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LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

URGENT REFERENCE YOUR LETTER AUGUST TENH INSTANT SUGGEST EXPEDITE DESCRIPTION AND PHOTOGRAPH IF AVAILABLE OF MRS WILLIAM CLARK ALIAS DOROTHY CATHEY FOR ASSISTANCE INVESTIGATION HERE.

Listerman

JHR:GH  
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cc-Bureau  
cc-Cincinnati

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

August 21, 1937

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1105 Mills Tower Bldg.

FBI CLEVELAND 8/19/37 INDIANAPOLIS  
SAC INDIANAPOLIS  
PHONE. BEAID MARGAET HANSON APPEARED AT CLEVELAND OFFICE  
TODAY FOLLOWING CONTACT WITH FAMILY YESTERDAY. SHE HAS ADVISED  
THAT SHE AND AMERSBACH ARRIVED INDIANAPOLIS ABOUT MONDAY MAY  
TENTH OR AT LEAST FIRST PART OF THAT WEEK THAT HE SENT HER TO  
MOVIE BELIEVED TO BE ON ILLINOIS STREET WHILE HE PURCHASED USED  
OLDSMOBILE OR STUDEBAKER COACH BLACK IN COLOR AND OBTAINED INDIANA  
LICENSES FOR SAME. SHE CANNOT FURNISH NAME USED BY AMERSBACH.  
REQUEST IMMEDIATE CHECK OF LICENSE OR TITLE APPLICATIONS FOR WEEK  
BEGINNING MAY TENTH IN EFFORT TO LOCATE INSTANT TRANSACTION AND  
IDENTIFY LICENSE NUMBER. AMERSBACH WOULD HAVE PAID CASH FOR CAR.  
HANSON WOMAN ALSO STATES THAT SHE AND AMERSBACH LEFT INDIANAPOLIS  
AFTER PURCHASING CAR AND SPENT ONE OR TWO NIGHTS AT TOURIST HOME  
DESCRIBED AS LIGHT COLORED STUCCO HOUSE ON LEFT SIDE OF ROAD AS ONE  
ENTERS BLOOMINGTON INDIANA COMING FROM INDIANAPOLIS. REQUEST  
INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE TOURIST HOME IN QUESTION IN EFFORT TO  
ASCERTAIN IF RECORD MADE OF LICENSE NUMBER OF AMERSBACH CAR OR MAKE  
OF CAR. HANSON WOMAN IS THIRTY THREE YEARS DARK BROWN HAIR FIVE  
FEET FOUR INCHES ONE HUNDRED FORTY POUNDS. AMERSBACH IS AGE FORTY  
HEIGHT FIVE FEET EIGHT WEIGHT ONE NINETY POUNDS HAIR WHITE PIERCING  
BROWN EYES. HANSON WOMAN FEELS POSITIVE LAST THREE DIGITS OF

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*Edmond G. Price*

*to a*

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LICENSE WERE ONE ONE NINE AND THOUGHT FIRST TWO DIGITS WERE FIVE  
FOUR. SUGGEST SEARCH OF LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR VARIATIONS  
OF FIRST TWO DIGITS.

STAPLETON

END

cc Bureau ✓  
cc Cincinnati  
cc Louisville

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 19, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Re: BREKID *Edward G. Bremer*

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Dear Sir:

With reference to the teletype from this office to the Indianapolis office on this date requesting information with reference to Indiana automobile license 54119, please be advised that Margaret Koczadlo Hanson, a paramour of Anthony J. Amersbach who is a fugitive in this case, having been indicted at Toledo, Ohio on June 10, 1937 charged with conspiracy to harbor members of the Barker-Karpis gang and as an accessory after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, advised that she left Cleveland, Ohio with the fugitive on May 7, 1937 and proceeded by bus to Chicago and thence to Indianapolis where they arrived on or about May 10, 1937, at which time Amersbach purchased a used automobile which she recalled as being about a 1929 model black Oldsmobile or Studebaker coach with Indiana license 54119. She advised that she had no information with reference to the name under which this car was purchased, but believes that it was purchased from a used car dealer somewhere near the main part of the business district of the city, and that she is rather sure that Amersbach secured an Indiana driver's license.

She stated that after purchasing this car they drove to Bloomington, Indiana where they stayed at a tourist home, the same being a large light colored stucco, possibly yellow, house on the left of the road as one enters Bloomington, Indiana from Indianapolis; that they remained at this house either one or two nights and then proceeded to the vicinity of St. Helens, Kentucky, a suburb of Louisville, where they remained for several days in a tourist cabin, the name of which she thought was the Beachgrove Tourist Camp, said cabins being of brick construction; and that they also stayed for a while in a tourist cabin on the Dixie Highway between Louisville and West Point, Kentucky, the name of the tourist camp being possibly Dixie Tavern. She stated that while they were living in these tourist cabins they occasionally visited Louisville, Kentucky and that she recalled that on one or more occasions they drank at a bar on the street back of the Henry Clay Hotel.

The Hanson woman further advised that she left Amerzbach at the railroad depot at Louisville, Kentucky about May 26, 1937 and arrived at her home in Cleveland on May 27, and that Amerzbach promised to get in touch with her for the purpose of having her rejoin him, but upon his failure to communicate with her she went to Louisville, Kentucky in the latter part of June, 1937 and registered at the Henry Clay Hotel under the name of Grace Brown, her room being on the eighth floor, possibly 813 or 815; that she had hopes of locating Amerzbach in Louisville by spotting his car on the street, but that she failed to locate him and returned home.

Your telegram in answer to the teletype referred to above indicates that Indiana license 54119 was issued to Robert Page, 364 West 14th Street, Indianapolis on a Pontiac sedan, thus indicating that the Hanson woman is mistaken in the license plates issued to the fugitive for the used Oldsmobile or Studebaker. It is requested that you immediately conduct further investigation at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and check all variations of the license number 54119, inasmuch as it is possible that she has some of the digits in the wrong place. It is further requested that if possible you check the registration of all used Oldsmobile and Studebaker coaches for the period May 10 to 15, inclusive, in an effort to identify the particular car purchased by the fugitive, and that in the event this car is identified that you immediately notify this office, as it may be desirable to issue a general broadcast in an effort to apprehend Amerzbach who is considered an important Bureau fugitive.

In checking the records at the Automobile Bureau it may be well to bear in mind that Amerzbach undoubtedly paid cash for the car and also that he indicated himself as a resident of a state other than Indiana in order to get around the Indiana requirement for the exhibition of a poll tax receipt for residents of the state before being issued automobile license plates. A check of the description of purchasers of any suspected cars may be made by comparing with drivers' licenses issued to those particular individuals. In the event the license number of the car thought to be driven by fugitive cannot be ascertained by the above requested check at the Automobile License Bureau, immediate investigation should be made at the tourist home described above on the outskirts of Bloomington, Indiana for the purpose of determining the license number of the car from any tourist register records available.

The Louisville office is requested to immediately conduct an investigation at the Henry Clay Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky, for the purpose of locating the registration of the Hanson woman

under the name of Grace Brown, determining whether fugitive was with her at the time she was registered there and all information with reference to her stay which may be of assistance in locating the fugitive. Along this line it is suggested that all telephone records as well as telegraph records of the hotel be located and if any are traced to this woman, appropriate investigation should be conducted in connection therewith.

It is also requested that the Louisville office conduct an appropriate investigation at the tourist cabins mentioned above for the purpose of determining whether the fugitive is presently residing there, and also checking the registers of these tourist cabins for the purpose of obtaining the license number of the car being driven by the fugitive, and if this license number is obtained, notifying the Cleveland office immediately.

Anthony J. Amersbach is described as follows:

Name:	Anthony Joseph Amersbach, with aliases: Anthony Joseph Amersbach, Tony Amersbach, George Young, Tom Gordon
Age:	40, born 3/6/96
Height:	5' 8"
Weight:	190
Hair:	White except for dark streak down center
Eyes:	Brown, piercing
Build:	Heavy
Occupation:	Gambling house employee
FPC:	17 - 9 R 00 19 (Published in I U OI Y Sept. 1, 1934 Fugitive Bulletin, page 6, under name of Tom Gordon)
Photograph:	Enclosed herewith for the Louisville and Indianapolis offices. Taken in 1921 and is a very poor likeness of fugitive at the present time.

The information contained in the September 1, 1934 Fugitive Bulletin identifying Amersbach as identical with Gordon is to be kept confidential.

Description of Margaret Koczadlo Hanson is as follows:

Age: 33  
Height: 5' 4"  
Weight: 140  
Hair: Dark brown, wearing short curly bob  
Features: Round  
Photographs: Will be forwarded to the Louisville and Indianapolis offices

For the information of the Indianapolis and Louisville offices, Amerbach is considered a dangerous fugitive and is reported to carry a revolver at all times. In 1921 in Cleveland he, with others, engaged in a gun battle with police officers. Therefore, extreme caution should be taken in endeavoring to take this man into custody.

Due to the fact that Amerbach is considered an outstanding fugitive, immediate investigation is requested.

Very truly yours,

T. H. STAPLETON  
Special Agent in Charge

RJW:rh  
cc Bureau  
cc Inspector E. J. Connelley, New York  
2 cc's Louisville (1 enc.)  
cc Cincinnati  
cc Chicago

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

N.Y. FILE NO. 7-120

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
NEW YORK CITY	8/21/37	8/14/37	H. C. LESLIE
<b>TITLE</b> ALVIN KARPIS w.as.; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN w.as. I.O. #1232 - FUG. - ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH w.as.- FUG. et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Records at the Motor Vehicle Bureau, New York City, do not reflect registration of J. M. Lett for 1935 Ford V-8, Motor No. 2044337, or Milton Lett alias Carl Baker for 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ 322772. Stop order placed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p>			
<b>REFERENCE:</b> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Letter from Cincinnati Division to Chicago Division, August 5, 1937.                  Letter from Cleveland Division to New York City, August 1, 1937.</p>			
<b>DETAILS:</b> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The writer called at the Motor Vehicle Bureau, 80 Centre Street, New York City, and caused a check to be made of the 1937 records for registration of J. M. LETT for 1935 Ford V-8, two-door sedan, motor #2044337, and MILTON LETT alias CARL BAKER, for 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ-322772, serial #2619857, and was advised that there was no record of the above named individuals.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The records at the Motor Vehicle Bureau are filed by name and motor and serial number and not by motor and serial number only. Therefore, it is impossible to check the registration of these cars unless they are registered by the above named individuals.</p>			
<b>APPROVED AND FORWARDED:</b> 		<b>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</b> DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">7-576-14649</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">AUG 24 1937</div>	
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A stop order has been placed requesting that the New York Division be advised in the event J. M. LETT, MILTON LETT or CARL BAKER registers the aforementioned cars.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The New York Division will conduct investigation as requested in reference letter dated August 1, 1937.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio.** FILE NO. **7-22 Mc**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Birmingham, Ala.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/20/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/11/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. L. Moore</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232- FUGITIVE; ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH, with aliases - FUGITIVE; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.**

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**  
 Records of Alabama State Motor Vehicle Bureau, Montgomery, Ala., failed to reflect registration of 1935 Ford V-8 two door Sedan, motor #2044337, and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor #PJ322772. Stop notices placed.

R. U. C.

**REFERENCE:** Letter from Cincinnati Division dated 8/5/37.

**DETAILS:** AT MONTGOMERY, ALA.:

A check of the records of the Alabama State Motor Vehicle Bureau failed to reflect registrations for 1935 Ford V-8 two door Sedan, motor #2044337 and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor #PJ322772, serial #2619857. In accordance with the request contained in the letter of reference, stop notices were placed against these two cars.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. E. Clegg</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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		<i>GHV</i>	<i>W.W.B.</i>

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

*W*  
*my*  
*EAT*

EAT:MC

August 12, 1937.

Time: 10:20 A.M.

*ag*  
*Edwards*  
*Grace*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER CASE

SAC Fletcher at Little Rock telephoned me advising it has been learned that Mrs. Philip Davis, a witness in instant case, who rented the 124 Club Street property to Karpis and Goldstein in 1935 and 1936, is now at Monroe, Louisiana, and will be there until August 14th, at which time she will then depart for Washington. He advised he had talked to Mr. Connelley yesterday and it had been decided in view of the importance of this matter that one of the Agents at Little Rock should proceed to Monroe, Louisiana, and interview her. Mr. Fletcher advised if the Bureau authorizes this action, Agent Madala will proceed to Monroe for this purpose.

Mr. Fletcher was advised the Bureau would approve this action.

Mr. Fletcher then stated the office at Hot Springs, Arkansas, has been practically discontinued and he will release Suttler and Snow about the middle of next week. He stated in his conversation with Mr. Connelley, the latter desires a summary report prepared and it is expected that it will take Agents Madala and Suttler about 10 days to prepare same. During this conversation, Mr. Connelley told Mr. Fletcher not to interview Grace, and although he does not know his plans now, Mr. Connelley will probably come down to interview her at the conclusion of the preparation of the summary report.

Respectfully,

*EAT*  
E. A. TAMM.

*Auto Newark*  
*8-20-37*  
*my*

*Don't forget we want to get Madala back at and early date under some rigorous SAC.*

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*Presented advised to extension Division*

SON  
CHK. CLK

*ONE CASE*

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-5

REPORT MADE AT DENVER, COLORADO	DATE WHEN MADE 8-19-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-13,18-37	REPORT MADE BY R. D. BROWN
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>1935 model Ford V-8 Two Door Sedan, Motor #2044337, and 1935 model Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ 322772, Serial #2619857, not registered in states of Colo. and Wyo., during years, 1936 and 1937. Stop notices again placed.</p> <p>- RUC -</p> </div>			
REFERENCE: Letter from the Cincinnati Division dated August 5, 1937.			
DETAILS:  <p>On December 18, 1935, "stop notices" were placed with the Motor Vehicle Division of the Secretary of State at Denver, Colorado, and Cheyenne, Wyoming, against registration of a 1935 model Ford V-8 Two Door Sedan, Motor #2044337, and a 1935 model Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ 322772, Serial #2619857. Upon receipt of reference letter from the office of origin, the Honorable Lester C. Hunt, Secretary of State, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Mr. Joseph J. Marsh, Chief, Colorado State Highway Courtesy Patrol, Denver, Colorado, were again requested to search their records for the years 1936 and 1937 to determine if the two above-named automobiles had possible been registered since the placing of the stop notices. Replies were received from both gentlemen advising that their records were again searched and that no record could be obtained indicating an attempt to register either of these machines. They advised that stop notices previously forwarded are still in force and the Denver Division will be immediately notified should attempt be made to register either of these cars.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE DIVISION OF ORIGIN</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. D. Brown</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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August 21, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RE: GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MOPAN,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232;  
et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
Kidnaping; Obstruction of Justice;  
Harboring of Fugitives; National Fire-  
arms Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 3, 1937  
and to your letter to the Bureau dated July 6, 1937, which had  
reference to the prosecution of Harry Goldstein for the illegal  
sale of a .45 calibre Colt automatic pistol which was found  
in the possession of Alvin Karpis.

To date the files do not indicate that this matter has  
been covered and it is desired that the same be done immediately.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*for coat*

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629 First National Bank Building,  
Omaha, Nebraska.  
August 19, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID.

Reference is made to your letter dated August 5th, 1937, addressed to Special Agent in Charge, Chicago, Illinois, with a copy to all offices, which pertains to the maintenance of a stop notice against 1935 Ford V-8, two door Sedan, Motor Number 2D4337, and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor Number PJ 322772.

In accord with your request, a re-check has been made by letter addressed to the Motor Vehicle Division of the State of Nebraska, to determine whether these automobiles had been registered up to the present time, and if not to ascertain whether the stop notices are still being maintained against these automobiles. In a letter dated August 16th, 1937, this office was advised that a search of their records failed to disclose any registration for the above described automobiles, and that the stop cards previously placed will be still maintained against the registration of these cars.

Very truly yours,

H. B. KETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

HBY/RSW  
CC Bureau

*Edward D. Quinn*

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Saint Paul, Minnesota  
August 20, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sirs

BRKID

Reference is made to your letter of August 13, 1937, to the Cleveland Office requesting definite information relative to the particular indictments to which defendants in this case entered pleas.

I am enclosing herewith for your information, copies of a letter dated June 2, 1937, of the United States Attorney at St. Paul directed to E. P. Openlander, Assistant United States Attorney, Toledo, Ohio, which letter was prepared by Assistant United States Attorney George A. Heisey, who handled the prosecution of this case in this district and who is fully familiar with this case. This letter sets out in detail, information concerning the indictments returned in this case and the pleas which were entered by the various defendants as well as the disposition of the indictments.

It is suggested that a copy of the letter be furnished to the United States Attorney in your district for his information and that it be suggested to him that he communicate with the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota requesting certified copies of the necessary indictments so that the certifications will be available prior to the trial of your case.

Very truly yours,

ESG:IN  
Encls.  
CC Bureau  
Cleveland

EDWIN E. GUINANE  
Special Agent in Charge

7-576-14155

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W L LISTERMAN  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1105 MILLS TOWER  
SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA

BREKID DESCRIPTION OF MRS WILLIAM CLARK ALIAS DOROTHY TWENTY FIVE TO THIRTY YEARS  
FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES VERY SLENDER BUILD NATURAL BLONDE WAVY HAIR BLUE EYES FAIR  
COMPLEXION ATTRACTIVE FACE PHOTOGRAPH NOT AVAILABLE

*Dorothy Clark*

CC BUREAU  
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AUG 24 1937

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

ONE

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 21, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Buffalo, New York.

Re: KIDNAP

Dear Sir:

Anthony J. Amersbach was indicted at Toledo, Ohio, on June 10, 1937, charged with harboring members of the Barker-Karpis gang and as an accessory after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer and is presently a fugitive.

Recently one Estell Mizell of Cleveland, Ohio, who was formerly very friendly with the fugitive, advised that she was of the opinion that Amersbach is presently in Saratoga Springs, New York, inasmuch as this place was a former haunt of his, he being interested in the horse races and gambling there.

Amersbach is described as follows:

Name	Anthony Joseph Amersbach, with aliases: Anthony Joseph Amersbach, Tony Amersbach, George Young, Tom Gordon
Age	40, born 3/6/96
Height	5' 8"
Weight	190 lbs.
Hair	White except for dark streak down center
Eyes	Brown piercing
Build	Heavy
Occupation	Gambling house employee
F.P.C.	

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1 U OI 7 in Sept. 1,  
1934 Fugitive Bulletin, page 4,  
under name of Tom Gordon)

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8/21/37

## Photograph

Enclosed herewith for the Buffalo Office. Taken in 1921 and is a very poor likeness of fugitive at the present time.

The information contained in the September 1, 1934, Fugitive Bulletin, identifying Amersbach as identical with Gordon, is to be kept confidential.

Recent information indicates that Amersbach was driving a 1928 or 1929 Black Studebaker or Oldsmobile Coach, with Indiana license plates, which were reported to be 54119. However, investigation has established that these particular Indiana plates were not issued to the fugitive. It may be that the particular license plates he has on the car contain some of the numbers 54119.

Amersbach is considered to be a dangerous individual and is reported to carry a revolver on his person at all times. In 1921, at Cleveland, Ohio, he engaged in a gun battle with local police officers, in which two policemen were badly wounded.

It is requested that you immediately conduct investigation at Saratoga Springs, New York, in an effort to locate Amersbach. Inasmuch as he was connected with the Harvard Club, a notorious gambling house located near Cleveland, Ohio, for some years, there is a strong likelihood that he will be frequenting any gambling houses in Saratoga Springs or vicinity.

It is the information of the Cleveland Office that the racing season at Saratoga Springs will close in about a week. Therefore, you are requested to give this investigation early attention.

Very truly yours,

T. H. STAPLETON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Bureau  
Cincinnati  
Chicago

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-36

REPORT MADE AT <b>Okla. City, Okla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/21/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/5, 11, 14/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. E. Hopton</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH, with aliases, FUGITIVE; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">Acquaintances of Lett and wife at Coffeyville, Kans. and vicinity state their whereabouts unknown to them. It was indicated A. V. Ferris, McPherson, Kans., could possibly ascertain daughter's whereabouts through Eva Hooper, Springfield, Mo., if he would. John White, South Coffeyville, Okla., stated Hazel Anderson, Chanute, Kans., remarked she saw Lett about six months ago. Bert Zigenfuss, South Coffeyville, Okla., states he received information Lett sent a letter to someone at Wann, Okla. from Arkansas City, Kans. Bill Lett, Nowata, Okla., advises Eddie Lett told him their cousin, Milt Lett, was in Bertlesville, Okla. about six months ago.</p>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, Oklahoma City, 4/5/37.			
DETAILS: Hugh Owen, Sheriff, Nowata, Oklahoma, advised that he has been unable to secure any information as to the present whereabouts of Milt Lett. Agent, in company with Sheriff Owen, interviewed the following persons: <p style="text-align: center;">Ted Thornton, South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, advised that no information has come to him indicating the location of Lett</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. E. Hopton</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7-1576-114657 AUG 25 1937</b>	
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It was Thornton's opinion that Lett's location is no doubt known to his mother at Wann, Oklahoma, and that the whereabouts of Lucille Ferris, wife of Lett, is no doubt known to her mother, Constance Ferris. Thornton stated that he had heard Lett had formerly been coming into South Coffeyville, but has received no word that he has been in that vicinity of late.

At Coffeyville, Kansas.

Mrs. Esther Twilley, former address 1401 S. Elm Street, present address 1311 Spruce Street, advised that she has not received any information of any nature whatsoever since she was last contacted by an Agent relative to Lett's whereabouts. Mrs. Twilley remarked that she feels quite certain Mrs. Constance Ferris definitely knows where her daughter is located, but will not cooperate.

F. B. Hanlon, attorney-at-law, 130½ West 8th Street, a former acquaintance of the Ferris family, stated that it is his opinion Constance Ferris, as well as Mrs. Eva Hopper at Springfield, Missouri, knows where Lucille Ferris is presently located. In this connection he stated that A. V. Ferris, father of Lucille and a brother of Mrs. Eva Hooper, could, in his estimation, secure the address of Lucille Ferris from Mrs. Hooper, if he would do so; that from his knowledge of A. V. Ferris he knows that he is an irresponsible person, and would not put forth any effort to lend assistance, but may possibly do so if specifically requested. Hanlon advised also that he had recently heard that the young brother of Lucille Ferris is not living at Coffeyville, with his mother, Constance Ferris, and suggested that possibly the brother might know the present location of his sister, Lucille. Hanlon advised that he will attempt to ascertain the present location of this brother, in order that he may be interviewed. He stated that Constance Ferris is presently working in the W.P.A. sewing room at Coffeyville, and that the last information he had she was still living at the residence of Bessie Haggard, 605 W. 10th Street.

Previous investigation has reflected that the wife of George Tobler, 305 Ellis Street, telephone 2052, was foreman at the W.P.A. sewing room. It is doubtful whether Constance Ferris would take her into her confidence because of the fact that George Tobler is a former Deputy Sheriff, but it is possible that she may have some suggestion as to a way or means of securing information concerning Lucille Ferris from Mrs. Constance Ferris. The thirty day cover on the mail of Mrs. Constance Ferris, 605 W. 10th Street, placed on April 5, 1937, was unproductive. In this connection, it is very possible that Constance Ferris is corresponding with her daughter and receiving her mail at some other place. This should be borne in mind when an interview is had with the foreman of the W.P.A. sewing room.

Sheriff Owen conversed with Helan Cutler, Iron Mountain Hotel, who is known to be well acquainted with underworld characters in Coffeyville and vicinity. Miss Cutler advised Sheriff Owen that she had received no information whatsoever relative to Milt Lett.

John White, a partner of Sandy Hill in the Southern Club, at South Coffeyville, stated that Milt Lett is well known to him, and that in his opinion he has not been frequenting South Coffeyville for quite some time. White remarked that a short time ago he had been advised by Hazel Anderson and her sister at Chanute, Kansas that she had seen Milt Lett at Chanute about six months ago.

When the writer was assigned to the Kansas City Division about one and one-half years ago, the husband of either Hazel Anderson or her sister, who comes from a good family at Chanute, was interviewed by this Agent, and he stated that he would cooperate in every way. Results of this interview and investigation are contained in a report by the writer in the Kansas City file.

Bert Zigenfuss, who resides several miles south of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, on the main highway to Nowata, Oklahoma, advised that he had recently received information through a

relative of his, who in turn had been told by a local mail carrier that Milt Lett had written a letter to someone in Wann, Oklahoma from Arkansas City, Kansas. Zigenfuss stated that he would check into this information to determine the source of same.

Bill Lett, Nowata, Oklahoma, a cousin of Milt Lett, advised that he had been told by Eddie "Doc" Lett, who resides at Bartlesville, and is well known to local police officers there, that Milt Lett had been working temporarily at a music store at Bartlesville about five or six months ago. Bill Lett expressed a desire to cooperate, and stated that he would make additional inquiries in an effort to locate his cousin.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

**THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION**

At Chanute, Kansas, will interview Hazel Anderson and her sister relative to the whereabouts of Lett, and when and where they last saw him. Their address can be secured from either the husband of Hazel Anderson or her sister, who was interviewed by the writer about one and one-half years ago, the results of which are contained in a report in the Kansas City file.

At McPherson, Kansas, will prevail upon A. V. Harris to ascertain the location of Lucille Ferris from his sister, Mrs. Eva Hooper, at Springfield, Missouri.

**THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION**

At Coffeyville, Kansas, will again contact F. B. Hanlon, to determine whether he has received any additional

information, particularly as to the location of the brother of Lucille Ferris.

At Coffeyville, Kansas, will interview Mrs. Bessie Haggard, 604 W. 10th Street, to determine if she can possibly ascertain from Mrs. Constance Ferris the present location of Lucille Ferris, the wife of Milton Lett. It is suggested that an attempt be made to interview Mrs. Haggard when Constance Ferris is not there, as investigation has reflected that Mrs. Ferris resides with Mrs. Haggard at the above address.

At Coffeyville, Kansas, will interview the foreman of the W.P.A. sewing room to determine whether she can offer any suggestions as to a means of locating Lucille Ferris. Also ascertain from her whether Mrs. Constance Ferris receives any mail at the W.P.A. offices.

In company with Sheriff Hugh Owen, Nowata, Oklahoma, will ascertain from Bert Zigenfuss, who resides south of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, on the main highway to Nowata, whether he has secured any information as to the identity of the person to whom Lett wrote a letter at Wann, Oklahoma, as well as the source of this information.

At Bartlesville, Oklahoma, will interview Eddie "Doc" Lett, who is supposed to be known to local officers, for whatever information he may have concerning his cousin, Milton Lett.

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- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Baughman
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Dawsey
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
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- Mr. Egan

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PHONE BREKID FRANK P GREENWALD ON PLEA OF GUILTY AT

TOLEDO, OHIO, TODAY SENTENCED FIFTEEN MONTHS FEDERAL

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Mr. Nathan  
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PHONE. BREKID. ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH DEFINITELY IDENTIFIED USING NAME  
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 THESE TELEPHONE CALLS WERE PREPAID AND LOUISVILLE OFFICE REQUESTED  
 ENDEAVOR TO CHECK SAID CALLS IN EFFORT TO LOCATE FUGITIVE.  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:DM

Time - 10:05 A. M.

August 23, 1937.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREKID

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W. J. ...

SAC Stapleton telephoned me from the Cleveland office with reference to the above entitled investigation, stating that a few days ago Agent Dowd was talking to an informant there, who told Agent Dowd she thought Amersbach was going to the races at Saratoga; that she was going to leave there and go to Atlantic City and back to Saratoga and try to pick up something. The informant told Agent Dowd that before she goes, she will talk to Mrs. ~~ARI~~ Hebebrand, with whom she is well acquainted. Agent Dowd received a long distance telephone call from this informant last night, from Atlantic City, in which she stated she had talked to Mrs. Hebebrand, who stated that she had recently heard from Amersbach from Silver Springs, New York, which is on a route from Cleveland to Saratoga Springs, about forty miles out of Buffalo.

SAC Stapleton said there is a possibility Amersbach might be at Silver Springs, New York, and inquired concerning the advisability of Agent McKee and possibly another Agent from the Cleveland Office proceeding to Silver Springs, New York.

I told SAC Stapleton to have Agent McKee proceed to the Buffalo office and get an Agent or two from that office; that he should advise SAC Warnes at Buffalo that he is coming over so that he may have a man or two available, for this purpose.

I advised SAC Stapleton that the Bureau should be kept promptly advised of all developments in connection with the above.

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Respectfully,

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E. A. TAMM.

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 23, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in the letter of Inspector E. J. Connelley dated at New York City, August 9, 1936, to this office, there is enclosed a copy of the indictment returned at Toledo, Ohio, on June 10, 1937, charging certain named persons with harboring members of the Barker-Karpis gang and as accessories after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer.

Very truly yours,

W. N. STAPLETON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cincinnati  
Chicago

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:MC

August 23, 1937.

Time: 3:00 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR *File*

RE: BREMER CASE

Special Agent E. J. Wynn at Cleveland telephoned me, furnishing some additional information concerning Tony Amersbach. It appears when he left Cleveland about three weeks ago, he proceeded to Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville. While in Indianapolis he purchased an automobile and later traded it in on another car. The Indiana license number for this car is 58119. Mr. Wynn stated the Indianapolis Office has ascertained that a letter for Amersbach under the alias of Joseph Braun was left at a house there where he had been residing several days ago. The Indianapolis Office also received information to the effect Tony Amersbach recently purchased a gambling house in southern Indiana. No broadcast was made of the license number pending receipt of information as to the reliability of the report that Amersbach purchased the gambling house, and in view of the Indiana police situation, together with the fact there are numerous gambling houses in southern Indiana, any one of which he might have purchased. Mr. Wynn mentioned the Indianapolis Office is maintaining a plant on the house at which the letter was left for Joseph Braun.

