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At the Post Office, Troy, agent interviewed Walter K. Ross, carrier, who delivers mail to Mrs. Barton. He stated that some months ago her husband, Harold Barton, who had been a resident of Troy all his life and in business as a photographer there, died and that Mrs. Barton is now living at 1112 S. Mulberry St., Troy, with her three small children. He informed that Mrs. Barton's mother, Mrs. Helene Douglas, lives at 10306 Clifton Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio, and that he has noticed at long intervals mail coming from Minneapolis, Minn. Ross further stated that he had noticed no strangers at the home of Mrs. Barton during the past three months; that she bears a very good reputation in the community and that the only time he knew of her being away was for a few days after the Holidays when she was reported to have gone to see her mother in Cleveland, Ohio. The telegram of 1-6-34 to Cleveland is probably to her mother.

The home of Mrs. Barton was viewed by Agent and Agent Whitson at 1112 S. Mulberry St. It is a small plain dwelling, located in a respectable neighborhood with close neighbors on both sides. There is no basement entrance in the front and the house appears to be heated by a furnace.

An old model Ford Coupe was parked in front of the residence with muddy Ohio license plates and the mail carrier Ross stated that this car belonged to Johnnie Allen, a friend of Mrs. Barton, who has been doing errands for her ever since her husband died. Johnnie Allen is well known in the community and resided there all his life.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
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Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, DECEASED  
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUG.  
I.O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,  
FUG. I. O. #1194  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to Division letter of March 14, 1934, pertaining to this matter and to the case of ALVIN KARPIS, ET AL EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM. KIDNAPING, wherein reference is made to a long distance telephone call made on the night of June 16, 1933, from Kansas City to the Hollyhocks Inn, St. Paul, Minnesota, which had an apparent connection with this massacre. It is also pointed out in the letter from the Division that Paula Harmon, believed to be an associate of the so-called BARKER-KARPIS gang, probably made a long distance telephone call from Kansas City, Missouri, to Beaumont, Texas, during April or May 1933, to one Theodore Riley, to whom Paula Harmon also forwarded \$40.00 by mail, evidently from Kansas City, Missouri.

Investigation in connection with Paula Harmon's appearance in Kansas City, as made recently by this office, has disclosed that she was here on May 13, 1933, when she secured an express package by calling at the Railway Express Agency in person. It is also indicated that she was visiting at the residence of Vernon C. Miller, 6612 Edgevale Road, telephone Jackson 7073, and that she was also in friendly contact with the family of Frank B. Mulloy, 14 East 56th Street Terrace, telephone Miland 0852.

Investigation in this matter has also shown that Frank B. Mulloy is associated in a business way with June Kathrens, of the Kathrens Storage Company here, and that Kathrens was also friendly with Vernon C. Miller. Kathrens resides at number 3 East Concord Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, where he resided in June 1933, having telephone number Miland 6707. The telephone number at the Kathrens Storage Company is Logan 3400. The telephone number at the wholesale beer establishment operated by Kathrens and Mulloy jointly is Victor 4400. These numbers were the same in June 1933. There were also

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during June 1933 two road houses in Kansas City in which Mulloy and Kathrens were interested; namely, the 85th Street Tavern and the Horse Shoe Club, telephone numbers Jackson 9702 and Jackson 9515 respectively.

Attention is called to the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor dated at Kansas City, Missouri, November 28, 1933, in this matter, especially to pages 5 and 6, showing long distance calls from the telephones of these two road houses during the months of April and July 1933. It may be stated here that it seemed apparent at the time that report was made that there should be some record of long distance telephone calls from those telephones of May and June 1933, and although this office has endeavored repeatedly, through the assistance of the telephone company, to locate such records, it has been definitely stated by telephone company officials here that there were no calls during that period (May and June 1933), inasmuch as there are no toll tickets to be found. The telephone company does not render a bill on telephones such as these, same having been pay telephones and the only available record would be the toll tickets.

Investigation has been made heretofore of the records pertaining to Frank B. Mulloy's telephone and it was found that there were no long distance calls from that phone to any point in Texas during the period from April 1 to August 1, 1933. The telephone of Mulloy shows the following long distance calls during that period:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>PERSON</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Apr. 6	Chicago, Ill.		Maywood 1893
Apr. 28	Leavenworth, Ks.		1475
May 4	Leavenworth, Ks.	Adler	1475
May 16	Chicago, Ill.	June E. Kathrens	Delaware 9782 (Stevens Hotel)
May 23	Western Union Telegram signed Rosemary		
May 24	Chicago, Ill.		Boulevard 1752
May 25	Leavenworth, Ks.		727
May 25	Leavenworth, Ks.	T. Hogan	727
June 5	Leavenworth, Ks.	Hogan's restaurant	2839
June 6	Chicago, Ill.		Boulevard 1752
June 29	Chicago, Ill.		Superior 4860 (St. Clair Hotel)
July 1	Leavenworth, Ks.		325
July 1	Western Union telegram signed Mulloy		
July 3	Leavenworth, Ks.		325



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Investigation has not been completed in this District with reference to the identity of the parties called by Mulloy and to whom the telegrams appear to have been sent, although it does not appear that any of these calls pertain to either this or the Bremer case. Attention is directed to the fact that Maywood 1893, Chicago, Illinois, is evidently the private telephone of Louis Stacci.

As outlined in the report of Special Agent W. F. Truiner, in this case, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, December 8, 1933, on page 11, the long distance telephone call made from Kansas City, Missouri, to the Hollyhocks Inn, St. Paul, Minnesota, on the night of June 16, 1933, was made from the Union Railroad Station. Same was a station to station call and the name of no one, either calling or being called, is shown on the record. A photostatic copy of the long distance toll ticket reflecting that call is herewith transmitted to the Division.

Inquiry was made of the telephone company on March 17, 1934 and March 19, 1934, to determine whether there were any long distance telephone calls from the phone numbers Hiland 6707 and Victor 4400 made to Beaumont, Texas, or other points in Texas, during April, May or June 1933 which could be identical with the call alleged to have been made by Paula Harmon to Theodore Riley, as mentioned in the reference letter from the Division. Agent was advised, however, that the long distance telephone toll tickets for the months of April and May 1933 have been destroyed, pursuant to the regular policy of the telephone company. There may be a few May tickets still available, and a search is still under way by the telephone company to locate such as may be found.

The telephone company is still unable to locate any toll tickets for Jackson 9515 or Jackson 9702 for May or June 1933.

It is thought probable that there may have been some long distance calls on Hiland 6707 for June 1933 which would now be available, and within the next few days the Kansas City Office will be advised as to what is discovered in this connection.

It has been indicated in several communications in the Bremer case that Paula Harmon is believed to have stopped at the Baltimore Hotel during April or May 1933 when she was in Kansas City, and, accordingly, the long distance telephone records in possession of the auditor of the hotel were completely searched for the months of April and May 1933 but there are found no long distance telephone

calls to Beaumont, Texas on those records.

The daily local telephone records of the hotel in question are still available and reflect all telephone calls made within Kansas City from that hotel. A partial search has been made to locate telephone numbers called from any room at the hotel identical with those of Frank B. Mulloy, June Kathrens, Vernon C. Miller, or the road houses, telephone numbers of which are all mentioned herein. To date there has been discovered nothing pertinent, but the search is continuing. A later report will be rendered in connection therewith.

It is noted that investigation has been made and reported heretofore, through the Bremer case, at the Baltimore Hotel, in an effort to locate a registration of Paula Harmon, especially during the months of April or May 1933, but same was done without result.

Special Agent W. F. Trainor, who made this inquiry of the telephone company at Kansas City, Missouri, was advised that even though the long distance toll tickets for the months for which long distance calls are thought to have been made are available, unless specific telephone numbers are indicated for search there is no means of determining whether long distance calls were made from Kansas City to a given point without a search of the records pertaining to approximately 250,000 telephones in Kansas City and the suburbs. This is true because the records do not reflect long distance calls by cities, and the toll tickets are filed under the respective numbers of the source from which the calls emanate. The telephone company would decline to make such a search, and would require definite information as to what telephone and what date is to be considered.

The telephone records indicate the following toll calls on the telephone of Vernon C. Miller, listed under the name of Vincent C. Moore, 6612 Edgevale Road, for the period from April 1 to June 16, 1933, which was the full period for which the telephone was used:

April 12, 1933 - to Joplin, Mo. - Number 1541W2. Residence Subjects Herbert Allen Farmer and Esther Farmer.

April 16, 1933 - to Joplin, Mo. - Number 1541W2 - Same as above.

April 18, 1933 - to Leavenworth, Ks. - Number 458 - Barnes-Collard Chevrolet Company.

April 29, 1933 - to Leavenworth, Ks. - Number 1362 - Telephone of Jack Glyn.

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May 3, 1933 - By "Moore" to Minneapolis, Minnesota - telephone number Atlantic 3177 - Nicollet Hotel, Room 764.

June 1, 1933 - to Hot Springs, Ark. - phone number LD12 to Dick Latius (Evidently Richard Tallman Galatas, Subject of this case).

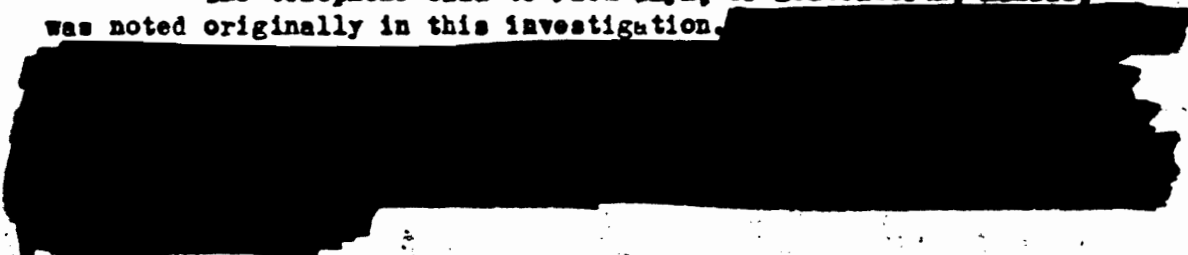
June 16, 1933 - Suburban call to Overland Park, Kansas, Number 411.

The long distance telephone calls mentioned above have been previously investigated. Subjects Herbert Allen Farmer and Esther Farmer denied, when interviewed, that they were at home when the telephone calls of April 12th and 16th were made at their house, having no other plausible explanation to offer.

The telephone call to the Chevrolet Company at Leavenworth, Kansas, could not be verified as no one there seemed to have any definite recollection of same. It was ascertained, however, that in all probability Miller had traded with that company.

The telephone call to Jack Glyn, of Leavenworth, Kansas, was noted originally in this investigation.

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The telephone call made to the Nicollet Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was investigated without definite results.

As to the suburban call made on June 16th to Overland Park 411, it was ascertained that this is the number of the Milburn Golf Club, at which Miller is said to have played golf a great deal. He is shown by the records of that golf course, according to previous investigation made by this office, to have played for the last time there June 13, 1933. A further check is being made of the identities of all parties who might have been on the course when this telephone call was received on June 16th. It is indicated that the call was of five minute duration and was made at 6:11 P.M.

A check of the calls from Overland Park 411 as of June 16th reveals that there were no long distance calls placed on that date, and suburban toll tickets show that the following Kansas City numbers were called:

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Valentine 8100 - Alcazar Hotel  
Victor 6328 - Erie Railroad Company  
Grand 1125 - Hamm-Singer Corp. 200 Grand Ave.  
Victor 9200 - J. J. Engle & Company  
Drexel 0448 - Williams Meat Co., 20 Kansas Avenue,  
Kansas City, Kansas.  
Victor 7690 - Stanley & Stanley, Attys., 212 Federal  
Reserve Bank Building.

None of these calls were made after 6 P.M. An investigation of all calls made to the above numbers which were reached from Overland Park 411 failed to reveal any calls of a suspicious nature which apparently might be connected with any of the Subjects in this case.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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1 Chicago  
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U. S. Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice

Room 1403, 370 Lexington Avenue,  
New York City, N.Y.

March 23, 1934

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Captain Fred Zwirz of the Bureau of Criminal Identification,  
New York Police Department has requested me to secure for  
him, photographs, fing rprints and criminal records  
of ARTHUR BAKER and ALVIN KARPIS - both of whom are  
allegedly linked with the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim, Kidnaping and Extortion. He  
has requested that this material be sent through this  
office, in order to insure his receiving it.

Very truly yours,

*F. X. Day*  
F. X. DAY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
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370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,  
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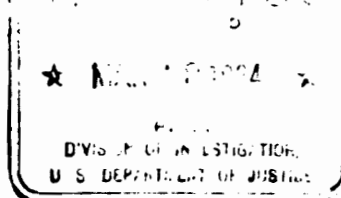
Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of March 23, 1934, wherein you inform of the desire of Captain Fred Zwirz of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York Police Department, to secure identifying data as to Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis, the Division is attaching copies of the Identification Orders issued in the cases of these persons for transmittal to Captain Zwirz.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #689793.



Handwritten initials and a signature. The initials "J.F." are written vertically, and a large, stylized signature is written to the right. A diagonal line is drawn above the signature.

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March 23, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sirs:

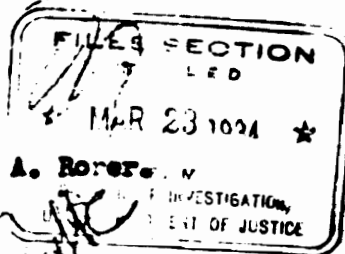
Toll records of long distance telephone calls made from telephones listed to members of the St. Paul-Minneapolis underworld, two of which calls were made to Miss Audrey Billings at Emerson 6087, Washington, D. C., have been obtained. One of these calls was made on January 4, 1934, from the telephone Emerson 2121, located in the Hollyhocks Inn operated by Jack Phiefer at St. Paul, Minnesota. Another call was made to Miss Billings on January 19, 1934, from the telephone Geneva 2140, listed in the name of Tom Banks, Minneapolis, Minnesota, who is the alleged leader of the underworld in that city. Because of the distance involved in these two telephone calls, the Division desires that their significance be ascertained by establishing the identity of Miss Billings and her associates. The toll slip of the telephone call of January 19, 1934, bears the name of the Strayers Business School, in addition to the name of Miss Billings.

The Division considers the above very important and the investigation should be very thorough and should be handled in a confidential and discreet manner. The report submitted by your office covering the above requested investigation should make reference to the report of Special Agent O. G. Hall, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, February 27, 1934, rendered in the above entitled case.

This matter should receive prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

CC - E. A. Rorer.



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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 21, 1934.

St. Paul, Minnesota.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: BREXID.

St. Paul file 7-30.1934.

Agent contacted FREDERICK G. LAYTON as requested in Division letter dated 3-16-34, by phone and he insisted in coming immediately to the hotel, where he talked at length with agent. When questioned about any information that he may have in connection with the kidnaping cases referred to in his letter to the Director, he informed agent that all he knew was that on March 5th or 6th of 1932 he was called to Milladore, Wisconsin, to arrest a man by the name of Adrian Russell for being drunk and disturbance, and when he was about to leave with the man for jail, a person came up to the car, that looked exactly like Roger Touhy, and known to him as Charlie, and told Russell to be particular and not to act unruly. He stated that through another prisoner in jail, he learned that Russell was implicated in some so-called "big jobs" and as a result of this information, he called Chicago Police Department and got his criminal record which showed that he had been convicted on several important charges; however, Layton was unable to say what any of the charges were, or the penalty for same. When asked whether he could furnish agent with this record received from Chicago police, he stated that he could not as it had been lost. He further informed agent that while Russell was in jail, he wrote to a person in Kansas City and also put in a long distance call for Kansas City, and that he could furnish agent with the name and address of the person to whom the letter was addressed and also the phone number which he called; however, when interviewed the following morning, he reported that he had misplaced the telephone number and the address. He further stated that the same person that came up to the car the afternoon he was about to leave Milladore with Russell, known to him as Charlie, and looking very much like Touhy, called him from Chicago and asked whether Russell would be released if he paid his fine, and he informed him that he would, but nothing more was ever heard from Charlie.

The only reason Layton gave for thinking that Russell was connected with the Lindbergh case was the fact that he was about the same size and build of Lindbergh himself, and that he felt sure that he could gain entrance to the house and carry away the baby without the maid noticing it was not Colonel Lindbergh himself.

When questioned about their connection with the Hamm case, he stated that the only reason he suspected this bunch being connected with the Hamm case was the fact that the man known as Charlie looked very much like Roger Touhy.

