify as one of the gang who had visited the Casino Club during May 1934. I have seen him visit the Club at least once every day during the period of one month. I observed that upon each of the visits made by Berg to the Club, he kept very much by himself, occasionally greeting some of the members of the Karpis gang, was quiet and drank by himself. I have not known this individual by any particular name, but identify from the photograph exhibited to me, amongst the group of members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

"Willie Harrison - is an individual identified by me, and known to me as 'Willie the Clown.' He was known around the Casino Club as a 'Hell Raiser,' always clowning about, and up to mischief all the time. I have seen Willie at the

Club during April, May and June 1934, visiting the Club at least once a day for a three month period. From my best recollection, Willie was the most frequent visitor at the Casino Club. One day Willie remarked to me that the gang wearing the Yacht caps were runners, in other words, bootleggers. Willie also impressed me as being the person who handled many matters for the gang, and all parties or fishing trips would be arranged and instigated by Willie Harrison. I also observed on many occasions that Willie was carrying a Golf Club with him, and I understand that Willie was known to be a good golfer. About the latter part of 1934, the date or time I could not recall, Cooley Munro, another handy man at the Casino Club, told me in confidence that Willie Harrison was taken for a ride. I was surprised at hearing this news, and no further conversation was had in connection with Harrison's disappearance. Cooley Munro said nothing further about the matter.

"Slim Gray - is the individual known to me as 'Slim.' I have seen 'Slim' at the Casino Club about 5 times, at which times I saw him together with 'Shorty' 'Buff' and sometimes there was Ted or Bert Angus together. All of these individuals would stand at the bar and drink together. To my best recollection, 'Slim' visited the Casino Club during the month of May 1934, and saw him on a number of occasions wearing a yacht cap. I believed he too was a bootlegger.

"Charles J. Fitzgerald - is the individual I identify as 'Dad,' and a person who had visited the Casino Club during the summer of 1934, particularly the month of May 1934, at which time 'Dad' came to the Club and spoke with 'Willie the Clown' Willie Harrison; 'Buff' Harry Campbell and 'Shorty' Arthur 'Doc' Barker; 'Dad' Fitzgerald visited very seldom, and to my recollection 'Dad' visited the Casino on six different occasions, all of these visits being made by him during the time the Barker-Karpis gang frequented there. He was a man about 6' 0", age about 62 years, and always carried a cane.

"Volney Davis - is the individual I identified as visiting the Casino Club on very few occasions during April or May 1934. Upon one of his visits I saw Davis at the bar with 'Buff' 'Shorty' and Jimmy Wilson. They all drank together. In view of the very few times I saw Volney Davis, I am unable to place him with any particular activities that occurred during May 1934, however, he appeared to be familiar with most members of the gang, photographs of which I have previously identified.

"Jimmy Wilson - is known to me as 'Jimmy,' and this individual was a very frequent visitor at the Casino Club. He was a handsome fellow and mixed with most members of the gang. Wilson was seen at the Club during April and May, 1934, and upon making his numerous visits, I observed Wilson drinking with 'Doc' Barker, Willie Harrison, Harry Campbell, known to me as 'Buff,' Slim Gray, and 'Doc' Moran. Jimmy Wilson appeared to be in with everyone at the Casino Club, and impressed me as a good mixer. Wilson was well acquainted with Ted and Bert Angus.

"Ted Angus - is known to me by his true name. I have been employed by him as carpenter, handy man, and bartender at the Casino Club for which he paid me \$15.00 including room and board. I began working in this capacity in March 1934 and worked continuously until October 1934, at which time I left to work on the boats which was anchored at its winter quarters, which was located at Lagoon Dock, Bayview Park, Toledo, Ohio. During the months of April and May 1934, I have observed Ted and Bert Angus, on numerous occasions drink with Harry Campbell, known to me as 'Buff,' Arthur 'Doc' Barker, known to me as 'Shorty,' Willie Harrison, known to me as 'Willie the Clown,' William Weaver, known to me as 'Bill,' Alvin Karpis, known to me as 'Slim,' Slim Gray, also known to me as 'Slim,' Volney Davis, Jimmy Wilson, Charles J. Fitzgerald, known to me as 'Dad,' and Captain George Timiney of the Toledo Police Department. From my observation, Ted and Bert Angus appeared to be friendly with all of the individuals mentioned above and whom I have identified from photographs as members of the Barker-Karpis gang. At one time Ted Angus told me, or had intimated to me that I don't know these fellows, meaning the persons whose names I have mentioned above, who have at numerous times visited the Casino Club in April and May 1934.

"During the time I was working for Ted and Bert Angus from October 1933 to June 1934, numerous women whom I know to be madams of houses of prostitutions in Toledo, Ohio, came out to the Casino Club where I was working to see Ted Angus. On such occasion when Ted Angus was not in, these women left with me a sealed envelope, on which was written only that first name, and requested that I give the envelope with its contents to Ted Angus. All these envelopes which were turned over to me and which were to be delivered to Ted, were sealed, however, I knew there was money in these envelopes because I could see the money through the envelope. There were about 15 or 20 of these madams coming to the Casino Club each week

to leave these envelopes containing money to be turned over to Ted Angus. They usually came out to the Casino Club in either a Red or Yellow Taxi. I do not know the full names of any of these women, but I recall the first names and descriptions of some of them as follows:

Mabel - heavy set, dark hair, and dark complexion, about 48 to 50 years old, and about 5'5" tall.

Sadie - a Jewish woman, about 45 years old, about 5'4" tall, dark hair and dark complexion.

'Mother H' - a Jewish woman, about 60 years old, slender, about 5' 7" tall.

Maxine - a Jewish woman about 35 years of age, 5' 4" in height, and rather light complected.

Edith - about 30 or 32 years of age, slender build, about 5' 7" tall.

"George Timiney - I identify as Captain George Timiney, of the Toledo Police Department who visited the Casino Club about two or three times a week, and other times he would not show up at the Club for a period of one to two weeks. Timiney visits to the Casino Club occurred from October 1933 to June 1934, at which time I had been employed at Ted Angus' place steadily, and at which times I received the envelopes from the above named Madams. I only worked during the day time, and it was very possible that Timiney may have visited the Casino Club at night.

"In January 1934, Willie Harrison came to the Casino Club with two girls, and the three of them went to sleep in the back of the Casino Club. In the afternoon the three of them arose and went to some hotel in downtown Toledo, and about seven o'clock that evening, Bert and Ted Angus were at the Casino Club, and Bert conceived the idea of playing a joke on Willie Harrison. Bert then called George Timiney, Detective of the Toledo Police Department, and requested that Timiney come out to the Casino Club. Bert and Ted then told Timiney and his partner, whose name I do not remember, to go to the downtown hotel where Willie Harrison was staying and arrest him on the charge of bigamy, and tell him they were arresting him for playing around the married women and breaking up homes. Ted requested me to state that I did not know Willie Harrison, when Timiney brought Willie



back out to the Casino Club. Timiney and his partner then left the Casino Club and soon thereafter returned with Willie Harrison. Upon entering the Casino Club, Willie Harrison asked Ted and Bert Angus to identify him, but Ted and Bert denied knowing him. Willie then asked me to identify him and tell Timiney he was all right, but I told Timiney that I had never seen the man before in my life. The joke was carried on for a short time and then it was explained to Willie Harrison that the whole matter was just a joke. That same evening, Willie Harrison left the Casino Club and did not return for several days.

"Lucien C. Fleming - I identify this individual as 'Ludy' and have known him to be a member of the State Liquor Control of Ohio. During May 1934, I have seen Ludy Fleming at the Casino Club about two times a week, and on several occasions I saw Fleming drinking at the bar with Harry Campbell, known to me as 'Buff,' 'Shorty,' known to me as 'Doc' Barker, and 'Slim' Gray, otherwise known as 'Slim.' I observed Fleming visit the Club during the daytime, and during the months of March, April, May, and June 1934, the time when most of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang had visited there. I had observed Fleming talking to the above mentioned members of the gang.

"Nig Cousins - used to come out to the Casino Club at the time I was working there, on numerous occasions, in 1934. Particularly on Sunday evenings, when he would come out to have supper. He would drink and associate with various members of the gang mentioned by me and identified as members of the Barker-Karpis gang, and he seemed to be well acquainted with them.

"Ruth - who was living with Ted Angus and Madaline, Bert Angus' wife, and one of Madaline's sisters whose name I do not know used to associate with Wynona Burdette and Delores Delaney, and were with them on numerous occasions when they came to the Casino Club. They all appeared to be very friendly towards each other.

"I have read the foregoing statement consisting of six typewritten pages, and have initialed the corrections, also signed each page after reading it carefully. I swear that the statements made by me were true to the best of my knowledge and recollection, and have signed the statement voluntarily.

(S) Charlie Becker



(Witnessed)

Abraham Dickstein  
H. B. Dill

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

In addition to the signed statement, Becker furnished the following information.

It will be noted in Becker's statement set out above, he stated that there was another police officer with Captain George Timiney at the time Captain Timiney pulled a fake arrest on Willie Harrison. Although every effort was made to refresh Becker's memory, he stated that he would not be able to recognize this officer if he had seen him. Becker was questioned in detail with reference to Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette having spent the night at Ted Angus' cottage at Miles Beach, Ohio, after Campbell suspected seeing police officers at his house at 2831 - 131st Street, Point Place, Ohio.

It will be noted on page 185 and 186 in the summary report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn at Cleveland, Ohio, October 25, 1936, among other things, that Becker states that on one occasion he woke up and found Jimmy Wilson in bed with him; that apparently Jimmy Wilson had been too intoxicated the night before, and was therefore placed in his bed. Becker stated that he could not remember such an incident; that he does recall Richard Vogt, the "Dutchman," being put in his bed when the "Dutchman" was too intoxicated to go home, but he cannot ever recall Jimmy Wilson being in his bed or even sleeping in the Casino Club.

Becker stated that he recalls an occasion when Richard Vogt, the "Dutchman" went down to Harry Campbell's house and cleaned the house at 2831 - 131st Street, for Campbell; that when the "Dutchman" returned to the Casino Club, the "Dutchman" told Becker that he had seen several guns in Campbell's house; that he, Becker, paid little or no attention to the statement made by the "Dutchman," in view of the fact that he knew all bootleggers kept guns around the house, and Becker thought Campbell was a bootlegger.

Becker stated that during the time the Barker-Karpis gang was around the Casino Club in 1934, Ted Angus told him indirectly not to know too much about these men. When questioned as to how Ted Angus

conveyed this request to him, he stated that Ted made a statement as follows: "You don't know these men, do you?" Becker stated that he knew that Ted Angus was indirectly telling him not to say too much about these men, and answered "No, I don't know them." It will be noted on page 186 in the summary report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated October 25, 1936, that Bert Angus instructed Becker to know nothing about these men, referring to the members of the Barker-Karpis gang. Becker was questioned in detail with reference to this, however, he maintained throughout the interview that Ted had told him not to know anything about these men, and that Bert Angus never said anything about these men.

It will be noted on page 223 in the summary report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated October 25, 1936, at Cleveland, Ohio, that Ovel Webb, alias Phyllis Crawford, stated that on one occasion Charlie Becker called her to come out to the Casino Club to meet some friend of his; that she got a girl by the name of Billy Taylor and they proceeded to the Casino Club on Summit Street, where they were introduced to Jimmy (James J. Wilson), George (Harry Campbell), and Willie (William J. Harrison), by Charlie Becker; that this occurred in the spring of 1934. Becker denies this incident, and states that he never did call any prostitutes or any one else for any of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang. He further stated that he did not know anyone by the name of Phyllis Crawford or Ovel Webb. It might be well to state that Ovel Webb, alias Phyllis Crawford, is a prostitute who operates a call house at 1809 $\frac{1}{2}$  Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio.

Becker stated that during the period from October 1933 to June 1934, he worked at the Casino Club on Summit Street, from 8:00 A. M. to 5:00 or 6:00 P.M., each day except Wednesday, which was his day off; that he drew salary of \$15.00 a week and his room and board. He stated that he resided during the time in the frame building located next door and adjacent to the Casino Club.

No description of Becker is here being set out, in view of the fact that such description is set out in report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, dated February 25, 1935, at Detroit, Michigan, on page 25.

It will be noted in the signed statement given by Becker and set out above, that he assisted in moving the furniture from 2831 - 131st Street to the building adjacent to the Casino Club, which was also rented by Ted Angus. Becker stated that he was living in this building and in the same room where Campbell's furniture was stored; that this furniture was still in that room at the time he, Becker, went to work on the lake boats; that he had heard rumors to the effect that the furniture was to be moved out of town, but he could not recall to what town the furniture was to be moved, nor could he recall from whom he had heard the rumor. It might be well to note here that Charlie Becker was very reluctant to give this information, and was

also reluctant to give the information which was being furnished by him. Upon first being questioned with reference to this matter, he immediately stated that the furniture above referred to was moved directly from 2831 - 131st Street out of town, but he did not know to what address the furniture had been moved. Throughout the interview, he claimed he could not recall the name of the trucking company that had moved the furniture, nor could he remember the kind of truck, other than the truck was a large van. He did state, however, that he did not believe the truck had a name on it.

Becker was questioned as to any rumors he might have heard about Dr. Joseph P. Moran, and he stated that he had never heard any such rumors from anybody; that the only thing he knew with reference to this matter was what he had read in the magazine; that he never discussed those matters with Ted or Bert Angus.

On page 74 of the summary report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 25, 1936, it will be noted that James J. "Jimmy" Wilson stated that in the summer of 1934, after he moved away from Harry Campbell's house, he moved into the quarters of Charlie Becker in the Casino Club. Becker denies this and states definitely that Wilson never lived or slept in the Casino Club to his knowledge.

It will be noted on page 285 of the summary report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, that Frank P. Greenwald, who operates the private cab company at Toledo, Ohio, stated that Charlie Becker and Willie Harrison were very friendly, and that on numerous occasions he had delivered Harrison and Becker to several of the night clubs around Toledo, Ohio. Becker, on being questioned with reference to this, stated that he did go with Willie Harrison to Jackie Kennedy's night club on Huron Street, across the street from the Paramount Theatre, on several occasions in 1932, but that he had never gone anywhere with Willie Harrison in 1934.

It will be noted on pages 185 and 186 of the summary report of Agent Wynn, that Becker, on previous interview, stated that on one occasion he observed the photograph of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Russell Gibson and Alvin Karpis in a Toledo Times newspaper; that he exhibited the newspaper to Ted Angus, who remarked "It looks tough; they must be kidnapers." With reference to this, Becker states he vaguely recalls this incident, but he could not recall the details; that he believes he saw these pictures in the papers at the time of the Bremer instead of the Stoll kidnaping. This, however, could hardly be true. Becker stated that it was entirely possible that he could have seen these pictures in a magazine instead of a newspaper, inasmuch as he is accustomed to reading magazines more than newspapers. It was called to his attention that he had stated on previous interviews that he

had seen these pictures in the Toledo Morning Times. To this, he stated it might be true, but he could not recall just where he did see it; that he believed he could not recognize these pictures if he were to see them today.

Becker was questioned with reference to members of the Barker-Karpis gang placing horse racing bets from the Casino Club over the telephone with Nig Cousins. He stated that he was innocent of any such knowledge; that although Nig Cousins did associate with members of this gang at the Casino Club, he never had any reason to believe that members of the gang were placing horse racing bets at that time. Becker further stated that during the time the gang was around the Casino Club, he never observed them flashing any considerable amount of money; that he never saw any large amount of money displayed on the table or at the bar by members of this gang. He further stated that he never saw any firearms displayed on the persons of any members of the gang; and that he had never had any reason to believe that any of these men carried guns. He stated, however, that he worked from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and he seldom knew what was going on at the Casino Club at night.

Becker stated that he never saw Timiney drink with or speak to any member of the Barker-Karpis gang, except Willie Harrison, as set out above; that Timiney appeared to be on official business each time he called at the Casino Club; that he would usually have a short talk with Ted Angus, have a few drinks, and then leave. With reference to the envelopes mentioned in Becker's statement, which he received at the Casino Club from Madams of houses of prostitution, to be turned over to Ted Angus, he was very reluctant to give this information, and until after being questioned at great length, he stated that he did not know what was in these envelopes. He further stated that he believed the "Mabel" mentioned by him is Mabel Green, and the "Edith" is Edith Barry. Becker further stated that when these envelopes were turned over to him, he turned them over to Ted Angus, the first chance he saw Ted; that Ted never opened any of the envelopes in his presence, and that he did not know what Ted did with the envelopes nor its contents.