I told Mr. Wynn it is not desirable to broadcast the license number of the car, inasmuch as we should await the outcome of the lead which Agent McKee is tracing at Silver Springs, New York, as covered in my previous memorandum. Mr. Wynn inquired whether he should send any of his men to southern Indiana looking for Amersbach, and I told him that any such investigation could be handled by the Indianapolis office and the special squad working on the Brady Gang in that vicinity, until the lead at Silver Springs, New York, has been checked. I told him he could call the Indianapolis Office and advise them to search for the Indiana license #58119 however.

At this time Mr. Wynn asked if his office is authorized to pay the woman who furnished information as to the location of Amersbach at Silver Springs \$100 should her information prove to be of value, and authority was granted.

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E. A. TAMM.

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*Call Mr. Wynn  
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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 23, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Re: CRUCID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of August 19, 1937, in which certain investigation was requested in the Indianapolis and Louisville districts concerning Anthony J. Amersbach, fugitive herein.

There are transmitted herewith to the Indianapolis and Louisville Offices two snapshot photographs of Margaret Moczadlo Hanson for use in the investigation which has been requested.

Very truly yours,

T. N. STAPLETON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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AIR MAIL

AUG 23 1937 A.M.

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 23, 1937.

Honorable Gerald P. Openlander,  
Assistant United States Attorney,  
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 17, 1937, enclosing a copy of the indictment returned at Toledo, Ohio, on June 10, 1937, charging various individuals with harboring and accessories after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, and a copy of the original warrant issued for Anthony J. Amersbach.

I wish to thank you for your courtesy in furnishing these documents.

Very truly yours,

T. N. STAPLETON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 23, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
New York City.

Re: REXID

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the information furnished you by letter dated August 1, 1937, concerning the reported association of Anthony J. Amersbach with Betty Hoffman, alias Fisher, in New York City, you are advised that Post Office Inspector Hettrick, Cleveland, Ohio, stated that his informant contacted him again very recently and furnished him with information to the effect that it was definite that Amersbach is associating with this woman in New York City.

Inasmuch as Amersbach is considered an important Bureau fugitive, you are requested to give the investigation at New York City early attention.

Very truly yours,

F. N. STAPLETON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype Message to: CLEVELAND  
LOUISVILLE

FBI INDIANAPOLIS 8-23-37 12:00 NOON WLD

SAC CLEVELAND  
SAC LOUISVILLE

PHONE. BREAKID. RE ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH, FUGITIVE. AMERSBACH HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS MAN USING NAME OF JOSEPH BRAUN WHO ON MAY TWELFTH, NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN, PURCHASED NINETEEN THIRTY ONE OLDSMOBILE COACH, BLACK BODY, BEARING CURRENT INDIANA TAGS FIVE EIGHT ONE ONE NINE. ON JUNE SEVENTEENTH, NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN AMERSBACH PURCHASED NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE PONTIAC COACH, MOTOR SIX FOUR NOUGHT EIGHT FIVE SIX, POLY CHROMATIC GREEN BODY, STEWART WARNER RADIO, HOT WATER HEATER, TRICO FAN LEFT UPPER CORNER OF WINDSHIELD, TWO NEW YALE TIRES ON REAR WHEELS, NO TRUNK, ONE TAIL LIGHT, NO OTHER EXTRAS, AND TRANSFERRED TAGS FIVE EIGHT ONE ONE NINE TO THIS PONTIAC. OLDSMOBILE MENTIONED WAS SOLD INDIANAPOLIS AUGUST SECOND, THIS YEAR POSSIBLY BY GARAGE MECHANIC TO WHOM AMERSBACH GAVE SAME. AMERSBACH WITH PONTIAC LAST SEEN IN INDIANAPOLIS ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO. IS ALSO SAID TO HAVE RECENTLY PURCHASED GAMBLING HOUSE LOCATED SOMEWHERE NEAR LOUISVILLE. ACTIVE DISCREET INVESTIGATION GOING FORWARD AT INDIANAPOLIS FOR MORE INFORMATION. NO BROADCAST ON PONTIAC HAS BEEN REQUESTED AS YET.

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cc Bureau  
Inspector E.J. Connelley, New York  
Cincinnati

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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BRIEN MCMAHON  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Department of Justice

Washington

109-39-1

August 23, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER,  
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: United States v. Joseph H. Adams and  
Henry Duke Randall

With reference to your memorandum of August 11, 1937,  
you are advised that authority has been granted the United  
States Attorney at Tampa, Florida, to dismiss the remaining  
indictments charging a violation of the National Firearms Act  
on the part of Adams and Randall, for the reasons stated in  
the memorandum from this Division dated August 9, 1937.

*Brien McMahon*  
BRIEN MCMAHON,  
Assistant Attorney General.

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
Mr. Gandy

*So advise Miami.*  
*Miami advise by me*  
*on 8-26-37.*  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:MC

August 24, 1937.

Time: 9:50 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER CASE

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I called Mr. Reinecke at Indianapolis and inquired as to whether it will be all right for the Bureau to issue a release concerning the apprehension of Tony Amersbach, and he said this would be all right. I told him he would be notified as soon as the release has been made in Washington in order that he can prepare one there.

Mr. Reinecke said Amersbach is suffering from arthritis and has asked for a doctor. He wondered whether we should turn him over to the United States Marshal now, and I told him to wait until he has been advised that the release has been given out at Washington.

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Mr. Stapleton called me from Cleveland and inquired as to when a release is to be made on Amersbach, and he was advised that as soon as a release has been made at Washington, he would be advised. He said he had an appointment to see Chief of Detectives Sweeney, of the Cleveland Police Department who has been most cooperative in this case, and wanted to know when the release would be made.

Mr. Ward of my office subsequently called the above offices and advised they could release their statements to the press, inasmuch as the Bureau release had been given out.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*  
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI** FILE NO. **7-30**

REPORT MADE AT <b>St. Paul, Minn.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-23-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-23-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. N. NOTESTEEN IM</b>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="text-align: center;">- P -</div> <p><b>"Stop" orders maintained at the Minnesota State Automobile Registration Bureau on the Ford and Plymouth automobiles previously registered in Kansas and Ohio in 1935 in the names of J.M.Lett and Carl Baker.</b></p>			
REFERENCE: <b>Cincinnati Office form letter dated 8/5/37.</b>			
DETAILS:  <div style="text-align: center;">AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA</div> <p>Request was made on August 23, 1937, for a continuance of the "Stop" orders placed with the Minnesota State Automobile Registration Bureau against 1935 Ford V8 Tudor Sedan, Motor #2, 044, 337 and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ 322, 772, serial #2, 619, 857. These cars were registered in 1935 as follows: Ford in Kansas under name of J. M. Lett and Plymouth in Ohio in name of Carl Baker, who, it is understood, is identical with Milton Lett.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">PENDING.</div>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 24, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Confirming the teletype message from the Cleveland office to the Bureau dated August 23, 1937, you are hereby advised that Frank P. Greenwald who was indicted at Toledo, Ohio on June 10, 1937 charged with harboring Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell and as an accessory after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, entered a plea of guilty in the United States District Court at Toledo, Ohio on August 23, 1937, at which time he was sentenced to serve fifteen months in a Federal penitentiary.

With reference to Sam Coker who was also named in the above mentioned indictment, the United States Attorney, E. B. Freed, advised Special Agent E. J. Wynn today that he has been in touch with Coker's attorneys who desire to have Coker enter a plea of guilty to the indictment. Mr. Freed stated it was his intention to arrange to have Coker brought from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, to Toledo, Ohio at the September 1937 term of court, where it is expected Coker will enter a plea of guilty and have sentence imposed upon him.

Very truly yours,

*T. N. Stapleton*

T. N. STAPLETON  
Special Agent in Charge

*This should  
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cc - Inspector E. J. Connelley, New York  
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August 28, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your communication dated August 24, 1937, in which you give information concerning the indictment of Frank P. Greenwald, and also his sentence.

This information should have been forwarded to the Bureau in report form and it is desired that you immediately prepare an investigative report setting out the information contained in this letter and forward the same to the Bureau at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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August 24, 1937.

R. Whitley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
607 U. S. Court House, Foley Square,  
New York City.

BREKID ANTHONY AMERSBACH NOW IN CUSTODY DISCONTINUE

INVESTIGATION NEW YORK CITY

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

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REPORT MADE AT Washington, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 8/18/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/5/37	REPORT MADE BY P. WYLY FW:GS:AM
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  Information concerning Thompson sub-machine guns registered in the State of Oklahoma, in conformity with the National Firearms Act, obtained from Internal Revenue Bureau, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.			
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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated December 28, 1936 (7-576).			
DETAILS: At Washington, D. C.			
<p>The Bureau requested in reference letter that information be secured from the records of the Internal Revenue Bureau, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., concerning Oklahoma registrants of Thompson sub-machine guns which have been registered in conformity with the provisions of the National Firearms Act.</p> <p>Mr. Clarence E. Sipes of the Oleomargarine and Firearms Sub-Section, Internal Revenue Bureau, Treasury Department, exhibited to Agent the records of all Thompson sub-machine guns registered in the State of Oklahoma, and the information appearing on the records is set forth as follows:</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Wm. H. Kelly</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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On March 29, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #12818, was registered by B. H. Shelby, Chief of Police, Anadarko, Okla., said gun having been purchased from the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa., March 7, 1935.

On September 17, 1934, a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #2428, was registered by L. W. Turner, Chief of Police, Bartlesville, Okla., said gun having been acquired in 1922 and was manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On October 1, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #7519, was registered by A. A. Randall, Chief of Police, Bristow, Okla., said gun having been acquired on February 17, 1934 and was manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 17, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 21AC, serial #422, was registered by S. W. Stroup, Chief of Police, Cushing, Okla., said gun having been acquired on August 14, 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 21, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #7775, was registered by Jack Ary, Chief of Police, Drumright, Okla., said gun having been acquired in August 1933 from the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

On October 16, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #8527, was registered by D. Moncrief, Jr., Chief of Police, Lawton, Okla., said gun having been acquired in September 1933, manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 24, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #8158, was registered by W. W. Dobson, Mayor of Miami, Okla., for use by the City Police Department. The said gun was acquired on November 25, 1933 and was manufactured by the Auto-Ordnance Corporation, New York City.

On September 22, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #1808, was registered by the Oklahoma City Police Department, said gun having been acquired September 23, 1933 and sold by the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

On September 24, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #6081, was registered by Newton Burns, Detective, Oklahoma City Police Department, the said gun having been acquired in July 1931 and was manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 22, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #6750, was registered by the Oklahoma City Police Department, said gun having been acquired February 10, 1933 and was sold by the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

On September 22, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #11865, was registered by the Oklahoma City Police Department, said gun having been acquired in February 1933 and was sold by the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

On September 22, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #8219, was registered by John McGibany, Chief of Police, Okmulgee, Okla., said gun having been acquired in 1928 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On October 1, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #3388, was registered by Joe E. McFadden, Chief of Police, Ponca City, Okla., said gun having been acquired in August 1933 and manufactured by the Auto-Ordnance Corp., New York City.

On March 13, 1935 a Thompson sub-machine gun, serial #6970, was registered by Chief of Police J. O. Edwards, Sapulpa, Okla., said gun having been acquired on August 8, 1933 and was manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 21, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #5477, was registered by F. A. Budd, Chief of Police, Shawnee, Okla., said gun having been acquired on August 20, 1933 and manufactured by the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

On September 20, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #3282, was registered by D. W. Perkins, Chief of Police, Tahlequah, Okla., said gun having been acquired in August 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 27, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #3185, was registered by Chas. F. Carr, Chief of Police, Tulsa, Okla., said gun having been acquired on February 20, 1934, and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 27, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #3887, was registered by Chas. F. Carr, Chief of Police Tulsa, Okla., said gun having been acquired March 3, 1934, and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 27, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #7076, was registered by Chas. F. Carr, Chief of Police, Tulsa, Okla., said gun having been acquired on July 24, 1928 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On October 6, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model U.S.N. 1928, serial #3003, was registered by Elmer Finley, Sheriff of Caddo County, Anadarko, Okla., said gun having been acquired December 30, 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On October 25, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #2086, was registered by Walter Clark, Sheriff of Coal County, Coalgate, Okla., said gun having been acquired in 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On October 18, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #7816, was registered by Willis C. Strange, Sheriff, Sapulpa, Okla., said gun having been acquired on August 7, 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On April 3, 1935 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #13640, was registered by R. L. Boyd, Sheriff of Ellis County, Arnett, Okla., said gun having been acquired on April 1, 1935, from the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

On September 21, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model U.S.N. 1928, serial #7541, was registered by W. Everett Prentiss, Sheriff of Major County, Fairview, Okla., said gun having been acquired on June 27, 1933. A notation appeared on the card that the gun is now in the possession of the Auto-Ordnance Corporation, New York, since the customer refused to pay for the gun.

On September 21, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #2586, was registered by Stanley Rogers, Sheriff of Oklahoma County, Oklahoma City, Okla., said gun having been acquired in 1928 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Company, Hartford, Conn.

On September 21, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #2691, was registered by Stanley Rogers, Sheriff of Oklahoma County, Oklahoma City, Okla., said gun having been acquired in 1928 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On December 10, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #5724, was registered by D. Waters, Sheriff of Ottawa County, Miami, Okla., said gun having been acquired in 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On December 10, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #7120, was registered by D. Waters, Sheriff of Ottawa County, Miami, Okla., said gun having been acquired in 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On October 18, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1929, serial #2929, was registered by E. R. Ferguson, Under Sheriff, Pawnee, County, Pawnee, Okla., said gun having been acquired in 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 22, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #5668, was registered by M. J. Bradley, Sheriff of Payne County, Stillwater, Okla., said gun having been acquired on September 15, 1933, and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Company, Hartford, Conn.

On October 22, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #5526, was registered by G. R. Lackey, Sheriff of Pittsburgh County, McAlester, Okla., said gun having been acquired in June 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On October 8, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #5321, was registered by W.A. Roberts, Sheriff of Pottawattomie County, Tecumseh, Okla., said gun having been acquired on August 18, 1933 and manufactured by the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

On September 27, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #3137, was registered by Glenn E. Larkin, Deputy Sheriff of Tulsa County, Tulsa, Okla., said gun having been acquired on Sept. 1, 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 22, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #4702, was registered by James W. Masters, Washington County Sheriff, Bartlesville, Okla., said gun having been acquired in 1926 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On October 4, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model U.S.N. 1928, serial #6173, was registered by E. D. Walker, Sheriff of Washita County, Cordell, Okla., said gun having been acquired on October 13, 1933, and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 15, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #2116, was registered by John H. Burnett, Special Agent of the C.R.I. & P. Railway, El Reno, Okla., said gun having been acquired in 1922 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 24, 1934, a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #7985, was registered by Bill Byrd, Sheriff of Sequoyah County, Sallisaw, Okla., said gun having been acquired in November 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 14, 1934, a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1927, serial #5223, was registered by C. E. Daniels, Managing Director, Oklahoma City Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Oklahoma City, Okla., said gun having been acquired on July 9, 1928, and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 14, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1927, serial #5280, was registered by C. E. Daniels, Managing Director, Oklahoma City Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Oklahoma City, Okla., said gun having been acquired July 9, 1928 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 22, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model AC21, serial #7419, was registered by H. V. Foster, Union National Bank, Bartlesville, Okla., said gun having been acquired on December 13, 1933 and manufactured by the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

On September 20, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 28AC, serial 8800, was registered by O.P. Ray, Superintendent, State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, said gun having been acquired on July 31, 1933 and manufactured by the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

On September 20, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 28AC, serial #6947, was registered by O.P. Ray, Superintendent, State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Oklahoma City, Okla., said gun having been acquired July 31, 1933 and manufactured by the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

On September 27, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #7207, was registered by C. G. Maxwell, Sheriff of Atoka County, Atoka, Okla., said gun having been acquired in 1933 and manufactured by the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

On September 20, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 28AC, serial #6773, was registered by Jas. T. Miller, Agent of the Auto-Ordnance Corp., New York City, Miller giving his address as 205 Philcade Building, Tulsa, Okla., and stating that he acquired the gun on December 13, 1932.

On October 17, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, serial #3276, was registered by Joe Neal, Ada, Okla., said gun having been acquired on August 28, 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On October 30, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #8075, was registered by S. E. Brown, Warden, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla., said gun having been acquired on July 10, 1933 and manufactured by the Auto-Ordnance Corporation, New York City. On the same date Mr. Brown also registered a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #8454, and stated said gun was acquired on September 25, 1931, and manufactured by the Auto-Ordnance Corp., New York City. On the same date Mr. Brown registered a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #8776, stating the gun was acquired July 10, 1933 and manufactured by the Auto-Ordnance Corp., New York City. On the same date Mr. Brown registered a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #9044, which gun was acquired on July 10, 1933 and manufactured by the Auto-Ordnance Corp., New York City. On the same date Mr. Brown registered a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #10243, and advised the gun was acquired on Sept. 25, 1931 and manufactured by the Auto-Ordnance Corp., New York City. On the same date Mr. Brown registered a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #10417, and advised said gun was acquired September 25, 1931 and manufactured by the Auto-Ordnance Corp., New York City.

On October 31, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #11491, was registered by H. C. Fowler, 1st Lieutenant, Provost Marshal, Ft. Sill, Okla., said gun having been acquired March 21, 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On October 31, 1934, a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #11782, was registered by H. C. Fowler, said gun having been acquired March 21, 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On January 5, 1935 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #3867, was registered by Jeff Thurston, Wilburton, Okla., said gun having been acquired on July 27, 1927 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 20, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #4208, was registered by J. W. Townsend of the Federal Armoured Truck Co., who gave his address as Tulsa Hotel, Tulsa, Okla., and stated said gun was acquired in 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 17, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model U.S.N. 1928, serial #7279, was registered by C. F. Urschel of the Slick Urschel Oil Co., Oklahoma City, Okla., said gun having been acquired September 8, 1933 and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On February 5, 1936 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 1921, serial #5368, was registered by Henry Vaughn, Poteau, Okla., said gun having been acquired in May or June of 1933 and is now in possession of Robert M. Vorce, Special Agent, K.C.S. Railroad, Heavener, Okla., and manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn.

On September 20, 1934 a Thompson sub-machine gun, model 28AC, serial #6670, was registered by O. P. Ray, Superintendent of the State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Oklahoma City, Okla., said gun having been acquired July 31, 1933 and manufactured by the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

Time - 10:40 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Anthony Amersbach

In accordance with your instructions, I telephoned Mr. Reinecke at the Indianapolis Office and Mr. Stapleton at the Cleveland Office and authorized them to make a release to the press of the facts concerning the apprehension of the above named subject.

Respectfully,



C. D. WARD.



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August 24, 1937  
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T. N. Stapleton  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice  
1130 Enquirer Building  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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August 24, 1937  
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O. C. Dewey  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
775 Starks Building  
Louisville, Kentucky

BREKID. ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH IN CUSTODY INDIANAPOLIS.

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1130 Enquirer Building  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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August 24, 1937

Special Agent In Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID *Edward G. Brennan*

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to the letter from your office dated August 16, 1937 requesting that this office ascertain the date of the arrest of subject Amersbach and the name of the arresting law enforcement agency that arrested him around February 24, 1919.

Please be advised that Special Agent J. A. Cisperman contacted John Davis of the Identification Bureau of the Columbus, Ohio Police Department and ascertained from their records that subject as Anthony Amersbach, Columbus Police Department #4221, was arrested

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Mr. S. W. Current, Superintendent, Bertillon Department, Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio, was also contacted by Agent Cisperman in reference to the criminal record of Amersbach. His records disclosed several arrests around 1917 in Cleveland, Ohio, which he states are also supported by fingerprints. His record of the arrests of Amersbach is as follows:-

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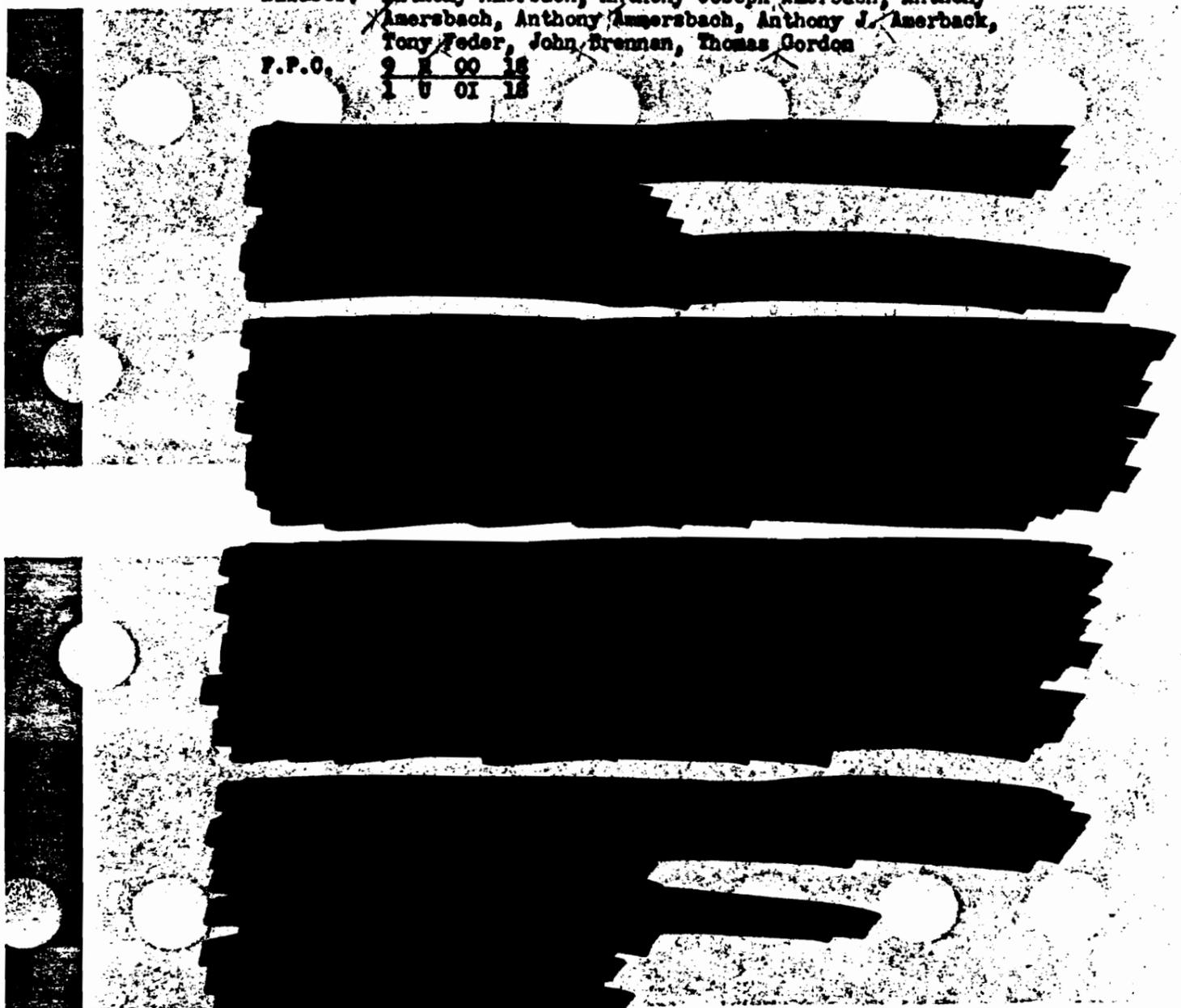
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Criminal record of Tony Amersbach #50360:

Aliases: Anthony Amerbach, Anthony Joseph Amerbach, Anthony  
Amersbach, Anthony Amersbach, Anthony J. Amerback,  
Tony Feder, John Brennan, Thomas Gordon

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Very truly yours,

H. D. HARRIS,  
Special Agent In Charge.

CC Bureau ✓

Cleveland Ohio  
August 24 1937

J L Fallon  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U S Department of Justice  
1300 Liberty Trust Bldg  
Philadelphia Pa

BREKID ANTHONY AMERSBACH IN CUSTODY DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION YOUR DISTRICT

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U S Department of Justice  
911 Federal Bldg  
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*Edward C. Bremer*

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 24, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
All Field Divisions

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Anthony Joseph Amersbach, with aliases, who was indicted at Toledo, Ohio, in the United States District Court, June 10, 1937, charged with harboring Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, and as accessory after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, was apprehended at Indianapolis, Indiana, August 24, 1937 by agents of the Bureau. Any pending investigation in your district seeking his whereabouts may be discontinued.

The correct title of this case for report purposes will be:

Alvin Karpis, with aliases; Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, I. O. 1232; et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim.

Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act

Cincinnati is the office of origin. The Cleveland and Chicago offices are to receive a copy of all reports and communications.

Very truly yours,

*T. N. Stapleton*

T. N. Stapleton  
Special Agent in Charge

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August 24, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT M. GATES,  
DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION.

Transmitted herewith are copies of a proposed  
press release concerning the apprehension of one Anthony  
Amersbach, by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation, at Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 23,  
1937.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
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*Handwritten signature:* [Signature]



MEMORANDUM

On June 10, 1937, an indictment was returned in the United States District Court at Toledo, Ohio, charging Anthony Amersbach in three counts with accessory after the fact of kidnaping, and of harboring various members of the Barker-Karpis gang who were under indictment in St. Paul, Minnesota, for the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, a wealthy St. Paul banker, on January 17, 1934.

This indictment included Bert Angus, Ted Angus, Edward McGraw and his wife Clara McGraw, Edith Barry, Frank P. Greenwald, John (Sharkey) Goldman, Arthur Hebebrand, and Sam Yoker.

The various members of the Barker-Karpis gang proceeded to Toledo, Ohio, in the early spring of 1934, following the payment of the \$200,000 ransom money demanded by the kidnapers of Mr. Bremer, and his subsequent release. Their entrance in Toledo and vicinity was arranged for by William Weaver, who was a former associate of Bert Angus in the Saloon business in Calumet City, Illinois. During the gang's stay in Toledo, they found refuge in the Casino Club, operated by Bert and Ted Angus.

In May, 1934, Alvin Karpis and his paramour, Dolores Delaney, moved to Cleveland, Ohio. They were soon joined by Fred Parker, Paula Harmon, Harry Campbell, Wynona Burdette, and other members of the mob. While at Cleveland, they frequented the Harvard Club, operated by Arthur W. Hebebrand.

Anthony Amersbach was employed at the Harvard Club, and became involved with this gang during his association there. He has been a fugitive since the return of the indictment, and has been the subject of a nation-wide search by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to effect his apprehension.

Amersbach was apprehended at 11:15 P.M., Monday, August 23, 1937, at Indianapolis, Indiana, by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and he will be returned to Cleveland, Ohio, to answer harboring charges pending against him there.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

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August 20, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

Reference is made to my previous memorandum dated June 3, 1937, in connection with the receipt of a fingerprint card from the Police Department, Topeka, Kansas, reporting the arrest on May 22, 1937 of one Albert Warren Grooms, charged with petty larceny and destruction of property, indicating disposition of thirty days on the first charge and ten days on the second charge.

Please be advised that there was received on August 18, 1937 a fingerprint card from the Police Department, Topeka, Kansas, for the same individual indicating that he was arrested for burglary and larceny on two counts and was sentenced to the State Industrial Reformatory, Kansas.

The following notation also appears on this card:  
"Latent fingerprints identified as right index, middle and ring fingers of Albert Grooms, from burglary at the Masonic Temple".  
"Nephew of Alvin Karpis". It is noted from previous correspondence in connection with this individual that he is very desirous of emulating the activities of his uncle, Alvin Karpis.

For your information, the Bureau however has not received any latent fingerprints in connection with the latent fingerprint identification. The fingerprints of this individual have also been entered in the Single Fingerprint File as #K-15011.

*Prebid*

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Dawsey	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hottel	
Mr. McIntire	
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Schilder	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	
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Respectfully, *7-576-14601*

L. C. Schilder,

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Special Agent in Charge,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter dated April 29, 1937, which contained information relative to the story told by Alvin Karpis and furnished by Warden Johnston of Alcatraz Prison.

To date, the file does not indicate that Warden Johnston has been appropriately interviewed relative to this matter, and it is desired that the same be done immediately.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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- Mr. Nathan .....
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- Mr. Lester .....
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- Mr. Pennington .....
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- Mr. Egan .....
- Mr. Quinn .....
- Mr. Pennington .....

JEL:MFW  
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August 26, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Information has been received to the effect that subject ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH, with alias, FUGITIVE, Index No. 7851, was located at Indianapolis, Ind. on August 23, 1937.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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*[Handwritten signature]*

Louisville, Kentucky  
August 23, 1937

TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS  
LOUISVILLE FIELD DIVISION

Re: BREKID;  
ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH, with aliases Tom Gordon,  
Joseph Braum, JACK GORDON.

Information has recently been developed that this Fugitive is in or near the vicinity of Louisville, Kentucky, driving a 1935 Pontiac Coach, green in color, Motor No. 6408856 and bearing 1937 Indiana license tags #58119. This Fugitive is allegedly contemplating the purchase of a gambling house near Louisville, Kentucky.

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This Fugitive's description is as follows:

Age: 40 yrs.  
Height: 5' 8"  
Weight: 190 lbs.  
Eyes: Brown, piercing.  
Build: Heavy  
Hair: White, EXCEPT FOR DARK STREAK RUNNING DOWN THE CENTER.

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Information has further been developed recently that AMERSBACH is hobnobbing with the County Sheriff "in the County immediately South of Louisville" and with "another man supposed to be operating a well known gambling place South of Louisville, which is equipped with roulette."

This Fugitive is the last one in the Bremer case and is extremely dangerous, having shot and killed officers in the past, and is known to carry a pistol at all times, and Agents making inquiry should be extremely careful in warning other cooperators relative to this man. It is requested that all Agents be on the lookout for the afore-described Fugitive and automobile, and until further instructed no radio messages should be given local police relative to the description of this man or the automobile, however, it is deemed advisable to disclose this information to well known cooperators of the Louisville Police Department for their cooperation in the apprehension of this Fugitive.