When questioned relative to the Bremer case, he said that he had no reason to believe this crowd had any connection with the Bremer case, as he had not seen or heard of them since Russell was released from jail around May 1, 1932,

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but that he felt sure that if he was given a position with the Division he could find this group of people and get information of value in the Bremer case.

After Layton was unable to furnish agent with the telephone number in Kansas City or to produce the criminal record of Russell, agent went to the Postmaster, Mr. Fontaine, and made inquiry as to his general reputation around town [REDACTED]

It was very evident throughout the interview with Layton that he was trying to impress agent with the many crimes that he had solved around Wisconsin Rapids, when upon inquiry agent found that no such crime had ever been committed. He further stated that he would be of great assistance to the Division when he started work for them, which he was sure would be next week.

S. L. FORTENBERRY,  
Special Agent.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 23, 1934

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
et al. Unknown Subjects.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82

I am enclosing herewith photographs of  
the following named persons:

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- Maurice Brown,  
- William J. Gorman,  
- Herman Kierdorf,  
- Leo Cellura.

It is respectfully requested that twenty  
copies of each of these photographs be made and for-  
warded to the Chicago Office at the earliest possible  
date. The original photographs should also be returned  
to this office. In connection with the fingerprint  
card of Leo Cellura, it is desired that only the picture  
be photographed.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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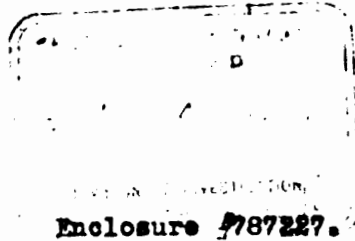
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 23, 1934 in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim; KIDNAPING, which enclosed photographs of Maurice Brown, William Weisman, Herman Kierdorf, and Leo Cellura. As requested by you twenty copies of each of these photographs have been made and are transmitted herewith. The four original photographs forwarded with your letter are also transmitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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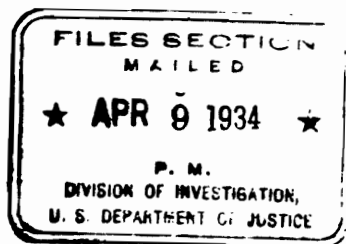
April 9, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 5E,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Under date of March 23, 1934, the Chicago office, in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; et al; Unknown Subjects; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim; KIDNAPING, requested that it be furnished with twenty copies of the photographs of each of the following named persons: Maurice Brown, William Weisman, Herman Kierdorf, Leo Cellura. Original photographs of these individuals were submitted for the purpose of making the copies. The original and copies were transmitted to the Chicago office under date of April 4, 1934.

Very truly yours,



Director.

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# Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 19, 1934.

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with ~~Glasses, et al.~~  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

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With further reference to the newspaper article regarding fingerprints found on gasoline cans and flashlights identifying Karpis and the two Barkers with this case, please be advised that Special Agent O. G. Hall on March 17, 1934, interviewed Mr. Dillon, Managing Editor of the Minneapolis Tribune, in which paper the news article first appeared in the Twin Cities. Mr. Dillon stated that his first information regarding the story came when Mr. Campbell and Mr. Shipley, connected with the Minneapolis Tribune, came to him and discussed the headline that should appear concerning the news story. He stated that he is absolutely positive that his newspaper never had the information prior to its receipt by Mr. Shipley from Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

To this interview were called Mr. Clark, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Shipley. These three men, with Mr. Dillon, operate the newspaper and have full charge of same. They were all questioned very thoroughly regarding the first information they had concerning this story and all stated very positively that the first information they had concerning the gasoline cans and flashlights story was when Mr. Shipley had received same over the telephone from Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

They were all questioned as to whether they knew anyone connected with the Tulsa World, or any other Tulsa newspaper, and Mr. Dillon stated that many years ago, he met the person who is now editor of the Tulsa World while both were working on a newspaper on the West Coast. He stated that he has not seen this individual for many years and has not talked to him over the telephone or written to him for several years. Mr. Shipley stated that he knew the name of Mr. Burks of the Tulsa World by reason of the fact that Mr. Burks is National

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Vice-President of the Newspapermen's Guild. He stated he has never seen Mr. Burks, and the first time he ever spoke to him was the morning that he received the story regarding the gasoline cans and flashlights, which was after the raid had been made in Oklahoma.

Mr. Shipley was questioned very thoroughly as to from whom he received the story and he stated that he could honestly state that he is not positive from whom he received the story but he is positive that he received it during a telephone call to Sapulpa, Oklahoma, at which time he called the jail or the sheriff's office and spoke to the jailer, the sheriff, and Mr. Burks of the Tulsa World. He does not know whether he received it from Mr. Burks.

As of possible interest to the Division, the Newspapermen's Guild held a meeting in Washington, D. C., some time ago. It is presumed that Mr. Burks was in attendance at that meeting as he is the Vice-President of the organization.

Mr. Shipley stated that shortly after the release of Mr. Bremer, information had been received from Washington, D. C., that Karpis and Barker were suspects in this case. He could recall nothing more regarding this information.


For the information of the Division, there is a working agreement between the Minneapolis Tribune, the St. Paul Dispatch, and the Minneapolis Journal. These papers invariably simultaneously print the same news stories. In this particular case, the Minneapolis Tribune was the only paper that carried the story for several hours, indicating that it had not exchanged the information with either of the above two Twin Cities papers. Experience here has shown that had the information originated in St. Paul or Minneapolis, the above three papers would have simultaneously printed the story. All other newspapers in the Twin Cities got the story from the Minneapolis Tribune and published it later.

Mr. Dillon remarked that he was surprised that the Minneapolis Journal and the St. Paul Dispatch had not printed the story as it had been his experience that when reporters telephone from a different section of the country news of this nature, they usually telephone each newspaper in the town and receive a small sum of money from each newspaper. For that reason, he was surprised when the story did not appear in the Minneapolis Journal and the St. Paul Dispatch, as well as other Twin Cities papers.

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Should this office receive any further information regarding the original source of the news article, the Division will be promptly notified by telephone.

Very truly yours,

  
W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 24, 1934



Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
et al. Unknown Subjects.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82

I am enclosing herewith a photograph of  
Morris Roisner of which I would like to have ten  
additional copies.

Kindly return the enclosed photograph  
with the additional copies.

very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

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M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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March 29, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al,  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

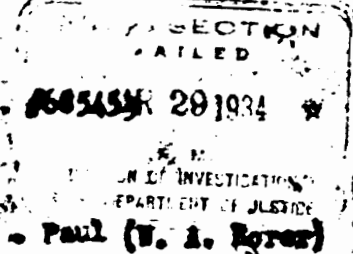
Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith ten copies of the photograph of Morris Reiser, which was furnished with your letter addressed to the Division, dated March 24, 1934. In accordance with the request contained in your letter, the original photograph submitted is returned herewith.

Six copies of this photograph are also being furnished to the St. Paul office with a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 22, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-  
Victim. KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Please furnish the Los Angeles office with  
six large photographs of each of the subjects involved  
in this case in order that they may be placed with the  
immigration officials at the California-Mexico border.

Reference is made to letter dated March 1,  
1934, from the San Antonio office to the Division with  
which was forwarded to the Division a composite photo-  
graph of Paula Harmon, which includes six photographs.  
It is requested that six photostat copies of this  
composite be furnished to each of the following offices:  
San Francisco, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, and St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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Cc Los Angeles

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Miss Paula Brannan

PAULA HARMON alias  
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April 2, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 136,  
Los Angeles, California.

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DIVISION ONE

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of Inspector Rorer dated March 22, 1934, addressed to the Division, wherein request is made that six large photographs of each of the subjects involved in the above entitled case be forwarded to your office so that they can be traced with the Immigration Officials along the Mexican Border.

There are enclosed herewith, and to each of the offices indicated below, six enlarged photographs of each of the following subjects:

ALVIN KARPIS, #1539, Kansas State Penitentiary  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, #11906, Oklahoma State Penitentiary  
FRED BARKER, #9636, Kansas State Penitentiary  
VOLNEY DAVIS, #12808, Oklahoma State Penitentiary  
HARRY CAMPBELL, #1846, Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The El Paso and San Antonio offices should likewise make appropriate arrangements with the Immigration Officials in their respective districts.

There are also enclosed herewith, and with each copy of this letter to the offices designated below except the San Antonio office, four photostatic copies of the composite arrangement photograph of Paula Harmon, who has been identified as an associate of the above named group.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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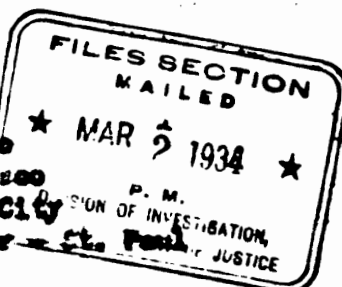
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March 24, 1934

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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1806 First National Bank Building  
Charlotte, N. C.

March 24, 1934

Inspector W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.



Dear Sir:

In accordance with a request contained in a letter of March 20, 1934 from the Chicago Office, there are being transmitted to you herewith six photographs of Danny Morgan, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Police Department, #3,554.

There is also being enclosed one photograph of James H. Clark, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Police Department, #3,554, and one photograph of Herman K. Lamm, alias Herbert J. Anderson, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Police Department, #3,555, the associates of Morgan.

There are transmitted to the Chicago Office, with a copy of this letter, six photographs of Danny Morgan, together with a copy of the photograph of Herman K. Lamm and James H. Clark.

Very truly yours,

L. B. Reed, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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March 15, 1934.

Mr. NATHAN	_____
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Mr. COWLEY	_____
Mr. EDWARDS	_____
Mr. EGAN	_____
Mr. QUINN	_____
Mr. LESTER	_____
Miss CLARK	_____
Mr. RORER	_____

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent Hansen called from Oklahoma City and advised that Glen Roy Wright, Alonzo Briscoe, K. C. Johnson, W. McAtee, Ira Brackett, J. P. Cucklin and wife and two women, whose names have not been secured, were arrested at 7:00 o'clock this morning by police officers, accompanied by Agent Hollis, near Sapulpa, Oklahoma, about six miles west of a town by the name of Mannford; that they were arrested in a raid on the house of Ira Brackett, after a tip was received that there were gangsters and desperadoes in the home of Brackett; that they had in their possession a lot of artillery, 15 pistols and some lugers, rifles and shotguns. Agent Hansen stated that they did not know any of the gang except Glen Roy Wright, who is wanted by the St. Paul office for questioning in connection with the Bremer case; that Wright is said to be a member of the Barker gang. Agent Hansen was instructed to immediately call the St. Paul office, giving said office this information. He was also instructed to have the prints of these individuals taken immediately and forward same to the Division.

The report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated February 20, 1934, at Kansas City, in the Bremer case, indicates that Glen Roy Wright, alias Jack Hudson, is wanted at Joplin, Missouri, Hutchinson, Kansas, and Stillwater, Oklahoma, for robbery and burglary. The records of the Tulsa, Oklahoma, Police Department also indicate that he is wanted for murder, though they did not indicate where. He was shot in the hand at Siloam Springs, Arkansas, some time ago while accompanied by Gene Johnson, who was killed by officers. He is reported to be a close friend of Karpis and the Barkers.

The Identification Unit has been requested to forward to the Division Wright's criminal record. Photographs of Wright are attached hereto.

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Respectfully,

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S. P. Cowley  
S. P. Cowley

See that Wright is  
thoroughly interrogated  
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P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.



Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
318 Hayes Building,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

There are attached hereto one photograph of each of the following: Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker, and Volney Davis, and a small photograph of Mrs. Kate Barker and Mrs. G. P. (Paula) Harmon. It is requested that all hotels in San Francisco and Oakland, California, be immediately checked to determine whether any of these persons, under any of the names or aliases below set out, have been there registered. Arrangements should be made for your office to be notified in the event that any of these persons do register in the future:

Fred Barker with aliases: J. Darrows, F. G. Ward, Ted Murphy, E. E. Davis, J. E. Blackburn, T. C. Blackburn, and A. S. Hunter.

Arthur R. Barker with aliases: "Doc" Barker, Claude Dale, Bob Barker, E. L. Murray, E. J. Maracy, and A. S. Hunter.

Alvin Karpis with aliases: Raymond Hadley, George Haller, Alvin Karpis, George Dunn, E. E. Hamilton, Ray Karpis, A. Carter, E. L. Burns, E. L. Burns, J. J. Burns, William Lehman, and William E. Lehman.

Harry Campbell with aliases: T. C. Blackburn and George L. Martin.

Volney Davis with aliases: E. V. Davis, J. E. Lockwood, S. E. Lockwood, and C. E. Moore.

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Paula Harmon with aliases: Mrs. C. P. Harmon, Mrs. Tom Brown, Polly Walker, and Polly Brannen, and Mrs. J. Stanley Smith.

Eate Barker, with aliases: Mrs. George Anderson, Mrs. Lydia Barker, and Mrs. A. S. Hunter.

Bear in mind that it is customary for Mrs. Eate Barker, widow of Fred and Arthur B. Barker, to assume whatever name the Barker boys are using.

The Los Angeles office is being furnished with the above mentioned photographs and is requested to make a similar investigation at Los Angeles, San Diego, and all towns in the vicinity of Los Angeles, including Hollywood. Similar investigation should be made at Santa Barbara, California, by the Los Angeles office.

The Salt Lake City office is being furnished with one photograph each of Paula Harmon and Mrs. Eate Barker, which photographs should be furnished to the agents now working at Reno, Nevada, for exhaustive investigative attention. Several photographs of the subjects in this case were previously furnished to Special Agent Gero at Reno, Nevada. Investigation similar to that requested of the San Francisco and Los Angeles offices should be conducted at Reno, Nevada.

The Division is being requested by separate letter to furnish the Los Angeles office with sufficient photographs for distribution among immigration officials on the Mexican border in California.

The photograph of Paula Harmon being furnished with this letter is not considered a good likeness of her and the Division is being requested to forward better photographs immediately.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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WERNER HANNI  
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING,  
ST. PAUL, MINN.

BREKID ALVIN KARPIS UNDER NAME E.L. BURNS FIVE NINE ONE WEST SEVENTH STREET  
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Salt Lake City, Utah.  
March 22, 1934.

R.R. VETTERLI,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
318 HEWES BUILDING,  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

GOLDEN HOTEL

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# 503

Laboratory Report

March 20, 1934.

Case: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al,  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

Number: 7-576

Specimens: Typing of Corona Special Portable typewriter No. 656647  
of Pete Maras.

Examination requested by: St. Paul Office.

Date received: March 19, 1934.

Examination requested: Compare with extortion letters.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel.

March 19. The typewriting of the specimens made on the Corona Special Portable typewriter No. 656647 of Pete Maras is not identical with the Bremer extortion letters. In considering typewriters which might be the ones used to write these extortion letters and the other letters tentatively identified it must be remembered that the specimens of typing appearing in the extortion letters are not clear. It was intended to convey in the original report of the laboratory that this typewriter is a Portable Corona such as was in existence in 1929. This does not mean that it was made in that year for the first time. Such statements should not be taken to be conclusive but merely as a lead offered for whatever assistance they may be even though this conclusion is not as definitely certain as other portions of the report. The typewriter of Maras could have been used to write the extortion letters in this case as far as the style and year of manufacture is concerned. A comparison of the individual letters, however, indicates that it was not used.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

MAR 27 1934

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al,  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division

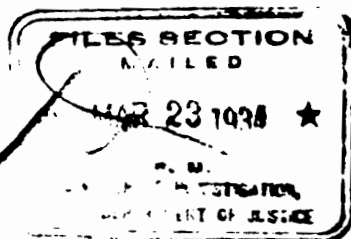
March 19, 1934.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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March 22, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
503-A U. S. Court House & Post Office Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

As a result of a telephonic conversation with Inspector Rorer at St. Paul, the Division has been advised that Special Agent A. E. Gere, of the Salt Lake City office, made investigation at Reno, Nevada and discovered that Alvin Karpis had been in Reno within the past three weeks and that, further, information indicated that members of the Barker-Karpis gang were in Reno perhaps at the present time. It was further indicated by Mr. Rorer that he telephoned Acting Special Agent in Charge Wine, at the Salt Lake City office concerning this information and learned that Special Agent Gere, after discovering the information outlined above, had departed from Reno for Salt Lake City. The Division is unable to understand the motives prompting Special Agent Gere to depart from Reno for Salt Lake City right at the time when it appeared that an intensive investigation should be conducted for the purpose of definitely locating and causing the apprehension of the individuals who are being sought. The Division would like to be advised in detail concerning the circumstances surrounding Agent Gere's departure from Reno after having obtained information of the type which has been reported to the Division.