At the beginning of the interview with Becker, he was asked what connections Captain George Timiney of the Toledo Police Department and Ted Angus had had in 1934, to which he, apparently and unconsciously, answered "Oh, I suppose they were connected in that whore-house payoff." When questioned further in reference to this matter, later in the interview, he stated that he had no definite information nor had he ever heard, or had reason to believe that Timiney or Ted Angus were connected in the "payoff at Toledo."

Reference to the reports of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, February 5, 1937, and Special Agent Harry Loughran, dated at Detroit, Michigan, February 25, 1937, reflects the names of numerous individuals at Canton, Ohio, who are reported to be former contacts of Benson Groves.

Pat Riffle, a private detective, with an office in the Canton Bank & Trust Company, Canton, Ohio, was interviewed on March 6, 1937, by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and E. J. Wynn. He stated that he is a retired Canton, Ohio, police officer. He stated that he was not acquainted with Benson Groves, and, in general, indicated that he would be of no help in this investigation. He is an elderly man and appears to be engaged in the private detective business as a hobby.

William B. Kimmel, Rural Route #1, Hartsville, Ohio, was interviewed by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and E. J. Wynn, March 6, 1937. He stated that he formerly worked for Jumbo Crowley in Canton, Ohio, during the prohibition era, and that later he, Kimmel, operated the "Dew Drop Inn" on Cherry Street in Canton, Ohio. In general, he disclaimed any knowledge of Benson Groves.

Danny Jones was interviewed on the same date by Special Agents Murphy and Wynn. He is the present proprietor of the Dew Drop Inn, which is located at 235 Cherry Street, N. E., Canton, Ohio, which location is in a very disreputable part of town, and the Dew Drop Inn is frequented by lower class pimps, hoodlums and down-and-out drunkards. He stated that he was never acquainted with Benson Groves and therefore could furnish no information concerning him.

Tal Sullivan, whose interview is to be reported later, stated that Danny Jones was not acquainted with Benson Groves.

Gladys Gould, alias Arbor, mentioned in the report of Special Agent Harry A. Loughran, dated at Detroit, Michigan, February 25, 1937, as a possible former girl friend of Benson Groves, was interviewed on March 5, 1937, by Special Agents Murphy and Wynn, at 436 South Walnut, Canton, Ohio, a house of prostitution, of which she is the Madam. She stated that she has been a Madam of a house of prostitution in Canton, Ohio, since 1917. She stated that she knew no one by the name of Benson Groves, nor was she able to recall him under any of his known aliases, and likewise was unable to identify this photograph.

With reference to the individual referred to as "Dutch" in report of Special Agent Harry A. Loughran, dated at Detroit, Michigan, February 25, 1937, who is reported to operate a filling station at the point known as "Death Curve" near Canton, Ohio, and who, the report states, resembles Benson Groves, investigation was conducted by Special

Agents Murphy and Wynn on March 6, 1937. At the junction of United States Highway 62 and Ohio Highway 44, between Canton and Alliance, Ohio, there is a curve known as "Death Curve," because of the numerous deaths which have resulted there from automobile accidents. There is a filling station at this point operated by a man, who identified himself by the name of "Vogel," and who had the appearance of being of German descent, and talked with a slight German accent. In a general way, he bears some resemblance to the photograph of Benson Groves, but is a much younger man. Investigation was conducted for several miles up and down the road at all filling stations, but no person answering the description of Benson Groves was observed, and inquiry established that no such person had ever operated a filling station.

Lieutenant William Grether of the Canton, Ohio, Police Department, advised that the only person he knew in town by the name of "Stahler," is an underworld character and is presently on the lam.

Mike McKinney, according to the investigation conducted by Special Agents Murphy and Wynn in Canton, Ohio, on March 5th and 6th, 1937, is one of the "kingpins" of the bookie business in Canton, Ohio, and maintains headquarters in a bookie joint at 219 Second Street, N.W., near the Onesto Hotel. He resides at 1003 Fulton Road, Canton, Ohio.

Jack Sarkass operates a bookie joint, known as the "Twenty Grand," on Fourth Street, N.E., directly east of Market Street, Canton, Ohio.

Herbert Hwig (not Buwick) is reported to be a muscle man at the Oriental Club in Akron, Ohio.

Neil Graham (not Grand as stated in the report of Special Agent Harry A. Loughran, February 25, 1937) is a bookie of some prominence in Canton, Ohio, and is part owner of the Silver Stag, 330 Cleveland Avenue, Canton, Ohio, which is a bookie joint of some repute. He has been confined to his home, however, since September 1936, with a broken leg. He resides at the junction of Eighth Street and Georgetown Road, on the outskirts of Canton, Ohio, and is reported to be an elderly man and incapacitated with a broken leg since September, 1936, which has prevented him from leaving his home.

Those individuals mentioned in the preceding paragraphs were not interviewed in the light of the information furnished by J. J. (Tal) Sullivan, whose interview appears hereinafter in this report.

J. J. Sullivan, alias Tal Sullivan, is the half-brother of Jumbo Crowley, the latter, before his death several years ago, having been the chief underworld figure in Canton, Ohio. Sullivan is at the



present time sixty-eight years of age and claims to be broke. He was interviewed on March 6, 1937, by Special Agents Murphy and Wynn, at which time he stated that he was well acquainted with Benson Groves in Canton, Ohio, prior to six years ago; that Groves, whenever in Canton, Ohio, contacted Jumbo Crowley, as did all "soup" men and underworld figures; that he last saw Benson Groves just prior to the latter's arrest in connection with the Steubenville, Ohio, Post office job.

Sullivan stated that since Benson Groves has been released from the penitentiary (March 17, 1935), he, Sullivan, learned from one "Don," last name unknown, a card shark, that Benson married a prostitute in either Toledo, Ohio, or Detroit, Michigan, by the name of "Toots;" that he understood that Toots was formerly the woman of Joe Moore, alias "Snuffy" Moore, now deceased; that she was also at one time the woman of George Green, and further that she had at one time been married to either a preacher or a lawyer; that Benson Groves took this woman away from George Green; that the woman, as he understands, is about forty years of age at the present time, dark and heavy set; that the George Green, referred to, is the same individual on whose farm Benson Groves was arrested in about 1930, on the outskirts of Canton, and that at the present time, Green is in Toledo, Ohio, and employed as a bartender in some saloon, location in Toledo unknown.

Sullivan stated that Benson Groves, in Canton, Ohio, was very close to one "Blackie," who is now doing time in the Ohio State Penitentiary. (Blackie is identical with Dave Watson, Canton, Ohio P.D. #5341). More information, with reference to Blackie, appears subsequently in this report.

Sullivan further stated that he is well acquainted with Tip O'Neil of Cleveland, Ohio, and that O'Neil was very close to Benson Groves in the old days in Canton, Ohio; that in his opinion, if anybody, at the present time, knows the location of Benson Groves, it is Tip O'Neil.

As stated above, Sullivan is at the present time an old man and claims to be broke. He stated that since the death of Jumbo Crowley, his half-brother, he has been having a very difficult time getting along, and that very recently he married for the third time, and is experiencing considerable marital trouble with his wife.

He stated that he can be located in Canton, Ohio, at one of the following places: 606 Tuscarawas Street, N.E., 606 - 9th Street, N.E., or by inquiring for him at the drug store located at the corners of Tuscarawas and Cherry Streets, N.E.

Sullivan stated that he would be agreeable to work as a confidential informant in this case, and that if his expenses were paid, he would come to Cleveland, Ohio, and contact Tip O'Neil at the Harvard Club, in an effort to ascertain the whereabouts of Benson Groves.

This proposition has been referred by Special Agent E. J. Wynn to Inspector E. J. Connelley, and appropriate action will be taken in accordance with instructions received from Inspector Connelley in the matter.

At the Canton, Ohio, Police Department's Bureau of Identification, Lieutenant William Grether located reference in his files to Dave Watson, alias "Canada Blackie," Canton, Ohio, P.D. #5341. This individual is described as follows:

Age	63 (1934)
Height	5' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	145 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Blue
Nativity	Missouri
Complexion	Medium
Occupation	None
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Remarks	Dope fiend
Photograph	Canton, Ohio, P.D. 5341, copies Cleveland Field Division

Dave Watson was arrested in Canton, Ohio, on February 5, 1934, in possession of burglary tools and sentenced to serve a term in the Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio. A lead is being set out for the Cincinnati Field Division to interview this individual and to check his correspondence file at the penitentiary, inasmuch as he is reported to have been a very close associate of Benson Groves in years gone by.

The George Green referred to above is carried in the Canton, Ohio, Police Department's Bureau of Identification files, under Canton P.D. #1828. The description of George Green, as taken from the Canton, Ohio, police records, as of September 1920, is as follows:

Age	59 (1937)
Height	5' 9-3/8"
Weight	220 lbs.
Hair	Black and gray
Complexion	Dark
Eyes	Brown
Nativity	Toledo, Ohio
Tattoos	Right forearm outer - a female bust Left forearm outer - anchor in blue



Photograph

Canton, Ohio, P.D. #1828

Copy also in Cleveland Field Division

Further investigation with reference to George Green is to be conducted in Toledo, Ohio, for the purpose of locating him and interviewing him.

Walter Frank Grabowski, who, it is to be recalled, was involved with Benson Groves in connection with the Steubenville, Ohio, Post Office robbery, is a native of Cleveland, Ohio. Special Agents J. V. Murphy and E. J. Wynn endeavored to interview him on March 4, 1937, calling at the home of his parents, 7722 Dercum Road, Cleveland, Ohio. An exhaustive interview was had with his parents, John and Nellie Grabowski, very aged Polish people, the mother being unable to speak English, and in addition, two brothers were interviewed, namely, Frank Walter and Adam. They stated that Walter Frank Grabowski is not in touch with them, nor are they acquainted with his present whereabouts, stating that there was a family disagreement about five years ago and since that time Walter Frank has not contacted his family.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. Dickstein and H. B. Dill at Toledo, Ohio, on March 3, 1937.

Mr. Louis Haas, 532 Jarvis, and Mr. Art Langendorf, 18 Birchhead Place, were contacted for the purpose of obtaining any additional information either of them might have with reference to the present whereabouts of Benson Groves.

Mr. Haas stated that he had been away from Toledo since shortly after the time he was last interviewed by Agents and has not had an opportunity to get any additional information with reference to Benson Groves. He stated, however, that he intended to see Art Langendorf and several other of his informants in the near future, and he would relay any information of value to Agents immediately upon receipt of same.

Art Langendorf, Detective of the Toledo Police Department, on being interviewed at his home, stated that he has been trying to get information with reference to the whereabouts of Benson Groves, but has thus far been unsuccessful; that the day prior to this interview, he talked to Joe Roscoe, at the Jovial Club, 631 St. Clair Street, and Roscoe told him that the Federal Agents had offered him a proposition in which they agreed to strike the first count of his indictment, which calls for nine years, and he, Roscoe, was to enter a plea of guilty on the second count of his indictment, and receive a term of five years, which could be served in three years, if he, Roscoe, would give information which would lead to the apprehension

of Benson Groves. Langendorf stated that he attempted to persuade Roscoe to comply with the request of Agents to protect himself as much as possible.

It was obvious that Langendorf believed that Agents offering the aforementioned proposition to Roscoe, were Agents of this Bureau. Agents did not deem it advisable at that time to change his belief in this matter.

Langendorf stated that he had been talking to a lady informant of his, from whom he expected to get information with reference to the whereabouts of Benson Groves; that he is to see this informant again, March 5, 1937, and in the event he obtains any information of value, he will immediately relate it to the Bureau Agents. Langendorf stated that he did not wish to mention the name of his informant, however, during the course of conversation, he mentioned that this informant

[REDACTED] He did not, however, mention the nature of the crime for which he is serving. Langendorf stated that there is a man who was very friendly with his informant and who he believes knows the present whereabouts of Benson Groves; that he did not believe this man, to whom he has reference, would give him or Bureau Agents any information with reference to Benson Groves, but there is a possibility that his informant will get this information from this man, and furnish him with same, whereupon he will immediately furnish this information to Bureau Agents.

It may be well to note that Langendorf mentioned to Agents that he had been told by Bert Angus and several others around Toledo, Ohio, that they expected to "take a ride" (receive a sentence) in connection with the harboring of members of the Barker-Karpis mob. Langendorf further stated that Bert and Ted Angus had liquidated their affairs, and were just marking time until they were indicted with reference to the harboring cases.

In view of the fact that Agents were instructed to report to Cleveland Field Division, the address and telephone of resident Agent W. P. Ellwood at Toledo, Ohio, was furnished to Mr. Louis Haas and Detective Art Langendorf. Upon giving them this information, Agents informed both of the above that in the event Agents could not be reached telephonically, they were to call Agent Ellwood and furnish him with the information at hand. The purpose of this request is to prevent the above mentioned parties from knowing that Agents were departing from Toledo, Ohio.

Parker Smith, General Store, Metamora, Ohio, contacted Agents in Toledo, Ohio, and informed that there was a suspicious looking person who stayed around Metamora, Ohio, most of the time, for the greater part of the year; that this person came to Metamora, Ohio, in his automobile, the make of which he did not know, and would sit in his automobile hours at a time at various places on the streets in Metamora; that later this person moved to Metamora and boarded there; that this person would leave Metamora for two and three days at a time.

Photographs of Benson Groves were exhibited to Mr. and Mrs. Parker Smith and others at Smith's General Store in Metamora, but each of these persons stated that these photographs were positively not those of the individual in question. In view of the fact that they stated that this person was not the individual in question, no further investigation was conducted in connection with this matter. The description of the individual above mentioned in no way corresponded with that of Benson Groves.

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Concerning the statements of Detective Art Langendorf, as set out above, with reference to the conversation he had with Joseph Roscoe about the proposition offered to the latter for turning in Benson Groves, the Cleveland Field Division, by letter to the Bureau, explained that no such proposition, as alleged by Detective Art Langendorf, was made to Joseph Roscoe by Bureau Agents.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. Dickstein and Special Agent H. B. Dill on February 26, 1937, at Toledo, Ohio.

It will be recalled that these Agents interviewed Mr. George Kapp, Jr., about two weeks ago at the Commodore Perry Hotel, Toledo, Ohio, at which time Mr. Kapp related a particular pay-off made by Jimmy Hayes through him, Kapp, to Solon T. Klotz, who was Mayor in 1934 and 1935 at Toledo, Ohio, and to John Price, who was then campaign manager for Klotz.

Mr. Solon T. Klotz, 1437 Nicholas Building, on being interviewed by Agents, stated that he was Mayor of Toledo, Ohio, in 1934 and 1935; that during the time he was Mayor, he does not recall, nor does he have knowledge of any pay-offs made to any city officials either directly or indirectly. The story of the \$2000, which was alleged to have been paid by Jimmy Hayes, was discreetly and indirectly related to him, but he maintained throughout the interview that he knew nothing about this pay-off. He admitted, however, that his campaign committee, of which John Price was Chairman, was in debt for about \$1800.00, after

his election; that he does not know whether or not this money was ever paid, nor does he recall how it was paid. He further admitted that he took a trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with George Kapp, Dave Britz and John Price; that so far as he knew, Dave Britz, whose son he later appointed City Prosecutor, defrayed the entire expenses of the trip, and that they went to Milwaukee in Mr. Britz' automobile. It might be well to note here that George Kapp stated to Agents that \$350.00 of the amount collected from Jimmy Hayes was used to defray the expenses of the above mentioned parties, together with the son of Solon Klotz, on the trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Soon after the interview with Klotz began, he related the fact that he had to discharge George Kapp, who was appointed by him as safety director, after Kapp had served only one or two months in that capacity, after he learned that Kapp was dishonest.

He further related that Kapp was discharged, because of dishonesty, by Carl Keller, who was Mayor of Toledo, Ohio, about 1914; that Keller had appointed Kapp as safety director, but only allowed him to serve in that capacity for a short time.

Klotz stated that Charles Matthews, welfare director under his administration, was appointed by him; that he had a great deal of confidence in Matthews when he first appointed him, but before his term of office expired, he had completely lost this confidence. Klotz would give no reason for his loss of trust in Matthews, except that he beat his wife, and acted as though he was running the city. He further related that Matthews was very closely associated with Captain George Timiney, but that he could not definitely state that they were connected with disrupting the city administration.