Very truly yours,

ASR:jdc

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CC Bureau

O. C. DEWEY  
Special Agent in Charge

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI.**

FILE NO. **7-27**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Salt Lake City, Utah.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-23-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-12-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>VAL C. ZIMMER - G.J.</b>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINEX; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Stop notices pending Motor Vehicle Bureaus Utah and Nevada for Ford V8 Sedan, Motor # 2044337 and Plymouth Sedan, Motor # PJ 322772.</b></p>			
REFERENCE: <b>Letter from Cincinnati Division 8-5-37.</b>			
DETAILS: <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AT SALT LAKE CITY.</b></p> <p>Stop notices have been placed with the Motor Vehicle Bureaus for Utah and Nevada, against Ford V8 two door Sedan, 1935 model, motor # 2044337, and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor # PJ 322772, Serial #2619857.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PENDING.</b></p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Val C. Zimmer</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-6

REPORT MADE AT <b>El Paso, Texas.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-23-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-22-37 8-23-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. N. Colvin, S.A.C.</b> ndb
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.a. FUGITIVE I.O. 1232 et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPPING, HARBORING OF FUGITIVES, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE ARMS ACT.</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: right;">Mail Tracing on <u>W. L. Ferguson &amp; wife, Hobbs, N. M.</u> discontinued, tracings forwarded Cincinnati Office. Stop Orders placed in New Mexico for <u>Ford Sedan motor 2044337</u> and <u>Plymouth Sedan motor PJ 322772.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">RUC.</p> <p>Reference: Report G. H. Franklin, El Paso, Texas, 7-22-37, Letter from Cincinnati Office to Chicago Office 8-5-37.</p> <p>Details: Mail cover on Mr. &amp; Mrs. W. L. Ferguson, Hobbs, N. M. maintained since July 17, 1937, has been discontinued. The tracings received with a view to the location of Mrs. William Clark alias "<u>Dorothy</u>", are attached to Cincinnati copies of this report.</p> <p>A stop order has been filed with the Division of Motor Vehicles at Santa Fe, New Mexico for Ford sedan motor 2044337 and Plymouth sedan motor PJ 322772.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. N. Colvin</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7-576-14686</b> <b>AUG 27 1937</b>	
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
506 Fletcher Trust Building  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
August 26, 1937

JJM:MJR  
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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a fingerprint card of Mrs. Margaret Eva Braun who allegedly married Anthony Joseph Amersbach under the name of James Joseph Braun in Detroit, Michigan, on June 6, 1926. Margaret Eva Braun is an entertainer and as such is known under the name of Eva Markland. Her maiden name was Margaret Eva Thompson. She voluntarily permitted her fingerprints to be taken by the Indianapolis Office on August 25, 1937.

It is requested that this fingerprint card be searched through the criminal file and if any record is found, the same should be forwarded to the Cincinnati and Cleveland Offices.

If no record is found, it is requested that this fingerprint card be placed in the personal identification file of the Bureau.

PERSONAL IDENT.

RECORDED

AUG 31 1937

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1 encl.

cc Cincinnati  
Cleveland

Inspector E. J. Connelley, New York.  
Chicago

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Very truly yours,

*Herold H. Reinecke*

Herold H. Reinecke  
Special Agent in Charge

7-576-14687  
ALL VCS  
AUG 27 1937

*Reply  
to  
9-1-37*

*J.P. [unclear]*

LCS/mms

September 1, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,  
Identification Order 1232, et al.;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
Kidnaping. Harboring of Fugitives.  
Obstruction of Justice.  
National Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you,  
please be advised that an examination of the fingerprint  
records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation fails to  
disclose any data concerning the following:

MRS. MARGARET EVA REAUM

Please be advised that the fingerprints sub-  
mitted by you are being filed in the Bureau's Civil Identifi-  
cation Section for personal identification purposes.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC-Bureau Field Division,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.  
CC-Bureau Field Division,  
Cleveland, Ohio.  
CC-Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Bureau Field Division,  
New York, New York.  
CC-Bureau Field Division,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

CWS:MM  
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Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
August 25th, 1937

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

*Edw. J. ...*  
*R*  
*K*  
Reference is made to your letter of August 21st, 1937 (Bureau file 7-576) instructing me to interview the Chief of Police regarding prosecution of Harry Goldstein, Tulsa, for illegal sale of .45 calibre Colt automatic pistol to Alvin Karpis.

Please be advised that I was unable to proceed to Tulsa as I had planned, due to the continuing inspection of this office. I expect to proceed to Tulsa sometime next week, at which time I shall conduct the necessary investigation.

Very truly yours,

*C. W. Stein*

C. W. STEIN,  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio.**

FILE NO. **7-7**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Peoria, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-26-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-13-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>G. A. STEVENS (A)</b>	CD
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.#1232, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>1935 Ford V-8, motor #2044337 and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor #PJ322772, serial #2619857 not registered in the State of Illinois, and stop notices have been placed so that in the event either or both are registered in the future the Peoria Field Division will be notified.</b>				
- P -				
REFERENCE: <b>Letter to Chicago Field Division, dated August 5, 1937, from the Cincinnati Field Division.</b>				
DETAILS: <b>Mr. Floyd Phillips, Automobile Files, office of Secretary of State, Capitol Building, Springfield, Illinois, searched the files and stated there was no record that 1935 Ford V-8, motor #2044337 or 1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor #PJ322772, serial #2619857 had been registered in the State of Illinois at any time. A stop notice was placed so that should either of these cars be licensed in Illinois, the Peoria Field Division will be notified.</b>				
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>[Signature]</i>		
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3 Bureau 2 Cincinnati 2 Peoria		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7-1576-14689 AUG 28 1937</b> <i>[Handwritten initials]</i>		
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601 Richmond Trust Building,  
Richmond, Virginia.

August 26, 1937.

W  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: "BREXID"

*Edward G. Bremer*

Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to your letter dated August 5, 1937, directed to the Special Agent in Charge, Chicago, Illinois, copy of which was designated for this division, relative to placing a stop notice in the Division of Motor Vehicles, Richmond, Virginia, against 1935 Model Ford V8, Two Door Sedan, Motor #2044337, and against 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ 322772, Serial #2619857.

This office has been advised by John Q. Rhodes, Jr., Director, Division of Motor Vehicles, Commonwealth of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia, that the above described vehicles have not been registered in the State of Virginia and appropriate stop notice has been placed in the files of the Division of Motor Vehicles so that if at a later date these automobiles should be registered, this office will be notified accordingly.

In view of the fact that there are no other leads outstanding within the territory of this office, this case is being considered referred upon completion to the division of origin.

Very truly yours,

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R. E. JOSEPH,

Special Agent in Charge.

7-576-14690

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-15

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REPORT MADE AT New Orleans, Louisiana	DATE WHEN MADE 8-23-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-18, 19 & 20-37	REPORT MADE BY J. H. POLKINHORN
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.#1232; ET AL. Edward George Bremer - VICTIM.		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Suspicious persons at 2865 Grand Route St. John, New Orleans, Louisiana, thought connected with Milton Lett. Investigation proved otherwise.			
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, Kansas City, Mo., dated 8-20-37, under title "1937 Kansas License 5-1631 (Plymouth Coach, Motor PJ182699; Owner, Corinne Russell, Coffeyville, Kansas)."			
DETAILS: This report is predicated upon information received from Detectives Arthur Carroll and Albert Heintz of the Third Precinct, New Orleans Police Department, to the effect that there was a sedan bearing Kansas tags 5-1631 parked in front of 2865 Grand Route St. John, and that the persons in this car acted in a very suspicious manner.			
<p>In order to cooperate with the Police Department, this office wired the Kansas City Office inquiring as to the identity of the owner of the car, and received the reply that this car was the property of one Corinne Russell of 612 West 11th Street, Coffeyville, Kansas, and that the car was a 1935 Plymouth Coach, Motor #PJ182699, and that Corinne Russell was well known to the Chief of Police of Coffeyville, Kansas, who stated that she is a sister of "Red" Russell who plays in western movies; also that she had previously been married to Dick Scoville, a jockey.</p> <p>In view of the fact that Milt Lett's wife, Lucille Ferris Lett, is from Coffeyville, Kansas, an investigation was launched by this office to determine if there was any connection between Lucille Lett and the persons residing at 2865 Grand Route St. John.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. A. Smith, Jr.</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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A check was made at Post Office Station G, which handles mail delivered in this neighborhood; H. J. Medley, postman, was discreetly contacted, and stated that one Elizabeth Patterson was at this time living at 2865 Grand Route St. John, and that there was another woman living with her whom he did not know. He stated that these women occupied the apartment by themselves; that they had lived in this apartment for the past nine or ten days.

A. P. Vidacovich, Clerk to the Superintendent of the Post Office, checked back lists at the main office and found that one Margaret Patterson, formerly of 1438 Verna Street, was listed as living at 2865 Grand Route St. John.

Eugene Nolan, Sr., 1438 Verna Street, was discreetly contacted, and stated that Margaret Patterson, whom he knew as Pat, boarded at his home with one Corinne Russell, and that Corinne Russell had a Plymouth sedan with Kansas tags. He stated that Corinne's husband was formerly a jockey, but that he did not know his name, and that these two women were rather fast, and that he thought they hustled. Nolan stated that they worked for some gambling joint in the French Quarter of New Orleans, he thought, but that he would inquire of his son, Eugene Nolan, Jr., and would notify this office as to the exact location at which these women worked.

Eugene Nolan, Jr. called the writer by telephone and stated that Margaret Patterson had formerly been a dealer in the Klondike game at the Chez Paree; and that Corinne Russell had been a Klondike dealer at the Starlight Inn. Both of the above mentioned places are cabarets and gambling houses.

Special Agent R. L. Flanders with the writer watched the address 2865 Grand Route St. John on several occasions, and saw several men enter this address, but nothing more. Special Agent Flanders with writer went to 2865 Grand Route St. John and interviewed Corinne Russell discreetly, and she stated that she had been working at the Starlight Inn as a Klondike dealer, and at the present time she was not doing anything, but that she had several friends who called on her at her address, and that her roommate, Pat Patterson, had formerly been at the Chez Paree as a Klondike dealer, but at the present time was not employed. Pat Patterson came into the room during the interview, and she stated that she had worked in several gambling establishments around town as a Klondike dealer, but that presently she was unemployed, and that she had several men callers who called at this address quite frequently to see her.

Several photographs were displayed to Corinne Russell, among which was a picture of Lucille Lett. Miss Russell failed to identify any of these photographs.

P E N D I N G

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 24, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telephone conversation with Mr. Tamm on August 23, 1937 this will advise that Special Agent S. K. McKee departed Cleveland, Ohio at 12:30 P.M. August 23 for Buffalo, New York to conduct appropriate investigation at Silver Lake, New York looking towards the apprehension of Anthony Amersbach, a subject in the above entitled matter, based upon information received by long distance telephone from Estelle Mizell at Atlantic City, New Jersey. This informant advised Special Agent E. J. Dowd that she had interviewed Mrs. Art Hebebrand just before leaving Cleveland for Atlantic City, at which time Mrs. Hebebrand stated that she had recently received a letter from subject Amersbach post-marked at Silver Lake, near Silver Springs, New York.

Mr. Tamm authorized Agent McKee to proceed to Buffalo in view of the fact that he has previously interviewed subject Amersbach and can recognize him on sight.

After information was received from Indianapolis on August 24 that subject Amersbach had been located in Indianapolis, the Buffalo office was requested to notify agent McKee to return to Cleveland.

Very truly yours,

*T. N. Stapleton*

T. N. STABLETON  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Buffalo  
Miami

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:MC

August 27, 1937.

Time: 4:50 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR *File*

RE: BREMER CASE

With reference to the memorandum prepared by Special Agent S. K. McKee and furnished to the Bureau, concerning the harboring at Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, in connection with this case, which data is to be furnished to the local authorities there personally by Mr. McKee, Mr. McKee called me from Cleveland, having returned there from Buffalo last Tuesday, and inquired as to what action the Bureau has taken with regard to the memorandum. He stated he particularly wanted to know inasmuch as SAC Shivers at Miami has wired him to know when he will return to Miami.

I told Mr. McKee that the Bureau had summarized the memorandum and would send him copies in the very near future. With regard to his returning to Miami, he was advised that Mr. Shivers would be advised concerning this matter when next telephonically contacted.

~~Respectfully,~~

*EAT*  
E. A. TAMM.

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*Wright* *Bill*

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-12

REPORT MADE AT Butte, Montana	DATE WHEN MADE 8/23/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/21/37	REPORT MADE BY H. E. Andersen
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232 - FUGITIVE; ANTHONY J. AMESBACH, with aliases - FUGITIVE, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim		CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:			
<p>*Ford Sedan, Motor No. 2044337, and *Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ-322772, not registered in Idaho or Montana. Stop cards placed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RUC</p>			
Reference: Letter from Cincinnati Office to Chicago Office, August 5, 1937.			
Details:			
Through correspondence with the Motor Vehicle Divisions of Idaho and Montana; it has been learned that neither Ford Sedan, Motor No. 2044337, nor Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ-322772, Serial No. 2619857, is registered in either State. Stop cards have been placed.			
REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. E. Andersen</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7 1576 - 14697 30 AUG 29 1937	
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO. **7-33**

REPORT MADE AT <b>San Francisco, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-25-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/4/19/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. H. Rice - FD</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; ANTHONY J. CAMERSBACH, with aliases - FUGITIVE; ET AL; Edward George Bremer - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>Warden at Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary advises ALVIN KARPIS, inmate, has never furnished information relative to criminal activities, nor showed such indication. No information developed that MILTON LETT is in contact with the Rose family, 7337 Weld Street, Oakland, California.</b>  <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">                         AUG 25 1937                          U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE                          SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE                     </div>			
REFERENCES: <b>Letter from the San Francisco Office to the Bureau dated April 29, 1937; Report of Special Agent J. H. Rice, San Francisco, California, dated July 3, 1937; Letter from the Bureau (7-576) to Mr. E. J. Connelley, New York City, dated July 26, 1937.</b>			
DETAILS: <b>AT ALCATRAZ ISLAND, CALIFORNIA:</b>  <b>Through a diplomatic inquiry of Mr. J. A. JOHNSTON, Warden, Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary, it was ascertained that ALVIN KARPIS, inmate, has never furnished any information to authorities of that institution relative to criminal activities, nor has he shown any desire or indication that such information might be forthcoming. Mr. JOHNSTON stated if KARPIS is ever</b>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. H. Rice</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: large; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">                     7-576-14695                 </div> <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">                     AUG 30 1937                 </div> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">                     ONE COPY                      SENT SEPT 11/11                 </div>	
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inclined to furnish any information, he will advise the San Francisco Office.

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA:

Mrs. ARTHUR WATERSON, 7333 Weld Street and Mr. CLAUDE DANNER, Postman, Elmhurst Station, 8915 East 14th Street, have not secured any information that would direct any suspicion towards GEORGE and VERA ROSE who reside at 7337 Weld Street, indicating MILTON LETT or any individual resembling LETT is in contact with the ROSE family through calling at their residence or by correspondence.

Postman DANNER and Mrs. WATERSON will advise the San Francisco Office if they secure any information in the future along these lines.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION: will cover leads set out in the letters from the Cincinnati Office dated August 5, 1937, and Little Rock Office dated August 13, 1937.

PENDING

907 American Industrial Bldg.  
Hartford, Connecticut

JLE:feb  
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August 27, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your circular letter of August 5, 1937, stop notices have been placed in the Bureau of Motor Vehicles covering the States of Rhode Island and Connecticut and your Office will be notified should any information be received concerning the cars or individuals mentioned in reference letter.

Since Anthony Joseph Amersbach has been taken into custody, the lead designated for this Office in report of Special Agent H. S. Leslie dated at New York City, 7/26/37, will be disregarded.

Very truly yours,

J. L. DALTON  
Special Agent in Charge

cc-Bureau  
Cleveland  
Chicago

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7-576-14696  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

775 Starks Building  
Louisville, Kentucky

**SPECIAL  
DELIVERY**

August 28,  
1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Indianapolis, Indiana

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that on Sunday, August 29, 1937, Mr. Fred Spadie, accompanied by another man, will call upon you at your office for permission to talk to ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH.

Mr. Spadie is the business partner of AMERSBACH in Louisville and desires to see him for the purpose of either buying him out or making some other arrangements in order to secure full title and interest to their road-house in this district.

Mr. Spadie has cooperated to the fullest extent with Agents of this Division and would be willing to impart any information he may have to you, should you desire same.

If possible, it is respectfully requested that you make some arrangements with the County Jailer in order that Spadie may interview AMERSBACH. I am sure Mr. Spadie would not object to having an Agent, if you so desire, sit in on the interview.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge.

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*Edw. J. Bremer*

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1308 Masonic Temple Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
August 26, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Re: REKID

Dear Sir:

Special Agent F. A. Fletcher has advised that he was approached by Officer Meeks of the Monroe, Louisiana Police Department, who states that Mrs. Phillip David who has been referred to in communications from your office dated June 10 and July 31, 1937, and who was recently interviewed by Special Agent John L. Madala, received some telephone calls from a Greek in Hot Springs, Arkansas since her marriage to David, that Mr. David told Meeks about a week before August 1, 1937 that his wife was then in Hot Springs.

Officer Meeks further informed that he had made inquiries about Mrs. David when she first came to Monroe through a brother-in-law of his who lives in Hot Springs, and received information that Mrs. David lived with a Greek up there for some time following her husband's death. Meeks could not recall the Greek's name, but said he would try to find it out.

It further appears that Mr. David has informed Officer Meeks of interviews with Mrs. David by Agents of this Bureau.

The foregoing is submitted to you as a matter of information.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Smith, Jr.  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 10, 1937, transmitting certain of the original exhibits, i.e. ransom letters and envelopes, in the above-entitled matter.

As a matter of record it is noted that the following original letters in the case were not forwarded:

Original letter to Walter W. Magee beginning, "Dear Walter - I'm sorry to have called on you."

Envelope in which above was received addressed, "Mr. Walter W. Magee".

Original letter beginning, "Dearest Pat, Please don't worry".

Envelope in which above was received addressed, "Mrs. Edward G. Bremer".

Original letter to Dr. Hippert beginning, "Dear Doctor; I am inclosing herewith two letters".

Envelope in which above was inclosed addressed, "Dr. H. T. Hippert, Leary Building, St. Paul, Minnesota".

Envelope containing typewritten address, "Dr. H. T. Hippert, Personal. Please deliver at once."

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Baughman
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Dawsey
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Glavin
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Envelope in which note to Charles McGee or Adolph Bremer beginning "YOUR LAST CHANCE", was received, addressed, "Walter McGee and Adolph Bremer".

Original note to Charles McGee or payoff man (John B. Brakeham) beginning, "We now cancel previous instructions".

Envelope in which above was received addressed, "Mr. John B. Brakeham".

Original letter beginning, "My dearest Pats and Hertz".

Envelope in which above was received addressed, "To Ed Bremer's Wife".

Original letter beginning, "My dear Father. I have seen the newspaper".

Envelope in which above was received addressed, "Adolph Bremer, Personal".

Original letter beginning, "My Dear Father Deere; I am calling on you".

Envelope in which above was received addressed, "Reverend John Deere, Prior Lake, Minnesota".

Original letter beginning, "My Dear Lil, as my old standby".

Original envelope in which above was received addressed, "Miss Lillian L. Dickman, 1085 Cortland Street, St. Paul, Minnesota".

Envelope in which note beginning "Chas. McGee or Honest Adolph" was received, addressed, "Walter McGee or Adolph Bremer".

Envelope in which note beginning "Adolph Bremer. We are now dealing with you" was received, addressed, "To Adolph Bremer".

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

2401 Sterick Building,  
Memphis, Tennessee,  
August 26, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a letter dated at Glens Falls, New York, August 12, 1937, addressed to your Field Division relative to the disposition of Federal Reserve note on the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota, bearing serial number 104426165-A, being held by the First National Bank, Glens Falls, New York.

In that connection, kindly be informed that the matter has been called to the attention of Special Agent L. W. Meekins, now assigned to the Memphis Field Division, and he has informed that it is his present recollection that the First National Bank of Glens Falls advised the Buffalo Field Division about October 6, 1934, that they had received the above Federal Reserve note in question and had found it to be part of the ransom money in either the Bremer or Lindbergh kidnaping cases. It is Special Agent Meekins' recollection that either he or Special Agent Dougherty, formerly assigned to the Buffalo Office, submitted a report covering investigations at Glens Falls relative to the above matter about October 10, 1934, in either the Bremer kidnaping case or the Kanno matter. It is Agent Meekins' further recollection that about the time in question extensive investigations were being made by the Buffalo Field Division in the Bremer and related cases relative to information that Alvin Karpis had been at Lake George, New York, about that time, and that later "Pretty Boy" Floyd was reported to have spent considerable time in and around Buffalo, New York.

It is most likely that full particulars relative to the above Federal Reserve note will be found in the Bremer matter in reports from your office dated about October 15, 1934. Agent Meekins advises he recalls an interview relative to an official matter with bank officials of Glens Falls, but is presently unable to recall the details thereof.

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Very truly yours,

W. A. ROGER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Edw. D. O'Brien*  
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TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O. 1232; ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH, with aliases - FUGITIVE; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  No record of Kate Means at the Illinois State Penitentiary for Women, Dwight, Illinois.  <p style="text-align: center;">- R U C -</p>			
REFERENCE:      Report of Special Agent H. A. Loughran, Detroit, Michigan, dated 7-9-37.			
DETAILS: <u>AT DWIGHT, ILLINOIS.</u>  Mrs. Stewart, Assistant Superintendent, Illinois State Penitentiary for Women, caused a thorough search to be made of all records of this institution, without finding any information at all concerning a prisoner named Kate Means. The name of Kate Means was unfamiliar to Mrs. Stewart, and she made inquiry among employees of the Penitentiary, without finding anyone who recalled a Kate Means.  Mrs. Stewart explained that this institution is comparatively new, having only been in existence since 1929. Prior thereto, women prisoners were sent to the Illinois State Penitentiary, at Joliet, and this institution received women prisoners up until 1933. Since 1933, all women felons in the State of Illinois are sent to Dwight, the Reformatory being converted into a penitentiary at this time.  There is no other women's penal institution in Dwight, Illinois.  REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.			
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POST OFFICE BOX 812,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

August 30, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

As a result of the request contained in your letter to the Chicago division dated August 13, 1937, appropriate inquiry was made at the offices of the Chicago Daily Tribune, the Chicago Herald and Examiner and the Chicago Times. There are enclosed herewith one photostatic copy each of three articles which appeared in the Chicago Herald and Examiner about Alvin Karpis, as suggested in your letter. One is dated December 6, 1934, entitled "Mother's Plea To Alvin Karpis, Nation's Public Enemy No. 1, 'Surrender—For Me'". The second article is dated October 20, 1935, and has the heading "Picked Squad To Take No Chances With 'No. 1 Enemy'", and the third article is dated December 1, 1935, with the heading "Public Fails to Aid Agents In Hunt For 3 Snatchers". It may be observed that all of the before mentioned articles contain a photograph of Karpis and the last mentioned article refers to him as "Public Enemy No. 1", along with William Mahan and Thomas Robinson as Public Enemies Nos. 2 and 3.

It is suggested that one of these articles may be the one referred to in your letter. The originals of the above mentioned clippings were obtained from Mr. Paul Capan, Reference Department, Room 419, Chicago Herald and Examiner offices, Hearst Building, Chicago. It should also be observed that the original newspapers containing these articles are available only at the office of Mr. R. S. Manshaw, Room 502, 187 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, at a cost of one cent per day for each day that has elapsed since the article was published. If the original newspaper containing any of the before mentioned articles is desired, this office should be advised.

A photostatic copy of each of the articles is forwarded herewith to the Bureau and Cincinnati division for completion of their files.

Very truly yours,

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# PICKED SQUAD TO TAKE NO CHANCES WITH 'NO. 1 ENEMY'

Fernekes Believed  
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## FLED PRISON

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# N BILLS

## PUBLIC FAILS TO AID AGENTS IN HUNT FOR 3 'SNATCHERS'

Owners of Ransom  
Money Slow to Aid  
U. S. Operatives

### FREE SPENDING

Karpis, Robinson  
and Mahan Still  
at Large

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ALVIN KARPIS,

"Worse than Dillinger."

another and all have jail breaks and murders of officers in their records.

Karpis, a tall, thin man, and Fernekes, who is about 5 feet tall, are believed the sinister "Mutt and Jeff" robber team who led four others in a spectacular raid on the University State Bank last month, shooting a policeman, a woman and three bystanders.

Whether Campbell is still with Karpis is not certain, for authorities sought to use Campbell's weakness for women to put the gang on the spot, and with Dillinger's betrayal by a woman fresh in his mind, Karpis may have cut loose from Campbell, the petticoat chaser.

### THREAT BY KARPIS.

Officers trailed Campbell for days, hoping he would lead them to Karpis.

Karpis, who the authorities say has had a hand in twelve murders, is the only living criminal to have taunted J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the "G" men, with a death threat. A letter to Hoover at the Department of Justice, Washington, said:

"Lay off or I'll kill you, Karpis."

The letter was suspected first of being a hoax, but not only was the

confederates were arrested, but Mahan, with \$100,000 to spend as he pleased, remained free. As in the Robinson case, the serial numbers of the bills were widely circulated and the "citizens posse" asked to help. But the bills keep cropping up at the federal reserve banks without any clues as to their origin.

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Robinson, disguised as a woman, is declared to have visited New York night clubs, attracting some attention by his free spending of large sums of money. A youth of only 23, 6 feet tall, with girlish gray eyes and feminine mannerisms, his disguise makes him harder to recognize.

### AIDED BRUNO HEST.

But the money he spends is marked money, police believe it should have led to his arrest long ago.

Mrs. Frances A. Robinson, wife of the kidnaper, was recently acquitted with her father-in-law, Thomas A. Robinson Sr., of a charge of aiding in the kidnaping of Mr. Stoen.

A classic example of the value of "marked money" in capturing kidnapers is the Lindbergh case. The public's co-operation was volunteered and every bank compared large numbers of its certificates with the Lindbergh ransom list. When Bruno Richard Hauptmann passed one of them at a filling station, the attendant believed it might be a counterfeit and wrote the license number of it. The bank clerk recognized it as a ransom bill, and the license number led to Hauptmann's arrest.

In the Bremer and Robinson cases bills of an easily identifiable kind were not used.

### BILLS BORE INITIALS.

In the Weyerhaeuser case, however, Mahan and his confederates accepted ransom bills that the "citizens posse" should easily recognize. A widespread effort was made to do so.

All of the Weyerhaeuser ransom bills were of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, and bore the initials L and A, one preceding and the other following the certificate's number. No large bills were in the ransom, however, as it was paid in \$5, \$10 and \$20 certificates.

No explanation is given by "G" men, other than what is explained above, for their failure to capture "Public Enemies 2 and 3." Reports of the fugitives' whereabouts are frequent, and "G" men with machine guns and rifles rush to reputed hideaways. Recently Dainard, alias Mahan, was reported in Lower California. Pictures of Mahan were identified as those of a man who had been there "prospecting," and carrying a closely guarded knapsack, supposed to contain the remainder of the \$300,000 Weyerhaeuser ransom.

But, although the "citizens posse" had given the tip and helped to attempt to locate him, the fugitive

The authorities know this, and so watch closely every "stooped" man, and yet Karpis has passed unchallenged through police cordons in New York, Chicago and other big cities to attend sporting events. He is even suspected of having mingled with society folk at the Saratoga race meet.

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The "charmed life" which has kept Karpis at liberty began before the Bremer kidnaping case made his name nationally known.

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**"MIDGET" TERNEKES,**  
Quick on the trigger.

most of the money gambling.

The Lansing penitentiary freed him on parole, and he went back to the Midwest underworld, which had known him for years.

Karpis, only 36 when freed from jail, began his career in Chicago's West Side, the son of a janitor. From small beginnings he made his way steadily into the upper brackets of western bad men—his baby-blue eyes with their menacing glare compelling him work his way up. "G" desperadoes as Frank Nash and Gene Miller were afraid of him, took him into their gangs. "G" men say, plan the famous Kansas City massacre, in which three law enforcement officers were slain.

**SWITCH TO KIDNAPING.**

He helped Dillinger rise by leading his men in robberies of "thief-proof" banks, and, when Dillinger began to glide because he was "too hot," Karpis lined up with Fred Barker, and shared with Kate ("Ma") Barker the distinction of being the brains of the Barker mob. They stuck to bank robberies for many months; then, suddenly, they switched to kidnaping.

When the authorities rounded up the Barker gang after the Bremer kidnaping, Arthur ("Doc") Barker and others were convicted. "Ma" Barker and Fred Barker fled to Florida, where they were killed by police. Karpis alone managed to escape—and stay at liberty.

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**ALVIN KARPIS,**

"Hound" in 9-month chase.

In solving big kidnaping cases, are trying to find explanations for the fact that the three fugitives are able to elude the most elaborate nets.

Heavily financed, the masterminds of the Bremer, Weverhauseer and Stoll kidnapings are to all intents and purposes free men today, going where they please, without restriction.

But while they embarrass the "G-men," these "Public Enemies" are also mocking the general public—for thousands and thousands of citizens have been enlisted in a nation-wide "posse," without result.

You may have a ransom bill in your wallet right this minute—which, if turned in to the local "G" men, would lead to a fugitive's arrest and win you a substantial cash reward.

**FEW BILLS TURNED IN.**

Take, for instance, the case of Robinson. He received \$50,000

**JEENS!**  
ALSO

## GANG, TO DELIVER

Former's Weakness for Women  
Perils Mob; Traced Through  
'Petticoats' in Atlantic City

that of Karpis but his fingerprints were found on the paper.