With further reference to the handling of this case, Mr. Rorer advised that a two or three page telegram was received by him summarizing the information received from Agent Gere. The Division believes that due to the importance of the case in question and the necessity for expediting the handling of all leads, as well as the transmittal of the information in question, the telephone should have been used rather than a telegram to transmit this information. Please advise the Division fully with regard to the above.

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Salt Lake City office.

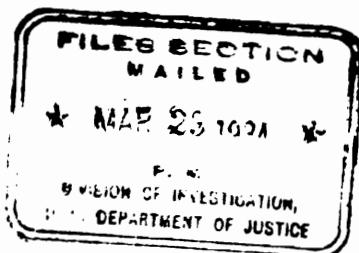
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Special Agent B. E. Sackett was instructed to proceed to Reno from the Los Angeles office to be of assistance and to meet Special Agent Gere at the Golden Hotel in Reno. In the event information is received indicating the need for additional Special Agents to handle this case at Reno it is assumed, of course, that you will communicate directly with the Division. In the event the investigation is thoroughly conducted at Reno and Agent Sackett's services are no longer necessary there, it is desired that he be authorized to return to his headquarters as soon as it has been determined that he is no longer needed.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



March 22, 1934.

CONFIDENTIAL**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.**

I am pleased to enclose herewith a photostatic copy of a sketch showing the principal automobile route between St. Paul, Minnesota, and Chicago, Illinois, over which it is possible that the kidnapers of Mr. Edward G. Bremer traveled while they had Mr. Bremer in their custody. Notations appear on this sketch showing where the four five-gallon gasoline cans were recovered near Portage, Wisconsin. It was from these cans that the latent fingerprints, identified as those of Alvin Karpis, were developed. Also, you will note the place where the car driven by the kidnapers was refueled at Stockton, Minnesota, and where Mr. Bremer was released at Rochester, Minnesota.

As the information obtained from Mr. Bremer indicates that the gasoline cans were removed from the car at a point estimated to be about one-half way between the place where he was held and the place where he was released, at Rochester, Minnesota, this sketch was prepared for the purpose of plotting the places where it was thought likely that Mr. Bremer was held in custody by the kidnapers. In the event the gasoline cans were removed from the car at exactly the one-half way mark, and in the event the route plotted in the attached sketch is a correct one, it is thought possible that the place where the hide-out would likely be found might be near McHenry, Illinois. A detailed study of the information obtained would indicate, at least, that this would be one logical conclusion.

This sketch, prepared in connection with the supervision of this case at the Seat of Government in Washington, has been furnished to the Special Agents handling the investigation with instructions that these possibilities be given prompt consideration.

I thought that you would be interested in the development of these possibilities evolved through the supervisory procedure here in Washington.

Respectfully,

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J. Edgar Hoover

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
MR. WILLIAM STANLEY.

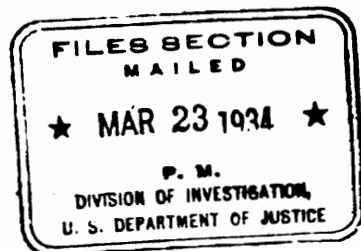
There is attached hereto a photostatic copy of a sketch which has been prepared in connection with the supervision of the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case. There is also attached a copy of a memorandum which I am today forwarding to the Attorney General showing the purpose of this sketch.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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R. B. WHITE  
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March 22 1934

J A DOWD  
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R E Vetterli  
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San Francisco, Calif

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PRESIDENT

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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Los Angeles, Calif.  
March 26, 1934

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J. A. Dowd

Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Salt Lake City

BREKID FANCHON MARCO ADVISES MAX NOVELLE ONE NOVELLE BROTHERS VAUDEVILLE  
ACT NOW SHOWING FOX THEATRE SANFRANCISCO STOP CAR AND OCCUPANTS WERE  
NOT LOCATED LOSANGELES

DONE

CHARGE GOVT RATE  
Div. of Inv 1617 Fed. Bldg.  
1:00 P.M.

EJC:AB  
CC DIVISION

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 21, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Drawer 1457,  
Saint Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
et al. Unknown Subjects.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim  
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter from  
the Dallas Office to the Chicago Office, dated March 8, 1934,  
which requests investigation at Toledo, Illinois.

It is noted that Toledo is in the Saint Louis  
District and it is observed you have received copy of the  
report of Special Agent E. J. Dowd, Dallas, dated March 7,  
1934, which will assist you in making this investigation.  
I am also enclosing a tracing which was received by the  
Dallas Office from the Postmaster at Pampa, Texas.

Very truly yours,

KRM:DMH  
CC:Division,  
Dallas,  
Saint Paul.

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M. E. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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E.E. CO ROY,  
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IMMEDIATELY FORWARD HERE FIFTEEN PHOTOGRAPHS MARJORIE KEATING KANSAS CITY  
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J. A. Dowd  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
503-a U.S. Court House & P.O.  
Salt Lake City, Utah

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
March 27, 1934.

To all Division offices except  
Salt Lake City and St. Paul.

BREKID RE MY LETTER DATED MARCH TWENTY THREE NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR  
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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES

1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 22, 1934.

Mr. U. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 815,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
et al. Unknown Subjects.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82

Reference is made to your letter, dated  
March 14, 1934, in which you request a photograph of  
one FRED REARDON.

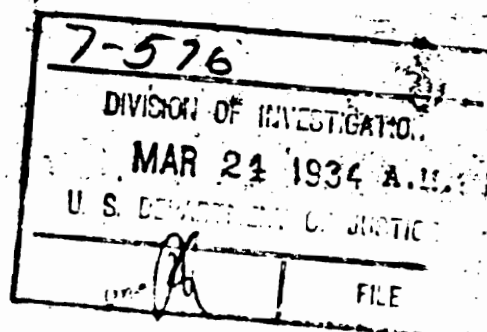
Enclosed herewith is a group picture  
containing a photograph of REARDON. An additional  
copy of this group picture has been secured from the  
Chicago Police Department and same is being retained  
in the file at this office.

Very truly yours,

KRM:TMH  
CC:Division  
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M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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R.E. Vetterli,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
318 Hewes Building,  
San Francisco, California.

BREKID COVER HOTELS SAN FRANCISCO AND VICINITY FOR FRED BARKER ALIAS J DARRONS  
ALIAS F G WARD ALIAS TED MURPHY ALIAS R E DAVIS ALIAS J E BLACKBURN ALIAS  
T C BLACKBURN ALIAS A S HUNTER AND ARTHUR BARKER ALIAS DOC BARKER ALIAS  
CLAUDE DALE ALIAS BOB BARKER ALIAS E L MURRAY ALIAS H J HARNEY ALIAS A S HUNTER  
AND ALVIN KARPIS ALIAS RAYMOND HADLEY ALIAS GEORGE HALLER ALIAS ALVIN KARPIS  
ALIAS GEORGE DUNN ALIAS R E HAMILTON ALIAS RAY KARPIS ALIAS A CARTER ALIAS E L  
BURNS ALIAS R L BURNS ALIAS J J BURNS ALIAS WILLIAM LOEMAN ALIAS WILLIAM B  
LOEMAN AND HARRY CAMPBELL ALIAS T C BLACKBURN ALIAS GEORGE L MARTIN AND  
VOLNEY DAVIS ALIAS E V DAVIS ALIAS J H LOCKWOOD ALIAS S E LOCKWOOD ALIAS C E MOORE  
AND PAULA HARMON ALIAS MRS C P HARMON ALIAS MRS TOM BROWN ALIAS POLLY WALKER  
ALIAS POLLY BRANNAN AND MRS KATE BARKER ALIAS MRS GEORGE ANDERSON ALIAS ARRIE  
BARKER ALIAS MRS A S HUNTER

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BREKID UNDERSTAND THAT CHICAGO OFFICE HAS FURNISHED YOU INFORMATION  
THAT WILLIAM J GRAHAM IS ENROUTE NEW YORK BY RAIL STOP GRAHAM IS  
KNOWN AS CONTACT MAN AND CLOSE FRIEND OF BARKERS KARPIS STOP GRAHAM  
TOGETHER WITH J C MCKAY UNDER TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND FEDERAL COURT NEW  
YORK CITY FOR VIOLATION USE OF MAILS STOP ARRANGE SURVEILLANCE OF  
GRAHAM ENDEAVORING ASCERTAIN ALL OF HIS CONTACTS WHILE IN NEW YORK  
DISTRICT INCLUDING MAIL TELEPHONES TELEGRAPH

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Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

March 28, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 1457,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim, KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File 7-30

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish this office with the best  
available description of DOROTHY TRALE, St. Louis Police  
Department register number 22180.

This description is desired for use in  
a summary report now being prepared in this case and it is  
requested that you give this matter your early attention.

Very truly yours,

RTN:IM  
CC Division ✓

W.A. RORER, Inspector.

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1900 Bankers Bldg.  
Chicago, Illinois  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
318 Hewes Building,  
San Francisco, California

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
et al. Unknown Subjects.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter dated March 4, 1934,  
directed to the Portland Office, copy of which was sent to this office.

Please refer to the personal description and criminal  
record contained in that letter, which is set out as follows:-

HOMER VIRGIL WILSON alias "Whitey"; med. chestnut hair;  
slate blue eyes; 5 feet 7 7/8 in.; 137 lbs.; 31 years in 1922;  
Criminal Record: 7/16/22, Denver #8291; chg. vag. and  
inv.; slicker with James McKinstry #8237; Harvey Oden #8238; M. H.  
Mead #8292 and Leslie Davis #8290; alleged to have trimmed a slicker  
out of \$35.00 and a gold watch."

This office is particularly interested in ascertaining  
the identity of the party known as "Whitey" Anderson, who is believed  
to have had a part in the Bremer kidnaping. In view of the fact that  
Homer Virgil Wilson is listed with the alias "Whitey", it is desired  
you make appropriate inquiries at the Identification Division, Sacramen-  
to, California, for the purpose of securing a photograph and a handwriting  
specimen of Homer Virgil Wilson, alias "Whitey".

The Salt Lake City Office is requested to make appropriate  
inquiries at Denver, Colorado to secure a photograph and a handwriting  
specimen, as well as a personal description of this party.

In the above noted criminal record, it is observed  
that one H. H. Mead, Denver No. 8292, was arrested with Wilson. A  
review of the file in the Bremer Case, discloses that one Martin  
Wunderlich, 530 Desnoyer St., Saint Paul, Minnesota, was fleeced out  
of approximately \$200,000.00 by confidence men; that Wunderlich made  
an examination of the confidence men gallery in the Chicago Police  
Department, where he identified one William E. Meade, Chicago Police  
Group Picture #5647, as one of the parties who fleeced him of the  
said sum.

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It is further observed that William E. Meade was arrested at 2970 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois, on August 10, 1933, as a fugitive from Lima, Ohio. He was returned to Lima and later he jumped a \$30,000.00 bond.

It is respectfully requested that the Salt Lake City Office secure a photograph, handwriting specimen and personal description of W. E. Meade and forward same to this office immediately so that it may be compared with the photograph of William E. Meade.

For the information of the San Francisco Office, reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. L. Shivers, Jacksonville, dated February 23, 1934, entitled "Edward Doll, with aliases, et al, Fugitive, I.O. #1214 - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act", which discloses Foley (Doll) informed that late in the summer of 1933, he registered under the name of Lang or Long, at the Gary Hotel in Gary, Indiana for the purpose of meeting one "Whitie" Anderson; that at this meeting there were present, Ed Bentz and a brother of Jack Pfeiffer of Saint Paul; that during this meeting a discussion was had in connection with arrangements for a kidnaping and \$200,000.00 was mentioned as the ransom. Foley stated that he refused to take any part in this arrangement and that later "Whitie" and Bentz left Gary indicating they were going to kidnap a prominent doctor in Rochester, Minnesota, and it was his opinion, that for unknown reasons they were unable to carry this out and proceeded to Saint Paul where they pulled the Bremer job.

It is believed that the photographs which are requested in this letter may assist in the identification of "Whitie" Anderson, when shown to Edward Doll. In view of the connection between Homer Virgil Wilson and M. H. Mead in their arrest at Denver July 16, 1932, it is thought possible that Mead may be identified with "Whitie" Anderson and the Bentz Gang.

It is respectfully requested this investigation be expedited.

Very truly yours,

KRM:TMH  
CC:Division ✓  
St. Paul,  
Kansas City,  
Salt Lake City.  
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M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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March 28, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Suite L, Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim. KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File 7-30

Dear Sirs:

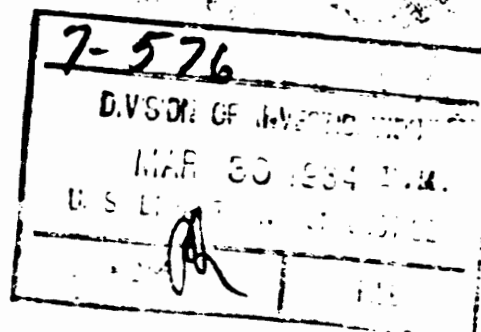
Please forward to this office the best  
available description you have of MRS. KATE BARKER, with aliases,  
and MICKEY RYAN SMITH, and MADELYN SNYDER.

These descriptions are desired for use in  
a summary report now being prepared in this case and it is re-  
quested that you give this matter your early attention.

Very truly yours,

RTM:IM  
CC Division

W.A. ROEP, Inspector.



U. S. Department of Justice  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
Bureau of Investigation

Suite L -  
Federal Building  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
March 24, 1934.

Air Mail—  
Special Delivery

ATTENTION: LABORATORY

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.

Kindly refer to Division letter dated March 6, 1934,  
to the Oklahoma City office with reference to the desirability  
of obtaining specimens of writing from typewriters which might  
possibly have been used in the instant case.

As result of the cover which has been placed at the  
request of this office on all incoming and outgoing mail of  
Lloyd Barker, Register No. 17,243, of the U.S. Penitentiary,  
Leavenworth, Kansas, this being the brother of Fred and Arthur  
Barker, that penitentiary has forwarded to this office a photo-  
static copy of a letter from Lloyd Barker dated at Oklahoma City,  
March 21, 1934, which is attached. Also, at this office a photostatic copy of the envelope in  
which this letter was received addressed to Mr. Loyd Barker,  
Leavenworth, Kansas, Box No. 7, postmarked at Amarillo, Texas,  
March 21, 1934, 9 p.m. There was also received a photostatic  
copy of the following longhand writing taken from the letter:

"W. H. Wilcox,  
1326 West 2nd St.,  
Oklahoma City,  
Okla."

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The secretary to the Warden of the U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, in his letter transmitting these photostatic copies has advised that delivery of the letter to Lloyd Barker at the Penitentiary will be held up until Monday March 26, 1934, and I am at this time having Special Agent Andersen request that it be delivered to him until noon of March 26th.

The above mentioned photostatic copies of the letter and envelope and longhand writing are being transmitted herewith with request that they be immediately examined to ascertain if they are of any value in the case, particularly whether or not anything on the letter may indicate that the same was written by any type-writer known to the divisions mentioned in Division letter dated March 6th, above referred to.

It is respectfully requested that in the event that it is found the attached specimens are of any value, the Kansas City Office be advised immediately, prior to Noon March 26, 1934, in order that the original communication may be obtained for further examination prior to its delivery to Barker at the U.S. Penitentiary. It is, of course, noted that after the communication is delivered to Barker, it may be impossible to obtain the same back from him.

Very truly yours,



M. C. SPEAR, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr Lloyd Barker.

Dear Red:

I guess you thought that you would never hear from me again but I have sure been busy, for the past month. I have been up in Texas for the last month, with a friend who is down with the TB. And he has just been admitted to the veterans hospital at Santa Fe New Mex. He is a doctor and I have known him for nearly all my life. But I guess it is better to write late than never, isn't it?

I don't know if I know your address there but I'll try and see if this reached you. If not I'll try it again. Then do you think you can expect your discharge from there? I don't know how long that I will be in Okla City, it will all depend on whether or not I can get a job here or not. This old country is in an awful shape now. Tell Joe and Bill hello for me, and tell Joe that I haven't been able to see the party here that he wanted me to see, but that I will do so as soon as possible. What month does Bill get out? I am not doing anything but just getting by, making a living that is all. I suppose you are wondering about the liquor and beer condition but I was in KC a short time ago and it doesn't amount to much. I haven't seen any one in town here that you or I either know yet. I expect to go to Amarillo Tex. tomorrow with a friend to see about a restaurant, which he wants to buy. If every thing goes well there well I guess that I will ring off for this time and will write more next time tell anyone that I know their hello for me and write soon. You can send my mail in care of my sister and she will forward it to me wherever I may be.