With reference to George Timiney, Klotz stated that he considered him a very good police officer, but other than that, he knew nothing about him; that Timiney never came to his office but one time that he recalls, at which time he sent for him to discuss a police matter; that during this visit, Timiney suggested to him that he appoint him, Timiney, as Police Chief. Klotz stated that he took this suggestion with a grain of salt, and dismissed the matter from his mind. Klotz stated that he had no indication of a pay-off in Toledo, Ohio, during his administration, nor does he know of any, nor does he suspect of any such pay-offs in effect then or today.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. Dickstein and H. B. Dill on March 1, 1937, at Toledo, Ohio.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated January 8, 1937, at Cleveland, Ohio, wherein a lead had been

set out to re-interview Mrs. Lottie Miller, Apartment 11, Empire Apartments, Toledo, Ohio, for any further details she is able to recall with reference to the residence of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton at Mayville Manor in the year 1934.

Agents located and interviewed Mrs. Lottie Miller, Apartment #11, Empire Apartments, 14th and Jackson Streets, Toledo, Ohio, but she could furnish very little additional information, as previously set out in reference report. She was shown the photographs of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, but could make no identification. She did state, however, there was a man by the name of Orwood, who resided in Apartment #26 of the Mayville Manor, about two weeks; that this man and his wife acted very peculiar, and that they had nothing to do with any other tenants around the building; that she recalls Mr. Orwood was not working and that he took long walks during the day. She stated that she did not recall seeing anyone visit the Orwoods, and for this reason, photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang were not displayed to her. Mrs. Miller stated that at the time the Orwoods left, Mrs. Orwood told her that they were going to move to Cedar Point, so that their children would join them, and where her husband was going to work for Ted Angus. She stated that Mr. Orwood was about 5' 9" or 10" tall, medium heavy build, and weighed about 170 lbs.; that he had light brown hair and medium complexion. She further stated that Mrs. Orwood was about 5' 4" in height, and appeared to weigh about 145 lbs.; that she had light hair and light complexion. It will be noted from reference report, she was shown pictures of the Barker-Karpis gang, at which time she was unable to make identification.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. Dickstein and E. B. Dill on March 1, 1937, at Toledo, Ohio.

About noon, on March 1, 1937, Agents received a telephone call from Detective Harry Manson, at which time he gave the following information: That an old Toledo criminal whom he had helped on numerous occasions, came to him and stated that he would like to return the favor. This criminal, whose name he did not disclose, asked Detective Manson, if he was interested in the apprehension of "Soup" Groves. Manson told him that he was very much interested and would welcome any information in connection with Groves' whereabouts. This criminal hangs out at one of Joe Roscoe's gambling places, located at 631 St. Clair Street, Toledo, Ohio, and he stated that at about 10:00 A.M., on the above date, a man known as Pete Mason, alias "Souphouse Pete," came to 631 St. Clair Street, and inquired with reference to the details of Joe Roscoe's arrest. This occurred on the day that Roscoe was arrested; that Mason also made inquiry with reference to other men, mentioned by Roscoe, and for what charge Groves was wanted.

Manson stated that he was fairly informed that Mason is at the present time operating a rooming and boarding house in Wyandotte, Michigan; that Mason is an old time safe blower, and his boarding house is a rendezvous for all wanted men in this vicinity; that the men living in this house are desperate men, and if a raid were made on this house, precaution should be taken, inasmuch as it is known that the men there are known killers; that Mason owns as well as runs this boarding or rooming house at Wyandotte, Michigan.

It will be recalled that when Joe Roscoe was interviewed in Miami, Florida, he made reference to a man by the name of "Mason," probably "Whitey," and stated that Mason knows the present location of Groves. "Whitey" Mason was interviewed by the writers, and it was shown that "Whitey" Mason knows very little of Groves' whereabouts. This is being related in view of the fact that it is not entirely certain that "Whitey" Mason was the one to whom Roscoe intended to refer as knowing the location of Groves.

Manson stated that he did not feel at liberty to disclose at the present time the name of his informant. He stated, however, that he did not divulge this information to members of the Toledo Police Department, and that he would refrain from so doing until the Bureau has the opportunity to take whatever steps it deems advisable in the matter. Manson further stated that any information received from his informant could be relied upon, and that he was quite certain after his interview with his informant that Groves is at the present time in the rooming house of "Souphouse" Pete Mason. Manson stated that he did not know the address of the rooming house run by "Souphouse Pete," but that the address can easily be obtained at Wyandotte, Michigan, inasmuch as Pete Mason is no doubt well known there.

Agents contacted Superintendent John Louy of the Identification Bureau of the Toledo Police Department, Toledo, Ohio, and learned from this Bureau that they had in their criminal files the following criminal record on "Souphouse Pete," and this record is being set forth herewith:

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Upon being asked by Agents whether or not the Toledo Police had a criminal record on "Souphouse Pete," Inspector Louy displayed a tendency to be somewhat surprised and stated that they had a criminal record on him, and excitingly asked if Agents knew the present whereabouts of "Souphouse Pete," to which question Agents answered negatively. Upon discreet questioning of Mr. Louy, it was ascertained that "Souphouse Pete" had not been around Toledo, Ohio, for about three years; that when he did come to Toledo, he "usually hangs out around Summit and Cherry Streets." It might be well to note at this point, a few days ago, that while Agents were conducting investigation on other angles of this case, they were informed by Detectives of the Toledo Police Department, that the Toledo Police had a plant on "Soup Groves" at Summit and Cherry Street, around the cheap hotels at this location. Chief Louy was asked what Mason had done with reference to occupation while in Toledo. Chief Louy mentioned that Mason had no occupation but hung around the cheap hotels at Summit and Cherry Streets, Toledo.

In view of the possibility that "Souphouse" Pete may be the Mason, to whom Roscoe may have referred, when interviewed by Bureau Agents in Miami, Florida, and in view of the possibility that the Toledo Police are expecting to locate Groves by first locating "Soup-house Pete" at the intersection of Summit and Cherry Streets, Toledo, this information was immediately telephonically communicated to Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland, at Cleveland, Field Division.

Photographs of Pete Mason, alias "Souphouse Mason," have been obtained and these are being made part of the Cleveland Field Division files in this case.

The following description as obtained from the files of the Toledo Police Department is being set out herewith:



Name	Pete Mason
Aliases	"Soup House Pete; John Peter Mason; Petro Wurzinski; Peter Smith; Peter Wizeisinski; Peter Wrzeisinski; Pete Leg; J. P. Smith.
Fingerprints classification	10 U00 15 18 U00
Age	57
Height	5' 9"
Weight	155 lbs.
Eyes	Chestnut
Hair	Dark chestnut
Complexion	Fair
Build	Medium slender
Born	Pennsylvania
Occupation	Steam Fitter

The Detroit Field Division was notified by telephone and letter and the Bureau by teletype.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The DETROIT FIELD DIVISION at DETROIT, MICHIGAN, will search marriage records under all aliases of Benson Groves, subsequent to March 17, 1935, in an effort to determine whether or not a marriage license was issued to him, and if so, conduct appropriate investigation upon the basis of the information secured from the marriage records.

The CINCINNATI FIELD DIVISION at the Ohio State Penitentiary, COLUMBUS, OHIO, will appropriately interview Dave Watson, alias Blackie, for any information he may furnish, which may be of benefit in locating Benson Groves. The correspondence record on Dave Watson should be reviewed, as well as all records in the Cashier's Office.

The CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION at CLEVELAND, OHIO, will, at such time as prosecution in this case is authorized as to Art Hebebrand and Anthony J. Amersbach, appropriately interview Tony Zaponi, who operates a spaghetti house at West 87th and Lorain Avenue; also Billy Bailus, who is alleged to operate a "honky tonk" joint on St. Clair between 12th and 22nd, and a former burlesque queen; and Ruth Spangler, girl friend of Art Hebebrand, for the purpose of corroborating the statements of Sally Jackson and Florence Jasany, with reference to the Chicken Fry at the Twilight Tavern on May 19, 1935.

AT TOLEDO, OHIO, will locate George Green, mentioned in the

body of this report, and determine whether or not Benson Groves is in contact with him.

Will check marriage records at Toledo, Ohio, subsequent to March 17, 1935, in an effort to locate any marriage record with reference to Benson Groves, under his true name or aliases.

Will re-interview Former Chief of Police Louis Haas for any information he has been able to obtain as to the present whereabouts of Benson Groves.

AT BOWLING GREEN, OHIO, will check the marriage records for the purpose of determining whether or not Benson Groves, under his true name or aliases, was issued a marriage license subsequent to March 17, 1935. This investigation is being conducted at Bowling Green, Ohio, inasmuch as it is the "Gretna Green" of that section of Ohio, and a marriage racket has prevailed there for years.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

Cleveland FILE NO. 7-1

REPORT MADE AT Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 3/22/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/24 to 3/13; 3/19, 20/37	REPORT MADE BY A.P. HITCHIN RMH/LML
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> File reviewed Cleveland Field Division for possible leads to assist in location of Milton Lett, with aliases, for questioning with reference to the harboring situation. Photograph of Ted Angus exhibited to witnesses in all pending bank robbery cases this district, without effecting identification.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Bureau letter dated May 27, 1936.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> The files of the Cleveland Field Division were reviewed for possible leads looking towards the location of Milton Lett, with aliases, due to the fact that he is wanted in this investigation for questioning with reference to the harboring situation existing in the Northern District of Ohio.</p> <p>Investigation conducted thus far by the various field divisions covering territories in which Lett is known to inhabit has been unproductive to date in ascertaining any tangible information with reference to his location. Due to the fact that the Bureau is particularly desirous of bringing this matter to a speedy and logical conclusion, it is thought advisable that the offices receiving copies of this report give this matter vigorous and expeditious attention. The Kansas City and Oklahoma City Field Divisions are being requested to review their respective files with reference to this matter and pursue any other leads available other than the facts and leads set out in this report.</p> <p>The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Lee F. Malone from February 24, to March 13, 1937:</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. H. [Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3 - Bureau 2 - Cincinnati 2 - Kansas City 2 - Dallas 2 - Nashville 2 - Cleveland		<p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p>7 1576-1382-1 MAR 25 1937</p> <p>COPIES DESTROYED 142 JAN 4 1967</p>	

CLARK COUNTY, OHIO

The photograph of Ted Angus was exhibited to witnesses in all the bank robbery cases pending in this district, but no witness was able to effect an identification of Angus as one of the robbers in any of the cases.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION at LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS: Reference is made to the letter from the Kansas City Field Division to the Bureau dated December 10, 1936, and also the report of Special Agent V.W. Gillen, dated January 26, 1937, at Kansas City. Herbert Lusk, alias Herbert H. Moody, an inmate of the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, at one time openly stated that he could "finger" Milton Lett for a remuneration or for a release from the U.S. Penitentiary on parole. It is noted also in the report of Special Agent Gillen that investigation was conducted at Leavenworth in view of ascertaining the identity of the writer of a letter mailed from Box No. 7, Leavenworth, Kansas, to Mrs. Maggie Lett at Wann, Oklahoma. It is thought that Lusk is probably the individual corresponding with Mrs. Lett and, therefore, it is thought advisable that a close examination be made of the correspondence files with reference to Lusk and also an examination made of the visitors' record of Lusk, as he may be in contact with Milton Lett through some unknown individual visiting him at the Penitentiary. This matter should be given attention and all possible leads vigorously pursued.

At ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI. With reference to the report of Special Agent F.R. Hamneck, dated January 12, 1937, at Kansas City, Missouri, it is thought advisable at this time to ascertain the address of Mrs. Eva Hooper, if she is still residing in New Orleans, Louisiana. Contact should be had with Mrs. W.T. Wiley, 1109 South 33rd Street, in an effort to obtain the address of Mrs. Hooper. In this connection it should be noted that on one occasion Lett is supposed to have been seen driving an automobile bearing 1936 Louisiana license tags and the possibility exists that in the event Mrs. Hooper is still in New Orleans, both Lett and the niece of Mrs. Hooper, Lucille Ferris, may be in contact with her in New Orleans. Appropriate leads should be set out for the New Orleans Field Division to conduct investigation in this regard in the event her address is ascertained.

At NEVADA, KANSAS. Further consideration should be given to Vorse Griffith, although during the last interview with Griffith he stated that when he furnished information to the police department that he could give information with reference to the man wanted by this Bureau in consideration for half the reward offered. He had in mind one Tom Hill and he apparently does not know Milton Lett personally. It is thought that Griffith is in a position to become a valuable informant in this matter, particularly with reference to one Owen, who is employed at the tavern operated by Ted Thornton and others near Nevada, Kansas. Continued contact should also be had with the informant of Agent Franklin, as mentioned in the letter from the Kansas City Field Division to the Bureau, dated September 16, 1936. It should be borne in mind that results might be obtained in the event this informant is offered some small remuneration.

As set out in the report of Special Agent V.W. Gillen, dated September 22, 1936, at Kansas City, Missouri, it is apparent that Bud and Petie Bellars, who also have an interest in the tavern with Ted Thornton, are probably antagonistic towards Thornton due to his changes in the manner of operating this tavern. It is thought advisable at this time to openly interview both Bud and Petie Bellars in an effort to solicit their cooperation in the location of Lett.

At McPHERSON, KANSAS, consideration should be given to the fact that the immediate relatives of Lucille Ferris may be foreign associations and may in fact be in possession of information with reference to the location of Lucille Ferris and Milton Lett. Efforts should be made to establish an informant to contact the relatives of Lucille Ferris in an effort to establish whether or not they are in possession of any information in this regard. If same has not been done, mail covers should be placed on all close relatives of Lucille Ferris.

At WICHITA, KANSAS. Contacts in this city should be continued with reference to the relatives of Milton Lett and special consideration given to the statement of Detective O'Connor, as set out in the report of Special Agent V.W. Gillen, dated August 18, 1936, at Kansas City, Missouri, to the effect that Dick Sprecker, brother-in-law of Milton Lett, would probably be the individual contacted by Lett should he return to Wichita, Kansas.

At RUSSELL, KANSAS. Will conduct investigation, as set out in the lead in the report of Special Agent John R. Welles, dated December 31, 1936, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

At Tulsa, Oklahoma, will contact Mrs. Edith Morris, 164 State Street, as suggested in the report of Special Agent L.E. Kingman, dated November 3, 1936, at Oklahoma City. Every effort should be made to establish Mrs. Morris as an informant in this matter.

The OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION. Other than the leads set out in the report of Special Agent L.E. Kingman, dated November 3, 1936, and report of Special Agent John R. Welles, dated December 31, 1936, at Oklahoma City, consideration should be given to an open interview with Maggie Lett at WANN, OKLAHOMA, in the event other investigation is unproductive in this matter.

As set out in leads to the Kansas City Field Division, special consideration should be given to the fact that Mrs. Constance Ferris, Coffeyville, Kansas, may be feigning cooperation in this matter. Therefore, efforts should be made to establish an informant, possibly through Mrs. Twilley, who can obtain information from Mrs. Ferris with reference to the whereabouts of her daughter. If same has not been done, consideration should be given to the fact that mail covers be placed on the mail of Mrs. Ferris.

At Tulsa, Oklahoma. Efforts should be made to establish an informant at Tulsa, Oklahoma, who can watch the activities of George "Burrhead" Keady, as it is highly probable that Milton Lett may be in contact with Keady. Mail covers should also be placed on all personal mail received by Keady.

The DALLAS FIELD DIVISION. Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R.C. Coulter, dated December 1, 1936, at Dallas, Texas. It is thought advisable at this time to re-contact informant Cunningham, referred to in the above mentioned report, in an effort to have Cunningham ascertain whether or not Lett is in contact with any of the underworld in Dallas, Texas. It should be borne in mind that information has been received from Charley McCabe, South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, that Lett was supposedly at Baird, Texas. It is thought advisable to re-interview Kenneth Lang and if necessary, offer him a small remuneration within the amount authorized by the Bureau in an endeavor to solicit his cooperation in the location of Lett. It is also thought advisable to interview Mary Lou Powell, who was at one time residing with Sheriff R.L. Edwards, as it is possible that this girl has been closely associated with Kenneth Lang since he has resided in Baird, Texas. Therefore, she may possess information in the event Lang is not telling the truth with reference to his knowledge of Lett.

The ST LOUIS FIELD DIVISION should expedite the investigation set out in report of Special Agent J.S. Bush, dated October 10, 1936.