What led to the deft no one knows, for criminals don't ordinarily go out of their way to send letters to Federal men who are on their trail. But the brilliant Karpis may have mailed the letter in one city to throw suspicion away from the city in which he intended to make his hideout.

### SCORNS BODYGUARD.

Hoover, scorning Karpis' threat appears without a bodyguard at public functions. He believes Karpis is "too yellow" to shoot him even behind his back.

Karpis, who is 5 feet 11 inches tall—a veritable "human skeleton"—walks with a pronounced stoop, to disguise his height, and tries to hide his face by keeping his chin buried in his coat collar. The authorities know this, and so watch closely every "stooped" man, and yet Karpis has passed unchallenged through police cordons in New York, Chicago and other big cities to attend sporting events. He is even suspected of having mingled with society folk at the Saratoga race meet.

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to Careers of Kidnappers

## PREYING

Trail Leads

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Perfect Record

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ransom for releasing Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll after she was kidnaped at Louisville, Ky. in October, 1934. The serial numbers of this money were sent to every bank in the United States and to thousands of filling-stations, stores, railroad stations and hotels.

Yet despite pleas by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the "G" men, that every citizen handling money keep a careful watch for ransom bills, few have been reported. Enough are discovered by the "G" men from time to time to show that ransom money is being spent. But a lack of activity by the "public posse" leaves Robinson safe from pursuit.

The same is true of Mahan, who engineered the \$200,000 kidnaping of little George Weyerbauser at Tacoma, Wash., in May, 1933. His confederates were arrested, but Mahan, with \$100,000 to spend as he pleased, remained free. As in the Robinson case, the serial numbers of the bills were widely circulated and the "citizens' posse" asked to help. But the bills keep cropping up at the federal reserve banks without any clues as to their origin.

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# A MOTHER'S PLEA

## To Alvin Karpis, Nation's Public Enemy No. 1

### 'SURRENDER—FOR ME!'

Government agents continued their relentless search for Public Enemy Alvin Karpis last night, ready to shoot him down. But terrified by the shoot-to-kill orders issued since two government agents and Karpis' comrade, "Baby Face" Nelson, died in a death battle, Karpis' mother, Mrs. John Karpavicz of 2842 N. Francisco av., broadcast this appeal for him to surrender:

**TO ALVIN KARPIS.**

My Dearest Son:

You are playing a game you cannot win. The government men have sworn to track you, and they shoot to kill.

You must give yourself up. Don't make it necessary for them to kill you. There is a way out of this, no matter what you have done.

I have been guaranteed that you will get a square deal if you will surrender. It is the only way to save yourself from being shot down by government guns.

To show this letter is from me, I am giving The Herald and Examiner an old picture of you, taken when you were 14. You will recognize it. No one else could have it. It is a token from me to you.

You can get in touch with me through the city editor of The Herald and Examiner. You need have no fear in sending messages through the paper. They will reach me and no one else, and arrangements will be made for you to surrender.

It isn't much I'm asking of you. Please, my son, do this for me.

With all my love,

YOUR MOTHER.



ALVIN KARPIS—The picture his mother says is a token.

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Who is  
the ulti-  
mate tax-  
payer?  
Mostly  
the con-  
sumer.  
Does the  
payer r-  
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redit for  
lending?



Richard W. Child.

Oh, no.  
The government gets the  
raise for lending.  
How much has been loaned?  
Oh, about SEVEN THOU-  
SAND MILLION DOLLARS  
enough to fight a big war.  
Was it needed?  
Much of it was needed to re-  
lieve distress and to make  
money circulate.  
It was a NECESSITY of  
emergency.  
It gave some debtors who  
owed a hundred-cent dollar a  
chance to borrow a 60-cent  
dollar to pay 100-cent debts.

**WHO** loaned the money?  
The RFC was one  
agency. Half of the money  
loaned has been paid back.  
Some — NOT MUCH — will  
EVER come back. Why?  
The security was no good.  
What about the farm credit  
administration with nearly  
three billion loaned?  
Was that necessary? Yes.  
Every one has known for sev-  
eral years that over-valued  
land and over-production  
meant ultimate relief.  
Will the money come back?  
**LET'S SEE UNCLE SAM  
COLLECT IT!**  
What about the Home Own-  
ers' Loan Corporation? It has  
given a two thousand million-  
dollar credit through its agen-  
cies.  
Will the money come back?  
**LET US WAIT AND SEE  
ANY POLITICAL PARTY  
WITH LOVE OF LIFE  
SUGGEST SQUEEZING  
COLLECTION BY AN  
AGENCY OUT OF THE  
HUNDREDS OF THOU-**

liquidating construction jobs;  
There is not even a pretense  
behind the scenes in Washing-  
ton that the Treasury will ever  
see repayment of much of this  
money, especially where com-  
munities receiving it have po-  
litical power.

**NO ONE CAN COM-  
PLAIN THAT IN EMER-  
GENCY A WHOLE PEOP-  
LE—THE ULTIMATE  
TAXPAYERS—IS WILL-  
ING TO GIVE RELIEF.**

**THE PEOPLE WILL  
GIVE RELIEF FOR HU-  
MANE REASONS AND TO  
CURE PANIC AND TO  
PRIME THE PUMP OF AC-  
TIVITY.**

**THE PEOPLE GIVE IT,  
NOT THE GOVERNMENT;  
AND THE AMERICAN  
PEOPLE—THE TAXPAY-  
ERS—DESERVE THE  
THANKS.**

**WHAT IS DANGEROUS  
IS TO DECEIVE OUR-  
SELVES AS TO OUR NA-  
TIONAL ASSETS.**

Credit for money advanced  
to a borrower LOOKS like an  
asset.

**IT IS NO ASSET IF IT IS  
NOT COLLECTIBLE UN-  
DER A POLITICAL SYS-  
TEM.**

**IN** other words, it is doubt-  
ful whether an investment  
banking house, no matter how  
good its reputation, could use  
the kind of promises to pay  
held by Uncle Sam and induce  
you and your neighbors to in-  
vest your savings in those  
promises at par.

**IN THE END, UNCLE  
SAM—WHOSE CREDIT IS  
STILL BETTER THAN  
FOREIGN NATIONS  
THINK—WILL HAVE TO  
WIPE OFF SOME OF HIS  
BOOK CREDITS.**

**IN THE END, HE WILL  
HAVE TO SAY, "IT WAS  
LARGELY EMERGENCY  
RELIEF PROVIDED BY  
THE PEOPLE AND NOT  
BY POLITICAL PARTIES.  
THAT IS WHAT IT WAS!  
COMMON SENSE AND  
TRUTH KNEW IT ALL  
THE TIME!"**

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Foley Square  
New York, N. Y.

August 31, 1937

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Reference is made to memorandum of August 26, 1937, as to the information being considered for possible delivery to the local authorities at Toledo, Ohio, as concerning various persons as to whom information was developed during our search of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

As to this I believe it would be preferable to set up briefly that in the investigation looking to the apprehension of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang, certain information, as will be hereinafter indicated, was disclosed as to the activities of certain persons, officially connected and otherwise, which may be of assistance to them in such investigation as is further necessary by them, if they consider the facts to warrant such action.

We might also indicate to them that recently there was prosecuted in Toledo, Ohio, the various persons recently indicted charged with being accessories after the fact to the Bremer kidnaping and the harboring of Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis, and that incidental to such investigation the matters hereinafter furnished to them were disclosed; that possibly the condition indicated by the information furnished made it possible whereby Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis and various other members of the gang were able to obtain aid and assistance in Toledo, Ohio, which made very difficult their location and apprehension. The conditions existing indicate a possibility of connivance of certain of these individuals with people in official capacity, however, we are leaving this for consideration with reference to the following situations and facts as presented.

I would suggest that thereafter there be set up by witnesses the statements as made to us by these persons in detail, without any reference to what we believe this portrays other than possibly to identify certain persons therein mentioned as has been indicated by our investigation.

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MEMORANDUM

AUGUST 26 1937

Telephones Garfield 4780 and Garfield 9241 are listed to Ardell Quinn of 1916 East 84th Street in Cleveland, Ohio. On August 17, 1936 at 7:48 P.M., an outgoing telephone call was made to Fairmount 6296, at which time Ardell Quinn informed the person on this telephone to watch out because "the big shot down town" was watching him very closely. The man to whom this call was made said he would inform him. This telephone is listed to Emmet J. Potts of 2114 Lamberton Road, Cleveland.

At 8:50 A.M., on August 19, 1936, a telephone call was made by Ardell Quinn to Main 1234 in an effort to reach Sergeant Harr at the 11th precinct. Later on the same morning, Ardell called Sergeant Fike at the 7th precinct, identified herself as his cousin, expressed regret that she was not home last night and invited Sergeant Fike to come out and bring Dolly Bishop with him. Fike indicated that Dolly Bishop was unable to come, but that he, Fike, would come out tomorrow.

On September 9, 1936, Ardell Quinn called Captain Aufmuth, Main 1234, identified herself as his cousin, and asked if Captain Aufmuth could come over. Captain Aufmuth said he would be over that night.

On September 11, 1936 at 6:40 P.M., Ardell received a telephone call from a man who told her to lay low and lay off for a while, since "they are getting tough down town". The calling person advised that Savage from down town was there that day and mentioned Ardell's name, although the man said he told Savage to stay away from Ardell's place. The calling party stated that "MacFarland and all the big guys are out" and that they were getting busy on Cornell Street; that Ardell should lay low for the rest of the week.

A similar call was received by Ardell at 8:04 P.M., on September 11, 1936, at which time Ardell was again advised that the squad from down town had been raising hell in that precinct. Ardell inquired about whom she should call or inquire about it, and the other party said that Harrell of the 11th precinct would know more about it than anybody else, and Ardell indicated that she knew Harrell fairly well. The calling party indicated that he, too, would contact Harrell and see what he could find out.

At 8:10 P.M., on September 11, 1936, Ardell tried to reach Sergeant Harrell at the 11th precinct and made other calls to this place, at 9:25 A.M., on September 12 and 3:10 P.M., on the same day, without success. At 9:50 A.M., on September 13, 1936, however, Ardell talked to Sergeant Harrell, identified herself as his cousin, and made an appointment

to see him at Ardell's house at 3:30 P.M., Harrell indicating that he would be there at the appointed time.

On September 26, 1936 at 1:10 P.M., Ardell called Sergeant Fife of the 11th Precinct, identified herself as his cousin, and Fife stated that he would come over at 2:30 to see her.

On September 26, 1936 at 3:15 P.M., a man called the police exchange and asked for Inspector Carey, was referred to the lieutenant's office and spoke to a man who identified himself as Inspector Carey. The party calling stated that he was at Carey's cousin's house and was endeavoring to locate one of the girls who went to the beauty parlor and had not returned. The name of this girl was Gypsy Currier, and it is to be noted that in a previous call at 1:10 P.M., to Sergeant Fife, Ardell had attempted to tell him about a girl friend who had gone to a beauty parlor the previous day, but Fife broke in and told Ardell that he would come over and talk to her. The person calling Inspector Carey asked him to check in the women's place and if this girl was there to call him at Garfield 9241. At 3:30 P.M., an incoming telephone call on telephone Garfield 9241 advised the person answering the telephone that there were only two women in the women's place; one being a colored girl and the other a girl being held on a traffic charge.

At the time of her arrest on the night of September 26, 1936, Ardell Quinn was searched and there were found address books containing the following names:

W. Carey,  
11210 Clifton Boulevard,  
Lakewood 2917W.

James Hughes, Jr.,  
1420 West 101st Street,  
Woodbine 1306.

Emmet Potts,  
2114 Lambertson Road,  
Shaker Heights,  
Fairmount 6296.

Eugene Aufmuth,  
12431 Osceola Avenue,  
Glenville 8242.

Lawrence  
All ME

MEMORANDUM

August 26, 1937

Investigation conducted by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation during the past several years in connection with the operations of the Barker-Karpis gang has disclosed that certain officers of the Toledo, Ohio, Police Department have been intimately associated with persons known to harbor wanted criminals, and strong indications have been developed that certain of these officers have been collecting graft from various persons engaged in illegal activities. The following information, set forth in resume form, is prepared only to serve as the basis for the conducting of appropriate inquiry into these matters by persons having an official interest therein, and is not intended to constitute complete evidence concerning the activities outlined.

George Timiney of the Toledo, Ohio, Police Department for several years prior to May of 1935, was very friendly with Theodore and Bert Angus, who operated a night club known as the Casino, located on Summit Street in Point Place, Ohio, a suburb of Toledo. The Angus brothers in Federal Court at Cleveland, Ohio, on July 12, 1937, were sentenced to serve two years and ten months imprisonment and fined \$500.00 each for having harbored members of the Barker-Karpis gang who were the kidnapers of Edward George Bremer of St. Paul, Minnesota. Members of this gang frequented the Casino, particularly in the Spring and Summer of 1934, while they were fugitives. It was because of their friendship with the Angus brothers and other Toledo underworld characters that these fugitives were able to avoid apprehension for a considerable period of time.

From various sources information was received that Theodore Angus was a vice graft collector for Mayor Thatcher of Toledo, and that all protection money for the operation of houses of prostitution was collected by Theodore Angus, who at that time was aligned with the Licavoli gang in Toledo. Information from reliable sources at Toledo disclosed that Captain George Timiney was very friendly with the Angus brothers during this period of time, and undoubtedly received from them a portion of the protection money which was collected.

An official of the Toledo Police Department has advised that it was common knowledge that Theodore Angus was a graft collector and vice boss in Toledo, and that he was an intimate friend of Captain George Timiney, and further, that the Angus brothers collected graft from underworld circles for a period of six or seven years while George Timiney was head of the vice and hoodlum squad of the Toledo Police Department.

A detective of the Toledo Police Department has advised that he was satisfied beyond all doubt that George Timiney was collecting money for protection afforded people engaged in illegal activities. Another member

of the Toledo Police Department who served on the vice squad in 1931 advised that Theodore Angus came into power and exercised a great deal of control over rackets subsequent to the time that George Timiney was appointed as head of the vice squad. This officer alleges that George Timiney and Theodore Angus used Maxine Belmont for the collection of protection money from the madames of houses of prostitution, and that Maxine Belmont turned the money over to Theodore Angus who paid it to Timiney, who in turn made the proper payoff to other officials. It was alleged that these payoffs extended to newspaper reporters who covered the city hall, and that proprietors of gambling houses paid graft money directly to Theodore Angus. It is further alleged that when George Timiney was sued by Deane Allen, Theodore Angus appeared as a character witness for Timiney. Information of a similar nature was received from several other police officers and detectives of the Toledo Police Department who appeared to be personally familiar with this situation. Information concerning the intimacy of Captain Timiney with Theodore Angus may be obtained from the former paramours of both of these men.

Allegations were made that Captain Timiney was intimately associated with Detective Art Langendorf in the collection of graft.

A former paramour of Captain Timiney claimed that during the time he lived with her, he turned over to her his monthly salary check of \$182.00, but that this check represented a very small portion of his income, and that during the regime of Mayor Clotz, Timiney was active in the collection of graft, which was split with Charles J. Matthews, then Director of Public Welfare. This paramour claimed that during this period, she had often searched Timiney's clothes when he would come home drunk, and had found small rolls of bills scattered in various pockets of his clothing and that she had found on other occasions rolls of money hidden in his room. This person claimed that on some occasions, money totaling as much as \$1,600 would be in Timiney's possession. From this source, it was ascertained that during the Clotz administration, protection money which Timiney was alleged to have collected was supposed to amount to between five and six thousand dollars a year, of which Timiney and Matthews took about 95% of the money, leaving about 5% for "poor old Clotz". During this period of time, it is alleged that Captain Timiney was very friendly with other hoodlums, and that he was a very heavy drinker; that he would stay in his house dressed in his bath robe for days at a time refusing to answer the telephone regardless of the identity of the person calling.

In February of 1934, when Captain Timiney was at the Casino Club with Bert and Theodore Angus, Timiney, evidently at the suggestion of the Angus Brothers, sent officers of the hoodlum squad to the Algeo Hotel to arrest Willie Harrison, the officers bringing Harrison to the Casino Club where the Angus brothers denied knowing him, when as a matter of fact they were both well acquainted with him. The arrest of Harrison on this occasion was perpetrated as a joke, and was ultimately revealed to Harrison as such. William J. Harrison, the individual referred to, was a "front man" for the Barker-Karpis gang, and arranged for and rented apartments and other outside contacts for them. At the time of his arrest by members of the hoodlum squad, as set out above, he was being sought by the Hammond, Indiana, Police Department for assault and battery with intent to commit rape, in connection with which charge he had defaulted on a \$5000.00 bond.

An employee of the Casino Club during 1933 and 1934 related that on a number of occasions he had recognized madames of houses of prostitution calling at the Casino Club with money in sealed envelopes for Theodore Angus; that on an average of from fifteen to twenty such madames called at the Casino Club each week, generally coming in taxicabs, and that Captain George Timiney of the Toledo Police Department visited the Casino Club on an average of two or three times a week.

An officer, at one time attached to the hoodlum squad of the Toledo Police Department, advised that it was the practice of the hoodlum squad in their tour of duty to visit the Casino Club about 12:30 A.M., when customers from other night clubs in town which had closed at midnight came to the Casino. It is to be noted in this regard that the Casino did not close at midnight, although the license under which it operated evidently required such closing, and that from various sources, it has been stated that officers of the hoodlum squad under Captain Timiney and accompanied by him often called at the Casino Club during the early morning hours. Such calls occurred as often as three or four times a week, with calls once or twice a day during the week. Similar information concerning the intimacy of Captain Timiney and Theodore Angus was received from several other police officers several of whom were assigned at one time or another to the hoodlum squad. It also appears that members of the hoodlum squad knew that Willie Harrison was wanted in connection with some charge in the State of Indiana at or shortly subsequent to the time of the facetious arrest made of him.

An officer, a former member of the vice squad, advised that members of the vice squad were instructed by Captain Timiney not to enter houses of prostitution, but to confine their activities to prostitutes soliciting on the streets, and that while a member of the vice squad, he heard remarks to the effect that George Timiney and Theodore Angus collected graft from houses of prostitution.

Another officer, formerly assigned to the vice squad, advised that instructions were issued to the vice squad to confine their activities to street walkers. It is further alleged by this officer that on one occasion in the Fall of one year when Captain Timiney was taken off of the vice squad, Theodore Angus immediately went to Florida and remained there until Timiney was again placed in charge of the vice squad. This information was corroborated by another detective of the police department.

A police officer of the Toledo Police Department advised that several years ago, before a person could engage in any racket in Toledo, he had to get the approval of Bert and Theodore Angus, and that it was commonly known that George Timiney was an "in" for Theodore Angus in the police department. This officer also stated that the average police officer at that time was convinced that Captain Timiney was crooked. Statements of a similar nature were received from other officers.

One Toledo Police Officer advised that he had heard rumors to the effect that Captain Timiney actually owned an interest in the Casino Club. This officer, at one time assigned to the vice squad, stated that members of the squad were ordered to keep out of houses of prostitution except upon the receipt of a "basket" complaint, which term described a written complaint placed in the basket assigned to the vice squad, and that these complaints were usually received shortly after the 15th of the month, it being alleged that the collection date of money to be paid by the operators of houses of prostitution was on the 15th of each month. Other officers at one time assigned to the vice squad furnished similar information concerning instructions issued to the vice squad to only arrest street walkers. One officer advised that when a member of the vice squad protested against the orders keeping members of the vice squad away from houses of prostitution, Timiney informed that the officers should take care of the street walkers, and that he, Timiney, would care for the houses.

A house of prostitution was opened in 1929 at 912 Cherry Street in Toledo, and was not disturbed by the police <sup>until</sup> late in the year of 1932.

During this three-year period, the operator of this house gave Christmas presents to officers of the vice squad. In October of 1932, "Firetop" Sulkin, a Licavoli gangster, demanded \$100.00 a month from the operator of this house for protection. The operator consulted another madam, who, in turn, suggested that Theodore Angus at the Casino Club be contacted, whereupon the first madam contacted Angus and was instructed by him to pay \$100.00 per month. The operator of this house refused to make this payment, and thereafter raids were led by Mike Rowan of the Police Department, there being three raids in one week, as a result of which this house of prostitution was forced to close.

Maude Noble, now deceased, who formerly operated a house of prostitution at 50 Wabash Street, has related that about 1932 at which time she operated a house at 202 Erie Street, word reached her that it would be necessary to see Theodore Angus and make arrangements for the privilege of operating unmolested by the police, whereupon she went to the Casino and was advised by Theodore Angus that it would be necessary for her to get into the "ring" at a cost of \$100.00 per month, payable in advance, and that the money was to be brought to the Casino in a sealed envelope; that in a few days after this she went to the Casino and left \$50.00 in an envelope with the bartender for Theodore Angus and during this same month made two additional trips to the Casino making \$25.00 payments on each occasion; that she only paid for this one month's protection, and immediately after the month was up, the vice squad made it so miserable for her by raiding her house that it was necessary for her to close up; that about July, 1935, when she was again opened, the vice squad "laid" on her place and that she was advised by Julius Davis who formerly operated the Davis-Hopkins Jewelry Company at 514 Adams Street, that the reason for the action of the vice squad was due to her failure to pay off; that he was the collector and that small houses were obliged to pay \$50.00 a month while the larger houses were assessed \$100.00 and up; that during that month she paid Davis \$50.00; that the following month she protested that she was not able to pay \$50.00 per month, and he told her that he would endeavor to get the price cut down to \$25.00, but that he never said anything more to her about paying protection month; that during the month she paid Davis the \$50.00 the vice squad never visited her house, but when she failed to pay the \$25.00 the following month, the vice squad came into the house and looked it over several times, and advised her that if a man had been found in the house, she would have been "pinched"; that after the vice squad started running through her house, she asked Davis the reason for it and he told her that he would talk to them and see if they would lay off.

Information was received but not checked that Fay Clarke, who operated a house of prostitution at 112 and 114 Nebraska Avenue, had informed various persons that she had to pay Theodore Angus \$100.00 a month for

protection, which she did until about 1932, during which time she was not raided. It is alleged that Charles Marea of 2100 Smead Avenue, who was manufacturing beer during the prohibition era, paid protection money to Theodore Angus, the payoff being in the amount of \$100.00 a month, which amount was later raised to \$500.00 a month.

Former entertainers and employees of the Casino Club can testify that George Timiney visited the Casino on several occasions, particularly in 1934, and that other members of the hoodlum squad frequently visited the Casino during this period. It has been alleged that it was customary for members of the hoodlum squad including Captain George Timiney to visit the Casino where they would order drinks; that Timiney visited the Casino more often than the other men on the squad, frequently coming to the Casino socially; that on several occasions he became intoxicated and remained at the Casino until five or six o'clock in the morning, during which time he was exceedingly friendly with the Angus brothers and would hold long conferences with them.

It is to be noted that information from various sources indicated that Captain Timiney and various members of the hoodlum squad were present at the Casino in 1934 on various occasions when liquor was being served after midnight in violation of the liquor license issued to the Casino.

Joseph Roscoe, a Toledo hoodlum whose record is on file in the Toledo Police Department under the name of Joseph Vedo, No. 6653 and who is presently serving a sentence in a United States Penitentiary for his participation with Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, members of the Barker-Karpis gang, in a mail robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, claimed that Captain George Timiney and Art Langendorf of the Police Department were very good friends of his and often went fishing with him. Information from other sources indicated that Langendorf and Timiney were very friendly with Joseph Roscoe, who had a financial interest in the Jovial Club, a gambling house at 631 St. Clair Street, and also operated the 42nd Street Cafe. Langendorf and Timiney were seen at Lakewide, Ohio, with Joseph Roscoe in his speed boat on several occasions, and during the same period, Timiney and Langendorf frequented the Middle Island bar in company with the Angus brothers. It is alleged that Captain Timiney visited Joseph Roscoe at his home on several occasions, and that Captain Timiney and Langendorf were frequent visitors at the 42nd Street Cafe, operated by Roscoe, where they visited with Roscoe.

Edith Barry operated a call house of prostitution at 524 Southard in Toledo, and is now serving a sentence in a United States Penitentiary

Charles J. Fitzgerald, an old-time bank robber now serving a life sentence in Alcatraz, informed Bureau Agents that he was well acquainted with Detective Art Langendorf of the Toledo Police Department.

Edith Barry, heretofore mentioned as the operator of a call house of prostitution at 524 Southard, is also described by other persons engaged in illegal activities as being a strong influence in police department circles of Toledo. Information was received to the effect that on two separate occasions police officers on the beat in which her house was located attempted to gain entrance to the house for the purpose of conducting an investigation to locate fugitives; that Edith Barry strenuously objected to a police officer entering her house, and got in touch with someone at the police department who had both of the police officers transferred from that beat. It is alleged that on another occasion a police officer entered Edith Barry's house of prostitution looking for a man, and that the Barry woman and the officer had a terrific verbal battle during which the police officer told the Barry woman that he was "all cop" and didn't give a damn if she was "King" over Mayor Clotz; that Edith Barry contacted Captain Fruchi of the police department, and was not thereafter bothered by this officer.

Charles O. Long, deceased, a confidence man of long experience, has advised that in 1933 confidence men working in Toledo arranged their "fixes" through Sam Hessler; that 10% of all swindles, which were called "scores", was paid for "fixes"; that it was understood at that time that Sergeant Bill Culver collected for Captain George Timiney; that in the Fall of 1931, he "steered" Hjalmer Nelson, a road contractor, from Muskegon, Michigan, into Toledo, Ohio, and swindled him out of \$70,000, and that between \$10,000 and \$15,000 of this amount went to Hessler for "fixing".

It is alleged that a member of the police department was removed from the vice squad and placed in uniform because he was too friendly and cooperative with Federal Agents.

A series of telephone calls was made over the telephone of Edith Barry, telephone Adams 4612, on March 15, 1936, to the police department and to other sources in an effort to reach Ford of the Detective Bureau, Edith Barry evidently endeavoring to ascertain the reason for or significance of the accelerated activity of police officers evidently investigating houses of prostitution. During this series of telephone conversations, reference was made to the fact that Moss and Holley, evidently police officers, called at her house and told her that Toledo was a closed town, and that while these officers were in her house, Nick Tracey was in the front room. Edith Barry told the person with whom she discussed this situation that she had cooperated with the police department by closing up for three or four days whenever they requested her to do so, and that she would now like some assurance. The person with whom she talked stated that he would get in touch with "Ray" and speak to him.

Telephone No. Main 5142 at Toledo is listed to the Amusement Games and Novelty Company, operated by Joe and Ben Fretti.

On August 20, 1936, at 5:01 P.M., a person called Joe Fretti advising that he had in his possession a regular police order issued to the officers concerning the pickup of vending machines. The person calling Fretti indicated that his number was 1836 and it is to be noted that Sergeant Clint Knudel resides at 1836 Fernwood Avenue in Toledo.

On September 9, 1936, a telephone call was received by Joe Fretti at which time Fretti stated that Sergeant Knudel and Lucas were going to see the Chief that afternoon in an effort to persuade him not to bother the machines which were in saloons, regardless of whether they were within 400 feet of the schools or not.

On September 15, 1936 at 3:55 P.M., Ben Fretti received a call from a person who stated that his name was "Tripp" and who made an appointment to meet Ben Fretti in exactly four minutes on the corner of Monroe and Ontario Streets. Following this conversation, Ben Fretti was observed engaged in a short conversation with two uniformed police officers at Monroe and Erie Streets in an old sedan bearing 1936 Ohio license No. 3844-C. This license is issued to William J. Tripp, 3844 Burton Street, Toledo, Ohio.

On August 28, 1936 at 10:50 A.M., Joe Fretti received a telephone call from one Carl Cooper, who talked to him about slot machines.

On September 8, 1936 at 11:27 A.M., Joe Fretti talked by telephone with a man who gave his name as Al Shearer, at which time Joe Fretti stated that Lucas had called that morning to tell him that the police were going to tighten up on pin ball machines, and that Lucas would give Joe Fretti a list of all machines which were located, evidently, within 400 feet of schools. When asked whether the police were grabbing the machines, Fretti said they were not; to allow the machines to operate as usual and that Joe Fretti would let Shearer know after he talked to Lucas.

On September 9, 1936 at 3:45 P.M., Shearer called Joe Fretti about motorcycle policemen calling on places where machines were operating, and Joe Fretti stated that he had gotten all of this information in advance, having a list of the places evidently to be raided. Joe Fretti indicated that he would notify the person calling when he would have to take the machines out.

On September 8, 1936 at 12:03 P.M., Lucas called one Fike and told him that he had "checked a few more spots for him", at which time Fike told Lucas that he had a package for him which he might pick up on his way home.

In a telephone conversation on September 9, 1936 at 12:15 P.M., one Fetzner talked to Joe Fretti, at which time Joe Fretti stated that Judge Merlin told one Cohen that if they fought the case, evidently relating to vending machines, Judge Merlin was going to render a not guilty verdict.

On September 9, 1936, one Cooper called Joe Fretti, at which time Joe Fretti stated that he had been over that morning to see Lucas and had the matter taken care of.

On September 18, 1936 at 11:15 A.M., one Mickey called on the telephone, at which time the incoming caller stated that an officer was accompanying inspectors to play the horse machines. The person at the Amusement Games and Novelty Company instructed the calling party to get the name of the police officer who was going around with the inspectors and that he would send Joe over to look after it. The person calling indicated that the name of the police officer was probably Wilson. During a subsequent conversation Joe Fretti, while talking with the receiver of his telephone down, stated: "Now listen Wilson, you want to be a detective don't you? Well, now take a tip from me and stall around for an hour and the license will be there for the table. What's the big hurry?"

On August 27, 1936 at 11:27 P.M., Ben Fretti stated in a telephone conversation with a man named Dick that if Dick would obtain the names of the patrolmen who were making inquiries about vending machines, he, Ben Fretti, would make certain that these police officers did not bother the calling party any longer.

On August 27, 1936 at 12:15 P.M., Guy Shearer called Ben Fretti and invited his attention to an advertisement in last night's paper concerning pin ball machines.