So so long for this time,  
As ever your friend,

Envelope:

Postmarked Amarillo, Texas Mar 21 9-PM 1934.

Mr Lloyd Barker

Leavenworth

Kansas.

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Box #7

W H Wilcox  
1326 - West 2nd St  
Okla City  
Okla

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*Mr. H. H. H. H.*

*1326 - 2nd St*

*St. Louis*

*Mo.*



Mr Lloyd Barber

Leavenworth

Kansas.

17243

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Box #7



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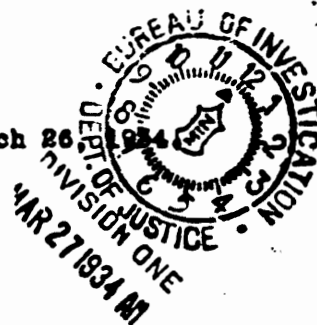
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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March 24, 1934

MR. NATHAN  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. EGAN  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
MR. LOCKE  
MR. RORER

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

*Edwards*

Mr. Tamm telephoned concerning the Bremer Kidnaping Case. He was in receipt of a letter from the Division asking that William P. Gempp be interviewed. Gempp had written Mr. Keenan that he could put the Department in touch with one of the Bremer kidnapers. Gempp is now being held at Wheeling, West Virginia on a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act charge. His story is to the effect that after his recent sentence to Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, he was placed in charge of the ice boxes in the institution and had control of the milk and eggs; that in this position he was able to furnish milk and eggs to different prisoners and gain their friendship. One of those prisoners was Elmer Boucher, #936, serving as a ~~prisoner~~ *prisoner*. He asked that prisoner Jack Kusick or Quisick or some similar name, from Chicago, serving an income tax violation sentence, be given milk and eggs as a courtesy. Evidently Gempp did so, for upon leaving, Boucher stated that he could put him in touch with the "right guys"; that they were in control of the dope racket in New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania, and one of the members of this gang was in on the Bremer Kidnaping Case. Gempp further claimed that Elmer Boucher told him about the proposed kidnaping of Bremer five days before the kidnaping occurred, and stated that Doc Barker would be one of those in the group of violators. Gempp requested that he be returned to Lewisburg, where he believes he can get additional information from Boucher.

I inquired of Mr. Tamm as to when this interview was conducted and learned it was conducted this morning. Of course Gempp has been in a position to read the papers as to the recent announcement by the Department. Tamm further stated that Gempp has a long criminal record and is the "world's worst liar". Tamm doesn't understand how Gempp happens to be out of the Penitentiary, but is having a check made on this, since it was indicated that probably the Marshal was drunk and Gempp may be an escape. Tamm has instructed the Agent not to go back to Gempp as in the jail where he is being kept there are rather poor facilities and he might make an escape if he is permitted to leave the cell for conference purposes. Mr. Tamm suggested that Elmer Boucher's record be obtained from the Lewisburg Penitentiary for determination as to whether he should be interviewed further concerning this matter.

*Please see  
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San Antonio, Texas.  
March 24, 1934.

J. A. Dowd  
Division of Investigation  
US Department of Justice  
503-a US Court House & P O  
Salt Lake City Utah

Brekid Henry Hull former member Karpis Barker gang now confined  
Texas Penitentiary advises that the Barker gang has contact man  
Reno named Graham who is prominent business man there He aids  
them in disposing securities and changing money Also that this  
gang had one time occupied private residence on Pueblo Street Reno  
exact time unknown House was rented name James stop Full name  
Graham unknown exact address house unknown Report mailed today

Jones

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul, Minnesota

REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-22-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-21-34	REPORT MADE BY: C. C. Spears
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p>Pertinent information relative to Edward W. Bentz, possible suspect in this case, as obtained from files in the Portland office set forth herein on request of Division to the end that exhaustive search will be made to locate Bentz. Edward Bentz, Theodore Bentz, Verna Bentz, wife of Ed Bentz, and Christina Dawson, sweetheart of Theodore Bentz, reported as having left Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on or about March 11, 1934, for intended visit to Bentz's mother on West Coast. All peace officers this district notified to be on lookout for these parties.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Division letter dated March 13, 1934.</p>			
DETAILS:  <p>The reference letter instructs the Portland office to prepare a report dealing exclusively with Edward W. Bentz, with aliases, and his known associates and to distribute copies of this report to each field office of the Division for its information. This action was requested by the Division to the end that an exhaustive search will be made for Edward W. Bentz, who is wanted in numerous places on bank robbery charges, and in view of the fact that he is a possible suspect in the kidnaping racket.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Ed J. [Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7-576-1425 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION MAR 27 1934 A M DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ROUTED TO: <i>[Signature]</i> FILE	
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The writer made a thorough review of all files available in this office in which Edward W. Bentz is mentioned, and the following pertinent information concerning this individual is set forth:

NAME AND ALIASES

Edward Wilhelm Bentz appears to be the true name of this individual. He has been known to have used the following aliases:

E. R. Richards  
E. R. Ronaldson  
Arthur Desmond  
Jack C. Kearns  
Francis K. Beckman  
Ned Rowland Dewey  
George Fairchild  
E. W. Benz  
Miles Dannecher  
Fred Williams  
Fred R. Thompson  
Francis Dewey  
G. B. Renier  
G. B. Renier  
Fred Wendel

DESCRIPTION

(Best available composite description as taken from files and persons who have observed Bentz)

Age	39
Color	White
Height	5' 11"
Weight	About 220
Build	Muscular
Hair	Light chestnut (may now be wearing dark brown wig and mustache)
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Florid

Nationality American  
Marital Status Wife, Verna Bentz, nee Freimark  
F.P.C. 81 13 Rr Ref. 29  
R U 17 5  
Marks and Scars Large mole in front of left ear;  
small flesh mole left side nose;  
scar at root of nose;  
partly blind in right eye;  
oblique scar 3d phalanx middle finger  
left hand;  
oblique scar 2d joint index finger  
left hand, outer;  
horizontal scar 3d phalanx little finger  
left hand;  
scar 3d phalanx middle finger right hand,  
inner;  
scar 3d joint middle finger right hand,  
outer;  
shot scar left leg, limps slightly;  
shot scar calf, right leg.

CRIMINAL RECORD

(As furnished by the Division under date of ..  
August 16, 1933.)

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GENERAL INFORMATION.

According to information contained in report of Special Agent W. Carter Baum, dated March 13, 1934, at Chicago, Illinois in the instant case, it appears that Edward W. Bentz has been identified as having resided at 7515 Kingston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, between August 28, 1933 and December 29, 1933. He is reported to have used the name of Fred Wendel and his wife resided at the same address with him. This was no doubt Verna Bentz, nee Freimark, and she was described as being 5 feet 5 or 6 inches in height, weight 115 lbs., slender build, hair dirty ash blond, blue eyes, no peculiarities noted. While at this apartment, Bentz and his wife had a small Pekingese dog. Bentz and his wife checked out at the above address on December 29, 1933, and investigation failed to develop any information as to where they went. This is the last known address of Edward W. Bentz, according to information available at this office.

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No information is available as to the 1934 registration of the Lincoln Sedan in which these parties are alleged to be traveling, and on March 21, 1934, a telegram was dispatched to the Chicago office suggesting that contact be had with G. B. Plowman of the American Express Company for the purpose of securing full details relative to the alleged travel of Edward Bentz, et al, from South Milwaukee, Wisconsin to the West Coast, and to endeavor to ascertain the motor number of the Lincoln Sedan for the purpose of ascertaining the 1934 registration of same. A telegram was likewise dispatched to the San Francisco office to contact G. B. Viets, Special Agent of the American Express Company at San Francisco to obtain full information available there and to assist in locating the Bentz brothers.

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Further information is contained in the files of the American Express Company at Portland, [REDACTED]

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It should be stated that in October, 1933, one Neal Cashman, 6439 N.E. 32d Avenue, Portland, formerly brother-in-law of Edward Bentz, reported to the Portland Police Department that he had seen Edward Bentz in Portland for a few minutes and had conversed with him briefly, after which he observed that Edward Bentz departed from the down town district of Portland in a large dark blue sedan which he believed was a Lincoln. At this time he reported that Edward Bentz was wearing a dark brown wig and mustache. This information relative to the Lincoln Sedan coincides with the reported information as to Edward Bentz, et al, leaving Milwaukee, on March 11th in a Lincoln Sedan. However, attention is invited to the information obtained by Agent Baum and reported in his report of March 13, 1934, at Chicago, indicating that Ed Bentz and his wife, on their arrival at 7515 Kingston Avenue, Chicago, drove a 1930 model A Ford Coach equipped with a trailer and a large quantity of personal effects. Persons interviewed believed that this car bore an Illinois license. Further, that just before Christmas, 1933, he drove up to the apartment in an Essex Terraplane which he claimed belonged to his brother. This was a new 1933 model Essex Terraplane which was black in color. It is noted that the St. Louis office is requested in report of Special Agent Baum to check all registrations in the state of Illinois for 1933 and 1934 to determine whether Bentz registered a Model A Ford car or an Essex Terraplane similar to those described as having been in his possession during the past winter at Chicago.

In the event any information is developed by the St. Louis or Chicago offices as to the registration of an automobile to Edward or Theodore Bentz, it is requested that telegraphic notification be made to this office and to the Los Angeles and San Francisco offices, in order that a description of the car may be broadcast to all state, county and city peace officers.

It is believed, from examining the files of the Portland office, that this office does not have available all information reflecting investigations of the activities of Edward and Theodore Bentz and if upon reviewing the instant report there is additional material information available to other districts concerning Edward Bentz and Theodore Bentz, it is requested that same be reported immediately to all offices of the Division.

Photographs of Edward W. Bentz, Seattle PD #6894, were furnished all offices of the Division by this office with letter dated August 21, 1933, in the George Kelly Barnes Kidnaping case. This letter of August 21st was directed to the Division, copies with photographs attached being routed to all offices.

Theodore E. Bentz is described as follows:

Name	Theodore E. Bentz, alias Ted Bentz
Age	31
Height	5' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	218
Build	Heavy
Eyes	Light blue
Hair	Light chestnut
Complexion	Fair
Color	White
Nationality	American
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Christina Dawson, alias Chrissie, who is traveling with Edward and Theodore Bentz, is described as follows:

Age	28
Height	5' 6"
Weight	125
Build	Medium
Eyes	Blue-grey
Hair	Light brown, reddish tint
Complexion	Medium
Nationality	Scotch
Color	White
Occupation	Tailoress
Criminal Record	None known

Recently a resident of Vancouver, B. C.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE: It is requested that the San Francisco office contact E. B. Viets, Special Agent, American Express Company, and conduct such investigation as is necessary to cover relatives of the Bentz brothers in San Francisco in connection with the reported intended visit of the Bentz brothers, Verna Bentz and Christina Dawson in San Francisco. Will also verify information that Anna Bentz, alias Anna Gallows, has moved from 1431 Steiner Street, San Francisco, to 1245 66th Street, Los Angeles. Will also contact E. A. Hansley, Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, for any recent information developed through his organization.

CHICAGO OFFICE: The Chicago office is currently conducting investigation to develop information pertaining to the Bentz brothers in Chicago and South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It is suggested that the matter of discreetly securing information through George Bentz, 7124 Belden Avenue, Chicago, be given thorough consideration in view of persistent information furnished that George Bentz is in contact with his brothers.

PORTLAND OFFICE: This office will continue its contacts at Tacoma, Washington for possible information through relatives of the Bentz brothers and the various law enforcement officials in Seattle and Tacoma who are maintaining a vigilant watch for them, and for any other information of value.

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Addendum:

Since the above was written, the Chicago office advised telegraphically that the Bentz party is believed to be traveling in a blue or black Lincoln Sedan of new appearance and that the car may bear 1934 Indiana license #410864. This information was forwarded the San Francisco office by telegram on March 22d and was broadcast by Police bulletins throughout Oregon and Washington the same date.

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March 22, 1934.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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ST. PAUL, MINN.

BB 1527

BREKID NINETEEN THIRTY THREE TWELVE CYLINDER AUBURN SEDAN BLUE BODY WITH HOOD GREY  
ON TOP AND GREY CANVAS TOP SIX WIRE WHEELS MOTOR BB FIFTEEN TWO SEVEN PURCHASED SAN  
FRANCISCO OCTOBER NINTH LAST YEAR BY WILLIAM B. LOHMAN. VOLNEY DAVIS POSITIVELY  
IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF PURCHASERS. ARTHUR BAKER BELIEVED TO BE ANOTHER.

MONTGOMERY ACTING.

Charge: GOVT RATE.  
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March 25, 1934

JOHN A. DOWD,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
803 A U. S. Court House and P. O. Building,  
Salt Lake City, Utah

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS ROY FRISCH VICTIM KIDNAPPING STOP MAN ANSWERING DESCRIPTION  
VICTIM CONTACTED GRAHAM YESTERDAY SEND PHOTO OF VICTIM GRAHAM HAS RESERVATIONS  
FOR RENO TONIGHT WILL ADVISE IF AND WHEN HE LEAVES.

MONTGOMERY ACTING

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Government rate  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
318 Hewes Building,  
San Francisco, California

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San Francisco, California.  
March 25, 1934.

J. A. Dowd  
503A U. S. Court House & Postoffice Bldg.  
Salt Lake City  
Utah.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS ROY FRISCH VICTIM KIDNAPPING STOP GRAHAM AND WIFE LEFT SOUTHERN  
PACIFIC SIX OCLOCK TRAIN TONITE FOR RENO OCCUPYING LOWER THREE CAR EIGHTY FOUR  
STOP RECEIVED THOUSAND DOLLARS TELEGRAPH MONEY ORDER YESTERDAY NO IMPORTANT  
DEVELOPMENTS.

Charge: GOVT RATE.  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
318 Hewes Bldg.  
S.C. Division.

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P.O.Box 515, St.Paul, Minn.

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March 26, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
503-a Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
VIOLATION.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30

Please forward to me all exhibits and particularly handwriting specimens of persons involved in this case which are mentioned in the report of Special Agent A.R. Gere, dated 3-22-34, at Salt Lake City.

Very truly yours,

E.A. NORMAN, INSPECTOR.

WAR:TC  
CC Division ✓  
CC Chicago

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P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

March 25, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 536,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30

In confirmation of the wire to your office, today, in the above entitled matter, it is requested that a check be made of the hotels at Tia Juana, Mexico, and the place covering the Agua Caliente race tracks. It is requested that you give continual attention to covering the races just over the Mexican border and also any horse racing which, in the immediate future, may begin in your district.

Very truly yours,

W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

WAR:TC

CC Division  
CC San Francisco  
CC Salt Lake City

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Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 28, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim. KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File 7-30

Dear Sir:

Please furnish this office the best available descriptions from the files in your office of MRS. KATE BARKER, with aliases; DOROTHY SLAYMAN, Tulsa Police Department #3012; JOHAN ARMOUR, Tulsa Police Department #3010; BILLIE FITCH, Tulsa Police Department #6896; MICKEY RYAN SMITH and MADELYN SMYDER, no police numbers being available on the latter two.

These descriptions are desired for use in a summary report now being prepared in this case and it is requested that you give this matter your early attention.

Very truly yours,

W.A. MORSE, Inspector.

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CC Division

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Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 28, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Ill.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim. KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File 7-50

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish this office with the best  
available descriptions of JEFFREY JOHNSON; DOROTHY DODD and  
LEOTA GRAHAM, these parties being mentioned in letter from the  
Chicago office to the Salt Lake City office under date of  
March 24, 1934.

These descriptions are desired for use in  
a summary report now being prepared in this case and it is re-  
quested that you give this matter your early attention.

Very truly yours,

RTN:IM  
CC Division

W.A. ROGER, Inspector.

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P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

HARLOWEAM

March 26, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING, St. Paul file 7-30.