The NASHVILLE FIELD DIVISION. If same has not been done, a vigorous and expeditious investigation should be conducted as outlined in the report of Special Agent John R. Welles, dated December 31, 1936, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION at CLEVELAND, OHIO, will discreetly contact "Toots" Talbott, Earl "Stubby" Brazil, Chris Brown and Whitey Warner, employees of the Harvard Club in Newburgh Heights, Ohio, in an effort to ascertain whether or not Milton Lett has frequented the Harvard Club or for such information in their possession with reference to his present location. b7d

At TOLEDO, OHIO. Due to the fact that Lett is known to have frequented Toledo during the time that the Karpis-Barker gang was in Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, it is thought advisable that Informants be contacted with reference to whether or not Lett is at present associated with the underworld in that city.

All divisions are requested to give this matter expeditious attention.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1118 Standard Bldg.,  
Cleveland, O.

Toledo, O.,  
March 23, 1937.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,

O Brekid

Dear Sir:-

With reference to the unidentified body at Toledo, thought to be of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, subject of IO 1232, please be advised that same was disinterred today, and the hands found to be in a rather good state of preservation. They were placed in a solution of formaldehyde, and forwarded from Toledo to the Bureau's Technical laboratory, in order to identify the fingerprints, if possible. Certain hard substance found in the left lung tissue is to be forwarded in the immediate future. In this connection, reference is made to the report of Special Agent W.J. Devereux, Chicago, 3/4/37, reflecting that subject Moran had a foreign substance, believed to be shrapnel, imbedded in the lung tissue.

The report last referred to also indicates that Moran, shortly after the World War, had his left breast removed. Examination of the body at Toledo indicated that the left breast was not removed. That portion of the skin containing the left nipple has been forwarded in the formaldehyde solution to the Laboratory.

A copy of this letter was enclosed with the shipment to the Laboratory, as their authority to make a thorough examination of the hands for the purpose of determining whether any fingerprints developed corresponded with the known fingerprints of Moran, and if not, to cause the fingerprints developed to be searched thru the Identification Unit.

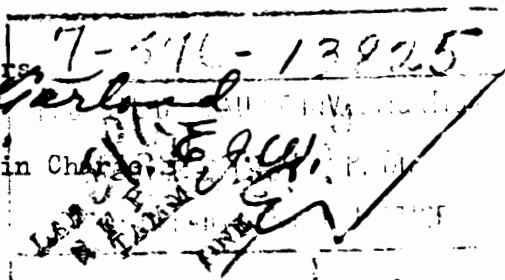
X-Ray examination of the body, on the whole, was rather negative, but did indicate the probability of a broken left tibia. The referred report of Agent Devereux, indicates that Dr. Moran at one time suffered such an injury. The x-ray plates will be forwarded to the Bureau within a day or two. In this connection, the report of Agent Devereux, indicates the possibility of old breaks or fractures of the arms and fingers. The Technical Laboratory should arrange to cause them to be x-rayed.

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Inspr. E.J. Connelley, Tacoma  
Technical Laboratory  
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Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland,  
Special Agent in Charge

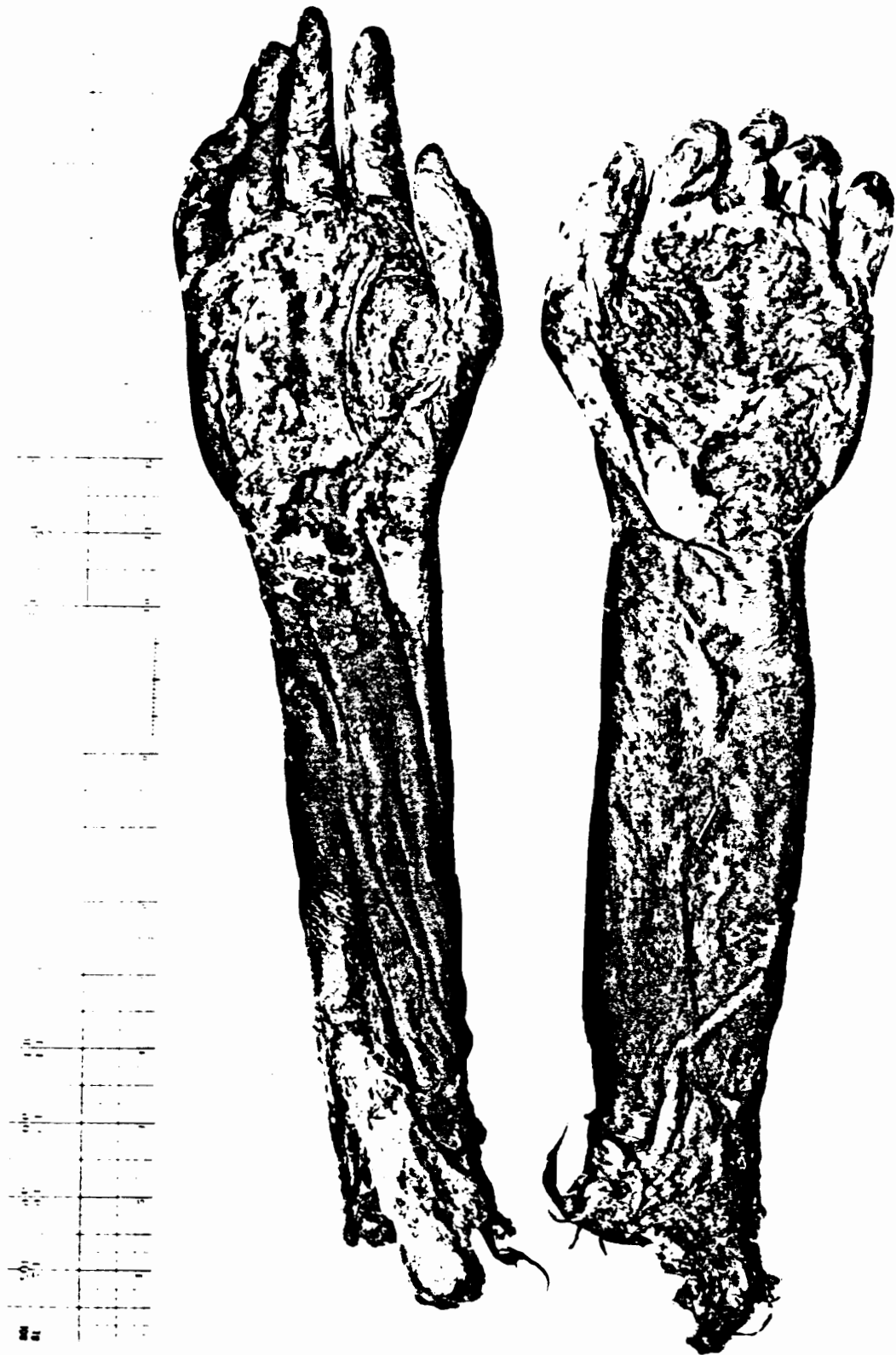
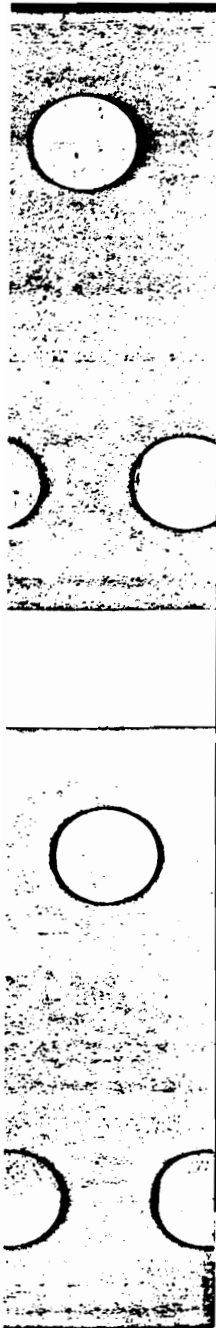


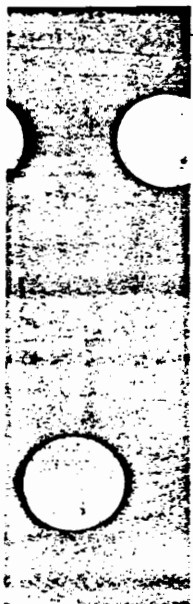
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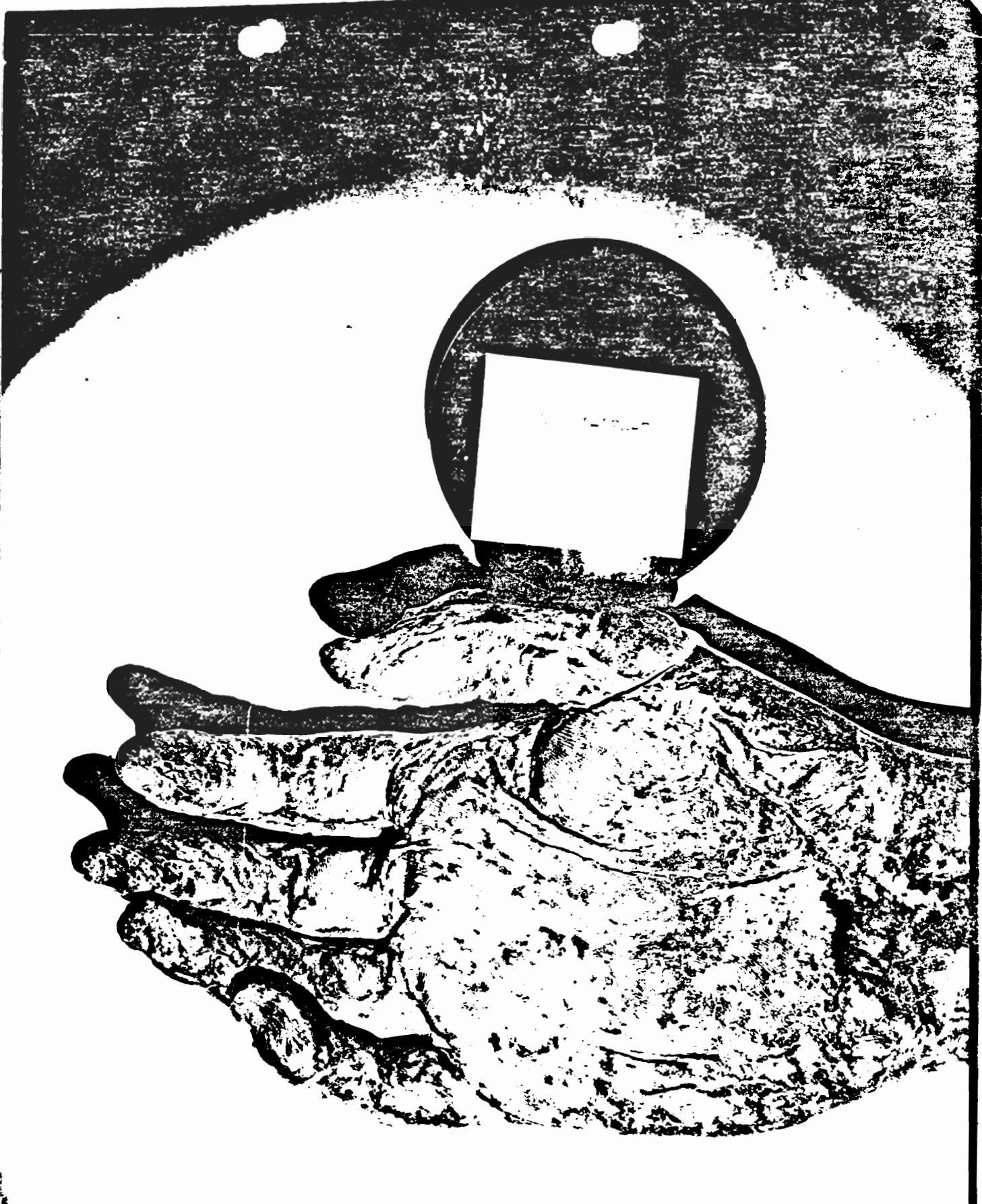


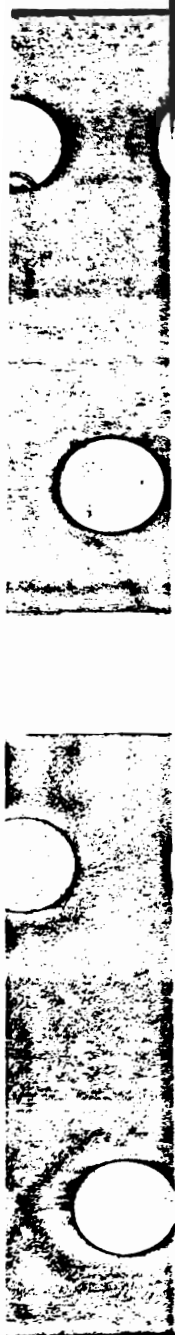
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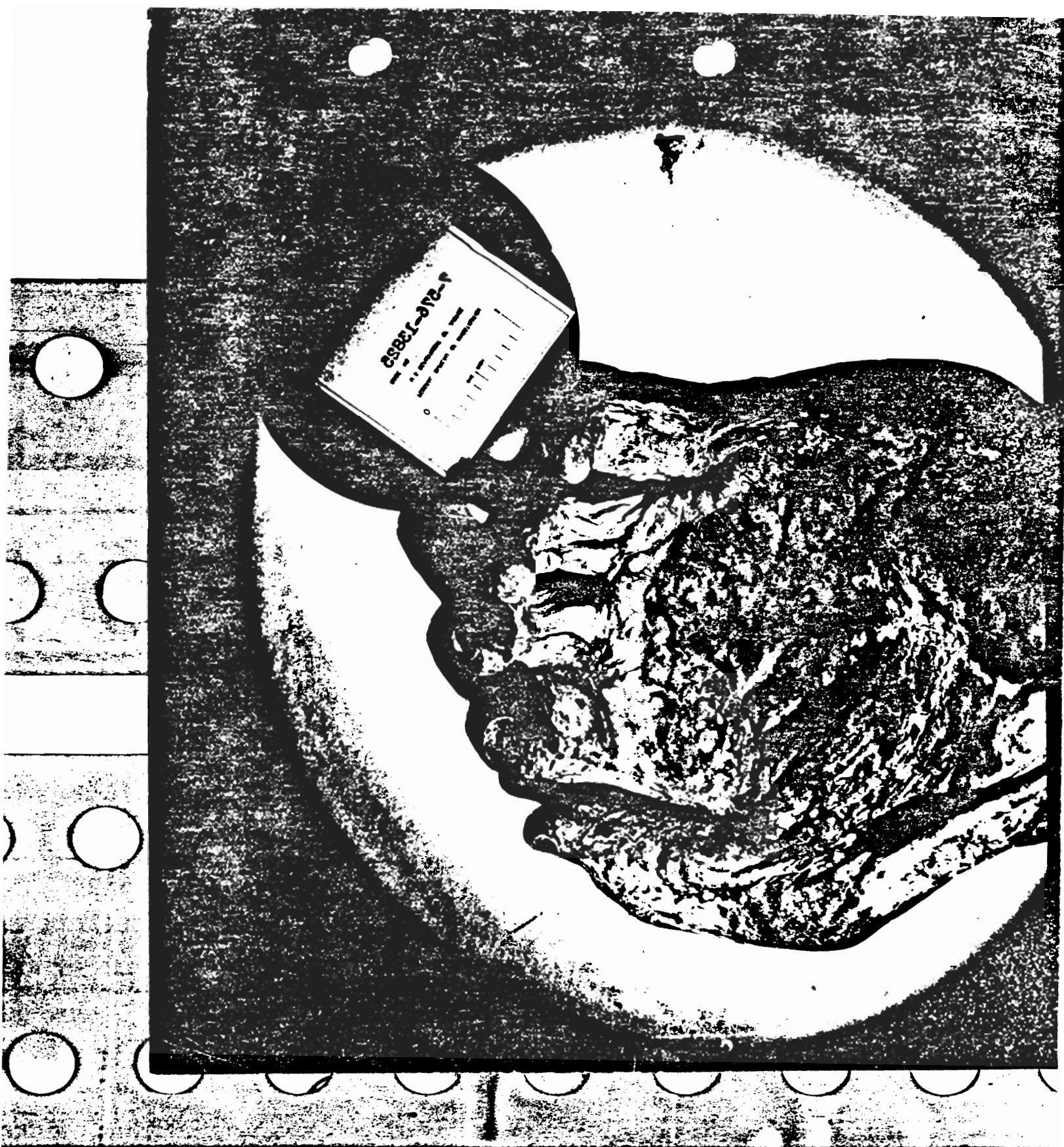