On August 18, 1936 at 4:15 P.M., a person called Joe Fretti and advised that the calling person was opening the Weatherly Cafe Thursday night and expected a big crowd, and wanted Joe Fretti to make arrangements whereby the calling party would not have to close at 2:30. A subsequent call indicated that Fretti could not handle this matter.

Telephone Adams 1556 was listed in the name of Maxine Belmont at 2105 Warren Street in Toledo, Ohio. At 1:15 P.M., on July 17, 1936, a telephone call on the telephone indicated that Holderman and another man entered the house and informed the operator that he would be back every hour for the rest of the day, tomorrow and Sunday.

Telephone calls on this telephone made references to "our boys" with statements inferring that these persons were police officers friendly with the operators of houses of prostitution. No definite statements, however, were made in this regard.

An outgoing telephone call on this telephone to Main 0596 at 2:44 P.M., on July 23, 1936, consisted of a discussion concerning the placing of \$5.00 in a sealed envelope to be given to a person named Maskier.

On July 29, 1936 at 2:35 A.M., a telephone call was observed in which one Maude indicated that two officers had been in the house that night and warned the persons not to allow more than two girls and three men at the house at any one time because "things were hot".

In a telephone call on August 3, 1936 at 12:09 A.M., one Rosie stated that the "captain" said he could have made it (evidently a raid) on Saturday night, but they gave him a break. A statement was made that one Schwartzy was friendly with Rosie.

A telephone call was made on August 23, 1936 at 4:29 P.M., in which was contained a statement that Gilley and his partner were in the place the night before and Maxine had talked to them for an hour and a half.

Maxine, on September<sup>2</sup>/1936 in a telephone call to Adams 4530, advised that she was cooking a fish that Art Langendorf had given to her.

In a telephone call at 5:16 P.M., on September 3, 1936, a woman named Jennie told Maxine that Judge Ramey was up between eleven and eleven-thirty A.M., yesterday.

In the same call, Jennie stated that Fritz had been up to see the big boss and had seen Cookie and Gilley in connection with the raid they were planning on Kitty Diamond to be made after, evidently, a raid on another unnamed person's house.

At 7:09 P.M., on September 5, 1936, a telephone call made to Longdale 2787, listed to Harry K. Manson, indicated that Maxine, "Mrs. Thomas), desired Manson to call at 2105 Warren, and Manson indicated that he would stop in about two o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. Tolson  
 Mr. Clegg  
 Mr. Glavin  
 Mr. Ladd  
 Mr. Nichols  
 Mr. Rosen  
 Mr. Tracy  
 Mr. Carson  
 Mr. Egan  
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 Mr. Harbo  
 Mr. Hendon  
 Mr. Jones  
 Mr. Quinn  
 Mr. Nease  
 Mr. Gandy

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Indianapolis, Indiana  
August 31, 1937  
9-50 AM CST

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U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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CLEVELAND OHIO

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WITH ANTHONY JOSEPH AMERSBACH

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AUGUST 31, 1937.

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**J. W. VINCENT**  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
501 HEALEY BUILDING  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

BREKID PAULINE HARGROVE LOCATED IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE TODAY

*Edmond H. ...*

Chge Govt. Rate; O. B.  
2401 Sterick Bldg.  
5-15 P. M.  
CC Bureau  
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- Mr. Tolson .....
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- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Coffey .....
- Mr. Dawsey .....
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- Mr. Nichols .....
- Mr. Pennington .....
- Mr. Quinn .....
- Mr. Schilder .....
- Mr. Tamm ✓
- Mr. Tracy .....
- Mr. Gandy .....

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PHONE BREKID ANTHONY J AMERSBACH WAS FUGITIVE APPREHENDED AT ELEVEN SEVENTEEN PM MONDAY AUGUST TWO THREE IN INDIANAPOLIS BY SPECIAL AGENTS JAHN, MEEHAN, COULTER, MAHAN AND MYSELF IN BEER TAVERN ON NORTH MERIDIAN STREET ATWHICH PLACE IS EMPLOYED A WAITRESS WITH WHOM HE HAS BEEN ASSOCIATING. HE ADMITS HIS IDENTITY AND THAT HE WAS EMPLOYED AT HARVARD CLUB CLEVELAND. CLEVELAND OFFICE BEING CONTACTED BY TELEPHONE IMMEDIATELY.

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Copy to Mr. Tamm

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

September 1, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Sir:

Re: Brekid

*Edward B. Bremer*

Reference is made to your letter of August 26, 1937, containing information to the effect that Mrs. Margaret Eva Braum appeared at the Indianapolis office and made the allegation that she married Anthony Joseph Amerbach at Detroit, Michigan on June 6, 1926.

Please be advised that the criminal record of Anthony Joseph Amerbach reflects that he was received at the West Virginia State Penitentiary, Moundsville, West Virginia, as TOM GORDON, #13360, on November 10, 1923, under sentence of twenty-five years for armed robbery and remained in the penitentiary until August 24, 1926, when he was granted a stay of sentence for return to the Ohio State Penitentiary as an escape, being transferred to the latter institution on August 25, 1926.

You will note that the claims made by Mrs. Margaret Eva Braum are inconsistent with the established criminal record of subject Amerbach.

Very truly yours,

T. W. STAPLETON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Inspector E. J. Connelley

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1300 Biscayne Building  
Miami, Florida

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September 1, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

This will confirm a telegram sent to the Bureau today concerning the disposition of the indictments outstanding against Joseph H. Adams and Henry "Duke" Randall, in Miami, Florida.

A nolle prosequi was entered to all the indictments outstanding against these two individuals in the United States District Court at Miami, August 27, 1937.

The cases against all the defendants have now been disposed of with the exception of Cassius MacDonald. Two indictments are still outstanding against him in this district.

I am transmitting herewith copies of orders issued by the United States District Judge at Miami, directing that certain property in possession of the United States Attorney and the United States Marshal be returned to the defendants Randall and Adams.

Very truly yours,

*R. L. Shivers*  
R. L. SHIVERS

Special Agent in Charge

Encl.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA, IN AND FOR THE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

No. 4608-M )  
4609-M )

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Plaintiff,

v.

JOSEPH H. ADAMS and HENDRY  
RANDALL  
Defendants.

O R D E R

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard this day; came also the  
Plaintiff by Damon G. Yerkes, Esquire, Assistant United States  
Attorney, and the Defendants, by their attorney, Bart A. Riley, Esquire,  
and the Court being duly advised in the premises,

IT IS ORDERED that the following described property be re-  
turned to the Defendants, through their attorney, Bart. A. Riley, and  
that receipt be taken therefor:

1. One post card postmarked Fort Pierce, Florida,  
directed to Mr. Duke Randall and signed "Joe",  
card postmarked November 7, 1934
2. One letter dated June 29, 1934, directed to "Dear  
Friend Duke" and signed "Joe".
3. One letter postmarked Sumter, South Carolina, directed  
to Mr. Duke Randall, Grant Hotel, Broad Street, Newark,  
New Jersey, signed "Most sincerely yours, Joe H. Adams"-  
letter dated October 3, 1934
4. One letter sent in Air Mail enclosure, directed to Mr.  
Duke Randall, signed "Very sincerely yours, Joe" -  
letter dated September 25, 1934
5. One letter dated August 13, 1934, directed to "Dear  
Friend Duke" and signed "As ever, Joe".
6. One undated letter on the stationery of the Biscayne  
Kennel Club, Inc., directed to "Dear Friend Duke"  
and signed "As ever your friend, Joe".
7. Business card of the Ungar Buick Company (card found  
in Randall's Room at the Tonalani Hotel, Miami, Florida,  
January 21, 1934.)

8. One postal telegram directed to Duke Randall at the Jacksonville Airport on December 31, 1934 stating "Use own judgment the quickest way - Joe" - (this item was found in Duke Randall's room at the Tamiami Hotel on Jan. 21, 1935 and was introduced for identification as Government's Exhibit #31, during the recent trial of Joe Adams and Duke Randall.
9. One 1935 Florida automobile registration card issued to Duke Randall, El Comodoro Hotel on a Ford Coupe, Engine #18-1037480 (this was found in Randall's room at the Tamiami Hotel January 21, 1935).
10. Receipt of Ungar Buick Company showing the sale to Leroy Morrison, on December 22, 1934, of a Model 35-48 Buick Coupe, price \$1,080.00 (this receipt was also found in Randall's room January 21, 1935).
11. One .45 calibre Colt automatic pistol, Serial Number C-112311, together with shoulder holster.
12. Certain original registration cards of the El Comodoro hotel for the period during the fall of 1934 and January 1935, numbered as follows:
 

2213	2881	3533	3803	3954
2105	2884	3555	3806	3972
2198	2097	3667	3807	3977
2199	2901	3726	3826	4065
2730	2957	3727	3829	4388
2861	3102	3732	3898	4395
2866	3103	3794	3953	5763
13. Guest arrival and Departure Record of the El Comodoro Hotel, from January 1, 1935, up to and including June 12, 1935; and Guest Arrival and Departure Record from May 15, 1934, up to and including December 31, 1934.
14. One golf bag.

DONE AND ORDERED at Miami, Florida, this 27th day of  
August, A.D. 1937.

/s/ John W. Holland  
U.S. JUDGE

Note: Following receipt on copy furnished U.S. Attorney's office:  
"Rec'd items listed under No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, & 13  
from U.S. Atty & Clerk Aug 27/37.

Bart A. Riley

(copy)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, IN AND FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

No. 1608-M Cr.  
1609-M Cr.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, |  
vs. |  
Joseph H. Adams and |  
Henry Randall, |  
Defendants. |

O R D E R

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard this day; came also the plaintiff by Damon Yerkes, Esq., Assistant United States Attorney, and the Defendants by their attorney, Bart A. Riley, Esq., and the Court being duly advised in the premises,

IT IS ORDERED that the property described in the schedule hereto attached be returned to the Defendants, through their attorney, Bart A. Riley, and that receipt be taken therefor.

DONE AND ORDERED at Miami, Florida, this 18th day of August, 1937.

/s/ John W. Holland  
U. S. JUDGE.

SCHEDULE

RECEIVED FROM office of United States District Attorney,  
Miami, Florida, the following articles:-

- 108 Bell Boy Call Sheets, El Comodoro Hotel
- 1 Special Miami Officer's card to Henry Randall
- 1 Special Miami Shores Officer's card to Hendry Randall
- 1 State License, Duke Randall, Racing Commission
- 1 Letter to Duke Randall from El Comodoro Hotel
- 1 Bill to Duke Randall from El Comodoro Hotel
- 1 Envelope wedding announcement.

/s/ Bart A. Riley

ABL:GAJ  
7-576-14711 September 11, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Miami, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated September 1, 1937, in which you advised of the disposition of the indictments outstanding against Joseph H. Adams and Henry "Duke" Randall, in Miami, Florida.

The Bureau desires that information of this sort be forwarded to the Bureau in report form.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Crowl	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Foxworth	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. McIntire	.....
Mr. Naughten	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In the investigation of this case the Bureau has designated the Oklahoma City Office to cover all leads at Coffeyville, Kansas. This arrangement was made because of the number of contacts had by Lett in Coffeyville, Kansas as well as South Coffeyville, Oklahoma and it was deemed advisable for one field division to handle all of the investigation at that point because of the close proximity of the two cities.

Milton Lett prior to the latter part of 1935 made his principal residence with his mother, Maggie Lett at Wann, Oklahoma at which place Harry Campbell and other Oklahoma and Kansas outlaws were harbored during the period of their depredations in that part of the country. It is known that Lett has in the past associated extensively with underworld characters at Coffeyville, Kansas, South Coffeyville, Oklahoma and Wichita, Kansas. It has been further reported that Lett was employed in a gambling establishment at Cleveland, Ohio, known as the Harvard Club from April, 1935 to September, 1935. Lett, on October 25, 1935, purchased the automobile which was used by Karpis, Campbell, and others, in a mail robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, which robbery was perpetrated on November 7, 1935. On the day of the robbery, however, Lett voluntarily surrendered himself to authorities at Coffeyville, Kansas, thus establishing a definite alibi for himself as to actual participation in that robbery.

On February 21, 1936, the Oklahoma City Office received information that Milton Lett had left the home of Constance Ferris at Coffeyville, Kansas on that date with Lucille Ferris, the daughter of Constance, for the purpose of marrying Lucille at Wichita, Kansas. Immediate investigation at Wichita failed to disclose the marriage but it was subsequently learned that Lett had married Lucille at Oswego, Kansas on February 21, 1936. Since her marriage, Lucille is not believed to have returned to the home of her mother nor has the investigation disclosed that she has ever contacted her father, Mr. A. V. Ferris, who has been an automobile salesman at McPherson, and Wichita, Kansas since February 21, 1936.

The following are the descriptions of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lett:

Name	Description
	Milton Lett with aliases: Milt
	Lett, J. M., Lett, J. R., Lotz,
	J. M. Letz, Thomas J. Shaw, Carl
	Baker, Mary Forth, George Benton,
	G. R. Benton, "George", "The Kid",
	and "Willie".

Age	21 years (1935)
Height	5 ft 7 in
Weight	143 pounds
Hair	Dark Brown
Eyes	Blue
Color	White
Complexion	Medium
F. P. C.	9 U 00 16 1 U 00 11
Residence	Wann, Oklahoma
Occupation	Makes pretense of being gambler
Relatives:	

Maggie Lett, mother, Rural Route No. 2, Wann, Oklahoma  
 Charles Lett, brother, Wann, Oklahoma  
 Clifford Collins, nephew, 150 Lulu Street, Wichita, Kansas  
 Lola Mize, sister, in California  
 Jane Lett Collins, sister, 150 Lulu Street, Wichita, Kansas  
 Ethel Lett Forth, sister, 1401 W. 35th Street, Wichita, Kansas  
 Fred Collins, nephew, 410 S. 2nd St., Ponca City, Okla.  
 Tony Collins, nephew, 1401 W. 35th St., Wichita, Kansas  
 Hazel Anderson, niece, 21 S. Allen St., Chanute, Kansas  
 Thelma Fritz, brother-in-law, 21 S. Allen St., Chanute, Ks.  
 Raymond Mize, brother-in-law, in California  
 Ora Collins, brother-in-law, deceased, Wichita, Kansas  
 Roy Collins, brother-in-law, Tyro, Kansas  
 Lucille Ferris Lett, address unknown

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Name	Mrs. Milton Lett nee Lucille Ferris
Age	17 years (1936)
Height	5 ft 4 in
Weight	120 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Light Brown, parted in middle, with a grown-out permanent wave
Peculiarities	Broad nose
Clothing	Usually wears a green suit with white blouse; brown overcoat with cape collar and narrow bank of brown fur on cape. On little finger of left hand wears a small silver signet ring and on ring finger same hand wears opal ring surrounded by pearls

Relatives:

A. V. Ferris, father, Wichita, Kansas  
Mrs. Constance Ferris, mother, Coffeyville, Kansas  
Eva Hooper, aunt, 836 S. National Blvd., Springfield, Mo.  
Andrew Ferris, grandfather, Meadville, Mo.  
Bernice Elliston, aunt, same address  
Mrs. John (Hazel) Hopper, aunt, 419 N. 7th, K. C., Ks.  
Addie Murrain, aunt, (husband Ben), Carrollton, Mo.  
Ruth Drake Collins (closest friend) 602 Sycamore St.,  
Coffeyville, Kansas  
Clarence Ferris, uncle (wife Irma), Wheeling, Mo.  
Vern Ferris, 419 Seventh St., K. C., Kansas  
Oren Ferris, uncle, Gale St., Chillicothe, Mo.  
Andrew Ferris, grandfather resides with Clarence at  
Wheeling, Mo.

The first information appearing in the files of the Kansas City Office concerning Milton Lett is in the report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom dated 12/29/35 at Kansas City, which report indicates that telephonic information was received from the Oklahoma City Office that Lett was associated with one Ted Thornton in the operation of a night club at Nevada, Missouri and that Lett might be the post office through which the then Fugitive Subjects of this case maintained contact. Mail covers and other appropriate investigation was conducted at Nevada, Missouri at that time without result.

Under date of January 28, 1936, a letter was addressed to the Kansas City Office by Inspector E. J. Connelley advising that the apprehension of Lett was desired and that Lett had previously been considered as a confidential informant of the Oklahoma City Office. This letter advised that Mrs. Esther Trilley of Coffeyville, Kansas is the mother-in-law of Ted Thornton as well as Earl Morris, Morris being associated with Thornton in the operation of the night club at Nevada, which is known as the State Line Tavern located on the Nevada, Missouri-Fort Scott, Kansas, Highway. Following the receipt of this information, investigation was conducted at the State Line Tavern and Thornton was interviewed as reflected in the report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, dated 3/26/36 at Kansas City. Thornton acknowledged his acquaintance with Lett stating that the same had developed through gambling activities of Lett and Thornton at Coffeyville, Kansas. Thornton advised that

Lett often stopped by to see him and at that time promised to cooperate with Bureau Agents in locating Lett. Thornton has frequently been contacted since that time and has failed to furnish any worthwhile information. At the present time Thornton is not actively engaged in the operation of the State Line Tavern, although he still retains one-half interest in the building. Thornton is now located in the vicinity of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. His wife, Edna Thornton, recently secured a divorce from him and is at the present time reported to be attending a business college at Topeka, Kansas. She may be using the name of Edna Twilley.

Inasmuch as Thornton was first contacted by Bureau Agents shortly after Lett's apprehension was desired by this Bureau it is believed that Lett has since that time been in touch with Thornton through some source because of their prior close association. It is not considered therefore that Thornton can be relied upon.

The report of Special Agent W. A. Winter, dated 5/11/37 at Kansas City, Missouri, reflects that Earl Morris was residing at that time at the Twilley home in Coffeyville, Kansas and when Agent Winter called at the Twilley home to ascertain the address of Mrs. Morris in an effort to interview her as suggested in a lead in the report of Special Agent A. P. Kitchin, dated 3/22/37 at Cleveland, requesting an attempt be made to establish Mrs. Edith Morris as an informant, he was unable to interview her because of the presence of her husband. The Oklahoma City Office is being requested to contact Mrs. Morris for the above mentioned purpose.

Vern Griffith who now operates the State Line Tavern on the Nevada, Missouri-Fort Scott, Kansas Highway, is acquainted with Ted Thornton and Earl Morris and has promised to cooperate with Bureau Agents in endeavoring to ascertain from Thornton and Morris information concerning the whereabouts of Lett. When Griffith was last interviewed by an Agent, he stated it was his belief that Thornton knew of Lett's location and if he so desired he could furnish this information to Bureau Agents. Griffith further advised that if Earl Morris were to come to Nevada he might be able to secure the information from him. It is noted that Thornton has recently advised an Agent of the Oklahoma City Office that Griffith had mistaken Lett for someone else. In this connection it is noted that when Griffith was first contacted he believed there was a reward outstanding for Tom Hill. Thornton's statement

might be true and Griffith might have mistaken Lett and Tom Hill, not being personally acquainted with either. When Griffith is next contacted it should be definitely ascertained if he has made this mistake. Griffith has furnished information that one Owon, who is employed at a gambling table in the State Line Tavern was formerly a gambler at Coffeyville, Kansas. If this information is correct it is probable that Owen is acquainted with Lett. Griffith when last interviewed stated he would endeavor to ascertain from Owon whether he knew Lett or his present whereabouts.

The relatives of Lucille Lett, located in the district covered by the Kansas City Division, do not appear to have been adequately covered in the past and efforts will be made to cover this angle. Mrs. Eva Hooper, an aunt of Lucille, has been contacted on various occasions and has displayed an antagonistic attitude toward Bureau Agents and law-enforcement officers. Her reason for maintaining this attitude is because officers came to her place when she was residing in Lawrence, Kansas and caused her considerable embarrassment by searching her place in an effort to locate Lett. It is believed that the officers referred to by Mrs. Hooper were Post Office Inspectors and Kansas State Highway Patrolmen. Mrs. Hooper advised Special Agent E. A. Snow at St. Joseph, Missouri, as set out in his report dated 11/7/36 at Kansas City, that Milton Lett and Lucille had visited with her on the porch of her home for a short while and that is the only time she has ever seen Milton Lett. In view of the fact that when Milton Lett and Lucille were married, Mrs. Hooper lived in Lawrence, Kansas, it is believed that the Letts must have obtained her address in St. Joseph, Missouri, from some other source than Mrs. Hooper. It is possible that Lucille may have been in touch with her mother or other relatives to secure the St. Joseph address of Mrs. Hooper. Mrs. Hooper now resides at 836 South National Boulevard, Springfield, Missouri. She has been interviewed on one occasion since residing there and still maintains her antagonistic attitude. However, investigation will be conducted at Springfield, in an effort to establish contacts with persons acquainted with Mrs. Hooper in an effort to secure possible information from that source.

Other relatives of Lucille Lett located in the Kansas City Division and some of whom have not been contacted are Mrs. John (Hazel) Hopper, aunt, 419 N. 7th, Kansas City, Kansas; Mrs. Ben (Addie) Hurray, aunt, Carrollton, Missouri; Vern Ferris, uncle, 419 N. 7th Street, Kansas City, Kansas; Oren Ferris, uncle, Gale St., Chillicothe, Missouri.

The relatives of Milton Lett, other than the Collins family residing at Wichita, which will be handled separately, are Hazel Anderson, niece, 21 S. Allen St., Chanute, Kansas; Thelma Fritz, niece, 21 S. Allen Street, Chanute, Kansas; Roy Collins, brother-in-law, Tyro, Kansas.

Reports in this office reflect that Milton Lett has a brother, Alvin Lett, who in 1930 was reported as residing at 310 Quindell, Kansas City, Kansas and in 1931 reported to have resided at Route 3, Loredo, Kansas. Investigation at Loredo, failed to locate Alvin Lett and no information was obtained as to where he might have gone from that point. In view of the fact that all possibilities were exhausted at Loredo, it is deemed advisable to conduct appropriate investigation at Kansas City, Kansas to locate Alvin Lett.

Ray Doyle Hollingsworth, 427 South Washington, Wichita, Kansas has been contacted on many occasions and has voluntarily furnished information to Agents of this Bureau. However, his reliability is doubted. Mrs. Hollingsworth has also been interviewed on many occasions and has stated she believed she could secure information. The principal source of the information expected of the Hollingsworths is through Vivian Mantooth, who is Doyle Hollingsworth's sister. When investigation was first instituted looking towards the apprehension of Lett, Vivian was residing with the Hollingsworths and Milton Lett, prior to his marriage to Lucille Ferris, was keeping company with Vivian. Vivian was later used as an informant by the Post Office Inspectors and was furnished with an automobile by that organization for a short period of time for the purpose of locating Milton Lett. It is believed that she was unable to furnish the Post Office Inspectors with any information of value and it is doubted whether she would have furnished information had she been able to do so. Sometime ago Vivian moved from the Hollingsworth home to 150 Lulu Street, Wichita, Kansas, which is the home of Mrs. Ora Collins. Mrs. Ora Collins is Milton Lett's sister and Mrs. Collins has a son, Clifford Collins, who also lives there. Vivian has been living with Clifford as man and wife at this place.

The report of Special Agent S. B. Landrum dated 6/1/37 at Kansas City, reflects that based upon information that Milton Lett was supposed to be at the home of Ora Collins, this place was raided by Agent Landrum and Officers of the Wichita Police Department on 5/19/37. At the time of the raid the persons there were Mrs. Ora (Jane) Collins, Clifford Collins, Vivian Mantooth and the children of Ora Collins. A search of the premises failed to reveal the presence of Milton Lett and those there advised they had not seen Lett since January, 1936. Clifford Collins is on parole from

the Kansas Reformatory, which parole will expire in January, 1938. It is noted at this point that Ora Collins had been separated from his wife, Jane, until very recently. He died however, during August, 1937, and his funeral was attended by Special Agent Landrum and Detective Ezra O'Connor of the Wichita Police Department, but nothing of value to this investigation materialized.

Mail covers have been periodically maintained on the mail of Clifford Collins, Mrs. Ora Collins, and Vivian Mantooth; and Mrs. Doyle Hollingsworth has promised to furnish any information she may obtain from the Collins family. Mrs. Hollingsworth and Vivian Mantooth have been good friends for a number of years. Another son of Ora Collins is named Tony Collins, who resides at 1401 West 35th Street, Wichita, Kansas. This place is located outside of the City limits of Wichita and Special Agent Landrum has made arrangements with W. H. Haun, a former Sheriff of Barber County, to maintain a surveillance on the Tony Collins residence. Mr. Haun is a close neighbor of Tony Collins.

Dick Sprecher who is employed at the Wichita Wholesale Furniture Company in Wichita, Kansas, and who is acquainted with Milton Lett, has stated that he last saw Lett with Tony Collins during the spring or summer of 1936. Sprecher believes Clifford Collins and Tony Collins to be unreliable. Sprecher told his brother-in-law, Lisle Doughmann, who is a deputy sheriff in Sedgwick County, Kansas that Milton Lett was with Lam Jordan at Long Beach, California. This angle, however, has been checked by the Los Angeles Office and was found to be incorrect. However, the reports of this office do not indicate the source of Sprecher's information as to Lett's whereabouts and efforts will be made through Lisle Doughmann to ascertain Sprecher's source of information concerning Lett.

Investigation by the Kansas City Office at Joplin has proved of no particular value. Investigation was instituted at this place especially in view of the fact that prior to the last 3 or 4 months, Joplin, Missouri had been wide open as far as gambling activities were concerned. The principal contact of Bureau Agents in this particular matter is George Kahler, Missouri State Highway Patrolman, who resides at 2315 Main Street, Joplin. Kahler has resided at Joplin during his lifetime and is acquainted with most of the underworld characters at that place.

Reports have been received from various sources to the effect that Lett has been in the vicinity of Russell, Kansas and it is noted that there are extensive oil interests being developed near Russell at the present time. In this connection an informant of the Oklahoma City Office advised that one Jim Harp at Russell, Kansas might be able to furnish information concerning Lett's location. Clarence Lang, Chief of Police of Coffeyville, Kansas has stated that Lett may be in contact with Les McCabe at Russell, Kansas. He suggested that Frank/Jensen of the National Supply Company, Russell, Kansas would be a good informant inasmuch as he is acquainted with McCabe and possibly knows Lett.

Betty/McCartney, a bootlogger near Chase, Kansas who can be located through Deputy Sheriff F. B. Janison or Deputy Sheriff Holloway at Lyons, Kansas, identified the photograph of Lett as the individual who had frequented her beer joint. She stated that an individual resembling Lett was supposed to be an oil field worker and drove an oil field truck out of Russell. As a result of this information Special Agent S. E. Landrum contacted various concerns at Russell and several persons interviewed advised that the photograph of Lett looked familiar but could furnish no definite information. Agent Landrum's report indicates that Lett might be working on a casing crew inasmuch as that type of work is not steady but pays well when work is available. This type of work also does not necessitate long periods of work in one particular locality. It is further believed that Orval/Donnelley, a bootlogger at Russell, might be able to develop information concerning Lett. He can be contacted through R. S. Williams of Russell.

Superintendent Charles/Gilbrith, of the American Petroleum Company of Russell, should be able to furnish the names of the casing crew foremen operating in and around Russell and it is believed that interview with these foremen might indicate employment at that place by Lett.

The lead set out in the report of Special Agent A. Paul Kitchin, 5/22/37 at Cleveland, requesting investigation at the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, concerning Hubert Moody alias Hubert Lusk will not be carried out inasmuch as Lusk is confined to the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing and could not have been writing to Maggie Lett at Wann, Oklahoma.

from P. O. Box 7, Leavenworth, which is the mailing address of the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. Lusk desires to bargain for his release from the Kansas State Penitentiary in return for furnishing information as to Lott's whereabouts.

The letter of reference from the Cincinnati Office requests all offices to make a re-check to ascertain if 1935 Ford V-8 two-door Sedan, Motor 2044337 and 1935 Plymouth Sedan Motor PJ322772, serial 2619857 are registered at the present time with State automobile registration Bureaus. Letters have been forwarded to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles at Jefferson City, Missouri and Topeka, Kansas, requesting this information.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent S. B. Landrum:

At Wichita, Kansas.

On August 2, 1937, Detective Ezra O'Connor of the Wichita Police Department, contacted Agent and advised that through Jack Goodwin, the Santa Fe Special Agent at Wichita, he had learned that Milton Lott was seen in Wichita, on July 31, 1937, at the home of Doyle Hollingsworth, 427 South Washington Street. According to O'Connor, Goodwin advised that Lott had visited Hollingsworth twice in the recent past. On one occasion Lott is alleged to have been traveling in a new blue Buick automobile, license unknown, and on the other occasion he was driving a light make of car, model unknown.

The reporting Agent is personally acquainted with Jack Goodwin, and he was immediately contacted. Goodwin stated that the information furnished by O'Connor was correct and that he had learned that Milton Lott was in town through Mae Goodwin, a distant relative of his, who is personally acquainted with Lott. Jack Goodwin said that Mae Goodwin told him she saw Milton Lott on Washington Street, walking in the direction of the Hollingsworth home at 427 South Washington, on July 31, 1937, and that she thereafter went to the Hollingsworth home and Mrs. Doyle (Ethel) Hollingsworth verified the fact that Milton Lott had been in Wichita. Mae Goodwin is alleged to have said that Lott did not stay in any one place because he was "hot", and that when he left Wichita on 7/31/37 he went to Oklahoma, but was expected back in Wichita on the following weekend. Mae Goodwin is alleged to have further stated that at the time she saw Lott, there was

a light make of car parked in front of the Hollingsworth home with several sets of license tags on it. She said the tags were on the car, one in front of the other, and appeared to be about an inch thick. Mae Goodwin said she is positive she saw Lett because she is personally acquainted with him, having met Lett through Snipe Thornton (Lewis Ray Thornton) to whom she was married at one time. Jack Goodwin was of the opinion that it would be inadvisable for Agent to contact Mae Goodwin, but he said he would see her and arrange for her to maintain a surveillance of the Hollingsworth home in view of the fact that she resides across the street from that place.