Attached hereto is a memorandum submitted to the Jacksonville office by Special Agent R. L. Main. Please conduct investigation at Lawsonia, Wisconsin. I can not find this place listed in the Postal Guide but it is possible that inquiry in the vicinity of Oakkosh may locate a place with a similar name. In view of the fact that Oakkosh is misspelled, it is possible that Lawsonia is also misspelled.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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Cc Division  
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MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED BY SPECIAL AGENT W. F. TRAINOR:

IN RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

During a review of the data in the instant kidnaping case and in connection with the case of Vernon C. Miller (Deceased) Et Al - Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, it has been noted that "J. Stanley Smith", which is thought to be an alias used by a man possibly identical with Arthur R. Barker, resided at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, during the first half of June 1933. While there he lived with a woman who has been identified by photograph as Paula Harmon, widow of Curtis P. Harmon (formerly reported Charles B. Harmon). Thomas Newman, attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, was offered as a reference by "J. Stanley Smith" when the premises at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, were rented late in May 1933. When interviewed on several occasions Newman has obviously evaded any truthful statement in connection with his dealings with "J. Stanley Smith". He did state, however, that he had written some letters for Smith to one John Bovard, Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri, in connection with the collection of a promissory note due from Bovard. Also Newman informed that "J. Stanley Smith" was reported to be employed by the Consolidated Metal Company, of St. Louis, Missouri.

Originally the St. Louis Office made investigation of this statement by Newman, which is reflected in the report of Special Agent O. G. Hall, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, July 27, 1933, in the Kansas City massacre case. The St. Louis Office was unable to locate anyone in that district who might be identical with the John Bovard in question. The Kansas City Office was informed by the St. Louis Office, through a copy of letter written by the St. Louis Office to the St. Paul Office, July 10, 1933, in the massacre case, that it is probable that the John Bovard in question might reside in Kansas City, although there was no definite basis for investigation shown in this district.

In the report of Special Agent C. B. Winstead, dated at Dallas, Texas, in the instant kidnaping case, February 27, 1934, it is shown that the telephone of Paula Harmon at Beaumont, Texas, was used on October 11, 1932 to call "Stonewell J. Smith", Houston, Texas. "Stonewell J. Smith" is shown to reside at Farmersville, Texas and to operate what is known at the Federated Metal Company, handling type and stereotype metals.

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The Kansas City, Missouri city directories list two Bovard families - one is that of John C, who is shown to be deceased

and formerly the head of the John C. Bovard Printing Company, 809 Baltimore Avenue. The other is the family of John H. Bovard, who formerly operated a coal business and maintained an office in the Bialto Building here. It appeared that there might be facts of possible significance in the above in view of the use of similar names "J. Stanley Smith" and "Stonewell J. Smith", and the "Federated Metal Company" and the "Consolidated Metal Company" and further, in view of the alleged business dealings with one John Bovard on the part of Smith, as it appears that the Bovard in question might be connected with the printing trade in which the Federated Metal Company is said to be interested.

There is no "Consolidated Metal Company" or "Federated Metal Company" located in Kansas City, Missouri.

Interview was had with Mrs. Estella Bovard, widow of John C. Bovard, who is now the proprietor of the John C. Bovard Printing Company, 809 Baltimore Avenue. With her is associated Mr. Joseph Bovard, her son, who was also interviewed. These individuals were questioned as to any business dealings which they might have had with anyone named "J. Stanley Smith", "Stonewell J. Smith" or "Thomas Newman", who are mentioned herein. They stated that they have no knowledge whatever of any such dealings, and that they do not owe and have not owed a note to anyone who might be identical with either of the Smiths or Newman, or any client of Thomas Newman. Mrs. Bovard informed Agent that her husband has been dead for the past two years and that, of course, he had business dealings of which she knew nothing as she did not undertake a business career until after his death. Joseph Bovard has not engaged actively in the business until the past year, and therefore would not have an insight into his father's affairs. Both of these individuals stated, however, that they would be aware of any communications which might have been received as late as June 1933 in connection with any claim such as is mentioned by Newman.

These individuals appeared cooperative and promised that in the event they ever discovered any facts which might bear a relationship to the matter in question they would inform this office. They advised that John H. Bovard, former coal dealer of Kansas City, is a very wealthy man and for the past two years has been non compos mentis and is now expected to die any day. He has a guardian named Miss Minnie Jones, who has been his secretary for years, and she would be in a position to furnish full information in regard to his business transactions or any claims which have been placed against him. Mrs. Bovard further informed that to her knowledge there are but about 20 families of that name in the United States and that most of the Bovards are related in some way. She stated that there are some Bovards in St. Louis, Chicago and Los Angeles. Mrs. Estella Bovard and Joseph Bovard both stated that they had never heard of the Federated Metal Company or Consolidated Metal Company, and they did not know of any business dealings ever had by their company with such concerns.

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Miss Minnie Jones was interviewed at her office, 614 Grand Avenue Temple Building. She stated that if the estate of John H. Bovard had ever been charged with any claims such as the one mentioned she would certainly know of it and that she is unable to furnish any information whatever in connection with such communications as mentioned by Thomas Newman. After full discussion with her of the possibilities of business connections by John H. Bovard with anyone named "Stonewell J. Smith" or "J. Stanley Smith" it was determined that no information is available through her or the estate of John H. Bovard in this connection.

It is suggested that investigation be conducted by the Dallas Office to fully determine the connections of Paula Harmon with "Stonewell J. Smith", who is said to reside at Farmersville, Texas. It is noted that Paula Harmon several years ago used the alias Mrs. J. Stanley Smith, and it is probable that from her the man who resided at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, received that alias.

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Respectfully submitted:

cc - Division (2) ✓  
St. Louis (2)  
St. Paul (2)  
Dallas (2)

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.

March 24, 1934.

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT

To Mr. W. A. Rorer, St. Paul Office.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
311 Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above entitled case, you are requested to obtain from the Department of the Interior topographical maps of the following counties:

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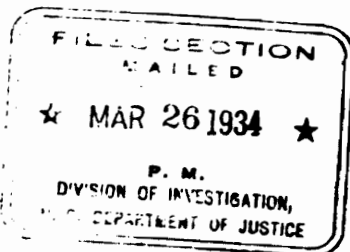
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Walworth



In the event the Department of the Interior does not possess extra copies of topographical maps of the above counties, arrangements should be made to borrow the maps in their possession and have copies of same prepared by the Equipment Section of the Division. This matter should receive your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,  
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Inspector

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ST PAUL MINNESOTA

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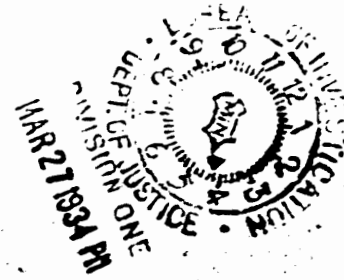
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625 Lafayette Bldg.  
Detroit Michigan  
March 23, 1934



Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 515  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication dated March 20, 1934, please be advised that a very careful search has been made of the records in this office, the Detroit Police Department and at the Sheriff's office in the City of Detroit and we fail to find the name of EMERY CHAMPLIN or CHAMPLAN who, it is alleged, is a member of the "Purple Gang."

For your further information, please be advised that this office has a very complete list of names of gangsters known in Detroit which includes members and alleged members of the Detroit "Purple Gang" and this list does not contain the above mentioned name.

Special Agent L. D. Socoy also contacted Lieutenant John Hoffman of the Special Investigation Squad, Detroit Police Department, who is acquainted with a great many gangsters in Detroit and he advised that he has never heard of a person named Champlin as being connected with the "Purple Gang" or any other outfit.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 21, 1934.

MR. NATHAN.....  
MR. TOLSON.....  
MR. CLEGG.....  
MR. COWLEY.....  
MR. EDWARDS.....  
MR. Egan.....  
MR. QUINN.....  
MR. LESTER.....  
MR. LOCKE.....  
MR. RORER.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

While talking to Mr. Rorer on another matter he advised that they had secured a lead which looked a little promising; that a woman from Waukesha, Wisconsin, had made a trip to St. Paul and had given them certain information which is being checked at the present time. Mr. Rorer will call the Division if anything of importance develops. *about the House where Bremer was held*

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.



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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
March 19, 1934

MR. NATHAN	_____
MR. TOLSON	_____
MR. CLEGG	_____
MR. COWLEY	_____
MR. ELLIOTT	_____
MR. GLAVIN	_____
MR. QUINN	_____
MR. LESTER	_____
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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice, Personal and Confidential  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

With reference to a conversation with Mr. S. P. Cowley of the Division on the night of March 15, 1934 concerning the statement appearing in newspaper articles to the effect that latent fingerprints of certain suspects in the Bremer Kidnap case had been found on oil cans on the route alleged to have been taken by the kidnapers when they delivered Bremer to his home, I have to advise you as follows:

I was absent from the office on March 14th and 15th, having left here the night of the 13th, and returned late on the night of the 15th. I had been in Arkansas on official matters. Special Agent Paul Hansen was in charge of the office in my absence. While in Little Rock I received a telephone communication from Mr. Hansen and while there I also talked to Mr. Cowley of the Division. On the occasion of both of these conversations I had been informed of the raid in Osage County on the morning of the 15th, which resulted in the arrest of Glenn Roy Wright and others. I was cognizant that we were seeking Glenn Roy Wright and Agent Hollis had been making efforts for sometime to locate him in that area, together with Harry Campbell.

I had been most circumspect in informing the Agents of this office that they should be most discreet in discussing with anyone the suspects in this case and the reason for the inquiries. To many of the Agents I had not even divulged the full particulars in the matter. Mr. Hollis did know that latent fingerprints had been found on certain oil cans.

I discussed with Agent Hansen the matter of the statement appearing in the newspapers relative to the latent fingerprints. He has prepared a memorandum for me concerning this matter, copies of which are attached hereto.

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I communicated with Special Agent Hollis at Tulsa by telephone the night of the 15th. He informed me that he had not divulged that information to any newspaper men, or to anyone.

The inquiries mentioned above were communicated to the Division, together with the fact that Agent Hansen said he had received a telephone call from a man by the name of Shipley, representing the Minneapolis Tribune. Thereafter Mr. Cowley of the Division communicated with me by phone and said that Agents at Minneapolis had interviewed Shipley and he had said that he had obtained the information through telephonic communications on the 15th with a man by the name of Burkes of the Tulsa World, or with the jailer or deputy sheriff at Sapulpa, Oklahoma. I also talked to Inspector Rorer at St. Paul concerning this matter and he, as well as Mr. Cowley, informed me that the newspaper men at Minneapolis had said the information concerning the latent fingerprints found on the cans had come via "newspaper grapevine" from Oklahoma. Mr. Cowley told me that it was the Director's instructions that I proceed to Tulsa and Sapulpa in an effort to obtain all the particulars concerning this matter.

At Sapulpa I interviewed A. B. Holderby, County Jailer, who said that sometime probably around noon of March 15th, he received a telephone call from some person who said he was a newspaper man in Minneapolis and wanted to know about the arrests made that morning, and whether Barker and Karpis were arrested. He said he told the newspaper man that he didn't believe they were, but if he wanted any information concerning the arrests, he should obtain it from the Sheriff's office, which was down stairs and that he transferred the call, through the operator, to the Sheriff's office. Holderby stated that this man calling him didn't give any name and that he is certain that he made no mention whatever of latent fingerprints, or fingerprints of any kind. Holderby told me that he didn't know anything about any fingerprints being found on cans and that he didn't know any such item had appeared in the newspapers until I mentioned it to him. From Holderby's appearance I do not doubt for one moment that he is telling the truth.

I interviewed Gordon Morriss, Undersheriff at Sapulpa, who remains in the office practically all of the day. Morriss said that sometime about noon on the 15th, probably shortly before noon, a person called him and said he was with the Minneapolis Tribune, but did not give any name, and stated that he wanted to know who was arrested by the officers that morning; that he read the names of the persons arrested and that this individual then asked him whether Karpis and Barker were arrested and he told him "No." Morriss said that no mention was made by this individual about fingerprints of any kind. Morriss stated that he did not know until he read in the

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newspapers that any latent fingerprints had been found anywhere in the investigation of the Bremer Kidnap case. Mr. Morris said that Agent Hollis had never discussed the matter with him. Morris told me that if any man said that he had made the statement, or given out any information to the effect that latent fingerprints were found on any cans, that the person making such a statement "is a liar." Morris told me that he is the only person in the office that day who talked with any newspaper men.

I talked to Sheriff Willis Strange, Sapulpa, who stated that he didn't talk with any newspaper men at Minneapolis on the 15th, or at any other time, and that he did not know until he read in the newspapers that any latent fingerprints had been found on oil cans in connection with the investigation of the Bremer case. He stated that Agent Hollis had never discussed this matter with him.

I interviewed Ed Burkes, City Editor of the Tulsa World (newspaper), who stated that on the 15th of March he talked two or three times to a man by the name of Shipley of the Minneapolis Tribune; that on one occasion on the 15th when he talked to Shipley by telephone, he told Shipley to call the Sheriff's office for information concerning the arrests made that morning. He stated that he did not tell Shipley that day anything about any latent fingerprints having been found on cans. He was asked whether he had heard prior to the newspaper story that latent fingerprints had been found on any cans and he stated that he had heard that ten days or more ago. He was asked the source of his information and stated, "I do not know where I got it." He was questioned further concerning it and said that he probably obtained it from some of the "boys" around the office. I asked him what he meant by boys and he said some of the reporters. He was asked to name some of the reporters specifically, but said he couldn't remember. He was asked if he had obtained it from Agent Hollis, or any representative of this Division, and he told me that he had not. Very little satisfaction could be obtained from Burkes. It was apparent that he was hedging and did not care particularly to discuss this matter at any great length.

Agent Hollis informed me that while he was at the Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, where he had gone to accompany the officers to take some of these prisoners, he received a long distance telephone call from a newspaper man by the name of William Voight, who is the Associated Press representative at Tulsa; that Voight asked him if the primary purpose of the raid that morning was to effect the arrest of Karpis and Barker, who were suspected in the Bremer case, and that he told him such was not the case. He stated that that was the extent of the inquiry made of him by Voight.

I interviewed William Voight at Tulsa, who seems to be a straightforward young man, although still a newspaper man, and he spoke in the highest terms of the Division; of how he had met several of the Division's representatives during the Urschel investigation and trial. He told me that Agent Hollis had never informed him that any latent fingerprints had been found on any cans during the investigation of the Bremer case, nor had any other representative of this Division given him this information, but that he had heard Burkes say ten days or so ago that he had information to this effect, however, Burkes did not tell him the source from which he had obtained it. Voight told me specifically that he had not written any article, or dispatched any news item during the day of the 15th to any point concerning any latent fingerprints. He said that sometime about 2:00 P.M. on the 15th he received a query from the Associated Press representative in Minneapolis or St. Paul for full particulars concerning the raid that morning and later in the day, just a short time thereafter, he received a request from the Associated Press in Kansas City to follow up the story of the raid that morning, particularly in connection with the Bremer case, and to play the lead strongly. He stated that in this dispatch from Kansas City some mention had been made of the fingerprint item, but that he replied that he felt that it was false and that after it appeared in the papers that evening (March 15th), he wrote a story under a Mannford date line for the morning papers circulated by the Associated Press and made mention of the latent fingerprint situation. Voight said that he was present at the raid on the morning of the 15th; that Hollis had not apprised him of it, nor had he invited him to go along. Voight attempted to impress me with his sincerity in an effort to assist as much as possible in this matter, if we would not divulge any information that he might furnish. He stated to me that it was his impression that the story relative to latent prints had emanated from Minneapolis or St. Paul. He informed me that he believed he could obtain the source of the information from Ed Burkes and that, if he did, he would furnish me therewith.

Several days ago when this office was making considerable investigation in and around Tulsa in an effort to obtain the names and addresses of the associates of Karper and Barkis, particularly information that might result in the apprehension of Harry Campbell and Glenn Roy Wright, I assigned Agents Sorola and Birch to assist Agent Hollis. These Agents were specifically instructed not to divulge to anyone why the Division was seeking any of these persons.

It was learned during the course of these inquiries that Glenn Roy Wright has a brother, Harold Wright, employed at the Tulsa World as a

deliveryman out of Tulsa. Agent Birch talked to E. G. Henthorne, the Editor of the World, relative to Harold Wright. I interviewed Mr. Henthorne, who stated that Agent Birch did talk to him about this matter and that he offered every cooperation and assistance possible in locating Glenn Roy Wright through his brother, but that Agent Birch made no mention whatever of fingerprints of any kind. Mr. Henthorne stated, however, that sometime ago he heard some mention in the editorial room about fingerprints in connection with the investigation of the Bremer case, the details of which he couldn't remember, possibly he said that he heard some prints had been found on some cans, but that he paid very little attention to it.

L. W. McFetridge, Circulation Manager of the Tulsa World, stated that Agent Birch talked to him about Harold Wright, but made no mention of fingerprints or why he wanted to get in touch with Glenn Roy Wright. McFetridge said he didn't know anything about the latent fingerprint story until he read it in the newspaper.