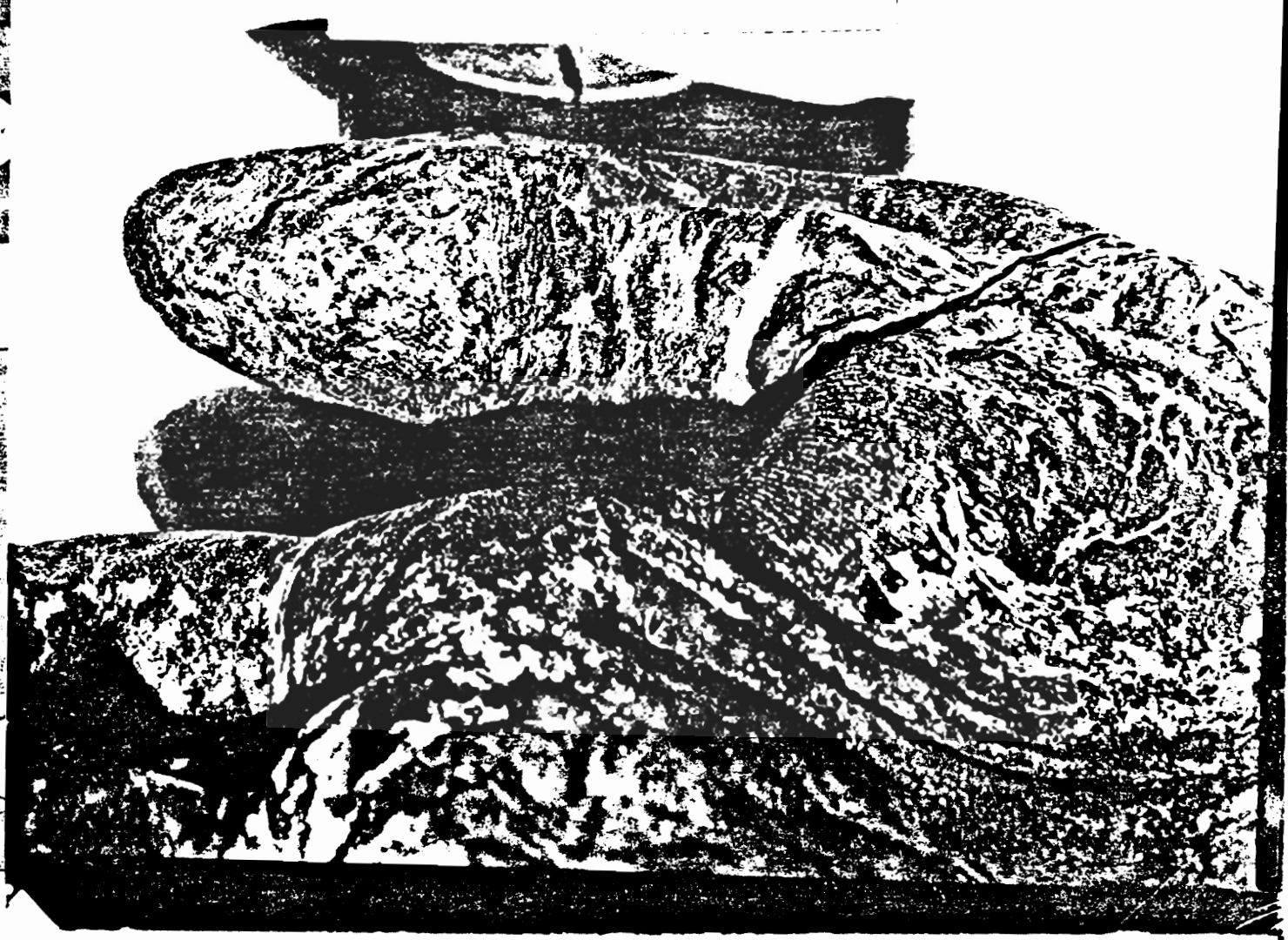
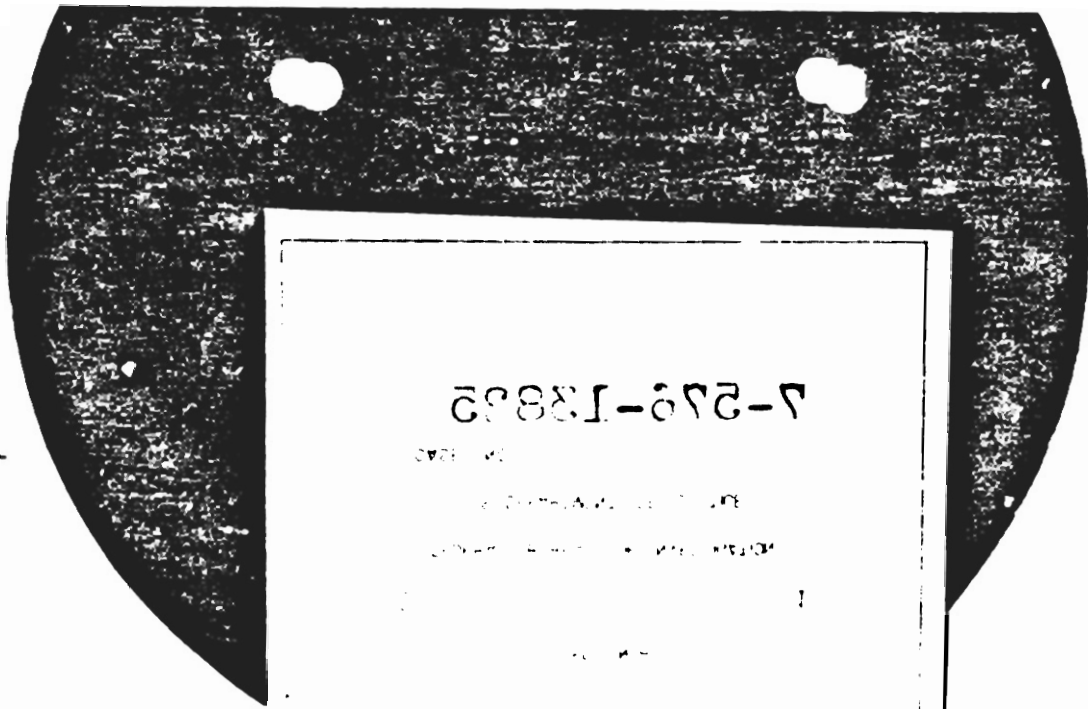
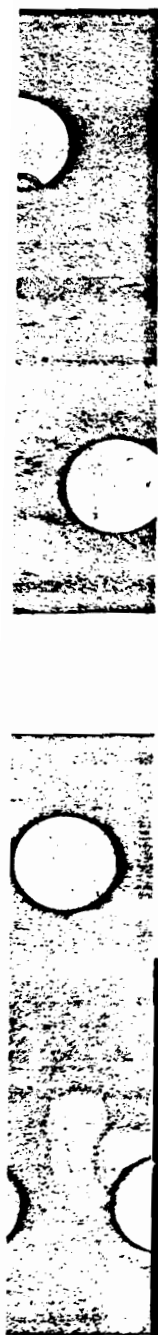








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March 30, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 23, 1937, transmitting the hands and forearms and a portion of the breast of an unknown dead man in connection with the above-entitled case.

Confirming and supplementing the Bureau's wire of March 27, 1937, you are advised that the fingerprints of this unknown dead man have been compared with the fingerprints of Mr. Joseph B. Moran, I. O. #1232 and have been found to be not identical.

The fingerprints of this unknown dead man will be searched in so far as possible through the main fingerprint files of the Bureau and you will be notified as to the results.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

1937  
cc-Cincinnati  
Chicago  
Mr. E. J. Connelley

*[Handwritten signature]*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: BLKID.

Number: 7-576-17015

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Specimens:  
7-576-17015 Q-10 Hands and part of arms taken from body thought to be that of  
Dr. Joseph P. Moran.  
" Q-11 Portion of left breast taken from body thought to be that of  
Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

(The above evidence has not been checked by the recorder).

Examination requested by: Cleveland

Date received: 3/25/37 A 3:00 PM ( 3-26-37 10:00 A.M. chp)

Examination requested: Chemical, X-ray, and fingerprint ✓

Result of examination:

Examination by: Syphers

// cc:- Cincinnati  
Chicago  
Insp. R. Connelley, Tacoma.

*Incoming letter dated 3-23-37*

*3-29-37 Compared prints on hands with prints of*

*Joseph P. Moran F.B.I. # 794777.*

*Negative results.*

*dictated proper report*

*Ans*

*3-30-37*

*4-12-37. Unable to get any more  
fingerprints from hands.  
dictated.*

GES:JM

April 13, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: **REXID.**

Dear Sir:

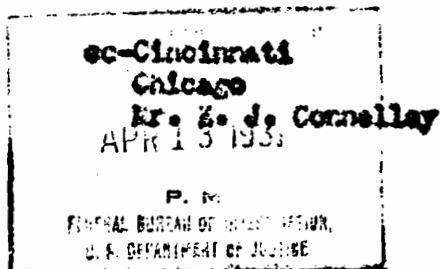
Reference is made to your letter of March 23, 1937, transmitting the hands and forearms and a portion of the breast of an unknown dead man and to the Bureau's letter in reply thereto dated March 30, 1937 in connection with the above-entitled case.

You are advised that it has been impossible to obtain a satisfactory set of fingerprints from the fingers of this unknown dead man. Consequently no search through the main fingerprint files of the Bureau can be conducted.

The material submitted is being returned to you under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



Los Angeles, California  
March 20, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
CINCINNATI, OHIO

Re: <sup>6</sup> BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the Oklahoma City division dated February 17, 1937, which requested that appropriate investigation be conducted by this division with respect to one PEGGY WIZE and her husband who are presently residing in Mojave, California.

As a result of a mail cover placed at Mojave, California, this division has been advised that the following mail has been received by the above-mentioned individuals:

- (1) Letter dated at Wichita, Kansas, March 9, 1937, addressed to Mrs. Peggy Wize, General Delivery, Mojave, California, bearing the return address "Way Yoke, 1535 Jeanette, Wichita, Kansas".
- (2) Letter dated Wichita, Kansas, March 11, 1937, addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wize, General Delivery, Mojave, California, bearing return address "T. L. Collins, At. 1, Box 182, Wichita, Kansas".
- (3) Letter dated at Wichita, Kansas, addressed to Mrs. Raymond Wize, General Delivery, Mojave, California, bearing the return address "818 So. Molyoke, Wichita, Kansas".

In view of the fact that the Los Angeles file in instant case is not complete and, therefore, does not reflect whether or not these addresses have previously been checked by the Kansas City division, no request is being set forth herein to conduct appropriate, discreet investigation at these addresses, same being left to the discretion of your division as division of origin in this case.

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The mail tracings referred to above are being attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

W. L. HANSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

W/LH  
incl.  
cc/ Bureau, Kansas City, Okla. City.

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

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FBI CLEVELAND 3-22-37 8-20 PM EST JJO

DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID. AT SEVEN AM TOMORROW THE BODY OF A PERSON SUPPOSEDLY  
THAT OF DOCTOR MORAN WILL BE EXHUMED AND EXAMINATION OF SAME WILL TAKE PLACE  
ABOUT ELEVEN AM SAME DATE. X-RAY PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN OF THE CORPSE.  
 ADVISE HOW CHARGES FOR SERVICES RENDERED IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXHUMATION  
 OF THE CORPSE ETC. SHOULD BE PAID. APPROXIMATE COST OF THE WORK WILL BE  
 ABOUT ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS.

MAC FARLAND

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ADDRESS REPLY TO  
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 16, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

Please note the attached letter from the United States Attorney, St. Paul, in which he suggests that authority be granted to dismiss the indictments pending against certain of the defendants growing out of the kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer.

Will you please let me have at your earliest convenience your views concerning the dismissal of the indictments listed by the United States Attorney.

Respectfully,

*Brien McMahon*

BRIEN McMAHON,  
Assistant Attorney General.

Enclosure #48540.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

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MAR 24 1937

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The Attorney General,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Attention: Honorable Brien McMahon,  
Assistant Attorney General.

The Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, as you were advised by teletype yesterday, has filed opinions in the appeals of Cassius McDonald and Harry Sawyer, in the Bremer kidnaping case, affirming the convictions of both of these defendants.

The defendants McDonald and Sawyer were tried and convicted under an indictment charging a conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer. With these convictions sustained, all of the defendants in the Bremer kidnaping case have been disposed of by trial and conviction, plea of guilty or dismissal, save and except William J. Harrison and Joseph Patrick Moran, alias Dr. Joseph P. Moran, who are reliably reported to be dead, and Alvin Karpis, who pleaded guilty to the conspiracy indictment in the Hamm kidnaping case and is at present serving a life sentence at Alcatraz.

In review of the Bremer kidnaping cases, I advise you of the following dispositions of the various indictments returned:

Docket No. 6096, charging conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer.

Arthur R. Barker	)	tried and found guilty
Elmer Farmer	)	by jury: Elmer Farmer
Harold Alderton	)	pleaded guilty during
John J. McLaughlin, Sr.	)	trial.
James J. Wilson	)	
Oliver A. Berg	)	
Philip J. Delaney	)	tried and acquitted.
William E. Vidler	)	
Jess Doyle	)	
Edna Murray	)	case dismissed.
"Whitie", true name	)	
Bruno Austin, or Putas.	)	

DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
CRIM. DIV. - CHICAGO



The Attorney General - #2.

March 9, 1937.

Volney Davis ) entered pleas  
Byron Bolton ) of guilty.

Alvin Karpis )  
Harry Campbell )  
William Weaver )  
Harry Sawyer ) not arraigned;  
William J. Harrison ) case still pending.  
Joseph P. Moran )  
Myrtle Eaton, )  
John Doe )  
Richard Roe )

Docket No. 6095, charging kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

The only person to plead guilty to this indictment was Byron Bolton, and he was sentenced on that plea of guilty. The defendants who were arraigned and entered pleas of not guilty were Arthur R. Barker, Elmer Farmer, Harold Alderton, Harry Sawyer, William Weaver. No disposition was made of their cases, however. The other defendants named were never arraigned. The case is pending as to the following named defendants:

Alvin Karpis ) Harry Sawyer,  
Arthur R. Barker ) William J. Harrison,  
Volney Davis ) John Doe  
Harry Campbell, ) Richard Roe  
Elmer Farmer )  
Harold Alderton )  
William Weaver )

Docket No. 6174, charging conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer.

On September 27, 1935, the conspiracy indictment (#6096) was enlarged to include Cassius McDonald. The following dispositions were made in this case:

Harry Sawyer ) tried and found guilty by  
Cassius McDonald ) jury.  
William Weaver )

Harry Campbell ) entered plea of guilty.

Alvin Karpis ) not arraigned;  
Arthur Barker ) case still pending  
Volney Davis )  
William J. Harrison )  
Byron Bolton )  
Elmer Farmer )  
Harold Alderton )



The Attorney General - #3.

March 9, 1937.

You will observe that the indictment charging the substantive offense is pending as to all defendants, save and except Byron Bolton, who entered a plea of guilty to same, and that the conspiracy indictments #6096 and #6174 are still pending as to the defendants named above. I should appreciate your advice and suggestions as to the dismissal of the indictment charging the substantive offense, and the remaining defendants named in the two conspiracy indictments.

RE: HAMM KIDNAPING CASE

On April 22, 1936, indictment No. 6248 was returned against the following named defendants, charging them with the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr:

Alvin Karpis  
Arthur Barker  
Byron Bolton  
John P. Peifer

Charles J. Fitzgerald  
Elmer Farmer  
Edward C. Bartholmey  
(Edmund)

On the same date indictment No. 6249 was returned against the same defendants, charging them with conspiracy to kidnap William Hamm, Jr. As the Department recommended certain changes in the form of these indictments, no arraignments were ever had thereon, and two subsequent indictments were returned, as indicated hereinafter. Indictments Nos. 6248 and 6249 are still pending, however.

On June 11, 1936, indictment No. 6257 was returned against the same defendants named in indictment No. 6248, charging them with the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr. (this indictment to supersede No. 6248, corrected as to form in accordance with the Department's suggestions). On this indictment, defendants Alvin Karpis, Charles J. Fitzgerald, John P. Peifer and Edmund C. Bartholmey pleaded not guilty. Byron Bolton entered a plea of guilty. Elmer Farmer, who was at that time confined in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth under a conviction on the indictment charging conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, was not returned to Minnesota for prosecution. Arthur Barker was not returned to Minnesota for prosecution, he at the time being confined at Alcatraz Penitentiary under a conviction charging conspiracy to kidnap Mr. Bremer. This indictment is still pending as to all defendants except Byron Bolton.



The Attorney General - 34.

March 9, 1937.