Subsequent contacts with Jack Goodwin produced no information of value other than that he stated that Mae Goodwin was maintaining a surveillance of the Hollingsworth home and would immediately advise him should Lett appear at that place. Goodwin will thereafter contact this Agent, or if Agent is not available, Detective O'Connor of the Police Department.

On August 2, 1937, Detective O'Connor and Agent cruised by the Hollingsworth residence at 427 South Washington, and the home of Lett's sister, Mrs. Jane Collins, 150 Lulu, but no strange automobiles were observed at either place. Detective O'Connor contacted William Thompson, an old peddler, who resides about two doors west of Doyle Hollingsworth on South Washington, and arranged with Thompson to maintain a surveillance over the Hollingsworth home and advise him should he see Milton Lett at that place. A photograph of Lett was exhibited to Thompson, and he stated it was his opinion he had seen an individual resembling that photograph at Hollingsworth's place several times recently.

Agent and O'Connor examined the Wichita City Directory for the purpose of determining the identity of the persons living in the neighborhood of 427 South Washington. It was ascertained that several negro families reside across the street from that address and it was O'Connor's opinion that it would be inadvisable to contact anyone else in that neighborhood.

It should be noted that Doyle Hollingsworth has in the past on numerous occasions expressed a desire to assist the Bureau in effecting the apprehension of Milton Lett, and if the above information is correct he has been and still is in contact with Lett.

To offset the possibility that Lett is receiving mail at the Hollingsworth home a 30 day mail cover was placed on the mail addressed to that address on 8/2/37.

Through Jack Goodwin it was ascertained that Lewis Ray (Snipe) Thornton is residing in Iola, Kansas, or he is in the Fort Scott, Kansas, jail on a liquor charge. Goodwin stated that Thornton is well acquainted with Lett and in all probability would harbor him should Lett seek protection. In the event Thornton resides at Iola, the appropriate investigation will be made at that place for the purpose of determining whether Milton Lett is with him. If Thornton is in jail at Fort Scott, he will be interviewed for information concerning Lett. A photograph of Thornton was obtained from Detective O'Connor and is being retained in the Kansas City Office file.

It is noted that in the spring of 1936, Bureau Agents conducted a raid on the home of Nettie Lair, near Anderson, Missouri, based upon information that Lett was at that place. Lett was not present but Lewis Thornton (alias "Big Snipe") was taken into custody. He was turned over to Iola, Kansas authorities on some local charge there. With him at that time was Dorothy Rush Thornton, wife of Howard Thornton, Lewis Thornton's brother. Attempts have been made to locate her for questioning since that date but have been unsuccessful. She was last reported to have been in Wichita with Lewis Thornton and planning to divorce Howard. She can, no doubt, be located through Lewis Thornton. She may be using the name of Dorothy Rush.

Charles J. Coe, who is employed by the Egstrom Lumber Company, was interviewed and he advised that he is not acquainted with Milton Lett, and when the photograph of Lett was exhibited to him he said he had never seen Lett. Mr. Coe said that his wife corresponds with Peggy Mize, Lett's sister, who is married to Mrs. Coe's brother (Raymond Mize) but that Milton Lett's name has never been mentioned in that correspondence by Mrs. Mize. Mr. Coe said he would gladly transmit any information he might receive concerning Milton Lett to the Kansas City Office.

At McPherson, Kansas.

Inquiry was made at the Hinson Chevrolet Company for A. V. Ferris, the father of Lucille Ferris Lett, and it was ascertained that Mr. Ferris is now employed as used car manager by the Yingling Chevrolet Company, Wichita, Kansas. The photograph of Milton Lett was exhibited to Clark Colburn, an employee, who advised that he had never seen such an individual with Mr. Ferris, while the latter worked for the Hinson Chevrolet Company. Mr. Colburn said he never heard Ferris mention the name of Lett or his daughter, Lucille.

At Wichita, Kansas.

On August 14, 1937, Doyle Hollingsworth left word with Captain Leroy Bowery of the Wichita Detective Bureau, for this Agent to contact him as soon as possible. Immediately upon the receipt of that message this Agent went to the home of Doyle Hollingsworth and he stated it was his opinion that Clifford Collins, 150 Lulu, was expecting Milton Lett in Wichita, Kansas, on that date. Hollingsworth stated that his sister, Vivian Mantooth, has been residing with him for the past three weeks, and that Clifford Collins had been over to his place a number of times and that he formed the opinion that he was expecting Lett in town because of Collins' unusual actions. Hollingsworth further advised that Collins had recently purchased a 1937 Tudor blue V-8 Ford Coach, and that the car bears Kansas license 2-23119. He also advised that Collins frequents the Peacock Inn and the Kaliko Kat, two night clubs just outside the south corporate limits of Wichita on Highway #81.

During this interview Agent inquired of Hollingsworth whether he had seen Lett recently and he stated that he had not, and had no idea where Lett is living or what he might be doing.

On the night of August 14, 1937, Agent and Frisco Special Agent Bill Walters conducted surveillances at both the Peacock Inn and the Kaliko Kat and failed to see Clifford Collins or Milton Lett at either place. Walters is a former deputy sheriff from Enid, Oklahoma, and his assistance was sought on this occasion when it was found that all of the Wichita Detectives are well known at both of the above mentioned night clubs. While at those night clubs all automobiles at both places were observed but the car alleged to belong to Clifford Collins was not found.

Prior to going to those night clubs the numbers appearing on the license on Clifford Collins' car were given to Lieutenant "Tex" Ingram of the Wichita Police Department, who furnished same to all officers on duty with the request that they notify headquarters should they see same parked in the vicinity of a night club. No report was received on that automobile, and it was observed that said car was not parked at the house at 150 Lulu Street on August 15, 1937.

About midnight August 14, 1937, Tommie Boothe, 18 years of age was arrested for creating a disturbance on the streets. Questioning disclosed that Boothe resided at 144 Lulu, next door to Clifford Collins. Lieutenant McCormick contacted Agent and suggested that Boothe be questioned concerning his knowledge of Clifford Collins' activities and stated that Boothe would be

released. Agent questioned Boothe who advised that he know very little about Collins other than that Collins seemed to associate with very few people and seemed to have an inflated opinion of himself. Boothe said he would be more than glad to cooperate with Agent in any way possible. The photograph of Milton Lett was exhibited to him and after closely examining it he said he had seen Lett someplace but he could not recall where. Boothe said he would maintain a surveillance of the Collins home at 150 Lulu, and immediately advise this Agent should Lett appear at that place. Boothe stated further that he was well acquainted with the Collins children, all of whom played with his little brother and sister, and he would endeavor to secure information from them concerning Lett. Agent's address and telephone number were left with Tommie Boothe.

On Saturday, August 14, 1937, Detective O'Connor observed a 1929 Model A Ford Coupe parked in front of 427 South Washington, that subsequently proved to be the property of Lloyd Woodring. O'Connor contacted Roy Woodring, who is a friend of his, and ascertained that Lloyd Woodring, (his brother) resides at 427 South Washington. Roy Woodring stated that Agent and O'Connor could contact Lloyd Woodring without fear of being betrayed, so Lloyd Woodring was interviewed. He stated he had never seen an individual resembling the photograph of Milton Lett at the Hollingsworth home; however, he had heard that Lett is wanted by the Government. Woodring said he had heard Doyle Hollingsworth state he wished Lett would be apprehended because he did not want him (Lett) associating with his sister, Vivian Mantooth. Woodring assured Agent and O'Connor that he would notify O'Connor should he see Lett at 427 South Washington.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD OFFICE at Wichita Kansas will continue efforts to determine the whereabouts of Milton Lett; will maintain appropriate contact with Jack Goodwin, Santa Fe Special Agent, and his informant, Mae Goodwin, in accordance with information contained in this report; will maintain contact with Tommie Boothe, 144 Lulu Street, for developments at the home of Mrs. Jane Collins and Clifford Collins.

Will maintain contact with Mr. A. V. Ferris father of Mrs. Milton Lett, who is now employed as an automobile salesman in that City.

Will frequently contact Mr. W. H. Haun, a neighbor of Tony Collins concerning the appearance of any suspicious individuals at Tony Collins' residence, 1401 West 35th Street. A cover should again be placed on the mail of Tony Collins. Will attempt to obtain from Lisle Doughmann, Deputy Sheriff, Sedgwick County, Kansas, the source of the information from which Sprecher learned that Lett was supposed to be residing at Long Beach, California. Will also attempt to learn from Sprecher through Doughmann any other information Sprecher might have in his possession. Will again place covers of 30-days duration on the mail of Clifford Collins, 150 Lulu Street, Mrs. Jane Collins and Vivian Mantooth, same address.

At Iola, Kansas will conduct appropriate investigation for the purpose of determining whether Lewis Ray (Snipo) Thornton resides at that place. In the event he does, a neighborhood investigation should be conducted for the purpose of ascertaining whether Lett is residing with Thornton or has been seen at his residence recently. In the event Thornton has a business at Iola, the same type of investigation should be conducted in the neighborhood of his business. If it is ascertained that Thornton is in jail at Fort Scott, Kansas, appropriate steps should be taken to interview him at that place for information concerning Lett's whereabouts.

In conducting the above investigation inquiry should be made concerning the location of Dorothy Rush Thornton and appropriate leads set out to interview her concerning the location of Milton Lett.

There is a possibility that both of these individuals may be on the Rush farm near Iola, Kansas.

At Topeka, Kansas, will endeavor to locate Mrs. Edna Thornton who might be using the name of Edna Twilley and who is reported as attending a business college in that city. She should be interviewed concerning her knowledge of Lett and an attempt should be made to secure any information she might have concerning his present location. It should be borne in mind that Mrs. Edna Thornton is the divorced wife of Ted Thornton with whom Lett was engaged in gambling activities in the past.

At Nevada, Missouri, Vern Griffith, who now operates the State Line Tavern on the Nevada, Missouri-Fort Scott, Kansas Highway, should be interviewed concerning any information he might have developed since last contacted concerning the whereabouts of Lett. It will be recalled that he believed Ted

Thornton might be able to furnish this information and thought possibly that Earl Morris would furnish information to Griffith in the event Morris should visit Griffith's establishment. It should also be determined whether Griffith has confused Lett with someone else. Griffith should also be questioned concerning any information he might have obtained from an individual named Owen who has been employed at a gambling table in the State Line Tavern. Owen is reported to have been previously engaged in gambling activities in Coffeyville, Kansas.

Bud and Potie Sellars who have in the past been connected with the State Line Tavern, should also be interviewed. If not still employed, their address can no doubt be obtained from Vern Griffith.

At Springfield, Missouri will attempt to establish informants residing near 836 South National Boulevard, where Mrs. Eva Hooper resides. It is noted that Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lett visited Mrs. Hooper when she resided in St. Joseph, Missouri and Mrs. Hooper has maintained an antagonistic and hostile attitude toward Bureau Agents and has declined to furnish information. In view of this fact it is deemed advisable to learn the names of individuals visiting Mrs. Hooper because of the possibility that Lett or his wife might contact her.

At Chillicothe, Missouri will locate and interview Oren Ferris, who resides on Gale Street, uncle of Mrs. Milton Lett and interview him concerning any information he might have as to the location of Mr. or Mrs. Lett. If deemed advisable by the investigating Agent, cover should be placed on the mail of Oren Ferris.

At Carrollton, Missouri will interview Mrs. Ben (Addie) Hurray, aunt of Mrs. Milton Lett, along the lines suggested in the previous lead.

At Kansas City, Kansas will interview Mrs. John (Hazel) Hopper, aunt of Mrs. Lett, and Vern Ferris, uncle, at 419 North 7th Street, along the lines suggested in the previous lead.

Will attempt to locate Alvin Lett, brother of Milton Lett who in 1930 was reported as residing at 310 Quindell (possibly Quindaro). In the event Alvin Lett is located, appropriate investigation should be made to determine whether Milton Lett has recently been in contact with him before Alvin Lett is openly interviewed.

At Chanute, Kansas will again interview Miss Hazel Anderson and Mrs. Thelma Fritz who are nieces of Milton Lett at 21 South Allen Street for any information they might have concerning the whereabouts of Milton Lett.

At Tyro, Kansas will attempt to locate Roy Collins, brother-in-law of Milton Lett and obtain any information he might have concerning the location of Milton Lett.

At Joplin, Missouri will interview Mr. George Kahler, Missouri State Highway Patrolman, 315 Main Street, for any information he may have been able to obtain concerning Milton Lett.

At Russell, Kansas will interview Jim Harp, a gambler who is reported as possibly being able to furnish information concerning Milton Lett.

Will locate and interview Frank Jensen of the National Supply Company and endeavor to have him secure information concerning Milton Lett from Les McCabe. If Les McCabe is found to be reliable, direct contact may be had with him. The Chief of Police at Coffeyville, Kansas has advised that Les McCabe may be in contact with Milton Lett.

Will locate and interview R. S. Williams who is reported to be able to put an Agent in contact with Orval Donnelley, bootlegger at Russell. Donnelley is believed to be able to develop information concerning Lett.

Will interview Charles Gilbrith, Superintendent of the American Petroleum Company and obtain from him the names of the casing crew foremen operating in and around Russell. Upon obtaining the list of the foremen, they should be interviewed to determine if Lett has been employed on any of these crews working in that vicinity.

At Lyons, Kansas will through Deputy Sheriff F. B. Jamison or Deputy Sheriff Holloway, again contact Betty McCartney, a bootlegger near Chase, Kansas and question Betty concerning any visits at her saloon by the man she believes to be Milton Lett.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD OFFICE at Coffeyville,  
Kansas will interview Mrs. Earl (Edith) Morris who is re-  
ported to be residing at the home of Mrs. Esther Twilley  
and attempt to develop her as an informant as set forth  
in the report of Special Agent A. Paul Kitchin, dated  
3/22/37 at Cleveland.

P E N D I N G

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 31, 1937

Mr. George J. Matowitz  
Chief of Police  
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREKID

*Edward G. Bremer*

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Dear Chief Matowitz:

By letter dated August 4, 1937, you were advised that Anthony Joseph Amerbach with aliases was charged with a federal violation and that his apprehension was desired by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Amerbach was apprehended at Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 24, 1937.

Therefore, you may disregard the information contained in our letter dated August 4, 1937.

The FBI and the writer greatly appreciate the cooperation of the Cleveland Police Department in seeking to bring about the apprehension of Amerbach.

Very truly yours,

F. W. Stapleton,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Bureau  
Cincinnati  
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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 30, 1937

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

Dear Mr. Freed:

I am furnishing you herewith, in duplicate, the  
known criminal record of Anthony Joseph Amerbach:

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In connection with the arrest of Amersbach by the Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department on October 18, 1921, please be advised that in endeavoring to evade arrest Amersbach shot and wounded Patrolman Seborn Benson and Patrolman Heanner of the Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department.

You will note from the above criminal record that Amersbach

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The penitentiary officials at Moundsville, West Virginia, have indicated their desire to have Amersbach returned to that institution.

Very truly yours,

T. W. Stapleton,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Bureau  
Cincinnati  
*Chicago*

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

KRM:CJ  
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August 31, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

RE: BREKID

During my absence from this office, Mr. Rosen has received two telephonic calls from Mr. J. J. Waters of the Criminal Division. In the first call, Mr. Waters advised that since the Government will undertake no prosecution of either Adams or Randall under the National Firearms Act, the Browning automatic rifle which is presently in the possession of the United States Marshal at Miami, Florida, will be of no further value in so far as the Criminal Division of the Department is concerned. He said that the Bureau could, therefore, make such disposition of the rifle as it saw fit.

In keeping with your instructions a memorandum has been prepared for Mr. McMahon requesting advice as to whether the Bureau can, under the National Firearms Act, confiscate the Browning automatic rifle. A letter has been directed to the Miami office with copies to Chicago, St. Paul, Cincinnati and Cleveland, advising that the Criminal Division has authorized the dismissal of the remaining firearms indictments against Adams and Randall.

In another call, Mr. Waters advised Mr. Rosen that all outstanding indictments against Adams and Randall will be dismissed by the Criminal Division.

*Edward S. Bremer*

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Respectfully,

*KRM*

SEP 3 1937 P.M.

K. R. McIntire, S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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REPORT MADE AT Cleveland	DATE WHEN MADE 8/26/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/27 to 8/24/37, inc	REPORT MADE BY E. J. Wynn EJW:h
TITLE <b>CHANGED:</b> <b>ALVIN KARPIS</b> , aliases:		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT	
<p><i>W</i> <i>X</i> <i>K</i> <i>S</i> <i>FP</i></p> <p><b>ALVIN FRANCIS KARPAVICZ</b>, A. Carter, Raymond Handley, George Haller, Alvin Karpis, A. Karpis, Earl Peel, Alvin Kapis, George Dunn, R. E. Hamilton, Ray Hunter, Ray Karpis, E. L. Burns, R. L. Burns, J. J. Burns, William Lohman, William B. Lohman, R. E. Nelson, Earl Lyman Burns, Merion Bradford, Merion Bradford, H. J. Milgreth, H. G. Milgreth, Howard Milgreth, E. L. Burnes, Ray Hall, Dan Murphy, "Chi" Karpis, Raymond Hadley, Alvin Karpis, "James", Charles M. Bronson, Leroy Morrison, E. M. Wagner, H. G. Wagner, H. G. Waggoner, Elmer Wagner, E. N. Wagner, Edward H. Wagner, L. O. Woods, A. S. Green, S. A. Green, Ray Green, E. N. Green, Charles A. Richards, W. B. Lohman, "Slim", Raymond Alvin Karpis, Ray Carson, T. N. Nelson, R. J. Burns, Ray Hadley, R. S. Carson, Hayes, Elray N. Beaudry, C. W. Brand, W. A. Lohman, William C. Lohman, H. O. Bell, Doc Day, Doc, Ed Woods, Frank Guthrie, Ray Miller, Ed King, E. F. Collins, Edw. O'Hara, Frank A. Gleason, E. Collins, Sonny Miller, O. Ames, Chas. Miller, H. L. Burns, F. M. Dawson, R. G. Hayes, Jr.</p> <p><b>DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN</b>, aliases: "Doc" Moran, Joseph B. Moran, Joseph G. Moran, J. Hammond, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1252;</p>			
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ANTHONY JOSEPH AMERSBACH, aliases:

Anthony Joseph Amerbach, Anthony J. Amerback,  
Tony Amersbach, Tony Amersbach, George Young,  
Tom Gordon, Jack Gordon, John Brennan, Tony  
Feder, Joseph Braun, FUGITIVE

SAM COKER, aliases:

Robert Pratt, Tommy Pratt, Tommy Coleman,  
Ralph Pool, Ralph Nelson;

FRANK PETER GREENWALD, aliases:

Frank P. Greenwald, Greenie;

COLIN MUNRO, aliases:

Colin Monroe, "Coolie";

JOSEPH H. ADAMS, aliases:

Joe H. Adams, Joe Adams;

HENDRY RANDALL, aliases:

Henry Randall, Duke Randall, Henry Stern;

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VictimSYNOPSIS:

Frank Peter Greenwald in the U. S. District Court, Toledo, Ohio, August 23, 1937, on plea of guilty sentenced to serve 15 months in a federal penitentiary. Parole report and disposition sheet submitted. Margaret Mocsadls Hanson, paramour of Fugitive Amersbach, advised he purchased a used automobile at Indianapolis, Indiana, on or about May 10, 1937, bearing Indiana license plates No. 54119. Criminal record in full of Amersbach set out together with list of relatives. Negative information concerning his whereabouts obtained in interviews with his sister, Beatrice Amersbach, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mussel and James "Shimmy" Patton and also at the Ohio State Reformatory, Mansfield, Ohio, and The Ohio Bell Telephone Company at Cleveland. Unable to locate the hideout of Fugitive Amersbach in the vicinity of North Eaton, Ohio. Information obtained indicating Amersbach in New York City associating with one Betty Hoffman alias Fisher; also visiting Saratoga Springs and Silver Lake, New York. Investigation at the latter place conducted with negative results.

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**REFERENCES:** Letter from the Cincinnati office to Cleveland dated July 12, 1937;  
Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee dated at Cleveland, Ohio, on June 3, 1937

**DETAILS:** The title of this case was last changed by the report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan dated at Cleveland, Ohio, on June 4, 1937. The title is now being changed to indicate the name Anthony Joseph Amersbach as the correct name for this individual and to add the following aliases: Anthony Joseph Amerbach, Anthony J. Amerback, Tony Ammersbach, Tom Gordon, Jack Gordon, John Brennan, Tony Feder and Joseph Braun. The title is further being changed for the purpose of eliminating the following named individuals, all of whom have been sentenced in connection with this case: EDITH PROBST, aliases: Edith Barry, Edith Decker; THEODORE ANGUS, aliases: Ted Angus, John J. Burns; BERT ANGUS; EDWARD FRANCIS MCGRAW; CLARA MCGRAW; JOHN F. GORMAN; ARTHUR W. HEBESBRAND. The title is also being changed to eliminate the name of the following individuals against whom no prosecution has been instituted: MILTON LETT, aliases: J. M. Lett, J. M. Letz, Thomas J. Shaw, Carl Baker; and BENSON GROVES, aliases: Benson H. Groves, George Wilson, "Soup", Burns Garby, B. G. Grayson, Benson Graves, Benjamin Grayson, B. J. Grayson, Burns Corby, "Soup" Groves, Benson R. Groves, Benjamin G. Grayson, Ben Grayson.

Subject Frank Peter Greenwald at Toledo, Ohio, on August 23, 1937, entered a plea of guilty to the indictment charging harboring and accessory after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer before Federal Judge Frank L. Kloeb, at which time he was sentenced to serve fifteen months in a federal penitentiary. A parole report and disposition sheet reflecting this arrest are being submitted.

On July 27, 1937, agent contacted Beatrice Amersbach, 7124 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, who advised that she had not received any information concerning the location of Anthony Amersbach and that she doubted if she would ever hear from him. She advised that fugitive Amersbach has the following relatives:

**Father:** Andrew Amersbach, 7124 Clark Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio

**Brothers:** Harry Amersbach, 7124 Clark Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Philip Amersbach, State House of Cor-  
rection and Branch Prison,  
Marquette, Michigan, where  
he is serving a life sentence;  
Dr. Joseph C. Amersbach; office: 105 East  
53rd Street, New York City; residence:  
Blind Brook Road, Westport, Connecticut

**Sisters:** Beatrice Amersbach, 7124 Clark Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio;  
Mrs. Joseph C. (Anna), Wagner, 1346 East  
94th Street, Cleveland, Ohio;  
Mrs. John B. (Bertha), Morgan, 1257 Lake  
Ave., Lakewood, Ohio.

The New York City office on request checked the address of Dr. Joseph C. Amersbach and the local addresses of the relatives in Cleveland were checked by agent and the Detroit office checked the incarceration of Philip Amersbach.

Agent on July 27, 1937, contacted Mrs. Anna Moczadlo, 7019 Worley Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, mother of Margaret Moczadlo Hanson, the latter being the girl friend of the fugitive Amersbach, with whom he departed from Cleveland, Ohio, about May 15, 1937. Mrs. Anna Moczadlo stated that she had heard no further information from her daughter other than that set out in the report of reference and again stated that she would cooperate with the Bureau and immediately notify the Cleveland office in the event she heard from her daughter.

On August 13, 1937, Special Agents S. K. McKee and E. J. Wynn again re-interviewed Mrs. Anna Moczadlo, at which time she was told in a very vigorous manner that it was the opinion of agents she was in touch with her daughter and had information concerning the whereabouts of fugitive Amersbach. During the course of this interview it was made very plain to her that the Bureau expected her to cooperate and that agents were not satisfied with her story that she did not know of the whereabouts of her daughter, Margaret.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mussel, 3282 West 126th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, were interviewed by Special Agents S. K. McKee and E. J. Wynn. It is to be recalled that Fred Mussel is a very close friend of the fugitive Amersbach and that Mrs. Fred Mussel is a very close friend of Margaret Moczadlo Hanson. They both stated that they hadn't received any recent information as to the whereabouts of the fugitive Amersbach and the Hanson woman and that, as a matter of fact, they had not heard from them since they left Cleveland. They further stated that they had no pictures of Amersbach or Margaret Hanson.

On August 19, 1937, Margaret Moczadlo Hanson called at the Cleveland office where she was interviewed by Special Agents S. K. McKee and E. J. Wynn. She stated that she voluntarily came to the office in order to induce agents to refrain from contacting her mother and relatives inasmuch as agents' contacts with her mother had worried the latter considerably. She stated that she left Cleveland, Ohio, with Amersbach on or about May 7, 1937, and proceeded with him by bus to Chicago, Illinois, stopping off, however, one night at a tourist home in New London, Ohio; that they did not remain in Chicago more than a few hours and while there she made a long distance call to her mother, which information is related in the report of reference; that they proceeded by bus from Chicago, Illinois, to Indianapolis, Indiana, where they arrived on or about May 10, 1937; that upon their arrival in Indianapolis she went to a movie in the downtown section and later that day met Amersbach, at which time he had a second-hand automobile which she recalled as being about a 1929 model, black in color, a coach, and either an Oldsmobile or Studebaker, with Indiana license number 54119; that she was under the impression that he purchased this car from a used car dealer somewhere near the business district of Indianapolis; that she had no information concerning the name which he used in making the purchase of this car and that she felt that he, undoubtedly, obtained an Indiana driver's license.

Continuing, Margaret Hanson stated that she proceeded with Amersbach in the above-described automobile from Indianapolis, Indiana, to Bloomington, Illinois, where they remained for one night in a large, light-colored stucco tourist home on the left of the road as one enters Bloomington, Illinois from Indianapolis; that they then proceeded to the vicinity of St. Helen's Kentucky, a suburb of Louisville, where they remained for several days in a tourist cabin which she thought was named The Beach Grove Tourist Camp, the cabins there being of brick construction; that they also

remained for some days in a cabin on the Dixie highway near Louisville and that she recalled this tavern was named the Dixie Tavern; that at none of these places were they required to register; that she did not know the last name being used by Amersbach and that she customarily addressed him as Tony and he called her Grace; that while living in the vicinity of St. Helen's in the aforementioned tourist camps they occasionally visited Louisville, Kentucky, and she recalled specifically that on or more occasions they drank beer in a tavern on the street back of the Henry Clay Hotel.

Margaret Hanson further stated that on or about May 26, 1937, she decided to go home to Cleveland, Ohio, for the purpose of being present at the birthday party of her young son who is living with her mother, and, accordingly, on or about May 26, 1937, Amersbach drove her to the railroad depot in Louisville, Kentucky, <sup>where</sup> she boarded a train and arrived at the home of her mother, Mrs. Anna Mocsadlo, 7019 Worley Avenue, on May 27, 1937; that she purchased a newspaper at Cincinnati, Ohio, on this trip and there read for the first time that Amersbach was a Fugitive from Justice and had been indicted in the Northern District of Ohio charged with harboring Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell; that she remained at the home of her mother from May 27, 1937, until the latter part of June 1937 when she left Cleveland and proceeded to Louisville, Kentucky and registered in at the Henry Clay Hotel under the name of Grace Brown and was assigned a room on the 8th floor, same being either 813 or 815; that she made this trip for the specific purpose of locating Amersbach who when she left him in Louisville on May 26th promised to get in touch with her but failed to do so; that she had no definite way of getting in touch with Amersbach in Louisville other than by possibly spotting his automobile on the street and that after she remained in Louisville for some three or four days and had been unsuccessful in locating his car on the street, she returned home where she continuously remained until the date of her appearance in the Cleveland office on August 19, 1937. She stated that on the occasion of the interview with her mother by Special Agents S. K. McKee and E. J. Wynn on August 18, 1937, she was hiding in an upstairs room and overheard the conversation; that although she knew that Amersbach had served a term in the penitentiary, she did not realize his desperate character until she overheard the conversation the referred to agents had with her mother.

The above-mentioned information secured from Margaret Hanson concerning the automobile being driven by Fugitive Amersbach and her association with him in Louisville, Kentucky, was secured only after a very lengthy, vigorous and insistent interview. She endeavored in every way to impress agents that she had no information which would be of value in causing the apprehension of Amersbach, and it was only after interviewing her for some four or five hours that she finally gave the information with reference to the automobile purchased by Amersbach in Indianapolis bearing plates which she thought were numbered 54119. In this connection she stated that altho she was positive the last three digits were 119, she was not sure about the first two digits, but that to the best of her recollection the first two were 54.

The Indianapolis office was immediately notified by teletype and letter on August 19, 1937, of the information dealing with the automobile allegedly purchased by the Fugitive Amersbach in Indianapolis and requested to check Indiana license No. 54119 and all variations of that number, if necessary, in order to locate the particular automobile.

The Louisville office by letter sent on August 19, 1937, was requested to check the registration of Margaret Hanson as Grace Brown at the Henry Clay Hotel in Louisville and also to conduct appropriate investigation at the tourist cabins in the vicinity of St. Helen's, where Fugitive Amersbach and Margaret Hanson resided, as indicated above.

The Indianapolis office on August 24, 1937, advised that Amersbach had been taken into custody by agents of the Bureau at Indianapolis. All offices with pending investigations seeking the apprehension of Tony Amersbach were immediately advised to discontinue investigation by the Cleveland office.

On August 24, 1937, Special Agent E. J. Wynn contacted the United States Attorney at Cleveland, E. B. Freed, and advised him of the apprehension of Amersbach, at which time Mr. Freed requested that Amersbach be held under a \$20,000 bond and that efforts be made to effect his removal to Toledo, Ohio, forthwith. Accordingly, Special Agent E. J. Wynn contacted Assistant U. S. Attorney Paul Hanton by long distance and requested him to cause certified copies of the indictment and bench warrant to be forwarded to the U. S. Attorney at Indianapolis. Special Agent in Charge H. H. Reinecke of the Indianapolis office was contacted by long distance telephone and advised of the specific charges

in the indictment against Amersbach as well as with information as to the \$20,000 bond requested and the desire to have Amersbach removed to Toledo, Ohio, forthwith.