Richard Maher, City Editor of the Tulsa World, was interviewed and said that about ten days or two weeks ago he heard that some fingerprints of someone, he thought Doc Barker, had been found on some gasoline cans abandoned by the kidnapers of Bremer; that he does not know where he heard it, but he thought it was from some of the "boys" around the office, but could not name any specific individual who might have told him this. He stated that on Thursday, March 15th, someone from the Minneapolis Tribune called him by phone and wanted to know all about the parties arrested in the raid that morning, but that in this conversation no mention was made of any fingerprints and that the inquiry was solely for the purpose of the identity of the persons arrested.

Walter Biscup, reporter of the Tulsa World, stated that on February 11, 1934 the Sheriff's office at Tulsa received a wire from the Police Department at St. Paul wanting the fingerprints and photograph of Harry Campbell and that he wrote a short story about it; that there was no mention in this story about any latent fingerprints on any gasoline cans, and that he did not know of this fact until he read it in the papers on March 15th. Biscup is a very intelligent young man, with an engaging personality, but crafty, and still a newspaper man.

J. Nelson Taylor, a reporter of the Tulsa World, was interviewed and stated that several days ago he saw Agent Birch there and that he talked with Birch about Glenn Roy Wright and Harold Wright, as at one time he had lived in the home of Mrs. Wright in Tulsa, but that at no time during his conversation with Birch did he mention fingerprints or why Glenn Roy Wright was wanted. He did state that he had not discussed

this subject with any other representative of this Division. He told me that he did not know anything about any latent fingerprints having been found on any cans until he had read it in the newspapers. I doubt very much that Taylor is telling the truth, for he appeared to be hedging as much as possible and he, of course, is a newspaper man.

I talked to Agent Birch about this matter and he told me that he did not tell anyone about any fingerprints having been found on any gasoline cans for the reason that he did not know it until he had read it in the newspapers.

Agent Paulson, an accountant, has been in Tulsa for sometime under subpoena and I discussed this matter with him, but he told me that he was not aware of the fact that any latent fingerprints had been found until he read it in the newspapers.

Agent Sorola, now assigned to the New Orleans office, has not been interviewed in respect to this matter.

Agent Hollis is preparing a memorandum for me concerning the subject matter of inquiry.

I am obtaining newspapers in Oklahoma City and Tulsa in which this story appeared.

On the night of March 17th I talked to Mr. Cowley of the Division concerning this matter and he stated that Ed Burkes is a Vice President of the National Newspaper Guild and that there was a convention of this organization in Washington sometime ago and that Burkes might have obtained the information there. I talked to William Voight about this convention and he said that the convention referred to was held prior to the kidnaping of Bremer.

On the afternoon of March 18th, I received a telephone call from Mr. Clegg of the Division in which he stated he had before him an item under the McAlester, Oklahoma date line of March 16th of the International News Service to the effect that Agent Hollis, who accompanied some officers and some prisoners to the Penitentiary at McAlester, had disclosed for the first time that the purpose of the raid was to effect the apprehension of Barker and Alvin Karpis and that some persons arrested were close associates of the suspects and that this item indicated a direct quotation of Agent Hollis. Mr. Clegg instructed that all information concerning the same be obtained.

I learned that Fred Riseling, 1606 North Robinson, Oklahoma City, is the local representative of the International News Service. He did not

know the representative at McAlester, but said that W. J. Good of Kansas City is the district manager and that he would know the representative at McAlester. I asked Mr. Conroy at Kansas City to obtain from Good the representative's name at McAlester and he stated that he is E. N. Martel.

I dispatched Agents Paul Hansen and L. M. Chipman the night of March 18th to McAlester to interview Martel.

I interviewed Agent Hollis concerning this matter and he stated to me positively that he had not interviewed any newspaper man in McAlester and that the only contact he had with newspaper men was the telephone call he received from William Voight, Associated Press man at Tulsa, referred to above. Hollis furthermore told me that he did not make such a statement to any person at McAlester or elsewhere.

Agent Hansen called me last night from McAlester and informed me that he had interviewed Martel, International News Service representative there, who stated that he had never interviewed or seen Mr. Hollis and stated he didn't interview any officer who accompanied prisoners to McAlester on March 15th; that the material for any article prepared by him concerning this matter cleared through the district office of the International News Service at Kansas City, Missouri and that it did not directly quote any person. This morning Agent Hansen called me and stated that he has received copies of all dispatches in respect to this matter received by and sent out by Martel and that none of them quote Agent Hollis. This information was furnished telegraphically to the Division on March 19th.

The following are the dispatches received by and sent out by Martel in connection with this matter:

"Kansas City Missouri 3-15-34

"E N Martel  
McAlester Oklahoma

Have received tip persons arrested at Manford wanted connection Bremer kidnaping stop Please check immediately with McAlester and state prison officials and wire me soon as possible

W J Good  
International News Service  
9:35 pm "

"McAlester, Oklahoma March 16, 1934

"International News Service  
Kansas City Missouri

Ed Brophy alias Pal Collins alias Alonzo Brisco may be connected Bremer kidnaping Glen Roy Wright known to have been associated Freddie

Barker & Alvin Karpis suspects not caught raid

E N Martel  
5:45 am "

McAlester, Oklahoma March 16, 1934

"International News Service  
Kansas City Missouri

Universal Service  
Chicago Illinois

Five men brought State prison closely watched to prevent escape  
Would have go through six steel doors past half a dozen machine guns  
and then over walls to escape Officers believe most important capture  
in many months Wright, Brisco alias Brodie believed be connected  
Bremer kidnaping

E N Martel "

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
Dwight Brantley, *DW*  
Special Agent in Charge.



MEMORANDUM

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PH:IJ

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
March 16, 1934

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

This memorandum is being prepared at the suggestion of  
Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley.

During March 14 and 15, 1934, I was in charge of the Oklahoma City office during Mr. Brantley's absence. About 9:15 A.M., March 15, 1934, Special Agent H. E. Hollis called me on the telephone from Sapulpa, Oklahoma and advised me that he had assisted in a raid with twenty-seven officers from Tulsa, Stillwater, and Sapulpa, Oklahoma on a house owned by Ira Brackett which is located about six miles west of Mannford, Oklahoma. Agent Hollis advised that Glen Roy Wright, five other men and three women were arrested during this raid. Agent Hollis requested some help from the Oklahoma City office in interrogating Wright and the other persons arrested with him regarding his association with suspects in the Bremer kidnaping case. I advised Agent Hollis that due to other urgent matters in this district I was alone in the office and could not help him in this regard. Agent Hollis informed me that a considerable sum of money had been recovered from the possession of some of these people, and I advised him to check it against the serial numbers of the bills paid for the ransom of Mr. Bremer. Hollis called me back in a few minutes and stated that as several thousand people had gathered around the Sapulpa County Jail, the officers were apprehensive of some trouble and that arrangements had been made to take five of the men to the State Penitentiary at McAlester, and that he did not have time to check these serial numbers then. He stated that for some reason which he did not know some newspaper men from Tulsa, Oklahoma were present at this raid and he was, therefore, anxious for the information concerning the arrest of Wright to be forwarded to Washington at once.

As soon as I finished talking with Agent Hollis, I immediately called the Division at Washington and talked with Mr. Cowley, advising him of the result of this raid, and I gave him the names of the persons who were arrested except two women whose names I could not secure. I then called the St. Paul office and talked with Inspector Rorer and advised him of these arrests.

About 10:30 or 11:00 A.M., a Mr. Shipley called me on the telephone from Minneapolis, Minnesota and said that he was a representative of the Minneapolis Tribune and asked me about the arrests. I told Mr. Shipley that I understood there were some newspaper men present during this raid

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and that I suspected that he knew more about the details of it than I did. He asked me if this raid was made with the intention of catching some of the Bremer kidnapers, and I told him that it was not. He then asked me if we did not have hopes of catching some of the persons who were suspected of being involved in the Bremer kidnaping when we made this raid, and I told him that was not so. He then asked me if some of our Agents were not present on this raid and I told him that there was one Agent and twenty-seven officers. He asked me why the raid was made and what the real purpose of the raid was and I told him that I could not give him any information along this line as I had none to give, but that I suspected that it was made to catch several notorious bank robbers; that the results of this raid would indicate as much. Shipley then said, "In other words, Mr. Hansen, you are just not talking." I then told Mr. Shipley that that was not the attitude I had but that I really had no information to give him; that nine people were taken in this raid and that some of them are notorious bank robbers, and as far as I knew that was the entire story. Shipley then said, "How about the latent fingerprints?" I told him that I had not heard of anything like that concerning this raid. He said, "Is it not a fact that fingerprints of Doc Barker and Karpis were found in connection with the Bremer kidnaping?" I told him that I had no information to that effect. He then said, "How about the fingerprints on the oil can?" I then said to him, "Well, now, Mr. Shipley, you are telling me something for I never heard of anything like that." I then suggested to him that as he was on the ground and so near to the St. Paul office that he could obtain information concerning the Bremer case directly from that office which would be the proper place for information concerning it to be given out to that particular newspaper.

I might state here that I knew that some latent fingerprints had been found in connection with the investigation of the Bremer case, but was of the opinion that they had been found on an automobile, and the first time I heard of any fingerprints being found on an oil can in connection with this case is when Mr. Shipley mentioned it to me over the telephone.

Mr. Morris Moore, city editor of the Oklahoma City Times, called me on the telephone about 2:00 P.M. on the 15th, and asked for Mr. Brantley. When advised that he was out of town, Mr. Moore asked if I was in charge, and when advised affirmatively, he asked me what information I had to give out concerning the arrests at Sapulpa. I told him that I had no information to give out. He asked me if our office was not represented in this raid, and I told him that Agent Hollis who is located at Tulsa was on the raid. He asked me if the Division had not suspected finding some suspects of some kidnaping case when this raid was made, and I told him that we did not suspect anything like that. He asked me if we were not making an investigation concerning the persons who were arrested at Sapulpa and I told him that we were making a check. I told him that the Division had several unsolved cases of various descriptions and that we were naturally interested in a case where

so many people were arrested, but that we had no information whatever that any of the persons who were arrested at Sapulpa were wanted for any offense over which the Government has jurisdiction.

Mr. Tom Yarbarough, also of the Oklahoma City Times, called at the Oklahoma City Division office and asked me if there was any information to be given out concerning the arrest of these persons at Sapulpa. I told him that I knew of nothing. This was practically the entire result of my conversation with Mr. Yarbarough.

A short time later, which was about 6:00 P.M., Jack Stinnett, a reporter from the Daily Oklahoman, came into the Oklahoma City Division office and asked me if there was anything new on the results of the arrests at Sapulpa, and I told him that there was not. He then asked me if the Government had determined if any of the persons arrested were wanted for violations of any laws over which the Government has jurisdiction, and I told him that so far we had been unable to link any of them with any Government offense. Mr. Stinnett then asked me about the article appearing in the Oklahoma City Times under a Minneapolis date line to the effect that fingerprints of Barker and Karpis were among those found on gasoline cans and a flashlight used during the Bremer kidnaping. I told Mr. Stinnett that I knew nothing of this, and that the first I knew anything about it was when I read it in the above mentioned paper.

The Oklahoma City representative of the International News Service called me about 9:00 P.M. and asked me if there was any information that could be given out concerning the Government's interest in the arrests at Sapulpa, and I told him that there was nothing to be given out; that the raid was apparently successful in that several persons who were wanted for major offenses in the state of Oklahoma were arrested, but that none of them was wanted by the Government as far as I knew.

The only reporter in Oklahoma City who even asked me anything about fingerprints is Jack Stinnett, and at the time he asked me concerning this he was reading the article in the Oklahoma City Times under the Minneapolis date line of March 15.

I might say here that I was fully aware of the stand which has been taken by the Division that the Barkers and their associates were only suspects in the Bremer case and that it did not want this information to be made public, and I was especially careful of this fact when I was talking with any newspaper correspondent. In the first place, I was cognizant of the fact that I had no authority to give out any information and as will be seen from the facts set out above, I did not give out any information, though I did talk with the different newspaper men who called me as I thought that practice and common sense demanded it.

*Paul Hansen*  
PAUL HANSEN,  
Special Agent.

Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. NATHAN  
Mr. TOLSON  
Mr. CLEGG  
Mr. COLEY  
Mr. EDWARDS  
Mr. EGAN  
Mr. QUINN  
Mr. LESTER  
CHIEF CLERK  
Mr. MOHR

March 20, 1934.

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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

MAR 28 1934

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

With further reference to [redacted] paid informant of  
this office, this is to advise that he was interviewed on [redacted]

[redacted] Schaeffer and Young were  
sentenced in St. Paul for a gang killing, reputed to have been done  
at the instance of "Frisco Dutch" Steinhardt.

In that connection, for the Division's information, during  
the trial of Schaeffer and Young, a man giving the name of Louis Brooks  
lived in St. Paul and was here apparently for the purpose of "fixing"  
the witnesses in the murder case.

During the investigation of the Bremer case, information  
was received that one "Big Louie" and a tall, blonde man, considerably  
younger, resided about two blocks from the scene of the "snatch". This  
information could not be verified, and it is with the thought in mind that  
"Dutch Louie" and "Big Louie" might be the same person that this office  
will conduct an inquiry to determine the identity of "Dutch Louie"

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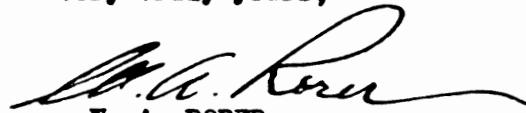
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A photograph of Tom Brown, ex-Chief of Police of St. Paul, was exhibited to the informant [REDACTED]

The informant was given \$9.00 by Special Agent O. G. Hall to defray his living expenses.

Very truly yours,

  
W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. NATHAN .....  
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Mr. QUINN .....  
Mr. LESTER .....  
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Mr. HUNTER .....

March 22, 1934.

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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

With further reference to [redacted] paid informant of this  
office, he was interviewed [redacted]  
at which time he was given \$10 to help defray expenses.

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The informer will be interviewed again in a few days and the  
Division notified concerning the interview.

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Very truly yours,  
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

CHICAGO

FILE NO. 7-82

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Chicago, Ill.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3/26/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/23/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. G. GILLESPIE - AB</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MAR 28 1934 AM</p> <p>Western Auto Supply Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, did not sell any Filmolens from 1/1/34 to 2/8/34 inclusive; all employees of Western Auto Supply Co. questioned and shown photographs of suspects, with negative results.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, 3/3/34.</p> <p>DETAILS: AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN</p> <p>Mr. V. E. Berg, Manager of the Milwaukee Store of the Western Auto Supply Company, 641 W. Wisconsin Avenue, stated that he kept an accurate perpetual inventory for the store. Agent examined this inventory, which showed six Filmolens in stock on January 1, 1934 and six still in stock as late as February 8, 1934. Mr. Berg stated that no Filmolens were received during that period, and that from these records he was positive no Filmolens were sold during the above mentioned period. Mr. Berg was shown the Filmolens identical with the ones used by the kidnapers, together with photographs of Karpis, the Barker brothers, Volney Davis and Harry Campbell, and he failed to identify any of the photographs. He further stated that he did not remember selling a Filmolens in recent months.</p> <p>Earl Ertenberg, salesman, Western Auto Supply Company, address above, stated he did not recall selling any Filmolens in recent months, and he failed to identify photographs of suspects in instant case.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jay E. Newman, actg.</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7-576-1435</b> MAR 28 1934 AM BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: FILE	
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H. B. Smith, salesman, Western Auto Supply Company, address above, stated that he did not recall selling any Filmolens, nor could he identify photographs of suspects, except that he stated the photograph of Volney Davis was familiar to him, although he could not recall when and where he had seen him.

Mr. O. C. Nelson, salesman, Western Auto Supply Company, address above, stated he could not recall ever selling any Filmolens, nor could he identify photographs of suspects. He stated, however, that the photograph of Volney Davis was vaguely familiar to him and it seemed he had seen the person somewhere. He could not recall when or where he had seen Davis.

Mr. E. Lutz, salesman, Western Auto Supply Company, address above, stated he sold one Filmolens about three months ago to an old man about 65 years old, height 5'8", heavy build, wearing a mustache, weight about 175, dark complexion, appeared to be an Italian; that at some time he also sold him complete tail light outfit for a Ford T model car; that he recalled cutting the Filmolens down to 2 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches, and fitting it in tail light. Mr. Lutz could not remember any other sales of Filmolens, nor could he identify photographs of suspects in instant case. He stated that the man to whom he sold the lens was unknown to him, but that he has bought auto accessories since the first of March, 1934.