On June 11, 1936, indictment No. 5258 was returned against the same defendants named in indictments Nos. 5248, 5249 and 5257, charging them with conspiracy to kidnap William Hamm, Jr. This indictment to supersede No. 5249, corrected as to form in accordance with the Department's suggestions. The following dispositions were made in this case:

Alvin Karpis	)	
Byron Bolton	)	Entered pleas of guilty.
Charles J. Fitzgerald	)	
Edmund C. Bartholmey	)	

John P. Pfeifer	)	Tried and convicted by jury.
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Arthur Barker	)	Not arraigned.
Elmer Farmer	)	Case still pending.

At this time I might say that as to Edmund C. Bartholmey, at the time of his arraignment I agreed with his attorney that if he entered a plea of guilty to the conspiracy indictment I would nolle the indictment charging the substantive offense.

Your advice and suggestions as to the disposition of the undisposed of phases of the above cases will be appreciated. Our next term of court in the Third Division will convene at St. Paul on April 6, 1937, and if not too inconvenient, I should appreciate your advice before that date.

Respectfully,

*George F. Sullivan*  
GEORGE F. SULLIVAN,  
United States Attorney.

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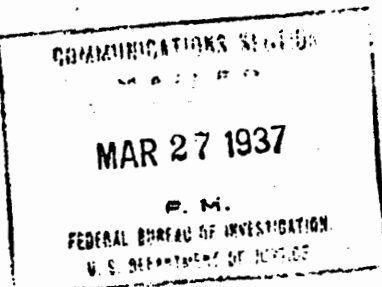
MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL McMAHON

With reference to your memorandum of March 16, 1937, transmitting a copy of a letter addressed to you under date of March 9, 1937 by United States Attorney George F. Sullivan of the District of Minnesota, pertaining to the dismissal of various indictments pending against certain of the defendants involved in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, you are advised that I will defer to your judgment as to what action should be taken upon this letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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



Brien McMahon forwards a letter from the  
U. S. Att'y, St. Paul, requesting authority  
to dismiss indictments pending against certain  
defendants in the Bremer Case. McMahon requests  
the Dir.'s views re the dismissal.

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
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1300 Liberty Trust Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

March 24, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated at Cleveland, March 3, 1937.

Please be advised that investigation conducted at the Northeastern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, disclosed that there is not an inmate presently incarcerated therein by the name of Lou Livingston nor could a record of a former prisoner by that name or alias be located.

It is probable that Livingston was committed to the Northeastern Penitentiary under another name and it is, therefore, suggested that additional information be obtained concerning him and furnished the Philadelphia Division so that he may be interviewed along the lines suggested in the above mentioned report.

Very truly yours,

G. N. LONDON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

March 23, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir,

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to Chicago Field Division letter dated March 18, 1937, and Cincinnati Field Division letter dated February 12, 1937, to your Division, regarding Russell Frank Thompson, with aliases.

Please be advised that Thompson has been located at Elgin, Illinois, and no further effort need be made to identify Frank B. Thompson mentioned in reference letter dated February 12, 1937, as being identical with Russell Frank Thompson, FBI No. 615119.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

March 23, 1937.

Time - 1:45 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Doc Moran.

During a telephonic conversation which I had with Mr. MacFarland at the Cleveland Office, he said that the men at Toledo had completed the exhumation of the body there thought to be that of Doc Moran. The left hand of the body is still in fairly good shape, and it is being sent to the Bureau for the purpose of determining if any prints can be taken therefrom which could be classified or compared.

Mr. MacFarland said that a thorough examination of the breast of the body failed to reveal any operation or break or shrapnel, which would tend to indicate, though not conclusively, that the body in question is not that of Doc Moran.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

RE: DR. MORAN.

In compliance with your request there is outlined herein the information which furnishes the background of the discovery of the body near Toledo, Ohio, in September, 1934, which is to be exhumed today or tomorrow, and the facts indicating that it may be the body of Dr. Moran.

In connection with an investigation at Toledo, regarding the slot machine situation there, Dr. Frank G. Kreft, County Coroner, was interviewed on June 26, 1936, by Special Agents E. J. Dowd and J. V. Murphy. During the conversation, various pictures of the Barker-Karpis mob were exhibited to Dr. Kreft for identification. Upon viewing the photograph of Dr. Moran, Dr. Kreft stated that Moran's photograph recalled to his memory that on Tuesday, June 23, 1936, while he and his wife were having dinner with George Timiney at the Algeo Hotel, Timiney brought up the subject of Moran's disappearance and asked Dr. Kreft if he recalled the incident of the unknown man having been found dead with a rope around his neck and his hands tied behind his back on September 2, 1934 on the Talmadge Road, near Monroe Street. Dr. Kreft replied that he recalled same, whereupon Timiney indicated that this unknown man might be Dr. Moran and asked Dr. Kreft what he should do to get this body removed for examination of the dental work to identify the body as that of Dr. Moran.

Agents Dowd and Murphy on June 27, 1936, examined the records of the then County Coroner Dr. William M. Shapiro of Toledo. Case #22429 made by Dr. Kreft on September 3, 1934, indicated that on that date a body of an unknown white man was found at Talmadge Road about one-half mile north of Monroe Street, Lucas County, Ohio. The body was badly decomposed and it was impossible to hold an autopsy. However, it was believed that death was caused by suffocation at a time when a piece of rope was tied around the deceased's neck. The only description of this unknown man set forth in the case report was that he was about forty-three years of age, brown hair, and was five feet eight inches in height.

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Further interviews by the Special Agents indicated that the body was found in an isolated location on Labor Day of 1934 by a man who was picking bittersweet. Indications were that it had been exposed to the sun for approximately five to seven weeks. The undertaker who handled the body stated that although it was badly decomposed, he knew that this unknown man was a white man because of his straight hair and that the hair appeared to be of a sandy color or light brown. The undertaker also stated that the body did not have any gold teeth at the time it was found. He described it as being about five feet nine or ten inches height, medium build, and about 190 pounds in weight.

As you will recall various members of the Barker-Karpis mob have indicated that Dr. Moran was taken out one night during the summer of 1934, from the Casino Club operated by the Angus Brothers, by members of the gang, under circumstances which indicated that they might have taken him for a ride. The information indicated at that time that possibly his body was left in Lake Erie. However, there was no definite information to this effect. In my conversation with Agent Wynn, he stated that none of the mob ever indicated that the body above mentioned, found on Labor Day of 1934, was that of Dr. Moran. However, when Joe Roscoe was recently arrested in Miami, Florida, he made the statement that at the time the newspapers were giving publicity to the finding of this body, Harry Campbell pointed to one of the articles and stated, "That is the S.B.", indicating that these articles referred to the body of Dr. Moran.

Roscoe's statement is in Section 135, Serial 13638 of the Brekid file which is not on file at present and I have not been able to verify this information.

Respectfully,

*L. M. Chipman*  
L. M. Chipman.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-43

REPORT MADE AT Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 3-24-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-12-37	REPORT MADE BY J. A. Cimperman - acr
TITLE GEORGE TIMNEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases; FUGITIVE, IO #1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Records at Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio reflect that Harry Stone, OSP #48876, died in the prison hospital on 4-8-30. No record of "Jersey Blackie" or Larry Kurtz. Benson Groves unknown to George Loestiner, alias "Jiggs" Loestiner, OSP #49043, who has been incarcerated therein since 1920.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent F. G. Tillman, Pittsburgh, dated 2-9-37; and report of Special Agent F. G. Tillman, Pittsburgh, Pa., dated 3-5-37.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> At Columbus, Ohio</p> <p>Mr. D. J. Honzo, Chief Parole and Record Clerk, Ohio State Penitentiary, produced the file jacket on Harry Stone, alias Harry Wulle, alias Akron Fatty, OSP #48876. An examination of this file jacket reflected that Stone was received at the institution on 10-28-20 to serve a term of 1 to 15 years on a charge of bank robbery for having participated in the robbery of the Bedford Branch of the Cleveland Trust Co. which was held up on 10-22-20 and a loot of approximately \$50,000 obtained. The file further reflected that Stone died in the Ohio State Penitentiary Hospital on 4-8-30. His relatives are listed as George, Louis and Charles Wulle, brothers and Mayme Johnson, sister, all of Akron, Ohio. His accomplices are listed as George Loestiner, OSP #49043, Albert W. Joyce, Orville Taylor alias George Bentley, OSP #52402, the latter of whom has</p>			
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been transferred to the London Prison Farm, London, Ohio. The file further reflects that Joyce was killed immediately after the holdup by police officers and that both Stone and Taylor were wounded in the gun fight that followed which resulted in their apprehension.

The file jacket on George Loestiner, alias "Jiggs" Loestiner, OSP #49043 reflects he was admitted to the Ohio State Penitentiary on 12-17-20 to serve a life sentence on a charge of robbery and murder. He is still confined there. His mother, Mrs. Julia Loestiner, is residing at 1148 E. 66th St., Cleveland, Ohio; his sister, Mrs. Rose Whearty, is residing at 3737 W. 176th St., Cleveland, Ohio; his brother Henry Loestiner is at 1182 E. 71st St., Cleveland, Ohio.

An examination was also made of the records in the record room and at the Bureau of Identification of the penitentiary but neither of these places had a record of "Jersey Blackie" or of the other parties mentioned in reports of reference. There were several parties listed under the name of Larry Kurtz and Harry Kurtz but none of these individuals was received at that institution on a charge of bank robbery and apparently are not identical with the Larry Kurtz referred to in report of reference.

An examination was also made of the "receiving book" which alphabetically lists the names of convicts received from different counties but same failed to list a party by the name of Kurtz as having been received from Middletown or Middleton, Ohio, Columbiana and Webster counties respectively.

George Loestiner alias "Jiggs" Loestiner, OSP #49043, was also interviewed by agent in reference to the individuals mentioned in report of reference and he stated that he is positive that he did not know any of them nor was he able to recall their names, stating that he has been in the penitentiary for the past 17 years and has lost contact with or trace of all his former acquaintances. He stated that Benson Groves, Larry Kurtz and "Jersey Blackie" are unknown to him. He stated that Harry Stone, who died in the penitentiary in 1930, never went under any of those aliases nor did Orville Taylor or Albert W. Joyce. He stated that the participants of this holdup were Albert Joyce, George Stone, Orville Taylor, and himself, as already set out above, and that they did not have any other members in their gang.

Inasmuch as Orville Taylor has been transferred to the London Prison Farm on 5-14-35, no attempt was made to contact him as he has been incarcerated since 1920 and there is no indication that he may have any knowledge as to the whereabouts or associates of Benson Groves or that he ever knew him, or Larry Kurtz or "Jersey Blackie". His file jacket was also transferred to the London Prison farm and therefore was not available for examination in Columbus, Ohio.

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ARTHUR G. LAMBERT  
Attorney at Law  
218-19 Munsey Building  
Washington, D.C.

March 15, 1937

Mr. Joseph B. Keenan,  
The Assistant to the Attorney General,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Harry L. Sherman

Dear Mr. Keenan:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 25, 1937, in which you advise that the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation do not indicate that information furnished by Harry L. Sherman resulted in the apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

In my letter of February 4, 1937, in regard to the claim of Mr. Sherman with reference to the information furnished to the Bureau of Investigation, I asked for the opportunity of conferring on this matter. I assume that if the records of the Bureau had indicated that Mr. Sherman was entitled to the reward, it would not have been necessary for him to take up the matter of the claim in this way. I assume further that the records of the Bureau are accurate in most instances. However, it appears to me that possibly in this instance there may have been some error involved. For that reason I should appreciate the courtesy of personally conferring with such representative of the Department of Justice whom you might designate. I should like to be in a position to advise Mr. Sherman in regard to his claim in such a way as to avoid the possibility of any administrative error.

Thanking you for your further cooperation in this matter,  
I am

Very truly yours,

ARTHUR G. LAMBERT

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Department of Justice  
Washington

March 24, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Transmitted herewith you will please find  
letter from one Arthur G. Lambert, Esquire, of  
Washington, D. C., which is self-explanatory.

It would be appreciated if you will pre-  
pare a letter of reply with reference to this  
matter for my signature.

*Joseph B. Keenan*  
Joseph B. Keenan,  
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

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**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOSEPH B. KEEDAN  
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

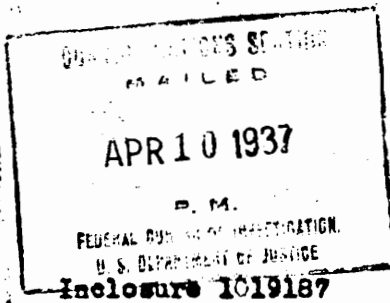
**Re: GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE - I. O. 1232;  
et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -Victim.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT.**

Reference is made to your memorandum dated March 24, 1937, transmitting a letter dated March 15, 1937, addressed to you from Mr. Arthur G. Lambert, 218-19 Munsey Building, Washington, D.C., concerning a request for an interview regarding the claim for a reward by his client, Harry L. Sherman, in connection with the apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

In accordance with your request, there is attached hereto a suggested reply.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
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April 10, 1937

Mr. Arthur G. Lambert,  
Attorney at Law,  
218-19 Munsey Building,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Lambert:

I am in receipt of your communication dated March 15, 1937, in which you request an interview with a representative of the Department concerning the claim of Mr. Harry L. Sherman for a reward in connection with the apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

By reference from the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, I have been advised that an appropriate interview may be had concerning this matter at your convenience, and I might therefore suggest that you may desire to make arrangements for an interview with appropriate officials of the Bureau in the near future.

Very truly yours,

Joseph B. Keenan,  
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

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Mr. Keenan refers to this Bu for reply for his signature, lett. from Arthur G. Lambert, Wash. attorney, in which Mr. Lambert requests conference be arranged for him with a representative of this Dept. concerning the claim of Harry L. Sherman that info. furnished by him resulted in apprehension of Karpis.

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1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio

March 24, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

On March 9, 1937, Special Agent Lee F. Malone while at Salem, Ohio, was advised by Merr Gaunt, a police officer in that city, that two of the vagrants who were put up for the night in the city jail had informed him (Gaunt) that recently while at a flop house in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, they observed a man who resembled Benson Groves, who is being sought by the Bureau for interrogation in connection with the above captioned matter.

The men who furnished this information gave their names as JOHN HORTON, age 65, Bristol, Tennessee, and HARRY MARTIN, age 53, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

It is suggested that investigation be made at lodging houses frequented by vagrants, with a view to ascertaining whether Benson Groves recently stayed in Pittsburgh and that the identity of the individual who answered the description of Groves be established if possible.

Very truly yours,

J.P. MacFARLAND,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
March 24, 1937.

Time - 2:55 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Harboring Cases at  
Hot Springs, Arkansas.

SAC Fletcher telephoned me from the Little Rock Office with reference to his telephone conversation with Mr. Tamm last evening relative to the placing of the latest telephone tap at Hot Springs, Arkansas. You will recall that Agent Parry of the Oklahoma City Office undertook to place this tap, but found that it was too complicated for him, and that Mr. Tamm authorized Fletcher to call the Chicago Office, and, if the physical condition of Agent Jones' wife would permit, request that Jones come down there at once and place this tap.

Mr. Fletcher reported to me that upon calling the Chicago Office, he found that Mrs. Jones' condition will not permit Mr. Jones' leaving for the next two or three days, and consequently, he couldn't start at once. However, Mr. Fletcher said that it would do just as well for Jones to come down there at the expiration of those two or three days and place this tap, and he requested authority to write the Chicago Office a letter and state that upon discussing this matter with the Bureau, the Bureau had authorized his requesting Mr. Jones to proceed to Hot Springs at the expiration of two or three days and install this tap. I authorized Mr. Fletcher to do this.

In view of the fact that it will be some time before the tap is actually installed, Mr. Fletcher said that he could release Agent Parry so that he can return to Oklahoma City, and Agent O'Brien so that he can return to St. Louis, with the reservation that Agent O'Brien return to work on the tap if and when his services are needed. I approved this procedure.

Respectfully,

*P. E. Foxworth*  
P. E. FOXWORTH.

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March 22, 1937

FBI CALLING FBI DEPT OF JUSTICE, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, 0711:

FBI LOS ANGELES 3/22/37 5:15 PM EL  
SAC ST. PAUL  
PHONE. BREKID.