On August 11, 1937, Estelle Mizell, 3455 West 127th St., Cleveland, a former entertainer at the Hanna Grill in Cleveland, was interviewed by Special Agents E. J. Dowd and E. J. Wynn, at which time she advised she was acquainted with Arthur W. Hebebrand and the latter's wife, Alice Hebebrand, as well as with the fugitive Amersbach; that Amersbach made a practice of visiting Saratoga Springs, New York, for the racetrack meet every August and that undoubtedly he would again visit the track there this year; that she intended making a trip east and contemplated visiting Saratoga Springs and in the event she contacted Amersbach would relay the information to agents.

The Buffalo office was advised of the information furnished by her and requested to conduct appropriate investigation in the vicinity of Saratoga Springs, New York, seeking to locate Anthony Amersbach.

About 4 a.m. on August 23, 1937, Estelle Mizell called Special Agent E. J. Dowd from Atlantic City, New Jersey, and advised that before she departed from Cleveland she made several unsuccessful attempts to contact Mrs. Alice Hebebrand; that she learned, however, in a discreet manner that Alice Hebebrand received information that Amersbach resided at Silver Lake, New York.

The following is submitted by Special Agent S. K. McKee:

As a result of the information received by Special Agent E. J. Dowd via long distance telephone on the early morning of August 23, 1937, from Confidential Informant Estelle Mizell to the effect that Anthony J. Amersbach might possibly be located in the vicinity of Silver Lake, New York, Special Agent S. K. McKee, who is acquainted with Amersbach, proceeded to Buffalo, New York, upon authority of Mr. E. A. Tamm of the Bureau for the purpose of making a survey in the vicinity of Silver Lake in an effort to apprehend this fugitive.

Accompanied by Special Agent C. A. Hardison of the Buffalo office a survey was made at Silver Springs, New York and Silver Lake, New York, but no information whatsoever was obtained indicating that Amersbach or the 1935 Pontiac sedan, green in color, bearing 1937 Indiana licenses #58-119, had been seen in the vicinity.

There is no Post Office located at Silver Lake, and this place is a small lake about three miles in length which is almost completely surrounded by privately-owned cottages. The railroad station of Silver Lake serves the Silver Lake Assembly, an Episcopal church vacation spot, located on the lake proper. The town of Silver Springs is located some two or three miles from the lake and is slightly over one thousand in population. It is served by a Post Office but inquiry there revealed that Amersbach was unknown. There are no tourist cabins in the section. Observation was made at all cottages surrounding Silver Lake and inquiries were made at stores in the vicinity and of numerous persons, but all with negative results. Advice as to the apprehension of Amersbach at Indianapolis, Indiana, was received on the afternoon of August 24, 1937, and instant investigation was terminated.

On August 5, 1937, agent through Mr. Rudolph Christman, Commercial Manager for The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Cleveland, ascertained that there were no outgoing long distance telephone calls from telephone number Diamond 3077, which is located at the home of Mrs. Anna Moczedlo, 7019 Worley Avenue, nor from the phone of the Amersbach residence located at 7124 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

On August 9, 1937, a thirty-day mail cover was placed thru Post Office Inspector Sylvester Hettrick, on all mail going to 7019 Worley Avenue and 7124 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. Following the apprehension of Amersbach at Indianapolis Post Office Inspector Hettrick was requested to discontinue the mail cover.

Prior to the apprehension of Amersbach agent at the Ohio State Reformatory, Mansfield, Ohio, checked all records with reference to the incarceration of Amersbach but found nothing of value from the standpoint of leads as to his present location.

Post Office Inspector Sylvester Hettrick on July 31, 1937, advised Special Agent E. J. Wynn that he had a confidential informant who stated that Amersbach was in New York City associating with one Betty Hoffman alias Fisher, who was well known to the police department. The New York office by letter on August 1, 1937, was advised of this information, but in view of the apprehension of Amersbach was advised by telegram to discontinue investigation.

On August 18, 1937, Special Agents S. K. McKee and E. J. Wynn contacted James "Shimmy" Patton of the Harvard Club in an effort to obtain some information as to the activities of members of the Harvard Club in locating Amersbach. Patton would give no

specific information, and altho it was discussed with him, he refused to reveal the amount of money stolen by Amersbach at the time the latter fled from Cleveland.

The criminal record of Anthony Amersbach was checked at the Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department and obtained and is being consolidated with the previous known record of Amersbach in order to fully set out his criminal record. A disposition sheet reflecting the criminal records not contained in the Bureau's records under FBI #84230 are being submitted; B3

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On August 20, 1937, Special Agents S. K. McKee and E. J. Wynn endeavored to locate the former hideout of Anthony Amersbach allegedly located in the vicinity of North Eaton, Ohio, as related in the letter of reference, but after an extensive search were unable to locate it.

On August 24, 1937, U. S. Attorney E. B. Freed at Cleveland, Ohio, advised Special Agent E. J. Wynn that he has been in contact with attorneys representing SAM COKER and that after some negotiations with them it was agreed that Sam Coker would plead guilty to the indictment outstanding against him in this case. In this connection U. S. Attorney E. B. Freed stated that he was immediately taking steps for the purpose of having SAM COKER appear at the September 1937 term of court at Toledo, Ohio, for the purpose of entering a plea of guilty and having sentence imposed upon him.

Inasmuch as leads for the New York, Louisville and Buffalo offices were set out in letter form previous to the rendition of this report, they are only being furnished with one copy of this report in order to eliminate the necessity of a re-run.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE at Indianapolis, Indiana, will report the apprehension of subject Amersbach and his removal to the Northern District of Ohio.

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Cleveland, Ohio, will discuss with U. S. Attorney E. B. Freed the status of Colin Munro, particularly the disposition to be made of the warrants outstanding against him in the Northern District of Ohio, it being recalled that warrants were secured from retired Federal Judge Killitts, Toledo, Ohio, at the time warrants were also secured for the other subjects of this case who were later indicted at Toledo, Ohio, on June 10, 1937. It is to be borne in mind that Colin Munro due to the fact he is a Canadian citizen and was at the time the Grand Jury was considering this case located in Canada, where he was immune from extradition, was not indicted, and U. S. Attorney E. B. Freed has indicated that he would not authorize prosecution against Munro. It is to be further recalled that following the return of the indictment at Toledo warrants were secured for Colin Munro as a material witness. This matter should be fully discussed with U. S. Attorney E. B. Freed, and if he is of the opinion that the warrants should be dismissed, he should be requested to take the proper procedure to bring this about.

Will report prosecutive action against Amersbach and Sam Coker.

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# UNITED STATES DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 2

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati**

Cleveland FILE NO. **7-1**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Cleveland</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>8/26/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>7/27 to 8/24/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>Earl J. Wynn</b> <span style="float: right;">EJW:h</span>
NAME OF CONVICT: <b>FRANK PETER GREENWALD</b> alias <b>Greenie</b>		<h2>PAROLE REPORT</h2>	
TITLE OF CASE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases;</b> <b>DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases,</b> <b>I. O. #1232 - FUGITIVE; ANTHONY J.</b> <b>CAMERSBACH with aliases - FUGITIVE;</b> <b>ET AL; Edward George Bremer - Victim</b>		VIOLATION: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;</b> <b>OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>	
<p>On January 17, 1934, members of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang, including Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis and William Weaver, at St. Paul, Minnesota, kidnaped Edward George Bremer, a wealthy banker; transported him in interstate commerce to Bensenville, Illinois, where he was held pending ransom negotiations and was finally released on February 7, 1934, after \$200,000 was paid to members of the Barker-Karpis gang for his release.</p> <p>Following the release of Edward George Bremer various members of the Barker-Karpis gang proceeded to Toledo, Ohio, where they lived until the fall of that year.</p> <p>Frank Peter Greenwald operated the Private Cab Company in Toledo, Ohio, and in this connection on various occasions drove members of the Barker-Karpis gang to and from the Casino Club located on the outskirts of Toledo, Ohio, a place used by members of the gang as a rendezvous. January 22, 1935, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, both of whom were being sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for their participation in the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer and for whom federal warrants were outstanding, escaped from the police at Atlantic City, New Jersey, after a gun battle. In their flight from Atlantic</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>T. G. Stappleton</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	<b>7-576-14717</b>	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>SEP 4 1937</b>
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City they kidnaped a doctor; stole his automobile and proceeded to the vicinity of LaSalle, Michigan, where through a third party they contacted Frank Peter Greenwald, who drove from Toledo, Ohio, to the vicinity of LaSalle, Michigan, and drove them in one of his private cabs to the Casino Club on the outskirts of Toledo. Thereafter Greenwald visited Karpis and Campbell at the home of Edith Barry, who operated a call house of prostitution in Toledo and at whose home Karpis and Campbell hid for a period of about ten days, following their arrival in Toledo in January 1935.

A Federal Grand Jury at Toledo, Ohio, on June 10, 1937, returned an indictment in three counts against Frank Peter Greenwald together with others charging Greenwald and the other named defendants as accessories after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer; conspiring as accessories after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer; and conspiracy to harbor Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, knowing these individuals to be fugitives from justice and wanted by the Government for the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer.

On August 23, 1937, in the U. S. District Court at Toledo, Ohio, before Federal Judge Frank L. Kloeb Frank Peter Greenwald entered a plea of guilty to the entire indictment and was on that date sentenced to serve fifteen months in a United States Federal Penitentiary.

#### AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES

As indicated, at the time Greenwald drove Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell from the vicinity of LaSalle, Michigan, to the vicinity of Toledo, Ohio, on or about January 22, 1935, they had just eluded a police trap at Atlantic City, New Jersey, after engaging in a vicious gun battle with the Atlantic City, New Jersey, police, following which they kidnaped a doctor and held him captive for some hours, following which they released him and stole his automobile. Greenwald immediately thereafter visited Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell at the home of Edith Barry, a notorious prostitute in Toledo, Ohio, knowing full well they were being vigorously sought by the Department of Justice for the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer; although possessed of the knowledge as to their location and their desperate character, he did not at any time notify any law enforcement agency.

PERSONAL HISTORY

Frank Peter Greenwald is forty-five years of age, having been born on May 8, 1892. He is an American citizen, married, and has two daughters, ages 17 and 24 years. He has not lived with his wife for a number of years. He was engaged in the operation of the Private Cab Company in Toledo, Ohio, for many years, this taxicab company catering to the business of prostitutes and underworld characters in the city. For the past several years Greenwald while separated from his wife resided with one Anna Smith in the relation of man and wife.

The criminal records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect no previous criminal record for Greenwald.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO. **7-1**

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Seattle, Washington	8/30/37	8/17/37	R. C. Suran
<b>TITLE</b> GEORGE TIMINEY; Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> KIDNAPING OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE HARBORING OF FUGITIVES NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> <p style="text-align: center;">1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor #2044337, and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ-322772, being sought by the Bureau in its efforts to locate Milton Lett not registered in the State of Washington. Stop notices continued.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- HUC -</p>			
<b>REFERENCE:</b> <p style="text-align: center;">Letter from the Cincinnati Field Division dated August 5, 1937.</p>			
<b>DETAILS:</b> <p>The reference letter requested that it be determined whether 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor #2044337 and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ-322772 were registered in the State of Washington. The first mentioned car is the car that was registered in the State of Kansas during the year 1935 in the name of J. M. Lett, and the second car is the one which was registered by Milton Lett, under the name of Carl Baker, in the State of Ohio in the year 1935. Both of these cars are being sought inasmuch as the location of Milton Lett is still desired by the Bureau.</p> <p>On August 17, 1937, Special Agent W. H. Hoffman ascertained at the Department of Licenses, Motor Vehicle Division, Olympia, Washington, that neither of the above-described cars are presently registered in the State of Washington. Special Agent Hoffman further ascertained that the stop notices which were placed against these automobiles by the Portland Field Division are still in the files and in effect.</p>			
<b>APPROVED AND FORWARDED:</b> <i>R. C. Suran</i>		<b>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</b>	
<b>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</b> 3 - Bureau 2 - Cincinnati 1 - Cleveland 1 - Oklahoma City 1 - Chicago		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">7-576-14718</div> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">SEP 4 1937</div>	
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Inasmuch as the prior stop notices were placed by letter from the Portland Field Division, requesting that the Portland Field Division be advised if an attempt were made to register the above described automobiles, Special Agent Hoffman made the appropriate arrangements that the Seattle Field Division would be notified instead of the Portland Field Division, in the event that information was obtained concerning the cars in question.

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September 2, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL McMAHON.

Reference is made to your memorandum of August 23, 1937, and to the telephonic conversations between Mr. J. J. Waters of your Division and Mr. A. Rosen of this Bureau, pertaining to the dismissal of the indictments against Joseph M. Adams and Henry Duke Randall and the disposition to be made of the Browning automatic rifle which was taken from the possession of Joe Adams by Special Agents during January, 1935, and which is now in the possession of the United States Marshal at Miami, Florida.

I desire to be advised as to whether it is possible for the Bureau, under the National Firearms Act, to obtain the said Browning automatic rifle and retain same in its possession.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Beachman .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Naughton .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Foxworth .....  
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September 2, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Miami, Florida.

**RE: BREKID**

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of a memorandum dated August 23, 1937, from the Criminal Division of the Department, advising that authority has been granted the United States Attorney at Tampa, Florida to dismiss the remaining indictments against Adams and Randall charging violation of the National Firearms Act.

For the information of the Miami office the Bureau has directed a memorandum to the Criminal Division requesting advice as to whether the Browning automatic rifle, now in the possession of the United States Marshal at Miami, Florida, can be appropriately confiscated by the Bureau under the present National Firearms Act.

When advice has been received the Miami office will be instructed as to the disposition to be made of this gun.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Egan .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Coffey .....
- Mr. Glavin .....
- Mr. Ladd .....
- Mr. Nichols .....
- Mr. Rosen .....
- Mr. Tracy .....
- Mr. Carson .....
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**KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
PIRKER'S ACT.**

**ANTHONY AMERSBACH; DR. JOSEPH P.  
MORAN, with aliases, Fugitive,  
I. O. 1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE  
BREWER, Victim.**

On June 10, 1937, an indictment was returned in the United States District Court at Toledo, Ohio, charging Anthony Amersbach in three counts with accessory after the fact of kidnaping, and of harboring various members of the Barker-Karpis gang who were under indictment in St. Paul, Minnesota, for the kidnaping of Edward George Brewer, a wealthy St. Paul banker, on January 17, 1934.

This indictment included Bert Angus, Ted Angus, Edward McGraw and his wife Clara McGraw, Edith Barry, Frank P. Greenwald, John (Sharkey) Gorman, Arthur Hebebrand, and Sam Coker.

The various members of the Barker-Karpis gang proceeded to Toledo, Ohio, in the early spring of 1934, following the payment of the \$200,000.00 ransom money demanded by the kidnapers of Mr. Brewer, and his subsequent release. Their entrance in Toledo and vicinity was arranged for by William Weaver, who was a former associate of Bert Angus in the saloon business in Calumet City, Illinois. During the gang's stay in Toledo, they found refuge in the Casino Club, operated by Bert and Ted Angus.

In May, 1934, Alvin Karpis and his paramour, Dolores Delaney, moved to Cleveland, Ohio. They were soon joined by Fred Barker, Paula Harmon, Harry Campbell, Wynona Burdette, and other members of the mob. While at Cleveland, they frequented the Harvard Club, operated by Arthur W. Hebebrand.

Anthony Amersbach was employed at the Harvard Club, and became involved with this gang during his association there. He has been a fugitive since the return of the indictment, and has been the subject of a nationwide search by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, to effect his apprehension.

Amersbach was apprehended at 11:15 P.M., Monday, August 23, 1937, at Indianapolis, Indiana, by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and he will be returned to Cleveland, Ohio, to answer harboring charges pending against him there.

Bureau File No. 7-576

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SECOND RUN

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI**

FILE NO. **7-2 WELLMEN**

REPORT MADE AT <b>MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-3-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-19, 20, 24, 25, 30, 31-1937</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WILLIAM T. MORTON</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; Dr. Joseph P. MORAN With aliases - FUGITIVE; I. O. #1232; ANTHONY J. CAMERSEBACH, with aliases - FUGITIVE; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Jewel Greta Gilstrap and Gertrude Theresa Nichols presently located in Memphis, Tennessee. Pauline Hargrove located and interviewed at Memphis, Tennessee. Furnishes little pertinent information. 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor # 2044337 and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor # PJ-3227722, Serial # 2619857, not registered with State of Tennessee during current license year; stop notices placed as to each car. Memphis relatives of J. W. Mullins, a probable witness, unable to advise of his location. Sources of information indicating Mullins probable whereabouts obtained.</p>			
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REFERENCE: Letter from the Little Rock Office dated August 13, 1937 Letter from Cincinnati Office to Chicago Office, dated August 5, 1937, with copies to all Field Offices.			
DETAILS: <u>AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE</u>			
Accompanied by Special Agent Louis De Nette, agent contacted Jewel Greta Gilstrap who is residing presently at 277 1/2 Madison Avenue and she advised that recently she was riding with Mrs. Flor Edmonston, mother of Pauline Hargrove and at that time she observed that Mrs. Edmonston posted a letter to Pauline Hargrove under the name of Mary Louise Arnold at some address in Atlanta Georgia. She explained that she was unable to secure the exact address of Pauline Hargrove in Atlanta. She expressed the belief that Pauline could be located in Atlanta, Georgia, by making inquiry at the Henry Grady Hotel and calling for her			
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there by the name of "Pauline"; also, in this connection, that she has a prostitute girl friend there by the name of "Bee-bee" who has a husband by the name of "Bradley". She advised against agents contacting Mrs. Edmonston, inasmuch as it appears that she is shielding her daughter and if much inquiry is made, she will communicate with her daughter to go elsewhere for fear of being located.

A letter setting out this information was directed to the Little Rock Field Division on August 13, 1937, making the suggestion that the Little Rock Office determine whether the Atlanta Office be requested to locate Pauline Hargrove, based upon this information, or that the agents specially assigned on this case undertake that.

Gertrude Nichols, alias "Jackie" who now resides at 321 Morrow Street, Memphis, Tennessee, was contacted over telephone # 8-5369 and through this means it was ascertained that she is presently residing in Memphis and has no intentions of leaving. Telephonic contact with her will be continued. She advised that she knew nothing of the whereabouts of Pauline Hargrove and believed she would be unable to find any such information. However, she promised to make an effort to do so and to notify the Memphis Office should she be successful.

Acting upon information furnished by Greta Gilstrap, on August 31, 1937, reporting agent and Special Agent C. O. Pickard proceeded to the William Len Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee, where Pauline Hargrove was then registered, and brought her to the Memphis Office for questioning. It might be stated that Pauline Hargrove indicated a willingness to furnish any information she had pertinent to this investigation; however, during the time she was questioned, she continually explained her lack of information due to the fact that she was not a confidant of Grace Goldstein, during her stay in Hot Springs in 1936, and that she was busily engaged in the activities of her profession.

Such information as she did furnish was reduced in writing in the form of a signed statement, which is quoted below:

Memphis, Tennessee.  
August 31, 1937

I, Pauline Hargrove, do make this statement freely and voluntarily to Wm. T. Morton and C. O. Pickard, whom I know to be Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. I hereby state that I have been offered no rewards, promises, nor have I been threatened or mistreated to get me to give this statement. I do give it of my own desire to tell what I know about all the facts in this statement.

I am 28 years old, born in Roswell, New Mexico, August 4, 1909. I am not married. I first went to Hot Springs, Arkansas, about January 28, 1936. I went there from Memphis, Tennessee, and I went to practice prostitution. I went there with

a girl named Ann Lyle who had worked for Grace Goldstein in Hot Springs, Arkansas. When Anne Lyle and myself reached Hot Springs, Arkansas, we went directly to Grace Goldstein's house. Grace Goldstein then had a house known as the Hatterie Hotel. This was a house of prostitution. I didn't know Grace Goldstein before this, but we went to Grace's because Anne knew her and had worked for her.

I stayed at Grace Goldstein's place in the Hatterie Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas from about January 28, 1936, until the close of the racing season of 1936 which I think was about the first of April 1936. I remember that my mother came over from Memphis, Tennessee, on a Sunday morning following the day the races closed and carried me to Memphis, Tennessee.

While I stayed at Grace's place, I paid her nothing to work there except I paid her my room rent and for meals, which was \$12.00 a week. This is absolutely all I had to do or pay to work at this place. During this time Grace didn't stay there hardly at all and I didn't see her very much. She came around every now and then and just checked up. The place was run mostly by her housekeeper, a white woman named Mary and I can't recall her last name. At that time Greta Gilstrap, Dorothy Williams, a girl named Jean, I think from Texarkana and a girl named Pat from Texarkana were living there. All these girls were working there except Dorothy Williams who was sick and didn't work. During that time several girls were in and out; they would just stay a couple of days and move. One of these girls was a girl named Mae from New Orleans, and Betty something from St. Louis, Mo. A girl named Connie whom I have identified from a photograph shown to me by Mr. Morton as being Connie Morris, came to Grace's just one time that I was there.

I have just said that Grace Goldstein did not stay at the Hatterie Hotel; what I mean to say is that Grace Goldstein did sleep there but she was up and out all the time. She was then driving a Buick Greenish blue coupe. I do not know anything about Grace Goldstein's business, where she went, who she went with or any other place that she was staying. All I did was to answer call dates at the various hotels and some few dates at the Hatterie Hotel. During that time I may have seen some of the Hot Springs Police Officers in the city, but I did not see any of them at Grace's place, nor did I meet any of them. All I know about Connie Morris is that while I was at Grace's place she came over there for two days and went over to see a doctor, for what reason I don't know, but I have a feeling that it was because of venereal disease. I don't know who Connie's friends were or where she was staying.

The first that I knew about the raid made near Hot Springs is in the spring of 1936 for Alvin Karpis was that I read about it in the newspapers after the raid. At that time I was staying at the Hatterie Hotel. I do not know anything about this and I saw nothing out of the way going on at the Hatterie Hotel and I did not hear any talk about the raid. I do know that about the time of this raid, I can't recall the exact time, that Grace Goldstein came in

bruised up and said that her car had been turned over. That is all I know about that and I don't know where Grace had been. I left soon after this.

While I was at the Hatterie Grace Goldstein had a great big dog they called 'Shine'. Grace had this dog when I came there and it was supposed to be her's. She kept it there at the house.

After I left Grace, as I have just said, I did not go back to work with Grace and I have since had no contacts with her. I did go back to Hot Springs, Arkansas, this year, that is 1937, about ten days before the race season started. I left when the season was over. During that time I stayed at the Eddie Hotel and I had no contact whatsoever with Grace Goldstein. I do not know of any arrangements that prostitutes had to make with any of the Hot Springs Police, but I do know that while I was working at Grace Goldstein's during 1936 we never did get arrested, but while I was in Hot Springs during 1937 I got arrested several times by the police for what they called 'loitering' and I put up a cash bond and forfeited it. One time during 1937 I went to see Mayor McLaughlin with the woman who ran the Eddie Hotel, I cant recall her name, and asked him why I was being arrested. She wanted that her hotel not get a bad name. All that came out of this is that he said that she was not responsible for the guests in her hotel. It was silly to go to his office in the first place and nothing was accomplished, and no agreement was proposed or reached.

I have read the above statement typed on this and one other page and do sign my name to it knowing that it is mine and after I read it in full and am fully aware of what is in it.

/s/ PAULINE HARGROVE

Witnessed

William T. Morton  
Special Agent

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Memphis, Tennessee.

C. C. Pickard,  
Special Agent "

The original of this signed statement is being forwarded to the Little Rock Office.

In addition to the above information contained in Pauline Hargrove's statement, it is to be stated that she was thoroughly questioned relative to any contact the Hot Springs Police Officers had with Grace Goldstein, to the knowledge of Pauline Hargrove, and she advised repeatedly that she, at no time, saw any of the police officials at the Hatterie Hotel, nor did she know of any connections that Grace Goldstein had with them.

Photographs of Fred Hunter, Alvin Karpis were displayed to her and she advised that she was unable to identify these pictures as being those of men she saw frequenting the Hatterie Hotel, or as being associates of Grace Goldstein. She also informed that she had never seen the individuals in the

pictures before except she had seen pictures of Karpis in the newspapers at times she could not recall. She also stated that Dorothy Wilson, mentioned in her statement above, is identical with Dorothy Cathey, who has previously been mentioned in statements obtained from other habitués of Grace Goldstein's house of prostitution.

It will be noted that Pauline Hargrove stated she first went to Hot Springs, Arkansas, in 1936, with one Anne Lyle, the latter being a prostitute who formerly worked for Grace Goldstein. She was questioned very closely regarding this, in view of the possibility of violation of the White Slave Traffic Act, but she advised that she had previously decided to go to Hot Springs, Arkansas, to practice prostitution during the racing season, and it so happened that she and Anne Lyle went for the same purpose, and it was through no inducement on the part of Anne Lyle or Grace Goldstein.

She advised that Anne Lyle is presently located somewhere in Memphis, Tennessee, and it is her belief that she can furnish very little information, since she remained at Grace Goldstein's only a few days.

With respect to Anne Lyle, this agent contacted Greta Gilstrap and the latter advised that she doubted seriously whether Anne Lyle could furnish any information, since Anne Lyle never was employed at Grace Goldstein's except possibly two or three days during 1936, and that if she ever previously worked for Grace Goldstein, it was not during 1935. An effort is being made to ascertain the present location of Anne Lyle and if the Little Rock Office deems it advisable, she will be interviewed.

Pauline Hargrove was advised that she is at all times to keep this office advised of her address, in order that she can be contacted at a later date as a witness, if necessary. She willingly agreed to this and advised that she will make arrangements with her mother, whereby the latter will furnish the Memphis Office at all times her present location, should she depart from Memphis. She was advised to furnish this office with that information either telephonically or by letter.

Pauline Hargrove was fingerprinted and photographed in the Memphis Office and her fingerprints are being forwarded to the Bureau.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent M. W. Meeking at Nashville, Tennessee, on August 24, 1937. Mrs. Pearl Kirkpatrick, file clerk, Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau, State of Tennessee, Nashville, Tennessee, was interviewed and after a check of her records, she informed that 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor # 2044337 and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor # PJ-322772, Serial # 2619857 were not registered within the State of Tennessee during the current license year. Accordingly, stop-alarm cards were placed whereby the Memphis Field Division will be advised of any registrations of either car in the future. It is known from past investigations through this Motor Registration Bureau that records of registrations are maintained first by motor numbers and secondly by license numbers, no cross index by names of registrants being maintained.

The following investigation was conducted by reporting agent.

During the course of investigation in connection with this case made at Hot Springs, Arkansas, it has been learned that during the time Karpis was supposed to be associated with Grace Goldstein there, a Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mullins were then occupying a rear apartment at 125 Palm Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, which overlooked the side of Grace Goldstein's house. Mrs. Mullins was particularly interested in the various activities of the persons who lived at 123 Palm Street, the house of Grace Goldstein, and she and a Mrs. Armenia frequently talked of the negligence or corruption of the Hot Springs police Department in failing to take adequate steps to abate the nuisance existing next door. Mrs. Mullins had two young sons and was very much disturbed at the sights she and her young sons were forced to put up with in the house operated by Grace Goldstein.

Inasmuch as it is believed, in view of the above situation, that Mr. and Mrs. Mullins could afford pertinent information regarding the harboring of Karpis and his companions by Grace Goldstein and the connection therewith of the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Officials, investigation has been directed towards locating Mr. and Mrs. Mullins in order that they might be appropriately interviewed.

It has been ascertained that from Hot Springs, Arkansas, Mr. and Mrs. Mullins moved to 205 Edwards Street, Shreveport, Louisiana. The New Orleans Office has ascertained, through investigation made at Shreveport, Louisiana, that Mr. J. W. Mullins formerly resided there and was employed by a Mr. Chester A. Porta at room 207 Majestic Theater Building, the latter being a publisher for the Historical Records Association of Louisiana. Mullins left his employment there June, 1937, after passing a number of "hot" checks on the Association. Investigation established that Mullins has left Shreveport, Louisiana, and his whereabouts is unknown.

Before departing from Shreveport, Mullins purchased a 1936 Ford four-door Sedan, Motor # 2,985,145, from the Wray-Dickerson Motor Company, on the instalment plan which was financed through the Universal Credit Company at Shreveport. At the present time, payments are over due on this automobile. It was also established that Mullins has passed two bogus checks on the Sinclair Filling Station, operated by a Mr. J. D. Boyd of Bossier City, Louisiana. There is presently outstanding a warrant for the arrest of Mullins, issued in the Bossier Parish, Louisiana, charging him with forgery.

It was also ascertained that Mullins has a son and daughters residing at Memphis, Tennessee: Mr. John Mullins, Jr., truck driver for the Sinclair Refining Company, Mrs. Eda Davis and Mrs. Morris Berger. These parties, who reside on the Bristol Highway approximately one-half mile north of the intersection of the Bristol Highway and U. S. Highway 72, were interviewed by reporting agent at length and they denied that they had any information as to the whereabouts of Mullins, Sr., and explained that after his second marriage, they ceased having anything to do with him and he never visits them. They seemed to be informed of his difficulty in Louisiana, however,

and advised that due to the misconduct of Mullins, Sr., in passing bad checks on the Sinclair Oil and Refining Company, his son, J. W. Mullins, Jr., has been very much embarrassed.

They informed that Mullins' present wife was a Mrs. Clark who formerly resided at Blytheville, Arkansas, and that by her former marriage she had one small child. They admitted that Mullins, Sr., visited them in Memphis approximately six months ago and departed, saying he was going to Fort Worth, Texas. They had no information as to how he was making his livelihood or with whom he was presently employed.