There were no other employees of the Western Auto Supply Company. Each of the above persons were interviewed thoroughly as to any person making inquiries about red flashlight lenses, cutting down the Filmolens, or any inquiries about red flashlights or pocket lanterns, the results all being negative.

Agent examined the stock of Filmolens on hand at the above named store and found four on hand, which indicates two have been sold since February 8, 1934. None of the employees could recall who bought these two.

Mr. Berg, above mentioned, stated that the sales slips would not distinguish the sale of Filmolens from many other types of lens sold by the store, and in view of the fact that the inventory shows no sales during the period in question, no effort was made to have Mr. Berg secure the sales slips, which are located in the Kansas City office of the Western Auto Supply Company.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 16, 1934.

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Mr. TOLSON .....  
Mr. CLEGG .....  
Mr. COWLEY .....  
Mr. EDWARDS .....  
Mr. EGAN .....  
Mr. QUINN .....  
Mr. LESTER .....  
CHIEF CLERK .....  
Mr. RONK .....  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.  
RE: PUBLICITY GIVEN IDENTIFICATION  
OF LATENT PRINTS OF BARKER AND KARPIS IN BREMER CASE.

Mr. Rorer called from St. Paul (11:35 A. M.) and advised that he had just talked to the Assistant City Editor of the Minneapolis Tribune, Mr. Shipley, who advised that he secured the story; that Mr. Shipley advised that he secured the information at Sapulpa, from either the Sheriff or the Jailer there; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and he does not remember which person gave him the information but he was positive it was either of the above; that Mr. Shipley stated that he first talked to Mr. Furks, a representative of the Sapulpa World, who advised him that a raid had been made in connection with the Bremer case and that he then called the Sheriff and the Jailer but he does not remember which one gave him the information.

I am putting in a call for Mr. Brantley to give him this information.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

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1900 BARNERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

March 27, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER  
with aliases, I.O. #1219; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Reference is made to your teletype message re-  
questing to know the name of dealers in Reno, Nevada,  
handling Casco goggles manufactured by the Chicago Eye-  
shield Company, Chicago, Illinois. Examination of their  
records disclosed that in April, 1932, the Nevada Con-  
solidated Copper Company at McGill, Nevada, purchased  
one pair of said goggles, and that in May, 1932, the  
same company purchased twelve pairs of said goggles.  
An examination of the records of the Chicago Eyeshield  
Company fails to disclose any other purchase of said  
goggles by any party or firm located in Nevada.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota**File No. **7-24**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Portland, Oregon</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3-24-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3-23-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>C. C. Spears</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al, UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>H. Wilson arrested Seattle, Washington, January 29, 1931 on suspicion. Was traveling in a Cadillac automobile bearing an unknown California license and was accompanied by a woman who posed as his wife. Information pertaining to Wilson furnished Chicago office telegraphically.</b>			
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REFERENCE: <b>Telegram from the Chicago office, dated March 9, 1934.</b>			
DETAILS: <b>--- At Seattle, Washington ---</b>  <b>Information contained in the reference telegram was relayed to Special Agent W. K. Bowling at Seattle, Washington where he made inquiry relative to the arrest of Homer Wilson on January 29, 1931.</b>  <b>From information obtained at the Seattle Police Department the above named party was arrested under the name of H. Wilson and given book of arrest number 1366. No photographs or fingerprint record was made</b>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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and he was picked up on suspicion only and released without any definite information being obtained that he was a wanted person. A report submitted by Captain Justice of the Seattle Police Department reflected the following information:

That Wilson stated he left Chicago January 2, 1931, proceeding to San Francisco where he stayed for three or four days at the Olympic Hotel and then went to Oakland for a few days. He then came to Seattle according to his story and claimed that he had a friend at 943 Abbey Street, Oakland, but did not furnish the name of this friend. He stated that he resided at 7150 Cyril Street, Chicago, Illinois and that he was business agent for the International Hod-carriers Union, Joliet, Illinois. He stated that while in Chicago he was engaged in bootlegging and that that was his only racket; that he never went in for any "rough stuff" and that he always played alone. He denied, as did his wife, knowing anything of a robbery gang in Seattle in connection with which he was arrested upon suspicion. He was traveling in a twin-eight Cadillac car, 1931 model, which bore a California license, the number of which was not ascertained. Among the personal effects of Wilson were found a safe deposit box receipt for box number 1326, Jackson Park Safe Deposit Company, Chicago, Illinois, and receipts were also found indicating the purchase of valuable fur coats and jewelry. Wilson was accompanied by a woman who posed as his wife who stated they had considerable jewelry in a safe deposit box in Chicago. Captain Justice related in his report that it was possible that Wilson was looking for a location to handle booze in Seattle and that he admitted as much; that he had about two thousand dollars in cash on his person. The report further reflects that telegrams were sent to Oakland and Chicago asking for quick replies but no information forthcoming indicating that Wilson was wanted and he was released.

The following description was obtained from Lieutenant McCarthy, one of the arresting officers.

Name	H. Wilson
Age	42 to 45 years
Height	6 ft 1 in
Weight	230 lbs
Hair	Light chestnut
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium
Peculiarities	Flashily dressed and a good talker.

McCarthy:

Description of Mrs. H. Wilson as obtained from Lieutenant

Age	32 to 35 years
Height	5 ft 6 in
Weight	150 lbs
Build	Medium stout
Hair	Dark chestnut
Complexion	Dark
Peculiarities	Very attractive and a good dresser, Was accompanied by a baby boy 1½ years of age.

The above information was transmitted telegraphically to the Chicago office on March 10, 1934 and a telegram was also dispatched to the San Francisco office requesting that a check be made to determine if possible information relative to the registration of the Cadillac car in the state of California. In response to the telegram to the San Francisco office that office submitted letter under date of March 13, 1934, copy of which was routed to the Chicago office. For the information of Inspector Rorer at St. Paul a copy of this letter is being attached to the copies of this report being routed to Inspector Rorer.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE: Inasmuch as there is a possibility that the Cadillac car referred to above was registered in the state of California for 1930 it is requested that that office make a check at the Automobile Registration Bureau for such possible record. It is also requested that inquiry be made at 943 Abbey Street, Oakland, to determine if any persons at that address is acquainted with Homer Wilson in view of the fact that he claimed he had a friend at that address when arrested at Seattle.

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 27, 1934

MAR 28 1934

Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O.#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I.O.#1219; et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Please refer to the report of Special Agent  
M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri, dated March 9, 1934,  
page twelve of which mentions 702 North 7th Street,  
Harwood Street, Dallas, Texas, and 702 North 7th Street,  
North 7th Street, Int. Police Station, Kansas City,  
correspondence of L. J. [redacted] of [redacted]  
Penitentiary, who is to be released July 16, 1934, and  
consider the advisability of having pertinent inquiries  
made through these parties, looking toward the location  
of the suspects in this case.

Very truly yours,

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JAY C. NEWMAN, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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Cincinnati, Ohio

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March 27, 1934.

Mr. David Goin,  
Postmaster,  
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:

THOMAS R. WILLIAMS, 418 Murray Street, Frankfort,  
Ky., we understand, has recently moved to Indianapolis, Indiana.  
If a forwarding address is on file for him, will you please furnish  
us with his address at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Your courtesy and cooperation will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Division

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al.  
Edward G. Bremer Victim  
Kidnaping.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

With reference to the various reports from the Chicago office which have been recently submitted covering investigation at various cities with a view toward locating the hideout, your attention is called to the fact that several agents appear to be confining their investigation to the sounds which Bremer claims to have heard. Such procedure is unsatisfactory. Your particular attention is invited to the investigation conducted by Special Agent J. E. Brennan, as set out in the report of K. E. McIntire dated 3-22-34, at Maywood, Melrose Park, Bellwood, Broadview, and Brookfield, Illinois. The report indicates that investigation was confined solely to the siren and factory sounds. It should be obvious that if we could rely upon these sounds, all investigation could be conducted by circular letters. It has been noticed in several instances that Special Agent Brennan referred to the fact that city officials informed him that they had been circularized by this office concerning sounds.

As previously requested, you should see that in each place visited, the agent, in addition to the sounds, interviews each electric meter reader with a view toward locating the hideout house. Mail carriers should also be interviewed, as well as wall paper dealers and hangers, and filling stations. Please give closer care to the preparation of reports covering the hideout.

In the report of Agent McIntire dated the 22nd instant, it is noticed that Agent Cross in covering Hobart, Indiana, set out pertinent information and stated that after exhibiting photographs of subjects to Traeger without any identifications, he observed several houses suspected of being the hideout by Traeger and that it was obvious to agent that they had no bearing on this case as the elements were missing. This is a conclusion of the agent and should not be indulged in, and he should set out the descriptive facts which of themselves may indicate that these houses can not be the hideout.

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In the report of Agent McIntire dated the 22nd instant, Agent Brown conducted investigation at Round Lake, Illinois, where he located basement living quarters in the proximity of which were a large and a small dog. It is noticed that he did not enter this basement but merely looked through the window. He concludes that in view of the fact that the basement is unfurnished and does not correspond in any manner with Bremer's description, it is not the hideout house. Again your attention is invited to the fact that Agent Brown expresses an opinion. He should state just what he saw which caused him to so conclude; that if Agent Brown can not do this, additional investigation should be made at Round Lake.

It is requested that all of the agents working on this case in the Chicago district give closer attention to investigation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,  
March 26, 1934.

J.E.P. Dunn,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
617 Federal Building,  
Los Angeles, California.

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411 UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE  
PORTLAND OREGON

BREKID ELDREDGE OF AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY ADVISES ED AND TED BENTZ

AND VERA BENTZ AND CHRISTINA DAWSON VISITED MOTHER OF VERA BENTZ SOUTH

MILWAUKEE WISCONSIN MARCH NINETEEN AND THEN VISITED SISTER OF VERA BENTZ

IN CHICAGO SUPPOSED TO HAVE MADE STATEMENT THAT THEY WERE GOING TO VISIT

THEIR MOTHER IN SAN FRANCISCO REPORTED TO BE DRIVING DARK BLUE OR BLACK

RE LINCOLN SEDAN LICENSE AND MOTOR NUMBER UNKNOWN POSSIBLY USING NINETEEN

THIRTY FOUR INDIANA LICENSE FOUR TEN EIGHT SIX FOUR STOP NINETEEN THIRTY

TELE ILLINOIS LICENSE MENTIONED YOUR TELEGRAM ISSUED TO ED AND TED BENTZ

ADDRESSES THAT THE BEING CHECKED NOTIFY SAN FRANCISCO

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March 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Mr. Nathan telephoned from St. Paul to advise that he had interviewed Mr. Youngquist, and that he, Mr. Youngquist, appeared to be satisfied. They went into all the details of the matter which Mr. Youngquist had discussed here, Mr. Youngquist stating that they originally wanted their group of men made Agents in this Department, but that their final plea was to have one of our Agents regularly assigned to their work. Mr. Nathan explained to him that what we are offering is a much better arrangement; that either he or Mr. Hammi could be called at any time for consultation and to render any assistance possible. Mr. Nathan is of the opinion, however, that the group is not ready to proceed with its work. Mr. Graham is still at Pittsburgh and they don't know when he will proceed to the Twin Cities. Mr. Nathan stated that Mr. Youngquist appeared to be very appreciative and asked that his thanks be conveyed to me.

Mr. Nathan will remain in St. Paul until some time Thursday afternoon or evening, and if nothing further develops, he will then proceed to Oklahoma. He will submit a memorandum covering the above.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with alias, et al.  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to report of Agent A. R. Gere, Salt Lake City, March 22, 1934, in this case, and to a letter from the St. Paul office, dated March 23, 1934, to the Salt Lake City Office, a copy of which was furnished Oklahoma City, in which reference is made to certain automobiles allegedly used in the past and possibly now being used by the suspects in this case.

Please be advised that Special Agent F. S. Smith of this office has contacted Mr. Hopper, in charge of the Auto Theft Division of the Oklahoma State Highway Department, and which has to do with the licensing and registering of automobiles in the State of Oklahoma. Mr. Hopper was furnished descriptive data, motor and serial numbers of all the automobiles enumerated in the communications referred to, together with the names and aliases of the suspects.

Mr. Hopper informed Agent Smith that, after an exhaustive search, there is no record of the registration, present or past, of any of the automobiles in question. Mr. Smith, however, observed Mr. Hopper place in his files ticklers concerning these automobiles with information contained there in to the effect that this Division office would be notified should anyone register or apply for registration for any of the said automobiles. Mr. Hopper informed Agent Smith that the records of the State Highway Department are so kept that it would be an impossibility to obtain information concerning registration of automobiles by names only.

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A contact is being made with the State Highway Department in Arkansas along the same line, and investigation is being conducted in the vicinity of Tulsa, Oklahoma in an effort to ascertain the identity of the alleged wife of George L. Martin, presumed to be an alias of Harry Campbell.

You perhaps have observed from previous correspondence the name of Winona Burdette, alleged to be a girl friend of Harry Campbell, and that she is described as being a very attractive woman, which conforms, in many respects, to the description of the female companion of Campbell as contained in Agent Gere's report. It has occurred to me that perhaps the woman accompanying Campbell is none other than Winona Burdette, and inquiries to determine if such be the case will be made.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Division ✓  
Salt Lake City  
Kansas City  
San Francisco  
Chicago

P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 26, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
803-A U. S. Court House & P. O.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

Reference is being made to report of Special Agent A. R. Gere dated 3-22-34 at Salt Lake City wherein it is shown that certain members of the Barker-Karpis gang using various aliases have been identified as having resided at Reno, Nevada. It is reasonable to assume that members of this gang resided in apartments located at 1280 and 1290 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, for a short period during February and March, 1933, and departed very hurriedly after a tip off, leaving articles of clothing and other things behind. Examination of this clothing has been made and same bears the following laundry and cleaner marks:

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Included among the clothing were a number of freshly laundered shirts enclosed in wrappers of the Sunshine Laundry, 440 East Second Street, Reno, Nevada. It is thought the above laundry marks will assist in tracing possible residences and contacts of the gang while in Reno, Nevada, which may furnish leads for other offices as to their present location.

In addition to these shirts there were two expensive Japanese silk shirts, apparently tailor made, bearing the label of George Wing and Company, 627 Jackson Street, San Francisco, California; one wool, pullover sweater, yellow-grey-white mixture, bearing label of Baskin, Chicago, Illinois; and neckties bearing labels of Burke and S. Inc., Reno, Nevada, Paterson's, Reno, Nevada, and Bullock's, Los Angeles, California.

Members of the Barker-Karpis gang may be known to employees of the stores mentioned, and their photographs should be exhibited to them by interested officers for possible information concerning them. It is further suggested that photographs of all the principal suspects be exhibited to employees of the various apartment houses and hotels where members of this gang have at times resided under various aliases mentioned in report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, previously mentioned.

Inasmuch as the San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, Oklahoma City, Kansas City, Dallas, Chicago, Cincinnati, and Detroit offices are now covering leads looking to disclosure of present whereabouts and connections of this gang, copies of this letter are being furnished these offices for whatever value the above listed laundry marks may have in assisting them in their investigation.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

RLN:HVS/RWM  
Cc Division ✓  
San Francisco  
Los Angeles  
Portland  
Oklahoma City  
Kansas City  
Dallas  
Chicago  
Cincinnati  
Detroit  
St. Paul

P.O.Box 818, St. Paul, Minn.

March 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Please refer to the report of Special Agent T.E. Billings,  
dated at Chicago, Illinois, March 13, 1934.

In view of the current developments in this case, it is  
now felt that possibly the goggles supplied the victim may have  
been secured at Reno, Nevada, or vicinity. Therefore, confirming  
my teletype message of this date to you, it is requested that  
further contact be had with the Chicago Eye Shell Company for the  
purpose of obtaining from them a list of the dealers, whether  
in the State of Nevada, or otherwise, who would distribute this  
particular type of goggles throughout the State of Nevada and es-  
pecially at Reno. If it is found that this goggles is sold in  
Nevada, the proper list should be forwarded to the Salt Lake City  
Division Office so that they may make a check to determine the  
present location of all goggles of this type sold in that state.

The goggles used in the instant case will be forwarded  
to the Salt Lake City Division Office to be exhibited to persons  
interviewed there in the event it is found that this article has  
been sold in Nevada.

A copy of the report mentioned in reference should also  
be forwarded to the Salt Lake City Division Office.

Please give this matter preferred attention.