INFORMATION RECEIVED BELLE BORN RESIDING AT LOS ANGELES  
HAVING BEEN THIS VICINITY SINCE DECEMBER FIRST LAST. SHE HAS BEEN RECEIVING  
MAIL AT SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, THROUGH A WOMAN FRIEND KNOWN ONLY AS BETTY,  
WHO IS REPORTED TO HAVE A SON COMMENCING PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY IN BOSTON,  
MASS., ALSO A SISTER NAMED MRS. BEACH IN CHICAGO, ILLIN IS, WHICH WOMAN IS  
ACQUAINTANCE OF BELLE BORN AND WAS KNOWN TO KATE BARKER. BORN HAS  
ATTEMPTED PERSUADE BETTY RETURN TO THE EAST WHERE SHE COULD BE GUARANTEED  
PLENTY OF MONEY. BORN RECEIVES MAIL REGULARLY FROM ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA,  
LETTERS REPORTEDLY CONTAINING LARGE AMOUNTS CURRENCY. PAST SEVERAL WEEKS  
HAS BEEN RECEIVING AIR MAIL LETTERS WITH ENCLOSURES TO FORWARD TO OTHER  
POINTS. HER MAIL HAS INCLUDED CORRESPONDENCE FROM COUNT VIOTO, FROM  
EITHER HARNEY, MINNESOTA, OR HURLEY, WISCONSIN, ALSO LETTERS SIGNED BLANCHE  
AND OTHERS SIGNED CAVANAUGH. BORN HAS INFORMED BETTY SHE COULD BE REACHED  
ANY TIME BY ADDRESSING MAIL TO FOUR ONE NAUGHT NINE COLUMBUS, ST. PAUL,  
MINNESOTA. BORN PLANS RETURN EAST VERY NEAR FUTURE, GOING BY WAY OF EL  
PASO. IF FURTHER INVESTIGATION DESIRED OF BELLE BORN OR ANY ACTION TO BE

TAKEN HERE PLEASE ADVISE

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Cincinnati JHM/EL

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

March 11, 1937.

To Mr. Hoover,  
Director, Bureau of Investigation.

The Attorney General has been requested by the  
House Committee on Claims to submit his views as to  
the merits of the annexed bill (H. R. 5229).

Please examine the same and submit to this  
office at your early convenience a memorandum  
containing your views, as well as a summary of the  
pertinent facts.

Respectfully,

Joseph B. Keenan

The Assistant to the Attorney General.

(S) Alexander Holtzoff

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ALEXANDER HOLTZOFF,  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Q In compliance with your memorandum of March 11, 1937, I am outlining herewith the facts surrounding the raid on the house of Carson Bradford, located at Lake Weir, Marion County, Florida, which resulted in the extermination of Kate and Fred Barker, and during which certain damage resulted to the Bradford home, on which a claim is now being presented to the Government.

On the early morning of January 15, 1935, a group of Bureau Agents under the direction of Inspector E. J. Connelley surrounded the Bradford home with the view of capturing its occupants, who were known to be Fred and Kate Barker. The investigation identifying them as being the occupants of the Bradford house had previously been conducted. As soon as it became light enough to clearly see the house and to observe anyone leaving it, Inspector Connelley called to the occupants of the house, advising them that the house was surrounded by Federal officers, who were Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, and instructed them to leave the house one at a time under certain specified conditions, or it would be necessary to gas the house to drive them out.

For a period of approximately fifteen minutes no answer was received, although it was noted that someone was moving about within the house. After about twenty minutes a tear gas shell was shot at the house, and at this time Kate Barker was heard to scream. Thereafter, at various intervals the occupants were given notice to vacate by Inspector Connelley and the other Agents without result. Shortly thereafter Inspector Connelley again called to the Barkers, addressing them by name and instructing them to vacate the house, and Kate Barker in a rather distinct voice called out, "All right, go ahead". When this remark was made it was interpreted as meaning that they were planning to come out and Inspector Connelley, to more properly supervise the exit, partially exposed himself and immediately became the target of machine gun fire emanating from the front upstairs window of the house. This fire was immediately answered by fire from the Agents, as it was necessary to protect Inspector Connelley's position until he could gain cover.

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Thereafter the occupants of the house maintained a steady fire from the various windows for approximately two hours, which fire was answered by the Agents surrounding the house. After the firing from the house ceased investigation was made which developed that the occupants Kate and Fred Barker had been killed as a result of the firing.

Inspection of the house was immediately made with a view of determining the amount of damage done to it. The house was a two story frame building, having hardwood floors downstairs and pine floors upstairs. The walls and ceilings were of a plaster of Paris composition and what is known as "sheet rock". Mr. Bradford later informed an Agent of the Bureau that he constructed this home four years prior thereto at a cost of \$7,000. In the opinion of the Agents who inspected the house, this price was probably exaggerated, unless the estimate included the cost of the land upon which it is located.

The following is a detailed description of the damage done to each portion of the house:

**Front porch:** 21 bullet holes in clapboard which can probably be repaired by filling with putty and repainting.

5 wire screens, approximate size 8 x 8, shot out.

1 bullet hole in roof of porch which can probably be repaired by filling with coal-tar or some similar material.

1 post,  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 3 inches, was damaged by gun fire.

**Living room:** Window glass for 3 windows and 1 extra pane for one window were shot out.

2 window frames damaged by gun fire.

2 window screens needed.

4 window shades needed - cheap variety.

4 pairs curtains needed - cheap variety.



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Woodwork of the front door and the glass therein damaged and shot out.

1 cheap glass lighting fixture on wall was damaged.

58 bullet holes in the walls

1 bullet penetrated what appeared to be a family picture, breaking the glass.

Dining room: 23 bullet holes in walls

1 bullet hole in ceiling

6 bullet holes in windows

window glass for 3 windows necessary

window frame will have to be repaired

3 window shades needed.

Kitchen: 4 bullet holes through door

1 door lock broken

2 gas shell projectiles made large holes through walls and one made large hole through pantry door

2 window screens needed

glass for 3 windows needed

5 bullet holes through a cheap kitchen cabinet - little damage

3 bullet holes through door facing.

Back porch: Window glass for door needed

2 screens needed

2 window panes needed

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UPSTAIRS' BEDROOMS

Room No. 1 (where bodies were found):

Screens and window glass needed for 4 windows  
4 curtains needed  
window frames for 3 windows needed  
147 bullet holes in walls and ceiling  
2 doors needed  
1 bullet hole through a cheap dresser  
2 bullet holes through an iron bed  
1 mirror, size 36" x 24" in a cheap frame broken  
1 art square damaged by blood, which can probably be cleaned.

Room No. 2 (where Mrs. Barker was sleeping):

40 bullet holes in walls and ceiling  
2 bullet holes in door  
4 bullet holes in closet doors  
window glass for 4 windows needed  
screens for 4 windows needed  
shades for 4 windows needed  
1 bullet hole through back of wooden bed  
1 mirror, size 50 x 18" in a dresser broken  
4 bullet holes in cheap dresser.

Room No. 3 (where Harry Campbell is believed to have stayed)

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51 bullet holes in walls and ceiling

screens for 3 windows needed

2 shades needed

window glass for 3 windows needed

2 window frames damaged

3 bullet holes in door

5 bullet holes in a cheap bureau

Room No. 4: 21 bullet holes in walls and ceiling

6 window shades needed

6 wire screens needed

window glass for 6 windows needed

1 tear gas projectile hole in wall

1 bullet hole in door

2 window frames need repairing

Hallway upstairs:

52 bullet holes in walls and ceiling

Bathroom upstairs:

12 bullet holes in walls and ceiling

glass in 1 window shattered

1 window screen needed

1 window shade needed

1 bullet hole in door

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## Cedar lined closet upstairs:

6 bullet holes in walls

2 bullet holes in door

## Outside of House:

67 bullet holes (outside of east and south walls of house)

4 large holes made by gas projectiles (outside walls of house)

27 bullet holes (west side, rear of house)

16 bullet holes (north side of house)

An estimate of the amount of damage done to the house is not available to the Bureau. However, the Agent making the above outlined inspection stated that it appeared to be necessary to replace all of the walls and ceilings, as well as practically all of the windows, screens, shades and curtains.

Investigation disclosed that the house was rented to the Barkers, who used the name of Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn, by Joseph Adams of Miami, Florida, against whom harboring charges in the instant matter are presently pending. Adams has assumed the full responsibility of renting the house to the Barkers, and made a statement to the effect that so far as he knew Mr. and Mrs. Bradford never met any of the Barker gang. The Bradfords also have persistently denied knowing the Barkers, or any member of their gang, or having anything to do with the renting of the house to them, and the Bureau is not in possession of any information indicating a guilty knowledge on the part of the Bradfords in this matter. It was further developed that Carson Bradford had been associated with Joseph Adams in the operation of a dog track at Miami, known as the Biscayne Kennel Club, and that they had also been partners in the real estate business at Miami.

With reference to your inquiry as to my views concerning the merits of Mr. Bradford's claim, please be advised that I have no recommendation to make in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR  
EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
March 25, 1936.

Time - 6:40 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Holtzoff telephoned me for an unofficial discussion of the Bureau's memorandum to the Department relative to the damage done to the Bradford home at Lake Weir as a result of the raid conducted down there in the above entitled matter.

He said it had occurred to him that if the Bradfords knew the identity of the individuals who were occupying this house, he believed that they should contest this bill vigorously. I told Mr. Holtzoff that as a result of our investigation, we had been unable to establish the culpability of the Bradfords in this matter, and it appears that they are just innocent bystanders who rented their house to persons who they did not know, but who had been recommended by Joe Adams and others. The Bradfords did not know, of course, that Joe Adams and those others knew the identity of the Barkers.

This being so, Mr. Holtzoff said that he could see no reason why they should contest the bill, but that the amount of damage to be paid would be left entirely to the committee.

Respectfully,

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E. A. TAMM.

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FILE NO. 7-25

REPORT MADE AT <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/25/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/18/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>RICHARD E. SMITH</b> <span style="float: right;">RTH</span>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINEY with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:      <b>Mrs. Minnie Anderson, mother of William Fisher, who was killed in a Pennsylvania truck smash-up in September, 1934, resides at Benton Harbor, Michigan. Investigation indicates that Mrs. Anderson did not operate a hide-out on the outskirts of Benton Harbor, and that she has lived in Benton Harbor with her husband, a laboring man, for a period of many years.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p>REFERENCE:              <b>Report of Special Agent C. E. Greaney Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, dated 7/18/36.</b></p> <p>DETAILS:                  <b>At BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>MRS. EDNA FLETCHER, Secretary, Dean Mortuary, 347 Pipestone Street, examined her records per- taining to the burial of William Fisher who was killed in a truck smash-up in Pennsylvania on September 16, 1934. The records disclose that the body of William Henry Fisher was received at Benton Harbor, Michigan, on September 18,</b></p>			
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1934, the body being shipped in from Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The file discloses that Charles Fisher was the father and Minnie Fisher the mother of the deceased, William Henry Fisher; that burial was had at Crystal Springs Cemetery. The records failed to disclose the address of any of the relatives of William Fisher.

Mrs. Fletcher contacted an official of the Crystal Springs Cemetery, where Fisher was buried, by telephone, at which time she learned that the lot on which Fisher was buried was purchased by MRS. EDNA MAY TERRY of Chicago, Illinois; also that Mrs. Terry died since the death of William Fisher.

Mrs. Fletcher then located the burial record of Mrs. Edna May Terry, which disclosed that the brother-in-law of Mrs. Terry was MR. GLENN ANDERSON, residing at 369 Lincoln Street. It was therefore obvious that Mr. Anderson was also the brother-in-law of William Fisher.

The Benton Harbor City Directory disclosed that Glenn Anderson is an employee of the City Engineering Department.

Chief of Police CHARLES KOCHER of the Benton Harbor Police Department stated that Glenn Anderson has been employed with the City for several years and is an upright and honorable citizen; that he believed Mr. Anderson would furnish any information requested of him by Agent.

MR. GLENN ANDERSON, 369 Lincoln Street, advised that he was the brother-in-law of William Fisher, deceased; that William had been killed in an accident due to a truck smash-up near Johnstown, Pennsylvania, during September, 1934; that William eight or nine years ago resided in Benton Harbor, staying with Anderson and his wife.

Mr. Anderson stated that the father of William Fisher is dead and that his mother, Minnie, is presently the wife of ELMER ANDERSON, his brother, who resides at 134 Territorial Road, on the third floor. He stated that Fisher's mother has been married to his brother Elmer for about fifteen years, her husband, Charles

Fisher, having died approximately eighteen years ago; that during the latter part of William Fisher's residence in Benton Harbor he had lived at his home, but during the past seven or eight years prior to his death he had been away from Benton Harbor, Michigan, except for a few short visits to see his relatives. Mr. Anderson also stated that he does not believe William Fisher was in Benton Harbor on more than one occasion during the two years preceding his death; that Mrs. Elmer Anderson has kept house during her married life with Elmer Anderson and he has never known her to operate any kind of a place on the outskirts of Benton Harbor. As a matter of fact, to the best of his recollection, his brother and sister-in-law have not resided at any time on the southern outskirts of the City, but have always been residing near the heart of the City. He also stated that he feels reasonably certain that William Fisher never brought any of his friends to Benton Harbor and that in the event he had brought friends to Benton Harbor he would have brought them to his house rather than taking them to his mother's place.

Mr. Anderson stated that he understood that William Fisher had been in some kind of trouble in Pennsylvania five or six years ago but that he does not know the details of same; that he recalls that he was arrested on some kind of a charge and believed he served some time for same.

Mr. Glenn Anderson appeared to be very cooperative with Agent in answering questions and from the interview with him it does not appear that William Fisher's mother ever operated any kind of a place on the outskirts of Benton Harbor, Michigan.

It is noted from previous reports that ARCHIE C. ~~NEGLEMAN~~ informed that Billy Fisher's mother operated a place near the outskirts of Ann Arbor. It should be noted that Ann Arbor is approximately one hundred and sixty miles from Benton Harbor. It is also noted that Negleman stated Fisher was killed by the State Police at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, during the latter part of 1934 or the early part of 1935; also that Fisher's body was shipped from Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and it appeared quite possible, therefore, that from the information concerning the shipment of the body of Mr. William



Fisher to Benton Harbor, Michigan, that this William Fisher is identical with the individual referred to by Archie G. Negleman.

Chief of Police CHARLES KOCHER and Officer WILLIAM KALIN advised that they knew of Elmer Anderson, who is a laboring man employed in the steel mill at Benton Harbor, Michigan; that Elmer Anderson has been employed at this steel mill for a period of fifteen or twenty years. The officers stated they are not acquainted with the wife of Elmer Anderson but felt certain that she never operated any kind of a place near the outskirts of Benton Harbor, for they certainly would have knowledge of same.

Agent was advised that Elmer Anderson had formerly lived on Edwards Street, which is not near the City limits, and had also lived on Whitcomb Street, which is not located near the City limits.

Agent made efforts to locate Mrs. Elmer Anderson at her residence, 134 Territorial Road. However, Agent called at the house on two occasions and no one responded.

Due to the necessity for Agent to leave Benton Harbor for Detroit, per instructions of Special Agent in Charge Jay C. Newman, further effort to contact Mrs. Anderson was not made.

It is believed that it will be suitable to openly interview Mrs. Elmer Anderson concerning her former residences in Benton Harbor, ascertaining if she ever resided near the outskirts of the City; also if she ever resided at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

In the event it is learned that Mrs. Elmer Anderson did operate a place near the outskirts of Benton Harbor, suitable investigation should be conducted to ascertain the character and reputation of the place operated and to learn if the place was frequented by any of the

members of the Barker-Karpis Gang.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The DETROIT FIELD DIVISION at BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN, will interview Mrs. Elmer Anderson along the lines set out above.

----- P E N D I N G -----

March 23, 1937.

Time - 9:50 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Harboring Cases at  
Toledo and Cleveland.

SAC MacFarland of the Cleveland Office telephoned Mr. Pennington in my office relative to the above entitled case, in which our principal witnesses consist among other persons of the three Jackson sisters in Cleveland, who, as you know, are somewhat eccentric. He said that yesterday afternoon, United States Attorney Freed telephoned him from Toledo and wanted to know if we could arrange to bring the three Jackson sisters up there so that he, Freed, and Special Assistant to the Attorney General Shanahan could interview them. It developed further in this telephonic conversation that what they wanted to interview them for is in connection with the Garrettsville mail robbery, which, of course, we are not working on. Mr. MacFarland points out that the United States Attorney and the Department have not as yet arrived at a conclusion in so far as prosecution on the harboring cases is concerned, and it appears that what they want to interview these persons for is to assist in their arriving at a determination as to which case they will prosecute.