J. W. Mullins, Jr., furnished the information that he was anxious to locate his father because his father had obtained from some Sinclair Filling Station a courtesy card, giving his, Mullins Jr., name as a reference; that Mullins, Sr., was going about over the country buying gasoline on credit on this card, and failing to pay for it. He informed that his employer was pressing him, Mullins, Jr., for the location of his father, for this reason. He has information that the purchases of gasoline on this courtesy card indicated that his father has been travelling around St. Louis, and Dallas, Texas. He also informed that they have one other sister, Mrs. Opal Marie Davis, who resides on Lafayette Street, Jackson, Tennessee, and he explained that he knows this sister doesn't know the whereabouts of Mullins, Sr., because she, too, is at outs with her father because of his second marriage.

Mr. George West, of the Sinclair Oil and Refining Company, Memphis, Tennessee, advised agent that he is aware of the fact that his company is attempting to locate J. W. Mullins, Sr., and in this connection he has information that about a month ago, Mullins, Sr., wired his son, J. W. Mullins, Jr., Memphis, Tennessee, by Western Union. Mr. West advised that he, personally, saw the telegram and it is his knowledge that Mullins, Sr., was requesting his son to telegraph him some money in St. Louis, c/o Western Union. Mr. West stated it is his belief, but not positive information, that Mullins, Jr., did not comply with this request. He requested that the Bureau contact the Credit Department of the Sinclair Oil and Refining Company at Fort Worth, Texas, and request their assistance in locating Mullins, by furnishing his itinerary as reflected by his purchases of gasoline on the Sinclair courtesy card. He advised that if he secures any information pertinent to this investigation, he will notify the Memphis Office immediately.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE DALLAS OFFICE at Fort Worth, Texas, will contact the Credit Department of the Sinclair Oil and Refining Company for their assistance in locating J. W. Mullins, Sr.

THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE at Shreveport, Louisiana, will continue contacting the Universal Credit Company there with the view of locating Mullins with respect to his making payments on his automobile.

THE MEMPHIS FIELD DIVISION at Memphis, Tennessee, with the assistance of Greta Gilstrap and Mrs. Ann Jackson, matron, Memphis Police Department, will endeavor to secure the location of Anna Lyle, in order that she may be questioned.

P E N D I N G

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT San Francisco, Cal.	DATE WHEN MADE 9/1/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/4, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25/37	REPORT MADE BY J. H. Rice--IST
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases. DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232. ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH, with aliases - FUGITIVE. Et Al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p style="text-align: center;">"Stop" notices placed with California Motor Vehicle Division against 1935 Ford V8 Tudor Sedan, motor #2044337, and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor #PJ322772, serial #2619857. No record of MILTON LETT, with known aliases, applying for chauffeur's license, or automobile operator's permit since 1935. 1934 Ford Coupe, motor #18-560546, registered June, 1937 by one THOMAS J. SHAW, Glendale, California. DOROTHY CATHEY located at San Jose, California. Signed statement obtained in which she identified the photographs of KARPIS, HUNTER, CAMPBELL, and COKER as associates of GRACE GOLDSTEIN, and named these parties as frequent visitors at the Hatterie Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Claims she did not know their identity until after the Woodcock raid. Recalls that Officers of the Hot Springs Police Department frequented the Hatterie Hotel, but states she does not know them personally.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R.U.C.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">7-576-114722</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">SEP 7 - 1937</div>	
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REFERENCE:

Letters from the Cincinnati Office dated 8/5/37, and Little Rock Office, dated 8/13/37.

Report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Little Rock, dated 8/10/37.

Report of Special Agent J. H. Rice, San Francisco, California, dated 8/25/37.

DETAILS:

The records of the California Motor Vehicle Division, at Sacramento, California, failed to reflect a record for 1935 Ford V8 Tudor Sedan, motor #2044337, and 1935 model Plymouth Sedan, motor #PJ322772, serial #2619857, and "stop" notices have been placed against these automobiles.

There is no record of MILTON LETT, under his true name or known aliases, as having made application since 1935 for a California chauffeur's or automobile operator's permit.

The records do reflect on June 26, 1937 a 1934 Ford Coupe, motor #18-560546, under 1937 California license #9C1059, was registered by THOMAS J. SHAW, 410 Glendale Avenue, Glendale, California. The legal owner of instant automobile is reflected as the Universal Finance Company, 605 West Olympic Street, Los Angeles. There is no record of an operator's permit having been issued to this individual, and the Los Angeles Office is requested to determine whether this party may be identical with MILTON LETT, who has used the alias of THOMAS J. SHAW.

At San Jose, California

DOROTHY CATEKY, known also as MRS. WILLIAM CLARK, was located on 8/24/37 through the General Delivery Section of the Post Office, by Special Agent LOUIS D. WINE, and the reporting Agent.

DOROTHY CATHEY was questioned at length, and specifically along the lines set out in reference letter from the Little Rock Office, dated August 13, 1937. The following signed statement was obtained, the original of which is being transmitted with copies of this report to the Little Rock Office:

Post Office Building,  
San Jose, California

August 24, 1937.

"I, Dorothy Cathey, desire to make the following voluntarily statement Louis D. Wine and Julius H. Rice, known to me as Special Agents Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice. No threats or promises have been made me.

"I was born July 28, 1912, at Hamilton, Texas, and lived with my mother, Mrs. John Cathey for many years. My mother still resides there and knows my address. I married William Clark in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1935, and was divorced from him sometime ago. My occupation is that of hostess and entertainer.

"During the first part of July 1935 I was living in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and had a room at a private residence on South Spring Street, the number of which I do not recall. I do not remember the name of the Landlady. I was ill at the time and under the care of Dr. Stough, a rectal specialist at Hot Springs, Arkansas. I met Jewel Greta Gilstrap in 1933 at Texarkana, Texas, at 210 1/2 Texas Avenue, at the Tulsa Rooms. Greta was then working at the Majestic Cafe at that time.

"While at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in July 1935, I made the acquaintance of Grace Goldstein, who operated the Hatterie Hotel, 233 1/2 Central Avenue, Hot Springs. One evening during July, Grace

introduced me to two men named 'Harold' and 'Ed'. I have been shown a photograph of Alvin Karpis, which I positively identify as the man known to me as 'Ed'. I have also been shown a photograph of Fred Hunter, and I identify this photograph as that of a man known to me as 'Harold'. I have initialed each of these photographs. They were well dressed and I thought they were business men from town. They came into Grace's room and were interested in an infant that Grace had been taking care of.

"On or about July 28th, this date being my birthday, I recall making a visit to Kilgore, Texas, where my aunt, Mrs. R. C. Moore, then resided. I stayed there several days and returned to Hot Springs, Arkansas, and upon my return there, made my residence at the Hatterie Hotel. I was still ill under the doctor's care and not working. I didn't work the whole time I was in Hot Springs, Arkansas, from about July 1, 1935, to July 5, 1936, when I went to my mother's in Hamilton, Texas.

"On or about Thanksgiving Day, Grace introduced me at the Hatterie Hotel, to 'George', whose photograph I have positively identified Harry Campbell, and about the same time Grace introduced me to 'Tommy' whose photograph I positively identify as Sam Coker. I have initialed each of these two photographs also.

"The other girls who were working for Grace Goldstein at the Hatterie Hotel were Della May Jefferies, known as 'Ginger', Jewel Greta Gilstrap, known as 'Greta', Gertrude Theresa Nichols, known as 'Jackie' and Mary Williams. The negro maid at this place was known to me only as 'Lillian'. I also remember Connie Morris who was working there as well.

"Grace Goldstein was the girl friend of Alvin Karpis, while Connie Morris was Fred Hunter's girl friend. I saw these two men frequently in and out of the hotel. These four would go away on trips from time to time, and Grace would leave the house

in charge of Mary Williams. I did not know where they went on these trips as they did not confide in me at any time. I do recall they mentioned a 'cabin' on a lake which was four or five miles away. Grace took Greta and myself in her Green Colored Coupe, the make of which is unknown to me. We went to Gillem Landing on Lake Hamilton. Greta and I put on our bathing suits and went in swimming alone. Grace left in the automobile. While we were in swimming Alvin Karpis and Grace approached in a boat with an outboard motor and took us for a ride around the lake. We did not stop any place but returned in about ten or fifteen minutes leaving us at Gillem Landing. Grace and Alvin left in the boat and a short time afterward, about one half to one hour, Grace returned driving the automobile alone, picked us up and drove us back to town. I do not know where Alvin Karpis was living or where Grace left him.

"Alvin Karpis carried a gun on his belt, and I saw a bulge in his coat where he carried it. He never drew this gun in my presence but I knew he was armed. I saw Karpis around the Hatterie Hotel more than I saw Hunter, as Connie occupied most of Hunter's time. I only saw Harry Campbell on the one occasion that I have previously mentioned at Thanksgiving time. Sam Coker was in and out of the Hatterie Hotel from Thanksgiving time up until about the time he was caught by the law. Campbell and Coker did not have any steady girls at the hotel.

"These men were always well supplied with money. As I recall Alvin Karpis drove a black V-8 Ford Coupe. None of these cars were ever pointed out to me and I never rode in any of their cars. These men whom I have mentioned in this statement, never made any dates with me, but on some occasions they used to eat and drink at the Hatterie Hotel when I was present.

"During my stay at Hot Springs, I was under the Doctor's care continuously and Greta gave me some money and I received a little money from my mother. I was separated from my husband, William Clark, who sent me funds from time to time. He was an oil driller at Kilgore, Texas, at that time. I do not know his present whereabouts.

"I have been asked specifically as to the location of any places where Alvin Karpis or any of his associates may have stopped at Hot Springs, or vicinity, and I can honestly state neither Karpis, his associates nor anyone else took me into their confidence as to the locations of these places, all of which are unknown to me. Grace and Connie never discussed with me any of their activities or trips with Karpis, Hunter or any of their associates.

"One one occasion Greta had an out-of-town Sunday paper. Ginger told one of the girls in the Hatterie Hotel that a photograph of Alvin Karpis in this paper looked like 'Ed'. I saw the paper in the hotel and the girls commented that it looked very much like him. Karpis always wore rimless gold spectacles which changed his looks quite a bit, and after looking at this picture I told some of the girls, I did not believe 'Ed' was Alvin Karpis. I stayed to myself most of the time as I was ill. I recall that some officers from the Hot Springs Police Department came up to the Hatterie Hotel from time to time on business. I do not recall any of these officers having any dates with the girls or knew any of these officers to be there when Karpis or his associates were visiting there. I do not know the names of any of these officers and do not know the Chief of Police of the Hot Springs Police Department.

"I never visited the cottage occupied by Karpis and Hunter at Dyer's Landing on Lake Hamilton at any time, and have no information as to the place of residence of Karpis or his associates on any occasion. I do remember now a detective by the name of 'Dutch' Akers, came to the Hatterie on different occasions, and talked to Mary Williams, the housekeeper. I never met him, but heard him called 'Dutch' Akers.

"Grace and Connie were very secretive and did not tell me or any of the other girls to my knowledge, about their activities and trips with Karpis and Hunter or what connections they might have. After

the Woodcock raid, I knew there was something wrong as the Federal officers whose names I do not know, would come up and talk to Grace in her room and not in my presence. I do not know whether these men were Department of Justice Special Agents, Grace did not confide in me. After this raid I believed that Grace's associate was Alvin Karpis, and Connie's friend was Hunter, but I did not know the identity of these men at the time of their visits to the Hatterlie Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas. If it is necessary for me to testify in court under oath I will tell the entire truth, which I have done in this statement. This statement consists of three pages which I have read and initialed.

(Signed) DOROTHY CATHEY."

\*WITNESSES:

LOUIS D. WINE  
J. H. RICE  
Special Agents, Federal Bur. of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
1105 Mills Tower Building,  
San Francisco, California."

DOROTHY CATHEY claims she did not prostitute herself during the time mentioned in her statement, as she was receiving medical attention from Dr. STOUGH at Hot Springs, and that she was not dependent upon prostitution during this time for her livelihood. She stated that if she was subpoenaed to testify in Court, she would tell the truth, but would be unable to furnish any further information other than related in her statement.

The photograph of MILTON LETT was exhibited to DOROTHY CATHEY, and she was unable to identify this photograph as resembling anyone known to her, or resembling any of the visitors while she lived at the Hatterlie Hotel.

DOROTHY CATHEY, under the name of DOROTHY CLARK, is now residing at 157 South 3rd Street, San Jose, and for the past

two months has been employed as a hostess at the El Camino Club, in San Jose. She has promised to advise this office should she leave San Jose in the near future, and assured that she always could be reached by mail, care of her mother, Mrs. JOHN CATHEY, Hamilton, Texas.

A copy of the fingerprints of DOROTHY CATHEY was obtained, and is being furnished herewith to the Little Rock Office, for the information of the file.

DOROTHY CATHEY is described as follows:

Age	25 years.
Height	5'9".
Weight	110 lbs.
Hair	Blonde, wavy.
Eyes	Gray.
Complexion	Fair.
Build	Slender.
Scars and marks	None.

For the information of the Los Angeles Office, MILTON LETT is described as follows:

Name	MILTON LETT
Aliases	CARL BAKER, THOMAS J. SHAW, J. M. LETZ.
Residence	Wann, Oklahoma.
Age	21 (1935).
Height	5'7".
Weight	143 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown.
Eyes	Blue.
Color	White.
Complexion	Medium.
Occupation	Pretends to be gambler.
Fingerprint Classification	$\frac{9}{1} \frac{U}{U} \frac{00}{00} \frac{16}{11}$

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION, at Glendale, California, will determine whether or not THOMAS J. SHAW, reported to be residing at 410 Glendale Avenue, is identical with MILTON LETT.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:DM

September 4, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

Re: Harboring Cases - Toledo  
and Cleveland.

I telephoned Mr. Devereaux at the Cleveland Division, in connection with the above matter, advising him the Director has changed his idea of approach and it will not be necessary for Agent McKee to stay there any longer.

Mr. Devereaux advised that Agent McKee would leave for Miami tonight.

  
E. A. TAMM.

*Edw. D. Brennan*

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400 U. S. Court House  
Buffalo, New York

September 4, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: *Greid*

Dear Sir:

On August 23 and 24, 1937 Special Agent S. K. McKee was in the Buffalo Field Division on special assignment conducting investigation looking toward the apprehension of subject Anthony *Amersbach*. Special Agent McKee was assisted by agents of this office during this investigation which was discontinued when it was learned that Amersbach had been apprehended at Indianapolis, Indiana.

It was understood from Agent McKee that he is to submit a report covering the investigation at the Buffalo Field Division and since there is no other investigation to be conducted in this district this case is being considered referred upon completion to office of origin.

Very truly yours,

J. W. WARNES  
Special Agent in Charge

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400 U. S. Court House  
Buffalo, New York

September 3, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Recently this office received a letter from Mr. J. A. Koch, Assistant Cashier of the First National Bank, Glens Falls, N.Y. advising the bank has been holding since October 1934 a Federal Reserve note on the Federal Reserve Bank, Minneapolis, Minn. #104426165A in accordance with instructions of Special Agent M. W. Meekins. The bank asked whether permission would be granted to dispose of this bill in the usual manner in a shipment to the Federal Reserve Bank, New York City.

This office is now in receipt of a letter dated August 26, 1937 from the Memphis Field Division advising that information with reference to the above described note could probably be obtained from the file relating to the above captioned case. From an examination of the Buffalo file it was observed a report was submitted by Special Agent G. V. Doherty, October 18, 1934, at Buffalo, N.Y. This note is referred to in Agent Doherty's report just mentioned.

Kindly advise whether the First National Bank of Glens Falls, N.Y. should be requested to retain the above note or whether it can be disposed of.

Very truly yours,

J. W. HARNES  
Special Agent in Charge

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9/4/37

Time: 11:07 A.M.

Mr. Connelley called with reference to the above matter, advising he had talked to Agents Wynn and Smith who are presently at Trenton on another investigation, and Agent Smith had obtained a copy of the report furnished by the Alcohol Tax Unit from Colonel C. E. Whitney, about June or July 1936, and undoubtedly quoted it in his report of about that date. As Agent Smith recalls, the report deals in generalities, although it does mention prostitution and gambling, but Agent Smith does not recall whether the report mentions crookedness on the part of individual officers. As Agent Smith recalls, there was information in the report upon which an investigation could be made, if the authorities desired to make same, but as far as he was able to learn, no inquiry was ever made.

I told him the Bureau would check its files to locate such a report. In answer to my question as to whether he would concur in the opinion that if the Alcohol Tax Unit submitted to the local authorities a report which indicated irregularities and no action was taken, then we are justified in not furnishing the information we have, Mr. Connelley said he would so concur.

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E. A. TAMM.

*Just advised.*

*Remain in file*

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:MC

September 7, 1937.

Time: 4:50 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

RE: HARBORING CASES AT TOLEDO AND  
CLEVELAND, OHIO.  
BREMER CASE

I called Mr. Shivers at Miami and asked if Agent S. K. McKee had as yet returned. Upon being advised that Mr. McKee had returned Monday night, I told Mr. Shivers that it will not be necessary to use Mr. McKee again on instant matter and that he can be permanently assigned to work at Miami.

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E. A. TAMM

*E.A. Tamm*

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U. S. Department of Justice

1130 Enquirer Building  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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September 8, 1937.

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

Re: "BREKID."

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Buffalo Office under date of September 3, 1937, in the above entitled case, referring to Federal Reserve Note, Serial IO4426165A and indicating that this Federal Reserve note was mentioned in a report of Special Agent G. V. Doherty dated at Buffalo 10-18-34.

The Cincinnati Office was not the office of origin in this case during 1934 and a review of the file at this office fails to reflect a copy of the report in question. Inasmuch as, however, there appears to be no prosecution remaining which might require the use of the Federal Reserve note in question, it is suggested that the Buffalo Office should inform the First National Bank of Glens Falls, N.Y., that this bill need no longer be retained.

It is suggested that the Bureau advise the Buffalo office in the premises.

Very truly yours,

*H. D. Harris*  
H. D. HARRIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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7-576-14728 September 22, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

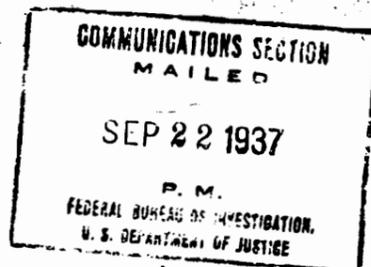
Reference is made to your letter dated September 8, 1937.

In view of the facts set forth in your letter, it is suggested that the Buffalo office should inform the First National Bank of Glens Falls, New York, that the Federal Reserve note, serial ID, 426, 165A need no longer be retained.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

cc Buffalo



John Nathan

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Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
September 7th, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

RE: BREKID *Edward & Bremer*

Dear Sir:

Please advise me whether you desire stop notices to be still maintained against the following cars:

1935 Standard Ford Coupe, Model 40,  
Motor No. 18-429014;

Ford Tudor Sedan,  
Motor No. 2044337a

1935 Plymouth 4-door Sedan,  
Motor No. 322772,  
Serial No. 2619857.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN,  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

cc Bureau

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

FILE NO. 7-82

REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/7/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/25/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. B. SMITH RBS:MG</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>	
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Description furnished of individual losing large sums of money at rotation pool, Bensinger Pool Room, Chicago, Illinois. Informant EVERETT E. CHESIRE selected identification order of DR. MORAN as closely resembling this party, who was subsequently found to be one EDWARD JOHNSON, employed as bridge tender, city of Chicago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.</p> <p>On August 25, 1937, MR. EVERETT E. CHESIRE called at the Chicago office. MR. CHESIRE stated that he is presently employed in the Advertising Department of the Public Service Leader, a local publication with offices at 33 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, and that he has been employed periodically during the last fifteen years by the Chicago Herald and Examiner and is presently living at the Berkshire Hotel, 15 East Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois.</p> <p>MR. CHESIRE stated that he is in the habit of playing pool and billiards quite regularly with friends of his at noon and that they usually play at the Bensinger Pool Room, located on the fourth floor at Adams Street and Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; that during the week preceding the day of his appearance at the Chicago office an individual had been playing rotation pool every day; that he always played with the same individual who was known to CHESIRE'S friends as a pool hall hustler who had been operating in Chicago for at least the past fifteen years; that these two men were betting \$10.00 a game;</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>D. M. Ladd</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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that the man noticed by CHESIRE had been losing consistently and that it was rumored around the pool hall that he had lost as high as \$700.00 during that week. CHESIRE stated that this man had a large roll of bills on him, but was dressed in a very sloppy manner and did not appear to be an individual who would normally have any such amount of money. CHESIRE said that during the week in which he had observed this man he had worn the same blue shirt and dirty white trousers every day. CHESIRE said further that he was certain he had seen this individual's picture somewhere recently as being wanted by the police. He said that he had a girl friend employed in the old Post Office Building; that he frequently waited for her in the lobby of that building and spent his time looking at the wanted notices posted on the bulletin board at that location; that after observing this fellow he had made a point to check these notices over again but had found no pictures bearing any similarity. CHESIRE said that he simply desired to bring this information to the attention of the Bureau.

CHESIRE furnished the following description of this individual, as gained from his observation:

Age	35-40
Height	5' 9"
Weight	175-180
Build	Husky
Hair	Light brown
Complexion	Fair; tanned
Beard	Smooth shaven
Eyes	Unnoticed
Nationality	American
Speech	Speaks with a slight drawl; might be from Texas or Oklahoma
Dress	Poorly dressed
Peculiarities	Flashes large roll of bills; drinks coffee continuously; light hacking cough; very nervous.

CHESIRE stated that during the time he had watched this individual he had always rented the adjoining table to the one on which they were playing and while the other man was shooting this individual would practice at the adjoining table. He stated that he very seldom spoke, but he had heard him called by the nickname of PAT on one or two occasions.

Agent showed LR. CHESIRE his personal file of identification orders and then checked over the office file of identification

orders with him and on each occasion MR. CHESIRE selected Identification Order No. 1232 of DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN as being the picture resembling the individual in question most closely. It will be noted that the description appearing on that Identification Order checks very closely with that furnished by MR. CHESIRE before he examined the identification order.

Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, MR. CHESIRE and reporting Agent proceeded to BENSINGER'S pool room to observe the man in question and it was found that this individual was not DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN. It should be noted here that the man bore a very close resemblance to the photograph of subject MORAN contained in the Chicago office file, with the exception of his eyes which were a dark blue. This man likewise had what appeared from a distance of ten feet to be a four or five inch scar on the left forearm, inside, running from just below the elbow.

Information as obtained from MR. CHESIRE was turned over to Sergeant JOHN BOLAND of the Confidence Detail, Chicago Detective Bureau and this man was subsequently taken into custody by them and fingerprinted. It was ascertained that this man is one EDWARD JOHNSON employed as a bridge tender by the city of Chicago, living at 738 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois; that he has been so employed for the last six or seven years; that his wife recently left him and that he is spending his money as fast as he can get rid of it; that he has lost approximately \$400.00 playing pool at Bensinger's Pool Room. JOHNSON had no previous record with the Chicago Police Department.

The description furnished by MR. CHESIRE and set out above is accurate for EDWARD JOHNSON in all details, with the addition that he is 38 years of age and has dark blue eyes.

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J. EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:RP

September 7, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

For record purposes, I desire to advise that on Saturday, September 4, 1937, I talked with Mr. Connelley by telephone concerning his letter of August 31, 1937, concerning the disclosure of information to the local authorities in Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, concerning the alleged irregularities on the part of police officers of those cities, as disclosed by the Bureau's investigation into the Cleveland and Toledo harboring cases. Mr. Connelley pointed out that the Alcohol Tax Unit had acquired similar information and evidence through the use of telephone taps about two or three years ago, which information was turned over to the local authorities who failed to take any action whatsoever on the information furnished. Upon the basis of this information it was concluded that there would be no purpose served by the Bureau turning over its information to the local authorities, it being noted that the disclosure of this information would necessarily result in the disclosure of certain confidential sources of information which were utilized by the Bureau, including members of the Toledo Police Department.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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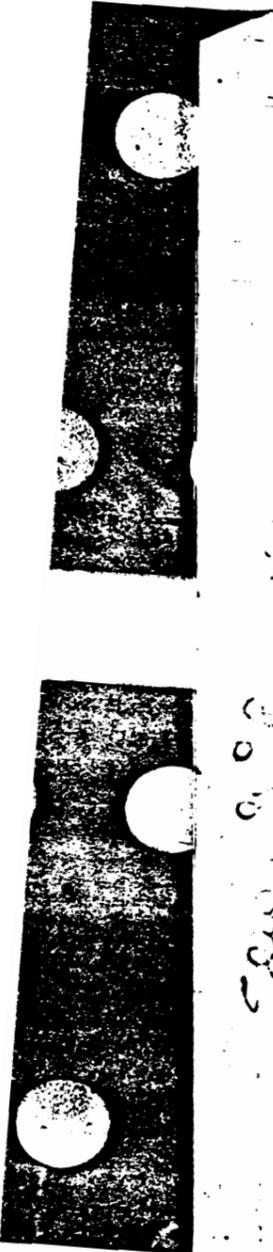
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**KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.**

**ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1488; ANTHONY J.  
AMERBEACH, with aliases, Fugitive;  
ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.**

On January 17, 1934, members of the notorious Barker-Karpis Gang at St. Paul, Minnesota, kidnaped Edward George Bremer, a wealthy banker, and transported him in interstate commerce to Bensenville, Illinois, where he was held pending ransom negotiations and was finally released on February 7, 1934, after \$200,000.00 was paid to members of this gang for his release.

Following the release of Edward George Bremer, various members of the Barker-Karpis Gang proceeded to Toledo, Ohio, where they lived until the fall of 1934.

Frank Peter Greenwald operated the Private Cab Company in Toledo, Ohio, and in this connection on various occasions drove members of the Barker-Karpis Gang to and from the Casino Club located on the outskirts of Toledo, Ohio, a place used by members of the gang as a rendezvous. On January 22, 1935, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, both of whom were being sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, for their participation in the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer and for whom Federal warrants were outstanding, escaped from the police at Atlantic City, New Jersey, after a gun battle. In their flight from Atlantic City they kidnaped a doctor, stole his automobile and proceeded to the vicinity of La Salle, Michigan, where through a third party they contacted Frank Peter Greenwald, who drove from Toledo, Ohio, to the vicinity of La Salle, Michigan, and brought them in one of his private cabs to the Casino Club on the outskirts of Toledo. Thereafter Greenwald visited Karpis and Campbell at the home of Edith Barry, who operated a call house of prostitution in Toledo, and at whose home Karpis and Campbell hid for a period of about ten days, following their arrival in Toledo in January, 1935.

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Kidnaping;  
Harboring of Fugitives;  
Obstruction of Justice;  
National Firearms Act.

On August 23, 1937, in United States District Court at Toledo, Ohio, Frank Peter Greenwald entered a plea of guilty to the indictment charging him as an accessory after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer; in conspiring as an accessory after the fact to the kidnaping and conspiracy to harbor Karpis and Campbell, knowing these individuals to be fugitives from justice and wanted by the Government for this kidnaping, at which time Greenwald was sentenced to serve fifteen months in a United States Federal penitentiary.

Bureau File No. 7-576

700 West Virginia Building  
Huntington, West Virginia  
September 9, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives;  
Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the Cleveland Division to the Special Agent in Charge of All Field Divisions, dated August 24, 1937, which reflects the arrest of Anthony Joseph Amersbach at Indianapolis, Indiana, August 24, 1937 by Bureau Agents.

Prior to the arrest of this individual inquiry had been made by Special Agent Schroder of this Division at the West Virginia State Penitentiary at Moundsville, where Amersbach had been incarcerated as Tom Gordon and information had been received at that time that Tom Gordon had been reflected in their files as TONY AMERSBACH alias Tom Gordon, and had been released by the Governor of West Virginia to complete a sentence at the Ohio State Penitentiary, which sentence had been imposed December 24, 1921.

Special Agent Schroder has advised that Mr. S.B. Ayers, Identification Officer at the West Virginia State Penitentiary has made inquiry of him as to whether or not Amersbach will be tried in Federal Court or returned to West Virginia State Penitentiary to serve out his sentence which was suspended in order to turn him over to Ohio authorities. Inasmuch as Mr. Ayers has been very cooperative with this Office, it is requested that you advise what disposition of Subject Amersbach is to be made so that we may advise Mr. Ayers of the same.

Very truly yours,

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J. D. REYNOLDS, 7-576-1473  
Special Agent in Charge

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CC: Bureau  
Cleveland  
Chicago

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
1300 PISCAYNE BUILDING  
MIAMI, FLORIDA

SKM:rd

September 7, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith for return to Mr. E. A. Tamm, copies of three memoranda relative to police corruption in Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, which Mr. Tamm recently loaned to Special Agent S. K. McKee, for use in the preparation of additional memoranda as to police corruption in the abovementioned cities.

Very truly yours,

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

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1130 Enquirer Building  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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September 9, 1937

Special Agent In Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter dated September 7, 1937 inquiring as to whether stop notices should still be maintained against three automobiles involved in this case.

With respect to the 1933 Standard Ford Coupe, model 40, motor #18-429014, your attention is called to circular letter from the Cleveland Field Office to all offices under date of September 12, 1936, which directed that all stops on this car should be removed.

With respect to the other two cars mentioned in your letter, your attention is called to letter from this office to the Chicago Office under date of August 5, 1937, copies of which were furnished to all offices. This letter requests that a recheck be made on both of these cars with all Bureaus of Motor Vehicles and that appropriate stop notices be placed against the cars.

Very truly yours,

H. D. HARRIS,  
Special Agent In Charge.

CC Bureau  
Chicago  
Cleveland

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
SEP 11 1937

H.H. Reinecke,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
506 Fletcher Trust Bldg.,  
Indianapolis, Indiana

September 10, 1937

BREXID. USA CLEVELAND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING  
FOR ADVICE CONCERNING CURRENCY FOUND SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX.

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