Very truly yours,

RE: TC  
CC Division  
Salt Lake City

W. L. ROHRER, INCH. CLERK.

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P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
503-A U.S. Court House and Post Office,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

In confirmation of my telegram of the 27th instant, it is requested that all laundries at Reno be immediately checked for the names and aliases set out in the report of Agent A. R. Gere dated the 22nd instant at Salt Lake City, in order to obtain all laundry marks used by suspects in this case.

This information should be furnished to the following offices: Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Chicago, St. Paul, and Oklahoma City for immediate check.

It is further requested that a similar check be made of the clothes cleaners in Reno for the same purpose. When this information has been obtained, appropriate leads should be set out in order not only to check any existing records, but in order to place a wanted notice with the cleaners and laundrymen in the aforementioned districts.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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*[Signature]*

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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March 27, 1934.

Postmaster,  
South Milwaukee,  
Wisconsin.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER  
with aliases, I. O. 1219  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

In connection with a local investigation being  
conducted by the Chicago Police Department, tracings to be  
made of all first class mail received  
by the following persons:

Wm. F. Bremer, 704 Monroe St.  
South Milwaukee, Wis.

Wm. F. Bremer, 704 Monroe St.  
South Milwaukee, Wis.

Wm. F. Bremer, 704 Monroe St.  
South Milwaukee, Wis.

Tracings to be made of all first class mail received by these persons in transmitting these  
tracings to this office under number 7-82.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I

am,

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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March 27 1934

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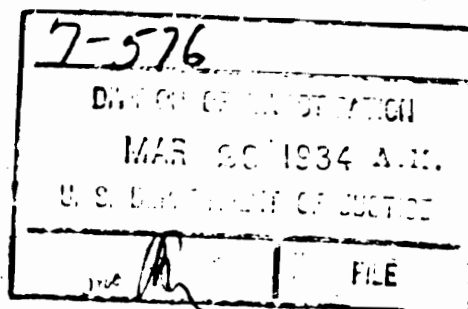
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CHICAGO ILLINOIS. MARCH 27, 1934. 1:00 P.M.

C. C. SPEARS  
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 411 U. S. COURT HOUSE BLDG.  
 PORTLAND OREGON

BREKID GEORGE BENTZ BROTHER OF ED AND TED BENTZ AND WIFE REPORTED TO HAVE LEFT CHICAGO ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO DRIVING OLD WILLYS KNIGHT SEDAN MAROON COLOR BEARING NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR ILLINOIS LICENSE FIVE NAUGHT TWO SIX SEVEN ONE MOTOR ONE FIVE EIGHT SIX THREE SIX FACTORY NUMBER TWO FIVE NAUGHT SIX WITH TRAILER ATTACHED BEARING NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR ILLINOIS LICENSE THREE NAUGHT TWO W ENROUTE TO TACOMA WASHINGTON GEORGE BENTZ EXPECTED TO GO TO WORK FOR SAN JUAN FISH COMPANY TACOMA FOR WHOM HE FORMERLY WORKED GEORGE BENTZ N.T EXPECTED TO RETURN CHICAGO FOR SEVERAL MONTHS INFORMANT STATES ED AND TED BENTZ FORMERLY INTERESTED IN GOLD MINE NEAR SHELTON WASHINGTON EXACT LOCATION UNKNOWN BUT BELIEVED GOOD HIDEOUT EXPECT ED AND TED TO CONTACT GEORGE BENTZ STOP ROSI KELSO SEATTLE WASHINGTON SISTER OF BENTZ BROTHERS ALSO POSSIBLE CONTACT

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Room 1403, 370 Lexington Avenue,  
New York City

March 26, 1934

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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
Kidnaping

In compliance with instructions contained in Division letter dated March 20, 1934, I contacted Mr. Alcorn on Saturday, March 24, 1934. He stated at that time that he desired to have this woman friend of Leon Kramer communicate with this office Monday morning and make final arrangements for the visit to Dannemora. Mr. Alcorn insisted that this woman who, incidentally, he stated is a niece of Kramer's accompany the Division representative to Dannemora, as he related that without her, Kramer would not talk.

Mr. Alcorn telephoned me this morning and stated that a decision had been definitely reached that Kramer would talk to nobody but Assistant Director Harold Nathan. No amount of persuasion on my part could change his decision in view of which this office will await further instructions before proceeding further.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Mr. E. A. Rorer,  
St. Paul

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

FILE NO. **7-82 DR**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Chicago, Ill</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3/26/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/23-24/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. G. Gillespie</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>DIVISION ONE KIDNAPING MAR 26 1934 AM</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Harrison E. Nash, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was owner of 1931 Ford Two-Door Sedan bearing license 1933 Wisconsin No. 176876 until 1/16/34 when he sold it to David J. Sutton, Inc.; car resold by David J. Sutton, Inc. 1/18/34 to Edward Makowski. Car now bears same license number as above, and is in possession of Edward Makowski who stated car or license plate has not been out of City of Milwaukee since he purchased it; that he has never loaned or rented car or license plates.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated 3/21/34 at St. Paul, Minnesota.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> <u>AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN</u></p> <p>The attention of St. Paul Office is directed to their serial #787 in connection with this matter.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> Harrison E. Nash, 3459 South Kinnickinnick Avenue, Street car motorman, stated that he had been the owner of a 1931 Ford Two-Door Sedan, Motor #A-4611276, 1933 Wisconsin license plate #176-876 until January 16th, 1934 on which date he traded the same to David J. Sutton, Inc., Ford Auto Dealer, 2459 South Kinnickinnick Avenue; that he presently owned a 1934 Model Ford Two-Door sedan with 1934 Wisconsin license number 55839. Mr. Nash stated that he did not know who presently owned the old car that he traded to David J.</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jay P. Newman, actg.</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE 3 Division 2 St. Paul 2 Chicago COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: <b>COPIES DESTROYED 648 MAR 18 1968</b>	<b>7-571-1439</b> UNITED STATES <b>MAR 28 1934 AM</b> BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <i>one</i> FILE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>MAR 28 1934</b> CHECKED OFF: JACKETED:

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Sutton, Inc.

Mr. David J. Sutton, President of David J. Sutton, Inc., Ford dealer, 2459 South Kinnickinnick Avenue, stated that according to his records he received from Harrison E. Nash on 1/16/34, a 1931 Ford Two-door sedan, Motor Number A-4611276; further that the same car he received from Nash had been sold on 1/18/34 to Edward Makowski, 2661 South Howell Ave.; that he was not acquainted with Makowski, the sale of this car having been handled by his salesman, C. Borkenhagen.

Mr. C. Borkenhagen, salesman for David J. Sutton, Inc., 2459 South Kinnickinnick Avenue, stated that he handled the sale of the above-mentioned car to Edward Makowski; that he had been trying for a long time to sell Makowski a car, but that Makowski always appeared to be without sufficient funds; that the car was paid for by trading in an old car, several \$10.00 City Milwaukee bonds, and the balance cash; that it was his opinion that someone other than Makowski put up the money with which to purchase the car; further that he had known Makowski for 25 years and that he always knew him to be reliable and a reputable business man. Mr. Borkenhagen stated that when Makowski received the car it bore the same license number as when it was owned by Nash.

Mr. Edward Makowski was interviewed at his Meat Market, 2661 South Howell Avenue. Makowski's home is located upstairs at the above address. When Agent identified himself and stated a check was being made on certain auto license plates and automobiles, Makowski appeared agitated and nervous. Makowski stated that since he purchased his car from David J. Sutton, Inc., it had been kept in his garage located in the rear of his meat market; that he had used the car occasionally to go to the packing plant, and for pleasure, but was positive that the car had never been out of the city of Milwaukee; further, that he had never loaned the car to any person, and that he had never removed or loaned the license plates from his car. Makowski stated that he had never had the title transferred to his name, and did not have 1934 license plates and for that reason had used the car but little; that during the first week in February, to the best of his recollection, the car was not used at all, having been in the garage during that time. Mr. Makowski stated that while he kept the car in an unlocked garage, he would have known it if any unauthorized person had used the car, or if anyone had removed the license plates; that a relative of his, Henry Kosmatka, who lived at same address, also kept a 1930 Ford two-door sedan in the same garage with his car. Mr. Makowski stated that he had not been out of the city since February 1, 1934.

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Agent went to the garage of Edward Makowski, located in the rear of the Meat Market at above address and examined the cars therein. Makowski's car was bearing 1933 Wisconsin license #176-876, and was a black car. A careful examination of the license plates indicated that they had never been removed as the screws holding the plates were old and rusty. The car designated by Makowski as that of Henry Kosmatka was a Ford two-door sedan, maroon body, black fenders and top, and appeared to be a 1930 model. This latter car bore 1933 Wisconsin License #109-806. There was no indication of the plates ever having been removed from this car.

Agent interviewed Henry Kosmatka, upstairs at 2661A South Howell Avenue, who stated that he worked for the A. & P. Warehouse; that he was positive that neither his car nor Edward Makowski's car had ever been driven except within Milwaukee and suburbs within the past four or five months; that neither of the cars, as far as he knew, had ever been loaned or rented to anyone, and that he was positive the license plates had not been removed from either car.

Through Mr. Marquis, Asst. Manager of Dun and Bradstreet, 6th Floor, 820 North Broadway Street, agent examined the file on Edward Makowski. This file showed that Makowski had for many years been a responsible Polish business man; that in addition to owning a retail meat market he was Secretary of the Badger Sausage Company, a thriving business with a net worth of about \$30000.00; that Makowski bore reputation as honest and reliable among business associates.

P E N D I N G

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

March 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Lorer called from St. Paul at 1:15 P.M. and stated that he had been in conference with Mr. Dillon, Managing Editor of the Minneapolis Tribune, who had advised that had the Minneapolis Tribune in Minneapolis had the information concerning the latent fingerprints in this case, all of the newspapers there would have had the same information but they did not have it until the day it was published. Mr. Lorer stated further that Mr. Shipley of the Minneapolis Tribune stated positively that he obtained the information from Burke of the Tulsa World, the publisher of the Tulsa World, Oklahoma. He stated Mr. Nathan advised that Mr. Voight, the Associated Press man in Tulsa, Oklahoma, seemed to be a very high type individual and suggested the possibility of obtaining from him the source of Burke's information.

He stated further that Dillon of the Minneapolis Tribune advised the first information they had indicating that Karpis and Barker were wanted in the Bremer case was obtained several weeks ago from Washington, D. C. but it did not include the latent fingerprint identifications. Mr. Lorer advised that Mr. Burke of the Tulsa World is Vice-President of the Newspaper Men's Guild and Mr. Dillon advised there was recently a meeting of the Guild in Washington, D. C. and it was entirely possible that Burke attended this convention and might have obtained the information from Washington, at that time.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Reference is made to the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota and recent items of publicity which have arisen relative to the investigative steps which have been taken in reaching a solution of this matter.

In this connection, it has been definitely determined that Mr. Edward G. Bremer personally gave out information to the press as to the type of wall paper which appeared on the walls of the room in which he was held captive. The definite identification of this wall paper, however, has subsequently been established by the Division and there has been no publicity brought to my attention relative to the identification of this wall paper. Its identification was effected by having a drawing made, based on Mr. Bremer's recollection of the wall paper pattern, following which investigation was made at the various wall paper manufacturing establishments in the United States and from one of the samples selected as being similar to the pattern prepared, Mr. Bremer has made definite identification.

The flash lights, which were used by the kidnapers, were located by Special Agents of the Division. They were photographed and the photographs were enlarged as an aid to effect identification of these flash lights. It became necessary to canvass manufacturers and wholesale dealers in these flash lights and in the conduct of this investigation, the photographs were exhibited to these manufacturers and dealers. It would appear logical that this information could have reached newspaper men through any one of the many contacts made in this connection. It is to be pointed out, however, that there has been no publicity as to the identity of the store where the flash lights were purchased or the identity of the saleslady who sold these flash lights to Alvin Karpis, one of the kidnapers. This information is known only to the Special Agents.

Concerning the publicity relative to the gasoline cans in which the reserve supply of gas was stored and placed in the automobile in which Mr. Bremer was returned, photographs and complete descriptive data relating to these cans were obtained and numerous inquiries were made of can manufacturers as well as many gasoline filling stations along the road known to have been followed by the kidnapers, in an effort to effect a

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positive identification of the kidnapers by photographs. The publicity relative to the fact that these cans have been found could have been based upon information furnished newspaper men by any one of the numerous operators of filling stations or dealers in this type of equipment.

Although mention was made of the fact that fingerprints were found on the cans and the flash lights, this could be a logical assumption on the part of newspaper men due to the necessity for some link to exist to show that the cans and flash lights had been in the possession of the kidnapers. Fingerprints would be the logical method of establishing such a connection; however, it is to be noted that although fingerprints were found on the gasoline cans, no fingerprints have been found on the flash lights, which shows that this portion of the published information is not based on fact.

The investigation of this matter is continuing in an effort to determine the source of the information which appeared in the newspapers. However, it is gratifying and significant to note that there has been no mention of the fact that a cap worn by one of the kidnapers has been identified and this cap was found in the kidnapers' car, which further tends to definitely establish the identity of the kidnapers. It would appear, if the information is based on data furnished by any employee of this Division, that the identity of the cap would have been an important element. Likewise a further fact, known to the Special Agents of this Division, is the identity of the saleslady selling the flash lights and the store where they were sold, which has not appeared in the press.

Although incorrect information has appeared as to identifying fingerprints on the flash lights, at the same time there has been no publicity concerning the definite identification of the wall paper pattern. Upon receipt of any additional information bearing on this publicity, I shall be glad to immediately advise you.

Respectfully,

Director.

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March 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM STANLEY,  
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

There is enclosed herewith, for your information,  
a copy of a memorandum transmitted to the Attorney General  
relative to the publicity recently given to the investigative  
steps taken by the Division in <sup>the</sup> Edward G. Bremer kidnaping  
case.

Very truly yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.**

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>5/26/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/21 to 25/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>S. K. McKee</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING OF INVESTIGATION</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Tap on office telephones of Gilbert Nelson, 748 North Damen Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, during period March 21-25, 1934, fails to produce information of value. Tap on Nelson's residence telephone commenced March 24, 1934.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Chicago, Illinois, 5/22/34.</p> <p>DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.</p> <p>A tap on the office telephones of Gilbert Nelson, attorney, 748 North Damen Avenue, was maintained during the period from March 21 to March 25, 1934, by Special Agent M. F. Glynn. A complete log of all incoming and outgoing calls was kept, but an examination of this log by the writer and Special Agent A. E. Lockerman, who is handling the Bentz angle of this investigation, failed to indicate that any of the information obtained through this telephone cover was of value. The log for the above period will be found in the confidential telephone tap file as maintained in the Chicago Division office. This tap is being continued.</p> <p>Attention should be directed to a telephone call made to one of Nelson's phones at 5:05 P.M., on March 22, 1934, in which [REDACTED] but it is entirely possible that she is connected in some way with one of the Bentz brothers or their associates.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jay S. Newman, actg.</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>7-576-1443</b> <b>MAR 28 1934</b>	
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On March 24, 1934, as a result of arrangements made with

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[REDACTED] as secured for use in maintaining a tap on the residence telephone of Gilbert Nelson, same being located at 2434 West Thorndale Avenue, the phone being Ravenswood 4931. Arrangements were made with the bank by the writer and Special Agent L. D. Nichols, and Mr. Clow was merely informed that the use of the flat was desired for observation purposes. Installation of this tap was effected and a cover on the above telephone was commenced at about 5:00 P.M. March 24, 1934, and same is being maintained on a twenty-four hour basis by Special Agents J. L. Madala and H. L. Scott of this office. This office will continue to submit semi-weekly reports of negative information obtained as a result of these telephone covers.

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# U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

March 26, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with  
aliases, et al; UNKNOWN  
SUBJECTS-EDWARD GEORGE  
GALLER-Victim, KIDNAPING.  
Chicago File-7-82.

Reference is made to the telephone tap which is being  
maintained on the telephone of FRANK HAYES, 2000 Indiana Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

You are advised that an examination of the log maintained  
in this office on all calls made to and from the residence of FRANK  
HAYES fails to disclose any information of value to date. It is ob-  
served that practically all of the calls are made or received by  
Mrs. Frank Hayes. Such calls have been of an inconsequential nature.  
It has been ascertained that FRANK HAYES is at home suffering from  
a cold.

You will be advised twice a week as to this matter, and if  
anything of consequence develops you will be notified immediately.

Very truly yours,

J. C. Newman

J. C. NEWMAN  
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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