Mr. MacFarland said that he told Freed the only Agent who had a contact with these witnesses was in Toledo at this time on a special assignment, and he did not know when he could get him out of there. In any event, Mr. MacFarland is of the opinion that if arrangements are made for Freed and Shanahan to interview these sisters, they should come to Cleveland to do it rather than the witnesses being taken to Toledo. He said that these sisters are somewhat eccentric in any event, and to try to do anything such as this would serve only to antagonize them, and they might later refuse to testify at all or might change their stories.

In view of the obvious fact that Freed and Shanahan want to interview these women in connection with the mail robbery mainly, he does not believe that we should make any arrangements to find those women, transport them to Toledo and back just for the purpose of Freed and Shanahan interviewing them, especially in view of the fact that what they will testify to is contained in the various reports which have been submitted.

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Upon my return to the office, I telephoned Mr. MacFarland about the above situation, and he said that since talking with Mr. Pennington the situation has more or less righted itself. Mr. Freed called up MacFarland again and asked if he was coming over with the women. Mr. MacFarland told him he was not; that he did not have the facilities to bring them over, and further, he did not know where they were.

Mr. Freed then said just to let it go because he was going to be in Cleveland tomorrow anyway.

It should be pointed out that the only way the office of the USA got wind of these women witnesses is through the reports submitted by the Bureau, and if they use them as witnesses in the Garrettsville robbery, it will certainly be an ironic traversity upon justice in so far as the Bureau is concerned.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

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March 24, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID.

With further reference to Bureau letter of March 21, 1936 (7-576) and reply from this Office dated March 23, 1936, I am forwarding herewith the original lease on the Thomas home executed by Dolores Delaney as Mrs. S. A. Green, together with signed statements of Ray Arp, Frank Jennings and Harry Cook, all dated April 1, 1935 at Etowah, Tenn.

The additional inquiries requested by the Bureau in the letter referred to and in teletype message dated March 23, 1936, are receiving attention and the Bureau will be advised in the premises as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Cincinnati  
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BREKID. ON MY WAY EAST BELIEVE I SHOULD ~~SPEND~~ SPEND COUPLE DAYS  
AT LEAST AT LITTLE ROCK TO CHECK DEVELOPMENTS TO DATE AND  
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United States Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
March 24, 1937.

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

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telegram from the Bureau dated March 22, 1937, requesting information as to whether Special Agent John L. Madala submitted a report in connection with the request of Special Assistant to the Attorney General James Waters that he interview Cassius McDonald at Leavenworth Penitentiary for information in connection with the trial of Joe Adams. You are advised that Special Agent D. P. Sullivan discussed this matter with Agent Madala at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and he advised that during the week of March 15, 1937, the exact date being unknown at this time, he requested an interview with Cassius McDonald; that McDonald was brought into the room but refused to answer any questions and immediately left; that this information was provided the Bureau in a teletype message from Kansas City some time during the week of March 15, 1937.

Very truly yours,

*Chapman Fletcher*  
CHAPMAN FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-37

REPORT MADE AT <b>Kansas City, Missouri</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-25-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3-22,23-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>C. J. ENDRES</b> <span style="float: right;">os</span>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232, ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Vaughn said to be residing 1332 Cerritos Street, Long Beach, California. Mrs. Eva Hooper has not returned to St. Joseph, Missouri, said to be at present at 836 National Street, Springfield, Missouri.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Reports of Special Agents V. E. Criss, Chicago, dated 1-19-37 and W. A. Winter, Kansas City, dated 2-26-37.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> - At Tribune, Missouri -</p> <p>The reporting Agent conducted investigation at Tribune as follows:</p> <p>O. B. Vaughn, Tribune, Missouri, advised that he is the father of Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Vaughn; that Frank left Evanston, Illinois and came to Tribune, where he visited with the family for a few days, after which he left stating he was going to California to seek work in the oil fields; that about three weeks ago, about March 1, 1937, a letter was received from Frank at Long Beach, California, with the return address 1332 Cerritos Street.</p> <p>O. B. Vaughn further advised that Frank had made the statement to him that "if I was to tell all I know I would be a dead one". Mr. Vaughn therefore believes that Frank will not</p>			
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give any information to the officers. He further advised that Frank had been in trouble frequently until about six years ago when he got out of the "rackets".

For the information of the Los Angeles Field Division, Frank Vaughn is reported to have information concerning Milton Lett.

Special Agent W. W. Baker, of the Kansas City Division, conducted investigation in this case at St. Joseph, Missouri, as follows:

Agent called at the home of Mrs. Eva Hooper, 1107 South 33rd Street, but there was no one at that address.

Agent was informed by Mrs. W. T. Wiley, 1109 South 33rd Street, that Mrs. Hooper is residing at 836 National, Springfield, Missouri. Mrs. Wiley exhibited a postcard postmarked March 5, 1937, Springfield, Missouri, from Mrs. Hooper, whereon is written that Mrs. Hooper expects to stay another twelve weeks in Springfield if she can stand the water; that she has a room at that address and feels a great deal better since going to the southern part of the state.

Mrs. Wiley further stated that she is certain that Lucille Ferris, Mrs. Hooper's niece, and her husband, (Mrs. Wiley does not know that Lucille Ferris' husband is Milton Lett) have not visited Mrs. Hooper recently; that since Mrs. Hooper has been in the southern part of the state she has taken care of Mrs. Hooper's house and that Lucille Ferris and her husband have not been there.

Mrs. Wiley further stated that she believes Mrs. Hooper will cooperate with the Bureau now in any way she can because she fears for her niece's safety and is not now so antagonistic towards law enforcement officers as it has been quite some time since other Government officers approached her.

Mrs. Wiley also stated that Mrs. Hooper is in the south because of her health and not attempting to evade any officers; that Mrs. Hooper came to her house practically every day when at home, and that on one occasion Mrs. Hooper referred to Mrs. Ferris, mother of Lucille, calling upon Lucille's husband's mother concerning the whereabouts of Lucille because she hadn't written and that the woman, who is Mrs. Lett, would not give Mrs. Ferris any information, but stated that she could get in touch with her son any time she wished to.

Mrs. Wiley further informed Agent that she sincerely believes that Mrs. Hooper does not know the whereabouts of Lucille Ferris or her husband, and also that Mrs. Hooper would inform the Bureau of any subsequent information because she wants her niece separated from her husband.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION at Long Beach, California, is requested to locate and interview Frank Vaughn concerning his knowledge and whereabouts of Milton Lett.

At Springfield, Missouri, will contact Mrs. Eva Hooper, 836 National, for the purpose of ascertaining any additional information she might have about her niece, Lucille Ferris, and husband, Milton Lett.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Drawer "V", Plaza Station  
St. Louis, Missouri  
March 27, 1937.

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

The St. Louis Field Division file contains a large number of photographs of socks, shirts, underwear, flashlights, etc. which were used in the beginning of this investigation by agents assigned to this case. These photographs have no further use in the St. Louis Field Division and it is respectfully requested that this Division be advised as to what disposition may be made of same. The photographs are rather cumbersome and have a tendency to clutter up the file. It was thought that possibly the Bureau may have some need for these photographs and may desire them returned to the Bureau or the Bureau may deem it advisable to authorize the destruction of said exhibits which appear to have no further value in this case.

The St. Louis file also contains a large number of group photographs of various subjects involved in this case all of whom have been located and sentenced in connection with this matter. It does not appear that the St. Louis Division will require the large number of photographs which are presently contained in the file and it is requested that the Bureau advise as to what disposition may be made of same.

Very truly yours,

V. W. Peterson

V. W. PETERSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

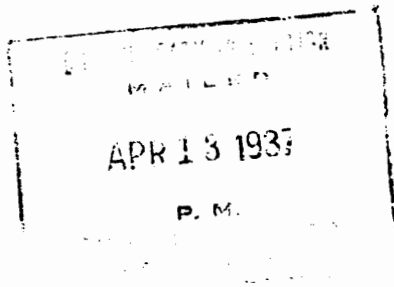
Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE TIMINEX; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
with aliases; Fugitive, I. O. 1232;  
EDWARD GEORGE BRENN - Victim; KIDNAPING;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF  
FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

In reply to your communication of March  
27, 1937, concerning various photographs which are  
in the possession of your division in the above en-  
titled file, you are informed that any surplus  
photographs which you do not need may be forwarded  
to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

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March 22, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

RE: BREKID

This will advise you that on March 19, 1937, I talked with Mr. Charles Carr, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, who is handling the prosecution of Joseph H. Adams and Duke Randall. The advisability of interviewing Cassius McDonald was considered and deemed appropriate, in view of the fact that his appeal has now been settled adversely to him and he may be willing to make disclosures which would implicate Joseph H. Adams in this matter.

Mr. Carr informed me that the trial will commence on June 7, 1937 and that he will issue subpoenas to be effective May 24, 1937. This will give him a period of about two weeks in which to interview witnesses and review the case prior to the trial. He advised that he would not care to call upon the Bureau to serve all of the subpoenas in this matter because he realized the amount of work involved.

After discussing this matter with him it was mutually agreed that when he had prepared a list of witnesses he would call upon me to go over this list with him. At that time we would decide which subpoenas should be served by Agents rather than by United States Marshals or their Deputies.

I told Mr. Carr that by virtue of certain commitments here in Washington, which may necessitate my continued stay here, it might be impossible for me to go to Miami to assist him in this matter. He said it would be perfectly all right in view of the fact that Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson would be down there anyway on subpoena and that he could use Hanson in my stead. He said that he could also make use of Special Agent McKee, though he preferred to use Hanson because Hanson was in charge of this investigation and he has worked with Hanson on previous occasions.

He suggested that he would like to have Hanson in Miami at least two weeks prior to the trial.

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Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire.

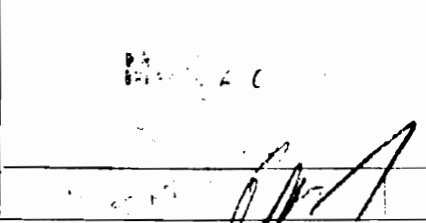
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REPORT MADE AT <b>TRENTON, NEW JERSEY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/26/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/23,24/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. B. GRAHAM</b>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - HARBORING OF FUG- ITIVES - NATL. FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Lawrence Sutherland, Good Will Home and Rescue Mission, Newark, New Jersey, advises does not know present whereabouts of George Rorke, and has not heard from him for about one year. Also stated Rorke formerly resided at the Emergency Shelter in New York City. Letters from Rorke to Catherine Taylor and Nancy Rorke, in possession of John Glasser, Paterson, New Jersey, reviewed and revealed Rorke has policy #25944, with the Acacia Mutual Life Insurance Company, Washington, D. C., and also that on 6/16/34, Rorke was employed by the Board of Public Welfare, District of Columbia.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent J. D. Reynolds, Buffalo, N. Y., 1/13/37.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> <u>AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY:</u></p> <p>Mr. Lawrence Sutherland, superintendent of the Good Will Home and Rescue Mission, 42 Eagles Street, Newark, New Jersey, was interviewed and stated that he has not obtained any information concerning the whereabouts of Rorke for at least a year. Mr. Sutherland stated that about a year ago, he had an address where Rorke was supposed to be living, in Boston, Massachusetts; however,</p>			
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he has not heard from Rorke since that time and at the present time does not possess this address.

Mr. Sutherland advised that prior to 1933, Rorke resided at the Emergency Shelter, also known as the Greater New York Rescue Mission, which was formerly located on Green Street in New York City, but has recently moved to an address unknown to Mr. Sutherland.

Mr. Sutherland stated that Rorke was secretary to Mr. Britt, superintendent of that institution, but that Britt and Rorke had had a falling out over Rorke's daughter, and for that reason, Mr. Sutherland does not know whether Britt would have any information concerning Rorke's present whereabouts.

Agent was further advised by Mr. Sutherland that George Rorke was, when not drinking, a good hard worker and was very honest. However, he had a weakness for drink.

Mr. Sutherland further stated that he believes Rorke's attorney, Rossa F. Downing, in Washington, D. C., owes Rorke some money and, for that reason, it is his opinion that Downing, if he cared to, could probably furnish the present address of Rorke.

AT PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

Mr. John Glasser, 155 Ellison Street, Paterson, an attorney, was interviewed and made available to Agent his file on Rorke and Miss Catherine Taylor.

The following letters addressed by Rorke to Miss Taylor were in this file: Letters dated June 27, 1934; June 16, 1934; June 23, 1933; August 2, 1933; August 3, 1933; a letter addressed to Nancy Rorke from George Rorke and a notification from the Acacia Mutual Life Insurance Company, 101 Indiana Avenue, Washington, D. C., addressed to Miss Nancy C. Rorke, dated August 26, 1933.

Nothing of value was obtained from these letters, except the following:

In the letter dated June 16, 1934, to Miss Taylor, at



which time Rorke gives as his address 2125 "G" Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., he stated that he was employed by the Board of Public Welfare of the District of Columbia.

In a letter dated August 2, 1933, to Miss Taylor, Rorke stated that Mrs. Frank L. Buckley, of Winchester, Virginia, is a first cousin of his wife, Nancy Rorke's mother. He also stated that Mrs. Buckley is organist and choir leader at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Winchester.

The letter from the Acacia Mutual Life Insurance Company, 101 Indiana Avenue, Washington, D. C., dated August 26, 1933, was addressed to Miss Nancy C. Rorke, and stated that George G. Rorke, her father, who is insured under Acacia Policy #25944, left his policy in the Acacia Home Office for a change of beneficiary to Nancy Rorke. The letter further stated that the Company had endeavored to deliver the policy both through the representative and the mail, but was unable to locate Mr. Rorke, and wished to know if Nancy Rorke could assist them. This letter was signed by H. B. Lemon, of the Policyholders' Service Department.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION AT WASHINGTON, D. C. will, at the office of the Acacia Mutual Life Insurance Company, 101 Indiana Avenue, Washington, where George G. Rorke holds Policy #25944, endeavor to obtain any information this Company may possess relative to Rorke's present whereabouts.

Will again interview Mr. Rossa F. Downing, Woodward Building, Washington, D. C., attorney for Rorke, for the purpose of ascertaining whether he knows of Rorke's present whereabouts. In conducting this lead, Mr. Sutherland's statement that he believes Downing owes Rorke some money and would probably know of Rorke's present whereabouts should be borne in mind.

THE NEW YORK DIVISION will interview Mr. Britt, superintendent of the Emergency Shelter, also known as the Greater New York Rescue Mission, and obtain from him any information he may possess relative

to Rorke's present whereabouts. In this regard, it should be noted that while formerly Mr. Britt was very friendly toward Rorke, he and Rorke had an argument due to Mr. Britt's dislike of the way in which Rorke treated his daughter, Nancy.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

1443 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

March 25, 1937.

ATTENTION: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

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

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Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Cleveland Field Division to the Bureau, dated at Toledo, Ohio, March 23, 1937, with reference to the unidentified body which was exhumed at Toledo, Ohio, on March 23, 1937.

Certain hard substances removed from the left lung tissue of the unidentified body, as well as several hairs from the head of the body, are being furnished the Technical Laboratory herewith for examination.

The nature of the hard substances is not known and it is requested that the Technical Laboratory conduct appropriate examination in order to determine whether or not the substances are pieces of shrapnel, it being recalled, as set out in the report of Special Agent W. J. Devereux, Chicago, Illinois, March 4, 1937, that an X-ray examination of Dr. Joseph P. Moran revealed that he had what was believed to be a piece of shrapnel imbedded in his left lung tissue.

With reference to the specimens of hair, it is requested that the Laboratory determine the color thereof.

Very truly yours,

*J. P. MacFarland*  
J. P. Mac FARLAND,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
San Antonio, Texas.

Re: ROBERT WENDS, ET AL;  
National Station Property Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 18, 1937 regarding the disposition of the bonds stolen in the train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio. A letter in the Bureau files from Special Agent in Charge Chapman Fletcher dated at Little Rock, Arkansas, November 6, 1936 to Inspector E. J. Connelley contains the following information obtained from an interview with a woman confidential informant regarding the disposition of these bonds:

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

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The Special Agent in Charge of the Little Rock Field Division should advise the San Antonio Field Division whether any additional information has been received from this informant as to the disposition of these bonds. He should also consider the advisability of questioning this informant to see whether she can furnish any information regarding the identity of the Robert Hudson who endeavored to dispose of some of these bonds.

To assist in this questioning there are being furnished the Little Rock Field Division copies of the following serials:

Letter dated September 24, 1936 to the Bureau from the Special Agent in Charge of the San Antonio Field Division.

Report of Special Agent C. R. Davis dated at San Antonio, Texas, October 9, 1936.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Little Rock  
Inspector Connelley - Tacoma, Washington

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